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Clock ticking on moving bills

The clock is ticking on getting bills out of the House and to the Texas Senate, Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick warned last week in a story in the Austin American-Statesman. Patrick presides over the Senate and is worried many bills that have made it out of House committees but have not gone before the full chamber will not be considered before the session ends.

"I previously expressed concern the House was far behind in the passage of bills and a train wreck was coming," Patrick tweeted. At that time, more than 1,100 bills had made it out of committee but still had not been set on the House calendar. All bills must meet a May 11 deadline for a second reading to be further considered for final passage.

House Speaker Dade Phelan did not comment on Patrick's concern but has put that chamber on a six-day work schedule for the rest of the session.

Poll: Raise minimum age for gun purchases

A new poll released by the Texas Politics Project at the University of Texas at Austin indicates three-fourths of Texans polled said they support raising the minimum age to purchase a firearm from 18 to 21, the Texas Standard reported.

"That included 91% of Democrats and 64% of Republicans," Joshua Blank, director of research, said. "This is a consistent finding, to be quite honest. We've asked this question before. We've asked similar questions. So, there's an appetite in some ways for stricter gun laws in Texas. It's just not something that is politically palatable in the process that we have."

Six new state parks on the horizon

Texans will have the opportunity to enjoy six new state parks in the next 12 to 15 years, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department announced recently. New parks in the works include Palo Pinto Mountains State Park near Fort Worth; the Dan A. Hughes Unit of the Devils River State Natural Area near Del Rio; Albert and Bessie Kronkosky State Natural Area near Boerne; Powderhorn State Park near Port Lavaca; Chinati Mountains State Natural Area near Presidio; and Davis Hill State Natural Area near Houston.

Allred wants Cruz seat

A three-term Dallas-area congressman is seeking the Democratic nomination for U.S. Senate in hopes of facing off against incumbent Republican Sen. Ted Cruz next year.



After a dedication ceremony on Wednesday May 3, city officials flipped a switch and the historic downtown water tower became a brilliant, blue beacon in the night.

Photo courtesy of Alice Ann Brown

Downtown Lindale aglow thanks to refurbished water tower

City officials and a large gathering of Lindale residents were on hand Wednesday (May 3) night for the dedication and first lighting of the city's historic and refurbished downtown water tower.

Everyone in attendance was bathed in soft blues and bright reds and greens as the lighted tower made a spectacular debut.

Mayor Jeff Daugherty noted the tower, which has been out of service for many years, has been a topic of discussion among city officials and residents who didn't want it to lose its historic importance.

"This is something (the city) has discussed for some time," said the mayor. "It will part of making our downtown unique."

Money for the renovations has come from the city's hotel/motel tax, meaning no tax dollars were used, Daugherty said.

The water tower, built in the 1940s, was deemed

unnecessary after the newer ones — at Lindale High School and the Lindale Industrial Park — came on line.

The one next to the high school has a capacity of 200,000 gallons and the newest one by the Lindale Industrial Park has a 500,000-gallon capacity.

Considered a part of the historic footprint of downtown, it has been in disrepair for a few years.

It will be operated by a computer program and two city staffers will be on call to ensure the tower remains illuminated each night.

On specific days, such as football Fridays and holidays, different colors will be flashed depending on the event.

Daugherty envisions on football game nights, the tower will glow blue and white and perhaps during Christmas flash greens and reds. On the Fourth of July, the tower could be bathed in red, white and blue.

"It will be the talk of the town for a long time," the mayor said.

Council backs billboard expense

Lindale City Council members worked through a routine -- and rather short agenda -- Tuesday night (May 2) at city hall covering items from the City Tourism Department involving the sign at Collin Street Bakery and repairs at Picker's Pavilion.

Mayor Pro Tem Ginger Sims — in her final council meeting—chaired the meeting. Place 1 Councilman Rick Thelen also participated in his final meeting.

Both Sims and Thelen reached their term limits. Incoming council members Bob Tardiff and Bryan Summerville, who were unopposed in the May 6 election, will be sworn in at the May 16 council meeting.

The billboard item at Collin Street

Bakery was presented by City Tourism Director Seong McLaren, who told the council she wants to extend the contract for a three-year contract with each year's payment of due in October. The contract's full cost is \$9,000.

The roof at Picker's Pavilion needs repairs, McLaren said, because of leaks occurring after heavy rains.

Expenditures for the two tourism items will be paid for out of hotel/motel funds, McLaren said. Both motions passed unanimously.

City Finance Director Jill Childs presented an item concerning improvements to the Criminal Justice Information System, which she said has crossover with the police department and the regular city systems.



May is... **MOTORCYCLE SAFETY AWARENESS MONTH** #seemotorcycles

May is Motorcycle Awareness Month

Thousands of Texas motorcyclists are seriously injured or killed in crashes every year, the Texas Department of Transportation reports. In 2022, 562 motorcycle riders were killed, an 8% increase over the previous year.

"People on motorcycles are more vulnerable on our roadways," said TxDOT Executive Director Marc Williams. "It's important for drivers to pay extra attention and look out for motorcycles — especially at intersections, when turning in front of oncoming traffic and while changing lanes. We all want to get home safe."

During May, which is Motorcycle Awareness Month, drivers are urged to observe these safety precautions:

- Stay alert. Even a momentary distraction, such as answering a phone call or changing the radio station, can have deadly consequences.
- Pay special attention at intersections. That is where one-third of motorcycle fatalities occur.
- Take extra care when making left turns. Always assume motorcycles are closer than they appear.
- Stay back and maintain a safe following distance.
- Slow down and observe posted speed limits.

LISD incumbents returned to board

Lindale voters returned Ragan Burgess and Karen Gott to the Lindale ISD Board of Trustees following Saturday's election.

Burgess, the Place 3 trustee, defeated Barbara Cain by 909 votes to 238 votes or 79.2 percent to 20.7 percent.

Gott, the Place 4 trustee, outpolled Rameka Griffin 940 votes to 216 votes, or 81.3 percent to 18.6 percent.

The city of Lindale did not hold an election for two council seats because Bryan Summerville and Bob Tardiff didn't draw an opponent.



Outgoing council members Ginger Sims and Rick Thelen were presented with personalized cakes before the city council meeting on Tuesday, May 2.

City manager Carolyn Caldwell said the city must, by law, comply with the upgrade which will cost up to \$10,000. It passed unanimously.

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OPINION/COMMENTARY

...strong women & life lessons

Another Mother's Day is about to come and go with its rain and storms and memories. After talking to my 93-year old Mom, who is at my brother's home in far West Texas, I had to run a couple of errands. Before I left the grocery store's parking lot I scrolled through my voice mail. As that time machine scrolled...I found myself listening to every recording I could find from my Aunt Gwen. Growing up she was my occasional champion. Once I reached adulthood she was one of my best friends and sounding boards. I miss her every day.

Her distinctive, laugh-laced voice got me to thinking about all the strong women I have been blessed with as family and as friends. My great-grandmother Evelyn was a blur of motion, always working, cooking or taking care of someone. Her half-sister, my spinster great-aunt Spike (my Dad nicknamed her) taught me things from another age...marbles, mumbeldy peg (yes, little kids used to play with knives), and gosh, so much more. She shared stories about out-laws, history and our family that went back before the Civil War, and for her, they were only second-hand stories. She lived to love us and I will regret to my dying day relying on a phone call instead of a visit in what turned out to be my last opportunity to be with her.

My apron wearing, dresses only Mam'maw showed love through cooking and man, could she cook. She also bought me fizzies, pixie sticks and other utterly disgusting kid treats that no one else would. I still remember being cradled in her lap when I was sick and her singing "Up on the Rooftop". It was nowhere near Christmas, but it was my favorite song at age five.

My Nanny Brown was a self-made, career woman who when widowed in her early 40s went to nursing school and rewrote her life as a 50s housewife and farmer to sole provider and professional. With a steel straight backbone and a sense of humor that covered over a great deal of pain, Nanny became my role model in so many ways. I lived with her for two years when I was in community college because I worked until 9 p.m. and my parents didn't want me driving late at night deep into the country. That time with my grandmother is a much cherished gift.

My Mom is the smartest woman I have ever known and

The Best of Suzanne Bardwell



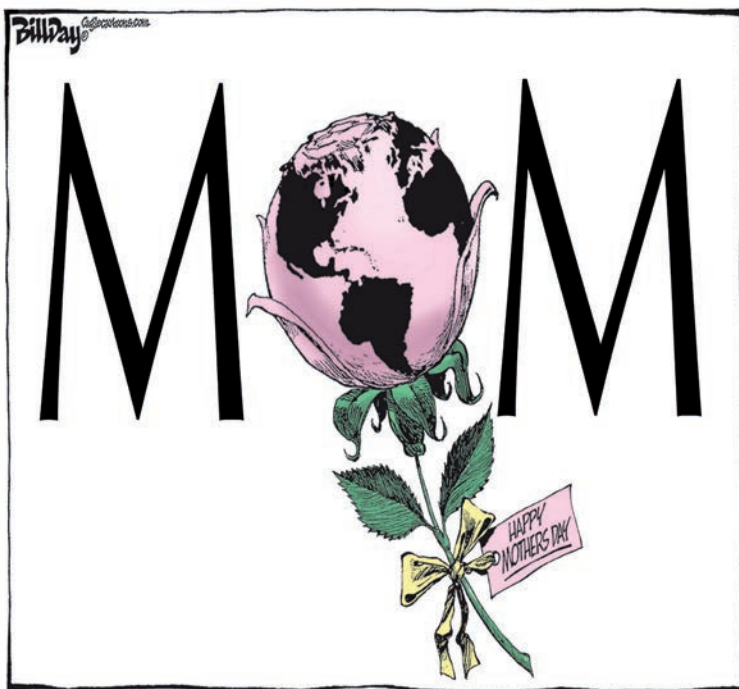
I have known some smart women. She could have gone anywhere and done anything, but she fell in love with a handsome, black-haired boy who swept her off her feet and into a ranch house. She taught me about love, fairness, injustice, loss and love. The women who raised me were rock solid. They were also honest. They spoke of hard things. They lived how to overcome. Their collective faith was at the center of their strength.

Another Mother's Day has come and gone and I just wish I had recordings of all their voices. To hear Aunt Gwen say, "we can get through anything, that is what we do". To hear Mam'maw's soft voice proclaim someone 'sick' when what they were was bad. To hear Aunt Spike's stories and Nanny's laughter. Sweet Lord above, I was blessed beyond compare and for that I am grateful.

I just pray that my voice matters as much to someone as theirs do to me. That my words will last beyond my body and that my faith will be an example of a life lived with love...a life that matters.

The great heroes of this world are everyday people living everyday lives with love, justice, compassion and joy. That seems to me to be lives well lived. What more can we ask than laughter, love and enough heartbreak and trouble to overcome to give us compassion, to grow our strength and give us lives with depth?

So, to all of you women who sacrifice to make life a little better for those you love, thank you from the bottom of my heart. You are writing the future with your sacrifices. For the women of my life, I thank God every day for the love I have known and the lessons I learned. Those lessons turned out to be for a lifetime.



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THE ECONOMIST

By Dr. M. Ray Perryman

Off to school ...

This week marked the deadline for first-year college applicants to many universities to decide about whether and where to enroll. It can be a very difficult choice involving a range of financial, educational, and emotional factors. Through high school, options are much more limited for most young people. Beyond that point, however, a vast number of paths emerge – full-time work, technical training programs, colleges and universities, and much more. Let's look at what recent high school and college graduates are doing.



Some 62% of the 2022 high school graduating class enrolled in colleges or universities (as of October 2022) according to recently released US Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) data. That's about the same percentage as the prior year, but it's significantly lower than before the pandemic (66% in 2019). More young women enroll than men, with 66% and 57%, respectively. By race and ethnicity, enrollment rates were highest for Asians (72%), followed by Blacks (64%), Whites (62%), and Hispanics (58%). Seven in 10 of those who enrolled

chose four-year colleges.

About 69% of recent high school graduates who did not enroll in college were in the labor force, compared to less than 42% of those who did not finish. Nearly 28% of students in four-year colleges and 41% of individuals in two-year colleges were working.

Of recent college graduates, about 25% were enrolled in school and 81% of those who were not enrolled were employed. A slightly higher proportion of recent associate degree recipients who were not in school were working.

In general, higher levels of educational attainment are associated with increased earnings and a lower probability of unemployment. Virtually all of the highest-paying fields require degrees or advanced degrees. At the same time, some occupations which require degrees don't pay all that well. There are also technical programs which lead to well-paying occupations in high demand such as dental hygienists, physical therapist assistants and other medical technicians, web developers, and various types of technicians and even truck drivers.

There is a wealth of information in the BLS Occupational Outlook Handbook (see <https://www.bls.gov/ooh/>), where it is possible to search on occupations by pay, entry-level education required, and numbers of new jobs projected in the future. It's a great free resource to help with the education and career decision process.

Education and career choices are clearly about more than money. Believe me, it's great to love what you do. It's also good, however, to have some information about future potential pay, job opportunities, and advancement prospects when considering a substantial investment of time and resources of the type required to pursue higher education. Best of luck to all of the soon-to-be graduates out there. We need you! Stay safe!

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At long last, haven't we seen enough?

Once again, an awful cloud of sadness hangs overhead. Eight killed, seven more wounded at a shopping mall in Allen, Texas this past weekend.

Another mass shooting, more innocent lives taken and more families are left wondering "Haven't we seen enough?"

Obviously, this question isn't directed to those who believe the only sensible path to stop this madness is to address the ease of purchase of assault style weapons.

There are millions upon millions of us who know this would go a long way to, at least, slow the torrent of mass killings in this country. A ban on assault weapons wouldn't stop them entirely but making it harder to acquire such a weapon could at least keep flags from flying at half-staff on a weekly basis.

Maybe then, nutcases such as 33-year-old Mauricio Garcia, wouldn't be able acquire a weapon which has but one purpose: to rapidly kill scores of human beings.

Mid-afternoon on Saturday, Garcia, who was decked out in protective armor and had his assault rifle in hand, jumped from his car and fired at random into shoppers at the Allen Premium Outlet mall.

One unnamed source said Garcia had a patch on his chest that read "RWDS," a popular phrase with far-right extremists meaning "Right Wing Death Squad."

Saturday's massacre was the 22nd mass murder this year and is one of 199 mass shootings tracked by the Gun Violence Archive, which defines such incidents as four or more people killed or injured, not including the shooter.

A possible right-wing extremist who was able to easily attain an assault weapon. What could possibly go wrong?

Want to know who doesn't believe that ban should be



explored?

If you haven't guessed, it's the politicians who are so consumed with holding on to their power they will gladly accept gun lobby money and offer platitudes that mean nothing.

Gov. Greg Abbott took to his comfort zone, Fox "news" on Sunday and said the massacre was an "unspeakable tragedy." Tragedy, certainly.

Unspeakable, certainly not.

He, along with our elected state and national representatives need to speak. They need to speak of solutions, not simply state the obvious.

These "representatives" grovel at the feet of the gun lobby, hoping to feed at the trough of the millions and millions of blood-stained campaign dollars and just as the sun comes up in the east, that gun money would vanish if any lawmaker said the time has come to install sensible gun regulations.

That fear of losing power causes these same people to give a cursory glance to mass shootings and offer statements such as this from Abbot:

"We are working to address that anger and violence by going to its root cause, which is addressing the mental health problems behind it," he said. "People want a quick solution.

The long-term solution here is to address the mental health issue."

President Joe Biden put the blame right where it belongs. "Too many families have empty chairs at their dinner tables. Republican members of Congress cannot continue to meet this epidemic with a shrug. Tweeted thoughts and prayers are not enough," Biden said.

"Eight Americans — including children — were killed yesterday in the latest act of gun violence to devastate our nation," Biden said. "An assailant in tactical gear armed with an AR-15 style assault weapon gunned down innocent people in a shopping mall, and not for the first time. Such an attack is too shocking to be so familiar."

Abbott was first elected in 2015 and since that time, mass shootings have been, tragically, a common occurrence.

In 2018, a gunman — again with an assault rifle — killed 10 people in Santa Fe. In August, 2019, a far-right white extremist killed 23 people at a Walmart in El Paso. Also in 2019, eight were killed in Midland. In 2022 in Uvalde, a former student — armed with an assault weapon — killed 21 people at Robb Elementary School.

Following the Santa Fe shooting, Abbott proposed several policies only to retreat once he felt the heat from conservatives and gun-rights groups.

After the El Paso, Midland and Uvalde massacres, Abbott did a complete about face and helped loosen state gun laws which included eliminating the need for a license or training to carry a loaded handgun in public places.

Now, more families will be left with just memories of their loved ones because someone took out his anger with an assault weapon.

Haven't we seen enough?

Infected with gold fever: Part two

As you remember from last week's excitin' episode, my friend, Glenn Bass, and yours truly, were on our yearly fishin' trip with six of our friends. There was a columnist, a doctor, a lawyer, a furniture builder, a grave digger, and a tile layer.

While everyone else was off fishin' or doin' whatever they were doin', Glenn and I had decided to try to find a cave that supposedly an old bank robber had hid out in and possibly stashed his gold.

When I left you last week, Glenn and I were at the top of a bluff tryin' to figure out a way to get down to the supposed cave that was carved into the side of the bluff.

We had already ascertained (I learned that word from one of the smart guys on our fishin' trip) that we did not have the equipment, or the guts, to get to the cave from the top, so we decided an approach from the side would be better.

"Whose idea was this anyway?" I asked, as I hugged the side of the mountain."

"Yours, you idiot," answered Glenn.

"Well, you're still here with me," I said.

"So, I'm an idiot, too. Sue me."

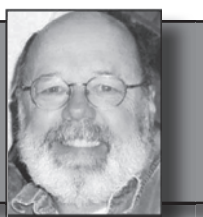
We were inchin' our way along the wall of the cliff toward the big mesquite tree behind which the cave was supposed to be hidden.

"What are you gonna do with your half of the gold?" I asked over my shoulder."

"Well first off," said Glenn, "I'm going to find me some new friends to hang out with."

"Funny," I said. "The first thing I'm gonna do is get my

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dog dipped."

"You're risking your life, not to mention mine, to get your dog dipped?"

"What can I say? I'm a simple man."

"No truer words were ever spoken."

Now, just to let you know, this wall we were huggin' was not barren by any means. There were small trees, rocks, and prickly pear cactus stickin' out all over the place.

The trees were of no help as their roots were in little pockets of dirt that had accumulated in the rocks. If you grabbed one, it slipped out of the dirt fairly easy. The rocks were mostly loose and fell when you touched them.

The cactus was the only thing embedded deep enough to support you, but they were covered with little hair-like thorns, that seemed to leap out at you if you were within a couple of inches of them. We avoided them at all cost.

"What's that?" I said.

"What's what?"

"That," I pointed. Glenn pulled his head away from the cliff wall far enough to see what I was lookin' at."

"I don't know," he said.

"I think its mountain lion poop," I stated.

"Really," Glenn said sarcastically. "Have you seen a lot of mountain lion poop?"

"No, but I bet that's what it looks like."

"Rusty, it's sticking out of

the side of a mountain. How would a mountain lion, get it's poop to stick out of the side of a mountain?"

"How would I know? Do I look like a mountain lion?"

"It's a rock, you idiot."

"You sure?"

"What else could it be?"

"It could be mountain lion poop."

"Just keep moving," Glenn growled. "If we get out of this alive, I'm going to kill you."

It wasn't long before we reached a definite stop in our progress. "Why are we stopping?" asked Glenn.

"Well, I can't go any further without wings," I replied. There, between me and the big mesquite tree, was about twenty-five feet of air. No cliff, no rocks, no trees, no poop, just air.

"We gotta go back," I said.

"Come on," Glenn said. "Jump it."

"Yeah right. Do you know what will happen to me?"

"Hey, look on the bright side, everyone on this trip will be able to help you if you don't make it."

"How do you figure?"

"Well," started Glenn. "If you don't make it, Leo (the doctor) can pronounce you dead, Leon (the columnist) can write you an obituary, Fred (the furniture maker) can make you a casket, Josh (the grave digger) can dig you a grave, Drew (the tile layer) can make you some kind of fancy tombstone, and

Joe (the lawyer) can probate your will."

"I see you've given this a lot of thought," I said. "And what are you going to do to help me?" I asked.

"Glenn thought for a moment. "Well," he smiled.

"As your banker, I'll foreclose on your house."

"Shut up and move back."

"Wait," said Glenn. "Look at that slide over there."

I looked and sure enough, there was an area that at one time a rockslide had occurred. It led from the big mesquite tree straight down to the river.

"It doesn't look too steep. I bet we could climb straight up to the cave from the bottom."

"You think?"

"It's worth a try."

"Well, I'm game," I said.

"Gamey is more like it. I've been meaning to talk to you about that."

"Like you smell any better," I replied. "Come on, head back. My toes are givin' out."

Slowly, we skooched back.

"Quit pushing me," Glenn said.

"Well, hurry up. That gold's waitin'."

"It's waited all these years; it can wait a few more minutes."

"Oh look, the mountain lion poop."

NEXT WEEK: Will Glenn push Rusty to his death and blame it on a loose stone? Will Janet live happily ever after on Rusty's life insurance money? Will Rusty run into the mountain lion that left the poop? Tune in for the final exciting episode, "Avalanche!"

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ONE YEAR AGO, May 12, 2022

The Lindale Prospects 13U baseball team took top honors at the Lead Off Tournament in Kaufman by winning all four games by outscoring the opposition, 42-4.

In addition to Lindale, other teams entered were from Mabank, Corsicana and Scurry.

Lindale pitchers made quick work of the opposition, facing just 58 batters in the tournament. McKnight and Thurman shared the win in the first game on a combined one-hitter and Richardson took the second game in a 45-pitch effort, yielding just two hits.

In game 3, Legrow struck out six to take the win and in the fourth game, Gateley fanned five in securing the victory.

Defensively, standouts included catchers Fowler and Laing and fielders Transier, Phillips and Copeland.

Lindale batters had 35 hits in 92 plate appearances, hitting .473 in the tournament. Gateley led the way with three triples, a double and three singles and scoring eight runs, while Fowler and Legrow each banged out six hits with four doubles and scoring 14 runs.

The local team stole 24 bases in 24 attempts, with Fowler having six and Copeland, Phillips, McKnight, Gately and Legrow each swiping three.

FIVE YEARS AGO, May 10, 2018

Former U.S. Ambassador to the Dominican Republic Wally Brewster, a Lindale High School graduate, was honored by the University of Illinois of Chicago with its Global Humanitarian Award during the fifth annual Urban Global Medicine Gala held in Chicago.

Brewster, who concluded his ambassadorship in January, 2018, was appointed to his Dominican Republic post by President Barack Obama in 2013.

The Urban Global Medicine Program provides educational, teaching and research experiences in the United States and around the world to UIC students and faculty.

10 YEARS AGO, May 9, 2013

City officials learned during the regular meeting of the Lindale City Council that a proposed Beall's Department Store, which was to be located off Highway 69 near the Raceway service station, was not going to come to fruition because the developer had backed out.

During the meeting at city hall, council members heard reports from City Manager Owen Scott and Lindale Economic Development President John Clary on the now defunct project, which was to be built on County Road 472.

For the past several months, developer A.G. Helton and representatives from Beall's — which would have been the anchor store in the shopping venue — worked with the city on rebuilding CR 472 to make it a three-lane roadway, creating easier access to the shopping area.

The developer was seeking a sales tax rebate from the city, over a period of several years, to help pay for the road improvement. His contention was that the city would get an improved road for just the cost of expected sales taxes from the venue.

Scott said he had talked with Helton earlier on Tuesday and the developer said, "he didn't feel like the numbers would work."

The latest proposal from Helton, Scott said, was a 12-year sales tax abatement.

"So, they are bailing out on us, Mr. Clary?" asked Mayor Robert Nelson.

To which Clary responded, "Yes, they are bailing out."



Rotary Club honors LHS golfers

Lindale High School's Lindsay Kelly, the head coach of the Lady Eagles Golf Team, was the guest speaker at a recent weekly meeting of the Lindale Rotary Club. The Lady Eagles, pictured here, won the regional championship recently and will compete at the state tournament beginning May 15. They are Julee King, Lauren Van Andel, Kennedy Weesner, and Kenzie McClenny. Preslee Pullin is also a team member but wasn't present for the photo. Matt Watts presented Kelly to the club members. The team will also be hosting a golf champ this summer for 5th graders and up. (Courtesy photo)

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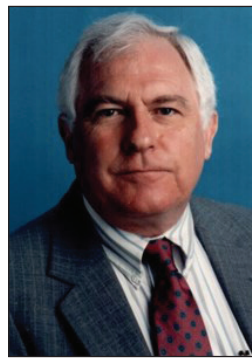
DONALD FORBES FORSYTHE SR.

Donald Forbes Forsythe Sr., age 87 passed away on Monday, May 1, 2023. Donald was born on Easter Sunday, April 12, 1936 to Richard (Scotty) Forbes Forsythe and Esther Lucille Ferguson in the 400 block of W. Farm Road 16, Lindale. He passed from this life in Round Rock, Texas.

Donald graduated from Lindale High School in 1954. He was a member of the Lindale Eagle Track Team and qualified as a State finalist in the mile run three out of four years. He earned a track scholarship to Paris Junior College and soon entered the workforce as a beauty supply salesman for Bottenfields. Donald eventually

moved to Austin and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in History from the University of Texas. Donald proudly served his country as a member of the United States Army National Guard and the United States Army from 1954-1966. He and the former Bobbie Sue Phillips were united in marriage on March 1, 1958 in Lindale.

Donald a good standing member as a Master Mason for over 60 years at Lindale Masonic Lodge # 848. He was a certified Genealogist, an avid Texas Longhorn fan and Chief of the Forsythe Clan of Texas. He also authored four



books that now reside in the Morman Family History Library in Salt Lake City, Utah and also the United States Library of Congress. Donald retired from a career in computer programming in 1996 from the State of Texas and past employers include: Texas State Comptroller, Water Development Board and Handy Andy Corporation.

Donald was preceded in death by his parents, Richard (Scotty) and Esther Forsythe and his siblings, Charles Forsythe, Douglas Forsythe, Barbara Zots and Ralph Ferguson.

He leaves to cherish his memory,

his wife of 65 years, Bobbie Sue Forsythe of Georgetown, Texas; daughter, Lisa Gayle Forsythe and husband Rick Williamson also of Georgetown; son, Donald Forbes Forsythe, Jr. (Buddy) and wife Jenny Forsythe of New Braunfels, Texas; granddaughters, Sarah Gayle

Forsythe, and Annebelle Grace Forsythe; extended family, Ellen Forsythe, Stephanie Grenon, Jessica Smith and Fletcher Lowe.

Graveside services were held Monday, May 8 at I.O.O.F. Cemetery, 1117 E 7th, Georgetown, Texas. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Donald's name to the National Genealogical Society, 6400 Arlington Blvd, Suite 810, Falls Church, Va. 22042.

Friends of Lillie Russell Library book sale scheduled Saturday

The Friends are excited to offer a large array of books, fiction and nonfiction, for sale from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, May 13 at the Lillie Russell

Memorial Library, officials announced.

The sale will be set up at the side of the library and buyers can continue inside to enjoy the

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Hardbacks will be \$1, paperbacks 50 cents, and some children's books for as low as 10 cents.

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SATURDAY, APRIL 22: 12:51:39 AM, Animal At Large, CR 474/Pittman Lane; 2:08:04 AM, Assist Another Agency, 13000 block Birchwood Circle; 2:39:42 AM, Evade Arrest, 2100 block South Main Street; 5:50:15 AM, Suspicious Vehicle, 13000 block Highway 69 North; 7:05:36 AM, Animal At Large, 13600 block CR 474; 10:25:18 AM, Alarm Residence, 1400 block Brookside Court; 10:28:37 AM, Animal Complaint, 800 block Sweetgum Lane; 1:09:32 PM, Animal Complaint, 21000 block Highway 69 North; 2:03:32 PM, Loud Noise Complaint, 400 block E. South Street; 2:44:30 PM, Loud Noise Complaint, 400 block E. South Street; 2:52:50 PM, Assist Another Agency, 16000 block CR 452; 6:47:15 PM, Auto



Fire, 10000 block Interstate 20 W; 8:53:33 PM, Suspicious Circumstance, Pearl Street/Wood Springs Road.

SUNDAY, APRIL 23: 3:14:40 AM, Alarm Business, 50 block Miranda Lambert Way; 9:59:46 AM, Stolen License Plate, 3500 block South Main Street; 12:24:33 PM, 911 Hang Up Call, 500 block S. Main Street; 2:51:53 PM, Animal Complaint, 1100 block S. Boyd Street; 6:10:35 PM, Suspicious Vehicle, 900 block S. Main Street; 10:25:23 PM, Assist SCSSO, 10000 block FM 16 West.

MONDAY, APRIL 24: 8:46:24 AM, Vagrant, 200 block W. South Street; 11:08:51 AM, Accident Eagle Spirit Drive/South Main Street; 12:25:17 PM, Animal Complaint, 700

block Circle Drive; 1:43:10 PM, Assist LISD PD, 100 block Ballard Drive; 2:41:16 PM, Accident, 100 block E. Centennial Blvd.; 4:16:33 PM, Reckless Driving Pearl Street/South Main Street; 5:57:00 PM, Assist SCSSO, 13000 block Interstate 20 West; 6:13:05 PM, Loud Noise, Complaint, 15000 block Spring Oaks Drive; 8:46:24 AM, Vagrant, 200 block W. South Street; 11:08:51 AM, Accident, Eagle Spirit Drive/South Main Street; 12:25:17 PM, Animal Complaint, 700 block Circle Drive; 1:43:10 PM, Assist LISD PD, 100 block Ballard Drive; 2:41:16 PM, Accident, 100 block E. Centennial Blvd.; 4:16:33 PM, Reckless Driving, Pearl Street/S. Main Street; 5:57:00 PM, Assist SCSSO, 13000 block Interstate 20 West; 6:13:05 PM, Loud Noise Complaint, 15000 block Spring Oaks Drive; 8:19:49 PM, Disturbance, 200 block Jeffries Street.

TUESDAY, APRIL 25: 12:42:35 AM, City Ordinance Violation, 300 block Main Street; 5:45:13 AM, Welfare Concern, 3500 block S. Main Street; 6:28:07 AM, Animal At Large, 13000 block Interstate 20; 8:37:03 AM, Assist LISD PD, 900 block E. Hubbard Street; 10:45:22 AM, Public Service, 100 block Ballard Drive; 12:39:37 PM, Animal At Large, 17000 block Interstate 20 West; 1:39:15 PM, Assist SCSSO, 11000 block Interstate 20 West; 4:25:53 PM, Assist SCSSO, 1600 block South Main Street; 5:40:26 PM, Driving While Intoxicated, 3200 block South Main Street.

TxDOT urges consideration for state's motorcycle riders

As motorcycle fatalities continue to rise and the spring weather draws more riders to Texas roadways, officials with the Texas Department of Transportation urge drivers to look twice and be considerate on the road around motorcycle riders.

Amy Jo Miller was enjoying a ride on the back of her boyfriend's motorcycle in Bell County when an inattentive driver turned left in front of them, hitting the bike and throwing her across the road.

Seconds later, another vehicle then ran her over in a hit-and-run crash, leaving her with multiple serious injuries. Fortunately, she survived, but 15 years later, Amy Jo is still recovering from her injuries.

Amy Jo, now 49, is just one of thousands of Texas motorcyclists seriously injured—or worse, killed—in crashes every year. In 2022, 562 motorcycle riders were killed in motor vehicle crashes, an 8 percent increase over the previous year.

"People on motorcycles are more vulnerable on our roadways," said TxDOT Executive Director Marc Williams. "It's important for drivers to pay extra attention and look out for motorcycles — especially at intersections, when turning in front of oncoming traffic and while changing lanes. We all want to get home safe."

In addition to National Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month, TxDOT's annual safety campaign "Share the Road: Look Twice for Motorcycles" also aims to protect motorcyclists by educating drivers on how to safely share the road. Below are safety precautions all motorists should keep in mind to help prevent motorcycle crashes:

Stay alert. Give driving your full attention. Even a momentary distraction, such as answering a phone call or changing the radio station, can have deadly consequences.

Pay special attention at intersections. One-third of all motorcycle fatalities happen at roadway intersections.

Take extra care when making a left turn. Always assume motorcycles are closer than they appear and avoid turning in front of an oncoming motorcycle.

Look twice when changing lanes. Check mirrors, check blind spots, and always use turn signals.

Give motorcyclists room when passing them. Move over to the passing lane and don't crowd the motorcyclist's full lane.

Stay back. If you're behind a motorcycle, always maintain a safe following distance. When a motorcyclist downshifts, it can catch drivers off guard since there are no brake lights to signal reduced speed.

Slow down. Obey posted speed limits and drive according to conditions.

To help drivers fully understand the importance of driving safely and the dangers motorcycle riders face, TxDOT is taking its "Share the Road: Look Twice for Motorcycles" campaign exhibit on the road during National Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month. The exhibit will feature a virtual reality component that gives participants the opportunity to experience high-risk traffic situations from the perspective of both a driver and a motorcyclist.

TxDOT's "Share the Road: Look Twice for Motorcycles" campaign is a key component of #EndTheStreakTX, a broader social media and word-of-mouth effort that encourages drivers to make safer choices while behind the wheel to help end the streak of daily deaths. Nov. 7, 2000, was the last deathless day on Texas roadways.

County honors long time employees

Nina Alfaro was recognized during Smith County Commissioners Court for five years of service to the county, said public information officer Casey Murphy.

She is part of the housekeeping crew who work to clean county buildings.

Facility Services Director Ed Nichols said she is a shining example of the quality of staff that make up his department.

"I want you to know that having you on our team makes all the difference and having people like you make this a great organization to work for," Nichols said. "Thank you for your strong work ethic, reliability and your smiling face; and I look forward to working with you for many more years."

Other Smith County employees celebrating work anniversaries this month but who were not in court include:

25 Years: Jose Rojas, Constable Precinct 1

15 Years: Terry Brunk, Constable, Precinct 4; Judy Gallagher, Juvenile Services

10 Years: Patricia Clark, Tax Office; David Benefield and Jonathan Folmar, Sheriff's Office

5 Years: Katherine Beard, County Clerk's Office



Smith County Master Gardener Home Garden Tour returns

The Smith County Master Gardeners mark the return of their Spring Home Garden Tour this year.

This year's tour, featuring six unique properties, is scheduled for 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday May 20.

Tickets are \$20 per person and available for purchase at www.txmg.org/smith/events.

The Garden Tour began in 2002 as the brainchild of two Master Gardeners, Pat Massad and Kathy Moore, who organized the tour that year to showcase the gardens of five other Master Gardeners.

The gardens ranged from an elegant city garden to a large country garden with a prominent water feature. Almost 500 people attended this first tour and the group made the garden tour an annual event.

Since then the tour has included not only the gardens of other Master Gardeners, but also other outstanding private gardens in Tyler and the surrounding area.

Some of the gardens have been the work of professional landscapers, while others are the creation of the homeowners who have used their own creative minds and sweat equity into creating a beautiful landscape.



Some of the gardens have been part of large estates and covered several acres, while others have been small, pocket-sized gardens that fit neatly into a small city lot.

Whatever the size, the garden tour attendees have appreciated the variety of plants, the interesting garden art and the impressive landscape features that have been on display.

The Garden Tour is the work of a dedicated committee that begins looking for gardens almost as soon as the current year's tour is over. We find gardens through referrals, tips from landscapers and nursery owners and sometimes just driving around and peering through backyard fences!

(The Garden Tour committee members are nothing if not intrepid!)

After the gardens are chosen, the marketing people start their work: writing descriptions of the gardens,

as well as educational articles for the garden tour guidebook and developing the publicity for the tour. Other committee members sell ads for the Garden Tour Guide and get the rest of the Master Gardener organization to volunteer to check tickets or be garden docents on the day of the tour.

The Garden Tour is truly the work of the entire Master Gardener organization.

"It is, after all, the most wonderful time of the year for green thumbs," says Smith County Master Gardener, Linda Munn, encouraging people to attend the group's popular Spring Garden Tour, back after a four-year pause following Covid and an historic arctic weather event. "We are using Master Gardeners, who are opening up their yards so people can see what works for our area," Munn says. "We are trying to get back to basics ... to help people get the right plants for the right places and show them different ways to landscape. We're excited."

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

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Lindale High School Head Girls Basketball Coach Daniel Devisscher praised senior Brooke Everest for her work in the classroom and in the athletic arena for the school. Everest will play for Clarkson University in Potsdam, N.Y. (Photo by Terry Cannon)

LHS star signs with Clarkson University

Lindale High School two-sport star Brooke Everest will relocate to the upper reaches of New York to continue her academic and athletic career after signing with Clarkson University in Potsdam, N.Y.

Friends, family, teammates and coaches gathered in the Lindale High School cafeteria this past Friday to honor Everest.

At LHS, Everest was a standout soccer player as well as a valuable member of the Lady Eagles basketball team.

Soccer coach Cody Bray was effusive in his praise for Everest, a three-year starter for the Lady Eagles.

"I am so lucky to have had her," Bray said. "She's an exceptional person, ultimate

competitor and has a strong will to win. I'm excited about her future."

Basketball coach Daniel Devisscher made it clear the Lady Eagles' program will be missing a key element with her departure.

"She has set the standard for our program," he said. "Brooke is fearless, is up to any challenge and I know she's going to keep moving forward to what the Lord has put in front of her."

Devisscher also said the Golden Knights coaching staff will be getting a willing athlete.

"She is very open to coaching and they are getting a high quality athlete," he said. "We love you and wish you the very best."

Lady Eagles earn Academic All-State honors

Three Lindale High School volleyball players have been named Academic All State for Class 4A by the Texas Press Association.

Those players are Keatyn Bills, Brooke Tweedell and Kennedy Weesner.

Tweedell was chosen to the honorable mention All-District team for District 16-4A.

How to navigate food allergies and intolerances

By Claudann Jones
Smith County Extension
Agent Family and
Community Health

Millions of Americans have allergic reactions to food every year. Food allergies tend to first appear in young children and some children may outgrow certain food allergies as they get older but many food allergies are a life-long problem.

Food allergies occur when your body's immune system reacts to a substance in a food, usually a protein, your body sees as harmful. This sets off a chain reaction within your body.

Symptoms can occur within minutes and can be mild to severe and can even be life-threatening.

A food intolerance is not



the same as a food allergy. Different food intolerances have different causes. An intolerance occurs when your body is unable to digest a certain component of a food, such as lactose, a sugar found in milk. Symptoms of intolerance may be unpleasant, including abdominal cramping or diarrhea, but they are not life-threatening. More than 160 foods are known to cause food aller-

gies. However, nine foods account for the majority of all food-allergic reactions in Americans:

- Milk
- Egg
- Peanuts
- Tree nuts (including almonds, walnuts and cashews)
- Fish (including pollock, salmon, cod, tuna, snapper, eel and tilapia)
- Crustacean shellfish (including shrimp, lobster and crab)
- Soy
- Wheat
- Sesame

Navigating menu items and dishes that include a combination of ingredients can be difficult at times. Allergy-triggering foods may be prepared on the same surfaces or with the same utensils as non-allergy causing ingredients.

Through cross-contact, a food allergen can creep into what may otherwise be a safe food. If you have a food allergy, be sure to speak with whoever is preparing your food to inform them of your allergy and ask them to be especially careful when preparing your food.

Talk with your day care, school and workplace. Make sure the teachers, nurse and administrators at your child's school or day care center are aware of your child's food allergies and that they know how to respond to adverse reactions your child may experience. Similarly, inform your co-workers of allergies you have.

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. Stay well and stay safe.

Make sure azaleas have proper amount of TLC

By Greg Grant
Smith County Horticulturist

East Texas is known for its azaleas and azaleas are known for being high maintenance and needing extra attention.

After the recent double whammy freezes and severe drought, those that survived certainly need some TLC.

Be sure to water your azaleas during the summer to prevent wilting during hot, dry weather. Thoroughly soak the soil in the root zone about every two weeks during June, July, and August.

Although shallow rooted azaleas most assuredly need irrigation during the summer months, most homeowners with sprinkler systems tend to water their lawns and shrubs too frequently.

Deep soaking and less frequent sprinkling creates more extensive root systems, avoids root rot from water-logged soils, and helps prevent diseases which all require a wet plant surface to "germinate."

If you haven't fertilized your azaleas yet, now is the time. The most important factor in fertilizing azaleas is to use small amounts per application.

Use any of the commercial acid-forming, granular azalea-camellia-gardenia fertilizers made for acid-loving plants and follow directions on the label. Larger plantings will find ammonium sulfate (21-0-0) more cost effective.

The general rule for growing azaleas is to fertilize lightly once growth begins in spring and no later than July. Above all, evenly distribute the fertilizer throughout the bed, never in concentrated piles, and water in after applying (or apply just before a rain) to make sure the fertilizer isn't still on the foliage which will cause burning.

Pruning is generally done the same time as fertilizing and mulching, most often just as the blooms fade but certainly before mid-summer. Generally a light shearing is adequate.

Shearing as the new growth emerges creates denser shrubs with even more blooms the following spring. You may also want to cut back lanky shoots to make your azaleas more uniform and less



Azalea lace bugs mar the foliage of azaleas.

"scraggly."

Flower buds are formed in late summer, so no pruning should be done after that time. If you prune azaleas during the fall or winter you will be removing the spring blooms.

Most deep well irrigation water is alkaline and high in salts, neither which azaleas like. Rainfall and sources from surface water or shallow wells are better.

Iron chlorosis can be temporarily corrected by applying copperas (iron sulfate) or a chelated iron product. Some leaves always turn yellow in late winter or early spring and is no cause for concern since this is a natural process of the plant shedding old leaves.

Finally, there are a few insects which may bother azaleas. Most common is the azalea lace bug.

These feed on the underside of the leaves, giving leaves a bleached, bronzed, or stippled appearance. The underside of the leaves becomes discolored by shiny black excrement, tiny insects, and cast skins. Azaleas in direct sun and under stress are more prone to lace bugs. A granular application of a systemic insecticide containing Imidacloprid applied now when the new growth is coming out is what most professional azalea gardens use.

Systemic insecticides should be used as far away from bloom time as possible so as not to affect pollinators

Azaleas are considered finicky, but if you have the right conditions and follow a few simple rules, they can be a great addition to our beautiful East Texas landscapes.

Horse owners should be aware of equine health

Horses are prone to accidents, so it is important for owners to know how to recognize changes in a horse's health and determine when veterinary care is necessary.

Dr. Amanda Trimble, a clinical assistant professor of equine internal medicine at the Texas A&M School of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences, said working with a veterinarian to establish a horse's "normal" behavior and vitals is the first step in assessing a horse's health at home.

"It is critical to establish a good working relationship with your veterinarian through routine wellness checks so that both you and your veterinarian know what your horse's 'normal' is prior to an emergency," Trimble said. "Being able to detect any changes from their 'normal' might make the difference in identifying a sick horse quickly and in calling your veterinarian as soon as possible to intervene and treat your horse."

Veterinarians can show owners how to complete a distance exam, which is done by observing a horse from a distance.

"Horses are prey animals, so as soon as people enter the stall, their behaviors may change," Trimble said. "We should specifically look to see if they are alert and responsive to their environment. Some other questions we can ask ourselves include: Are they looking around and moving their ears to listen? Are they interested in their food? Are they interacting with people or other horses? Are there multiple piles of manure in their stall? Are they too skinny or are they carrying too much weight?"

Checking Vitals

The most important vitals that owners can check after determining that their horse seems comfortable from a distance are respiratory rate, heart rate, and temperature.

Counting a horse's respiratory rate can be done during the distance exam or by standing close enough to feel the horse's breath. Trimble recommends watching the horse's flanks — which is the shallow area in between the rear legs and the body — or feeling for airflow from the nostrils. Each rise and fall of the horse's flanks or each exhale through the nostrils is one breath. The normal range of how many times a horse exhales per minute is 8-16 breaths.

"We also want to observe the horse for any increased effort with breathing," Trimble explained. "Are their nostrils flared? Does it look like the horse is breathing so hard that there is an abdominal effort? Are they taking small, fast and shallow breaths? Is there a weird sound associated with breathing?"

When measuring a horse's heart rate,

Trimble suggests owners feel for a pulse beside the horse's eye or along the vein under the jaw. If owners have a stethoscope, they should place the stethoscope's bell into the left armpit, just behind the elbow. "Similar to when you are taking your own pulse, light pressure is needed so as to not stop blood flow," Trimble said. "Once we feel the pulse, we count how many times we feel it over a minute in order to get the heart rate. The normal range for heart rate is 29-44 beats per minute." Lastly, owners can check if their horse's temperature is in the normal range of 99 to 101.5.

"When obtaining rectal temperatures, you should stand close to the horse's side with a handler (a second person) standing on the same side as you by the horse's head," Trimble explained. "You can drape your arm over their hindquarters and then gently lift the tail, peer around the horse's rear, and insert the thermometer into the rectum. You should always check the thermometer for blood upon removal and label the rectal thermometer 'horse' so that it is not accidentally used on a human at a later date."

Trimble strongly encourages owners to not take a horse's temperature if the horse is difficult to control or causing trouble, as this can be dangerous for owners and handlers.

When To Go To The Vet

Owners who complete subsequent evaluations on their own should look out for signs that may require a veterinary visit.

These signs, according to Trimble, include:

- decreased appetite
- lethargy
- lying down more than normal
- rolling
- isolating themselves
- sudden lameness or stumbling
- squinting or closed eyes
- discharge from nose
- red or purple gums
- hives
- abnormal sweat patterns
- breathing hard or fast
- sudden weight loss

Working with your veterinarian to determine your horse's normal behavior and vitals is the first step in knowing that your horse is healthy. Once you have the knowledge to recognize a healthy horse, you can identify and respond to health concerns as a way to maintain a horse's overall well-being.

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TxDOT crews working Lindale area this week

Maintenance crews with the Texas Department of Transportation will be performing bridge work on U.S. Highway 69 north of Lindale, said TxDOT spokesman Jeff Williford.

Also, work is continuing on widening and realignment on FM 16, four miles west of FM 849 east to U.S. 69 into Lindale.

The project consists of grading, asphalt base, asphalt surface overlay paving, storm drain, bridge, and culvert structures, signing, pavement markings, and signals. Crews will be preparing the right-of-way by removing trees and grading embankment. There will be a crew working to install a detour for a traffic switch near Lindale Cemetery Road. Lane closures will be present in the area. Motorists should drive with caution and expect delays.

The contractor for this project is Highway 19 Construction LLC and the estimated cost is \$44.4.

Williford said the anticipated completion date is August 2025.

Other Smith County projects include:

FM 344, ETC. Safety Improvements

Limits: FM 344 – From FM 756, E to SH 110; FM 768 – From SL 456, S to FM 22

Contractor: A R Brothers Construction Services, Inc.

Cost: \$1.8 million

Anticipated Completion Date: Spring 2023

No work is scheduled this week. Project is awaiting final punch list. The project consists of improving drainage, culvert work, and guard rail upgrades.

SH 155 Resurfacing Project

Limits: From Loop 323 in Tyler, southwest to the Anderson County line

Contractor: Madden Contracting Company, LLC

Cost: \$17 million

Anticipated Completion Date: Summer 2023

The contractor is scheduled to begin laying PFC surface to the existing lanes. Expect delays and lane closures on this corridor

when construction is in progress. The work is scheduled to be completed during the day and night. The project consists of resurfacing the roadway, upgrading drainage structures, and repairing bridge joints.

Tyler State Park Bridge and Resurfacing Project

Limits: Park Maintenance Road in Tyler State Park SW to Cedar Point Camping Area Exit

Contractor: Encino Landscape

Cost: \$2.4 Million

Anticipated Completion Date: Summer 2023

The project is no longer under time suspension and contractor is expecting to resume work this week. The project consists of bridge and pavement resurfacing.

Tyler State Park Rehabilitation Project

Limits: Park Maintenance roads, camp areas 5-8, additional parking in camp area 10, day use parking area curb and gutter repair

Contractor: East Texas Bridge, Inc.

Cost: \$851,000

Anticipated Completion Date: Summer 2023

The contractor is scheduled to have surface treatment to asphalt pavement completed and began work activities on Milestone 4 (Area 10 Creekside Camping) location. Park areas will be closed as operations are in progress. This project is the rehabilitation of parking areas at camp site and maintenance roadways.

Whittle Street, CR 2110, and CR 289 Bridge Replacement Project

Limits: Whittle Street, CR 2110, CR 289

Contractor: THK Construction, LLC

Cost: \$1.25 million

Anticipated Completion Date: Spring 2023

No work is scheduled this week on Whittle Street at West Mud Creek Tributary. The project is in suspension and pending change

order operations at the Whittle Street Bridge site. The road is open to through traffic. The project consists of replacing the existing bridge with a new structure.

I-20 Mill and Inlay

Limits: Van Zandt County Line to SH 110

Contractor: Texas Materials Group, INC.

Cost: \$6 million

Anticipated Completion Date: Spring 2023

No work is scheduled this week. The project is in time suspension. Expect delays on this corridor when construction is in progress. Project consists of an overlay with TBPFC surface, ACP surface, planing, shoulder texturing and pavement markings.

US 271 Rehab, Turn Lanes, and Pavement Overlay

Limits: From FM 16 going southwest to I-20

Contractor: Madden Contracting Company, LLC

Cost: \$12.4 million

Anticipated Completion Date: October 2023

The project consists of paving, structures, MBGF, and pavement markings from IH 20 N to the Gregg County Line. The portion from IH 20 to FM 16 also includes turn lanes and pavement rehabilitation. Crews will be preparing for the SB left turn lane widening at FM 757 and paving operations for the SB outside lane and shoulder. The SB outside lane and shoulder are closed indefinitely while rehab work is ongoing and will be managed by signs channelizing devices. No additional lane closures are anticipated. The PFC surface operations are projected to begin May 2023.

SH 64 Intersection Improvement and Turn Lanes

Limits: At CR 289 (Wolfe Lane)

Contractor: Lonestar Equipment Co. Inc.

Cost: \$2.2 million

Anticipated Completion Date: Fall 2023

Weather permitting, the contractor is scheduled to level up on Wolfe Lane and back fill edges of pavement. Expect delays

on this corridor while construction is in progress. Lane closures are anticipated. Project consists of an intersection improvement and addition of turn lanes at CR 289 (Wolfe Lane).

District Mill and Inlay Project

Limits: US 287, etc.

Contractor: Big Creek Construction, LTD

Cost: \$0.8 million

Anticipated Completion Date: Summer 2023

Night work will continue on SL 124 in Tyler. Motorists should expect lane closures to begin at 7 p.m., Sunday through Thursday nights. Motorists should use caution when traveling through the project and expect lane closures and delays. This project consists of mill and inlay on various roadways throughout the Tyler District.

US 69 Rehab Existing Road and Restricted Crossing U-Turn (R-Cut)

Limits: Cumberland Road to .308 miles south of FM 2813

Contractor: Drewery Construction Company, INC

Cost: \$7.8 million

Anticipated Completion Date: Fall 2023

The contractor is scheduled to level up existing shoulders in multiple locations. The work is anticipated for night hours. Expect lane closures and possible delays of travel. This project consists of rehabilitating existing roadway and installing a restricted crossing U-turn (R-Cut) at FM 2813 intersection.

SL 323 Overlay on Existing Roadway

Limits: .3 mi N of SH31, Elm St in W Tyler, N to .25 mi E of US69

Contractor: Drewery Construction Company, INC

Cost: \$4.5 million

Anticipated Completion Date: Fall 2023

The Contractor is scheduled to place barricades and signage within the limits of the project. Expect lane closures and delay in travel. This project consists of overlaying existing roadway with PFC asphalt.



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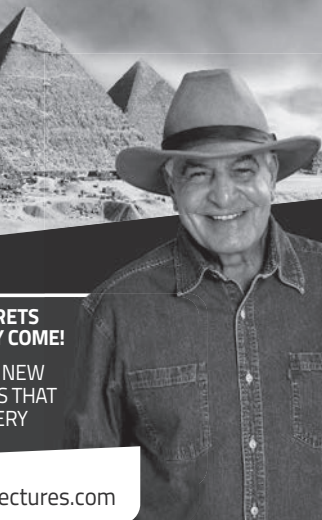
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Eagles advance in state baseball playoffs

The Lindale High School Eagles baseball team dominated the Paris Wildcats in Game 2 of their bi-district playoff, 13-2, Friday at the Lindale High School Baseball and Softball Complex.

Lindale will now advance to the area round of the playoffs this weekend.

On Thursday, the Eagles took game one in Paris, 6-3.

The Eagles wasted little time in disposing of the Wildcats on Friday, plating 11 runs in the bottom of the first enroute to the win.

Paris pitcher Kolton Keeling was wobbly in the first, walking Miles Keith, Kaden Fleming and hitting Jake Powell to load the bases.

Another walk to Carson Plunkett and Ryan Betts pushed across the first two Eagles' runs and the rout was on.

Keeling was pulled in favor of Carter Benson for the Wildcats, but he was greeted by a two-run single to pad Lindale's lead to 4-0. Ty McCoy's bunt single scored another run, then Kaden and Keith Fleming lined RBI hits.

The nightmare continued for the Wildcats – still in the first – as two runs scored on a wild pitch and an error. Betts reached on an error and Kaden Fleming scored to build the Lindale lead to 11-0.

Hudson Legrow started on the hill for the Eagles, striking out two in four innings while allowing four hits.

Caleb Hart then pitched the fifth and was helped out when catcher Miles Keith cut down a runner trying to steal. Hart fanned the final two batters to end the game.

The Eagles are now 21-6-1 on the season.

LINDALE 6, PARIS 3

On Thursday (May 4) in Paris, the Eagles snapped a 3-3 tie with three runs in the top of the seventh inning to take the first game of the bi-district playoff.

The Eagles built a 3-0 lead in the third inning but Paris chipped away with two runs in the fifth and another in the sixth to tie the game.

Luke Waggoner got the win on the mound, throwing 1 2/3 innings in relief of Ryan Betts, who tossed 5 1/3 innings and allowed three runs – two earned – and six hits. He fanned

three and issued three free passes.

Waggoner struck out three and walked just one.

Kaden Fleming slugged a two-run homer for Lindale, while Carson Plunkett contributed two doubles and a single and drove in three. Miles Keith and Waggoner came through with two hits apiece.

Other hitters for the Eagles include Jake Powell with a double and Ty McCoy with a single. Runs were scored by Colby Myers with two and Fleming, McCoy, Waggoner and Jackson Parker with one apiece. The win improved the Eagles' record to 20-6-1 for the season.

Judge halts commissioner's son during public speaking forum

ance Phillips, son of Precinct 3 Commissioner Terry Phillips and Smith County Clerk Karen Phillips, appeared during the public speaking portion of the commissioners' meeting on May 2 and after he went off topic, Smith County Judge Neal Franklin admonished him and ended the public forum session.

He indicated he wanted to speak on an agenda item dealing with replats in the county, but immediately went in another direction.

"This is what can happen to you when you're driving down Smith County roads. I just want to correct the slander against my family," he said.

Franklin then interrupted him. "I'm going to stop you right there. If you are not going to speak on the replats you cannot speak," Franklin said.

Lance Phillips then returned to the gallery and began speaking


from his seat.

"Mr. Phillips please do not call out from the crowd," Franklin said. "Thank you."


At this point, Lance Phillips was escorted out of the courtroom. He returned several minutes later. Lance Phillips tried to address the arrest of his brother Derrick Phillips who allegedly interfered with a traffic stop involving another man, Cody Voss, who was being pulled over for having one of his tail lights out on his vehicle.

Voss pulled into the Phillips' residence and Derrick Phillips got involved in the traffic stop. Sheriff's office spokesman Larry Christian said Phillips became belligerent and another deputy came to assist with the arrest. At that point, Christian said, Derrick Phillips ran into the house and deputies followed. It was at this point Karen Phillips became involved in the incident.

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(L to R): Taegan Michel, Julee King, Sarah Kim, Kaitlyn Groth, and Bo Grace
Not Pictured: Sarah Kramer and Austin Stone

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The winning team for the Lindale **Student Board of Directors** was "Elon Muskrats," which consisted of *Bo Grace* (team captain), *Taegan Michel*, *Julee King*, *Sarah Kim*, *Kaitlyn Groth*, *Sarah Kramer*, and *Austin Stone*. The team increased their investment balance to \$145,041.51, a return of approximately 45 percent.

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