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BURN BAN IN EFFECT

Even though it rained this week, Smith County continues to be under a burn ban due to extreme dry conditions. That means no burning of trash piles or brush. Outdoor cooking is allowed, but please be careful. Fines for violating the burn ban can start at \$500.



LISD's Wright named Region 7 Asst. Principal of the Year

Kyle Wright, assistant principal at Lindale High School was named the Region 7 Assistant Principal of the Year, said Courtney Sanguinetti, LISD Director of Communications.

The nominees were reviewed and voted on by the Texas Association of Secondary School Principal members.

Assistant principals are required to be in an administrative capacity for at least 3 years and are nominated by someone in the district. Principals are rated on personal excellence, collaborative leadership, curriculum and instruction, and school climate.

"I am very proud that Mr. Wright has been recognized," LHS Principal Jeremy Chilek said. "He is an outstanding administrator. We are so thankful when one of our students or staff members is recognized by such a well-known and respected organization. He is so very deserving of this award."

TASSP seeks to recognize exemplary performance among campus-level administrators in Texas.

There are about 80 qualifying principals from school districts in Region 7. TASSP requires the assistant principal to work and grow as an administrator and create a safe environment for learning.

"My job is to help young people be successful, through serving them and the teachers that instruct them," Assistant Principal Kyle Wright said. "The way to do this is to have the best attitude and the best effort you can give each day to be successful. I feel this award is a celebration of all these things and I am just happy to be a part of such a great team. It is an honor, and I am humbled to win this award."

Wright has been in his position for five years at LHS. He has been nominated for the award for the past two years.

Eagles stop Kaufman, next up Pine Tree

By Terry Cannon
Editor

Before the season, Lindale High School Head Coach Chris Cochran acknowledged that his team would be able to score points, but his defense might be a work in progress that should improve as the season progresses.

A 56-46 victory at Eagle Stadium on Friday was a good beginning to the season, to be sure. And while it may appear that surrendering 46 points in the first game of the season would be cause for concern, Cochran pointed to some positives.

"There may have been some plays where we weren't consistent up front, but by the middle of the third quarter we were up 42-18," he said. "So we had done some good things against a very talented offensive team."

Cochran felt his club stood up at some opportune moments. "I loved those fourth down stops we had," he said, alluding to a second quarter sack by linebacker Jake Curbow on Kaufman quarterback Ty Burselson and another in the third period. "Our kids were really battling out there."

Both of these defensive stands resulted in Lindale points. After the sack, burly running back Wyatt Parker took off on a 15 yard gainer and on the next play, Lindale quarterback Clint Thurman found receiver Chad Ward on a completion to the Kaufman three.



Pine Tree vs. Lindale
7:30 p.m. Friday
Pirate Stadium
Longview

Thurman ran it in and Lindale had built a 28-12 lead with four minutes left in the half.

Cochran and his staff felt his offense would be able to register points, especially with Parker complementing the running and passing of Thurman.

Parker rushed 20 times for 255 yards and scored three touchdowns while Thurman added 163 yards on 24 carries and had four scores, including the Eagles' first TD of the season.

Thurman was efficient through the air, completing 11 of 20 passes for 144 yards and a touchdown.

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Eagle quarterback Clint Thurman goes in for the score from 15 yards out for Lindale's first touchdown of the night against Kaufman. Photo by Terry Cannon

Sale of bonds for new county courthouse OK'd

The Smith County Commissioners Court on Tuesday, Aug. 22 voted to approve the sale of the voter-approved general obligation courthouse bonds after receiving five competitive bids, said County Public Information Officer Casey Murphy.

Specialized Public Finance Inc. competitively bid the Limited Tax Courthouse Bonds, which will net the county \$160 million to pay for

LISD trims tax rate by 21.5 cents

The Lindale ISD Board of Trustees adopted a total tax rate of \$0.95472 during a special school board meeting on Monday, Aug. 21, district officials announced.

The 2023-2024 tax rate is lower than last year's rate by 21.54 cents and during the past five years, the district has cut the total tax rate by 43.58 percent.

"I am so proud of our school board," said Superintendent Stan Surratt. "The LISD Board of Trustees has created a plan to improve our teacher pay scale and to also improve pay for support staff, while cutting the taxes for all Lindale ISD property owners by 21.54 cents."

Since this newly adopted tax rate is six cents above the voter approval tax rate, the Trustees are calling for a tax ratification election.

If the adopted rate is approved, the six cents will generate an additional \$1,400,000 in revenue that the school district will use to improve the LISD teacher pay scale and to improve pay for LISD support staff.

"I am appreciative of how the LISD Board of Trustees is supporting teachers through an increase in pay, while also being able to reduce the total tax rate for the LISD community," said Chief Financial Officer, Michelle Tate. "The LISD Board of Trustees always does what is best for the district as a whole."

Factors cited by the district which allowed for the tax rate cut include the strong economic growth and base within the district as well as the overall growth of the community.

Officials said this past year there was an estimated 23 percent growth in property values in the district.



construction of the new courthouse. Closing on the sale is set for Sept. 21, 2023.

Steven Adams, managing director of Specialized Public Finance Inc., gave a brief presentation to the Commissioners Court, and reaffirmed that Smith County's high rating of AA+ helped the County attract competitive bidders.

"Five bids are really good for a bond issuance of this size," Adams said. Jefferies LLC was the winning bid, with a true interest cost of 4.43 percent, Adams said.

Because the interest rate is so low, the bond will result in a "minimal tax rate increase to pay these bonds back," he added.

The debt service portion of the total tax rate that is being increased for Smith County taxpayers "is required to be increased to pay for the bond passed by the voters," Adams said.

The \$179 million bond, which includes \$160 million for the new courthouse and \$19 million for a parking garage, was approved by 53.73 percent of the vote in November 2022.

The Proposed FY24 Budget was filed August 15, and includes a proposed tax rate of .347264 cents per \$100 valuation, an increase from the current tax rate of 33 cents.

Two public hearings were held on the proposed budget and tax rate prior to the commissioners meeting on Aug. 22-- at 9:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.

An additional public hearing will be held at 9:30 a.m. on Sept. 5, 2023, at which time the FY24 Budget is scheduled to be adopted.

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OPINION/COMMENTARY

Climb down, move on ...

"It's so hard to forget pain, but it's even harder to remember sweetness. We have no scar to show for happiness."
Chuck Palahniuk

We have all been 'pole-axed' on occasion with a crystal clear confrontation of a truth that convicts. In the October edition of Reader's Digest an author who is a cancer survivor wrote of the need to "climb down off her cross".

She wrote of how individuals, including her, have embraced a disease or trauma, or the sheer maddening difficulty of life as a martyr. We wear our survivorship like a Purple Heart. Perhaps we enjoy the attention we receive as a survivor to the point that we stopped...there...without ever moving beyond the disease, the trauma, or the responsibilities that overwhelm, so that we become defined, self-defined by those events.

In other words we become defined by our pain instead of our blessings and gifts.

Of course most of us grow during these painful experiences. If we don't, instead of better we become bitter. Often our faith deepens, our strength increases and our wisdom grows. But... sometimes we begin to wear our traumas or illnesses, or scars, like we wear a T-shirt, for all the world to see.

Being a survivor of something, anything, be it cancer or divorce should not overtake the living of your life or the lives of those who love you.

I have a very dear friend who is God's gift at holding up a mirror. She always says: "Check your motives". From some of

Texans asked to conserve energy

The agency that operates the power grid for much of the state asked Texans to conserve energy use several times last week as the grid was beset with high demand and low wind-power generation, according to the Austin American-Statesman.

The Electric Reliability Council of Texas has asked electric users to reduce energy use as the state continues to face a tenacious heat wave.

Demand on the grid operated by ERCOT has record levels 10 times this summer. The system has held up to the strain to this point. Any outages across the state have been local and caused by other reasons other than demand on the grid, such as downed power lines or blown transformers.

ERCOT is calling on large electric customers to voluntarily cut consumption during peak periods and is working with out-of-state power operators to secure additional power generation capacity.

In addition, two "virtual power plants" are now able to provide power to the grid, according to the Public Utility Commission of Texas. According to the PUC, "The pilot project tests how consumer-owned, small energy devices, such as battery energy storage systems, backup generators, and controllable Electric Vehicle (EV) chargers, can be virtually aggregated and participate as a resource in the wholesale electricity market, strengthening grid reliability."

The two pilot projects underway involve Tesla customers who have electric storage systems in their homes and have agreed to sell their surplus power in the ERCOT market.

Wildfire danger remains high in Texas

The Texas A&M Forest Service continues to respond to requests for assistance on wildfires across the state as dry weather continues. Currently there are four active fires, the largest being the Shearwood Creek Fire in Jasper County. As of Sunday it had burned 3,000 acres and was 70% contained.

As of Sunday 208 counties had burn bans in place. Meanwhile, a helicopter delivering water to the 150-acre Barth Fire in Caldwell County almost collided with a drone being flown by someone not with the agency. It came within feet of the helicopter.

"Pilots have no way to detect a drone or know there is one present in the airspace until they see it," said Jared Karns with the forest service. "Suppression aircraft can respond to wildfires quickly, increasing the likelihood that a new ignition remains a small, manageable wildfire. Utilizing aircraft greatly enhances the state's firefighting efforts, but they have to be able to fly in a safe environment."

Under Federal Aviation Administration rules, all aircraft, including drones, are prohibited from flying over wildfire areas. More than 1,350 wildfires have occurred in the state in July and August to date.

TPWD trying to buy property containing state park

The commissioners overseeing Texas Parks and Wildlife Department voted unanimously last week to negotiate acquiring the roughly 500 acres that contains Lake Colorado City

The Best of Suzanne Bardwell



the experiences of her life as well as my own and others, I have learned the value of letting go, of forgiving, of moving beyond the trauma baggage.

Life is tough and we are surrounded by hurting people and sometimes self-absorbed people. But we owe it to our families, friends and co-workers not to "cling to our crosses" long after we should have laid them down.

We must allow ourselves to fully receive 'healing'. According to the author of "Down Off the Cross" Debra Jarvis, "We have to let our old story go so that a newer, truer story can be told about who we are".

So, starting today let's quit replaying the hurts of the past. We need to put them where they belong. In the past. And if the beams of your cross were nailed together with anger, betrayal or neglect... quit making a list of wrongs and live your life. Do not let pain define who you have become. Do not let pain take today away.

Life is far too short not to embrace joy.

And peace.

And grace.

And move on...

Gary Borders Capital Highlights



State Park in Mitchell County. The state has been leasing it from Vistra Corp. for more than 50 years.

Earlier this year, the energy company sold a piece of property that contained Fairfield State Park to a developer, forcing the park's closure.

"This makes all the sense in the world," outgoing commission chairman Arch "Beaver" Alpin III said about the purchase, according to The Dallas Morning News. "I believe we've had a meeting of the minds on being able to do it. This will allow us to secure one of our parks for the long term and be able to own it."

The park is located off Interstate 20 about halfway between Sweetwater and Big Spring and offers opportunities for water recreation and outdoor activities for nearly 30,000 visitors annually.

Judge rejects 'invasion' defense in buoy suit

A federal judge in Austin rejected the state's assertion that it has the right to install buoys in the Rio Grande because of a "migrant invasion," The News reported.

"We are here for purposes of determining whether this is a barrier to navigation, whether this is a navigable waterway," U.S. District Judge Ezra said.

The U.S. Justice Department has sued the state over the buoys, saying their placement ignored the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899, which established that the federal government controls navigable waterways. The state's defense claims the Rio Grande is not navigable in the section where the buoys were installed, near Eagle Pass.

Counties can't ban solar farms, AG rules

An attempt by Franklin County officials to ban solar farms has failed after provisional Attorney General Angela Colmenero ruled that counties don't have specific authority to do so, the Texas Standard reported.

Commissioners in that county voted last year to impose a 180-day moratorium on commercial solar development. They later rescinded it, but the Franklin County attorney asked for an attorney general's ruling.

As elsewhere, some Franklin County residents opposed the solar farms on grounds that trees would be cut down, grasslands destroyed, and wildlife blocked by fences.

WWI hipwreck found in Neches River

The Texas Historical Commission has confirmed a shipwreck found in the Neches River dates to World War I. The wooden-hulled vessel was one of nearly 40 built in Beaumont by the U.S. Shipping Board Emergency Fleet Corporation and abandoned when the war ended.

Many of the 40 vessels were unfinished and often converted to barges or sold for scrap. Designed as steamships, they were nearly 282 feet long.

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 ECONOMIST

By Dr. M. Ray Perryman

Big Mac Attack ...

The Economist magazine's Big Mac index was recently released, providing insights into the cost of the classic McDonald's burger in countries around the world. The index was started in 1986 to provide a quick look at how currencies are trending against one another.

The economic concept of purchasing power parity (PPP) indicates that exchange rates change over time to equalize the global price of an identical basket of goods and services. A single burger was chosen because it is highly standardized irrespective of location (and is ubiquitous and simple to grasp).

The most recent data indicates that the vast majority of world currencies are undervalued compared to the dollar based on the price of a Big Mac and prevailing exchange rates. Even when adjusted for the relative wealth of countries, the dollar remains stronger than most. Although clearly the Big Mac index is merely an illustration, the dollar has been trending at a fairly strong level for a while. The index also suggests that US inflation is now lower than that of most (but not all) major countries.

The Federal Reserve maintains a more comprehensive index of how the dollar is performing against the currencies of the 26 most important US trading partners by volume of bilateral trade. The base year is 2006, and the index generally stayed below that level for years except for a period of time during the Great Recession. Starting in 2011, however, the relative value of the dollar began to rise.

The pattern was uneven at times, with notable spikes during times of uncertainty such as the pandemic. A peak of about 128 was reached last fall, and the index is currently around 121.

In addition to the dollar's role as a safe haven, demand is boosted by high US interest rates and resulting demand from foreign investors for dollar-denominated options. In addition, a large share of global business is conducted in dollars and the US dollar is the world's dominant reserve currency. (While there have been headlines about this situation changing, I don't see that happening.)

A strong dollar is both good and bad. An overly weak currency would be a symptom of big problems such as persistent low economic growth and high inflation. It also makes imported goods more expensive. However, a strong dollar causes US exports to be more costly in world markets. In addition, for US firms doing business overseas, it reduces revenue as international sales are converted.

Looking ahead, the dollar should remain relatively stable for the time being. The economy is resilient, and the Fed is dealing with inflation. There is also no stronger or more stable financial system anywhere, and uncertain times call for safe havens. Stay safe!

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Busy September at library

Even though the weather doesn't indicate as much, the calendar says summer is almost over which has the staff of the Lillie Russell Memorial Library planning for a busy September.

In recognition of Deaf Awareness Month, the library will feature a display beginning on Sept. 6 and on Sept. 26 a volunteer will teach American Sign Language class at 4 p.m.

This class is targeted for ages 12 and older, and to register call 903-882-1900.

The library will still have an ASL interpreter at its scarecrow themed story time on Sept. 29.

Speaking of story time, this popular event continues Fridays with two sessions. The first is scheduled each Friday at 9 a.m. and the second at 10:30 a.m.

This month's themes will be Good Morning, on Sept. 1; Good Night (pajamas recommended) on Sept. 8; wear red for Apples on Sept. 15; Leaves on Sept. 22 and Scarecrows on Sept. 29.

Adults aren't left out at the library and at 10 a.m. each Tuesday, Adult Game Day takes place. On the first Tuesday of the month, the diabetes support group meets at 3:30 p.m.

Added to the schedule is Coffee and Crafts

for the grownups on the third Tuesday at 2 p.m. The project for Sept. 19 is beaded bracelets.

On Sept. 20, library staff will host the first ever holiday craft swap and all are encouraged to bring left over Halloween, Thanksgiving and Christmas supplies to trade with other crafters.

And on Sept. 30 a Costume Swap Day will take place with participants urged to bring costumes their kids have outgrown and pick out new ones from other swappers.

Families can celebrate National Play Doh Day at a come and go event from 10:30 a.m.-2 p.m. on Sept. 13. Family Game Day is scheduled from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. on Sept. 9.

The library's second annual Lattes with Literacy event with the East Texas Educators Association is scheduled from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. on Sept. 16.

Homeschoolers will enjoy at painting class for youngsters 6 to 10 years of age beginning at 1:30 p.m. Call the library to register.

And the Yarn Club continues each Thursday at 4 p.m.

There's always something fun and exciting to do at the Lillie Russell Memorial Library.

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Many towns visited, many teams covered on Fridays

After some rough calculations, it appears that these tired old eyes have witnessed nearly 400 high school football games first hand.

That's a lot of miles on Texas' backroads, lots of press box food and lots of memories – most of which are pleasant.

This past Friday, Lindale opened the 2023 season against the Kaufman Lions at Eagle Stadium, and yes, it was hot and I was extremely grateful to the taxpayers of the Lindale ISD for helping me stay cool in a fancy, comfortable press box when I wasn't on the field.

Of all the hometown schools I've covered in the past 40-some-odd years, Lindale is by far the best, most accommodating bunch of folks I've had the pleasure of working with, and that's not just me trying to ingratiate myself into their good graces.

On the other end of the spectrum, there have been some that, shall we say, were a bit uncooperative if not downright hostile.

But I choose to step back and look at the big picture and what I see today four decades later is a Texas institution that hasn't changed measurably with the passage of time.

Each town is fervently proud of their teams, their bands, their cheer squads and drill teams. Which always makes for a lively evening, regardless of the location.

So now seems like a good time to revisit some of the, shall we say, odder moments of my Friday Night Forays in the Fall. (Yep, we're making a list. Again).

And we're off:



HOTTEST GAME: Well, it had to be last Friday, right? My weather app on my phone read 102 degrees at kickoff but it felt more like 120 degrees. My shoes nearly melted and I kissed the floor of the press box when I returned upstairs. (Not really, but the visual is kinda funny).

COLDEST GAME: In 2020, Lindale traveled to Nacogdoches for a playoff game with Kilgore. Again, I wasn't apprised of the actual temperature, but the wind went straight to my bones and my feet were almost numb. To this day, I regret not getting the name of that angel of a Lindale cheerleader than gave me her pocket warmer so I could at least use my fingers. She should have been recognized for pure unselfishness.

BEST IN-GAME ENTERTAINMENT (Not involving the band or cheerleaders): In 1977, I was in Honey Grove to cover the Warriors against the Cooper Bulldogs, when another type of dog stole the show in the first half.

An Irish Setter made its way to the endzone, circled a few

times and, ahem, left his two-point conversion. Needless to say, play had to be stopped so (1) the officials could stop laughing and (2) the clean up crew had to deal with a mess they hadn't planned on.

THE OL' SWITCHEROO FROM A SCHOOL OFFICIAL: Once upon a time, The Terrell High School press box announcer was also the assistant superintendent and a good friend, Bruce Wood. He has had a distinguished career in education and as a county judge, but one Friday, he tossed me unceremoniously under the bus. I gave him stats during the game he could announce to the crowd and on one Terrell scoring drive I said, "that was an eight-play, 68 yard scoring drive." He said: "That was a 68-play, eight yard scoring drive." Naturally, lots of laughter ensued. He didn't miss a beat and said, "Tonight's stats are provided by Terrell Tribune sports editor Terry Cannon."

MOST RICKETY PRESS BOX: A date which will certainly never go down in journalism history, my first out of town assignment had me in Cumby as the Class B (back then UIL classifications went from B to 4A) Trojans took on the Lone Oak Buffalos in 1977. The first thing that should have made me hop back in my car and head home was the unsteady ladder leading up to a press box that shuddered when you stepped on said ladder. Crammed inside were a clock guy, an announcer and yours truly, fighting for elbow room. After the game, I noticed our ladder had disappeared. My clock-guy companion said "Huh, those kids are at it again. Just give 'em a few minutes and they'll bring it back."

First big game hunt was a moving experience

Hunting is different now than it was when I was a kid. We didn't have all these hunting shows on the TV and such. All we had was the American Sportsman with Curt Gowdy, which mainly consisted of watchin' Bing Crosby and Phil Harris sittin' in a duck blind or huntin' quail and, tellin' jokes, and stuff like that.

Now-a-days, with a few punches of the remote you can be huntin' Kudu in Africa, Red Stag in New Zealand, or Musk Ox up at the Arctic Circle. It's probably a good thing we didn't have any of those outdoor channels back then. If we had, I probably would weigh about 300 pounds and be the color of an egg and still livin' at the ol' homestead camped out on the couch.

My only exposure to Africa was from Tarzan movies, which I watched religiously and heck, that's where I learned to talk to animals.

Here, let me teach you something.

If you say the word ungawa to any African animal, they'll do whatever it is you want them to. If you want an elephant to sit down, say ungawa. If you want your pet monkey to go into the jungle and to bring you back a peach the size of a watermelon, say ungawa.

I got kicked out of the zoo back when I was a kid for yellin' ungawa at the monkeys. By the way the monkeys at the zoo must think ungawa means throw your doo doo at the kid yellin' ungawa.

Where was I? Oh yeah, hunting.

My first exposure to hunting was when I was six years old when I got my first BB gun. That's right, my dad gave a six year old a BB gun. Deal with it.

That BB gun was the best gun I ever owned. I killed bears, lions, tigers, and elephants with that gun, and I did it without any BB's.

That's right. My dad gave me the gun but did not give me any BB's. Being of sound mind and body, he knew that if I had BB's, he would probably live to regret it, plus I think my mom had a say so in it, too.

Well, after killing all the bears, lions, tigers, and elephants in my back yard, I decided I needed some ammunition, so I could shoot the more dangerous animals such as sparrows and Blue Jays.

Well, since my dad wouldn't get me any BB's, I did the next best thing. I remembered my momma had a little bitty jar of silver BB's that she decorated cakes and such with.

Well, I borrowed some of



those BB's and proceeded to load my BB gun with them. The first one shot out of my gun fine. After that, nothing came out. But that didn't stop me from trying.

I shot and shot and shot, but nothing came out. In fact, my gun quit workin'. When it quit workin', I took it to my dad, and told him that my gun was broke. He took it into his shop and proceeded to take it apart. Well, when he pulled the magazine tube off of the gun, a fine stream of powder poured onto his work bench.

It was white powder mixed with little silver flakes. He looked at me, and I broke down and confessed what I had done. Although confessions did not keep you from getting a whippin', afterward you were told that they were proud of you for tellin' the truth, which was supposed to ease the pain of the whippin' a little.

It didn't. But I didn't get a whippin'.

No, Daddy emptied all the powder, oiled the gun up, and got it workin' again. Then we went down to the Cope's Country Store and bought a 3 cent pack of BB's. After that, there wasn't a sparrow or Blue Jay safe.

My first exposure to big game hunting was just a few weeks after I got my BB gun. We lived on an old oil topped road and behind our house was a about a thousand acres of woods.

I don't know who those woods belonged to, but I figured they were mine, so I treated them as such. This place was a boys dream; woods, a creek, and big mountain (small hill) and lots of stuff to shoot at.

Well, I was walkin' through the woods one day, when I saw somethin' comin' down the trail toward me. I stopped and hid behind a tree and watched it. It was pretty far away and just looked like a big lump of fur.

I got my BB gun ready just in case. In just a little while it got near enough to see what it was. It was a racoon. Well, I watched it lumber down the trail toward me. Now I had already figured that my BB gun did not have a lot of range to it.

In other words, it wouldn't shoot a long ways off, so I figured I'd wait until it got really close and I'd let him have it. I was already thinkin' of what a hero I would be when I walked

into the house with a big ol' racoon. Not only that, but I could also make myself a coonskin cap like Davy Crockett's.

Well, it took that racoon forever to get within range of my BB gun, but when he did, I was ready.

I sighted down the barrel and got my front sight between the notch of the rear sight, just like my daddy had shown me, and I slowly squeezed the trigger.

Let me stop here for a minute. Did I tell you what kind of BB gun I had? Well, it was a Daisy BB gun, but it wasn't a Red Ryder.

Now I'm not knockin' Red Ryder, but the Red Ryder wasn't the best BB gun Daisy produced. The one my daddy got me was the Daisy Ricochet Rifle. It cost \$9.95. It was "the good one." This gun made you a better hunter, because you only got one shot at your game.

Oh, it was a repeater alright, but every time you shot it, it had a little ricochet noise that it made. If you've ever watched an old cowboy show on TV, then you know what the ricochet sound is.

It's the sound of a bullet when it glances off of a rock or something. Well, every time I pulled the trigger on my BB gun, it would make that ricochet sound, "Whinnnnng," which would scare off anything in the woods. So, if you didn't hit whatever you were aimin' at the first time, you could forget about gettin' a second shot.

It didn't matter how fast you could cock your gun the game you were shootin' at would be gone. Cockin' a BB gun is not as easy as the cowboys did it with their Winchesters.

If you were a little kid, you had to put the stock of the gun on the ground, put your foot up next to the stock so it wouldn't move, hold on to the barrel with your left hand, and then cock the gun by pullin' up on the cockin' lever with your right hand, all the while keepin' your face clear of the muzzle.

Anywho, I had my bead on this big ol' racoon. When he got about 10 feet from me, I squeezed the trigger.

"POW! WHINNNG!" went my gun.

The BB shot out at lightnin' speed, but since I must have had super vision, I saw the BB leave the barrel

and travel straight and true toward its intended target. I saw it hit the racoon right between the eyes. I also saw it bounce off his head and bounce back and hit the tree I was standing behind. The racoon didn't run.

He just shook his head. I cocked the gun and aimed again. He had stopped in the trail and was lookin' right at me.

"POW! WHINNNG!" said my BB gun.

This time the BB did not bounce back. It sort of stuck between the racoon's eyes, and then dislodged itself, and rolled down to the end of his nose and dropped to the ground.

The racoon didn't even blink. Instead, he rared up (that's reared up for you Yankees out there) and growled. Have you ever heard a racoon growl? Now I don't mean a little growl like they're irritated. I mean a full blown "I'm fixin' to eat you after I scratch your guts out" growl.

Well, I might have been only six years old, but I was old enough to know that the situation I was in was not good. I turned around and I started runnin'. Well, the racoon decided he wanted to see just how fast I could run, so he took off after me.

You know, runnin' through the woods is really not that big of a deal, but runnin' through the woods while lookin' over your shoulder, is a bit more difficult. I bounced off trees like a pinball machine ball, but I never slowed down. I couldn't because that ol' varmint was hot on my heels. Finally I came to an opening with no trees to bounce off of, so I gained a little ground on that racoon. Eventually, I broke out of the woods, and high-tailed it home. I opened the back door and fell into the kitchen. I rolled over onto my back and I was lookin' up at my mother.

"Where have you been?" she asked.

"Woods," I replied. I would have said more, but that was the only word I could get out with the breath I had left.

"Did you see anything?"

"Racoon," I replied again, gaspin' it out.

"Oh," Mom said. "Those can be mean."

"Shot 'im," I said.

"My!" said Mom.

"Ran after me," I wheezed.

"Rusty," she said. "Don't start telling tales now, do you hear?"

"But..."

"No buts," she said. "Now go get ready for supper."

"Supper?" I thought. What I really needed was a clean pair of underwear.



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ONE YEAR AGO, Aug. 31, 2022

The Lindale Junior High 8th grade Lady Eagles volleyball team defeated Chapel Hill with both the A and B teams taking straight-set wins.

The 8th grade B team knocked off Chapel Hill 25-15 and 25-12.

Leading server was Cambry Andreason while Avlyn Burks was the leading passer. Caydence Thompson was the leading setter and Natalie Robinson was the leading hitter.

The Leadership Award was won by Jade Salisbury and the Hustle Award was won by Cambry Andreason and Caydence Thompson.

For the 8th grade A team, the Lady Eagles scored a 25-5 and 25-14 win.

Ava Grogan was the leading server while leading passers were Ella Hutchens and Kennedy Terry.

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

Grace Koustoubardis won the Hustle Award and Ella Hutchens won the Leadership Award.

FIVE YEARS AGO, Aug. 30, 2018

Joe and Charlotte Fauss and Calvary Commission of Lindale were honored with the Judith Coleman Chaplain Offender Program Award by the American Correctional Association. The award was presented during the annual Congress of the American Correctional Association in Minneapolis. The award was presented to the Fauss' for serving with the Texas Department of Criminal Justice by the American Correctional Chaplain's Association.

10 YEARS AGO, Aug. 29, 2013

The George W. Bush Institute recognized Lindale Junior High School during the regular meeting of the Lindale ISD Board of Trustees at the administration building.

Dr. Gina Rodriguez, program manager for the Middle School Matters program, addressed the LISD board and told trustees LJHS has been recognized as one of three middle schools in the United States to receive intensive on-site support throughout the year from some of the nation's leading experts in reading, math and writing instruction as well as other areas as part of the Middle School Matters program.

LJHS was one of the three middle schools among the eight U.S. schools invited to receive extensive training in the MSM event held earlier this summer at the University of Texas at Austin.

"We knew from the beginning Lindale was special," said Dr. Rodriguez during Monday's meeting. "This was apparent from the get-go."

LISD Superintendent Stan Surratt spoke for the board and relayed the district's excitement at being one of three schools chosen.

"We are super excited about this opportunity," he said. "And we know that you will help make Lindale Junior High the best it can be."

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OBITUARY

Sandra Kay Longmire Fraser



Sandra Kay Longmire Fraser, 79, of Greenville, passed away on Aug. 19, 2023, in Greenville.

Sandi was born Sept. 1, 1943, in Fort Myers, Fla. to Robbie Fay Montgomery and James H. Findley at the U.S. Army Base hospital. Her father's bomber was shot down in WWII shortly after her birth.

Edward William (Bill) Longmire, best friend of James promised to care for Robbie and Sandi should he not return from the war. True to his word, Bill fell in love with them both, married Robbie and adopted Sandi as his own when she was five years old.

Sandi grew up moving quite a bit during her childhood due to her father's job as an oil and gas geologist. They finally landed back in Dallas where she graduated from Thomas Jefferson High School in 1961.

Sandi then graduated from East Texas State University with a degree in Art and was a proud Kappa Delta sorority member. She then went on to marry John Kenzie Smith, teach kindergarten and raise her two children, Kendra and Kyle. Her daughter was nicknamed KD out of her devotion to the sorority. Her son, Kyle, was named after Kyle Rote, Sr., who was an All-America running back for the SMU Mustangs.

Sandi loved painting, drawing, designing cross-stitch patterns and all things quilts and crafts. She took those skills to share with the residents of the nursing homes the family owned. After their divorce, Sandi went on to achieve her Master's Degree in Psychology and began working as a Juvenile Probation officer in Greenville. It was during this time that she met Loyd R. Fraser of Quinlan who was a captain with American Airlines.

They married in September of 1983 and built a beautiful ranch raising Emu's and other livestock near Lindale. Together, they enjoyed flying in their plane and traveling with friends and family. While their journey ended in divorce many years later, the two remained close and were in contact daily until Loyd's passing in 2020.

Sandi moved to McKinney and Frisco before making her way back to Greenville as her care needs progressed to Colonial

Lodge. She loved visiting with new and old friends and had a strict routine of a glass of chardonnay and Dr. Phil precisely at 3 p.m. every day and watching movies with Olan or enjoying Geraldine's cooking, as well as having meals with her friends at their table.

She loved going out to eat and Campisi's in Dallas was her favorite. She enjoyed her beloved wine, lasagna, and crab claws in her last days with us.

Sandi will be remembered for her incredible art talents, wittiness, and sharp intellect.

She was a staunch Republican and enjoyed a good sparring from time to time. She is survived by her daughter, Kendra Dawn Lawson, husband Shawn, son Kyle Reagan Smith and wife, Tamar, grandchildren Andrew Lawson, Sydnee Smith, husband Justin and great-granddaughter, Charlie. Step grandchildren Benn May and Stoney Mitchell, wife Kendall, and children Raylee and Callie. Sandi also loved step-son, Greg Fraser and his wife, Karen and daughters, Samantha and Maddie as her own.

Sandi also leaves behind her best friend, Kay Osburn German whom she spent many years traveling with to Broken Bow and keeping Girls Gone Wine in business.

She is preceded in death by her birth father, James Findley, mother Robbie

Fay Longmire and adoptive father, Bill Longmire.

Sandi will be greatly missed by all and the family wishes to thank Shane Kubacak, whom she also considered one her children and all the incredible staff of Colonial Lodge for their joy of service, love and care for her these last 5 years.

A special note of thanks to Lonna Rodriguez, her trusty sidekick and partner in crime, whom she loved like family. Also, to Bennie Whytus and Minnie Davis who were steadfast by her side at all times.

We are eternally grateful for the companionship and joy you brought her every day. We also wish to express our deep gratitude to the nurses and chaplain of Gentiva Hospice and Briarcliff Nursing and Rehab for their wonderful care.

The family will hold an 80th birthday celebration of life in her honor as we had previously planned on Sept 1 to mark this important milestone. In keeping with her wishes, the party will be held at 3 p.m. at Lodge of Colonial, complete with her wine, Dr. Phil on the TV and her favorite CB's hamburgers as well as birthday cake.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to her favorite charity, St. Jude Hospital for Children or drop off art supplies to Colonial Lodge for residents to enjoy.

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SATURDAY, AUG. 19: Business Alarm, 700 block South Main Street, False Alarm; Motorist Assist, 13100 block IH-20 West, Settled at Scene; Suspicious Circumstance, 200 block Cannery Row, Settled at Scene; Suspicious Vehicle, 17800 block CR 4112, Settled at Scene; Traffic Hazard, 700 block North Main Street, Citation Issued; Assist Smith County S.O., 20100 block CR 4114, Settled at Scene; Assist Other Agency, 100 block Miranda Lambert Way, Settled at Scene; Business Alarm, 200 block West South Street, Settled at Scene; Public Service, 3200 block South Main Street, Settled at Scene; Traffic Hazard, 3500 block South Main Street, Settled at Scene; Assist Smith County S.O., 13600 block Country Glen, Settled at Scene; Traffic Complaint, 553 IH-20 East, Settled at Scene.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 20: Traffic Complaint, 556 IH-20 West, Settled at Scene; Suspicious Circumstance, 13300 block IH-20 East Settled at Scene; Assist Other Agency, 552 IH-20 East, Settled at Scene; Assist Other Agency, 14700



block IH-20 East, Settled at Scene; Public Intoxication, 13400 block IH-20 East, Arrest; Business Alarm (2) 800 Block Industrial Pkwy, False Alarm and Settled at Scene; Public Service, 500 block Sunset Drive, Settled at Scene; Theft, 100 block East Centennial Blvd, Report; Residential Alarm, 1400 block Allison Lane, False Alarm; Business Alarm, 800 block Industrial Pkwy, Settled at Scene; Possession of Controlled Substance, 2600 block South Main Street, Arrest; Verbal Disturbance, 15700 block Brittain Court, Settled at Scene; Theft 100 block East Centennial Blvd, Report.

MONDAY, AUG. 21: Assist Smith County S.O., 18500 block FM 16 West, Settled at Scene; Suspicious Vehicle, 900 block Mt. Sylvan Street, Settled at Scene; Assist Smith County S.O. 200 block East Elm Street, Report; Traffic Complaint, North College Street at West North Street, Settled at Scene; 911 Hang Up Call, 200 block Charles Drive, Settled at Scene; Theft, 17700 block CR 4112, Report; Welfare Concern, 3500 block South Main Street, Settled at Scene; Traffic Complaint, 1600 block South Main Street, Settled at Scene;

Criminal Trespass, 100 block East Centennial Blvd., Arrest.

TUESDAY, AUG. 22: Business Alarm, 400 block West Hubbard Street, False Alarm; Traffic Control, 100 block Mt. Sylvan Street, Settled at Scene; Public Service, 200 block West Centennial Blvd., Settled at Scene; Motorist Assist, 556 IH-20 West, Settled at Scene; Public Service, 3200 block South Main Street, Settled at Scene; Theft, 300 block South Main Street, Settled at Scene; Business Alarm, 1200 block South Main Street, Settled at Scene; Mental Health Welfare Check, 100 block Ballard Drive, Settled at Scene; Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, 552 IH-20 West, Citation Issued.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 23: Traffic Complaint 552 IH-20 West, Settled at Scene; Public Service, 200 block Summer Tree Circle, Settled at Scene; Assist Other Agency, 552 IH-20 East, Settled at Scene; Traffic Hazard, 3500 block South Main Street, Settled at Scene; Motorist Assist, 700 block East Hubbard Street, Settled at Scene; Motor Vehicle Crash, 554 IH-20 West, Report; Traffic Hazard, 554 IH-20 West, Settled at Scene; Welfare Concern, 900 block Mt. Sylvan Street, Settled at Scene; Welfare Concern, 700 block Donnaberry Court, Settled at Scene; Traffic Complaint, 17000 block IH-20 West, Settled at Scene; Public Service, Margaret Street at North College Street, Settled at Scene; City Ordinance Violation, 900 block Mt. Sylvan Street, Settled at Scene; Criminal Mischief, 100 block East Van Street, Report.

THURSDAY, AUG. 24: Assist Other Agency, 13300 block IH-20 East, Settled at Scene; Abandoned Vehicle, 13200 block CR 472,0 Settled at Scene; Motor Vehicle Crash, 500 block South Main Street, Report; Found Property, 100 block Ballard Drive, Settled at Scene; Fraud, 2500 South Main Street, Settled at Scene; Motor Vehicle Crash, 3400 block South Main Street, Report.

Fire officials urge caution as county enters fourth week of burn ban

As Smith County has progressed to the fourth week of the burn ban, officials with the Smith County Fire Marshal's Office remind citizens that all outdoor burning activity in the county is still prohibited.

This includes the burning of trash, debris, and yard waste. Over the past three weeks, our county has experienced over 100 grass and brush fires, with almost 50 calls for illegal burning.

The Smith County Commissioners Court voted Aug. 1 to issue a burn ban for the county which is in effect for 90 days unless conditions improve and the Commissioners

Court approves terminating the order early.

Forecasts for the area indicate a continuation of triple digits temperatures, winds at 10 mph, and relative humidity as low as 20 to 25 percent.

Currently, the Keetch-Byram Drought Index for Smith County increased two points this past week, reaching 764 by Friday.

The KBDI is a metric used to measure the effects of seasonal drought on fire potential. The actual numeric value ranges from 0 (no moisture depletion) to 800 (absolutely dry conditions).

According to the U.S. Drought Monitor,

moderate drought conditions are impacting almost 100 percent of Smith County, with approximately 2.5 percent of the county now experiencing severe drought conditions.

The overall estimated population now impacted by drought conditions is almost 210,000 citizens.

Citations are now being issued as violations are discovered. A violation of the burn ban is a Class C Misdemeanor, punishable by a fine up to \$500. To date, 33 citations have been issued by the Smith County Fire Marshal's Office and the Smith County Sheriff's Office for violations of the burn ban and

illegal burning.

Outdoor grilling is still allowed, but citizens should ensure that the grill or smoker contains all flames and includes a lid. Outdoor welding operations are also excluded if they are conducted following guidelines established by the Smith County Fire Marshal's Office.

Welders must notify and register with the Fire Marshal's Office in advance. For more information related to the burn ban, contact the Smith County Fire Marshal's Office at 903-590-2655.

Military contractors sentenced for bid rigging

Two military contractors were sentenced this past week in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Texas, Texarkana Division, for their roles in a bid-rigging scheme involving the maintenance and repair of military tactical vehicles in Texas, said publicity spokesperson Davilyn Walston.

The multi-year scheme secured more than \$17 million in taxpayer dollars.

Aaron Stephens, of Queen City, was sentenced to 18 months in prison and ordered to pay a criminal fine of \$50,000. According to a plea agreement filed on Jan. 12, Stephens and his co-conspirators rigged bids on certain government contracts from May 2013 to January 2018 to give the false impression of competition and secure government payments.

The conspirators submitted coordinated, higher-priced and non-competitive bids to ensure a designated company won each contract. Stephens and his co-conspirators rigged six different contracts for work performed for the Red River Army Depot in Texarkana, Texas.

The projects included heavy military equipment work like refurbishing armor kits for military trucks and turrets for Humvees.

John "Mark" Leveritt, of Heath, was sentenced to six months in prison and ordered to pay a criminal fine of \$300,000. According

to a plea agreement filed on July 13, 2022, Leveritt engaged in the same conspiracy from May 2013 to April 2018 involving seven bids.

"Today's sentences demonstrate our commitment to safeguarding the integrity of the military contracting process," said Assistant Attorney General Jonathan Kanter of the Justice Department's Antitrust Division. "We will hold accountable those who enrich themselves at the expense of our armed forces and ultimately the public."

"Servicing heavy military vehicles and equipment are critical to the functioning of the U.S. military and its mission, so anti-competitive practices such as those used by the defendants in this case harm the military, taxpayers, and legitimate businesses alike," said U.S. Attorney Damien M. Diggs for the Eastern District of Texas. "The Eastern District of Texas will vigorously prosecute those who compromise the integrity of the procurement process for greed and personal gain."

"This sentencing should stand as a deterrent to those who would engage in fraud and corruption for personal gain and is a testament to the thorough and professional effort of our investigative partnerships with the United States Attorney's Office and the FBI," said Acting Special Agent-in-Charge Michael Curran of the U.S. Army Criminal

Investigation Division's Major Procurement Fraud Field Office. "We will diligently continue our efforts to pursue those engaged in criminal activity that impacts the integrity of the U.S. Government and the U.S. Army."

The U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Texas, the U.S. Army Criminal

Investigation Division's Dallas Fraud Resident Agency, and the FBI Dallas Field Office investigated the case.

Trial Attorneys Jillian Rogowski, Daniel Loveland, and Aidan McCarthy of the Antitrust Division's Washington Criminal II Office prosecuted the case.



Lindale Rotary speaker
Liz Hutson, community engagement coordinator for the UT Tyler Cowan Center, was the guest speaker for the Lindale Rotary Club this past week. She told of upcoming events at the Cowan Center, including plays and performances. (Courtesy photo)

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Lady Eagles down Troup for 16th win of the season

The Lindale High School varsity Lady Eagles took down Troup's Lady Tigers' volleyball team in four sets in the LHS Gym this past Friday night.

The Lady Eagles are now ranked No. 15 in the latest Texas Girls Coaches Association volleyball poll.

The scores were 25-17, 20-25, 26-24, and 25-21. Addison Ridge led the attack with 13 kills. Kayli Vickery put down 9 kills, and Reagan Cates had 8 on the night. Callie Schmidt and Addison Ridge each contributed 11 digs. Reagan Cates added four blocks defensively.

With the victory, Lindale improved to 16-4 on the season.

The junior varsity defeated Troup in two sets 25-13

and 25-11. Brooke Gissell led with 5 kills, 2 blocks, and Kenlie Collins added 5 kills, 1 block, 1 ace. Lauren Stanton contributed 3 kills, 2 aces, and Maddy Fowble tallied 3 kills. Setter, Clara Helvey assisted 9 times, and Emory Schmidt had 7 assists, 1 ace.

The freshman A team also beat Troup with Grace Koustoubardis serving 17 straight service points in a set. Jordyn Weesner had 8 kills, and Emma Watkins put down 7 kills. The freshman team played a strong defensive game collectively.

The freshman B played Tyler Heat and won in two sets. Laney England and Cadence Thompson were standouts for the freshman squad.

Junior High girls top Chapel Hill in volleyball

The Lindale Junior High School 8th grade volleyball teams took two matches from Chapel Hill this past Thursday with the B team claiming a 25-8, 25-8 win while the A team knocked off the Lady Bulldogs, 25-15 and 25-12.

No 7th grade games were scheduled.

For the B team the leading server was Preslie Roberts while Saniyah Clayton was the leading setter. Brooklyn Wiggins was the

leading hitter and KayLea Williams earned the Leadership Award and Brooklyn Wiggins earned the Hustle Award.

For the A team, Kenlee Keith was the leading server and Saige Myers was the leading passer. Kenlee Keith and Jesse Chandler were the leading setters with the leading hitter was Evie Provo.

Kenlee Keith won the Hustle Award and Baylee Brooks won the Leadership Award.

Three winners emerge after 9-4A's first week

The first week of football action for District 9-4A teams featured some expected results and some surprises as well.

Winners included Lindale, Chapel Hill and Henderson while Kilgore, Jacksonville, Athens and Palestine all suffered losses.

HENDERSON 28, LIBERTY EYLAU 14

The Lions overcame a 7-0 deficit in the first period with two scores in the second quarter enroute to a 28-14 opening night victory.

With just under five minutes left in the first period, the Leopards connected on a six-yard scoring pass to grab the early lead. This is how things stood until Henderson tied the game on a 13-yard scoring run at the four-minute mark of the second quarter.

Then with time running out in the period, the Lions struck again, this time on a 13-yard scoring pass to Colby Taylor. The Leopards tied the game in the early moments of the fourth, but the Lions responded with two unanswered touchdowns to put the game away.

Henderson has its home opener against Hallsville on Friday.

CHAPEL HILL 71, GILMER 53

Junior quarterback Demetrius Brisbon Jr. accumulated 405 yards of total offense, including four touchdowns, to lead the Chapel Hill Bulldogs to a 71-53 win over Gilmer in Gilmer.

Running back Rickey Stewart added 298 yards rushing and a touchdown for the Bulldogs who grabbed a 20-13 lead after the first

period. The Buckeyes cashed in on a fumble recovery with just over seven minutes left the half to tie the game at 27 and trailed 34-33 at the half after a missed extra point enabled the Bulldogs to maintain the lead.

After Chapel Hill pushed its lead to 41-33, the Buckeyes fought back to trim the deficit to 41-39. But from that point on, the Bulldogs' offense proved too much for Gilmer to handle.

Chapel Hill takes on Van next Friday in Chapel Hill.

CARTHAGE 30, KILGORE 27

Carthage, the pre-season No. 1 team in Class 4A Div. II in Texas, had its hands full in a 30-27 victory in Kilgore's home opener on Friday.

The visitors built a 14-7 lead at the half, but Kilgore stormed back to go into halftime down, 23-20.

Kilgore then jumped out to a 27-23 lead in the third period, but Carthage added the clinching touchdown with 11 minutes left in the game.

The Bulldogs host Carthage on Friday.

SULPHUR SPRINGS 29, JACKSONVILLE 16

The Fightin' Indians of Jacksonville built a 16-14 lead by the end of the third period, but the Sulphur Springs Wildcats tacked on two touchdowns to take a 29-16 victory back to Hopkins County.

Junior quarterback Brady McCown completed 15 of 31 passes for 209 yards and a touchdown for Jacksonville, while junior Reese Hicks helped the offensive cause with



Lindale linebacker Miles Miller tracks down Kaufman quarterback Ty Bureson Friday night in the Eagles' 56-46 victory over the Lions. (Photo by Terry Cannon)

85 yards rushing on 14 carries. Senior wide receiver Jermaine Taylor hauled in seven passes for 174 yards and two touchdowns.

Next up for the Fightin' Indians will be a road date with Whitehouse on Friday.

NACOGDOCHES 40, PALESTINE 36

A goal line stand with under 90 seconds left enabled the Nacogdoches Golden Dragons to take a 40-36 victory over Palestine in Palestine.

Nacogdoches wasted no time in grabbing the lead as quarterback Mikail Lockett found Jaylen Brown for a 70-yard score. But Pal-

estine answered with its own 70-yard strike with running back Ti Crawford going the distance.

The Wildcats then padded their lead to 15-6 as Jon Denman scored on a 10-yard run and with just over 11 minutes before the half the Wildcats built a 21-12 advantage.

With time running out in the fourth and the Wildcats up 36-33, a quarterback sneak was snuffed on a fourth down. Nacogdoches took over on downs and two plays later with just 20 seconds left, the Dragons scored the game winner.

Palestine travels to Jasper on Friday.



(above) The Lindale Eagles break through the spirit banner entering Eagle Stadium this past Friday on opening night. (Photo by Terry Cannon)

(right) Staying hydrated and cool were important things to remember for Lindale players during the opening game of the season at Eagle Stadium where the temperature was 102 degrees at kickoff. (Photo by Terry Cannon)



Calvary Commission schedules annual Breakthrough Prayer and Conference

Calvary Commission, an international mission organization and theological seminary, will hold its annual Breakthrough Prayer and Mission Conference from Aug. 31 to Sept. 4 at the Lindale Campus, publicity officials said.

Guided by the theme "Oh Lord, You Have Done Great Things," the conference will hold sessions to include times of worship, missionary reports, communal prayer, powerful spiritual messages, and training for ministry and missions.

"We warmly welcome the public to be part of this important event," President and International Director Joe Fauss said. "All conference sessions are accessible to attendees, and there are no fees for registration or attendance."

Distinguished speakers from all over the world will share ministry updates and messages during the conference. Notably, Bishop Dr. Joab Lohara, Founder of Calvary Commission India and AIM Asia, will lead the opening Thursday 10 a.m. service, the Friday afternoon sessions, and will lead a breakout session titled "How to Witness in a Post-Christian Multi-Religious World."

Dr. Colin Hurt, a missionary to Cambodia and Malaysia, will share a message during the Thursday evening service and a Friday afternoon breakout session titled: "The Call and Longevity

of Serving."

"The conference serves as a platform for missionaries, alumni, and friends who have contributed to the journey of Calvary Commission over the past 46 years," Fauss said. "Each individual who has been part of our history has played a role in shaping Calvary Commission into what it is today."

Thursday through Saturday, following the daily morning service, attendees will enjoy a complimentary lunch. In the afternoons, from 2 to 4 p.m. attendees can choose from a selection of missions and ministry training classes, with four sessions offered in English and two offered in Spanish, followed by dinner.

The daily celebration will continue at 7 p.m. with the evening services. A family-friendly addition, the "Kids Conference," led by Jody Fauss and Patsy Milam, will engage children with a "Kids Conference at The Kamp" theme.

The conference will continue Sunday morning at Church of Living Hope in Tyler, featuring Dr. Colin Hurt as the keynote speaker.

In the evening, the Lindale campus will host the graduation ceremony for the Calvary Bible Institute, with Dr. Joe Fauss delivering the commencement address.

The public is invited to participate

in this significant event. For further information, interested parties can contact (903) 882-5501 or visit the official website at www.calvarycommission.org.

The conference is open to all, and there are no registration fees. The event will take place at 15983 County Road 4140, Lindale, Texas.

Concluding the conference festivities, a "Labor Day Bar-B-Q Blast" is scheduled for Monday, Sept. 4, starting at 2 p.m.

This day of family enjoyment will include games, musical and drama presentations, bounce houses, a petting zoo, pony rides, archery and at 4 p.m. Bar-B-Q. The Labor Day Blast is priced at \$10 per person or \$20 per family.

Calvary Commission, Inc. was founded by Dr. Joe and Charlotte Fauss in 1977 and serves as a corporate umbrella for prison ministry, world missions, and the Calvary Commission Bible Institute.

Today, Calvary Commission shares the message of the Gospel of Jesus Christ through foreign missions, prison ministry and discipleship training.

For media inquiries and additional details about the Calvary Commission Breakthrough Prayer and Mission Conference, please contact: joefauss@calvarycommission.org or International Office 903-882-5501.



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Lindale's Rand elected to FFA state office

Jacqueline Rand, a graduate of Lindale High School and Lindale FFA member, was elected to Texas FFA State Office at the Texas FFA State Convention held in Dallas, Texas. Rand will serve her term as State Vice-President during the 2023-24 school year, publicity officials announced.



A team of 12 Texas FFA State Officers represent each of the 12 area associations within Texas FFA, which is the nation's largest state FFA association with a membership of more than 170,000 members across the state. Rand was elected to represent Area VI FFA Association.

All state officers have responsibilities to the state association and leadership duties in their respective areas and serve in office while beginning their college

education. State FFA officers are elected at the end of their senior year in high school.

The State Officers work in partnership with the Texas FFA Board of Directors to develop policy for the Texas FFA Association. Officers travel Texas providing student leadership for Texas FFA members through presentations, workshops, chapter visits, business and industry meetings, camps, and contests.

FFA gives students the opportunity to apply practical agricultural classroom knowledge to real-world experiences through local, state, and national competitions including public speaking, judging contests, and livestock exhibition.

State officers also represent Texas FFA to conduct business with the National FFA

Organization.

In addition to being elected to state office, Rand completed an extensive application and personal interview process to be awarded a \$20,000 Texas FFA Scholarship sponsored by Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo.

Applicants are scored on FFA participation, academic achievement, extracurricular activities, personal goals and experiences, and are strategically interviewed in person by a committee composed of agricultural education leaders and business representatives.

Rand is a 2023 graduate of Lindale High School and is currently a Freshman at Baylor University. She graduated in the top 10 percent of her class with academic honors, and received more than \$78,000 in scholarships, including awards from Baylor University, Texas FFA, San Antonio Livestock Show and Rodeo, Texas Farm Bureau, State Fair of Texas, Texas 4-H, and numerous state and local organizations and businesses.

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Application has been made for BourbonWest, LLC d/b/a BourbonWest for a Mixed Beverage Permit and a Food and Beverage Certificate, to be located at 18714 Hwy 69 North, Lindale, Smith County, Texas 79911. Rudolph Trujillo is the Manager.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Erle Milton Redfeam, Deceased, were issued to Vickie Lynn Caldwell, as Independent Executor on August 21, 2023, in Cause No. 47666P, County Court at Law No. 3, Smith County, Texas. All persons having claims against this Estate should present them to the Independent Executor, c/o Adams & Coker, P.C., 4540 Kinsey Dr., Tyler, Texas 75703, within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

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 §
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Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of CHRIS LEE ANGUISH, Deceased, were issued on August 21, 2023, in Cause No. 47654P, now pending in the County Court at Law No. 3 of Smith County, Texas. Letters Testamentary were issued to: John Michael Anguish.

The residence of the Independent Executor is in Montgomery County, Texas. Claims may be presented in care of the attorney for the Estate at the following address:

c/o J. SCOTT KILLOUGH, P.C.
 Attorney & Counselor at Law
 4660 Kinsey Drive
 Tyler, Texas 75703

All persons having claims against this Estate are required to present their claims within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

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TO: ALL UNKNOWN HEIRS IN THE ESTATE OF MARION GLENN WILLIAMS, JR., DECEASED:

On the 15th day of August, 2023, HEATHER EILEEN WILLIAMS filed an APPLICATION TO DETERMINE HEIRSHIP in a proceeding styled IN THE ESTATE OF MARION GLENN WILLIAMS, JR., DECEASED and bearing the number 47680P in the County Court at Law #3 of Smith County, Texas.

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

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

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

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

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

Issued and given under my hand and seal of office, the 15th day of August, 2023, at the office in Tyler, Texas.

KAREN PHILLIPS, COUNTY CLERK
 Smith County, Texas
 By: Shane Howell, Deputy Clerk

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Cellco Partnership and its controlled affiliates doing business as Verizon Wireless (Verizon Wireless) is proposing to remove and replace telecommunications equipment on the side of an existing 33ft utility pole structure (measured to the highest appurtenance) at 100 West Margaret St., Lindale, Smith Co., TX 75771. Public comments regarding potential effects from this site on historic properties may be submitted within 30 days from the date of this publication to: Project 6123005757 - MCM c/o EBI Consulting, 6876 Susquehanna Trail South, York, PA 17403, mcolonmorales@ebiconsulting.com, or at (787) 461-1028.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Mary Lou Jones Layne, Deceased, were issued to Jason Lee Layne and Maura Denise Plemons as Independent Co-Executors on August 21, 2023 in Cause No. 47,596P, County Court at Law No. 3 of Smith County, Texas. All persons having claims against this Estate should present them to the Independent Co-Executors, c/o John G. Payne, Attorney, 3650 Old Bullard Road, Suite 100, Tyler, Texas 75701, within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

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Eagles stop Kaufman, next up Pine Tree

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Ward was Thurman's go to target on the night as he caught 5 passes for 94 yards and a touchdown. His longest reception was the 42-yarder which set up Thurman's second score.

"We made some young mistakes," Cochran said, adding "but we'll get better because a lot of these players are gaining valuable experience."

Defensive standouts for the Eagles included Curbow with 10 tackles and defensive back Hudson Legrow with 11. Miles Miller had two tackles for losses out of his seven total stops.

During the summer and now fall workouts, the Lindale coaching staff has emphasized the importance of being in the best shape possible, regardless of the heat.

This could have been a factor in the win as well, said Cochran.



Lindale offensive lineman Casey Poe and his parents were honored on Senior Night before the Eagles' game against Kaufman. Head Coach Chris Cochran greets the family.

Photo by Terry Cannon

"Our guys have been phenomenal in doing what we've asked them to do as far as keeping hydrated and working on staying in shape," he said. "I believe this was a factor on Friday, especially in the second half."

This Friday, Lindale trav-

els to Longview for a date with the Pine Tree Pirates who fell 24-17 to Van this past Friday.

"This may be the best (Pine Tree) defensive line we've faced," Cochran said. "They are really big up front and they have a lot of athletes in the skill positions."

TPWD seeks public comments on the 2024 Land and Water Plan

AUSTIN – The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) is seeking public review and comments on its draft 2024 Land and Water Resources Conservation and Recreation Plan (Land and Water Plan).

The plan identifies goals, objectives, strategies and measurable actions to be undertaken by TPWD over the next 10 years.

"In fulfilling our mission, TPWD is committed to delivering effective natural resources stewardship and outdoor recreation programs that exemplify the highest standards of quality, service and professionalism," said TPWD Executive Director David Yoskowitz, Ph.D. "We view the Land and Water Plan as a critically important tool used to guide and evaluate effectiveness of the agency in delivering our mission and ensuring our programs continue to meet the needs of the state and all Texans."

Earlier this year, TPWD solicited public and targeted feedback through an online survey of the agency's performance and priorities. That input informed development of the draft plan, which was presented for review by the Governor-appointed Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission.

A request for public review and comments on the draft Land and Water Plan also launched on Aug. 23 and is scheduled to remain open through Sept. 30. Those interested can provide review and submit comments through the 2024 Land and Water Plan Draft website.

The site also offers links for two TPWD-offered public webinars, scheduled from noon-1 p.m. Sept. 1 and Sept. 8. These webinars will profile the plan and provide instructions for submitting comments.

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