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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 Fugler earns NBPTS certification

Lindale High School Speech and Debate Teacher, JP Fugler, has been recognized for his completion of the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards program, publicity officials announced.

The National Board Certification is the most respected professional certification available in education and provides numerous benefits to teachers, students, and schools. "Becoming a National Board Certified teacher is a milestone in my career as an educator," said Fugler. "The process is rigorous and by no means a guarantee. I learned about my weaknesses in the classroom and where I could grow. The reflective practice this process required challenged me like nothing else."

The National Board Certification was designed to develop, retain and recognize accomplished teachers and to generate ongoing improvement in schools nationwide. Under the guidance and mentorship of Board-certified colleagues, candidates for Board certification submit evidence that their practice meets the Five Core Propositions and National Board Standards, a body of knowledge that is maintained by teachers. Practicing teachers, through a peer-review process, then assess their submissions. Board certification, as in all other professions, is a hard-earned distinction practitioners bestow on each other.

"It is the single greatest professional development of my career," said Fugler. "This achievement is about becoming a better educator for my students because they deserve it."

Eligible National Board Certified teachers will earn a Recognized designation on their Texas educator certificate.

"We are very proud of Mr. Fugler," said Superintendent Stan Surratt. "This National Board Certification is a very rigorous and time consuming process. It is like getting another master's degree."

With this endorsement, Fugler will receive extra compensation through Teacher Incentive Allotment funds from the state.

Eagles fall to Pirates, host Vandals Friday

By Terry Cannon
Editor

It certainly wasn't the best way for the Lindale Eagles to get ready for their annual feud with Van this Friday, but Head Coach Chris Cochran is hoping some lessons learned from his team's 42-22 setback to Pine Tree will pay dividends.

Lindale is now 1-1 on the season after an opening night win over Kaufman on Aug. 25.

Among the things on Cochran's checklist that need rectifying this week after the 20-point loss was a tighter defense.

"Defensively, we missed too many tackles which led to some big plays for them," he said. "You have to be consistent on defense. We did some good things, but all the in between things, like tackling in space, need to be improved."

And he wasn't entirely pleased with the offense, either.

"Offensively, we didn't throw it well, we didn't catch it and we didn't block," he said. "Now they did get after us up front, but you have to have the running game going to get the rest of the offense going and we just didn't have that."

The Eagles managed to score first, but from that point on turnovers and a quick striking Pine Tree offense made it a long night for the Eagles, who did managed to cut into a 27-7 deficit to make it somewhat of a game going into the fourth period.

But the Pirates celebrated their home opener by nullifying the Eagles' first score – a 32-yard scoring pass from quarterback Clint Thurman to wide receiver Marcus Field – and then tacking on two more to take a 21-7 lead at the half.

Lindale's touchdown was registered at the 8:45 mark, but just 17 seconds later, quarterback Matt Cates connected with Jordan Taylor on a 30-yard touchdown to tie the game.

After forcing a Lindale punt, Cates again pulled off a big play, this time



Lindale vs. Van
7:30 p.m. Friday
Eagle Stadium

a 40 yard scoring run around the Eagles' left side with 6:23 left in the first period to give the Pirates a lead they wouldn't relinquish.

With 9:17 left in the half, Pine Tree pushed its advantage to 21-7 on a 28 yard scoring play.

The Eagles began to cut into the Pirates' lead with a Seth Baggett field goal from 30 yards out to make it 21-10 with just under two minutes left in the third period.

Thurman scampered in from 65 yards out in the fourth to bring the Eagles to 35-16, and with eight minutes left he scored again, this time from 10 yards out.

But by this time, Pine Tree simply had too much momentum and Lindale ran out of steam.

Cochran noted that scoring first was, obviously, the best way to start the game but he felt his club forgot how difficult that touchdown really was.

"It's almost like we didn't handle (the opening scoring drive) very well," he said. "We scored a touchdown, but we seemed to forget that we did it on a fourth and 17."

But the Eagles have little time to dwell on this first loss of the year since they will have to get themselves ready for Van's visit on Friday.

"Our guys know they will have their hands full this week," said Cochran. "It's all about getting back to work. I expect us to be motivated but it's still the next game. It's all about being 1-0 after each week."



Quarterback Clint Thurman fends off a Pine Tree defender in the second period in Lindale's 42-22 loss to the Pirates in Longview.

Photos by Terry Cannon



Lindale running back Wyatt Parker takes off for a good gain in the first period against Pine Tree this past Friday in Longview. The Eagles fell to the Pirates, 42-22.

Lindale ISD, LVFD develop dual credit firefighter certification

The Lindale Independent School District, the Lindale Fire Department, and Tyler Junior College have joined together in a cooperative effort to design and implement a dual credit firefighter certification program within Lindale ISD, publicity officials announced.

The Emergency Services program of study focuses on training CTE learners to respond to emergency situations, such as medical emergencies and fire-based emergencies.

"TJC is very excited to provide the fire academy program in partnership with Lindale ISD," said lead TJC instructor Jeff Akin. "This program will give students the opportunity to graduate high school with a state certification in structural firefighting. This would not be possible without the strong partnership with Lindale ISD and the Lindale Volunteer Fire Department."

The result of this collaboration is a two-year program that will enable participants to earn a total of 24 hours of college credit and the Texas Commission on Fire Protection basic firefighter certification. Lindale ISD is covering all costs associated with the program including tuition, fees, textbooks, uniform, and gear rentals.

Classes will be conducted at the Lindale High School. There will also be some field trips to the Lindale Fire Department Fire Training facility to complete required skills training exercises.

"Lindale Volunteer Fire Chief, Joe Yeakley, and the Lindale volunteer fire department members are instrumental in making this program a success by providing students access to their fire training field and firefighting equipment," said Akin. "Many of the Lindale firefighters are also heavily involved in student instruction. We look forward to providing students a pathway into the fire service career."



Selected students start the program at the beginning of their junior year and continue until the end of their senior year.



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OPINION/COMMENTARY

May we never forget ...

Just a few weeks ago our son Josh, our only child, was leading helibase attacks on three major wildfires out West. He is waiting now for his second assignment. In November he will travel with a national group of firefighting volunteers who will go to Kenya on a fire mission to train firefighters who have little training and less equipment.

How this all started has deep roots in East Texas, in American tragedy, and in the character of our son and many more young people like him. Josh was a junior volunteer firefighter in high school. He enjoyed helping out our neighbors and he learned a great deal.

As a senior he was the Photo Editor for my high school journalism program. He won his fair share of state and national awards including being named to the ILPC All State Journalism Staff. On 9/11 in 2001, as I was teaching a class full of eager young minds, Josh ran from my staff room into my classroom shouting that a plane had flown into one of the World Trade Center Towers in New York. Every morning Josh watched the news as he worked on his photos. That day, he broke the news to White Oak High School.

Within minutes we were all watching the scars of American history being slashed into a generation's consciousness. It impacted many of them profoundly, including our precious son.

At Christmas a cousin was on a business trip to New York. She stopped an NYC firefighter, thanked him and told him eloquently about the impact their courage and sacrifice was having on young people all across this nation, including, specifically Josh. Whatever she said touched this man who had survived so much that he reached into his pocket and pulled out a small silver coin with an angel stamped on it. He turned to our cousin and said, "This angel was in my pocket that day. My Angel protected me. Give it to the kid in Texas to watch over him to do the same."

My child who had a journalism scholarship to TCU and a



Josh recently was on fire assignment in Idaho, surveying the fires from the air. Josh has had many angels watching over him over the years and now has his mother watching, as well.

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CNN Republican Presidential Convention internship chose instead to go to Stephen F. Austin University and become a Forester with a wild land firefighting specialization. He has fought fire all over America from mountains to marshland. I am often asked how I handle the danger he is in when he is on assignment. I pray ... a lot. I also know that he has an angel watching over him wherever he goes, whatever he does.

A hero is an ordinary person in extraordinary circumstances. We need to remember that. We all have the capacity to be heroic whether it is in the stairwell of a collapsing building, in a combat zone, on a medical frontline during a pandemic, in a raging wildfire, or on the streets of our hometown. We all need an Angel in our pocket and we all need to honor and pray for those who

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serve us. More importantly, we all need to seek ways we can serve and to do it with humility and gratitude.

This 9/11 I continue to pray for the families who lost so much on that day whether it was at the Trade Center Towers, the Pentagon, or on a plane flown by terrorists and filled with everyday heroes. Many on 9/11 in 2001 gave their all and we honor their sacrifice and that of their families. We honor those who have fought in lands not their own for decades. We honor those who live a life of service and most humbly remember those who sacrificed all in that service.

"Greater love has no man than this..." John 15:13.

May we never forget.

THE ECONOMIST

By Dr. M. Ray Perryman

Output by the Numbers ...

In a recent column, I described our outlook for Texas job growth by industry. This time around, let's focus on our projections for output (or gross product). Simply stated, gross product is the final value of all of the goods and services produced in an area. It's a widely used measure of the health of an economy, and the US gross product numbers are always worthy of headlines.

Although examining which industries are gaining or losing jobs provides a very good perspective on one aspect of performance, it's not the whole story. In some industries, only a few workers can generate large amounts of output. For example, a refinery can produce billions in value of fuels with relatively few employees. A sophisticated manufacturing facility might also use robotics, sensors, and artificial intelligence to generate products with fairly low levels of human intervention. Once an oil or gas well is drilled, its production creates substantial value compared to the comparatively small amounts of time required to monitor and maintain it.

Our firm has conducted thousands of economic impact studies, and when you consider the dynamic responses of the economy, the multiplier effects of a few jobs in a refinery, for example, are far larger than those in a restaurant. In many cases (such as manufacturing), capital-intensive industries characterized by high worker productivity and, hence, compensation may generate extensive business activity up and down the supply chain (as well as related consumer effects) even though they may employ relatively few people directly. Another consideration for some of these sectors is that they are "basic" industries, meaning that they draw money into an area from outside, enhancing overall prosperity.

Over the next five years, we are projecting that the mining sector (largely oil and gas in Texas) will generate about 20% of the overall gain in inflation-adjusted gross product. Professional and business services contribute nearly 17%, with manufacturing adding another 15%. Note that in terms of job gains, however, mining adds only 2% of the state's total increase, with less than 5% for manufacturing. The large professional and business services industry group is forecast to be the source of almost 20% of net new jobs.

Other industries contributing a notable share of output growth include real estate and rental/leasing (with almost 10%), health care and social assistance (7%), and retail (6%). Information, the public sector, and finance and insurance each come in around 5%.

One reason the Texas economy is so resilient is the combination of industries located here, including a broad spectrum of both labor-intensive and capital-intensive segments. The state is certainly not immune to external challenges but is much better equipped to deal with them than many areas. Stay safe!

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Hundreds of new laws go into effect

A total of 774 new laws went into effect on Sept. 1, affecting Texans in many areas of their lives, the Austin American-Statesman reported. The new laws concern property taxes, registration fees and voting access, among other issues. Several have drawn court challenges from opponents.

A few examples of the new law include:

- Book vendors must create a rating system for books deemed "sexually relevant" or "sexually explicit." House Bill 900 is currently being challenged in an Austin federal courtroom by several Texas book sellers. Other major legislation concerning schools provides nearly \$330 million over the next biennium to increase school safety infrastructure and resources.

- The cost of a new electric car goes up \$400 after Senate Bill 505 passed both chambers unanimously, adding a new registration fee. In addition, owners of existing electric cars now must pay a new \$200 annual registration fee, with the money from both fees going to the state highway fund, which is primarily financed by gasoline taxes.

- Governmental entities in Texas are now banned from implementing COVID-19 restrictions, such as vaccine mandates or requiring the wearing of masks under Senate Bill 29.

Law eroding local power unconstitutional

A Travis County judge last week declared unconstitutional a new state law stopping cities and counties from passing ordinances that go beyond what is allowed under state law. The ruling came just before the so-called "Death Star" bill went into effect, the Texas Tribune reported.

The state has appealed the ruling by State District Judge Maya Guerra Gamble. Local officials across the state's urban areas blasted the law as an overreach that prevents them from meeting local needs, such as providing water breaks to construction workers. That municipal requirement is now banned under state law.

Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner hailed the ruling.

"The Governor's and Legislature's ongoing war on such home-rule cities hurts the state and its economy, discourages new transplants from other states, and thwarts the will of Texas voters who endowed these cities in the Texas Constitution with full rights to self-government and local innovation," Turner said in a statement. "This self-defeating war on cities needs to end."

Gov. Gregg Abbott defended the bill, saying, "Texas small businesses are the backbone of our economy. Burdensome regulations are an obstacle to their success."

Paxton's impeachment trial slated to begin

The impeachment trial of suspended Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton was set to begin Tuesday, Sept. 5 in the Texas Senate. The embattled state official faces 20 articles of



impeachment, including misuse and abuse of office; disregard of duty; bribery; securities fraud; false and misleading statements; and dereliction and unfitness for office, *The Dallas Morning News* reported.

It would take a two-thirds vote of the Senate to convict Paxton.

Paxton has consistently denied all the allegations against him.

Dove season sparks wildfire concerns

With dove season now open in much of Texas, officials with the Texas A&M Forest Service are urging hunters to take special care during activities that could spark a wildfire. Vehicles, trailers, all-terrain vehicles, and other equipment used for hunting and camping often cause wildfires, and bone dry conditions are especially dangerous this hunting season.

"As Texans venture outdoors, it's important to remember just how dry the vegetation is. It doesn't take much for an inadvertent spark or carelessness to cause a wildfire," said Chis Schenk, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department statewide fire program leader. "The high temperatures cause fires to spread rapidly and make it hard for firefighters to work. Please enjoy the outdoors but be careful with fire."

Since mid-June, wildfires have burned more than 75,000 acres in Texas, according to the forest service. As of Friday, there were six active fires, most of which have been largely contained. The largest to date was the Shearwood Creek Fire in Jasper County, which consumed 3,562 acres.

There are currently 211 counties across the state with burn bans.

Drought unveils new (old) dinosaur tracks

Severe drought conditions have at least one upside, as 70 new dinosaur tracks were discovered in the Dinosaur Valley State Park in Glen Rose, according to the Houston Chronicle. The tracks are believed to belong to an Acrocanthosaurus and a Sauropodseiden.

The former was a 15-foot-tall dinosaur that weighed close to seven tons, while the latter stood 60 feet tall and weighed 44 tons.

The tracks are normally hidden under the water and mud of the Paluxy River and date back around 100 million years. Two consecutive years of drought and high temperatures uncovered the new tracks, which likely will be covered again once the area receives a decent rain.

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Serenity shattered by thugs with guns

Comparatively speaking, Monday a week ago was relatively pleasant – temperature-wise.

So I wanted to take advantage of the below 100 temperature and take our little Schnauzer Penny to the Rose Rudman Trail in Tyler for a walk.

The Rudman Trail is – or I should say -- was a great place to walk, jog or ride a bike.

It's past tense now because I don't feel safe in a place that should be one of the safest places in Tyler.

On Monday, we had made it about three-fourths of the way through our walk when I heard the unmistakable sound of gunfire. I remembered when we began our walk about 20 minutes earlier, I saw a group of young men gathered near the entrance on Copeland Road. I acknowledged one with a nod of my head and we proceeded to the trail.

The walk was uneventful until the final five minutes, after hearing the gunshot. As we approached the end of the sidewalk and prepared to turn for our car I noticed that same group of teens walking toward me in an agitated manner.

We picked up the pace and reached the safety of our car.

It was then I heard a dozen or so gunshots. The I noticed another car close behind me as I tried to exit the parking lot. After I made my way to Copeland Road, the driver of the sedan wheeled to the right and confronted the guy firing the pistol.

Lots of screaming ensued but I wasn't going to hang around to investigate. Time for Penny and me to skedaddle for home.

The next day I read updated accounts of exactly what hap-



pened and how close I was to being in the middle of it all.

Just before 3 p.m., Tyler police were notified of gunshots being fired near the construction site of the new Hubbard Middle School, which is directly across from the Rudman Trail. Upon arrival, officers found casing from both a handgun and a rifle and discovered Willie Ogilvie, 18, was wounded in the shooting. He was subsequently taken to the hospital with non-life threatening injuries.

The next day, Tyler police had been in contact with the four subjects who were allegedly involved in an altercation (probably when I heard the first shot) with others who hadn't immediately been identified.

After further investigation, police went to a nearby residence and discovered multiple weapons.

My friend Tim Watterson lives nearby this location and was out walking his dog and spotted the police cars.

"I've been walking my dog in that area for a while and didn't ever think anything of it," he said, adding there were several young people congregating at the house most of the time.

"Then I saw all those police cars and wasn't quite sure what was going on until the next day when I read about what happened at the trail," he said.

Arrested and taken to the Smith County Jail was Jace Ogilvie, 17, and he was charged with deadly conduct, a third-degree felony.

For many years my family and I have enjoyed the Rudman Trail for walking, jogging, walking our dogs or being with our kids riding their bikes and/or scooters.

It's 1.2 miles of concrete trail slice through beautiful, wooded areas, with picnic areas, pavilions and at one end, Southside Park where youngsters can enjoy the playground in a family-friendly setting.

Near the Copeland Road entrance is the Tyler Cancer Bell, dedicated in 2002 which has always held a special place in my heart because of my family's battle with that insidious disease.

Visitors can ring the bell to remember someone who lost the cancer fight, to congratulate a survivor, give thanks to all the angelic caregivers and for inspiration for those fighting the cancer battle.

It's a true shame that a group of young thugs took it upon themselves to desecrate one of Tyler's special places by trying to act tough and put everyone else on the premises that day in danger.

It's a small miracle that no one else was hurt in the shooting, especially any innocent bystander simply wanting to enjoy the outdoors in an area that is supposed to be safe from such idiotic acts.

But sadly, this is the world we live in nowadays, isn't it?

Life spent trying to avoid the Booger Man

I have been noticin' here lately that young parents are havin' a little more difficulty makin' their kids mind.

Now, I'm not talkin' about big kids. Heck, when they get to a certain age, you're goin' to have trouble with all of them. I'm talkin' about little bitty kids.

I don't care where you go now-a-days, there is always some little kid runnin' around causin' havoc, and it seems like their mom or dad can't do anything with them.

Oh, they'll yell things at them like, "Billy, I'm not goin' to tell you again," or "If you keep this up, I won't take you to McDonalds." Man, are those some mean threats, or what?

The one I really like is, "OK, do you want to go into time-out?" The first time I heard that one, I didn't know what they were talkin' about. I found out from a young parent that it is somethin' like havin' to sit in the corner.

Heck, when I was a kid and your folks yelled time-out, you'd better look out. It meant that they were takin' time out to go find somethin' with which to beat the tar out of you.

You'd better not have run off to hide either, because when they found you, and they would, you'd get it twice as bad.

Of course, parents now know a lot more about parentin' than our parents, or even we did. If you don't believe that, ask them, they'll tell you. They study books, videos, or take a class on the subject.

Then armed with all that knowledge, they still let the little rats walk all over them. I miss the good old



days when you told a kid "no" once, and that was it. It seemed simple, but I guess I'm just old and stupid.

Another thing that kids don't know about anymore is the Booger Man. Boy howdy, back when I was a kid, you'd better not do anything wrong, or the Booger Man would get you.

Now, to be honest with you, I never really knew just who the Booger Man really was. Oh, I've been told that he was the Devil, but to me the Booger Man was worse than that.

Don't get me wrong, a red man with horns, a tail, carryin' a pitch fork is pretty scary, but to me, my idea of the Booger Man was scarier. Do you know how when somebody tells you somethin', your mind makes a picture of that somethin' and it sort of sticks with you?

Well, that's the way it was with me. Yep, I pictured the Booger Man as a man made out of boogers. Talk about scary. I know, that's pretty weird, but who can figure out the mind of a kid.

The way the Booger Man thing worked was this; nobody wants to spank a little-bitty kid. So the parent would tell the kid, "Don't do that or the Booger Man will get you." Now at first, this might not have any effect on the kid. He'll go on his merry way doin' whatever little kids are goin' to do. (Notice I

said "he". Little girls were never told this because they were always sweet little things, or so their parents thought. We boys who had sisters knew better.) Anywho, the parents had planted the Booger Man seed in our brains, and it started to grow.

As all parents know, little seeds like this grow better when it gets dark. Then as soon as they put you in bed, and turn off the light, it blooms. That's the way it was with me.

I would lie in bed and Momma would turn the light out (this was back before night lights were invented). Then all of a sudden the Booger Man would be in the room with me.

Oh, I couldn't see him. He was too clever for that. I could get a glimpse of him every once in a while out of the corner of my eye, but when I'd turn to look at him, he'd disappear.

A favorite hidin' place of his was under the bed. He'd hide under there and wait for my hand to fall off the side of the bed, and then he'd grab it and pull me under there with him.

Of course, I was never stupid enough to let my hand fall off the bed. Heck, I still can't bring myself to let my hand fall off the side of the bed. Do you parents wonder why your kids jump off their bed instead of just swingin' their legs down? Well, that's because the Booger Man will grab your legs, too.

Another hidin' place was in the closet. He would make himself almost visible in there. He'd take the form of "white things." As soon as the light would go out, I'd look at the closet and if the door was open, I could see him. I'd yell for Momma, and here she'd come.

"There are white things in the closet," I'd say. I never told her I knew it was the Booger Man. She'd shut the closet door, but I knew he'd have escaped and crawled under the bed, or in some corner, just out of my sight.

So I'd swallow hard and start sayin' my prayers. Now, I knew prayers would keep the Booger Man at bay, and I also knew that I had to close my eyes to pray, but I always kept one eye open, just in case. Then after I said my "Amen's," I'd pull the covers over my head.

The Booger Man can't get you if you are under the covers. Oh, I knew the Booger Man was out there hoverin' over me, just waitin' for me to smothercate (that's when you smother and suffocate at the same time), so he could get me, but I had him fooled.

I had my nose just barely out from under the covers so I could breathe. Then sometime durin' the night, I would finally fall asleep. You guessed it, the next mornin', the Booger man was gone. At least he was gone for the time bein'.

So I'd try to be good, like I was told, so he wouldn't show back up. You're not goin' to believe this, but he always showed back up.

Go figure.



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ONE YEAR AGO, Sept. 8, 2022

The Lindale ISD Board of Trustees lowered the tax rate for property owners and approved the budget for Fiscal Year 2022-23 for the district during a special meeting held at the LISD Administration Building.

A tax rate of \$1.1696 per \$100 valuation for a budget of \$43,307,583. The budget was approved first by trustees who then OK'd the new tax rate.

The new tax rate is 2.24 cents lower than last year.

"The Lindale community is fortunate to have a great school board that manages the tax rates so effectively," said LISD Superintendent Stan Surratt. "The LISD Board of Trustees has cut the total tax rate more than 22 cents over the last four years."

Surratt praised the Trustees for being responsible stewards of taxpayer's money.

"To cut the tax rate, again, while managing the growth of the district is a wonderful blessing for Lindale property owners," he said.

FIVE YEARS AGO, Sept. 6, 2018

Following a second public hearing, the Smith County Commissioners approved a tax hike to fund the 2019 budget. The adopted tax rate of .337311 is an increase of .007311 over the previous year's tax rate. According to the Smith County Appraisal District, the average price of a county home is \$169,939 meaning that before the exemptions a homeowner's tax bill would increase from \$547 to \$573.

10 YEARS AGO, Sept. 5, 2013

Lindale City Council members approved a new budget for the fiscal year and set the tax rate to fund that budget during the board's regular meeting at city hall.

Council members approved \$3,936,835 for the city's operating expenses on a tax rate of 48 cents per \$100 of property valuation.

City Manager Owen Scott pointed out that this will be the fourth consecutive year that city taxpayers have seen a reduction in their tax rate, with last year's rate being 49 cents per \$100 valuation.

"I just wanted to thank Carolyn (city secretary Carolyn Caldwell) and the city council for all the work they've done in putting this budget together," Scott said. "It certainly isn't a fat budget and we weren't looking for some pie-in-the-sky budget."

Scott was especially pleased that this budget could be put together with a decreased tax rate.

"I believe this is the lowest tax rate the city has ever had," he said.

Included in the budget was a 3 percent raise for city employees.

Master Gardeners plan 25th bulb sale and conference

The Smith County Master Gardeners will celebrate their 25th anniversary bulb sale and conference on Saturday, Oct. 21 beginning at 9 a.m. at Pollard United Methodist Church on New Copeland Road in Tyler, publicity officials said.

Scheduled speakers and authors include Chris Weisinger of The Southern Bulb Company and Greg Grant, Smith County's Texas A&M AgriLife Extension horticulturist.

The speakers will be bringing a selection of their own East Texas grown bulbs for the sale to those who attend the conference.

Attendees will also have a chance to win door prizes, including two wonderful, two-night getaway packages, and a "super-sampler" of locally grown bulbs.

Get-away Package Number One is a two-night stay at The House of Seasons, Lady Bird Suite, in historic Jefferson.

Get-away Package Number Two is a two-night stay (king room) at Church Street Inn, a boutique hotel, in historic Natchitoches, La.

After the door prizes are awarded, there will be a mini "Run for the Bulbs" when the special bulbs farmed by the speakers are presented for sale on a first come, first served basis.

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Back by popular demand, the SCMG web store (scmg-online.company.site) will open at 7 a.m. on Monday, Oct. 9, and close at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 18.

Bulbs featured in the sale are all locally-trialed, hardy, heirloom, and hard-to-find – quite a few of them rarely available for sale.

A small selection of hardy trees and shrubs, along with autographed books by the two speakers, plus the new SCMG 2024 calendar and garden guide will be available for pre-order.

Anything ordered from the web store must be picked up between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m., on Saturday, Oct. 21, beginning immediately after the conference.

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Alligator Gar harvest drawing application process under way

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's annual Alligator Gar Harvest Authorization drawing application process is under way and will continue through Sept 30, officials announced.

The random drawing authorizes anglers to harvest one alligator gar over 48 inches from a section of the Trinity River.

Anglers holding a valid license-year or year-from-purchase fishing license can use the *My Texas Hunt Harvest* mobile app or online to enter, either as an individual or as part of a small group.

Winners will be notified by Oct. 15, and authorizations will be valid from the date issued through Aug. 31, 2024.

Anglers can use any legal means or method to take qualifying alligator gar day or night from a section of the Trinity River from the I-30 bridge in Dallas downstream to the I-10 bridge in Chambers County, including Lake Livingston and the East Fork of the Trinity River upstream to the dam at Lake Ray Hubbard.

This includes the following counties: Anderson, Chambers,



Dallas, Ellis, Freestone, Henderson, Houston, Kaufman, Leon, Liberty, Madison, Navarro, Polk, San Jacinto, Trinity, and Walker.

"Fishing for alligator gar on the Trinity River is world renowned and truly a bucket list item for any angler," said Tim Birdsong, Acting TPWD Director of Inland Fisheries. "With this drawing system, we are able to offer 150 anglers the opportunity to harvest the fish of a lifetime while also fulfilling our resource management goal of conserving this unique resource for current and future generations of anglers."

In addition, all alligator gar harvested, including those using a harvest authorization, from public freshwater and saltwater waterbodies (other than Falcon International Reser-

voir) must be reported on the *My Texas Hunt Harvest* mobile app or online within 24 hours of harvest.

"Gathering data on alligator gar harvest through the *My Texas Hunt Harvest* app and online enhances our understanding of their distribution, sizes and numbers, and helps us maintain the best possible fishing opportunities into the future," said Birdsong.

Other Trinity River alligator gar regulations that remain in effect include a 48-inch maximum length limit for alligator gar from the I-30 bridge in Dallas downstream to the I-10 bridge in Chambers County, including Lake Livingston and the East Fork of the Trinity River upstream to the dam at Lake Ray Hubbard (see above for list of affected counties). Additionally, a ban on the take or possession of an alligator gar by means of lawful archery equipment or crossbow is in effect on the same section of the Trinity River between one half-hour after sunset and one half-hour before sunrise (unless using a harvest authorization through the drawing system).

A one-fish-per-day bag limit remains in effect for alligator gar statewide except for Falcon International Reservoir, where a daily bag limit of five fish and possession limit of 10 fish remains in effect.

The *My Texas Hunt Harvest* app can be downloaded free from the Apple App Store and Google Play. For more information about alligator gar fishing regulations, visit The Outdoor Annual online.

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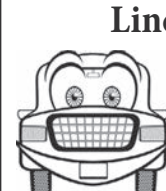


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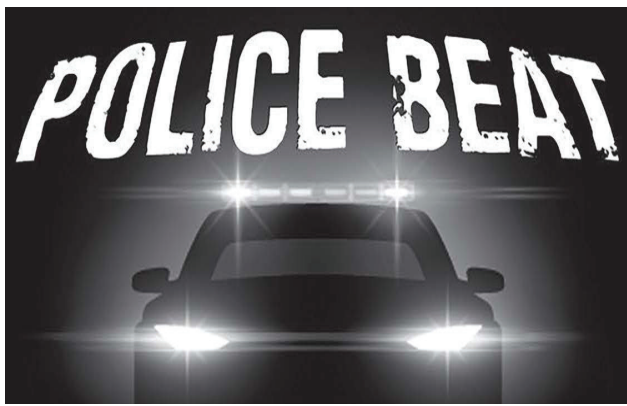
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FRIDAY, AUG. 25: Escort, 100 block East Hubbard Street, Settled at Scene; Suspicious Vehicle, 3200 block South Main Street, Settled at Scene; Escort, 100 block East Van Street, Settled at Scene; Traffic Hazard, 400 block South Main Street, Settled at Scene; Welfare Concern, 100 block East Centennial Blvd., Settled at Scene; Suspicious Circumstance, 556 IH-20 West, Settled at Scene; Public Service, 800 block North Main Street, Settled at Scene; Assist Other Agency, 15600 block Country Walk Drive, Settled at Scene; Theft, 100 block East Centennial Blvd., Report; Welfare Concern, 100 block East Centennial Blvd., Settled at Scene; Welfare Concern, 1000 block East Park Drive, Report; Business Alarm, 1400 block South Main Street, False Alarm; Suspicious Circumstance, 1200 block Forest Trails Drive, Settled at Scene; Public Service, 100 block Stadium Street, Settled at Scene; Suspicious Person, 900 block South Main Street, Settled at Scene; Traffic Complaint, 557 IH-20 West, Settled at Scene.

SATURDAY, AUG. 26: Suspicious Person, 200 block Hamrick Street, Settled at Scene; Motor Vehicle Crash, 13800 block U.S. Highway 69 North, Report; Traffic Hazard, 18200 block U.S. Highway 69 North, Settled at Scene; City Ordinance Violation, 200 block West Hubbard Street, Settled at Scene; Damaged Property, 2100 block South Main Street, Report; Motorist Assist, 1300 block South Main Street, Settled at Scene; Public Service, 100 block Ballard Drive, Settled at Scene; Business Alarm, 14100 block FM 849, Settled at Scene; Hit and Run, 2800 block South Main Street, Report; Suspicious Person, 900 block Mt. Sylvan Street, block Mt. Sylvan Street, Settled at Scene; Assist Smith County S.O., 546 IH-20 East, Settled at Scene; Verbal Disturbance, 17000 block Stacy Street, Settled at Scene; Verbal Disturbance, 300 block South Main Street, Settled at Scene.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 27: Assist Smith County S.O.,



CR 463 at CR 472, Settled at Scene; Public Service, 17200 block Crossing Circle, Settled at Scene; Public Service, 100 block Ballard Drive, Settled at Scene; Verbal Disturbance, 900 block North College Street, Settled at Scene; Suspicious Circumstance, 3500 block South Main Street, Settled at Scene; Simple Assault, 100 block West North Street, Report; Cruelty to Animals, 200 block Highland Drive, Report; Suspicious Vehicle, 21200 block U.S. Highway 69 North, Settled at Scene; Suspicious Circumstance, 700 block North Boyd, Settled at Scene; Business Alarm, 400 block West Hubbard Street, False Alarm; Public Service, 300 block Washington Street, Settled at Scene; Suspicious Vehicle, 3500 block South Main Street, Settled at Scene.

MONDAY, AUG. 28: Suspicious Person, 17000 block IH-20 West, Settled at Scene; Business Alarm, 100 block North Main Street, False Alarm; Assist EMS, 15200 block CR 467, Settled at Scene; Warrant Service, 300 block West South Street, Arrest; Welfare Concern, 100 block East Centennial Blvd., Settled at Scene; Welfare Concern, 556 IH-20 West, Settled at Scene; Welfare Concern, 1500 block South Main Street, Settled at Scene; Motorist Assist, 1500 block South Main Street, Settled at Scene; Public Service, 100 block Ballard Drive, Settled at Scene; Suspicious Circumstance, 900 block South Main Street, Unable to Locate; Motorist Assist,

3500 block South Main Street, Settled at Scene.

TUESDAY, AUG. 29: Public Service, 100 block Ballard Drive, Settled at Scene; Welfare Concern, 13400 block CR 472, Settled at Scene; Disturbance, 13400 block CR 472, Settled at Scene; Public Service, 100 block West South Street, Settled at Scene; Motor Vehicle Crash, 13300 block IH-20 East, Report; Public Service, 100 block West South Street, Settled at Scene; Disturbance, 400 block Baker Street, Settled at Scene; Welfare Concern, 13300 block IH-20 East, Settled at Scene; Fraud, 900 block South Main Street, Arrest.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 30: Traffic Hazard, 400 block South Industrial Street, Settled at Scene; Business Alarm, 17800 block U.S. Highway 69 North, False Alarm; Lockout, 1800 block South Main Street, Settled at Scene; Public Service, 300 block North Henry Street, Settled at Scene; Civil Matter, 400 block Baker Street, Settled at Scene; Motorist Assist, 13800 block U.S. Highway 69 North, Settled at Scene; Verbal Disturbance, 100 block East Centennial Blvd., Settled at Scene; Motorist Assist, 556 IH-20 West, Settled at Scene; Public Service 2500 block South Main Street, Settled at Scene; Assist Smith County S.O., 17900 block Autrey Lane, Settled at Scene; Suspicious Person, 400 block West Hubbard Street, Unable to Locate; Loud Noise Complaint, 13800 block CR 4200, Unable to Locate.

THURSDAY, AUG. 31: Public Service, 700 block North Main Street, Settled at Scene; Welfare Concern, 553 IH-20 West, Unable to Locate; Traffic Hazard, 1200 block Perryman Road, Settled at Scene; Assist Smith County S.O., 13300 block IH-20 East, Settled at Scene; Fraud, 2500 block South Main Street, Report; Theft, 300 block South Main Street, Report; Public Service, 100 block Ballard Drive, Settled at Scene; Public Service, 300 block Braziel Street, Settled at Scene; Suspicious Circumstance, 300 block Bowers Street, Settled at Scene.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 1: Open Building, 300 block East South Street, Settled at Scene; Welfare Concern, 55 block Miranda Lambert Way, Settled at Scene.

Texas Parks, Wildlife Commission adopts limited eminent domain policy

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission adopted a policy this past week limiting its use of eminent domain, publicity officials announced.

The policy, adopted during the commission's August meeting, limits the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department from taking private property for park sites except under exceptional and unusual circumstances, mainly property previously dedicated to public use as a park.

"Given its significant potential impact on private landowners, our commission-

ers chose to limit TPWD's use of eminent domain to ensure it will be used exceedingly sparingly and only under specified circumstances," said Commission Chairman Arch "Beaver" Aplin III. "The policy is clear - TPWD will not use eminent domain to condemn residences, farms or ranches."

Parks and Wildlife Code (section 21.103) authorizes TPWD to acquire park sites through condemnation with payment of fair market value compensation to the landowner.

Grand Jury hands down 190 indictments

Smith County Grand Jurors handed down 190 indictments from June 15 through July 20, with six from Lindale and one from Hideaway among those indicted, said Grand Jury Coordinator Marieliza Martinez.

Indicted from Lindale:
 --Cecil Boaz, 50, possession of a controlled substance on Jan. 29, 2023;
 -- Christopher Bridges, 37, manufacture and delivery of a controlled substance on March 25, 2023;

-- Rue Emrich, 24, terroristic threat, impeding public servant, March 21, 2023;
 -- Joshua Wright, 37, driving while intoxicated, third offense, May 27, 2022;
 -- Lakendrick Hampton, 38, sexual assault of a child, Jan. 16, 2023;
 -- Johnathan Pena, 44, possession of a controlled substance on March 15, 2023.
 Indicted from Hideaway:
 -- Iva Hribal, 33, manufacture and delivery of a controlled substance, March 25, 2023.

Rotary Club speaker
 Rotary International District 5830 District Governor Karen Maines was the special guest at this past week's meeting of the Lindale Rotary Club. She was accompanied by District Governor Nominee Designate Diane Kavanaugh. Maines discussed district goals, projects and membership. Also, Rotarian Matt Watts honored his father Ed Watts on his 80th birthday. (Courtesy photo)

Texas hunters urged to use caution during this year's dove season

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department urges Texans to help protect the lands and natural resources we all love during this year's dove hunting season by being mindful of activities that may cause a wildfire.

Persistent triple-digit temperatures and minimal rainfall over the past two months have resulted in extremely dry vegetation across the state, which increases the likelihood of dangerous wildfires. Any outdoor activities that create heat or sparks can ignite dry vegetation and wildfire.

"Since mid-June, Texas has been marked by devastating wildfires that have burned more than 75,000 acres," said Wes Moorehead, Texas A&M Forest Service Fire Chief. "As Texans recreate this hunting season, it is important to remember that your actions can leave a lasting impact, and everyone has a role to play when preventing wildfires."

Every year, hunters take to Texas lands for the start of dove hunting season. Wildfires caused by vehicles, trailers, ATV/UTVs and other equipment frequently used while hunting and camping are common during the season, which occurs each year from September to January.

This year, conditions are favorable for wildfire ignitions and Texas land management agencies urge everyone to be cautious on hunts, whether it takes place on public or private land.

"We are excited to welcome hunters back to the National Forests and Grasslands in Texas for another successful season," said Kimpton Cooper, National Forest and Grasslands in Texas Forest Supervisor. "Hunting season is one of the busiest times on the forests and grasslands, and safety is always our primary concern. Combining efforts with our state partners to spread awareness, while encouraging our visitors to follow guidelines can significantly reduce the risk of wildfires during hunting season. Remember, practicing responsible behavior and being vigilant can help preserve the natural environment

and ensure everyone's safety."

As the upper-level ridge continues over Texas, widespread temperatures will remain in the triple-digits with lower relative humidity values. With little to no improvement in fuel dryness, fire potential is expected to persist for North, Central and East Texas.

"As Texans venture outdoors, it's important to remember just how dry the vegetation is," said Chis Schenk, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department Statewide Fire Program Leader "It doesn't take much for an inadvertent spark or carelessness to cause a wildfire. The high temperatures cause fires to spread rapidly and make it hard for fire-fighters to work. Please enjoy the outdoors but be careful with fire."

Nine out of 10 wildfires in Texas are human-caused and everyone can make a difference by taking personal responsibility for their actions. Remain vigilant as drought conditions continue to expand and intensify and be cautious with any activity that may cause a spark.

To avoid accidentally starting a wildfire while dove hunting:

-- Avoid driving over and parking on dry grass - the heat from your vehicle can easily ignite the grass.

-- Always check with local officials for burn bans or other outdoor burning restrictions. Each county in Texas sets and lifts its own burn bans. View the latest burn ban map at: <https://tfsweb.tamu.edu/burnbans/>.

-- If you are taking a trailer out on your adventures, make sure tires are properly inflated, chains don't contact the road and loose metal doesn't repetitively hit anything else, all of which can cause sparks.

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

For more information on preventing wildfires this hunting season, please visit <https://tfsweb.tamu.edu/HuntingFireSafety/>.

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Chapel Hill, Kilgore post second week wins

Chapel Hill's offense rolled again and Kilgore sent Gilmer to its second loss in as many games as the second week of District 9-4A football is in the books.

Elsewhere around the district from the second week, Lindale fell to Pine Tree, 42-22; Palestine lost to Jasper, 46-24; Whitehouse routed Jacksonville, 51-19; Athens took down Life Waxahachie, 49-28 and Henderson fell to Hallsville, 35-28.

CHAPEL HILL 50, VAN 28

Junior running back Rickey Stewart rushed for 173 yards on 18 carries and scored four touchdowns as the Bulldogs won their home opener against Van.

Chapel Hill built a 20-14 lead after one period and tacked on a field goal in the second before putting the game away in the third with three more TD's.

Van's Jaxson Moffett completed 10 of 20 passes while running back Cannon Rainey scored three times for the Vandals.

Chapel Hill takes to the road on Friday to play Greenville, while Van will travel to Lindale for its annual feud with Lindale at Eagle Stadium.

KILGORE 24, GILMER 23

A 35-yard field goal with just under a minute to play lifted the Kilgore Bulldogs to their first win of the year, 24-23 over winless Gilmer.

The first half was a defensive affair with

the Buckeyes owning a 7-0 lead at intermission before Kilgore tied the game in the third period.

Gilmer broke out to a 16-7 lead with just over five minutes left in the game before the Bulldogs drew within 16-13 a few minutes later.

Kilgore struck again with just over two minutes left on a touchdown pass but the Buckeyes grabbed the lead shortly thereafter on another touchdown reception.

Kilgore takes on Pine Tree next week in Longview while Gilmer travels to Paris looking for its first win of the year.

ATHENS 49, LIFE WAXAHACHIE 28

The Athens Hornets jumped out to a 28-12 lead at the half on touchdowns from David Richardson and Jamauri Manning enroute to their first win of the year, a 49-28 decision over the Life Waxahachie Mustangs.

Richardson helped build the Hornets' lead to 42-12 at the start of the fourth period on a five yard TD pass to Jorien Ray and with nine minutes left, Richardson scored from three yards out to finish off the Athens scoring.

The Hornets host Rusk next week while Life Waxahachie will host Ferris on Friday.

HALLSVILLE 35, HENDERSON 28

Two touchdowns in the closing minutes of the first period propelled the Hallsville

Bobcats to a 21-12 lead at halftime over Henderson's Lions, who stormed back to tie the game at 28 with just under nine minutes left.

Down 28-12 late in the third, Henderson's Jordan Smiley connected with Dashawn Jackson on a 65-yard scoring pass. Smiley then rushed in for the two-point conversion and the Lions were back in the game.

Then with just over nine minutes left,

Kaleb Tate bulled over from one yard out and after the two-point conversion, the Lions had tied the game.

But on its ensuing possession, the Bobcats put the game away on a 65-yard scoring run from Ja'cayden Bolden.

This Friday, Henderson will host Marshall while Hallsville travels to Sulphur Springs.



A Pine Tree running back is hauled down by a Lindale defender during this past Friday's game in Longview. (Photo by Terry Cannon)



Lindale running back Wyatt Parker takes off on a gainer for the Eagles during their game this past Friday at Pine Tree. (Photo by Terry Cannon)



Lindale offensive coordinator Matt Cochran goes over the previous series of downs with his players during Friday's game with Pine Tree. (Photo by Terry Cannon)

Toxicant shows promise In fighting feral hog menace

By Adam Russell

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service

A warfarin-based toxicant has been shown to be an effective option for landowners in the control of feral hog numbers and damage to their property, according to a study by the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service.

The two-year study was conducted by Department of Rangeland, Wildlife and Fisheries Management associate professor and AgriLife Extension wildlife specialist John Tomeček, Ph.D., and Michael Bodenchuk, director of Texas Wildlife Services. The evaluation took place on 23 sites in 10 counties across the various regions of the state.

Tomeček said his and Bodenchuk's team were able to reduce feral hog numbers effectively and efficiently with diligent application of the product.

"Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service was tasked with evaluating the product's ability to reduce feral hog numbers and damage in regions across the state and seasons of the year," Tomeček said. "We found that it can be highly effective when utilized correctly and saw no access to the toxicant by non-target species when all feeder devices functioned properly."

John Sharp, Chancellor of The Texas A&M University System said the study is an important step in the fight to curb the economic and environmental impact of feral hogs in Texas and across the nation.

There are more than 3 million feral hogs that cause more than \$500 million in damage to agriculture and private property throughout Texas each year, according to the most recent economic estimates. Feral hogs are a burden on native wildlife and responsible for widespread disturbances within native ecosystems.

"Texas A&M AgriLife experts are the leading authorities on feral hog control in the nation, and we are the first to test this in a real-world application and to show that this warfarin-based toxicant can be effective for reducing these pests," Sharp said. "Unabated feral hog populations threaten our natural resources, our livelihoods and our quality of life, and our goal, as a land-grant institution, is to provide safe, effective, science-backed solutions for all Texans."

Evaluating toxicant as a tool

The goals of the study were to conduct field evaluations of a low-dose warfarin-based toxicant to determine its efficacy in various regions of the state and to assess the product's ability to help landowners prevent property damage and economic harm from feral hogs.



The team of AgriLife Extension specialists worked with private landowners on recommended application methodologies to provide real-world testing conditions for the product and the suggested best practices.

Bait that included warfarin was placed in specially designed dispensers that prevent access by non-target species, Tomeček said. Feral hogs were conditioned to access the bait before the product was applied. Once the product was applied, feral hogs consumed lethal doses within five days of consistent access to the bait.

The product is not considered acutely toxic to non-target animals in the event some might gain limited access to the bait nor is it found at lethal levels within the tissue of deceased feral hogs, Tomeček said.

Correctly and consistently are the key words for effective use of warfarin, Tomeček said.

After a trial period of close supervision and instruction, landowners in the study applied and managed the bait themselves. During the project, the Texas A&M AgriLife team made several discoveries that will help increase efficacy of the product when applied.

Landowners who checked the feeder for mechanical issues and replaced bait consistently as part of their regular maintenance schedule reported sharp declines in feral hog numbers and damage levels over the seasons of the year. Landowners who did not adhere to instruction reported mixed to low success in curbing feral hog numbers on their property. These results were true, regardless of the season of the year or the region of the state where the trial was being conducted.

Rick Avery, Ph.D., AgriLife Extension director, said AgriLife Extension is dedicated to providing effective, science-backed tools and information to Texas landowners dealing with feral hogs. "This toxicant is a new tool to have in the toolbox as we deal with feral hog populations across the state," Avery said.



Special Librarian Dinosaur appearance

Shannon the Librarian Dinosaur made a special appearance at the Lillie Russell Memorial Library Story Time this past week. A special shout-out goes to the Story Time mother that loaned the costume. (Courtesy photo)



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Yard of the Month

The Lindale Garden Club has selected the yard belonging to Steve and Lisa Neely at 207 South Boyd Street in Lindale as the September Yard of the Month. (Courtesy photo)

County honors longtime employees

By Casey Murphy
Smith County Public Information Officer

Susie Saxion was honored Tuesday (Aug. 29) during Commissioners Court for her 25 years of service to the Smith County District Attorney's Office.

She started working there when Jack Skeen, Jr. was the District Attorney, in August 1998. She has worked in misdemeanor, felony and the grand jury section of the DA's office, and she is currently the chief misdemeanor prosecutor.

"She has been here 25 years and she supervises people who are 25 years old," District Attorney Jacob Putman said. "I am very thankful to have her and for her long service to Smith County and Smith County is better off for it."

Saxion said she loves her role of working with new prosecutors and helping them grow into the best attorneys they can be.

"Over the past 25 years, I have enjoyed working with the prosecutors, support staff and investigators who all have the same mission, which is to seek justice," she said. "I am very thankful for the friendships and relationships I have made during my time at the DA's Office with law enforcement officers, local attorneys and their staff."

She is married and is a mom to two boys. She graduated from Oklahoma State University in 1995 and graduated from Texas Tech University Law School in 1998.

"The thing I enjoy most about working in the DA's office is protecting victims and serving the citizens of Smith County," she said. "I find it refreshing that I can still learn and grow in the practice of law, even after 25 years of working in the DA's Office. I am always striving to become a better lawyer and a better advocate for the State of Texas."

Mindy Hukill was honored for 20 years of service in the Smith County Precinct 4 Justice of the Peace Office.

"I could not run that office without Mindy," Judge Curtis Wulf said. "She's been there for 20 years and as many of you know, being in a position for 20 years nowadays is almost

nonexistent. Her dedication to the office is second to none and I very much appreciate her and wish she would be there another 20 years."

Hukill serves as the Chief Clerk for Judge Wulf.

Marcela Flores is celebrating 25 years of service in the Adult Probation Department. She was scheduled to be in Commissioners Court on Tuesday but couldn't get away from her job duties.

She graduated from Sam Houston State University in August 1998, and started work in the misdemeanor unit at the Adult Probation Department two days later. She worked her way up to supervising felony cases and in September 2015, she became the Court Officer for the 241st District Court.

"I've grown up at the Probation Department," Ms. Flores said. "I've made some good friends who keep me and my girlies in their prayers. I have enjoyed working as a Court Officer and supervising defendants."

Sharon Hinds serves as Chief Deputy for the Smith County Tax Office and was recognized for 15 years of service.

She started working for the Tax Office in 2008 as the Administrative Assistant to Tax Assessor-Collector Gary Barber. Within a year, she was promoted to Chief Deputy.

"It's been a blessing to have her," Barber said. "She's my right hand... there's not a job in my office that she can't do. She makes my job easier and it's a pleasure to have her and I appreciate her."

Hinds said she loves helping taxpayers with their property taxes, working with Barber and with her staff.

"We have a great team working for us that makes it a pleasure to come to work every day," she said.

Temekia Scott was recognized for 10 years with the Tax Office.

"She is one of my leaders," Tax Assessor-Collector Gary Barber said. "I ask her to do any project and she does it... It's a pleasure to have her and I hope she's here 10 more years." Scott is a Deputy Tax Clerk.

"I really enjoy helping our taxpayers and what I like most about my job are my bosses and coworkers," she said. "We work together as a team and we have grown to be more like family."

Juana Olalde has been working for the Tax Office for five years.

She works in the Lindale substation and is double trained in auto registration and property taxes.

"She's a very valuable asset to us and I appreciate her and I want a lot more years out of her," Barber said.

Other Smith County employees celebrating work anniversaries include:

10 Years: Samuel Dean and Scott Lohmeyer, Sheriff's Office; and Crystal Pedroza, IT Department.

5 Years: Tyler Carter, Sheriff's Department.



Susan Saxion from the district attorney's office was honored by Smith County Commissioners last week. D.A. Jacob Putman presented her with a plaque.

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Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of SARAH JEAN LEE, Deceased, were issued on August 28, 2023, in Docket No. 47639P, pending in the County Court at Law 3, Smith County, Texas, to Helen Princella Smith.

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Lindale Veteran's Memorial celebrates 9th anniversary

Preparations are under way to celebrate the ninth anniversary of the dedication of the Lindale Veteran's Memorial, located behind the Lillie Russell Memorial Library at the corner of East Valley and North Commerce Streets, publicity officials said.

Built by the city of Lindale and maintained by the American Legion Jordan-Duncan Post 15, the memorial's dedication took place on Sept. 9, 2014 with city, county and other dignitaries

on hand.

The centerpiece is a large granite stone engraved with the emblems of the branches of the United States Armed Forces.

Surrounding the monument are red bricks that can be purchased in dedication of deceased, retired or active-duty members of the Armed Forces.

The bricks can be embossed with the service member's name, period of service and displaying the member's branch of service.

Bricks can be purchased for \$125 and take about two weeks to be received and installed.

Funds raised by the purchase of memorial bricks support the Post 15 Honor Guard who provides gravesite services, including a large American flag for the casket, Ceremonial Rifle Salute, and Buglers for the playing of Taps.

Forms for purchasing the Memorial Bricks can be downloaded at www.facebook.com/AmLeg-Post15LindaleTX.

The American Legion Jordan-Duncan Post 15 will be holding a Veteran's Day Ceremony at the Lindale Veteran's Memorial on November 11, 2023, in concert with their Fall Car Show, to be held adjacent to the Memorial.

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