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## BBB's free shred event scheduled in Lindale Oct. 11

Officials with the Better Business Bureau serving Central East Texas have announced there will be three "Secure Your ID" shredding events in the area including one in Lindale at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 11 in the parking lot of the Lindale Area Chamber of Commerce on Main Street.

These free shredding events are designed to help consumers and businesses securely destroy documents and help prevent identity theft.

Attendees are encouraged to bring paper documents which contain personal and/or financial information to be destroyed.

Other events will take place during October in Longview and Jacksonville.

The events will take place in Longview, Lindale, and Jacksonville. For information on those shredding events call the BBB Serving Central East Texas at 903-581-5888.

No boxes will be taken and attendees are asked to bring documents in a plastic bin, bag or a box you can keep.

"We want to give businesses and the community the opportunity to safely discard any documents which contain personal information," Rachelle Ewart, Community Outreach Coordinator for BBB in Central East Texas said. "This is a quick and easy way to make sure your information is not compromised, and we are so happy to offer the services to consumers and businesses across East Texas."

During its annual "Secure Your ID" day in April at the Tyler offices more than 33,000 pounds of documents were securely destroyed along with three thousand pounds of electronics. Shredding trucks and volunteers will be on hand to assist participants and hand out information on identity theft protection. All attendees must remain in their vehicles during the event. BBB has partnered with Ark-La-Tex Shredding, Shred-It, Drug Emporium, The City of Jacksonville, and The Lindale Chamber of Commerce to bring these events to the public, FREE of charge.



## Homecoming Queen Avery Adams crowned Friday

Avery Adams was crowned Homecoming Queen for 2023 this past Friday prior to the Lindale High School game against Athens. The 2022 Queen, Kinzie Walker, presented Adams with her crown.

Photo by Terry Cannon

## Eagles handle Hornets, 40-7

By Terry Cannon  
Editor

In its most dominating effort of the season, the Lindale High School Football team's defense clamped down on Athens this past Friday to help the Eagles pick up their second straight District 9-4A victory, 40-7, on Homecoming night.

-And the Eagles will need another similar effort this Friday when they travel to Kilgore to take on the always tough Bulldogs in a key district showdown.

"I'm really proud of our kids and how they've continued to believe in their coaches," said LHS Head Coach Chris Cochran, pointing specifically to the defensive staff of coordinator Chad Cooper, linebackers' coach Blair Magee, defensive line coach Joe Rinley and defensive backs' coaches Ronnie Nicks and Airik Williams. "All of our coaches have worked each week to make sure our guys are prepared for each game."

The Hornets had been averaging 42.5 points per game coming into last Friday, but the Eagles slammed the door hard on the visitors, allowing just a late touchdown and 180 total yards, with just 10 of those coming through the air.

Junior linebacker Nathan Bradford was one of the key performers for the Eagles' defense with four tackles, a sack and a blocked punt that set his team up deep in Athens territory.

Lindale quarterback Clint Thurman got the Eagles on the board with 1:56 left in the first period on a one-yard run and with 3:11 left in the half, running back Wyatt Parker raced 24 yards for the score.

And with just under two minutes left in the half, Thurman ran in from five yards out after Bradford's blocked punt.

"Offensively we might have been a little complacent in the first half," Cochran said, adding that at halftime, he expressed in no uncertain terms his dissatisfaction to his team. "I felt like we could have played harder effort-wise," he said.



Lindale vs. Kilgore  
7:30 p.m.  
Friday  
in  
Kilgore

In the second half, Lindale forced a three and out on Athens' first possession and got the ball back at midfield.

From there, it took just four plays for Thurman to score again, this time from five yards out.

Once again, the Eagles' defense rose to the occasion and stopped Athens on fourth down on its next possession. Parker scored from a yard out to put the game away.

This week, Lindale's defense will be tested by a fast-moving Kilgore offense.

"They are always so well coached and they always have a great offensive line," Cochran said.

Quarterback Derrick Williams, a converted wide receiver from last year, will be pulling the trigger.

"He is a sound player ... an athlete," Cochran said. "And their wide receivers are fast and athletic."

Last Friday, the Bulldogs handled Jacksonville with ease in a 49-7 win in the Tomato Bowl. They built a 21-0 first period advantage and didn't look back. Kilgore's defense held the Fightin' Indians to 184 yards of total offense. On offense, the Bulldogs amassed 434 yards with 253 of those coming on the ground.

"Our defensive definitely needs to play well," Cochran said. "(Kilgore) is always a big test for us."

## Lindale residents donate World War I scrapbooks to Kansas City museum

By Terry Cannon  
Editor

Thanks to perseverance and preservation by a couple of sisters - one from the Lindale area -- a hefty batch of history has found a home in the National World War I Museum in Kansas City.

Bound volumes of World War I editorial cartoons and other drawings associated with the Great War - in pristine shape - now rest in a place of honor at the museum.

The sisters, Cherie Parson (from the Lindale area) and Connie Deans, granddaughters of Charles Krcilek, a native of Prague, Czechoslovakia, worked on the bound books which display cartoons depicting life in Europe as the war began and through its conclusion. There are also cartoons and drawings from years after the Armistice was signed.

Cherie Parson donated the collection after sister Connie researched the family history and

discovered this treasure trove of fascinating information.

The drawings are genuine artwork and reflect the horrors of war and affects it had on generations of families.

For months prior to their arrival at the museum a couple of weeks ago, these books were stored at the Lillie Russell Memorial Library. Donna Edwards, a member of the Friends of the Library, undertook the chore of finding a permanent home for them.

After weeks of contacting universities and museums, she came upon the National World War I Museum in Kansas City. It took some heavy lifting - literally - make sure these volumes (14 total) made their way to the museum.

Christopher Warren, senior curator and vice president of collections for the museum, was thrilled to receive the books.

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Sisters Connie Deans and Cherie Parson display one of the World War I scrapbooks compiled by their grandfather which are now in the National World War I Museum in Kansas City. Photo by Terry Cannon



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# OPINION/COMMENTARY

## 'It's a small world after all...'

After toes in the sand for two days in Pensacola getting out your newspapers, Clark Kent and I headed to Jacksonville, Florida where my journalist superhero hubby and Texas Press Association President carried the Lone Star Flag in the procession of states at the National Newspaper Association's annual convention. It was a thrilling moment for both of us and a memory we will always treasure.

And, since we were now so close to the "happiest place on earth", (it's certainly the cleanest which is amazing considering the crowds) we headed to DisneyWorld for the 50th Anniversary celebration. We hit Magic Kingdom with a gazillion other people to do just that. As they camped out for hours for viewing space for the special fireworks display we walked onto rides, sampled the famous Dole Whip and of course rode "It's a Small World"... the water ride that celebrates all the children of the world and their cultures.

On Sunday we found out what a small world it really is. At Animal Kingdom we went on a safari, people watched, checked out the exotic world of Pandora and ate at the African themed Tusker House. Our hospitable host asked where we were from and then said, "WOW! I am from Longview." It just got better from there. After our meal we took the time to visit with Cousin Randy. Turns out he really might be related to Jim. How about that for a small world indeed?

I wish I could gather all my dear readers, friends and neighbors and bring you to this 'magic kingdom' that was built by Walt Disney and a mouse for this very reason. There are people from all over the world speaking a variety of languages, different cultures, races, political convictions and religions and everyone is smiling and almost everyone is exercising their best manners.

## Special session to begin on Oct. 9

Gov. Greg Abbott issued a letter to legislative leaders indicating a special session will begin on Oct. 9 dealing with what he has called "school choice" but is more widely known as vouchers.

The Austin American-Statesman reported Abbott has threatened another special session if lawmakers can't come to an agreement this month, and then will take the issue to voters by finding candidates to run against those opposing vouchers.

During the regular session, a coalition of Democrats and many rural House Republicans blocked legislation concerning vouchers that had easily passed the Senate. Abbott has spent much of this year traveling the state encouraging parents and pastors to advocate for school choice.

"I will keep fighting every step of the way until we have school choice in the state of Texas," Abbott said.

Opponents of vouchers say they would divert taxpayer money from public schools. Many public school district leaders say they already struggle to balance their budgets and retain teachers.

## Delayed farm bill worries ag producers

One of the key bills delayed by the wrangling in Congress is the massive farm bill, which is renewed every five years. The Texas Tribune reports a temporary extension of the current bill is expected to pass, however. The farm bill is key to a host of programs, from crop insurance to food access for low-income families through the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, or SNAP.

"In a perfect world, we get a farm bill this year. If we don't, though, let's extend it. And let's not pass a farm bill just to say we passed a farm bill," Laramie Adams, national legislative director for the Texas Farm Bureau, said. "We want to make sure that the farm bill is meaningful."

Since the last farm bill was passed in 2018, farmers have been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, Russia's invasion of Ukraine cutting world grain shipments, and rising costs for equipment and fuel. Meanwhile, market prices for most agricultural products remain stagnant.

"As you look at that and inflation and adjusting for inflation, from our perspective, we need to look at strengthening crop insurance," Adams said. "And that is not an easy task."

## Supreme Court to decide Paxton's back pay

After being acquitted in his impeachment trial, Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton is seeking around \$50,000 in back pay. However, the state comptroller's office says the best course of action is to let the Texas Supreme Court decide, the Austin American-Statesman reported.

The comptroller's office is responsible for authorizing payments, and Paxton's pay was withheld when he was impeached and suspended from office in late May by the Texas House. Paxton was acquitted by the Senate in September.

"Because we disagree with your interpretation of the Texas Constitution on this very important issue, we encourage you to file a writ of mandamus with the Texas Supreme Court for

## The Best of Suzanne Bardwell



That makes for a very happy place indeed.

What if we all were like our new found "cousin" Randy? We greet everyone with a big smile, look for what we have in common, choose not to judge and dismiss based on dress, language or attractiveness and we just might find every corner of our world a much more pleasant place to be.

You know, Walt Disney was from Missouri with very strong traditional American values. He worked hard to bring the Golden Rule into his business and into the lives of millions of people making it a requirement for employment in the happy worlds he created. Courtesy, warmth, caring, problem solving and compassion applied to life by treating others the way we want to be treated. What a plan! I am pretty sure that most of us grew up being taught just that by our parents, Sunday School teachers and teachers. It is time we embrace that again to create a better world. It requires effort, it requires time, and it requires that we use the manners our mothers taught us.

Remember my friends, you don't have to agree with one another to care for one another. You also must remember that we never know the burdens that others are carrying and we can often lighten the load with a smile and a little warmth.

After all, we carry the 'happiest place on earth' within us wherever we go and we should never forget how "small our world" really is.

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a definitive ruling," read the letter signed by Victoria North, the comptroller's general counsel on fiscal and agency affairs.

Meanwhile, four ex-employees of Paxton have asked the Texas Supreme Court for permission to move forward with a wrongful termination suit against their ex-boss since they still haven't received their settlement money, kut.org reported. The four had reached a \$3.3 million settlement with Paxton in February, but the Texas Legislature never approved the settlement. They are now seeking to move forward with the lawsuit in Travis County.

"After seven months and after the positions taken at the impeachment trial, there is no reason to believe a final settlement agreement is achievable at this point," Monday's filing with the court reads.

## Anti-drag law ruled unconstitutional

A federal judge last week ruled a law restricting drag performances in Texas violates free speech and is unconstitutional, the Texas Standard reported. Senate Bill 12 banned sexually oriented performances in the presence of minors.

U.S. District Judge David Hittner, appointed to the bench by then-President Ronald Reagan, said the law was overly broad.

"Based on evidence and testimony presented at the hearing, the court finds there is substantial likelihood that SB 12 as drafted violated the First Amendment of the United States Constitution under one or more of the legal theories put forward by the plaintiffs," Hittner wrote in the temporary restraining order.

The state is expected to appeal.

## Nearly 900,000 Texans lose Medicaid

After federal regulations enacted during the pandemic banned states from removing people from Medicaid were lifted in April, nearly 900,000 Texans have lost those benefits, with many also having their SNAP benefits delayed, the Texas Tribune reported. The state has been rechecking the eligibility of every person in the program, and the logjam has resulted in hundreds of thousands losing their healthcare coverage, largely due to procedural errors.

Those most affected are children, women who recently gave birth, and disabled adults.

"Every parent worries about their child getting hurt or seriously ill," Michelle Castillo, deputy director for the nonprofit Children's Defense Fund, said at a news conference. "That fear is magnified when your child's Medicaid case is in limbo."

Eligibility for SNAP benefits have also been slowed, with the waiting period now 100 days in Texas. The federal standard is 30 days.

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## THE ECONOMIST

By Dr. M. Ray Perryman

### Household debt ...

Household debt in the United States is at an all-time high – more than \$17 trillion. Of that amount, the lion's share, almost \$12.4 trillion, is for housing, and credit card obligations recently topped \$1 trillion. These are big numbers, and they are rising. The question is whether they are a cause for concern. The short answer is "not really" given current conditions, though there are some underlying issues which bear watching.



The Federal Reserve Bank of New York tracks household debt using a nationally representative random sample of Equifax credit report data; it is reported quarterly in the [Household Debt and Credit Report](#). Total household debt balances grew by \$16 billion in the second quarter of 2023, a relatively small increase.

The largest increase was in credit card debt, up \$45 billion to \$1.03 trillion. After dropping sharply during the first year of the pandemic due to stimulus payments and a lack of options for spending, credit card balances have recently been expanding at a notable pace.

In Texas, total debt per capita is \$55,400, slightly lower than the national average of \$59,970 and well under states such as California (\$83,330) or Nevada (\$66,920). A key reason is mortgages, which are \$66,900 per capita in California but only \$36,240 in Texas. Compared to the US average, Texans tend to have significantly higher auto loan debt and slightly larger credit card balances.

Although there has been a slight uptick in accounts with overdue payments, delinquency rates are generally around pre-pandemic levels. It's a very different situation from the Great Recession, during which financial difficulties and debt delinquencies rose rapidly and affected individuals and households across the income spectrum. In fact, the current pattern is more of a return to normal than a signal of a major problem.

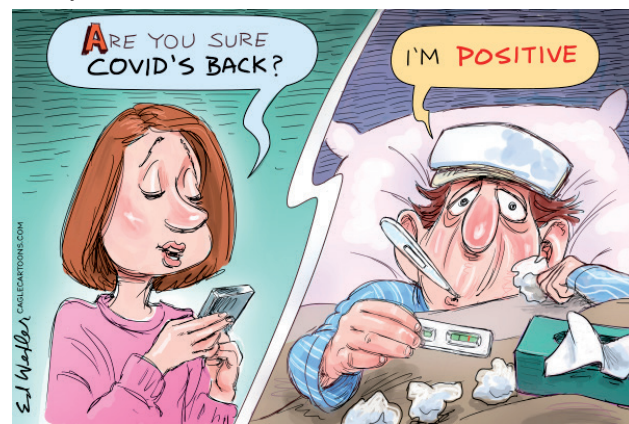
These overall increases are largely continuations of long-term trends given recovery from the pandemic-related shifts. A couple of components, however, are somewhat troubling.

One is auto loans. Delinquencies are rising and an increasing percentage of owners have negative equity due to purchases at high prices during recent supply chain disruptions. While it's possible to trade a car with negative equity, rolling the amount into the new loan increases the financial burden.

Mortgages are another potential challenge. Homeowners who locked in extremely low interest rates may be unable to afford comparable homes or upgrades at current rates and are under pressure to remain where they are. As a result, there aren't many houses for sale, and the real estate market will take time to fully normalize.

Thus far, households appear to be managing their debt levels relatively well despite the challenges. Barring an unforeseen shock to the economy, this pattern will likely continue.

Stay safe!



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# Politics as usual? Or simply just politics?

If the recent exoneration of tainted Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton wasn't proof enough that there may not be a lot of brains under the State Capitol dome, let's check in on Gov. Greg Abbott and his obsession with making taxpayer-funded, school vouchers a reality.

A couple of weeks ago, Abbott expressed his intention to call the state lawmakers back into a special session this month to discuss "school choice," which is a euphemism for vouchers.

The governor laid out two options for lawmakers.

"There's an easy way and a hard way," he said during a town hall meeting in mid-September. We will take it either way – in a special session or after an election."

The voucher idea has been the top item on the governor's agenda, with the vouchers paid for by state taxpayers.

Essentially, according to Abbott's plan, parents can use state funds (again, from taxpayers) to take their youngsters out of public schools and put them in private schools.

There's been considerable pushback on the proposal in the House from a coalition of Democrats and Republicans who represent rural school districts, so much so that the idea failed to gain traction during the regular session.

Lindale ISD Superintendent Stan Surratt is among those who are adamantly opposed to vouchers and his arguments make good sense.

"Republicans think this is a priority that needs to be checked off," he said. "I don't believe parents want this because we have all kinds of polls that show parents are happy with the way things are."

Surratt's label for vouchers has a solid ring to it.

"It's just welfare for the rich," he said. "The parents that would benefit from this are already sending their kids to private schools. From a conservative viewpoint, it simply doesn't make sense."



Part of Abbott's desire for having taxpayer-funded vouchers for parents is the so-called "woke" agenda he said is being fed to the state's students.

Surratt vehemently disagrees.

"The woke agenda is a lie," he said. "It's not true at all. It's a shame (politicians) are trying to scare people that this is happening."

Politicians across the country have found this topic to be fertile ground for winning votes as parents are demanding more input in their children's education.

Abbott believes the Texas legislature is ready to approve a voucher plan. Surratt says it does indeed have a chance to become a reality and as is the case with similar actions, it comes down to money.

"I think the legislature is going to approve it because it would appease a lot of rich donors," Surratt said. "It's sad that taxpayers are going to foot the bill for those kids that are already in private schools."

In private schools, parents actually have little or no say in what is being taught, Surratt said.

In public schools, state oversight is constant.

"There would be no accountability and control over their curriculum," he said. "It's just huge additional cost to the taxpayers."

The price tag for state-supported vouchers – which supporters label as "school choice" – would be approximately \$500 million.

"Taxpayers need to be furious about that," he said. "It has no benefit for the vast majority of the parents and students in the state. This is about as far away from being a conservative idea as it can be."

"It's a shame that politics is holding back money to the districts that need it," he said. "There's a budget surplus of \$33 billion and \$25 billion in the Rainy Day Fund, so they have the money but they aren't getting it to the teachers."

But when state expenditures are mentioned, specifically when it comes to teachers' salaries and the voucher program idea that has taken root in Austin, Surratt isn't so generous with his praise.

"(Vouchers) are just a political thing," Surratt said. "It's not a conservative idea at all and for some reason the Republican party has made (vouchers) a political thing."

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On teacher pay, Surratt noted there was a proposal for a one-year-only raise of approximately \$6,000 for teachers in rural districts and \$3,000 for larger districts.

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## Rotary Speaker

DeMarcus Johnson, of Lindale Youth Basketball League, was the guest speaker at the regular meeting of the Lindale Rotary Club on Monday, Sept. 25. He was introduced by Lindale High School Head Girls Basketball Coach, Daniel Devisscher and was the guest of Rotarian Doug Lowe. Johnson works with the youth in the community as a mentor and life guide. He's helping build character/life skills in areas of discipline, consistency, work ethic, dexterity, strength, persistence, etc. He believes that "anything is possible if you're willing to work at it". (Courtesy photo)



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### ONE YEAR AGO, Oct. 6, 2022

The Lindale High School Lady Eagles' volleyball teams swept three matches from the Mabank Lady Panthers in the LHS gym, with the varsity, junior varsity and freshman teams all recording victories.

For the varsity, the Lady Eagles took a 25-22, 25-17 and 25-10 win. Addison Ridge led the attack with 16 kills and added 7 digs defensively.

Maddox Lay put down 8 kills and had 7 digs, and Reagan Cates provided 4 kills and 2 blocks.

Kayli Vickery also added 2 blocks, and 2 kills on the night. Setter, Anna Ivy assisted 17 times, and added 5 digs, and Tatum Woodard had 10 assists.

The Junior Varsity won in two sets, 25-14 and 25-17. Alyssa Potts led the Lady Eagles with 8 kills, 3 digs, and 2 aces. Izzy Koonce had 6 kills, 13 assists. Addison Frazier put down 5 kills, and Kady Spears and Katie Gordon each added 3 kills. Justina Stirling had 3 blocks and a kill.

Setter Clara Helvey assisted 14 times and had two aces. Libero, Callie Schmidt was solid defensively with 12 digs for the Lady Eagles.

The freshman Lady Eagles won in three sets 25-22, 14-22, and 25-14. Abigail Kelley had 7 kills and 1 block. Alyssia Romers added 6 kills, 2 aces, and Kenlie Collins added 4 kills, 8 service points. Addilyn Bills put down 3 kills. Setter, Macy Hodde assisted 11 times, and Abigail Warrington had 6 assists.

### FIVE YEARS AGO, Oct. 4, 2018

Lindale High School celebrated Homecoming prior to the Eagles' district game with Marshall and Joy Nelms was crowned Homecoming Queen by 2017's Queen Klaire Hicks. Also at halftime, LISD Athletic Secretary Barbara Rodriguez was presented with a jersey bearing the name of her late husband, longtime Lindale Eagle supporter Jesse Rodriguez.

### 10 YEARS AGO, Oct. 3, 2013

The Lindale High School varsity tennis team opened District 16-4A play with a 12-7 win over Jacksonville which earned the Eagles a spot in the Area Championship Round of the state playoffs.

The junior varsity also played Jacksonville and won 12-4, Anders reported.

Winners against Jacksonville included: Boys doubles, Aaron Beggs/Ryan Gambrell, Ruben Rodriguez/Erick Jones and Preston Stark/Kylar Moore; girls doubles, Allison McClellan/Sarah Johnson; mixed doubles, Sarah Johnson/Zabe Krause; boys singles Beggs, Gambrell, Rodriguez, Krause, Jones, Brian Beggs, Stark and Moore.

In girls singles, Zoe Santschi was a winner as well.

# The next voice you hear....

If a man's home is his castle, then a boy's room is his. I know my room was. My room was also a museum. It contained all sorts of junk including feathers, wasp nests, and my special collection of road killed, flatter than a pancake, sun dried toad frogs.

These were also known as toad jerky. They would stack fairly well and just the thought of them would keep my sister out of my room. As you might have guessed, my room was not what you would call orderly. Oh, I kept it clean; Momma made sure of that. My stuff was never put in any sort of order, but I always knew where everything was.

"I don't know how you find anything in that closet," my momma would say. "Everything is just thrown in there."

She was right. I'd just throw junk in there. I kept a long stick by the closet door and if I ever needed anything, I'd just poke it in the closet and stir it around. When I'd see whatever it was I needed come to the top, I'd grab it. It was a pretty good system if I do say so myself.

The only problem with my room was that, with all of the junk I had, there was no room to play. My cousin Coy, on the other hand, had the ideal room. His house had a basement and his parents had moved him and his big brother Royce down there.

They each had a big room plus a big area that was used as a game room. We could make almost as much noise as we wanted and not bring the wrath of a parent down on us.

One night, Coy and I were in the game room tryin' to



figure out what to do to occupy ourselves. We had just finished a gruelin' game of Blind Man's Pool; this was a game we had made up ourselves, as were most of the games we played.

To play Blind Man's Pool, we would chalk up our pool cues, stand on either side of the pool table blindfolded, and proceed to poke as many pool balls into the pockets as possible without gettin' poked ourselves. The winner was the one who had the most balls in the other side's pockets and with the least amount of chalk marks on his body. Coy won this particular night.

"What are we goin' to do now?" I asked.

"I don't know," Coy answered. "By the way, how's the eye?"

"I think it will be OK if I can just get the chalk out of it. Hey, I know! Let's go outside."

"OK," Coy said. "Let me go ask Mom." This was somethin' we as kids were required to do -- ask permission.

When Coy came back down from upstairs, I could tell by the look on his face the answer had been no. "She said it is too cold and for us just to play down here. Man, it's too bad we couldn't make Mom think we were down here playin' and just go out for a little while."

I thought for a second. "Why can't we," I said.

"How are you gonna do that, Mr. Wizard?"

"Easy," I said. "Let's go get Royce's tape recorder and I'll show you."

Like I said, Royce was Coy's older brother. He was out on a date and we knew he wouldn't be back for a while, so we borrowed his big reel to reel tape recorder.

"OK," I said. "Let's record ourselves playin' for about an hour, and then we'll rewind it, put it on play, and Aunt Christine will hear what she thinks is us playin'. Then we'll go outside and have some real fun."

"You know," said Coy, "this might be the best idea you've ever had."

Well, we played pool, wrestled, played ping-pong, all the while recordin' ourselves. After about an hour, we rewound the tape and put it on play. Coy set the volume to what we thought was right and then we left.

While we were outside playin', Aunt Christine started feelin' bad about makin' us stay inside, so she decided that since we were bein' so good and playin' nicely downstairs, she would make us some cookies.

"Boys, I've got a surprise for you," I can imagine her sayin'. "How would you like some cooki....." and then she would have seen the tape recorder.

Coy and I were down past my house throwin' rocks at some bats as they swooped

under a guard light in front of Mr. Dozier's house when we heard my father call.

"Rusty! Coy!"

"Yes sir! We answered and ran up to see what he wanted.

"Coy, your mother just called wantin' you," he said. Coy and I looked at each other and swallowed hard. "She said somethin' about y'all leavin' the recorder on. Coy, she said for you to head on home."

Coy looked at his feet. "Yes sir," he said, and then looked up at me. "You comin'?"

"Uh...naw.... I think I'll just stay home."

"Chicken," he said.

"I'd rather be a live chicken than a dead duck," I said, and Coy turned and left. He turned back and looked at me several times before he faded off in the darkness.

"What was that all about?" asked my dad.

"Oh, nothin'," I answered. "Hey, Daddy, ol' buddy, ol' pal. Aunt Christine didn't say anything about me, did she?"

"No," he replied. "Good...uh...I mean...uh...Boy howdy, it's gettin' late. I think I'll go in and hit the hay."

"I've got a better idea," he said. "Let's call Christine up and find out what happened. That is, unless you want to tell me."

"Uh.... that's OK. I guess I'll tell you. Ha, ha, it's really kinda funny, ha ha. You know how Coy is always wantin' to sneak out, ha, ha." Then I swallowed hard. "Well, he finally figured out a way."

Coy and I, neither one, was able to sit down for a week.

You know, nobody appreciates pure genius.

# Navigating mental health challenges in your family

By Claudann Jones  
Smith County Extension Agent,  
Family and Community Health

Your involvement is important to help improve outcomes when it comes to your family's mental health.

As a family member, you can be a reliable source to provide accurate family and clinical history to your loved one's clinical team. In addition, you can play a vital role as an advocate within the applicable health and legal systems.

Here are some tips on how to help others in the family:

- Prepare for a Marathon, Not a Sprint- Mental health recovery is not linear; it's a roller coaster ride. Learning to manage your energy levels around this emotionally and physically draining work requires a lot of self-care.

- Build a Village of Support-At the outset, it's important to begin building an "A" team of outpatient professionals who will be your "village." These are people who will support you as well as your family member. There is tremendous variability among quality and types

of care depending on your personal resources, access to providers and the state and community where you live.

Here's a list of providers you will want to know about:

- Psychiatrist (traditional and/or holistic, and possibly with specialty license in addiction medicine)
- Therapist/s, including family therapy, individual therapy, couple's therapy (this may be the same person if their skill level is appropriate)
- Psychiatric social worker to assist with resourcing
- Disability benefits advocate
- Attorneys (estate and potentially guardianship)
- Personal coach/life coach for child
- Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) team, which consists of a community-based group of medical, behavioral and rehabilitation professionals who use a team approach to meet the needs of an individual with severe and persistent mental health challenges.

Educational consultant to assist with placement in residential treatment

programs

Be sure to interview them to determine how much experience they have in the mental health arena and to determine necessity for residential vs. outpatient treatment. Good consultants can be invaluable as they visit the programs, usually annually, to determine who is doing what they say they are going to do.

Your life experiences may be radically different from those of most of your friends.

It's important to set healthy boundaries to preserve your capacity around friends. Become masterful at saying "no." Avoid over-committing, even if it felt good at one point in your life, as things are different now. For more information about Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Family and Community Health programs, contact the Smith County Extension Agent for Family and Community Health at 903-590-2980 or email at cmjones@ag.tamu.edu. Like our Facebook page: Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service Smith County. Stay well and stay safe.

# Officials urge planning for Oct. 14 solar eclipse

By Laura Muntean  
Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service

With six years since the last solar eclipse, state officials are warning Texans to prepare for the Oct. 14 event as it is expected to draw thousands to the Lone Star State.

The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service's Disaster Assessment Recovery, DAR, unit, along with state emergency preparedness officials, urge individuals to be mindful of increased traffic and resources leading up to and the day of the event.

For context, in 2017, the last solar eclipse in the U.S., the state of Kentucky saw a 222% increase in automobile traffic while Tennessee saw more than 1 million visitors for eclipse events.

In Texas, we are anticipating significant increases in roadway traffic, potentially causing delivery delays, as well as spikes in fueling locations, hotels, restaurants and other venues as visitors position themselves for this unique event," said Bryan Davis, AgriLife Extension DAR area chief south region. "Additionally, people should be prepared for more unexpected impacts like increased strains on cellular service."

The annular, or ringed shaped, solar eclipse, when the moon passes between the Sun and Earth, but does not completely cover the sun, is predicted to begin Oct. 14 at 10:23 a.m. and conclude at 1:33 p.m. It is best viewed from the west regions of Texas, according to officials. The Texas Parks and

Wildlife Department has compiled state park viewing locations. It will be visible in San Antonio at 11:54 a.m. for approximately 4 minutes and 21 seconds.

Next year, a total solar eclipse event, when the moon passes between the sun and earth completely blocking the face of the sun, is expected to begin April 8 and will be visible from Kerrville at 1:32 p.m. for relatively 4 minutes and 25 seconds.

Reflecting on lessons learned from the 2017 experience, Davis advises that people wanting to view the solar eclipse should take these precautions.

### What to expect

Because the eclipse is a natural event that only periodically happens, many people love to make an event out of the special day. With that increased excitement, the people of Texas can expect:

- Increased tourists and visitors.
- Increased traffic.
- Maximum capacity in hotels.
- Decreased quality of cellular service.
- Delays in supply chains and deliveries.

### Plan, Plan, Plan

Davis said it is best to plan ahead and anticipate higher than normal traffic on highways and commerce at retail businesses. Here are some plan-ahead tips:

- Schedule errands and appointments two to three days before the eclipse.
- Fill up gas tanks.
- Stock up trucks: Make sure oil and transmission levels are full and first aid kits



- packed as part of basic needs travel.
- Buy and stock up on groceries.
- Know local business and service hours as they might be closed early during the eclipse.
- Have several forms of communication, not only cellular, and know the closest landline.
- Be sure to check the weather.

"We encourage everyone to check the weather in their area prior to the day of the eclipse," Davis said. "For example, the forecast for the day may be cloudy and the eclipse can only be seen 150 miles west. The weather may impact how you plan to experience the eclipse."

### What to bring with you

In the case that there will be an eclipse watching event, Davis suggests these items to carry along:

- Eclipse viewing glasses that meet ISO standards.

- Large amounts of drinking water.
- First aid kit and any necessary medications.
- Sunscreen, sunglasses and hat/visor.
- Snacks and/or food.
- Map and/or directions of the event area.
- Print hard copy to avoid bad cellular service.
- Comfortable folding chairs and clothing.
- Cash, many online operating systems could be down.
- Bug spray and/or repellent.

In all, the solar eclipse is a rare, natural phenomenon that only comes every so often.

"Make an event of the day, work from home or even take the day off," Davis said.

Listen to the recent [podcast episode](#) Ag Law in the Field hosted by Tiffany Lashmet, J.D., AgriLife Extension law specialist, featuring Davis discussing the upcoming solar eclipse.

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**FRIDAY, SEPT. 22:** Assist Another Agency, 500 block Sunset Drive, Settled at Scene; Motor Vehicle Crash, 2500 block South Main Street, Report; Assist DPS, 17300 block County Road 4108, Settled at Scene; Stolen Vehicle, 13700 block Harvey Road, Report; Traffic Complaint, 559 IH-20 East, Unable to Locate; Theft 100 block East Centennial Blvd., Report.

**SATURDAY, SEPT. 23:** Loud Noise Complaint, 1500 block Camden Court, Settled at Scene; Traffic Hazard, 554 IH-20 East, Settled at Scene; Business Alarm, 15500 block CR 463, False Alarm; Theft, 600 block Jack Drive, Report; Traffic Complaint, 2400 block South Main Street, Settled at Scene; Business Alarm, 1700 block South Main Street, False Alarm; Welfare Concern, 700 block Half Street, Unable to Locate; Suspicious Person, 400 block South Main Street, Unable to Locate; Theft, 100 block East Centennial Blvd., Arrest; Suspicious Person, 200 block North Main Street, Settled at Scene; Suspicious Vehicle, 300 block South Main Street, Unfounded; Business Alarm, 14100 block FM 849, False Alarm.

**SUNDAY, SEPT. 24:** Traffic Complaint, 553 IH-20 West, Unable to Locate; Disturbance, 300 block Cooper Street, Settled at Scene; Suspicious Person, 18300 block U.S. Highway 69 North, Settled at Scene; Terroristic Threats, 17700 block CR 4112, Report; Business Alarm, 14100 block FM 849, False Alarm; Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, 1600 block South Main Street, Citation Issued; Criminal Trespass, 200 block West South Street,



Warning Issued; Verbal Disturbance, 2500 block South Main Street, Warning Issued; Traffic Complaint, 561 IH-20 East, Settled at Scene; Criminal Trespass, 100 block East Centennial Blvd., Warning Issued; Assist Another Agency, 15300 block FM 849, Settled at Scene; Traffic Complaint, 100 block South Main Street, Settled at Scene.

**MONDAY, SEPT. 25:** Traffic Complaint, 551 IH-20 West, Unable to Locate; Traffic Control/Direct, 14000 block CR 411, Settled at Scene; Theft, 500 block South Main Street, Settled at Scene; Assist Another Agency, 400 block East South Street, Settled at Scene; Fraud, 17700 block CR 4112, Settled at Scene; Transport Subject, 1200 block Forest Trails Drive, Settled at Scene; Criminal Trespass, 200 block South Main Street, Warning Issued; Public Service, 100 block Ballard Drive, Settled at Scene; Warrant Service, 100 block East Centennial Blvd., Arrest; Motor Vehicle Crash, 300 block West Hubbard Street, Report.

**TUESDAY, SEPT. 26:** Business Alarm, 1700 block South Main Street, False Alarm; Warrant Service, 3400

block South Main Street, Arrest; 911 Hang Up Call, 15100 block CR 467, Unable to Locate; Assist Smith County S.O., 554 IH-20 East, Report; Assist Smith County S.O., 16100 block CR 4191, Settled at Scene; Verbal Disturbance, 100 block Ballard Drive, Settled at Scene.

**WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 27:** Motor Vehicle Crash, 900 block East South Street, Report; Motor Vehicle Crash, 13800 block U.S. Highway 69 North, Settled at Scene; Motor Vehicle Crash, 2200 block South Main Street, Report; Welfare Concern, 600 block Fruitdale Street, Report; Civil Matter, 3500 block South Main Street, Settled at Scene; Criminal Trespass, 100 block North Main Street, Unable to Locate; Public Service, 1600 block South Main Street, Settled at Scene; Suspicious Circumstance, 100 block East Centennial Blvd., Settled at Scene; Public Service, 400 block Mission Crest Circle, Settled at Scene.

**THURSDAY, SEPT. 28:** Assist Smith County S.O., 13300 block IH-20 East, Settled at Scene; Assist EMS, 700 block White Bear Trail, Settled at Scene; Stolen Vehicle, 3500 block South Main Street, Unfounded; Vagrant, 300 block North Main Street, Settled at Scene; Harassment, 400 block Hill Street, Report; Public Service, 3400 block South Main Street, Settled at Scene; Welfare Concern, 600 block Fruitdale Street, Settled at Scene; Suspicious Circumstance, 100 block Blackberry Blvd., Settled at Scene; Suspicious Circumstance, 800 block Brad Circle, Settled at Scene; Theft, 3500 block South Main Street, Settled at Scene; Suspicious Person, 200 block South Main Street, Settled at Scene; Driving While Intoxicated, 200 block Cannery Row, Arrest; Public Service, 200 block Patience Ave., Settled at Scene.

# County honors longtime employees

Rosie Rogers, who serves as Court Administrator for the 321st District Court, was honored during Commissioners Court on Tuesday, Sept. 26, for 10 years of service to the County.

After 13 years of working for the Texas Attorney General's Office, Rogers worked for retired 321st District Court Carole Clark for five years, and now has worked for Judge Robert Wilson for five years.

"I love working in a court that's priority is children and family first," Rogers said. "It was great to see the passion Judge Clark and Judge Wilson have for families coming through our court."

Judge Wilson said it is a very misguided judge who believes that the efficiency of their court is to be credited to them.

"Let's be honest, great staff, great court administrators are what make the wheels turn ... I couldn't be thankful enough and I couldn't say enough praises for this young lady here for making the 321st an efficient court and so I'm thankful every day for Rosie Rogers," he said.

**CERTIFIED CUSTODIANS**

Three Smith County custodians were recognized by Facilities Services Director Ed Nichols for being the

first in the County to receive two-year certifications as "Basic Certified Custodial Technicians" through the International Sanitary Supply Association's Cleaning Management Institute.

Those recognized were Custodial Supervisor Susana Tavera, who has worked for the County for nearly 12 years; Custodian Mayte Ledesma, who has worked for the County for nearly two years; and Custodian Nina Alfaro, who has worked for the County for more than five years.

"This is just the beginning; they are the first of our staff to complete this," Nichols said. "This is a great thing, and the County has never done this before, as far as I'm aware. This is going to be a benefit to employees and a benefit to the County. It's going to establish some basic standards, principles and protocols. I'd like to thank these ladies for being willing to do this and there will be more to come in the future."

The certification program provides three levels of certifications – Basic, Advanced and Expert – and the three women will soon begin working towards the Advanced certification.

Additional County employees who are celebrating work anniversaries this



Smith County Commissioners and Facilities Services Director Ed Nichols recognized the work of custodial staff members Susana Tavera, Mayte Ledesma and Nina Alfaro this past week. (Courtesy photo)

month but who were not in Commissioners Court, include:

- 20 Years: Gerald Atchison Jr., Sheriff's Office;
- 15 Years: Claude Brown, Juvenile Services Department;
- 10 Years: Lora Rhodes, Road and Bridge Department; Jessica Gray and Justin Stockwell, Sheriff's Office
- 5 Years: Cesar Berrum Jr, Adult Probation Department; Kevin Delbert, Road and Bridge Department; Leticia Berrum, Juvenile Services.



Rosie Rogers, who serves as Court Administrator for the 321st District Court, was honored by Judge Robert Wilson and the Smith County Commissioners Court on Sept. 26 for her 10 years of service to the county. (Photo by Terry Cannon)

## Five Lindale residents indicted by county grand juries

Smith County Grand Juries handed down 128 indictments from July 27 through Aug. 24, said grand jury coordinator Marieliza Martinez.

Five Lindale residents were included in those indictments. They are:

- Dakota Dawson, 30, burglary of a building on May 19, 2023;
- Ignacio Galaz, 30, aggravated assault

- with deadly weapon on June 3, 2023;
- David Williams, 48, evading arrest with a vehicle on May 31, 2023;
- Chance Wilson, 32, continuous sexual abuse of a child, victim under 14, Jan. 5, 2017;
- Drew Capps, 48, two counts of assault/family violence with a previous conviction, April 1, 2023.



**Lindale Garden Club's Yard of the Month**  
The Lindale Garden Club has selected the yard belonging to Gavin and Staci Rasco as its Yard of the Month for October. It is at 900 Abby Lane. (Courtesy photo)

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# Lady Eagles continue district dominance; Ridge sets mark

Lindale High School's Lady Eagles volleyball team added two more wins to its season ledger this past week by defeating Athens on Friday, Sept. 29 in a District 16-4A match and taking care of non-district foe Neches on Tuesday, Sept. 26.



Addison Ridge

In addition to the victories, a personal milestone was reached by junior Addison Ridge who earned her 1,000th career dig during the Athens match.

The Lady Eagles' captain, Ridge is a six rotation player and earned praise

from Head Coach Jessica Dimsdle.

"Addison is very fun to coach. She is passionate about the sport and a fierce competitor," Dimsdle said. "I'm so proud of her hard work to accomplish this feat."

With the win over Athens, the Lady Eagles improved to 6-0 in district play and upped their season mark to 28-7 overall.

Lindale occupies the top spot in district with Canton (5-1) and Brownsboro (4-2) next. Athens slipped to 1-4 in district with the loss.

Maddox Lay put down 9 kills to lead the Lady Eagle's attack. Kayli Vickery contributed 7 kills and 6 blocks. Addison Ridge recorded 4 kills, 16 digs, and Alyssa Potts had 4 kills, 3 blocks.

Setters Macy Luster and Tatum Woodard had 16 and 8 assists respectively. Reagan Cates tallied 22 straight service points in set 3, and 32 service points on the night. Set scores were 25-14, 25-9, and 25-1. Lindale will travel to Van Tuesday.

Junior Varsity won in two sets with scores of 25-18, 25-18. Libero Holli Dunn was a defensive standout with 13 digs, and 1 ace from the service line. Players contributing

to the attack were Lauren Stanton 5 kills, 3 digs; Kenlie Collins, 5 kills; Brooke Gissell 4 kills, Maddy Fowble 4 kills; Keirsan Sanders 2 kills, 3 digs, and Ava Meier 1 kill, 2 digs. Emory Schmidt recorded 12 assists, 4 digs, and Clara Helvey 9 assists, 1 ace, and 6 digs.

Freshman A Team also won in two sets 25-17 and 25-10. Jordyn Weesner earned 5 kills, and Emma Watkins had 3 kills; both players were strong offensively. Ma'Kaylin Smith had a strong defensive game with 5 blocks. Ava Grogan, Kimber Simpson, and Grace Koustoubardis also stood out defensively for the Lady Eagles. From the service line Koustoubardis tallied 7 consecutive service points. Freshman A and JV will play Van at 5:00pm Tuesday with Varsity to follow.

## LADY EAGLES DOWN NECHES

On Tuesday, Sept. 26, the Lady Eagles defeated non-district opponent Neches in four sets at Lindale High School.

Addison Ridge led with 16 kills, 10 digs. Maddox Lay had 9 kills, and Reagan Cates added 8 kills, 6 blocks. Kayli Vickery put down 6 kills, 6 blocks. Other contributors to the attack were Ella Hutchens, 4 kills; Aspen Ives, 3 kills, 5 blocks; Macy Luster 2 kills, 21 assists. Setter Tatum Woodard assisted 18 times. Defensively, Reagan Hope was solid with 15 digs.

With the win, the Lady Eagles improved to 27-7 overall.

Lindale Junior Varsity won in two sets 25-8, 25-14. Lauren Stanton was the attack leader with 5 kills and 1 ace. Freshman Middle Blocker, Brooke Gissell, contributed 4 kills, 1 block, and Kenlie Collins also added 4 kills. Keirsan Sanders put down 3 kills, and Ava Meier rounded out the attack with 1 kill, 1 block. Clara Helvey assisted 8 times, and Emory Schmidt had 5 assists. Libero Holli Dunn had 7 digs defensively for the Lady Eagles.



Wyatt Parker picks up yardage for Lindale against the Athens Hornets last Friday in Lindale. The Eagles won, 40-7. (Photo by Terry Cannon)

# Lindale, Kilgore and Chapel Hill unbeaten in District 9-5A play

The third week of District 9-5A is in the books and there are three teams — Lindale, Kilgore and Chapel Hill — unbeaten and atop the league standings while Henderson, Jacksonville and Palestine are winless.

Lindale trampled Athens last Friday during Homecoming, 40-7; Kilgore drubbed Jacksonville, 49-7 and Chapel Hill had its hands full with Palestine in a 40-31 win.

Henderson, 0-1 in district, had the night off.

## KILGORE 49, JACKSONVILLE 7

Kilgore's Bulldogs wasted little time in asserting their authority in the Tomato Bowl, jumping out to a 21-0 lead after one period and coasting the rest of the way.

Jacksonville avoided the shutout by scoring with 40 seconds left in the half but by that time the Bulldogs had built a 35-7 advantage.

The Bulldogs' defense held Jacksonville to just 71 yards on the ground and 184 overall.

Kilgore, meanwhile, had 434 offense with 253 coming on the ground.

This week, the Bulldogs will host Lindale in a key district match on Friday.

## CHAPEL HILL 40, PALESTINE 31

So far this season Chapel Hill has been able to put games away by halftime but last Friday against pesky Palestine the defending league champs had their hands full.

Rickey Stewart helped the Bulldogs build a 14-0 lead with a couple of touchdown runs in the first period.

But Palestine scored with just under four minutes to go in the half and after another Chapel Hill score the Wildcats scored again to pull within two scores as halftime arrived.

On its opening possession of the second half the Wildcats scored again to trim the deficit to 23-18.

But the Bulldogs scored twice more in the third to come away with their first district win of the season.

Chapel Hill will host Jacksonville next week in another district contest.

Elsewhere Henderson will travel to Athens on Friday and Palestine has its bye week.

# It's time to plant cabbage

By Greg Grant  
Smith County Horticulturist

Fall is finally here which means its time to plant cilantro, parsley, gumbo onions, mustard, turnips, radish, spinach, Swiss chard, broccoli, and cabbage. Cabbage is a wonderful cool season vegetable with many uses.

Perhaps it's my speck of German genetics, but I love it raw or cooked. Just remember that cabbage requires cool temperatures, high fertility, and diligence to keep cabbage looper caterpillars from enjoying their portion. After eating your own sweet-tasting cabbage, you won't want to buy the smelly stuff from the grocery store ever again.

Cabbage is a cool-weather plant that splits and rots when the weather is hot. Its flavor gets stronger with heat too. For cabbage to be tender and tasty the weather must be cool.

Cabbage can tolerate frosts but not really hard freezes, so now is the time to plant transplants which are available at garden centers and feed stores. Cabbage transplants should be spaced around 12 inches apart and requires at least 8 hours of direct sun daily to thrive.

Plant it in a rich well-drained soil. It is ideal to till in several inches of organic matter (peat moss or compost) into the soil and apply 2 pounds (4 cups) of lawn fertilizer (15-5-10, etc.) per 100 square foot of bed or every 35 feet of row. In small plots or raised beds use 2 teaspoons per square foot or foot of row. Cabbage can also be grown in large whiskey barrel sized containers using potting soil and a slow release fertilizer like Osmocote.

Dig holes that are the same size as the existing pots they grew in. Remove from the pots and place the roots into freshly dug holes. Gently firm the soil around them, being careful not plant the plants any deeper than they were growing in their pots. Water them thoroughly with a water soluble plant food at the labeled recommendation.

Fertility is the most critical issues in growing nice heads of cabbage. 2-3 weeks after transplanting fertilize them with 1 cup of high nitrogen fertilizer (21-0-0, etc.) for each 35 feet of row. Sprinkle half of the fertilizer down each side of the row. Lightly work it into the soil and then water. Do this again immediately when you notice heads beginning to form. The main pest problem on cabbage is caterpillars (cabbage loopers) that destroy the foliage. Treat with organic Bacillus thuringiensis (B.T., Dipel, Thuricide, etc.) at planting and after each rain. Be on the lookout for aphids too.

Depending on the variety, cabbage is ready to harvest in 65-120 days from transplanting. Harvest the heads when they are firm and solid by cutting with a pair of pruners just below the lower leaves. Leave the coarse outer leaves on for protection until you get ready to use it. Prepare immediately or refrigerate for weeks.

Cabbage, a native of the Mediterranean, is considered a super food providing fiber, nutrients, and cancer fighting antioxidants. With cool weather, good drainage, and high fertility, there's no reason you can't grow your own.



The Lindale High School Cheerleaders whoop it up after the Eagles scored in the first half against the Athens Hornets last Friday in Lindale. (Photo by Terry Cannon)

# Fisheries Center accepting art contest entries

Officials with the Texas Freshwater Fisheries Center in Athens have announced the 2024 Texas division of Wildlife Forever's Fish Art Contest is open for submissions.

The Fish Art Contest, which is accepting entries until Feb. 28, is part of an international conservation education program designed to foster youth interest in fisheries and fishing.

"The Fish Art Contest does a tremendous job of exposing students across Texas to the wonders of fish and fisheries resources through the nexus of art," said TFFC Director Tom Lang. "We always look forward to this time of year when we are once again amazed by the outstanding work and artistic interpretations of these young Texans."

Participants must submit a completed entry form and an original illustration of a wild fish found in Texas. Participants in grades 4-12 are also required to submit a one-page creative writing piece.

Once the entrance form is submitted, applicants must mail their artwork to the Texas Freshwater Fisheries Center, 5550 FM 2495, Athens, 75752.

Dimensions for the physical artwork must be between 8X10" and 9X12", be landscape orientation and postmarked by Feb. 28, 2024.

This program is part of Wildlife Forever's national contest and Texas winners will be automatically entered into the national contest. Texas students may choose to enter national specialty awards with fish not found in Texas, however, they will not be eligible for Texas state awards due to the one entry per student limit.

"We have a unique opportunity to celebrate the talents of our Texas students and the beauty of our diverse fish found in Texas," said Kate Barkalow, Education and Interpretation Coordinator at TFFC. "In doing so, we also recognize the amazing efforts of our teachers and biologists who support them. To complete their piece of art, students research their fish, its habitat and conservation efforts being made to protect the species, forging a connection between the student and fish."

Educators who wish to have their students enter the 2024 contest can find entry forms, rules, guidelines and more online. A lesson plan offers interdisci-

plinary curriculum including lessons and activities, a species identification section profiling each state fish, a glossary and student worksheets. Learn more at [www.wildlifeforever.org](http://www.wildlifeforever.org).

The Fish Art Contest is celebrating its 25th anniversary this year and is sponsored by Wildlife Forever, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, Rapala, U.S. Forest Service, Bass Pro Shops, Wonders of Wildlife, Guy Harvey Ocean Foundation, National Fish Habitat Partnership and Western Native Trout Initiative.

Located in White Bear Lake, Minnesota, Wildlife Forever is a nonprofit multispecies conservation organization dedicated to conserving America's wildlife heritage.

Working at the grassroots level, Wildlife Forever has funded conservation projects in all 50 states, committing millions of dollars to "on-the-ground" efforts. Wildlife Forever supports habitat restoration and enhancement, land acquisition, research and management of fish and wildlife populations.

For more information, visit the TFFC Texas Fish Art Contest website.



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**LEGAL NOTICE**

**CAUSE NO. 47731P**

**ESTATE OF § IN THE COUNTY COURT**  
**LELA MAE EAVES, § AT LAW NO. 3**  
**DECEASED § SMITH COUNTY, TEXAS**

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Lela Mae Eaves, Deceased, were issued on September 25, 2023 in Docket No. 47731P pending in the County Court at Law No. 3 of Smith County, Texas, to Laura Nan Eaves.

The residence of the Independent Executrix is in Smith County, Texas and the post office address is:

Laura Nan Eaves  
 c/o Charles H. Clark  
 Law Offices of Charles H. Clark, P.C.  
 604 W. Woldert  
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All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them with the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

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**LEGAL NOTICE**

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
 NO. 47653P

Notice is hereby given that on the 25th day of September, 2023, Letters Testamentary upon the Estate of Serena Lucille Vrnak, Deceased, were issued to Jennifer Vrnak by the Honorable Court of Smith County, Texas, in Cause No. 47653P pending on the Probate Docket of said Court.

All persons having claims against said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time prescribed by law to the address being shown below:

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

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The City of Lindale, Texas proposes to institute annexation proceedings to enlarge and extend the boundary limits of said city to include the following described territory, to-wit:

The property is vacant land located between 14623 and address 14541 on Wood Springs Road, Lindale, Texas 75771 and being approximately 22 acres described as W.M.H. Harrison Survey, A-485, W. Atway Survey, A-41, of the plot of records of Smith County Texas.

For a complete description of above listed properties contact City of Lindale City Hall.

A public hearing will be held by the City Council of the City of Lindale, Texas on the 17th day of October 2023 at 6:00 P.M in the City Council Chamber of the City Hall of the City of Lindale, Texas located at 105 Ballard Dr, Lindale, Texas, where all interested persons interested in the above proposed annexation. At said time and place all such persons shall have the right to appear and be heard. The voluntary annexation is contiguous to the current city limits of Lindale, Texas and in the City's exclusive extraterritorial jurisdiction. The annexation of the area will expand the municipality's extraterritorial jurisdiction.

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The City of Lindale, Texas proposes to institute annexation proceedings to enlarge and extend the boundary limits of said city to include the following described territory, to-wit:

The property is located at 14550 C.R. 472, Lindale, Texas 75771 and being approximately .126 acres described as W.M.H. Harrison Survey, A-485 W. Atway Survey, A-41, of the plot records of Smith County Texas.

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# Lindale residents donate World War I scrapbooks to Kansas City museum

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"We love them and we've been able to scan them and get them online so researchers can use them," he said. "They will be used in our exhibitions of that era."

The Great War, which lasted from 1914-18, was somewhat naively labeled "The War to End All Wars" and came at a time when newspapers and magazines were the main source information dissemination.

"Political cartoons from that era are remarkable," he said. "In just one picture you get a sense of public opinion from whatever region you were in. Everyone had newspapers and it's incredibly important to understand the state of the world in just one picture."

### SCRAPBOOKS' BACKSTORY

Charles "Charlie" Krcilek was born on July 18, 1894 in Prague and by 1907 the family had moved to Chicago shortly before he turned 13.

In 1917, the United States began drafting young men for the war and Charlie registered for the draft. Because he was still trying to become

an official U.S. citizen, he didn't have to serve.

He worked as a bookkeeper for a Chicago bank, which held safety deposit boxes for immigrants. As an employee of a steamship agent, he had occasion to speak with those coming and going to Europe.

After the war, Charlie returned to Europe to what had then become Czechoslovakia, formed from the dissolution of the Austria-Hungary empire following WWI.

Upon returning to the States, he became a naturalized citizen on Jan. 31, 1919.

In 1923, he married Blanche Skala and that union produced Charles Frank Krcilek, the father of the eventual scrapbooks' caretakers.

### WWI MUSEUM

Located at 2 Memorial Drive in Kansas City, Mo., the museum is open 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Tuesday-Sunday and was conceived by the city's leaders who formed the Liberty Memorial Association, wanting to create a lasting monument to the men and women who served

in the war.

More than \$2.5 million was raised and by 1921 the site for the memorial was dedicated by the supreme Allied commanders of the war. Construction was completed by 1926 but by 1994, it was closed because of safety concerns.

Once again, Kansas City residents came to the forefront and passed tax legislation to restore the memorial, which also included expanding the site to build a museum to showcase the artifacts, documents and artifacts the LMA had been collecting since 1920.

In addition to the local support, financial support came from the state of Missouri and the U.S. government. In 2004, the museum and memorial was designated by Congress as the nation's official World War I museum and construction began on a new 80,000-square-foot, state-of-the-art museum and research center underneath the Liberty Memorial.

In 2006, it was officially opened and has welcomed more than 2 million visitors.



Lillie Russell Memorial Librarian Shannon Reid (left) looks over one of the scrapbooks which were sent to the National World War I Museum in Kansas City. Connie Deans, right, helped bring the collection together.

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