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Late Gilmer field goal sinks Lindale, 59-56

GILMER - Getting a second chance at a game winning field goal and avoiding overtime, the Gilmer Buckeyes clipped Lindale's Eagles this past Friday, 59-56, to end an entertaining, back-and-forth game at Jeff Traylor Stadium.

The Eagles are now 1-3 on the season and will begin District 9-4A play on Friday in Henderson.

Brayden Pate booted the game winner with no time left on the clock to secure the Buckeyes' win after the Eagles had tied the game at 56 on a four-yard scoring run from Wyatt Parker with just under a minute to play.

Pate was able to get the game winner due to a roughing the kicker penalty on the previous attempt.

"That was an incredible game, one of the best I've been a part of," said Lindale Head Coach Chris Cochran. "We just didn't do enough to win. It's that simple."

A consistent message Cochran and his staff have always delivered to his players during his eight years at the helm of the Eagles is they work all week to simply get close. The goal is to win.

"I am very proud of how our guys went about their business during practices (last week)," he said. "They know we don't show up just to play them close and they felt they were going to win the game."

And with the district season beginning on Friday, Cochran and his coaches understand the players have to put last Friday's disappointment behind them or they could start out on the wrong foot in 9-4A play.

"Our guys have to use this one the right way," he said. "It's all about being 1-0 after Friday. I think we will be in a good place because we've always been a resilient group."

The Eagles had actually built a 49-35 lead with 7:36 left in the game on a 36-yard scoring run from quarterback Clint Thurman with just under seven minutes left in the third period. Earlier in the period, Thurman had connected with Carson Plunkett for another score to give the Eagles a 42-35 lead.

The Eagles jumped out to a 7-0 lead on a six-yard scoring run from Wyatt Parker, the first of his three scores. Seth Baggett banged home the first of eight extra points for the Eagles.

But the Buckeyes pulled even on a 52-yard scoring run from Will

Henderson. Gilmer then went ahead 14-7, before Thurman, who scored four times for the Eagles, scored on a 52-yard run.

Thurman dominated the offensive statistics for the Eagles, rushing 38 times for 258 yards. Parker added 102 yards on 17 carries. Thurman went to the air 22 times and completed 11 for 169 yards and a touchdown.

Gilmer's Henderson rushed 18 times for 211 yards and three touchdowns, while junior quarterback Cadon Tennison was 19 of 41 for 407 yards and four touchdowns.

The Eagles forced three turnovers on the night, as defensive back Hudson Legrow had an interception and Cade Hodde and Matthew Kenney each had a fumble recovery.

Henderson, which was edged out by Whitehouse last Friday, 52-49, will feature some offensive skill and a new coaching staff that has instilled a winning attitude among the players.

The Lions are 1-3 on the year and after an opening night, 28-14 win over Liberty-Eylau, lost to Hallsville (35-28) and Marshall (35-20) before last Friday's road loss to the Wildcats.

During the first four games of the year, Lindale's offense has averaged just over 42 points per game. Defensively, the Eagles have allowed just over 47 points per game.

Thurman is the leading rusher with 759 yards on 102 attempts and 12 touchdowns on the ground. He's also passed for 637 yards on 41 of 88 attempts and four touchdowns.

Parker has gained 532 yards on 62 carries and has scored eight touchdowns.

Chad Hogue named new fire marshal after Findley resigns

Smith County Commissioners accepted the resignation of Paul Findley as the county's fire marshal this past week after an executive session held during their weekly meeting.

Findley, who has been the county's fire marshal for two months, has accepted a job as the fire chief and director of emergency management for the city of Jacksonville, officials said.

Findley also previously served with the city of Tyle Fire Department. His final day with Smith County was Sept. 19.

Chief Deputy Fire Marshal Chad Hogue was voted unanimously Tuesday as the new Smith County fire marshal. Hogue was sworn in immediately following the commissioners court meeting.

Hogue most recently worked as chief deputy of the fire marshal's office and served as interim fire marshal prior to the appointment of Paul Findley in the summer of 2023.

Findley was appointed fire marshal following the resignation of Jay Brooks in October of 2022.

Findley was appointed county fire marshal in July, 2023 after serving as the city of Tyler's fire marshal. He has more than 30 years of experience in the field.

Following the executive session, Smith County Judge Neal Franklin brought the court back into open session and was the first of the commissioners to express gratitude for Findley's time as fire marshal.

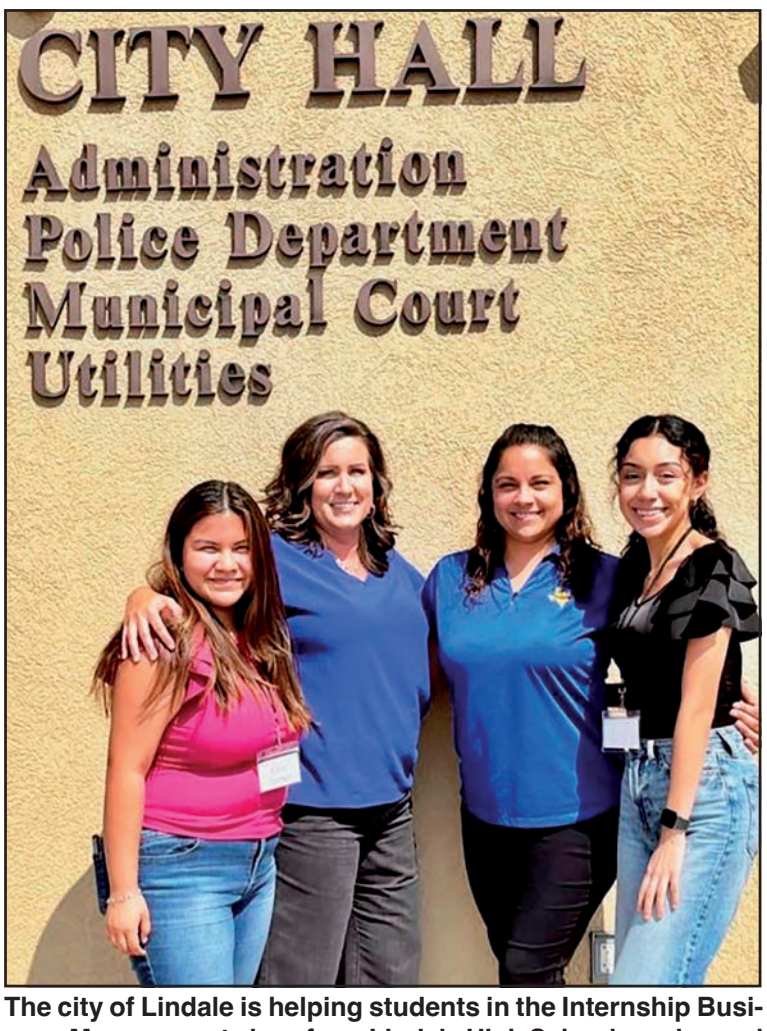
"We all knew Marshal Findley's experience and leadership style is what the county needed at this time," Franklin said. "He has provided the timely leadership we needed in this office and a true sense of pride has been restored (to the office.)"

Franklin also noted others in the fire marshal's office have benefited professionally during his tenure.

"This team of highly qualified professionals is better off because of you," Franklin said. "You have made a real difference and I am convinced the Smith County Fire Marshal's office will continue on this positive path."

Precinct 3 Commissioner Terry Phillips also expressed his gratitude for Findley's time with the county.

"I just want to echo what you've said," Phillips said, referring to Franklin's comments. "Thank you for all you've done and we'll be sorry to lose you."



The city of Lindale is helping students in the Internship Business Management class from Lindale High School receive real world job experience. Courtesy photos

Learning how to make sweet treats at the Lindale Candy Company is part of the Internship Business Management class from Lindale High School.

LHS students get real world job experience at local businesses

Students in the Internship in Business Management class at Lindale High School are immersing themselves in the real world of business, by helping employees at places such as Chick-fil-A, the city of Lindale, the Lindale Candy Company and All-State Insurance, district publicity officials announced.

"I think the internship opportunities are critical for our students to get a real world experience," Career Technical Education Director Teri Hodges said. "They also get to see the expectations that are true in the corporate business setting that they sometimes don't get here at school."

The students shadow local businesses every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday throughout the school year.

They rotate through businesses to gain more experience in diverse places. Students earn four hours of intern time at each local business that they shadow.

"I chose to take this class so I could gain experience with different businesses around Lindale and learn what they are like," senior Diana Soto said. "It has been fun going around and seeing the different types of organizations, and I can't wait to continue throughout the school year."

The class is a part of the Tyler Junior College dual credit program taught by Jennifer King.

NET Health has flu vaccine

Officials with the Northeast Texas Public Health District announced flu vaccines are now available at its main office, 815 N. Broadway, on the corner of North Broadway and Gentry Parkway in Tyler.

The hours of operation for the NET Health Immunizations Clinic are Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. until 11 a.m., and from 1 p.m. until 4 p.m. On Wednesdays, the clinic remains open until 6 p.m.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the simplest and safest protection against the influenza virus (i.e., the flu) is vaccination.

Flu vaccines are updated every year to better match the strains of the flu virus expected to be in circulation across the United States, and people who are at an increased risk for health complications from the flu should receive the flu vaccine as early as possible, particularly before flu season arrives in northeast Texas.

NET Health possesses the seasonal flu vaccine that protects against 4 different strains of the flu virus. The seasonal flu vaccination will be provided on a first come, first serve basis while supplies last.

Here are some important reminders regarding the costs of flu vaccines:

- Flu vaccination is free for persons enrolled on Medicaid or CHIP insurance plans.
- Children in the Texas Vaccines for Children Program will be assessed a $10 administrative fee.
- The cost for the flu vaccination for adults is $25 per person, and Medicare Part B is accepted.

NET Health also provides the High Dose Influenza Vaccine, which is free for persons on Medicare who are aged 65 years and older. Persons not on Medicare can receive this vaccine for $70.

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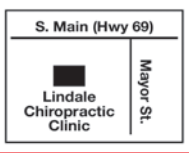

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OPINION/COMMENTARY

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Its all about the blues ...

The Best of Suzanne Bardwell

Once upon a time in the 1970s a little country girl found herself going to community college full-time and working three part-time jobs. One was at a cattle auction, one was as a daily newspaper de- livery girl, and one was as a 20 plus hour a week secretary to Erwin Golden.

Mr. Golden was in medical school when he had a diving accident that led to a life lived depending on others. He was a quadriplegic. I had a severely handicapped brother. We were perfectly comfortable with each other. I learned a great deal from Mr. Golden and his par- ents. From 'his man' Sonny I learned the blues.

Sonny had been a bass player for the great blues artist Freddie King. I was blessed to see Freddie King the one and only time I went to Mother Blues in Dallas. I have never forgotten sitting just feet away from King and being transported to a place I had never experienced before.

Sonny taught me about music that was not rock, not country, and I thought, not mine. But real blues is for everyone because it is story telling truth, reverberating notes and guitar licks that get down deep inside you, moves you and changes you...if you let it.

My sweetheart and I married young, went off to university togeth- er, and loved and survived on $300 a month. If the music wasn't free, well, we didn't see much of it. As our careers took off, my sweet- heart worked nights and I taught eager young minds during the day. We had a beautiful baby boy after nine years and spent the next 20 or so working hard, raising our son and being adults...for the most part.

And then my sweetheart started taking me to concerts. He had me make my music bucket list and for the last few years he has been checking it off. Now it is done. Nothing will ever top last Friday night.

This past weekend I received, in my sweetheart's words, my anni- versary, birthday and Christmas gift...he took me to Eric Clapton's Crossroads blues festival. Friday there was five and a half hours of music heaven. Saturday more of the same. And, on Sunday we tired- ly trekked to Irving to say goodbye to my favorite guitarist of all time...Peter Frampton. Yes, over Clapton.

The lessons Sonny taught me when I was 18 years old came rolling back to me with the Crossroads Festival music, the legends and the legends in the making performances. The lineup included Clapton, Frampton, Bonnie Raitt, Joe Walsh, Billy Gibbons, Keb' Mo', Derek Trucks, Vince Gill, Robert Cray, John Mayer, Jimmie Vaughan, Citizen Cope, Buddy Guy, Gary Clark Jr., Sheryl Crow, Doyle Bramhall...and I could just keep going. Even Johnny Depp played with Jeff Beck. Beck I can do without.

But there was that moment when everything stopped. Time stood still, music history was written and a legendary performance giv- en. The greatest guitarists of my generation, Eric Clapton and Peter Frampton performed passionately "While My Guitar Gently Weeps" by their dear, late great friend, George Harrison. It was the first time the guitar heroes had performed together. At the end of the song, thousands were weeping right along with Clapton's and Frampton's guitars. Peter embraced Eric at the end and said, "thanks for making my dream come true".

Peter Frampton, the passionate guitarist, who plays with aban- don and joy has been diagnosed with a progressive neurological disorder. His notes are now numbered. His trading of guitar licks with Clapton is the stuff of music legend. And l was there. I heard the talent. I saw the passion. And I saw the ending of something truly great and for that I will always be grateful.

I wish Sonny were still around so I could tell him what I saw and what I felt. The blues rocked my world and that sweet, gener- ous man taught me to love the blues. And, as for my sweetheart's anniver- sary, birthday and Christmas gift? The memories will be treasured, unwrapped and replayed for as long as my blues loving heart beats to the music.

Paxton acquitted on impeachment counts

Ken Paxton has been reinstated as Texas Attorney General after the Texas Senate on Saturday acquitted him of charges of bribery and misuse of office. Only two Republican sena- tors joined the 12 Democrats in voting to convict him of some of the 16 charges heard by the Senate, with four other charges dismissed by the Senate, The Dallas Morning News reported.

"Today, the truth prevailed," Paxton said in a statement issued immediately after the verdict. "The truth could not be buried by mudslinging politicians or their powerful benefactors."

Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick, who presided over the impeach- ment trial, scolded the House for voting overwhelmingly for impeachment of the embattled attorney general in late May. House Speaker Dade Phelan responded that Patrick was "confessing his bias."

"The inescapable conclusion is that today's outcome ap- pears to have been orchestrated from the start, cheating the people of Texas of justice," Phelan said.

Paxton is not out of legal hot wateryet. He faces a trial in March on an eight-year-old indictment for securities fraud. He is also the focus of a federal probe into his relationship with developer Nate Paul that led to some of the impeach- ment charges.

Out-of-state firefighters head to Texas

As drought and high temperatures continue to contribute to wildfires in Texas, more than 1,400 firefighters from 38 states and territories have arrived this year to help with response, the Texas Tribune reported. The number of wildfires that the Texas A&M Forest Service responded to in July and August skyrocketed to 163 in July and 501 in August, far above the average since 2005 of 103 in July and 151 in August.

"Drought development and the number of consecutive 100-plus degree days has contributed to critically dry vegetation across much of the state, which is supportive of wildfire activity," said Erin O'Connor, program specialist for the Texas A&M Forest Service. "With current conditions, we have wildfires that are more complex and show extreme fire behavior, hold heat longer and require more time and effort to suppress."

As of Sunday, the service reported six active wildfires, most of which are nearly contained. Recent rainfall has lowered the state fire level from 4 to 3.

There are currently 215 counties with burn bans in place. Luckily, widespread rainfall in the Hill Country, North and East Texas and much of the Rolling Plains is reducing the risk.

Gary Borders Capital Highlights

TEA delays release of accountability ratings

The Texas Education Agency is delaying the release of A-F district and campus accountability ratings for about one month. The ratings were to be released on Sept. 28. The post- ponement allows for re-examination of "the baseline data used in the calculation of progress to ensure ratings reflect the most appropriate goals for students," the news release said. The delay is a result of further study being made into the impact of the pandemic on student progress.

"Maintaining high expectations helps guide our efforts to improve student learning and support," said Texas Education Commissioner Mike Morath. "The A-F system is designed to properly reflect how well our schools are meeting those high expectations, and the adjustments we are making this year will ensure it continues to serve as a tool for parents and educators to help our students."

New COVID-19 boosters now available

A new vaccine booster for COVID-19 is now largely available, and the Centers for Disease Control and Preven- tion is recommending all people over the age of six months get the new shots as the number of new COVID cases and hospitalizations increase across the state, the Austin American-Statesman reported.

"There's a lot of thought that COVID is over, but...we've seen over the last few weeks an increase in cases, hospitaliza- tions and death," said Dr. Brian Metzger, medical director of infectious diseases at St. David's HealthCare in Austin. "While it's not nearly what we were seeing, ... there's still a significant burden of illness. We can't ignore it."

August fourth hottest and driest on record

This comes as no surprise to those of us living through it, but August in Texas was the hottest and driest in Texas since records began being kept in 1895, according to Andrew Weinberg, geoscientist with the Texas Water Development Board. At the end of the month 76% of the state was in drought, up 27 percentage points from the end of July. Storage in the state's water supply reservoirs is about 69% of capacity, more than 13 percentage points below normal for this time of year.

THE ECONOMIST

By Dr. M. Ray Perryman

LNG ...

The United States now exports more liquefied natural gas (LNG) than any other country. It's a relatively new develop- ment, with Australia and Qatar usually topping the rankings in the past. The volume of US exports has surged over the past few years, with major new facilities coming online and strong global demand. While Australia and Qatar volumes have been fairly stable since 2018, US exports have basically quadrupled.

LNG exports during the first half of 2023 averaged 11.6 billion cubic feet per day (Bcf/d), up 4% compared to the first six months of 2022 (due primarily to Freeport LNG's restart after an inci- dent last year). Australia was second, averaging 10.6 Bcf/d, followed by Qatar at 10.4 Bcf/d.

Europe and the UK are the principal destinations for US exports. In fact, just five countries (the Netherlands, the UK, France, Spain, and Germany) imported more than one-half of US LNG. Russia's invasion of Ukraine and the resulting shutdown of Russian natural gas supplies to Europe have contributed to notable short-term expansion in regassification capacity, with Germany's imports beginning just this year and other European countries increasing capabilities. Other important export markets are Japan, South Korea, India, China, Argentina, and Brazil.

From an economic perspective, the primary effect of liquefaction technology is transforming natural gas from a domestic market limited by pipeline infrastructure to an international phenomenon. The development of the global LNG market enhances security by enabling Europe and other nations to purchase fuels from reliable allies on a continuing basis. In addition, gas-fired power plants involve dramati- cally lower emissions than the coal-fired units that countries such as Germany were forced to utilize last winter as Russian gas supplies dwindled.

Texas and the Gulf Coast play a crucial role in the LNG market. For the 12 months ended June 2023, US LNG exports totaled over 3.9 trillion cubic feet (Tcf). Of that amount, about one fourth was produced in Texas, with 743.8 Bcf in Corpus Christi and another 231.1 Bcf in Freeport (which was only in operation for five months). Two Louisiana facilities in Sabine Pass and Cameron accounted for another 66% of US exports. Our firm has performed the regulatory analysis for most of these facilities, and more capacity is in various stages of completion.

The continued development of the LNG market helps ensure that people around the world have adequate power and heat despite the shenanigans of Russia and other like- minded nations. In addition, natural gas is clean burning compared to existing alternatives such as coal and has a definitive role in ensuring an affordable and reliable supply of power as renewables develop. Although prices are low at the moment due primarily to excess supplies, long-term demand throughout the world will assure sustainability and future investment.

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Inflation stretches demand for St. Vincent de Paul Society

Unfortunately, inflation's tentacles extend into many areas of our society. Families and businesses are always affected by this economic fact.

And just as importantly, charitable organizations, such as St. Vincent de Paul of Lindale have been bitten by the inflation bug as well.

Community and business support have been steady for SVdP through the years and despite COVID-19's impact, officials fear that compounded inflation will continue to hurt the low to mid economic groups in the community prompting a concern that unless funding is increased it could be a bleak holiday season for the needy in the Lindale community.

"Our most recent demand this current quarter has surged ahead of any previous two-month trend by 42 percent and continues to grow," said SVdP president Jim Curry.

Inflation has dramatically impacted the cost of fuel, food and utilities causing issues for working families, those affected by layoffs, those receiving disability and those on social security throughout Lindale, Curry noted.

The first nine months of 2023 surpassed the 2022 annual numbers in demand and financial support.

Curry said SVdP is "very grateful for its ability to have provided support to the nearly 900 residents in over 300 households, many being first-time recipients," and the group has been blessed with an increase in volunteers to help make the necessary home visits.

But the funding for continued support is concerning.

"Our current trend of support to income could put us in jeopardy by the holiday season," he said.

If you would be interested in helping to support our local

Lindale Society of St. Vincent de Paul call 903-590-7609, or by email; LindaleSVDP@gmail.com, or by regular mail; SVdP, P.O. Box 1994, Lindale, 75771.

Lordy, lordy look who's 40.

Our first born boy, that's who.

Can it be that our little Sarge (more on that nickname in a minute) has hit the four decade threshold? Yep, we celebrated this milestone with him last week.

And if four decades on this big, blue marble aren't enough for reflection then nothing would be.

So let's step into our WayBack Machine and hit the highlights.

On Sept. 14, 1983 not-so-little Matthew Richard Cannon arrived at Baylor Hospital in the middle of a Wednesday afternoon. Tipping the scales at a hefty 9.2 pounds, my wife's doctor was impressed enough to say, "That baby ought to have Blue Bell stamped on his belly."

A few days later the new family of three loaded up the car and as all new parents are apt to do, gingerly made our way through traffic until we made it to my parents' house.

Oh my yes, they were pleased as could be to welcome their sixth grandchild into their home. Little Matt wasn't as impressed. He slept through the whole thing.

The next several weeks were a whirlwind of learning how to care for a baby and feeling sorry for all those new parents out there because their baby wasn't perfect like ours.

When he was a few months old, we packed up and headed for our new environs in Tyler.

As he got older we were warned by other "expert parents" that he will make our lives miserable when he hits the "terrible twos." Yet, that didn't happen, in fact, he was sleeping through the night at three months of age.

He was always a happy baby and displayed a hunger for learning and reading very early on, which I attribute to our belief in the beauty of the written word.

One day he came home from elementary school with exciting news: He had been voted Sergeant at Arms of his class. Thus he has been known thereafter as "Sarge."

We gladly bought him all types of reading material which he devoured. As he grew and excelled in every grade in school, we knew he could accomplish anything he put his mind to. In 2006, he graduated from Texas A&M University, was hired immediately by Texas Instruments as a mechanical engineer and began his adult journey in Dallas.

By and by, he and his wonderful wife Meredith became parents to Cooper, Maddie and Emma and from the beginning have used their innate parenting skills ensure these little ones, when they find their life's road, will be tremendous parents as well because they, like our two sons, had great role models.

Smart man knows his place in marriage

Now, I don't have to tell you who the smart one is in my marriage. When Janet and I were first married I thought I was the smart one, but I was sadly mistaken. Here's one incident to prove my point.

The day I turned 21, I made my way down to the gun store to look at a pistol I had been eyeballin' for a couple of weeks. It was a semi-auto .22. Man, this was really a good lookin' handgun.

Like I said, I'd been lookin' at it for a while.

"Can I look at that pistol again?" I asked the man behind the counter.

The man sighed and opened the case and pulled the pistol out. He held it out to me. "I sure wish you'd buy that thing," he said. "I'm tired of wipin' your slobber off of it when you leave."

"Well," I said. "You ain't gonna believe this, but I turned 21 today, so I'm finally legal."

"Thank you Lord," he said, while looking up at the ceilin'.

"But I don't know if I should buy it, or not," I added.

"What? Why not? You've looked at that thing every day for the past two weeks. You've just about rubbed all the bluin' off of it. I've never seen someone so in love with a gun as you are with that one."

"It's a beaut alright; that it is, but you see, I'm married."

"Who ain't?" he said.

"Well, we made each other a promise that we wouldn't make a major purchase unless we discussed it between each other."

"How'd she rope you into something stupid like that?" he said.

"It was my idea," I said.

"You're kiddin', right?"

"No, I'm not kiddin'."

"Well, you might as well say goodbye to that pistol then," he said.

"Why is that?"

"Boy, she's not going to agree to you gettin' a gun. Take my word for it."

"You don't know her," I said.

"She's a woman, ain't she?"

"Yes," I said.

"Well, let me tell you somethin'. Unless you are buyin' somethin' for them, they will never agree to any purchase; especially if it's for you."

"I don't know about that," I said.

"I'm tellin' you the truth son. Forget about that gun."

"Well, she's not like that. In fact, I'll take the gun."

"You sure?" he said.

"You bet," I said.

The next thing you know, I was drivin' home wonderin' what in the heck I just did. I didn't know what I was goin' to do. I thought about sneakin' the pistol into the house, and hidin' it, but I knew that wouldn't work.

I had written a check for the thing, and Janet always checked the bank statements, because I was bad about forgettin' to post the checks. Like I said, I didn't know what I was goin' to do, and then it came to me. I'd do just what the gun store man had said.

I walked into the house, and Janet heard me and came to give me my welcome home kiss. I was standin' there with my hands behind my back.

"What do you have behind your back?" she asked.

"It's a surprise," I smiled.

She smiled back. "What is it?"

"Close your eyes," I said. She closed her eyes, still smilin'. I pulled the box around in front of me, opened the box, and said, "Okay, open your eyes."

She opened her eyes and looked down at the box in my hands. Her smile was still on her face, but her eyes had puzzled look to them when she saw the pistol.

I looked at her and grinned. "I bought this for you," I said.

Pretty smart, huh? Yeah, I thought so, too. That is until a couple of days later.

I walked into the house, after I had gotten home from work and there was Janet standin' there with her hands behind her back and a smile on her face.

"What'cha got behind your back?" I asked.

"It's a surprise," she smiled even bigger.

"What is it?" I asked, thinkin' this was sure soundin' somewhat familiar.

"Close your eyes," she said.

I closed my eyes. In a second she said, "OK, you can open your eyes now."

I opened my eyes. She had her hand right in front of my face. On her finger was the biggest diamond dinner ring I had ever seen.

"I bought this for you," she said.

Man, can you believe that. Heck, I let her shoot her gun every once in a while, but she never lets me wear my ring.

Oh well, I may be the dumb one in this family, but I've got one thing goin' for me. I got Janet, so that makes me the winner.

Remember shade trees during hot summer

By Greg Grant
Smith County Horticulturist

During the scorching heat and arid conditions that often accompany East Texas summers, our beloved shade trees face a significant challenge in maintaining their health and vigor.

As guardians of beauty and cooler temperatures, these trees need our thoughtful care to withstand the trials of drought. Today, we will delve into the art and science of watering shade trees during these challenging times.

Shade trees provide more than just aesthetic value. They reduce energy costs and provide havens for wildlife.

In the face of drought, ensuring their well-being becomes more important beginning with proper watering practices.

Imagine a slow, steady rain — the kind that soaks the ground and leaves a lasting impact. This is the kind of watering your shade trees need. A deep, slow soak encourages the roots to grow deeper into the soil, creating a robust and resilient foundation for the tree.

Use a soaker hose or a drip irrigation system to provide a gradual and consistent flow of water directly to the tree's root zone. I often set up a hose-end sprinkler and run it for two hours per tree, once a week during a drought. Others turn the faucet to a trickle and leave beneath the tree all night.

The drip line, the area directly below the outermost edge of a tree's canopy,

is where most of a tree's active roots reside.

When watering, focus on saturating this critical region. Place your watering system around the drip line, ensuring that the moisture penetrates the soil deeply and reaches the roots that need it most.

Mulch, that unsung hero of gardening, can make a world of difference in conserving soil moisture and protecting tree roots. Apply a layer of course, organic mulch, such as compost, wood chips, bark, or pine straw around the base of your shade tree.

This acts as a natural insulator, reducing water evaporation and keeping the soil cooler. Remember to keep the mulch a few inches away from the tree trunk to prevent rot.

One simple yet effective way to determine whether your tree needs water is the finger test.

Gently dig a few inches into the soil near the tree's root zone. If the soil feels dry at this depth, it's time to water. However, if it's still moist, hold off on watering for a bit longer.

Different tree species have varying water requirements. Native trees tend to be more adapted to local conditions, making them better suited to survive droughts.

Non-native trees (particularly those from southeast Asia, like Japanese maples) might need a bit more care. Research the specific needs of the shade trees in your yard and tailor your watering regimen accordingly.

While our focus is on preserving the health of our shade trees, it's also crucial to be water-wise. Collect rainwater in barrels or cisterns during wet spells to use during dry periods.

Avoid overwatering, as this can lead to shallow root systems and weakened trees with rotted roots.

During an East Texas drought, our shade trees depend on us for their survival. By practicing these watering techniques, we can ensure their longevity and the continuation of their cooling shade for generations to come. Remember, a little care goes a long way in preserving these natural wonders in our urban environments.

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ONE YEAR AGO, Sept. 22, 2022

The Lindale High School Lady Eagles volleyball team dispatched another District 16-4A opponent by defeating Cumberland Academy in Tyler in straight sets.

The scores were 25-7, 25-21 and 25-6.

Reagan Cates led the attack with 8 kills, and Maddox Lay and Addison Ridge each had 7 kills. Kayli Vickery led defensively with 5 blocks.

Setter Anna Ivy assisted 13 times, and Macy Luster added 7 assists. Addison Ridge also added 4 aces from the service line.

Lindale's junior varsity followed up with a win in two sets with scores of 25-20 and 25-19. Izzy Koonce put down 6 kills and assisted 12 times. Alyssa Potts had 4 kills, 2 blocks, and an ace.

Kady Spears also had 5 kills and a block. Addison Frazier added 3 kills and an ace for the Lady Eagles. Callie Schmidt was strong defensively with 8 digs.

The freshman Lady Eagles rounded out the night with another win with dominating scores of 25-5 and 25-10. Abigail Kelley provided 6 kills, and Kenlie Collins had 4 kills, 3 aces, and 13 service points. Alyssia Romero served tough with 4 aces, and Bayleigh Yarbrough and Mayzie Piccoli each added 2 aces.

FIVE YEARS AGO, Sept. 20, 2018

Major David M. Hubbard, a Lindale High School graduate, was named new commander of the 307th Logistics Readiness Squadron at Barksdale Air Force Base in Bossier City, La. Hubbard joined the 307th Force Support Squadron earlier in the year after serving as Wing Inspector General at the 944th Fighter Wing at Luke AFB in Arizona.

10 YEARS AGO, Sept. 19, 2013

Junior running back Delenis Garrett rushed for 187 yards and scored two touchdowns to lead the Lindale Eagles to their first win of the season, a 24-21 decision over the Van Vandals.

Lindale scored all 24 of its points in the first half and turned to its defense in the second half to keep the Vandals at bay.

Garrett scored on runs of 60 and three yards, while quarterback Nash Walters found Tayton Williams on a one-yard scoring pass. Tate Coomer added a 37 yard field goal in the second period to round out the Eagle scoring.

Van jumped out to a 7-0 lead with 8:43 left in the opening quarter, but Lindale came right back to tie things on the pass from Walters to Williams.

Coomer's field goal gave Lindale the lead it wouldn't relinquish.

And in lightning fashion, the Eagles struck twice in the final 1:45 of the first half to seal the contest.

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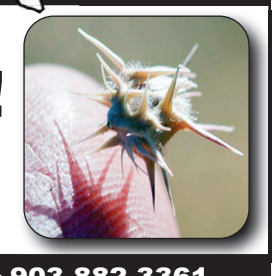
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Apples, apples and more apples

This month at the Lillie Russell Memorial Library's Storytime, youngsters are learning all the delicious facts about one of Mother Nature's best treats, apples. (Courtesy photo)

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Nurturing your body from within

By Claudann Jones
Smith County Extension Agent Family and Community Health

In today's fast-paced world, maintaining good health goes beyond just counting calories or hitting the gym.

It's time we pay attention to a crucial aspect of our well-being: gut health. Often referred to as the body's "second brain," a balanced and thriving gut can have a profound impact on our overall health and wellness.

Recent studies have linked gut health to a wide range of benefits, from improved digestion and enhanced nutrient absorption to a bolstered immune system and even better mental health.

The gut is home to trillions of microorganisms, collectively known as the gut microbiota, which influence various bodily functions. A balanced diet rich in fiber, whole grains, and fermented foods can contribute to a diverse and thriving gut microbiota.

Cooking enthusiasts have embraced this concept wholeheartedly. Incorporating fermented foods like yogurt, kefir, sauerkraut, and kimchi into their culinary repertoire, they're not only tantalizing their taste buds but also promoting gut health.

A person's dedication to fitness and wellness perfectly complements the focus on gut health.

Regular physical activity has been shown to positively impact gut microbiota diversity, further underscoring the holistic nature of well-being.

Just as a garden flourishes with the right balance of care and nourishment, our bodies thrive when we prioritize gut health.

So, whether you're hitting the gym, savoring a home-cooked meal, or simply enjoying a moment of relaxation with a good book, remember that you're nurturing your body from within—one happy gut microbe at a time.

The Smith County Extension Service will host a monthly Lunch and Learn on Wednesday, Sept. 20 from 12 noon to 1 p.m.

The topic will be the "Gut Health" with guest speaker Dr. Darla O'Dwyer also known as the Gut Professor.

Seating is limited so participants must call the office to RSVP with $5.00 charge at the door. A light lunch will be provided.

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Business Alarm, 2100 block South Main Street, False Alarm. Loud Noise Complaint, 15200 block CR 467, Settled at Scene; Business Alarm, 3200 block South Main Street, Settled at Scene; Welfare Concern, 100 block Ballard Drive, Settled at Scene; Motor Vehicle Crash, 3300 block South Main Street, Report;

Public Service, 100 block Ballard Drive, Settled at Scene; Public Service, 100 block Mission Ridge Blvd., Settled at Scene; Warrant Service, 800 block East Hubbard Street, Arrest; Assist EMS, 500 block Pierce Street, Settled at Scene.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 9: Loud Noise Complaint, 15200 block CR 467, Settled at Scene; Business Alarm, 3200 block South Main Street, Settled at Scene; Welfare Concern, 100 block Ballard Drive, Settled at Scene; Motor Vehicle Crash, 3300 block South Main Street, Report;

Public Service, 100 block Ballard Drive, Settled at Scene; Public Service, 100 block Mission Ridge Blvd., Settled at Scene; Warrant Service, 800 block East Hubbard Street, Arrest; Assist EMS, 500 block Pierce Street, Settled at Scene; Criminal Trespass, 900 block South Main Street, Arrest;

Suspicious Circumstance, 900 block Carol Drive, Settled at Scene.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 10: Loud Noise Complaint, 15200 block CR 467, Settled at Scene; Driving While Intoxicated, 300 block East South Street, Arrest; Stolen Property, 300 block Hamrick Street, Settled at Scene.

MONDAY, SEPT. 11: Stolen Property,16200 block Mission Ridge, Report; Public Service, 500 block South Main Street, Settled at Scene; Theft, 13300 block CR 474, Report; Welfare Concern, 100 block Legends Court, Settled at Scene; Public Service, 100 block Ballard Drive, Settled at Scene; Disturbance, 900 block Lynn Street, Settled at Scene; Public Service, 400 block York Street, Settled at Scene; Suspicious Vehicle, 200 block Heritage Court, Unfounded; Suspicious Vehicle, 21200 block Highway 69 North, Settled at Scene; Welfare Concern, 600 block East South Street, Settled at Scene.

TUESDAY, SEPT 12: Assist Smith County, 19200 block Highway 69 North, Settled at Scene; Theft, 7 5 block Miranda Lambert Way, Report; Public Service, 100 block Ballard Drive, Settled at Scene; Public Service, 500 block East South Street, Settled at Scene; Assist Smith County, 18800 block Highway 69 North, Settled at Scene; Suspicious Vehicle, 500 block South Main Street, Settled at Scene; Assist Other Agency, 3500 block South Main Street, Settled at Scene.

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Varsity girls defeat Brownsboro and Cumberland

Lindale's state-ranked high school volleyball team knocked off two more district foes this past week by defeating Cumberland on Sept. 12 and Brownsboro on Friday, Sept. 15 in Lindale.

The Lady Eagles are ranked 20th in the state according to the latest Texas High School Girls Coaches Association rankings. With the wins, Lindale is now 24-7on the season and 4-0 in District 16-4A.

Brownsboro victory

The Lady Eagles dominated Friday night on their home court against Brownsboro. Addison Ridge led the attack with 14 kills. Maddox Lay added 13 kills, and Reagan Cates contributed 11 kills to the Lady Eagles offense.

Libero Reagan Hope had 13 defensive digs, and Kayli Vickery blocked 6 times to keep the Brownsboro hitters at bay.

Setter Macy Luster had 23 assists, and Tatum Woodard tallied 20 assists.

The junior varsity Lady Eagles also came out victorious with scores of 25-17 in both sets.

Emory Schmidt served tough, accounting for 14 of the Lady Eagle points. She also assisted 6 times. Clara Helvey earned 12 assists, digs. Several JV players contributed to the offense: Brooke Gissell 5 kills, 2 blocks; Maddy Fowble 5 kills, 1 block; Lauren Stanton 3 kills, 4 digs; Kenlie Collins 3 kills, 2 digs, and Keirsan Sanders 2 kills, 1 ace. Holli Dunn was strong defensively with 11 digs on the night, and Bayleigh Yarbrough added 5 digs.

The freshman A team won in decisive fashion 25-18 and 25-11. Kaidance Smith served 10 straight points and added 7 assists. Grace Koustoubardis recorded 11 assists. Kimber Simpson earned 8 consecutive service points. Kennedy Terry was a defensive standout with 8 digs. Emma Watkins, Jordyn Weesner, and Cambry Andreason all added a block for the Lady Eagles.

Lindale dumps Cumberland

The Lindale High School Lady Eagles volleyball team defeated Cumberland High School in Tyler on Tuesday, (Sept. 12).

With the win, Lindale improved its District 16-4A record to 2-0 and its season record to 23-7. The Lady Eagles are ranked No. 21 in the most recent Texas High School Girls Coaches Association poll.

For the varsity against the Lady Knights, the Lady Eagles won in three sets 25-17, 25-13, and 25-17. Kayli Vickery led the attack with 8 kills. Maddox Lay added 7 kills, and Reagan Cates and Addison Ridge tallied 6. Whitney Dao and Ella Hutchens earned 5 and 4 kills respectively, and each added a block. Tatum Woodard assisted 19 times with 4 digs, and Macy Lusted assisted 17 times. Reagan Hope had 6 digs, and Addison Ridge recorded 5 digs. The Lady Eagles are 2-0 in district and 23-7 overall. The LHS junior varsity won in two sets 25-18 and 25-22. Maddy Fowble recorded 4 kills. Kenlie Collins, Brooke Gissell, Bayleigh Yarbrough, and Ava Meier each contributed 3 kills, and Keirsan Sanders put down 2 kills. Emory Schmidt and Clara Helvey each assisted 7 times on the night. Clara Helvey, Bayleigh Yarbrough, and Kenlie Collins served aces. The freshman A team won in two sets. Jordyn Weesner led with 6 kills. Kaidance Smith and Grace Koustoubardis each assisted 10 times.

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Junior Varsity also came out victorious with a score of 25-17 in both sets. Emory Schmidt served tough, accounting for 14 of the Lady Eagle points. She also assisted 6 times. Clara Helvey earned 12 assists, digs. Several JV players contributed to the offense: Brooke Gissell 5 kills, 2 blocks; Maddy Fowble 5 kills, 1 block; Lauren Stanton 3 kills, 4 digs; Kenlie Collins 3 kills, 2 digs, and Keirsan Sanders 2 kills, 1 ace. Holli Dunn was strong defensively with 11 digs on the night, and Bayleigh Yarbrough added 5 digs.

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Junior high girls defeat Canton

The Lindale Junior High School Lady Eagles volleyball teams took four games from the Canton Lady Eagles on Monday (Sept. 11) in Lindale.

The 7th grade B team won by 25-21 and 27-25; the 7th grade A team went three sets before prevailing, 25-14, 21-25 and 25-9; the 8th grade B team won in two sets, 25-16 and 25-15 and the 8th grade A team was a three-set winner, 25-12, 12-25 and 27-25.

For the 7th grade B team, leading servers were Addison Mahana, Kaylynn Spence and Reece Rand; the leading passers were Kaylynn Spence, Kierra Ross, Jaycie Hart and Avery Wehr; Kierra Ross and Addison Mahana were leading setters and the leading hitters were Addison Mahana and Reece Rand.

Paisley Keith and Libbie McHam were the leading servers for the 7th grade A team, while Kate Williams, Libbie McHam and Paisley Keith were leading passers. Paisley Keith was the leading hitter and leading setter.

For the 8th grade B team, Saniyah Clayton was the leading server; Jazmin Castaneda and Saniyah Clayton were leading passers; Preslie Roberts, Rachel Kelley and Saniyah Clayton were leading setters and Rachel Kelley and Brooklyn Wiggins were leading hitters.

The Leadership Award was won by Maci Gateley while Rachel Kelley won the Hustle Award.

Saige Myers and Kenlee Keith were leading servers for the 8th grade A team, while Baylee Brooks and Jesse Chandler were leading passers. Jesse Chandler was the leading setter and leading hitters were Zaidyn Chamberlain and Jesse Chandler. Saige Myers won the Hustle Award and Baylee Brooks won the Leadership Award.

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Lindale High School's cheerleaders help build spirit during Eagles' games this year. (Photo by Terry Cannon)

District 9-4A begins play this week

The "real" season has arrived for teams in District 9-4A with district action unfolding on Friday with Lindale traveling to Henderson, Kilgore hosting Palestine and Jacksonville heading out on the road to Athens.

Chapel Hill, sitting at 4-0 on the year, has its bye week.

Last Friday, the Bulldogs took down Nacogdoches, 42-22; Lindale lost a heartbreaker to Gilmer, 59-56; Kilgore routed Hallsville, 44-9; Athens beat Kaufman, 43-20; Jacksonville fell to Pine Tree, 34-13; Palestine dumped Walnut Grove, 56-35 and Henderson lost to Whitehouse, 52-49.

CHAPEL HILL 42, NACOGDOCHES 22

The undefeated Bulldogs put up 21 unanswered points in the first half enroute to a 42-22 victory over the visiting Dragons.

Quarterback Demetrius Brisbon had a hand in all three first half Chapel Hill scores through the air and on the ground. Ahead 7-0 in the second period, the junior signal caller found Cameron Kelly on a 60-yard touchdown and on his next possession, Brisbon took off on a 60-yard run to up the lead to 21-0.

In the third period, running back Rickey Stewart scooted 75 yards for a touchdown and in the fourth, Stewart scored again this time from four yards out to pad the Chapel Hill lead to 35-15.

Brisbon added the final score for Chapel Hill with a 70-yard run in the fourth period.

KILGORE 44, HALLSVILLE 9

Hallsville's Bobcats, now 1-3 on the year, hosted Kilgore Friday night and were manhandled by the Bulldogs.

Kilgore, ahead 7-6 after the first period, opened things up in the second period by scoring 21 unanswered points.

The Bulldogs owned a 31-9 lead at the half and tacked on scores in the third and fourth periods to claim the win.

Kilgore will host Palestine Friday in the league opener.

PINE TREE 34, JACKSONVILLE 13

The visiting Pirates jumped out to a 27-0 lead at the half and never looked back in winning their second game of the season, a 34-13 verdict over Jacksonville in the Tomato Bowl.

The lead ballooned to 34-0 heading into the fourth period before the Fightin' Indians managed to avoid the shutout on a one-yard scoring run. A few minutes later, Jacksonville added another score to account for the final score.

The Fightin' Indians travel to Athens on Friday for the district opener.

ATHENS 43, KAUFMAN 20

The Hornets won their third game of the year by routing the winless Kaufman Lions, 43-20, in Kaufman.

Athens left little doubt about the outcome, sprinting out to a 37-6 half time advantage which included a touchdown return on the opening kickoff.

Later in the first period, quarterback David Richardson connected with Jorien Ray for a 70 yard score and with five minutes left in the opening stanza, the Hornets struck again on a 13-yard scoring pass.

This week the Hornets will host Jacksonville.

WHITEHOUSE 52, HENDERSON 49

Falling behind 35-21 at the half, the Henderson Lions couldn't quite complete the comeback, falling for the third time this year, 52-49 to the Whitehouse Wildcats.

Whitehouse opened up a 28-14 lead in the second period but the Lions fought back to make it 28-21 with just under four minutes left in the half. A late first half Whitehouse touchdown made it 35-21 at intermission.

The Lions then scored on their opening possession of the third period to make it 35-28, but the Wildcats scored the next two touchdowns to build a 49-28 lead going into the fourth.

This week Henderson will host Lindale.

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Proposition Number 1
(HJR 126)

HJR 126 proposes a constitutional amendment to protect a person's right to engage in generally accepted farm, ranch, timber production, horticulture, or wildlife management practices on real property that the person owns or leases. The proposed amendment would not affect the authority of the legislature to authorize the regulation of these practices by: (1) a state agency or political subdivision as necessary to protect the public health and safety from imminent danger; (2) a state agency to prevent a danger to animal health or crop production; or (3) a state agency or political subdivision to preserve or conserve the natural resources of the state under the Texas Constitution. Additionally, the proposed amendment would not affect the legislature's authority to authorize the use or acquisition of property for a public use, including the development of natural resources under the Texas Constitution.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: **"The constitutional amendment protecting the right to engage in farming, ranching, timber production, horticulture, and wildlife management."**

Proposition Number 2
(SJR 64)

SJR 64 proposes a constitutional amendment to allow the governing body of a county or municipality to exempt from property taxation all or part of the appraised value of real property used to operate a child-care facility. The proposed amendment would authorize the governing body to adopt the exemption as a percentage of the appraised value of the property, but that percentage could not be less than 50% of the appraised value of the property. The proposed amendment also would allow the legislature to define the term "child-care facility" and to establish additional eligibility requirements to receive the property tax exemption.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: **"The constitutional amendment authorizing a local option exemption from ad valorem taxation by a county or municipality of all or part of the appraised value of real property used to operate a child-care facility."**

Proposition Number 3
(HJR 132)

HJR 132 proposes a constitutional amendment to prohibit the legislature from imposing a tax based on the wealth or net worth of an individual or family. The proposed amendment also would prohibit the legislature from imposing a tax based on the difference between the assets and liabilities of an individual or family.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: **"The constitutional amendment prohibiting the imposition of an individual wealth or net worth tax, including a tax on the difference between the assets and liabilities of an individual or family."**

Proposition Number 4
(HJR 2- Second Special Session)

HJR 2 proposes a constitutional amendment to modify certain provisions of the Texas Constitution related to property taxes. The proposed amendment would authorize the legislature to temporarily limit the maximum appraised value of real property for property tax purposes in a tax year. The proposed amendment also would increase the mandatory homestead exemption for school district property taxation from $40,000 to $100,000. The proposed amendment would require the legislature to provide for a reduction in the amount of the limitation on school district property taxes imposed on the residence homestead of the elderly or disabled. Additionally, the amendment would exempt appropriations not dedicated by the Texas Constitution and used for property tax relief from being considered as appropriations when determining whether the rate of growth of appropriations in a biennium has exceeded the constitutional tax spending limit. The proposed amendment would further authorize the legislature to provide that members serving on an appraisal board in a county with a population of at least 75,000 serve terms not to exceed four years.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: **"The constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to establish a temporary limit on the maximum appraised value of real property other than a residence homestead for ad valorem tax purposes; to increase the amount of the exemption from ad valorem taxation by a school district applicable to residence homesteads from $40,000 to $100,000; to adjust the amount of the limitation on school district ad valorem taxes imposed on the residence homesteads of the elderly or disabled to reflect increases in certain exemption amounts; to except certain appropriations to pay for ad valorem tax relief from the constitutional limitation on the rate of growth of appropriations; and to authorize the legislature to provide for a four-year term of office for a member of the board of directors of certain appraisal districts."**

Proposition Number 5
(HJR 3)

HJR 3 proposes a constitutional amendment to redesignate the national research university fund as the Texas University Fund (TUF), and to appropriate funds from the economic stabilization fund to the TUF. The proposed amendment would appropriate to the TUF an amount equal to the interest income, dividends, and investment earnings attributable to the economic stabilization fund for the preceding state fiscal year. The appropriation amount could not exceed $100 million for the state fiscal year beginning September 1, 2023, or an amount adjusted for the increase in the general price index, not to exceed two percent, in subsequent state fiscal years. The proposed amendment also would prohibit any state university that is entitled to participate in dedicated funding provided by Article VII, Section 18 of the Texas Constitution from receiving money from the TUF.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: **"The constitutional amendment relating to the Texas University Fund, which provides funding to certain institutions of higher education to achieve national prominence as major research universities and drive the state economy."**

Proposition Number 6
(SJR 75)

SJR 75 proposes a constitutional amendment to create the Texas water fund. The Texas water fund would be a special fund in the state treasury outside the general revenue fund, administered by the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) or its successor to assist in financing water projects in the state. The proposed amendment would direct the Texas water fund administrator to use the fund only to transfer money to other TWDB funds or accounts. The proposed amendment would authorize the legislature to appropriate money for deposit to the water fund to be available for permitted transfers. No further legislative appropriation would be required for the water fund administrator to transfer money from or restore money to the fund, including the transfer of money to or the restoration of money from certain designated TWDB funds and accounts. The water fund would consist of: (1) money transferred or deposited to the fund by general law; (2) other revenue that the legislature by statute dedicates for deposit to the fund; (3) investment earnings and interest earned on amounts credited to the fund; (4) money from gifts, grants, and donations to the fund; and (5) money returned from any authorized transfer. The proposed amendment would require the legislature, by general law, to provide for the manner in which money from the Texas water fund may be used. The proposed amendment also would require that at least 25% of the money initially appropriated to the Texas water fund be transferred to the New Water Supply for Texas Fund.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: **"The constitutional amendment creating the Texas water fund to assist in financing water projects in this state."**

Proposition Number 7
(SJR 93)

SJR 93 proposes a constitutional amendment to establish the Texas energy fund. The Texas energy fund would be a special fund in the state treasury outside the general revenue fund, administered by the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUC) or its successor. Money in the Texas energy fund could be used, without further appropriation, only by PUC or its successor to provide loans and grants to finance or incentivize the construction, maintenance, modernization, and operation of electric generating facilities necessary to ensure the reliability or adequacy of an electric power grid in the state. The proposed amendment would require PUC to allocate money from the fund for loans and grants to eligible projects for electric generating facilities that serve as backup power sources and in each region of the state that is part of an electric power grid in proportion to that region's load share. The Texas energy fund would consist of: (1) money credited, appropriated, or transferred to the fund by or as authorized by the legislature; (2) revenue that the legislature dedicates for deposit to the fund; (3) the returns received from the investment of the money in the fund; and (4) gifts, grants, and donations contributed to the fund.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: **"The constitutional amendment providing for the creation of the Texas energy fund to support the construction, maintenance, modernization, and operation of electric generating facilities."**

Proposition Number 8
(HJR 125)

HJR 125 proposes a constitutional amendment to create the broadband infrastructure fund. The broadband infrastructure fund would be a special fund in the state treasury outside the general revenue fund, administered by the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts (Comptroller). Money from the fund could be used, without further appropriation, only for the expansion of access to and adoption of broadband and telecommunications services. The broadband infrastructure fund would consist of: (1) money transferred or deposited to the fund by the Texas Constitution, general law, or the General Appropriations Act; (2) revenue that the legislature by general law dedicates for deposit to the fund; (3) investment earnings and interest earned on money in the fund; and (4) gifts, grants, and donations to the fund. The proposed amendment would authorize the Comptroller to transfer money from the broadband infrastructure fund to another fund as provided by general law, and the state agency that administers the fund to which any money is transferred could use the money without further appropriation only for the expansion of access to and adoption of broadband and telecommunications services. The broadband infrastructure fund would expire on September 1, 2035, unless extended by adoption of a joint resolution of the legislature. Immediately before the expiration of the fund, the Comptroller would be required to transfer any unexpended and unobligated balance remaining in the broadband infrastructure fund to the general revenue fund.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: **"The constitutional amendment creating the broadband infrastructure fund to expand high-speed broadband access and assist in the financing of connectivity projects."**

Proposition Number 9
(HJR 2)

HJR 2 proposes a constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to provide a cost-of-living adjustment to eligible annuitants of the Teacher Retirement System of Texas (TRS). The proposed amendment also would authorize the legislature to appropriate money from the general revenue fund to the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts to pay the cost-of-living adjustment.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: **"The constitutional amendment authorizing the 88th Legislature to provide a cost-of-living adjustment to certain annuitants of the Teacher Retirement System of Texas."**

Proposition Number 10
(SJR 87)

SJR 87 proposes a constitutional amendment to allow the legislature to exempt from property taxation tangible personal property held by a medical or biomedical manufacturer as a finished good or used in the manufacturing or processing of medical or biomedical products.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: **"The constitutional amendment to authorize the legislature to exempt from ad valorem taxation equipment or inventory held by a manufacturer of medical or biomedical products to protect the Texas healthcare network and strengthen our medical supply chain."**

Proposition Number 11
(SJR 32)

SJR 32 proposes a constitutional amendment to expand the authority of the legislature with regard to conservation and reclamation districts in El Paso County. The Texas Constitution permits conservation and reclamation districts in certain counties across the state to issue bonds to fund the development and maintenance of parks and recreational facilities but does not currently provide this authority to El Paso County. The proposed amendment would add conservation and reclamation districts in El Paso County to those districts currently allowed, if authorized by general law, to issue bonds supported by property taxes to fund the development and maintenance of parks and recreational facilities. The proposed amendment would not limit the powers of the legislature or of a conservation and reclamation district with respect to parks and recreational facilities as those powers currently exist.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: **"The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to permit conservation and reclamation districts in El Paso County to issue bonds supported by ad valorem taxes to fund the development and maintenance of parks and recreational facilities."**

Proposition Number 12
(HJR 134)

HJR 134 proposes a constitutional amendment to abolish the office of County Treasurer in Galveston County. The amendment would authorize the Galveston County Commissioners Court to employ or contract with a qualified person or designate another county officer to perform any functions that would have been performed by the County Treasurer. The proposed amendment would take effect only if a majority of the voters of Galveston County voting on the proposition favor the amendment.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: **"The constitutional amendment providing for the abolition of the office of county treasurer in Galveston County."**

Proposition Number 13
(HJR 107)

HJR 107 proposes a constitutional amendment to increase the mandatory retirement age for state justices and judges. Currently, the Texas Constitution establishes that justices and judges of the appellate courts, district courts, and criminal district courts must retire on the expiration of the term during which they reach the age of 75 years or an earlier age, not less than 70 years, as the legislature may prescribe. The proposed amendment would change the mandatory retirement age for justices and judges of the appellate courts, district courts, and criminal district courts to 79 years or an earlier age, not less than 75 years, as the legislature may prescribe. The proposed amendment also would remove the provision stating that justices and judges may only serve until December 31 of their fourth year in office if they reach the age of 75 years in the first four years of a six-year term.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: **"The constitutional amendment to increase the mandatory age of retirement for state justices and judges."**

Proposition Number 14
(SJR 74)

SJR 74 proposes a constitutional amendment to establish the centennial parks conservation fund as a trust fund outside the state treasury. The fund could be used, in accordance with general law, only for the creation and improvement of state parks. The centennial parks conservation fund would consist of: (1) money appropriated, credited, or transferred to the fund by the legislature; (2) gifts, grants, and donations received by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) or its successor for a purpose for which money in the fund may be used; and (3) investment earnings and interest earned on amounts credited to the fund. The proposed amendment would authorize the legislature to appropriate money from the centennial parks conservation fund to TPWD or its successor for the creation and improvement of state parks.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: **"The constitutional amendment providing for the creation of the centennial parks conservation fund to be used for the creation and improvement of state parks."**

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Smith County jury sentences Dallas man to 60 years for trafficking

A Dallas man was sentenced to 60 years in prison by a Smith County jury for Continuous Trafficking of Persons this past week, said Smith County District Attorney's Office spokesperson Emily Starkey.

Korwin Jones, 34, was sentenced in the 7th District Court after a jury found him guilty after deliberating less than an hour after hearing four days of testimony including the testimony of two victims who Jones trafficked.

Jones became the target of an inter-agency investigation into human trafficking after a sting in the Dallas area.

The Texas Rangers and Plano Police Department officers conducted an undercover operation that led to ties in Smith County.

They notified the East Texas Anti-Gang Center of a trafficker known as "BMT" who was trafficking girls under the age of 18.

Smith County District Attorney's Office investigator Chris Miller identified "BMT" as Korwin Jones, a known felon and gang member.

Investigation into his social media and interviews with victims and witnesses led to additional evidence of Jones' trafficking of minors including Jones' claim on social media that he was the "King of East Texas P(imping)".

Prosecutors Bryan Jiral and Heath Chamness presented evidence to the jury that Jones trafficked multiple girls under the age of 18.

The named victim in the trial was trafficked by Jones when she was 15 years old.

She testified that Jones would traffic as many as 10 girls at a time. Investigator Miller was assisted by officers and special agents with the Smith County Sheriff's Department, Homeland Security Investigations, the Department of Public Safety, and Tyler Police Department.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that Letters of Administration for the Estate of JENNIE ELAINE FRASIER, Deceased, were issued on August 10, 2023, in Cause No. 47616P, pending in the County Court at Law No. 3, Smith County, Texas, to Jackson Carlisle Bell.

Claims may be presented to the following address:
Jackson Carlisle Bell
Administrator of the
Estate of JENNIE ELAINE FRASIER
12581 Darrin Blvd.
Lindale, Texas 75771

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

CAUSE NO. 47684P

THE ESTATE OF	§	IN THE COUNTY COURT
	§	
JOE DODSON CLAYTON,	§	AT LAW NO. 3
	§	
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of JOE DODSON CLAYTON, Deceased, were issued on September 11, 2023, in Cause No. 47684P, now pending in the County Court at Law No. 3 of Smith County, Texas. Letters Testamentary were issued to:
CATHERINE P. CLAYTON.
The residence of the Independent Executor is in Smith 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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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of James Harvey Pitner were issued on September 11, 2023, in docket number 47664P, pending in the County Court at Law Number NO. 3 of Smith County, Texas, to Rebecaa Dabbs Pitner. All persons having claims against the estate, which is presently being administered, are required to submit them, within the time and manner prescribed by law, and before the estate is closed, addressed as follows:
Representative
Estate of James Harvey Pitner
c/o James E. Williams
Attorney At Law
257 E. Cain
Bullard, TX 75757
Dated September 13, 2023
James E. Williams
Attorney for Executor of the Estate of
James Harvey Pitner

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF LIEN SALE

In accordance with Texas property code, Chapter 59, Castlerock Storage-Lindale, 19375 US Hwy 69, Lindale, TX 75771, will conduct a public auction to satisfy a landlord's lien. Units will be sold as-is to the highest bidder online at www.storageauctions.com September 26, 2023 thru October 6, 2023 @10:00am. Cash Only. Cleanup deposit and sales tax required. Seller reserves the right to withdraw the property at any time before the sale. Units include the personal household belongings of the following tenants:
Kristina Peacock

Notice to Creditors

Letters of Indep. Administration for the Estate of Jared Keith Bloch, Deceased, were issued to Karissa Gale Bonner 09/18/23, in Cause No. 47257P, by the County Court at Law #3 of Smith Co, Tx. All persons having claims against this Estate currently being administered are required to present them to Karissa Gale Bonner, 111 Cade Street, Arp, Texas 75750, within the time and manner prescribed by law.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Mary Lynn Manley, Deceased, were issued to William Douglas Manley as Independent Executor on September 11, 2023 in Cause No. 47662P, 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 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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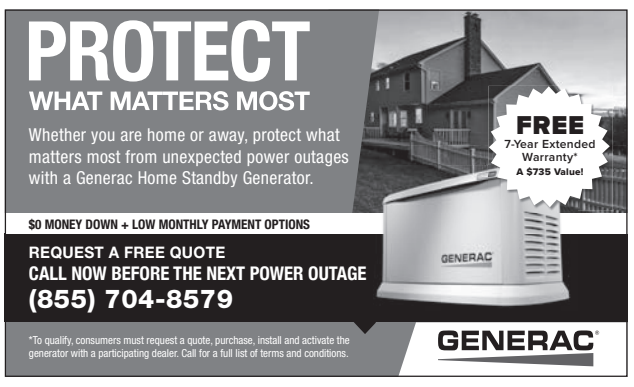

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The City of Lindale, Texas will receive bids for City of Lindale – West Lindale Crossing Water Line Project until 2:00 p.m., on October 10, 2023, at City Hall, 105 Ballard Drive, Lindale, Texas 75771, at which time the bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

The project consists of installing 6,694 linear feet of 12" Water Line along CR 472, US 69, and Interstate Highway 20.

A Pre-Bid Conference will be held on October 3rd, 2023, at 10:00 a.m., at the offices of The C. T. Brannon Corporation, located at 1321 S. Broadway, Tyler, Texas. It is highly recommended that companies submitting proposals attend. Questions concerning this project shall be directed to Dalton Brown, P.E. (903-597-2122).

All quantities are estimated and subject to change.

Bid Documents are available on CIVCAST:
https://www.civcastusa.com/bids?page=1&timeInfo=0&isReversed=true&orderBy=BidDate

Bids must be submitted on the complete project. Bids must be enclosed in a sealed envelope, addressed to Michelle Wiese, City Secretary, City of Lindale, P.O. Box 130, Lindale, Texas-75771, and the outside of the envelope must be marked BID ENCLOSED-WEST LINDALE CROSSING WATER LINE PROJECT. All bids must be made on the blank forms provided and included in the bound document. The name and address of the Bidder must be plainly marked thereon.

A cashier's check payable to the order of the City of Lindale, in the amount of five percent (5%) of bid,
or, Bid Bond issued by a surety licensed to do business in Texas in the amount of five percent (5%) of the bid shall be submitted with each bid.

Electronic Bids will not be accepted.

The City of Lindale reserves the right to reject any and all bids or to waive any informalities in the
bidding process.

Bids may be held by the City of Lindale for a period not to exceed 60 days from the date of the bid
opening for the purpose of reviewing bids and investigating the bidder's qualifications prior to the
contract award.

In order to assure that all potential bidders receive any corrections or addendums to the specifications, an official quote "Bidder's List" will be maintained in the Engineer's office for the project. Any notices of changes in the specifications will be sent to those on the"Bidder's List" and the Engineer will not be held responsible for those not on the list.

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Applications for Match the Promise Scholarships and Tuition Grants accepted

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar today reminded Texans that applications are now being accepted for 2023-24 Texas Match the Promise Foundation awards.

The foundation, in cooperation with the Comptroller's office, encourages Texas families to save for college by offering awards to third through ninth graders who are beneficiaries of a contract in the Texas Tuition Promise Fund® (TTPF) — the state's prepaid college tuition plan — and whose families have an adjusted gross income of $100,000 or less.

Match the Promise scholarships are awarded in the form of TTPF tuition units. Approved recipients can receive matching scholarships of tuition units worth up to $2,000 at today's prices, while top-scoring recipients also can receive one-time grants of tuition units worth $3,000 at today's prices. These scholarship tuition units can be used at Texas public colleges and universities, excluding medical and dental schools, for undergraduate resident tuition and required, schoolwide fees.

Applicants can apply through Dec. 31, 2023, by using our online application system or downloading an application form to mail.1 Families can also enroll in TTPF during this time if they haven't already done so.2

To be considered for an award, students must write a short career essay of 200 to 300 words and meet other requirements. If approved, families will have until Aug. 31, 2024, to meet the contribution requirement of the scholarship program by contributing a minimum of $50 to the student's TTPF contract.

The foundation will match up to $500 of participant tuition unit purchases, with family incomes of $75,000 or less receiving a four-to-one match worth up to $2,000 and family incomes of $75,001 to $100,000 receiving a two-to-one match worth up to $1,000. The 12 applicants who score the highest will also receive a one-time grant worth $3,000, which doesn't have a matching component.

Complete details can be found at MatchThePromise.org.

Employment reached historic highs in August

AUSTIN - After continued growth through the month of August, Texas has once again set new records for the number of jobs, number of people employed, and size of the civilian labor force. Total nonfarm employment increased by 16,700 positions over the month to reach a 23rd consecutive series-high level with 13,979,100 jobs and a 30th consecutive month of growth. Since August 2022, Lone Star State employment grew by 402,000 positions and continued to outpace the nation in the rate of annual employment growth.

The number of employed persons grew by another 24,300 people over the month, raising the new record high to 14,489,000. The Texas seasonally adjusted civilian labor force grew over the month by another 33,500 people, raising the total to 15,111,900 and marking another record high for the state. The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate held at 4.1 percent in August, marking the fourth month at that rate.

"After 30 straight months of job growth, the number of employed Texans has reached more than 14.4 million," said TWC Chairman Bryan Daniel. "TWC supports the state's continued economic growth through programs like Jobs and Education for Texans and the Skills Development Fund, that help upskill the Texas workforce to meet employer demand."

Leisure and Hospitality saw significant growth over the month with 9,100 jobs added. Another 5,000 jobs were added in Other Services, while Financial Activities gained 3,300 positions. Over the year, the job market grew faster in Texas than the U.S. in industries such as Mining and Logging and Financial Activities, which outpaced national growth rates by 3.9 and 3.0 percentage points, respectively. Other Services also grew 2.7 points faster in Texas than nationally over the year.

"Our world-class Texas workforce has grown by more than 400,000 jobs over the last year, thanks largely to the energizing job creation by our private-sector employers," said TWC Commissioner Representing Employers Aaron Demerson.

The Midland Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) maintained the lowest unemployment rate among Texas MSAs with a not seasonally adjusted rate of 2.8 percent in August, followed by Amarillo at 3.6 percent, College Station-Bryan at 3.8 percent, and Odessa at 3.8 percent. Abilene, Austin-Round Rock, and Lubbock were each at 3.9 percent through August. The Midland MSA civilian labor force grew the fastest in the state at 5.5 percent in August. The civilian labor force in Dallas-Fort Worth grew by 4.6 percent, adding more than 195,000 people and representing 40 percent of all MSA growth over-the-year.