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LHS EAGLES BI-DISTRICT CHAMPS Lindale advances to Area playoff round

By Terry Cannon
Editor

On a cold and raw night in Bryan, the Lindale High School Eagles extended their football season with a 45-23 Class 4A bi-district victory over the Vidor Pirates and earned a berth in the Area round this week against Brazosport in Georgetown.

Lindale vs. Brazosport
7:30 p.m. Friday
Bernard Burkelbach Field
Georgetown

The Exporters defeated Houston Washington, 27-18, last Friday in their bi-district match. Lindale will be up against "one of the best athletes we will have seen this season" in quarterback Randon Fontenette.

Head Coach Chris Cochran noted that Brazosport has a top notch receiving corps and a quality running game.

"We are going to have our hands full," Cochran said.

If the Eagles are victorious, they will take on the winner of the Kilgore-El Campo game in the Region III semifinals.

Against Vidor, despite the inclement weather, Lindale went about its business just as Cochran and his staff had planned: grab an early lead, add to it as quickly as possible and keep applying pressure.

"Going into the game, we wanted to get the ball first, get the first score and we wanted to have a lead after one period," he said. "Getting 21 points (in the first) was great."

The Eagles' first score came on a 17-yard run from Wyatt Parker, which was set up on a 45-yard pass from quarterback Clint Thurman to Marcus Field. Vidor managed to push their way downfield after the ensuing kickoff but was foiled by what was probably the biggest play of the game when Cory Watts recovered a Pirate fumble at the Lindale four yard line.

Three plays later, Thurman found Field on an 86-yard score to boost Lindale's advantage to 14-0.

Lindale essentially took control of the game on the kickoff, as sophomore Seth Baggett booted an onside attempt and recovered the Vidor fumble. Three plays later, Thurman scored from 17 yards out.

"All week we talked about wanting to shock 'em early," Cochran said. "Then we got that fumble and put them back on their heels."

The Eagles registered 10 more points before the half and took a 31-7 lead into the dressing room.

"It's always the same thing when you play Vidor," Cochran said. "Their kids play hard, all the time. They tackle hard, they keep coming at you."

The Pirates are one of the few teams that operate out of a Slot-T offense, which normally means the keep it on the ground. Yet falling behind meant they had to go to the air more than usual.

In fact, Vidor passed 18 times to just nine for Lindale. Thurman connected seven of those for 181 yards and two touchdowns. He also rushed 12 times for 78 yards and two more scores. Devin Daniels carried 13 times for 92 yards to lead the Eagles.

Field hauled in three passes for 128 yards and a touchdown.

Lindale's offense accumulated 429 total yards while on defense, Aiden Warnell had 14 tackles to lead the Eagles defensive effort, while Ryan Stanton had 12 tackles, Jake Curbow contributed nine and Christian King added seven.

"Our message to the kids is the same as it has been all year - just to keep getting better each week," Cochran said. "Hopefully, that will carry on this week."



One of the biggest plays of the game – this fumble recovery by the Lindale defense deep in its own territory – helped turn the tide against Vidor last Friday night in the Eagles' 45-23 bi-district victory.

Photo by Terry Cannon

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"Pride of Lindale" Marching Band wins state again

The Lindale High School "Pride of Lindale" Marching Band took home a state title for the third consecutive year after winning the UIL State Military Marching Band Championship at McLane Stadium in Waco two weeks ago. The *Lindale News and Times* published an incorrect photo of the band last week, which has been corrected for today's edition. The News and Times apologizes for the error. Courtesy Photo

The Lindale High School's "Pride of Lindale" Band has earned a state title for the third consecutive year after winning the UIL State Military Marching Band Championship this past week at McLane Stadium in Waco, Lindale ISD publicity officials announced.

"We are so proud of our Eagle Band program," said Superintendent Stan Surratt. "Band director Steven Moore and his directors have certainly built one of the best band programs in the state. As a superintendent, I just could not be prouder of this group of musicians. Three-peat State Champions -- it's going to be tough to top that. The Pride of Lindale has made the entire community proud."

There are 222 students currently in the Lindale High School Band. The Lindale Band also recently received a division 1 sweepstakes award at the region 21 marching contest for the 48th consecutive year.

This set the stage for the band to compete at the State event. The band program has been practicing for this competition since August.

"I am so thankful to get the opportunity to work with the young men and women of the Lindale Band," said Lindale Band Director Steven Moore. "They are the best and I am so proud of them. I also want to thank my staff, Susan Scott, Weston Fisher, Nick Kelley, Melissa Fisher, Casey Johnson, Taylor Bates and student teacher Gavin Clarke. They are amazing at what they do and I am thankful to call them colleagues and friends. Finally, thank you to the Lindale community, Lindale Band Boosters and band parents, the LISD Board of Trustees, LISD staff and administrators Stan Surratt, Jeremy Chilek, and Jamie Holder for all of their support."

This is the third year that the UIL has had a separate Military and Open Style State Marching Band Championship. It allows both styles to be judged based upon criteria specific to each style.

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OPINION/COMMENTARY

THE ECONOMIST

By Dr. M. Ray Perryman

The Long-Term Outlook for the US

Gazing out over the next few decades, I see at least three major challenges confronting the US economy. First, we have to overcome the consequences of the lingering effects of the pandemic, including getting inflation under control, dealing with the inevitable fallout that effort will involve, and working through ongoing supply chain disruptions. Second, we must confront the chronic worker shortages. Third, we need to fashion a realistic energy policy which both meets climate goals and provides for future essential resources (more on that another time).

The pandemic's disruptions understandably wreaked havoc across a broad spectrum. A federal funds rate of 0% and aggressive quantitative easing helped to avoid a catastrophic downturn, but now must be (somewhat painfully) unwound. Federal stimulus packages flooded households with cash which increased demand even as disruptions curtailed supply, contributing to price escalation. Combined with the war in Ukraine, shutdowns in China, weather disruptions, and tight labor markets, and you have the makings of stubborn inflation.

Unlike the late 1970s and early 1980s, the factors driving this phenomenon are not structural in nature and not permanently baked into the system. Pressures are not rapidly dissipating, though prices for many things are stabilizing and some (including housing) are beginning to notably decline. If we avoid turning inflation into a self-fulfilling prophesy, it bodes well for long-term growth and stability.

Labor shortages have been somewhat affected by the pandemic, but they are primarily a reflection of persistent demographic patterns as we transition away from the boomers. Dealing with them will require a variety of actions, including, at a minimum, attracting people now on the sidelines back into the workforce, investing in automation and machine learning, and crafting reasonable immigration policy. The effectiveness with which these issues are dealt with affects the rate of long-term economic growth.

The US economy is currently facing notable challenges, but I think we'll see things improve once we get through the immediate hurdles. There are many underlying features of the US economy that bode well for expansion and sustainability. Our most recent long-term projections indicate that, over the 2021 to 2050 period, real gross product is expected to increase from an estimated \$19.5 trillion to \$41.4 trillion, a 2.64% compound annual rate of growth. Employment is forecast to rise by 1.58% per year on average over this time horizon, leading to the creation of 84.3 million net new jobs and total wage and salary employment of 230.4 million by 2050.

A slowdown in the pace of growth over the next year or so seems unavoidable at this point and uncertainty abounds on many fronts, but the long-term outlook for the national economy remains decidedly positive.

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Turnout drops in recent election

Voter turnout in the midterm elections again dropped statewide, with just over 45% of registered voters either casting ballots early or at the polls on Nov. 8. Republican candidates continued to hold a hammerlock on statewide positions, with incumbent Gov. Greg Abbott handily winning a third term over challenger Beto O'Rourke.

The Texas Standard reported turnout in the state's largest counties was well below 50% and lower than the record 2018 midterm turnout. Brandon Rottinghaus, a political science professor at the University of Houston, said he wasn't surprised at the relatively low turnout.

"Usually, it's hard to get Texans to vote in midterm elections. We saw a sizable increase in 2018 and then a big bump in 2020, but it's starting to look like the 2018 and 2020 numbers were basically an aberration," he said.

In Harris County, turnout dropped from 52% in 2018 to 43% this year. Dallas County saw turnout plunge from 57% in 2018 to 44% this year, while in Tarrant County turnout was 47%, down from 57% in the last midterm.

"The turnout in this election was abysmal. It was way too low. And so, voters need to understand that if they don't participate in the process, then their ability to control what happens in Austin is limited," Rottinghaus told the Texas Standard.

Lawmakers: Get tougher on polluters

The Texas Sunset Advisory Commission, which periodically reviews state agencies, has concluded the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality needs to make frequent polluters more accountable and increase the possible fines

"I don't like bullies..."

As I was working on the papers last week "The Avengers" movie was on in the background. I have seen it so many times it was just background noise...until I heard my favorite character, because of his character, Capt. America say: "When I went under, the world was at war. I wake up, they say we won. They didn't say what we lost."

Capt. America, Steve Rogers, was a fictional World War II hero. Fictional, but the way he was written he conveys what American sacrifice and heroism is supposed to be about—loyalty, faith, leadership, friendship and sacrifice. Maybe we should stop and consider what we have won and what we have lost.

There is a huge wave of nostalgia currently that includes returning to the dress and decor of the 1950s, '60s and '70s. I grew up in the '60s and '70s watching the nightly news with my Dad, a World War II veteran. At 17 he joined the Navy in the middle of that global conflagration and served from the Aleutians to the South Pacific. He never doubted the cost of that war and the sacrifice necessary to win it.

I have dear friends who are Vietnam War veterans who sacrificed so much only to be reviled by many when they came home. From Vietnam all the way back through the French & Indian War 'Americans' have been citizen-soldiers. I have taught generations of young men and women who have served throughout the world in unthinkable circumstances as part of what has become a professional military. Some things remain true regardless of the changes in warfare, technology or culture. Some things should never change.

Supreme Commander of the European Theater in WWII and later President of the United States Dwight D. Eisenhower may have said it best: "The supreme quality for leadership is unquestionably integrity. Without it, no real success is possible, no matter whether it is on a section gang, a football field, in an army, or in an office."

It is time that we consider our own integrity, our own patriotism. As a former high school and college teacher I am sad to say that I often question the integrity of people who cite protecting the constitution while screaming at other Americans. I wonder how many have actually read it and understood it. The internet has brought us a wealth of knowledge and a sea of lies. We often gravitate only to what agrees with our perceptions, beliefs and prejudices at the cost of freedom of thought and freedom to disagree. That

THE FIRST AMENDMENT: Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of all the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances.

The Best of Suzanne Bardwell



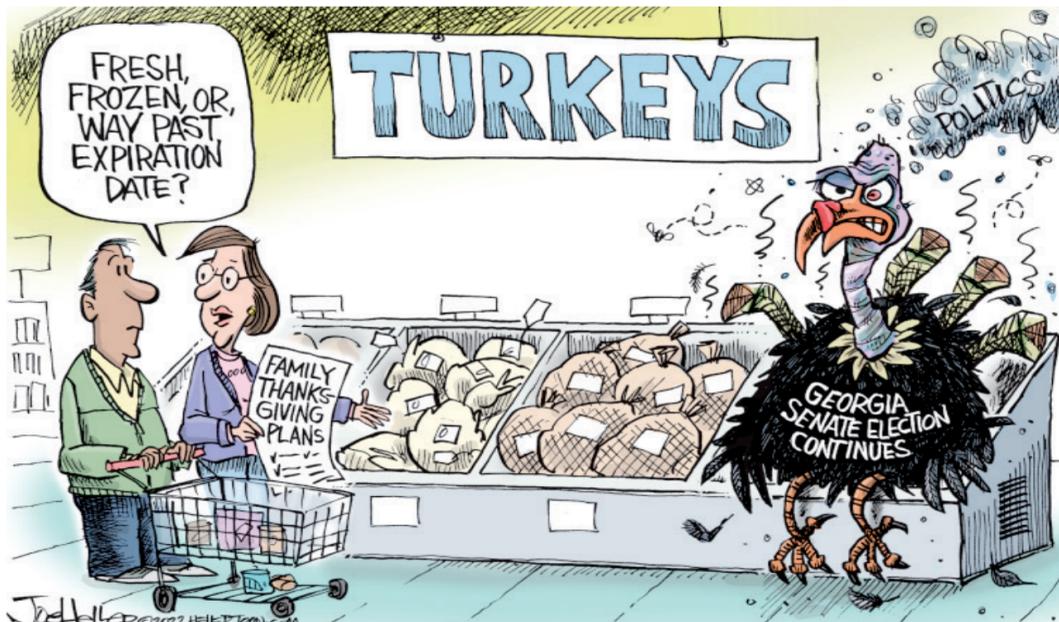
breaks my heart because I know that my father's generation laid down their lives in the hundreds of thousands to secure freedom not only for America but the hope that the world would move toward freedom. And it has.

If we can clear our minds of the disinformation left and right to be found online and consider the world we live in we would celebrate our NOW. We have better health care, availability of food, opportunity for success and wealth. My Dad and his generation fought for this better world that we live in. What we have lost is our optimism and our innocence. The fault may lie within us and the diet we feed our souls. A diet that has led to political polarization, self-obsession and selfishness at the expense of our nation's stability.

It is time to step up to the plate and be the best we can be for our children and grandchildren and to continue to be "the shining light on a hill" that America has been throughout its history. Here is another quote from my fictional hero who stands for the best of what can be and what generations of Americans have fought and died for: "I don't like bullies. I don't care where they're from."

The Constitution protects freedom of speech, freedom of religion, freedom of the press, the right to assemble and petition the government. It is time we re-embrace our most precious rights. After all, a lot of Americans have died over the decades to ensure those rights continue for all Americans not just the ones they agreed with. It is important to remember that.

Integrity is a big word. As Americans we need to acknowledge, at least as recent generations, that we have no idea of what it is like to live without freedom. Why would we ever want to deny it to one another? Another favorite characteristic of Capt. America was his loyalty even when the other guy was on the other side of an issue. Maybe we should try a little harder to be more like Capt. America. The guy who said: "I'm with you 'til the end of the line." He didn't mean just the folks he agreed with.



Support local businesses on Small Business Saturday

Black Friday is good if you're looking for deals on air fryers or TVs, but if you're looking for the holiday spirit, go out on Small Business Saturday.

Small Business Saturday is the Saturday after Thanksgiving. It's a day to support the local retailers and restaurants that support their communities throughout the year. It's also a day to find unique gifts and enjoy a level of service you won't find at the mall or chain stores.

Small Business Day feels like it's been around forever, but it's been around only as long as the iPad. It was created by American Express in 2010 to help small businesses recover from the Great Recession. Since then, though, it's since taken on a life of its own.

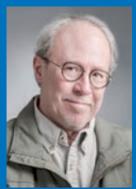
Last year, people spent a record \$23.3 billion at independent shops and restaurants on Small Business Saturday, according

to a survey by American Express and my group, the National Federation of Independent Business. That was up 18% from the \$19.8 billion people spent the year before and a nice increase from the \$19.6 billion spent in 2019, the last retail season before the pandemic.

Shopping small also makes our communities strong. Another American Express and NFIB survey found that 67 cents of every dollar spent at a small business stay in the community. What's more, every dollar spent at a small business creates an additional 50 cents in local business activity as employers and their employees shop at other local businesses.

The bottom line is that small businesses make our communities strong. That's why I'm encouraging everyone to shop small on Saturday, Nov. 26. When we help small businesses, we help everyone.

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companies can face.

The commission consists of 10 legislators and two members of the public. The Texas Tribune reported the sunset commission called for state lawmakers to pass legislation next session that would increase the penalty levels for industrial polluters from \$25,000 per day to \$40,000.

"I think people wanted to send a message that we were cognizant of the burden upon industry while also recognizing the importance of increasing the penalty after this period of time so that the TCEQ has the power and the tools to actually enforce compliance with its rules," said Sen. Nathan Johnson, D-Dallas, and a member of the commission.

The sunset commission's recommendations will be considered during the next legislative session, which begins in January.

Dry October leads to drought increase

A fairly dry October, except in West Texas, led to an increase in drought levels to 75% of the state, up 14 percentage points from the end of September.

Dr. Mark Wentzel, hydrologist with the Texas Water Development Board, wrote that months of drought have adversely

affected surface water resources and are now beginning to affect ground water resources as well.

For example, the Edwards Aquifer's water level has dropped 35 feet to its lowest level since the 2011 drought. Storage levels in the state's water supply reservoirs are at 68% of capacity — 13 percentage points below normal for this time of year.

"It's too far out to say with certainty, but spring 2023 may be our next best chance for drought relief," Wentzel wrote.

Business convicted of workers' comp fraud

A Houston-area business has been convicted of a first-degree felony in a worker's compensation scheme.

Sehgal & Sons Enterprises was convicted of concealing payrolls by having two separate payroll accounts but only reporting the smaller account to Texas Mutual Insurance Company. The company was fined \$300,000, according to the Texas Department of Insurance.

"Concealing payroll is a scheme companies use to get lower workers' compensation insurance rates, and that's fraud," said Debra Knight with the Department of Workers' Compensation.

More than \$355M in public safety grants

Gov. Greg Abbott last week announced more than \$355 million in public safety grants, covering a variety of programs, including victims' services, anti-human trafficking efforts, and law enforcement support. The funding is a combination of state and federal dollars.

The money will go to provide bullet-resistant vests, homeland security, to combat human trafficking, border security and about a dozen other programs.

Ranking the four-legged members of our households

With the plethora of information available nowadays from cyberspace there will always be extremes to the quality of the information floating around.

Unless you've just emerged from under a rock, you no doubt understand there are nutcases who've hitched a ride on the information superhighway and hijacked that transport, taking the exit ramp to Goofyville.

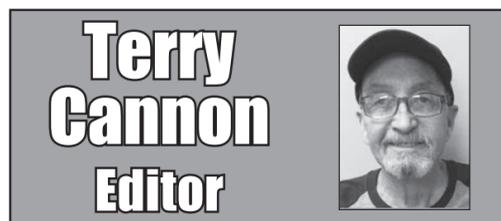
Which naturally, brings us to dogs. (Get it? Goofy? Mickey Mouse Clubhouse? Remember?)

Anyway, as someone who has essentially unlimited access to cyberspace information, I will literally tap into various sites throughout the day for amusement, fact checking and to simply keep up with actual news of the day.

A byproduct of these exercises is occasionally coming across a story or tidbit that is interesting enough for me to ponder for a few moments.

Not long ago while browsing, I saw a story detailing the least obedient dog breeds. As a longtime dachshund aficionado, seeing a wiener dog on the list wasn't surprising. But it was somewhat interesting that doxies weren't listed as the least obedient.

According to the website Always Pets these wonder-



ful little sausages with legs fit nearly in the middle at 15 of 35 of the least obedient breeds. Of course, if you ask the Lovely Bride, she'll say the Cannon's doxies are the least obedient dogs on the planet.

The website didn't specify if the No. 1 dog (Great Pyrenees) or No. 35 (Border Collie) was the least obedient. But for our purposes, we will look at two: the good ol' wieners and the No. 18 Beagle, because we had one a few years ago.

Daisy, the Beagle, came into our household after a guy I worked for convinced me to take one of the puppies from his dog's litter.

Of course, being a Beagle puppy she was the cutest thing one could imagine. Daisy joined dachshund Heidi in our house, who was a bit miffed at having to share her space.

Anyway, as Daisy grew we learned some of the, shall we say, oddities of the breed. She chased the stubby-legged Heidi all over

the backyard, let loose with distinctive Beagle howls and discovered she enjoyed pulling down clothes drying on the line.

Needless to say, that last maneuver didn't go over too well with the Lovely Bride. After awhile it became apparent Daisy wasn't going to fit in with the Cannons so we sent her back to her previous owner. It wasn't long after the return that he told me a rather funny story (at least to me) about his newly adopted Beagle: She dug a hole under the pen she shared with about five other Beagles, led them to a nearby house with a stock pond and goats where she and her cohorts forced the goats to their demise in the pond. I got the idea he regretted taking Daisy back.

So that brings us to the small in stature but big in the stubbornness category, the No. 15 dachshund.

Having had seven – or is it six? – of these high energy canines qualifies me as somewhat of an expert on the breed.

From Heidi Jo all the way to Abbey, these frisky critters are as different as can be from one another but there's one thing all have in common: they do what they want, when they want and can be demanding of attention.

So why have one to begin with? Because they are so dang loyal and as long as they are tossed treats and are taken for walks, they love you unconditionally.

There's no doubt they are chronic barkers. Especially Abbey, who rouses the neighborhood dogs during our walks.

Abbey and Jake also greet me at the door in the afternoon and chase away those blasted squirrels from the backyard.

Some are diggers, others not so much. Heidi Jean loved to dig, but Scout wouldn't bother with it. Hilde was a big baby, while Woody carried an attitude and was very protective of the Lovely Bride. He even bit me on my backside once when he thought I was out of line.

While there are other breeds we find interesting and will perhaps one day bring into our home, doxies remain our favorite.

And as far as the No. 15 ranking is concerned, that may be true but to us, ours are No. 1.

Times of Lindale



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ONE YEAR AGO, Nov. 18, 2021

Janice Miles of Lindale, a student at Texas Woman's University, was initiated into the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, the nation's oldest and most selective collegiate honor society for all academic disciplines, publicity officials announced.

She was among approximately 25,000 students, faculty, professional staff and alumni to be initiated into Phi Kappa Phi each year.

Membership is by invitation only and requires nomination and approval by a chapter.

Only the top 10 percent of seniors and 7.5 percent of juniors are eligible for membership. Graduate students in the top 10 percent of the number of candidates for graduate degrees may also qualify, as do faculty, professional staff and alumni who have achieved scholarly distinction.

FIVE YEARS AGO, Nov. 16, 2017

Country superstar Miranda Lambert from Lindale won Female Vocalist of the Year honors during the 2017 Country Music Association Awards Ceremony held at Bridgestone Arena in Nashville.

She was also nominated for Album of the Year ("The Weight of These Wings"), Song of the Year and Single of the Year ("Tin Man") and Music Video of the Year ("Vice.")

10 YEARS AGO, Nov. 17, 2012

Several Lindale High School volleyball players earned post season honors after the District 14-3A coaches voted on the league's All District team.

Sophomore Zhanelle Geathers was voted as Hitter of the Year and junior Savannah Cantrell was voted to the first team, while seniors Hannah Wyatt, Regan Daugherty and sophomore Sydney Tiiman were voted to the second team.

Hannah Brown, a junior, was voted to the honorable mention squad.

Named to the District 14-3A Academic All-District team were: Sydney Tiiman, Madi Malone, Anna Kate Pittman, Hannah Brown, Savannah Cantrell, Nicole Borger, Britany Pettigrew, Kaitlin Rice, Zhanelle Geathers, Hannah Wyatt and Regan Daugherty.

Peck of trouble ends at foot of the porch

I don't know about y'all, but I'm ready for some turkey. Man oh man, turkey, dressin', giblet gravy, cranberry sauce, sweet potato casserole, and chocolate pie, yummm, yum.

I can't wait.

It really brings back memories, too. I guess the memory I remember the most, is when my cousin Coy and I were gonna supply the turkey for Thanksgiving back when we were little bitty kids.

My momma and Coy's daddy were brother and sister, and their parents, my grandparents, had a farm down in Buncum, Texas, which is a community south of Whitehouse and west of Troup.

Since their farm wasn't but 15 miles from where we lived, Coy and I would spend nearly every weekend there. My granddad, Daddy Dodd, and his wife, Momma Dodd, had every kind of farm animal you could think of.

All of them except the chickens, were pinned up. The chickens roamed free and kept the yard free of bugs, worms, and most of the grass.

There was also, roamin' in amongst the chickens, one great big white turkey.

That turkey chased me every time I walked out in the yard. I hated that turkey. Now my momma always told me that I wasn't supposed to hate anything, and I tried not to. But that turkey, and later algebra, really tested me. That turkey was the meanest bird in the world.

Anywho, it was the weekend before Thanksgiving and Coy and I were sittin' out in the yard with our backs leaned up against Daddy Dodd's one-eyed dog, Chief, a Great Dane.

He was the smartest dog in the world. He was also our first horse. He could carry both of us on his back and I think he enjoyed it better than we did.

We were pickin' up little rocks and throwin' them, tryin' to figure out somethin' to do.

"You wanna go play in the

barn?" Coy asked.

"Not really," I replied.

"What do you wanna do, then?"

"I tell you what I'd really like to do," I said.

"What?"

"I'd like to wring that turkey right there's neck."

"Why don't you?" came a voice from behind us. We sat up, turned, and there on the porch was Daddy Dodd.

"Sir?" I said.

"Why don't you wring that turkey's neck and we'll have him for Thanksgiving."

"Really? You mean it?"

"Sure. That is, if you and Coy think you're up to it."

Well, we jumped up. "Yes Sir!" we said.

"Good. Y'all go ahead and I'll sit up here and me and ol' Chief'll watch y'all."

Man. This was a dream come true. And it was all legal and everything.

"How we gonna do this?" Coy asked.

"I don't know," I said.

"That turkey's bigger than both of us put together."

"We can tackle him," Coy said.

"I know," I said, and I reached to my back pocket and pulled out my slingshot.

"I'll shoot him with this."

"Rusty, I've seen you shoot that thing before. You ain't never hit nothin' with it."

"Yeah, well I ain't never really tried. Plus, I don't think even I can miss somethin' as big as that stupid turkey."

"You think it's big enough to bring him down?"

"Heck, Davy brought Goliath down with one, didn't he?"

"Yeah, but he had the Lord on his side."

"Quit'cher preachin'," I said, "and help me find a rock."

We looked around to see if we could find a nice round rock to fit in the pouch of my slingshot. My dad had made the sling shot for me out of a limb off an old dead cedar tree. He had found a great big rubber band that he cut in two to attach to the limb, and then cut the pouch from the tongue of one of his old boots. Man it was a beaut.

"How about this one?"

Rusty Mitchum Life & Times



asked Coy, as he held up a rock about the size of a shooter marble.

"Ooooo, that looks like a good one," I replied.

I placed the rock in the pouch and Coy and I started our stalk. The turkey was over in one of the corrals peckin' at the ground. His back was toward us. We went through the open gate of the corral and started sneakin' toward him. The ground in the corral was a little muddy, but we didn't pay it no mind.

"Shoot 'im," whispered Coy.

"Shhhhh," I shhhhed.

"Watch this." I pulled back on my slingshot. I had the pouch pulled back under my right eye, and I took aim. The turkey raised his head. I released the pouch, and it shot forward releasing the rock. The rock flew straight at the turkey. It was almost like it was in slow motion. The rock conked the turkey right on the head.

"You got 'im!" yelled Coy. But the turkey didn't go down. He shook his head and turned around. Then lowered his head and let out a gobble. I have never before, or since, heard a gobble like that before. It sounded more like somethin' a dinosaur would scream. Then he started after us.

"RUN!" I yelled and turned. Coy turned too, but he was too slow, and I ran right into his back.

"Offfff!" he grunted as he fell face down in the mud. I ran right over the top of him.

"GOBBLE, GOBBLE, GOBBLE!" screamed the turkey.

"AAAAHHHHHHHHH!" I screamed.

I looked back and Coy raised his head just as the turkey stepped right in the middle of his back. Then with the other foot, he pushed Coy's head back down in the mud. The tur-

key didn't slow down. I looked back toward the house, and Daddy Dodd was down on his hands and knees laughin'. I had to make it to the house. I looked back.

"GOBBLE GOBBLE GOBBLE!" screamed the turkey.

"AAAAHHHHHHHHH!" I screamed.

I almost made it to the porch steps when I tripped. I hit hard. I tensed up waitin' to be pecked to death, but nothin' happen. I turned my head and opened one eye, to see what I figured was the comin' of the death bird. There at my feet was the turkey.

But he wasn't lookin' at me. He was lookin' up. I turned back around and looked up myself. There on the porch was Momma Dodd. She was standin' there with a rollin' pin in one hand and was slappin' the open palm of her other hand with it. I looked back at the turkey. I could have sworn I saw it swallow hard. Nobody messes with Momma Dodd's grandbabies. In fact, Daddy Dodd and Chief had even mysteriously disappeared.

"Git!" Momma Dodd said to the turkey, and he got. "Are you OK?" she asked me.

"Yes Ma'am," I answered.

"Good. You leave that turkey alone, you hear?"

"Yes Ma'am," I answered.

She turned and went into the house.

I looked around and the turkey, like Daddy Dodd, and Chief, had disappeared. I cautiously made my way back out to the corral. There was Coy, still face down in the mud. You could see the side of his mouth just above the mud line, and it was through this openin' that he was breathin'.

"You OK?" I said, as I squatted down beside him.

"Is it gone?" he said

through the small openin' of his mouth.

"Yeah," I replied.

Coy then put his hands down beside his chest as if to do a push up. He pushed, and his face made a suckin' noise, as it broke loose from the mud. He spit out a mud

ball the size of your fist and wiped his eyes.

"What happened?" he said. "How come the turkey didn't kill us?"

"Momma Dodd," I said.

"Where's Daddy Dodd and Chief?" he asked.

"Momma Dodd," I said again.

"Are we in trouble?"

"I don't think so," I replied.

"Thank the Lord," said Coy.

"And the next best thing," I replied, "Momma Dodd."

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To spray or not to spray -- that is the question

By Janine Purcell
Smith County Master Gardener

There are a multitude of beneficial insects in your yard that you may not identify depending upon the stage of the insect.

If you see pupa like this photo on a crepe myrtle tree and believe it to be an invasive, destructive insect so you either spray it with insecticide, scrape them off or even have the crepe myrtle tree removed you have destroyed one of Mother Nature's natural army of beneficial insects designed to consume the crepe myrtle bark scale.

That pupa develops into a Twice Stabbed Lady Beetle (*Chilocorus stigma*) who behaves like a vacuum on the tree bark.

There are four stages of development of this particular ladybug: egg, larva, pupa, adult.

This ladybug also preys on aphids, mealybugs, spider

mites and other soft-bodied insects.

A single ladybug can consume vast quantities of aphids (plant lice) in its lifetime, as many as 5,000 or more. One larva will eat about 400 medium-sized aphids during its development to the pupal stage.

An adult will eat about 300 medium-sized aphids before it lays eggs. About 3-10 aphids are eaten for each egg the beetle lays.

C. stigma is native to the United States and starts life as a small, one millimeter orange egg laid on its side, either singly or in small groups on leaves or stems. The larva stage resembles a miniature black or brown alligator covered with black spines.

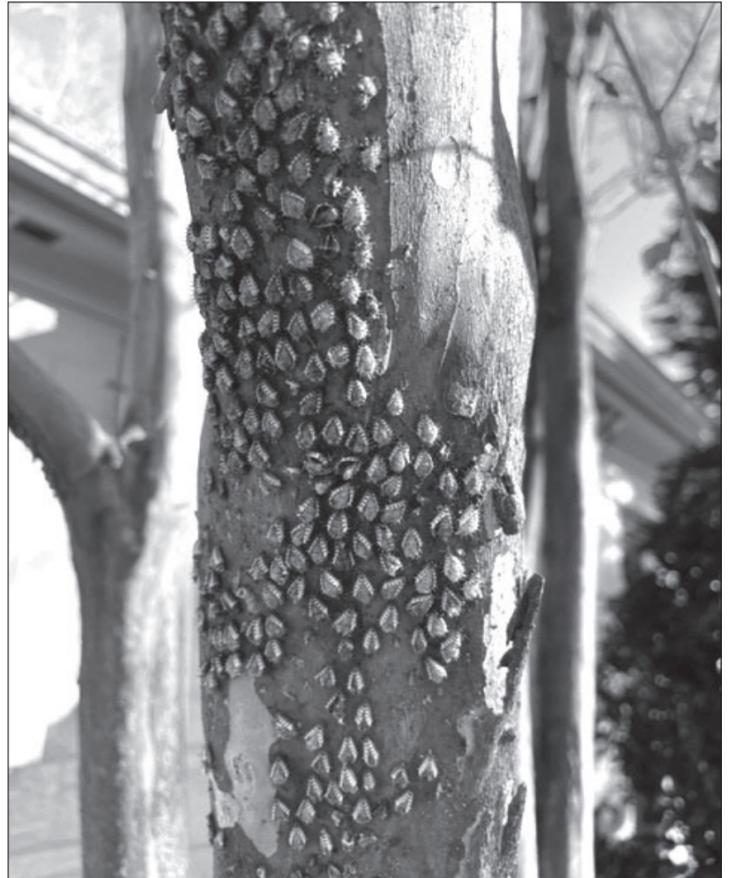
Adult ladybugs are about five millimeters long, have convex, hemispherical shaped elytra (the hardened wings used

to cover the soft flying wings underneath) that can be yellow, pink, orange, red or black such as the twice-stabbed ladybug.

C. Stigma has one bright spot on each wing cover. This type of warning coloration is thought to discourage predators. The other defense the ladybug has is an odorous, noxious fluid that seeps out of their leg joints when the insects are disturbed.

Please keep in mind the bug you are looking at may be a beneficial insect in an unrecognizable stage of development, so if you are uncertain look it up or bring a photo to the extension office so we can help you make a wise decision.

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Friday, Nov. 4 2022

Cpt Chambers, Cpt Chambers and Officer Ramsey responded to an accident at 3400 block S Main St, report taken. Sgt Dworaczyk responded to an accident at 100 block Eagle Spirit Dr, report taken. Sgt Dworaczyk and Officer Ramsey responded to a disturbance at 17400 block Stacy St, settled at scene. Officer Ramsey responded to a criminal mischief at 400 block N College St, settled at scene. Sgt Dworaczyk and Officer Ramsey responded to an assist Ems at 15200 block Country Acres Dr, settled at scene. Officer Leevey and Officers Orłowski and Gillham responded to an accident at 556 W I-20, settled at scene. Officer Leevey and Officers Orłowski and Gillham responded to an accident at 553 E I-20, settled at scene. Officer Leevey and Officer Orłowski responded to a hit and run at 600 block S Main St, report taken. Officer Leevey and Officer Orłowski responded to a 911 hang up at 200 block Clara St, settled at scene. Officer Leevey and Officers Orłowski and Gillham responded to a unauthorized use of motor vehicle at 17000 block I-20 W, report taken.

Saturday, Nov. 5, 2022

Sgt Dworaczyk and Officer Ramsey responded to a business alarm at 2800 block S Main St, settled at scene. Officer Ramsey responded to a traffic control at 500 block W Hubbard St, settled at scene. Officer Ramsey responded to a motorist assist 554 W I-20, settled at scene. Sgt Dworaczyk responded to a civil matter at 3500 block S Main St, settled at scene. Officer Leevey and Officers Orłowski and Gillham responded to a peace officer warrant at 1000 block Woodlands Park Dr, report taken.

Sunday, Nov. 6, 2022

13400 block I-20, settled at scene. Sgt Lazarine and Officers Trombley and Jackquet responded to a dog bite at 200 block Cannery Row, report taken. Officer Shurley and Officer Wells responded to a suspicious person at 3500 block S Main St, unfounded. Officer Mumeey responded to a suspicious circumstance at 900 block Mt Sylvan St, settled at scene. Officer Wells responded to a suspicious vehicle at 900 block Mt Sylvan St, settled at scene. Officer Wells and Officer Mumeey responded to a suspicious vehicle at 13400 block W I-20, unfounded.

Texas hunters urged to help prevent forest fires this season

Officials with the Texas A&M Forest Service are reminding Texans to be careful with activities that may cause a wildfire this hunting season.

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“Texas A&M Forest Service wants all hunters to be safe this season,” said Karen Stafford, Texas A&M Forest Service State Wildfire Prevention Program leader. “We all have a role to play in protecting our state from wildfires, so remember to do your part and don’t let a wildfire start.”

Nine out of 10 wildfires in Texas are human-caused, and 65% of wildfires that occur during hunting season are caused by debris burning and equipment use, which includes parking in dry grass and dragging trailer chains.

Tips to avoid wildfires

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But even when wildfire activity is low, the possibility of an ignition is a concern. It only takes one spark to start a wildfire, and hunters are encouraged to be cautious

outdoors.

Some tips to help avoid starting a wildfire while hunting and camping this fall include:

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Never leave a cooking fire or campfire unattended, and always make sure it is completely out by drowning it, stirring it and feeling to ensure that it is out cold before you leave.

When taking a trailer out on your adventures, make sure that the tires are properly inflated, chains will not contact the road and that any loose metal will not continually hit anything else, all which can cause sparks.

Always be ready to put out a fire should one start. Have a shovel and water with you in camp and have a fire extinguisher with you at all times.

For additional information about preventing wildfires this hunting season, visit <https://tfsweb.tamu.edu/Hunting-FireSafety/>.

**Monday, Nov. 7, 2022**

Officers Trombley and Jackquet responded to a welfare concern in the 100blk of S Main St, settled at scene. Officer Trombley responded to a disturbance in the 17600blk of HWY 69 N, settled at scene. Sgt. Lazarine and officers Wells and Mumeey responded to shoplifting in the 3500blk of S Main St, settled at scene. Officer Mumeey responded to a suspicious circumstance in the 553 I20 WB, settled at scene. Officers Shirley and Wells responded to a disturbance in the 200blk of W South St, settled at scene. Officers Shurley, Wells and Mumeey responded to a peace officers warrant in the 200blk of W South St, settled at scene. Officer Mumeey responded to a suspicious circumstance in the 1500blk of Pearl St, unfounded. Sgt Lazarine responded to a suspicious vehicle in the 500blk of N Main St, settled at scene.

Tuesday, Nov. 8, 2022

Sgt. Lazarine and Officer Jackquet responded to criminal mischief in the 600blk of Jack Dr, report taken. Officers Trombley and Jackquet responded to a disturbance in the 400blk of W Hubbard St, settled at scene. Chief Somes responded to Escort at the intersection of Margaret St, and N Main St, Settled at scene. Officer Jackquet responded to a suspicious person in the 3500blk of S Main St, settled at scene. Det. Fortunas responded to a public service in the 100blk of Ballard Dr, settled at scene.

Sgt. Lazarine and Officer Trombley responded to a suspicious person in the 200blk of Helen Dr, unfounded. Officers Trombley and Jackquet responded to a criminal trespass in the 3500blk of S Main St, settled at scene. Sgt. Lazarine and Officer Trombley responded to a criminal

trespass in the 1200blk of Summit St, settled at scene. Capt. Chambers and Officers Trombley and Jackquet responded to a disturbance in the 1000blk of Lynn St, settled at scene. Officers Shirley, Wells and Mumeey responded to an agency assist in the 13300blk of C R 472, settled at scene. Officer Mumeey responded to a public service IN THE 1200BLK OF Brad Circle, settled at scene. Officer Wells responded to a suspicious vehicle in the 3400blk of S Main St, report taken.

Wednesday, Nov. 9, 2022

Sgt. Dworaczyk and Det. Fortunas responded to a civil matter in the 300blk of S Main St, settled at scene. Officer Ramsey responded to a theft in the 100blk of Ballard Dr, settled at scene. Sgt. Dworaczyk responded to assist SCSO in the 16300blk of Love Rd, settled at scene. Capt. Chambers, Sgt. Dworaczyk, Det. Fortunas and Officer Ramsey assisted with an escort in the 15300blk of C R 472, settled at scene. Sgt. Dworaczyk and Officer Ramsey responded to a criminal trespass in the 13400blk of c r 472, settled at scene. Officers Leevey, Gillham and Orłowski responded to a welfare concern at 13200blk of C R 474, settled at scene. Officers Leevey, Gillham and Orłowski responded to a welfare concern at the 553 I20 E, settled at scene. Officers Leevey, Gillham and Orłowski responded to a suspicious person, unfounded.

Thursday, Nov. 10, 2022

Officer Ramsey responded to a business alarm in the 100blk of Miranda Lambert Way, settled at scene. Chief Somes, Capt. Chambers and Sgt. Dworaczyk responded to assist another agency in the 3200blk of S Main St, settled at scene. Capt. Chambers and Sgt. Dworaczyk responded to a welfare concern at the 552 I20 W, settled at scene. Officer Ramsey responded to a theft in the 200blk of W North St, report taken. Sgt. Dworaczyk and Officer Ramsey responded to a welfare concern in the 500blk of N Main St, settled at scene. Sgt. Dworaczyk and Officer Ramsey responded to a criminal trespass in the 1600blk of S Main St, settled at scene. Officers Leevey, Gillham and Orłowski responded to assist smith county in the 17500blk of C R 4108, settled at scene. Officer Gillham responded to a suspicious circumstance in the 14500blk of Tucker St, unfounded.

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Waterfowl hunters can help stop spread of invasive species

The new waterfowl hunting season is just around the corner and hunters across the state are gearing up in anticipation for opening day.

Season dates for the North Zone are Nov. 12-27 and Dec. 3-Jan. 29 and Nov. 5-27 and Dec. 10-Jan. 29 in the South Zone.

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department reminds waterfowl hunters to join the fight against the spread of aquatic invasive species like giant salvinia and zebra mussels.

Hunters play a key role in this preventive effort when they clean, drain and dry their boats and equipment, including decoys and other hunting gear, before traveling from lake to lake.

Aquatic invasive plants can easily become entangled or trapped on boats and boat trailers and moved to other lakes.

Giant salvinia, one of the most problematic aquatic invasive plants

in Texas, can double in size and acreage in less than a week, quickly becoming a problem.

Just a small fragment of giant salvinia or other aquatic invasive plants can cause an infestation in a new lake, making it critical for boaters to clean, drain and dry their boats and gear.

“Giant salvinia is often thought of as a plant that blocks recreational access for anglers and boaters, but it can cause serious problems for waterfowl hunters too,” said John Findeisen, TPWD Aquatic Habitat Enhancement Team Lead. “Not only does it form thick mats that block hunters’ access to prime waterfowl hunting areas, but it can also outgrow and replace the native plants that waterfowl rely on for food and habitat.”

Other major invasive species threats in Texas include zebra and quagga mussels. Currently, zebra mussels are found in 34 Texas

lakes across six river basins as well as in river reaches downstream of infested lakes. In addition, for the first time in Texas, quagga mussels were detected in Lake Amistad in 2021.

These invaders can harm aquatic life, litter shorelines with sharp shells, damage boats, clog water intakes and cause costly damage to water supply and control infrastructure. Invasive mussels attached to plants or boats can travel to new lakes, and boats and equipment can transport microscopic invasive mussels’ larvae in residual water.

“Waterfowl hunters can help keep invasive mussels and aquatic plants from being moved and harming more lakes by taking a few minutes to remove plants and debris from boats, along with draining water before leaving the lake and allowing everything to dry completely afterward before

traveling to a new lake,” said Monica McGarrity, TPWD Senior Scientist for Aquatic Invasive Species. “Taking just a few minutes for these simple steps can help prevent impacts on ecosystems, infrastructure, and recreation and make a huge difference in our efforts to protect and preserve Texas lakes for current and future generations.”

In addition to cleaning, draining, and drying their boats and trailers, hunters should also make sure they aren’t inadvertently carrying invasive species on other equipment like waders, decoys, decoy bags, and marsh sleds by cleaning, draining, and drying this equipment as well.

On top of the harm invasive species can cause to aquatic ecosystems, water infrastructure and the recreational experience at lakes, the transport of these organisms can result in legal trouble for

boaters. Transporting prohibited aquatic invasive species in Texas is illegal and punishable with a fine of up to \$500 per violation. It’s also the law that boaters must drain all water from their boat and onboard receptacles, including bait buckets, before leaving or approaching a body of fresh water. They must also remove all invasive plants from the boat, trailer and tow vehicle before leaving a lake.

TPWD and partners monitor for invasive species in Texas lakes, but anyone who finds them in lakes where they haven’t been reported before – or who spots them on boats, trailers or equipment– that is being moved can help identify and prevent new introductions by reporting the sighting of boats being moved to TPWD immediately at (512) 389-4848 or by emailing photos and location information for new invasions to aquaticinvasives@tpwd.texas.gov.

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Top teams in 9-4A advance to Area round

District 9-4A's top three seeds advanced to the next round of the high school football playoffs after the completion of the bi-district round this past weekend.

Chapel Hill defeated Livingston, 45-36, Kilgore downed Little Cypress Mauriceville, 28-6 and Lindale clipped Vidor, 45-23.

Palestine, the fourth place playoff representative from 9-4A, lost to Lumberton, 54-29.

On Thursday, Chapel Hill jumped out to a 28-6 lead after one period and took a 28-12 lead into halftime.

Livingston then made things interesting in the second half with 24 more points to close to within 11 at the final whistle.

Sophomore running back Ricky Stewart rushed 10 times for 141 yards and a score, while sophomore quarterback Demetrius Brisbane Jr. had 55 yards on seven carries. He also connected on six of 10 passes and four touchdowns.

Jontavian McNeal carried 30 times for 190 yards and four touchdowns to lead Livingston's offense.

For the game, the Bulldogs' offense accumulated 408 yards to 344 for the Lions.

This Friday, Chapel Hill will play Bay City in the Area round.

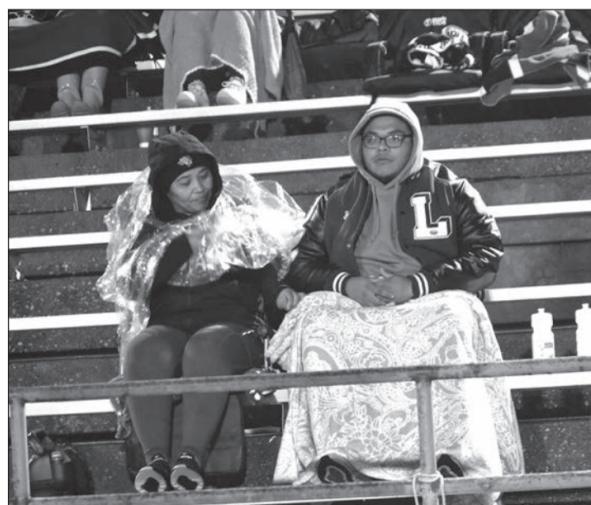
Kilgore scored first against LCM on Friday but owned just a 7-6 lead at the half. About halfway through the third period, the Bulldogs tacked on another score to increase their advantage to 14-6. In the fourth, Kilgore scored again to make it 21-6.

Kilgore will play El Campo this week in the Area playoffs.

Palestine took a 14-13 lead after one period against undefeated Lumberton before the Raiders took command in the second with 21 unanswered points.



Lindale's Landon Sullivan picked up yardage against Vidor this past Friday in the Eagles' bi-district victory over Vidor. (Photo by Terry Cannon)



It was a cold, cold night in Bryan this past Friday as the Lindale Eagles defeated Vidor in the bi-district football playoffs. (Photo by Terry Cannon)



The Lindale Eagles took the field this past Friday in Bryan against the Vidor Pirates in the bi-district football playoffs. (Photo by Terry Cannon)



A large Lindale crowd braved the elements to cheer on their Eagles this past Friday in Bryan against Vidor. (Photo by Terry Cannon)

Junior High Girls down Cumberland

The Lindale Junior High School girls basketball team took two games from Cumberland Academy this past week with the 7th grade A and 8th grade A teams registering victories.

For the 7th grade A team, the Lady Eagles came through with a 36-2 victory. The leading scorers were Bayless Brooks, Kaylea Williams, Kailey Franks and Rachel Kelley.

Kaylea Williams was the leading rebounder and Brooklyn Wiggins, Baylee Brooks, Kaylea Williams and Rachel Kelly were the steals leaders.

Rachel Kelley led the team in assists.

The 8th grade A team won, 42-11, with Ella Hutchens leading the scoring and Tessa Dennis leading in rebounds. Ella Hutchens was the leader in steals.

Madison Devisscher and Avlyn Burks were the leaders in assists.

Lyla Hernandez was the winner of the Hustle Award and Ella Hutchens won the Leadership Award.

Lindale boys basketball team seeks another playoff run

After advancing to the Area round of state playoffs last year, the Lindale High School boys basketball team, under the direction of Head Coach Chris Grotemat, have returned to work for the new season, which opened this past weekend with a 52-46 loss at Ferris.

The Eagles' next home game is scheduled for Nov. 21 against Pine Tree.

This year's club features several new players and even though there could be growing pains associated with this year's club, Grotemat feels the dedication shown so far by his Eagles is bound to pay off as the season gets under way.

"This a fun group, a collection of young men who have put in more hours than any other team in my previous five years here at LHS," Grotemat said. "Our work in strength and conditioning and in open gyms has been phenomenal. A coach could not ask for a more committed group."

This year's Eagle team will feature new players mixed in with veterans from last year's team which finished 8-3 (3rd place) in District 16-4A and 21-12 overall.

Lindale downed Pittsburg, 47-35, in the bi-district round before falling to Kaufman, 47-27, in the Area round.

"There are a lot of new faces on the varsity team, and those returning from last year's squad are all stepping into new and/or expanded roles," Grotemat said. There will be growing pains but watching the development of this team throughout the season will be exciting."

This year's Eagles' roster includes:

SENIORS

Will Stirling: An out-of-state move in, Stirling, 6-6, should be a presence under the boards for the Eagles this year.

"Will is an excellent passer and has proven to be a quick study in his efforts to pick up our offensive and defensive systems," said Grotemat.

Will Hutchens: Currently playing football for the bi-district champion Eagles, Hutchens brings a physical force to the team as well as a great deal of energy.

"Our team will get better and be tougher the minute (he) arrives in the locker room," said Grotemat.

Masen Rainey: Now in his second year on the varsity roster, Rainey is "a skilled and versatile offensive weapon," Grotemat said. "He has great court vision and passing skills."

Logan Dixon: A long distance sharpshooter, Dixon can be a defensive force as well, Grotemat said, adding that the two-year letterman is regularly assigned to the top offensive players on the other team.

Amare Baptiste: Playing above the rim isn't anything new for Baptiste, whose high-flying play energized the Eagles a year ago with some thundering dunks. "Amare has some really good moments last season and is poised to step into a bigger role this year."

Ryder Johnson: A three-year varsity performer, Johnson is the team's most competitive player, Grotemat said. Always the first to get to the gym each day, Johnson leads by example and can score and set up others to score.

JUNIORS

Chris Ahmet: This will be Ahmet's first varsity season and "is one of the hardest workers and most consistent participants in our voluntary summer and preseason workouts," Grotemat said.

Parker Primeaux: Another player who loves to be in the gym, Primeaux's "work ethic and charismatic personality make him one of the most popular and respected young men in our locker room," said Grotemat.

Kyesen Ripley: A wiry forward standing 6-1, Grotemat cited Ripley's resilience and dedication to overcoming injuries a year ago in earning quality minutes for last year's club.

Carter Davis: Deadly from behind the three-point arc, Davis is a "zone buster" who will be counted on to help close out games during the year, Grotemat said.

Carson Plunkett: Another player who will bring his football toughness to the team once the season is over, Plunkett "is as tough as they come and a flat out winner," Grotemat said.

Connor McClendon: Showing that hard work can pay dividends, McClendon has risen up the depth chart for the Eagles the past two years. "Younger players in our program would be wise to emulate the career arc of (McClendon)," Grotemat said.

Cole Collinsworth: The team's best ball handler, Grotemat said Collinsworth also performs as a coach on the floor for the Eagles. His unselfishness makes everyone around him better, the coach said.

Hints on how to retrain your brain

By Claudann Jones
Smith County Extension Agent
Family and Community Health

Old habits can be hard to break, and new habits hard to make, but with these six basic steps you can develop new, healthy behaviors that stick.

Identify Cues. Something has to trigger a habit, and a cue can be anything. Maybe stress makes you crave chocolate, or the sound of your alarm triggers you to hit the snooze button. Identifying cues helps you understand what puts your habits into motion.

Disrupt. Once you know the cues, you can throw bad habits

off track. If the alarm causes you to bash the snooze button every morning, put the alarm clock on the other side of the room. Trekking across the cold floor will likely disrupt the snooze habit.

Replace. Research shows that replacing a bad behavior with a good one is more effective than stopping the bad behavior alone. The new behavior "interferes" with the old habit and prevents your brain from going into autopilot. Deciding to eat fruit every time your mind thinks "cookie" substitutes a positive behavior for the negative habit.

Keep It Simple. It's usually hard to change a habit because the behavior has become easy

and automatic. The opposite is true, too: new behaviors can be hard because your brain's basal ganglia, (the "autopilot" part), hasn't taken over this behavior yet. Simplifying new behaviors helps you integrate them into your autopilot routines.

Think Long-Term. Habits often form because they satisfy short-term impulses, the way chewing on your nails might immediately calm your nerves.



But short-term desires often have long-term consequences, like splintered, chewed up

fingers. Focusing long term while trying to change some habits will help you remember why you're investing the effort.

Persist. Research has shown that what you've done before is a strong indicator of what you'll do next. This means established habits are hard to break. But the good news is, if you keep at it, your new behaviors will turn into

habits, too. Persistence works — at first it might be painful to get up at 5am for that jog, but soon it will be second nature.

Practicing these simple steps will have us on our way in no time! Be patient with the process and give yourself plenty of time.

For more information about Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Family and Community Health programs, contact the Smith County Extension Agent for Family and Community Health at 903-590-2980 or email at cmjones@ag.tamu.edu. Like our Facebook page: Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service Smith County.

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What to do in case your pet is bitten by snake

By Texas A&M College
Of Veterinary Science

The beginning of autumn brings pumpkins, falling leaves and baby snake season as snakes are born and hatched in late summer to early fall. The cooling weather also makes snakes more active, putting our curiously natured dogs and cats at higher risk of venomous bites.

It's a good idea to take your pet to the nearest vet clinic as safely and quickly as possible if they fall victim to a snake, regardless of whether or not you believe the snake is venomous.

Dr. Lance Wheeler, a veterinary resident at the Texas A&M School of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences, advises pet owners to familiarize themselves with venomous snakes indigenous to their region.

Texas is home to 15 potentially dangerous snake species or subspecies, according to the [Texas Parks & Wildlife Department](#), with a majority of them falling into the pit viper subspecies.

Pit vipers include various rattlesnakes, copperheads, and cottonmouths or water moccasins. Only one snake in the cobra snake family, the coral snake, is native to Texas.

Snake bite symptoms to watch for in dogs, cats and other household pets include shaking or twitching of the bite victim's muscles, difficulty breathing, hind limb weakness causing collapse, loss of bladder and bowel control, vomiting, paralysis, salivation, and enlarged pupils.

It is not always easy to spot bite marks on our furry friends, because the bites are easily concealed in their fur. If your pet is showing signs of weakness and fatigue, call the vet.

Treatment for a venomous snake bite starts at home with pre-hospital care and varies slightly between pit viper envenomation and coral snake envenomation.

"With pit viper envenomation, the most important thing is to keep the pet as calm as possible," Wheeler shared. "The higher their



blood pressure, the more anxious they are; that's going to increase blood flow and increase circulation of venom throughout the body.

"So try keeping them calm. Go to the nearest vet clinic," he said. "I know it's tempting to go somewhere where there's anti-venom, but the nearest vet can always stabilize them, assess them, and then transport them quickly somewhere else if they need anti-venom."

While it's important to know what to do if your dog or cat has been bitten by a potentially poisonous snake, it's also important to keep in mind that not all venomous

snake bites have high levels of envenomation. There is a chance that your pet will not have been injected with any venom, even if the snake inflicting the bite is venomous.

Your vet will run some medical tests to determine whether or not your pet needs antivenom. The most important thing for pet parents to do is get a suspected snake victim to the nearest vet hospital or clinic while remaining calm and keeping the pet as still as possible once a bite has been detected or the pet starts exhibiting envenomation symptoms.

Wheeler also advises pet owners

against practicing common myths associated with snake bites before heading to the nearest clinic.

The most important thing to keep in mind is safety for both you and your pet. While identifying the snake can be helpful, you should not risk your personal safety trying to capture the snake.

Doing so wastes time that you could be using to get your pet to the veterinarian. If you suspect your pet has been bitten by a snake, take them in for veterinary care immediately.

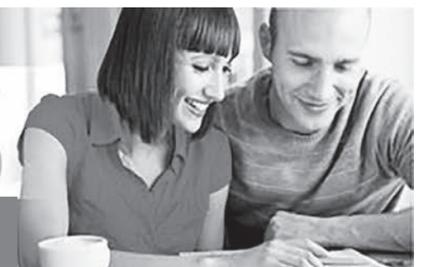
Instead of trying to capture the snake, Wheeler recommends taking a photo from a safe distance. He also recommends leaving dead or decapitated snakes behind as they can still envenomate both you and your pet. If you're not able to identify the snake, err on the side of caution and head to the vet clinic with your pet as quickly and safely as possible.

Pet Talk is a service of the School of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences, Texas A&M University.



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TO: UNKNOWN FATHER - - - RESPONDENT WHEREVER HE MAY BE FOUND

GREETINGS: You are hereby commanded to appear before the **County Court at Law** of Smith County, Texas, to be held at the Courthouse of said County located at 100 N. Broadway, Tyler, Texas 75702, by filing a written answer to **ORIGINAL PETITION IN SUIT AFFECTING THE PARENT-CHILD RELATIONSHIP** at or before Ten o'clock (10:00) a.m., on the Monday next after the expiration of forty-two (42) days from the date of issuance hereof, a copy of **ORIGINAL PETITION IN SUIT AFFECTING THE PARENT-CHILD RELATIONSHIP** which accompanies this Citation in Cause Number **21-1622-E**, filed on the Docket of said Court on the **13th day of July, 2021**, and styled:

IN THE INTEREST OF A.H.J., A CHILD

The suit requests that the Respondent's parentage of A.H.J., be adjudicated. The date and place of birth of child are: February 05, 2019, Tyler, TX.

The Officer executing this writ shall serve the same according to the 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 Tyler, Texas, this date: **October 19, 2022.**

ATTEST: PENNY CLARKSTON, DISTRICT CLERK

CLERK OF THE COURT

PENNY CLARKSTON
Smith County District Clerk
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By: /s/ **Stephanie Landeros**
Stephanie Landeros, Deputy Clerk

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NOTICE: The City of Lindale is seeking prop from qualified consulting firms to provide services to the community to develop a Parks Master Plan. The Parks Master Plan will be a guiding document for future development and redevelopment of the park, baseball, and soccer fields. Please submit your responses to the Request for Qualifications to the address below: City of Lindale, Attn: Jill Childs, Financial Director, 105 Ballard Drive (Physical), P.O. Box 130 (Mailing), Lindale, TX 75771. Proposals must be received no later than **3:00 p.m. on December 16, 2022**, to be considered. The City of Lindale reserves the right to negotiate with any and all individuals or firms that submit proposals, as per the Texas Professional Services Procurement Act and the Uniform Grant and Contract Management Standards. The City of Lindale is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer. For additional information please call (903) 882-3422.

A packet can be picked up from city hall or obtain a copy from the city website at www.lindaletx.gov

Franklin sworn in as new County Judge; Frederick Pct. 1 commissioner

Smith County has a new County Judge and District 1 has a new U.S. House Representative following the Nov. 8 midterm election.

Neal Franklin, previously the Pct. 1 County Commissioner, was sworn in this past week as new County Judge after Nathaniel Moran resigned the position he has held for the past six years to

begin serving as District 1's new congressman.

In addition, Pam Frederick was sworn in as the new Pct. 1 Commissioner to replace Franklin.

These actions took place during a special meeting of the commissioners called on Wednesday, Nov. 9.

Frederick, who ran unopposed in the November election, won the March, 2022,

primary election. She has served as the mayor of Bullard for the previous 12 years.

The oath of office for Frederick was given by District Judge Reeve Jackson and former County Judge Kristi Kennedy swore in Franklin.

"This is a bittersweet morning for me," Moran said prior to officially submitting his resignation. "I

look forward to serving 17 counties of Northeast Texas and I am truly humbled by that. It has been a true honor to serve (as county judge) for the past six years. It's been the highest honor of my life.

"I have all the confidence in the world in the new county judge and the commissioners court."

A motion had to be made for the appointment of Franklin which was made by Pct. 4 Commissioner Joann Hampton.

"First and foremost, I want to thank my friend Congressman Moran, he took this job in a tough time and faced challenges and made hard decisions and faced them fearlessly," Franklin said. "Your truly a mentor to me and I appreciate that."

Judge Franklin then allowed commissioners to express their feelings about Moran.

"This is truly bittersweet," Pct. 2 Commissioner Cary Nix said. "The accomplishments we made (during Moran's tenure) are just tremendous and have confidence you can continue this in Washington."

Six years ago, the commissioners court was tasked to replace Joel Baker who was forced to resign. Pct. 3 Commissioner Terry Phillips recalled that time.

"It's been a pleasure to work with you and one of the easiest votes I've made was to approve you (as county judge)," he said.

Frederick cited her time as Bullard mayor and how welcoming Moran was during some difficult times.

"I speak from my experience as mayor, you healed a divide that most didn't know existed," she said. "You reached out to us as a small city and asked 'how we can be of assistance to you?'"

"Without your mentorship and leadership I wouldn't

have thought about sitting in this seat."

Hampton was emotional in speaking of her time working alongside Moran.

"You were my third county judge and the best county judge we've ever had," she said, her voice breaking. "You know we support you

and you will make an excellent congressman because your mind is always open. Thank you so much for your friendship."

Moran defeated Democrat Jrmr Jefferson in Tuesday's election with 78 percent of the vote, according to unofficial results.

County voters approve \$179 million bond for new courthouse

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I would have been satisfied that we did our duty as a Court to identify the problem, work with the public to strategically plan for a long-term, value-based solution, and then provide the public an opportunity to vote on it."

Precinct 1 Commissioner and County Judge-Elect Neal Franklin said their duty as members of the Commissioners Court is to identify issues and come up with potential solutions.

"I firmly believe that allowing the residents of Smith County the opportunity to vote on a major project like a new courthouse was the correct path to take," he said. "Our citizens have spoken and we are excited to move forward with the construction of this well needed justice facility."

"It's great that the voters have approved a courthouse that will accommodate our growth for the next 75 years and will be a beacon for our downtown area," Precinct 2 Commissioner Cary Nix said. "The safety and wellbeing of our employees, jurors, judges and the judicial process is paramount."

"Even though I didn't think this was the right time to move forward with a new courthouse, I knew we always needed one," Precinct 3 Commissioner Terry Phillips said. "Now that the voters have told us they want a new courthouse, I will work diligently to see that the courthouse is built in a financially responsible way."

Precinct 4 Commissioner JoAnn Hampton thanked the citizens of Smith County for seeing the need for a new courthouse.

"We will continue to be fiscally responsible and we realize these are taxpayer dollars that are being spent," she said.

The voting totals will become official once they are canvassed.

The projected tax impact for the Courthouse and parking structure will be 3.67 cents, resulting in an increase on tax bills of \$73.40 per year for a \$200,000 home.

The Smith County Commissioners Court has discussed the need for a new Courthouse for years, and has held several Courthouse Planning Workshops and Community Meetings.

For more information on the planning of the Smith County Courthouse, visit: www.smith-county.com/online-services/online-county-services/court-house-planning

NOTICE OF APPLICATION OF SOUTHWESTERN ELECTRIC POWER COMPANY FOR AUTHORITY TO RECONCILE FUEL COSTS

Southwestern Electric Power Company (SWEPCO) applied to the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) on August 31, 2022, for authority to reconcile its eligible fuel expenses and revenues for the period of January 1, 2020, through December 31, 2021 (Reconciliation Period). SWEPCO's request, if granted, will affect all of SWEPCO's Texas retail customers who pay fixed fuel factors. The request has no effect on SWEPCO's non-fuel base rates.

During the Reconciliation Period, SWEPCO incurred a total of \$673,456,496 in eligible fuel, fuel-related expenses, and purchased-power costs to generate and purchase electric energy for its Texas retail customers, as well as expenses associated with environmental consumables and emission allowance costs incurred by SWEPCO and allocated to its Texas retail customers. As of the end of the Reconciliation Period, SWEPCO calculates that it has under-recovered its Texas retail fuel, fuel-related, and purchased-power costs by \$226,582,663, excluding interest. Including interest, SWEPCO's cumulative under-recovery balance is \$227,527,608 as of December 31, 2021. SWEPCO seeks have the fuel over- / under-recovery balances, including interest, established by customer class as of the end of the Reconciliation Period. SWEPCO also requests a prudence finding for certain fuel-related contracts and arrangements entered into or modified during the Reconciliation Period. Finally, SWEPCO requests recovery of its reasonable rate-case expenses associated with this fuel reconciliation proceeding and certain prior fuel-related proceedings, including those expenses paid to reimburse municipalities for their participation.

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

Persons who wish to formally participate in this proceeding, or who wish to express their comments concerning this petition should contact the Public Utility Commission of Texas, Office of Customer Protection, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, Texas 78711-3326, or call (512) 936-7120, or toll free at 1-888-782-8477. Hearing- and speech-impaired individuals with text telephones (TTY) may call (512) 936-7136 or use Relay Texas (toll free) at 1-800-735-2989. A request for intervention or for further information should refer to Docket No. 53931.



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Platteville and study biology. Brooke's future goals include working as a physician assistant and opening her own practice.



KENDALL TABAR is the daughter of Haley Mota and Jay Thompson. She is a member of the National Honor Society, Future Farmers of America, and the varsity softball team. Kendall believes she is impacting the world by stepping out of her comfort zone and building relationships with those who feel left out. She plans to attend The University of Texas at

Tyler and study nursing. Kendall's future goals include working in the medical field as a pediatric nurse.



TEX MINTER is the son of Ruth and Charles Minter. He is a member of the National Honor Society, band, and the varsity soccer team. Tex believes he is impacting the world by putting the needs of others before his own and trying to put a smile on everyone's face. He plans to attend The University of Texas at San Antonio and

study finance. Tex's future goals include working as a financial manager.

Texas Bank and Trust celebrates the thirteenth anniversary of the Lindale Student Board of Directors, recognizing outstanding seniors from Lindale High School who have demonstrated academic excellence, leadership, and a commitment to community service. We are proud to introduce the following members of the 2022-2023 Student Board. [View more profiles @ www.facebook.com/texasbankandtrust](http://www.facebook.com/texasbankandtrust)

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