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LISD earns "Superior Achievement" for its financial accountability

The Lindale Independent School District has received "Superior Achievement" by the Texas Education Agency for the 13th consecutive year, publicity officials announced.

The state's school financial accountability rating system, known as the School Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas, is administered by the TEA.

The TEA will base the financial accountability rating of a school district on its overall performance on the financial measurements, ratios, and other indicators. The system provides additional transparency to public education finance and meaningful financial oversight and improvement for school districts.

"We are very proud to have earned the highest possible rating in the FIRST rating system," said Lindale ISD Superintendent, Stan Surratt. "This is just a testament of the great work and conservative nature of the Board of Trustees, the Finance Department, and the entire staff. Chief Financial Officer, Michelle Tate, CPA deserves much credit for this great honor. We appreciate Ms. Tate's leadership and the extra effort of all employees across the district to keep our district financially sound. The Lindale community should be very proud of this great rating."

Lindale ISD received the maximum points for all indicators for a perfect score of 100 and a Superior Rating.

Lindale stuns Chapel Hill, 35-23

By Terry Cannon
Editor

Following his team's methodical, 35-23, domination of the top-ranked Chapel Hill Bulldogs on Friday night, Lindale Eagles' Head Coach Chris Cochran told his players they had just won the most important game in Eagle Stadium history.

Epic?
No doubt.
District changing?
Quite possibly.

The Eagles dramatically altered their course in District 9-4A play with the victory and depending on what transpires between now and Nov. 3, could find themselves as the No. 2 seed for the playoffs.

Lindale has the tiebreaker with Chapel Hill but could finish as the No. 3 seed if the Bulldogs beat Kilgore by 8 points. However, if Kilgore wins out, Lindale would be the second seed and Chapel Hill third.

Yet all this playoff speculation wouldn't have come about if the Eagles didn't take down their Smith County rival last Friday.

It became clear after Lindale's first series that the plan was to keep the ball away from Chapel Hill's swift-striking offense. Mission accomplished.

The Eagles ran 77 plays to just 29 for Chapel Hill and the time of possession was tilted severely in Lindale's favor (39:25 to 8:27), and on their first scoring drive the Eagles held the ball more than 9 minutes.

"Our coaches did a great job planning this game," said Cochran. "I've always said I work with the best in the business and they proved that last Friday."

Planning for Chapel Hill wasn't the only problem, Cochran said. His players had to be insulated from the static of dealing with the top team in the state.



"(Players and coaches) fought through all that negativity and didn't pay attention to the naysayers," he said.

Quarterback Clint Thurman was a wrecking ball, rushing 46 times for 310 yards and four touchdowns. Aside two long scoring runs from Chapel Hill running back Rickey Stewart (65 and 90 yards) the Eagles' defense controlled the high-octane Bulldogs, allowing just 311 yards. Offensively, the Bulldogs had averaged 53 points a game.

Quarterback Demetrius Brisbon Jr. was sacked twice – once on a key third down in the third quarter – and knocked down four times. It was a long night for the talented junior.

After losing to Kilgore the previous week (64-29) Cochran felt his club was a bit flat emotionally going into the early preparations for Chapel Hill. But after the Eagles' first scoring drive, belief in the plan was solidified on the sidelines.

"(The players) saw what the coaches were telling them all week was taking place," said Cochran. "It just grew from that point."

This week, the Eagles will face another stiff challenge in the Palestine Wildcats who are looking to secure a berth in the playoffs.

"This is one of the most talented teams they've had since I've been here," Cochran said. "They are big and fast. We need to get off to a good start like we did last week."



Lindale Head Coach Chris Cochran addresses the team following the Eagles' upset of No. 1 Chapel Hill this past Friday in Lindale.

Photo by Terry Cannon



Lindale quarterback Clint Thurman scores his fourth touchdown of the night in a 35-23 win over Chapel Hill last Friday in Eagle Stadium. Thurman rushed for more than 300 yards in the game.

Photo by Terry Cannon



More than 170 classic cars were on display this past weekend at the Crossroads Classic Car Show, held adjacent to Picker's Pavilion during Countryfest.

Photo by Terry Cannon

Countryfest celebrated again as autumn arrives

Autumn in Lindale means the arrival of cooler temperatures as well as the annual Countryfest, one of the most anticipated events on the East Texas calendar.

Mother Nature did her part as this past Saturday temperatures were in the upper 50s as Countryfest goers sampled tasty food, visited hundreds of booths and enjoyed live music and entertainment in near Picker's Pavilion in downtown Lindale.

The day also featured another natural wonder, a partial eclipse which began around 10:30 a.m. and continued until just after 12 noon.

In addition, the Crossroads Classic Car Show was held again adjacent to Picker's Pavilion, where dozens of classic autos and other motorized vehicles were on display.

Youngsters could ride a simulated bucking bronco, ride gently ponies, visit with a variety of animals in the petting zoo, play free carnival games and enjoy inflatable rides.

Adults browsed a plethora of vendors and munched on turkey legs, hamburgers, French fries and other delectable goodies from the food vendors.

Inside Picker's Pavilion, the annual Hideaway Lake Kiwanis held their annual silent auction.

Lindale sales tax revenue up 6.61%

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar recently announced he will send cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose districts \$1.1 billion in local sales tax allocations for October, 4.5 percent more than in October 2022.

These allocations are based on sales made in August by businesses that report tax monthly.

Lindale posted a 6.61-percent increase in local sales tax revenue.

County	City	Rate	Net Payment This Period	Comparable Payment Prior Year	% Change	Payment YTD	Prior Year Payment YTD	% Change
Smith	Arp	1.500%	\$25,299.52	\$18,113.37	39.67%	\$222,440.44	\$214,929.96	3.49%
Smith	Bullard	1.500%	\$77,599.65	\$72,718.06	6.71%	\$773,658.80	\$712,332.41	8.60%
Smith	Lindale	1.500%	\$394,890.60	\$370,392.65	6.61%	\$3,966,967.28	\$3,694,983.00	7.36%
Smith	New Chapel Hill	1.000%	\$2,402.68	\$1,736.01	38.40%	\$26,754.76	\$18,717.11	42.94%
Smith	Noonday	1.000%	\$22,445.90	\$21,589.61	3.96%	\$218,807.22	\$214,181.25	2.15%
Smith	Troup	1.500%	\$60,871.65	\$52,576.74	15.77%	\$520,673.03	\$567,045.25	-8.17%
Smith	Tyler	1.500%	\$4,991,223.53	\$5,063,802.00	-1.43%	\$51,361,265.28	\$48,193,329.90	6.57%
Smith	Whitehouse	1.500%	\$133,190.47	\$126,782.76	5.05%	\$1,355,202.34	\$1,181,953.17	14.65%
Smith	Winona	1.250%	\$16,408.20	\$17,999.08	-8.83%	\$174,453.48	\$174,765.57	-0.17%



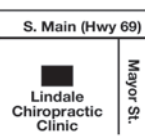
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OPINION/COMMENTARY

Keep the music playing...

For some reason Julie Andrews' "My Favorite Things" from "The Sound of Music" has been playing over and over in the personal soundstage of my music loving mind.

Her "favorite things" joyfully hits all the right notes and seamlessly flows together to create moments of listener reflection on blessings. I wish I could sing just a little bit because one of my favorite things is music. But that's okay. I have Pandora on my computer and iPhone; a CD player at work with hundreds of CDs at my fingertips; and satellite radio in my car (a gift! I assure you that I am too cheap to pay for radio!).

On the two trips I made to New York City to speak at Columbia Scholastic Press Association's national conventions at Columbia University, high on my tourist list was to see Broadway musicals.

On that first trip I saw Hugh Jackman in "The Boy From Oz" which was based on the life of Peter Gabriel. Breathless with embarrassingly girlish excitement and the realization that I was watching Wolverine of "X-Men" fame sing, dance and wittily improvise with the audience still brings me delight.

Of course I waited hours in a blizzard at the stage door after the performance, and of course I got HUGH JACKMAN's autograph and picture. Yep, Hugh Jackman. Cue the fan and ice water please.

Sabine teacher Susan Duncan was my sidekick for this trip and we also went to see "Chicago". What a disappointment. The actors were beautiful to look at with great voices but they didn't have that spark that elevates the common to the extraordinary.

How does that happen? My theory is that extraordinary is born in passion for what you are doing. Extraordinary is a pretty good thing to shoot for in life.

The next New York trip I took my then college-aged son (who is definitely pretty extraordinary). On the first night of our trip I gleefully surprised my son with tickets for "Spamalot" with Tim Curry (do NOT admit that you know him from "Rocky Horror Picture Show", we will keep that as our little secret). The play was in the last night in previews and our seats were in the last row. My charming only child complained continuously about the waste of time before the curtain rose.

Abbott ties voucher passage to teacher pay, school funding

Gov. Greg Abbott, just hours after the Senate initially approved a school voucher measure, said he would add teacher raises and increased public school funding to the ongoing special session agenda if the Texas Legislature passes his voucher plan, the Texas Tribune reported.

"I want to make sure we provide a carrot to make sure this legislation gets passed," Abbott said of vouchers. "Once [education savings accounts] are passed, I will put on the legislative agenda full funding for public education, including teacher pay raises for teachers across the state."

However, Democratic and rural Republican legislators remain opposed to vouchers, maintaining vouchers would drain funding for public schools, the Texas Standard reported.

"Every dollar that we spend on a voucher is going to be a dollar that is taken away from being able to invest in public education," Rep. Stan Lambert, R-Abilene, said.

State Sen. Robert Nichols, R-Jacksonville, called Abbott's approach a "political threat." He said most constituents in his district would find it a hardship to send their children to private schools because of the distance and cost.

"Most of my constituents, even with an \$8,000 discount, the private school is probably so far away, they're going to have to travel 30 or 40 miles to get to a private school," Nichols said. "And they still won't be able to afford the balance of what's owed."

The Senate bill initially approved would give families who opt for private schools \$8,000 of public money each year.

Patrick: No reason to return PAC money

Lt. Gov Dan Patrick says he has no intention of returning \$3 million in political contributions received from a political action committee whose leader met with an avowed Nazi sympathizer earlier this month, the Austin American-Statesman reported.

Former state representative Jonathan Stickland, now head of the Defend Texas Liberty PAC, met with white supremacist Nick Fuentes for several hours, prompting a number of Republican lawmakers to donate money they received from the PAC to pro-Israel charities at the urging of House Speaker Dade Phelan, R-Beaumont.

Patrick and Phelan have been feuding for months, especially over the impeachment and ultimate acquittal of Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton. Patrick called on Phelan to resign after the speaker demanded he return the \$3 million.

The Best of Suzanne Bardwell



You know those moments when you realize that you know a thing or two and you are wondering if your kid will figure that out before you clunk him upside the head with your too heavy purse?

He did. Figure it out. Fortunately. For both of us.

Before the first song was over Josh was glued to the stage. Soon we were rolling with laughter. You know, that absolutely unabashed belly laugh that leaves your sides aching and your lips turned up for hours?

When "Spamalot" was over Josh asked if we could go to plays every night we were in New York. Of course my purse wasn't well-padded enough for that wish, but I did dig up enough pixie dust for us to make it to "The Producers". And that was a riot.

No matter how old I get I will recall those precious moments with pleasure.

If you are of my generation you may find that you have far too many things that you are holding on to and that won't change at our house until my family's post-mortem garage sale.

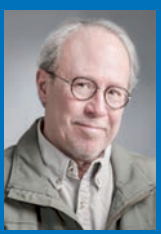
But, I have realized that making memories is the absolute best gift. It doesn't have to be something as exotic as a big trip. It can be sitting on the porch and sharing stories with people you love.

For Jim and me, it might be a weekend motorcycle ride on the back roads as the leaves change. I remember one fall day last year when the leaves literally were blowing down around us by a breeze that was just cool enough. It was a moment filled with wonder at the beauty of creation and our place in it.

Crazy that we often say about unique moments like this, "it was like a scene out of a movie".

So friends, let's make more 'movie moments' that are real. Share your stories and really look around you so you don't miss the best parts of your journey. And, please don't forget to keep the music playing in your life.

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"I didn't think even Dade Phelan would stoop this low," Patrick said in a statement. "He has now absolutely hit rock bottom. His latest stunt is disgusting, despicable and disingenuous."

Phelan pushed back. "I didn't take \$3 million from a PAC that associates itself with Nazis and Nazi sympathizers. That's not my problem," he said.

Two Texas congressmen oppose bullet train

Two Texas congressmen are trying to stop funding for a bullet train from Houston to Dallas, the Houston Chronicle reported. U.S. Reps. Jake Ellzey and Michael McCaul, both Republicans, have asked the federal Department of Transportation to deny federal funding for the project, announced recently as a collaboration between Amtrak and Texas Central Railroad.

The proposed route of 240 miles would have a travel time of 90 minutes – less than half the time it takes to travel by car. "At its core, this project is intended to take land from American citizens and put it under the control of a Japanese company, which is itself subsidized using money from U.S. taxpayers," the two congressmen wrote in part.

A number of Texas landowners have expressed concern about the route cutting through their farmland.

"Landowners deserve to have their land rights protected against the unrealistic and financially infeasible rail project proposed to be funded through these applications," McCaul and Ellzey said in their letter.

Only two Texas universities crack top 100

Only two Texas universities managed to crack the top 100 in the Wall Street Journal's annual ranking, the Houston Chronicle reported. Texas A&M was ranked 38th, while Rice University came in at 64th. The University of Texas came in at No. 118, according to the rankings.

"To generate the rankings, the Journal partnered with research groups College Pulse and Statista to analyze a mountain of data, measuring everything from expected student salaries and years needed to pay for attendance to the quality of the school's 'learning-related facilities' and on-campus diversity," the Chronicle reported.

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THE ECONOMIST

By Dr. M. Ray Perryman

Women working ...

The Nobel Memorial Prize in Economics for this year has been awarded to American Claudia Goldin of Harvard University for her work in explaining changes in women's earnings and participation in the labor market. Dr. Goldin examined more than 200 years of data (much of it gathered through painstaking sleuthing through obscure sources) to identify the causes of changes and the primary forces behind the lingering gender pay gap.



Each year, the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences awards the Prize (formally the Sveriges Riksbank Prize in Economic Sciences in Memory of Alfred Nobel) in recognition of ideas and research that increase our understanding of important issues in economics and related areas. Although most people

are not interested in the pure economics of such efforts, the discoveries often shape public policy or even the way we think about the world which, in turn, affects the daily lives of virtually everyone.

Dr. Goldin's analysis illuminates a complex subject. She explains how the proportion of women working decreased during the Industrial Revolution but then began to increase with the emergence of the services sector. Social norms were changing over time, and more women entered the workforce. She further found that, throughout much of history, women made critical career decisions at an early age that often modeled the behavior of prior generations, thus perpetuating limited labor force participation. Fortunately, that tendency has greatly diminished in recent times.

Education provides opportunities for a vast array of jobs, and attainment among women has been rising for decades. In fact, there are currently more women attending college than men, and they are seeking degrees/training across the spectrum of occupations.

Nevertheless, a gender pay gap still exists, and the question becomes "why?". Dr. Goldin's work again provides some useful guidance. She discovered that, until the birth of the first child, pay for women and men is essentially equal. However, there is a divergence with parenthood that is subsequently not recovered.

Gender pay gaps are a controversial topic, with extensive rhetoric and oversimplification obscuring the underlying reality. It is only through trying to understand existing patterns and reasons for them that we can identify and eliminate barriers. Women who make choices to back off at work to free up time for children or other priorities may often be making entirely rational choices that reflect desired lifestyle patterns. At the same time, if enhanced childcare options, greater flexibility in work hours and locations, or other factors can help women maintain their career trajectories, implementing such changes may make a material difference in an era of ongoing labor shortages.

Although she does not proffer solutions. Dr. Goldin's decades of focused scholarship increase our understanding of this vital issue. Congratulations! Stay safe!

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Another weapon to use against those lousy pigs?

When it comes to animals, I'm a fan of most of them. Dogs, of course, will always occupy a special place in my heart and I can even tolerate a cat or two.

Birds fascinate me, as do a lot of other critters as long as they don't invade my personal space. I understand there's a need for rats and mice in the overall balance Mother Nature has in place and even squirrels, those aggravating birdseed-stealing, dog aggravating, bushy-tailed relative of a rat can be tolerated.

One animal, however, is beyond my ability to cozy up to: those lousy, nasty wild hogs.

For hundreds of years, these porcine pests have been a bane to society.

During the past decade I've written several stories of the destruction these horrible animals have caused to homes, landscapes and fields.

And their destruction isn't limited to East Texas. All

across Texas these hogs have wreaked havoc, despite the efforts of landowners and state officials to try and eradicate them.

These pests aren't shy either. They will show their ugly snouts anywhere and everywhere and ironically, I happened across a sow and her piglets one afternoon a few years ago on Jim Hogg Road.

There are an estimated 3 million of these feral hogs in the state, which have caused more than \$500 million in damage to property and crops, according to the Texas Farm Bureau, and they are present in 253 of Texas' 254 counties.

These creatures are hosts to at least 34 pathogens that can be transmitted to livestock, wildlife and even people.

Shooting them from helicopters (quaintly referred to as "Pork Choppers") hasn't put a dent in their population, nor has trapping or a no-limit, open hunting



season.

A sow has multiple estrous cycles annually and can breed throughout the year with an average litter size of 4-6 young per litter.

So what's the answer? Perhaps it's the use of warfarin-based poisons that can be used as a deadly bait, a method that is supported by a recent study from the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service. (Good ol' Aggies. They are a smart bunch.)

According to information from the A&M extension folks, a two-year study was conducted by wildlife specialist John Tomecek and Michael Bodenchuk, director of Texas Wildlife

Services.

The study was spread across 10 counties on 23 sites in the state and according to Tomecek and Bodenchuk, wild hog numbers were efficiently reduced after application of the warfarin-laced toxicant.

"We found that it can be highly effective when utilized correctly and saw no access to the toxicant by non-target species when all feeder devices functioned properly," Tomecek said.

Extension service specialists worked with private landowners on recommended application methodologies to provide real-world testing conditions for the

product and the suggested best practices.

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

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

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

After a trial period of close supervision and instruction, landowners in the study applied and managed the bait themselves. During the project, the Texas A&M AgriLife team made several

discoveries that will help increase efficacy of the product when applied.

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

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

Kids today are really missing quality play time

saw a picture on Facebook the other day of an old playground equipment, you know, swings and merry-go-rounds and such, which reminded me of something from a movie from a few years back.

At the end of the movie "Stand By Me," the narrator states, "I never had any friends later on like the ones I had when I was 12. Does anyone?"

That statement is probably truer than anything I've ever heard. Well, this story is for all my buddies out there from Rice Elementary School.

A buddy of mine from back in the first grade and I were talkin' the other day, and he asked the question, "What do kids do now-a-days for fun?"

Well, I started to answer him, but I found that I couldn't. The reason I couldn't answer him, is that I didn't know what kids do now-a-days for fun.

Used to, you could drive around on a Saturday and see kids out in their yards, runnin' around playin' army, or Cowboys and Indians, or throwin' around a football, or somethin'.

If you drive around now on a Saturday, you wouldn't even think there was such a thing as a kid. Now, I know a lot of them are participatin' in sports at school and such, but I'm talkin' about just good ol' playin'. I don't think kids play anymore.

Back when I was a kid, that's all we did was play, that is, if we weren't in church, or school, or doin' our chores. Chores were jobs that parents made their kids do back then, like mowin', takin' out the trash, feedin' the animals, and stuff like that.

They said it built character and such. Now-a-days, if they tell their kids to do somethin', the kid whines and cries until the parent ends up doin' it themselves. And they wonder why their kids are like they are.

Anywho, back to playin'. They probably don't have this anymore, but when I was in grade school they



had a time set aside every day they called play period. Play period was what they probably call P.E. now.

Back then, we just played. There was no organization to it at all. Oh, there'd be a teacher or two out on the play ground to make sure you didn't kill yourself, or someone else, or to drag off an injured kid, but most of the time they didn't get in our way.

Some of you out there probably think that exercise would have been better for us, but let me tell you somethin'. I'll bet we got more exercise back then runnin' around on that playground, than most high school students get in a P.E. class today.

When that play period bell rang, we hit the door runnin' and we didn't stop until the bell rang to come back in. We had swings, seesaws, a merry-go-round, climbin' bars, not to mention girls to chase.

Yes, we chased girls. We never caught any, 'cause if we did, we might catch cooties.

We didn't know what cooties were, but we knew we didn't want 'em. Of course, after a few years, I think the cooties must die off or somethin', 'cause after you get older you aren't scared of them anymore.

This is about the time the girls that you wouldn't have nothin' to do with back then, start lookin' pretty good to you. But by then, they don't want to have anything to do with you.

Anywho, I'll tell you about girls some other time, right now I'm talkin' about playin'.

Those swings I was tellin' you about weren't those little bitty swing sets you see now-a-days. These were big steel A-frames that'd have four or five swings hangin' on them. Their legs would be

concreted in the ground, so they couldn't come up.

Now you may think swingin' is sissified, but not the way we swang, or swung, or whatever the past tense of swing is. We'd swing until we'd get to swingin' really high. Our ultimate goal was to go all the way up and over the top, which we never accomplished.

We did, however, get to where we'd get nearly parallel with the ground, which in its self was a pretty amazing feat. Then we'd position our arms so that they'd be in front of the chains, so they wouldn't catch on anything. Then just before we reached the apex of our forward motion, we'd push ourselves out of the swing and for a brief few seconds, we would be flyin'.

Then the ground would come up to meet us at a rather high rate of speed. After that, for the next few days we'd be tryin' to get our leg bones to migrate back down from our arm pits.

The seesaws looked innocent enough, though. That is until you get a bunch of boys on one. I don't know what kind of lumber they used back then, but it must have been some good stuff, 'cause we'd have 10 or 15 boys on each end of one of those things, and it wouldn't even put a bow in the middle.

The goal to seesawin' was to get more boys on your end, so that you would have the other end, up in the air. That's when it got scary, especially if you were with the bunch up in the air. 'Cause then, on the count of three, everybody on the end that was still on the ground would jump off, sendin' the ones in the air crashin' down to the ground.

Of course, if you were on the team that was jumpin' off and you didn't make it off on the count of three, you

were subjected to becomin' a one man rocket, minus the rocket. I was the rocket man, only once. Fortunately, I landed on the pile of boys at the other end and they broke my fall.

The merry-go-round was my favorite though. It was a big round steel and wooden wheel with a tall steel pole stickin' up through as an axle. There were steel rods that ran from the outside of the wheel up to the top of the pole for support.

The rim of the wheel was made up of wooden boards to sit on, as were the spokes. The goal here was for every boy to grab one of the steel rods and start runnin' around the merry-go-round, pullin', causin' the merry-go-round to pick up speed.

Then when you got it goin' as fast as you could, everybody would jump on and ride. Several of the kids who couldn't run very fast would fall of course, but they made good traction for the others to get it up to speed. Oh yeah, it was a good thing not to fall between the spokes, too. That usually caused you to have to be drug off of the playground up to the nurse, where, she'd douse any cuts with Monkey Blood and send you back out.

You were a hero then. Any kind of cut was a badge of honor, especially if it left a scar. Of course, all of this was before the invention of the liability lawyer. Now-a-days a parent would probably sue the school, the teacher who was supposed to be watchin' their kid, the manufacturer of the playground equipment, and the school nurse.

Back then, nobody ever sued anybody. Heck, I think parents expected their kids to get hurt back then. It built character.

Now if you think I'm goin' someplace with all of this, you'd be mistaken. It was just somethin' I was thinkin' about how kids have changed. Or maybe it isn't the kids.

Maybe it's us. Maybe we don't give them a chance to play.

And man, that's a shame.



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ONE YEAR AGO, Oct. 20, 2022
The Lindale Junior High School Lady Eagles volleyball teams won one of two matches from Cumberland Academy's Junior High School.

The Lindale 7th grade A team won, 25-12 and 25-14 while the 8th grade A team fell 25-19, 19-25 and 20-25.

For the 7th graders, Kenlee Keith and Evie Provo were leading servers, Saige Myers and Makynli Zemer were leading passers, Kenlee Keith and Makynli Zemer were leading setters and Makynli Zemer and Kenlee Keith were leading hitters.

For the 8th grade, Kaidance Smith was the leading server and leading passer, Grace Koustoubardis was the leading setter, Emma Watkins was the leading hitter and Ella Hutchins and Lyla Hernandez were leading blockers. Ava Grogan won the Hustle Award.

FIVE YEARS AGO, Oct. 18, 2018
The Lindale High School Eagles won their second District 9-5A game in a row, 42-28, over Hallsville on a rainy night in Hallsville.

Sophomore running back Jordan Jenkins rushed for two touchdowns and quarterback Dillon Heinaman tossed three touchdowns to lead the Eagles.

Defensive back Airik Williams contributed a pick-six from 38 yards out in the second half.

10 YEARS AGO, Oct. 17, 2013
The Texas Bar Foundation, which limits its invitations to the top one-third of one percent of Texas attorneys, recently inducted Lindale attorneys Jack, Alan and Reeve Jackson, publicity officials announced.

The Jacksons are the only three-generation family to be inducted into the TBF, officials said.

Jack Jackson, a veteran of World War II, moved to Lindale in 1955, where he began the three-generations of Jacksons in the law business in Lindale.

Following a tour of duty with the Air Force JAG Corps, Alan Jackson returned to his home town and helped rear his two children, including son Austin Reeve Jackson.

In 2008, Reeve Jackson moved back to Lindale and opened his law practice, following the footsteps of his father and grandfather.

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Precinct 5 Constables help capture car theft suspects

Smith County Precinct 5 Constable officers helped apprehend three car theft suspects fleeing Louisiana Monday afternoon by deploying spike strips along Interstate 20 and U.S. Highway 69, said Smith County Sheriff's Office spokesman Larry Christian.

The Precinct 5 constables joined the pursuit, which was initiated earlier in the day in Minden, La., and involved a stolen vehicle out of Dallas.

After evading Louisiana authorities, Gregg County deputies spotted the vehicle heading west into Smith County, where Precinct 5 constables deployed the spike strips.

The vehicle then exited I-20 at Toll 49 and eventually was found abandoned on CR 4155.

A witness then reported the general location of the suspects and a K-9 Deputy was deployed.

Shortly thereafter all three suspects, as Everl Cardenas, 23, Terrence Boley, 18, and Christopher Powell, 18 were taken into custody.

"This is a great example of inter-agency cooperation with multiple Smith County agencies as well as the Gregg County Sheriff's Office," Christian said. "Fortunately, there were no injuries or traffic accidents as a result of these suspect's criminal actions."



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Master Gardeners host annual bulb sale

By Greg Grant

Smith County Horticulturist

For their 25th anniversary, the Smith County Master Gardeners will once again host their Bulbs to Blooms Conference and Sale, scheduled to begin at 9 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 21 at Pollard United Methodist Church, 3030 New Copeland Road in Tyler.

This year's conference will feature "The Bulb Hunter," Chris Wiesinger, of The Southern Bulb Company and myself.

In addition to owning The Southern Bulb Company (southernbulbs.com) Chris is a 2004 horticulture graduate of Texas A&M University and co-author of *The Bulb Hunter* (2013, Texas A&M University Press). Chris will share how he fell in love with bulbs and how he got into the bulb farming business. He will also tell attendees about the special East Texas grown bulbs he is bringing for sale after the lectures.

I will present a pictorial history of my life with heirloom bulbs, share how I was a bulb farmer and conference speaker at the very first Smith County Master Gardener bulb sale, and extoll the virtues of my own bulbs I am bringing for the in-person sale that day as well.

In addition to having access to unique locally grown bulbs, attendees will also have a chance to win fabulous door prizes, including two wonderful, two-night getaway packages, and a "super-sampler" of Texas grown bulbs.

Get-away Package Number One is a two-night stay at The House of Seasons, Lady Bird Suite, in historic Jefferson, Texas valued at \$500.

Get-away Package Number Two is a two-night stay (king room) at Church Street Inn, a boutique hotel in historic Natchitoches, Louisiana valued at \$1,000.

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

In addition Chris will be available to sign copies of his *Bulb Hunter* books and I will be around to sign copies of my *Heirloom Gardening in the South*, *Texas Fruit and Vegetable Gardening*, and *The Rose Rustlers*.

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

During pick-up hours, there will



be a plethora of Smith County Master Gardeners to answer gardening questions; "bonus" bulbs, artwork, and tee shirts for sale; children's activities, and more helping them celebrate this exciting milestone.

The Smith County Master Gardeners have worked diligently for

a quarter of a century identifying and making available long-lived, Earth-Kind bulbs that don't require irrigation, pesticides, or fertilizer.

For more information, visit the Smith County Master Gardener website at <https://txmg.org/smith/> or follow them on Facebook. Proceeds from the sale support horti-

culture education in Smith County, the Tyler Botanical Garden, and scholarships for horticulture students at Texas A&M and Stephen F. Austin State Universities. Smith County Master Gardeners are trained volunteer educators coordinated by the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service.

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Smith County man in heap of trouble

The following items are compiled from recent Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) law enforcement reports:

A Smith County Game Warden received a call from a landowner about materials dumped along a bridge and creek on his property. While the materials included mostly sheetrock, housing trim and lumber.

The warden did find a box with a bar code that allowed him to trace the materials to a local store and, ultimately, the owner of the credit card used for the purchase.

The warden interviewed the cardholder, who had just completed a home remodel for his family. He told the warden someone familiar with his family had offered to haul off the unused materials for a small fee. The suspect kept the money and dumped the trash onto private property.

Along with Smith County Sheriff's Office environmental deputies, the warden served a warrant for felony commercial dumping over 200 pounds. When arrested, the suspect had more building materials and trash in the truck.

Investigators at the Ready

While responding to an anonymous call about alligator poaching on the Neches River, game wardens from Anderson, Henderson and Smith counties found an alligator shot with a compound bow behind the Lake Palestine Spillway. After injuring the 4.5-foot alligator, the suspect jumped into the river to retrieve the alligator. Two other people assisted in dispatching it with a knife before the trio began taking pictures and a video to post on social media. Eventually, the two accomplices left the scene with the alligator while the shooter remained behind and was discovered by the Henderson and Smith County game wardens. The shooter initially swam to the other side of the river, but ultimately returned to the wardens. After interviewing the suspect, the wardens pieced together a timeline of events and gathered enough evidence to file appropriate charges against the shooter. However, their attempt to locate the alligator and the second and third suspects proved unsuccessful until the shooter provided video to the Anderson County Game Warden better identifying the individuals. As a result of the wardens' investigation, multiple cases were filed including hunting alligator during a closed season and hunting without a license. The cases are currently pending along with civil restitution.

Hi, I'm the Problem, It's Me

While patrolling over Labor Day weekend, Panola County Game Wardens contacted several dove hunting groups across the county. While most of their interactions were positive, the wardens contacted three

different groups hunting doves over baited areas. They issued a total 19 citations for hunting over bait and seized 108 doves from the three parties.

Jumping Through Hoops

While Texas Game Wardens from the Zapata District were patrolling Falcon Lake, wardens found eight hoop nets on the Texas side containing bluegill, channel catfish, blue catfish, freshwater drum, common carp and Rio Grande cichlid. Wardens seized and destroyed the nets and returned the fish to the water alive and well.

Just Winging It

A Karnes County Game Warden received a call from someone asking if dove season was open because their neighbors were shooting excessively. When the warden arrived at the location, he could hear shooting. Making his way to the back of the property, he witnessed several subjects hunting doves and found they were over their bag limit of mourning doves, as Karnes County is in the Special White-Wing Dove Zone. Additionally, two of the hunters did not have valid hunting licenses, nor had they taken hunter's education classes. The warden issued citations, seized and donated 29 doves.

Ignorance Isn't Always Bliss

A landowner notified a Hays County Game Warden that a hunter killed a white-tail doe out of season. The hunter, who paid a fee to hunt hogs that day, was visiting from Maryland with his son. The landowner found out about the doe after he received pictures from the hunter and his son posing with their harvest and asking for a ride back to their truck. The hunters became irate after the game warden told them it was not deer season. The landowner provided the game warden the signed liability waivers from the hunters, which only mentioned hog hunting. The hunters said they were never told they needed hunting licenses and that they should have been provided with certain services like a hunting guide, verbal education on hunting regulations and signage around the site stating hunting laws. They also assumed that, like Maryland, they didn't need a hunting license and could hunt anything on private property. The hunters stated that after a day without services and no animal sightings, they became upset with the landowner. During a phone conversation, the landowner stated, "everything is open." The hunters interpreted the landowner's statement as every animal on the property is open to be killed, when instead, the landowner was referring to every blind and stand being open for the hunters to use. The game warden issued citations for hunting and possessing white-tail deer in a closed season and not having a nonresident hunting license.

"Bulbs to Blooms" celebrating 25 years

By **Jolana Damkroger**
Smith County Master Gardener

In 1998, the Smith County Master Gardener Association held the first "From Bulbs to Blooms" conference and sale.

That sale was the brainchild of Smith County Master Gardener Ed McGee. He conceived the idea of a sale featuring locally sourced bulbs that would do well in Southern gardens, sourced all the bulbs and ran the first sale almost single handed.

The first sales were held outdoors in the Tyler Rose Garden and after several years, a garden conference was held on the same day as the sale.

The conference and bulb sale quickly became an anticipated annual event – not only in Tyler, but in all Northeast Texas. By 2003 the event was drawing people from as far away as Dallas, Nacogdoches, and Louisiana, and the bulbs available for sale were sold in a matter of minutes.

Over the years, the sale moved to the convention center in Tyler, trees, shrubs and perennials were added to the sale, and the conference featured a variety of speakers. But it was always a mad dash for the bulbs once the conference was over. That was part of the fun!

COVID-19 changed all of that, but the sale went on thanks to the Internet and online sales. Now, 25 years later, the bulb sale continues to be organization's largest fundraiser, drawing thousands of people from all over East Texas and surrounding states. This sale continues to showcase hardy and hard-to-find heirloom bulbs that perform year after year in Texas and the South.

Today the sale is a combination of the past and present.

An in-person conference will be held at 9 a.m., Saturday Oct. 21 at Pollard United Methodist Church in Tyler. This year Chris Weisinger, owner of the Southern Bulbs Company, and Smith County AgriLife Extension Agent Greg Grant will be presenting together talking about gardening with bulbs only available at the conference.

The conference is free and open to the public. Each attendee will receive a ticket making them eligible for two weekend get-away packages being offered as door prizes.

All bulbs ordered on-line will be picked up beginning after the conference at 10 a.m. and continuing until 1 p.m. that day. The "From Bulbs to Bloom" committee have ordered over 12,000 bulbs for sale this year.

The money raised from this sale goes back into Smith County

gardening community. The Master Gardeners Association is a non-profit, educational and charitable organization in association with Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service.

The members are the caretakers for the three demonstration gardens that occupy nearly four acres in the southern section of the Tyler Rose Garden, known collectively as the Tyler Botanical Garden.

The Master Gardeners volunteer their time to maintain and improve the gardens each week, thus providing an engaging, tranquil, and educational setting for local residents and out-of-town visitors.

In addition to maintaining the gardens, the association also writes weekly gardening articles for the Lindale News; operates a Help Desk for the public to call in and get answers to their gardening questions; coordinates a Library Lecture Series and First Tuesdays in the Garden, where guest lecturers discuss a wide variety of topics relating to gardening and the environment; works with local elementary schools to provide in-school gardening programs; offers summer gardening workshops for both children and adults; and provides scholarships to college students majoring in horticulture, and we host our Home Garden Tour each May.

In 2022 alone, Smith County Master Gardeners volunteered 14,122 hours in order to serve and better Tyler.

As the saying goes, "a gardener's work is never at an end; it begins with the year and continues to the next."

There are so many things in the gardens that constantly need attention and maintenance, especially in the years following 2021 "Snowmageddon", which caused extensive loss to many of the old camellias and trees in the Botanical Gardens.

In addition, the organization has big goals for expanding their educational programs for both children and adults, funds for student scholarships and beautifying the city of Tyler.

The "From Bulbs to Blooms" conference and sale provides funds to the group to continue all the programs mentioned above. We hope to see all our old friends, and we hope lots of new ones, at this year's event.

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



Lindale Youth Football Leagues were celebrated prior to the LHS game against Chapel Hill this past Friday. (Photo by Terry Cannon)

California man gets 42 months in healthcare kickback scheme

A Temecula, Calif., man has been sentenced to federal prison for conspiring to commit health care kickbacks, said Davilyn Walston, spokesperson for U.S. Attorney Damien M. Diggs.

Steven Donofrio, 49, was found guilty by a jury on May 5, 2023, following a two-week-long trial and was sentenced to 42 months in federal prison by U.S. District Judge Robert W. Schroeder, III on Oct. 11.

"Donofrio leveraged the access, influence, and relationships that his employees wielded to secure physicians' referrals. He added costs, not value, to an overburdened, taxpayer-funded system. The taxpayers deserve better," said Diggs. "Today's sentence sends the clear message that no matter who you are, if you do wrong, you will be found out, and you will be brought to justice."

"While this health care fraud scheme appeared complex on the surface, it was simple greed and theft at its core," said Jason E. Meadows, Special Agent in Charge of the United States Department of Health and Human Services Office of Inspector General (HHS-OIG). "Illegal kickback payments lead to unnecessary medical procedures and cost taxpayers millions of dollars. HHS-OIG will continue to work with our law enforcement partners to hold accountable those who blatantly steal taxpayer money for their personal benefit."

According to information presented in court, Donofrio con-

spired with others to pay and receive kickbacks in exchange for the referral of, and arranging for, health care business, specifically pharmacogenetic (PGx) tests. Pharmacogenetic testing, also known as pharmacogenomic testing, is a type of genetic testing that identifies genetic variations that affect how an individual patient metabolizes certain drugs. The illegal arrangement concerned the referral of PGx tests to clinical laboratories in Fountain Valley, California; Irvine, California; and San Diego, California. More than \$28 million in illegal kickback payments were exchanged by those involved in the conspiracy.

In December 2019, 12 individuals from three states were charged for their roles in the kickback conspiracy. A federal grand jury in the Eastern District of Texas returned an indictment against Philip Lamb, of Eagle, Colo.; Nicolas Arroyo, of Tempe, Ariz.; Vincent Marchetti, Jr., of Coronado, Calif.; William Flowers, of Houston; Steven Donofrio; James J. Walker, Jr. a/k/a Jimmy Walker, of Frisco; Timothy Armstrong, deceased, formerly of Frisco; Virginia Blake Herrin, of Frisco; Patrick Ridgeway, of Jackson, Miss.; Chismere Mallard, of McAllen; Dr. Ray W. Ng, of Dallas; and Ashley Kretzschmar of Aledo conspiring to commit illegal remunerations in violation of the Anti-Kickback Statute.

Philip Lamb, Nicolas Arroyo, Jimmy Walker, Timothy Armstrong, Virginia Blake Herrin,

Patrick Ridgeway, Chismere Mallard, and Ashley Kretzschmar pleaded guilty prior to trial. Kimberly Willette, of Friendswood and Edwin Chad Isbell, of Atascocita also pleaded guilty to related charges.

The Anti-Kickback Statute prohibits offering, paying, soliciting, or receiving remunerations in exchange for the referral of or arranging for or recommending the ordering of items or services payable under federal health care programs. Under federal statutes, violations of the Anti-Kickback statute are punishable by up to five years in federal prison.

ATM thief sentenced

A Texarkana man has been sentenced to prison for federal violations in the Eastern District of Texas, Walston said.

Lamarcus Vontino Moore Jr., 21, pleaded guilty to conspiracy to commit bank theft and was sentenced to 18 months in federal prison and ordered to pay restitution of \$257,789 and forfeiture of \$33,665 by U.S. District Judge Robert W. Schroeder III on Oct. 12.

According to information presented in court, Moore conspired with others to burglarize ATMs in the Bowie County area. On Jan. 26, 2021, an ATM located at the Texar Federal Credit Union on Gibson Lane in Texarkana, Texas, was burglarized and approximately \$127,654.00 was stolen. On Feb. 2, 2021, an ATM located at the Texar Federal Credit Union

on W. 7th Street in Wake Village, Texas, was also burglarized and approximately \$10,513.00 was stolen. In each burglary, one of the co-conspirators stole a pickup truck and then the defendants attached chains to the ATM and used the stolen truck to break open the ATM.

There was approximately \$60,000 in damage done to each ATM. The other six defendants have already been sentenced.

Houston man gets 60 months in federal drug trafficking case

A Houston man who served as a production manager in a counterfeit drug trafficking scheme has been sentenced to federal prison for drug trafficking and money laundering violations in the Eastern District of Texas, Walston announced.

Willis Reed, 61, of Houston, pleaded guilty to conspiracy and was sentenced to 60 months in federal prison today by U.S. District Judge Marcia A. Crone.

According to the indictment, from April 2014 until August 2021, Reed conspired with ten others including Adam P. Runsdorf, the owner and president of Woodfield Pharmaceutical LLC based in Boca Raton, Florida.

According to information presented in court, Reed was a production manager and director of technical operations at Woodfield Pharmaceutical's manufacturing facility in Houston, where employees produced more than 500,000 pints of

counterfeit cough syrup for Byron Marshall, a Houston drug trafficker.

Marshall's drug trafficking organization sold the counterfeit drugs across Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, South Carolina, Tennessee, Wisconsin, California, Florida, Arkansas, and Ohio. Prices generally ranged from \$100 to more than \$1,000 per one-pint bottle. Depending on the market and brand of cough syrup, prices went as high as \$3,800 to \$4,000 per pint.

All 11 defendants charged in the indictment, including Reed, pleaded guilty. All eleven have been sentenced. Adam Runsdorf and Tunji Campbell pleaded guilty to conspiracy, trafficking in counterfeit drugs, and money laundering conspiracy.

Campbell, who partnered with Marshall to hatch the scheme, was sentenced to 135 months imprisonment. Runsdorf was sentenced to Chauntell D. Brown pleaded guilty to conspiracy and trafficking in counterfeit drugs and was sentenced to 72 months imprisonment. In addition to Reed, Cheryl A. Anderson, Ashley A. Rhea, Maria Anzures-Camarena, Kalpen Patel, and Jonathan Shaver each pleaded guilty to conspiracy and were sentenced to 60 months imprisonment.

Gina Acosta pleaded guilty to conspiracy and was sentenced to 40 months imprisonment. Reed was the last defendant to be sentenced in the case.

District standings shuffled after Lindale's big upset

With Lindale's earth-shaking 35-23 upset of No. 1 ranked Chapel Hill last Friday, the playoff picture has changed in District 9-4A with the Eagles and Kilgore now occupying the top two spots while Chapel Hill, Athens and Palestine vying for the last two spots.

Kilgore, by virtue of its win over Lindale two weeks ago and its 46-17 win over Henderson this past Friday, is first in 9-4A while Lindale is second.

If both teams win out, they will keep their top two spots and wait to see who would be the third and fourth teams to advance.

KILGORE 46, HENDERSON 17

The Bulldogs fell behind early on a short field by Henderson but ran off 30 unanswered points to take a 30-3 lead into halftime.

Kilgore's Ryan Chaney bulled over from two yards out with 4 minutes left in the open-

ing quarter. Two more TDS in the second period enabled the Bulldogs the virtually put the game away at the half.

Kilgore will host Athens on Friday in a key district matchup. Athens, 2-1 in district, had its bye week last Friday.

PALESTINE 51, JACKSONVILLE 16

Keeping their playoff hopes alive, the Palestine Wildcats walloped the winless

Jacksonville Fighting Indians, 51-16 Friday night in the Tomato Bowl.

After jumping out to a 16-3 lead after the first period, the Wildcats put up 21 more points in the second period and put it on cruise control to secure their first league win and their third of the season.

Palestine hosts Lindale on Friday while the Fightin' Indians will have its bye week.

Also this week, Henderson will visit Chapel Hill.

Countryfest 2023



All Aboard at Countryfest

The Shriner's brought their train for youngsters to Countryfest this year and everyone got "taken for a ride" in a fun way. (Photo by Terry Cannon)



Little Buckaroos

Free pony rides were a popular spot for the younger set during this year's Countryfest. (Photo by Terry Cannon)



Lots and lots of visitors

The pleasant fall weather brought out large crowds to Countryfest in downtown Lindale. (Photo by Terry Cannon)



Taking the Stage

Performers from KDF's Dance and Gym in Lindale performed on the main stage Saturday morning during Countryfest. (Photo by Terry Cannon)

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medications or other common household items that are toxic to them.

Dr. Christine Rutter, a clinical associate professor of emergency medicine at the Texas A&M School of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences, emphasizes the dangers of pets ingesting household toxins and outlines how owners can protect their pets.

Common Household Toxins

Contrary to popular belief, Rutter says it is more common for pets to become intoxicated by human, pet, and recreational medications than household cleaners and pesticides.

"Over-the-counter pain medications, prescription painkillers, vitamins, antidepressants, and stimulant/recreational medication exposures are very common," Rutter explained. "Medication exposure usually happens because of dropped medication or when a pet has access to a bottle or a bag containing the medication."

Because of the size difference between people and most pets, it is extremely dangerous for pets to ingest human medications. According to Rutter, even one dose of a human medication can cause dogs and cats to have significant exposures.

But medications are not the only way for pets to become intoxicated.

"Because so many households keep ornamental plants or aren't familiar with the toxicity of certain cut flowers, toxic plant exposure is also common, with symptoms ranging from mild discomfort and gastrointestinal upset to life-limiting organ failure," Rutter said. "Even common foods — chocolate, grapes, raisins, onions, peppers, and macadamia nuts — and artificial sweeteners can be toxic for pets."

Varying Symptoms And Treatments

It can be difficult for owners to recognize intoxicated pets because symptoms vary greatly and are not easily noticeable.

"Symptoms of pets ingesting toxins can be anything — including altered mentation, or any change in normal behavior, which can include excitability, anxiety, compulsive behavior, decreased consciousness, or apathy to their surroundings; drooling; seizures; tremors; weakness; excessive thirst; vomiting; or abnormal bleeding or bruising," Rutter said. "Some toxins will have delayed onset of clinical signs, which means that the owner would not likely notice any changes in their pet for up to 10 days. In some cases, the delay is too late to prevent permanent organ damage."

Because symptoms are not easy to recognize, Rutter strongly encourages owners to be overly cautious if they suspect their pet has eaten or come in contact with something that may be toxic to them. She encourages owners to consult with their veterinarian sooner rather than later.

"Initial testing will likely include a physical examination, blood testing, possibly urine testing, and sometimes drug screening," Rutter explained. "Your veterinarian will not report your pet's intoxication to authorities, even if illegal substances are involved. Veterinarians are only interested in treating your intoxicated pet, so please be honest."

Medical exams also will be necessary to determine the best course of treatment.

"Treatment is going to vary widely depending on the intoxication since the type of intoxication, the amount ingested, and an animal's size all impact the severity of the intoxication," Rutter said. "Some intoxications require intensive care while other intoxications can be treated with less intense care or even outpatient therapy."

Prevention Is All About Awareness

It is nearly impossible to remove all medications, plants, and foods that are toxic to pets from a home, so prevention must start with awareness.

"Owners should know the names and toxicity level of any plants in the house or yard; for example, sago palms, true lilies (for cats), yew plants, and some mushrooms can be extremely toxic," Rutter said. "Also know that the active ingredients in rodenticide can remain active indefinitely and that some artificial sweeteners (particularly xylitol) are very toxic to dogs, which can be found in certain health foods, sugarless gums, and sugar-free and keto baked goods and sweets."

Rutter also suggests owners only handle medications in areas away from a pet's environment, keep animals in a safe place away from recreational medication use — especially if people are participating in such activities in the pet's home or yard — and store all medications in bags or bottles out of a pet's reach.

"It's ironically difficult to give dogs and cats pills, but, somehow, there are medications that they will ingest readily if they get access to it," Rutter said. "Some pets will rip into backpacks or even open containers to get medications. Even a dropped pill can be a significant hazard to pets, and we have all dropped medicine accidentally."

Lastly, Rutter recommends pet owners familiarize themselves with poison control guides from the [American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals](#), which includes a hotline that owners can call for help when determining if their pet has ingested a toxic item.

Since medications, plants, and food are meant for human consumption or enjoyment, owners should take measures to ensure that humans are the only ones that can use them.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of MARTHA KATHLEEN SLEEPER, Deceased, were issued on October 10, 2023, in Docket No. 47770P, pending in the County Court at Law 3, Smith County, Texas, to Richard Lee Sleeper, Jr.

Claims may be presented to the following address:
Richard Lee Sleeper, Jr.
Independent Executor of the Estate of
MARTHA KATHLEEN SLEEPER
715 Lilly Lane
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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.

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NO. 47635P

Notice is hereby given that on the 21st day of August 2023, Letter Testamentary upon the Estate of Beulah Bell Bennington, Deceased, were issued to Bryan Bell by the Honorable Court of Smith County, Texas, in Cause No. 47635P pending on the Probate Docket of said Court.

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TO: ALL UNKNOWN HEIRS IN THE ESTATE OF JACQUILIN JOHNSON, DECEASED:

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My Texas Estate Plan, PLLC
c/o: Casey P. Cook
Attorney at Law
7925 S. Broadway, Suite 800
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DATED the 12th day of October, 2023.

Casey P. Cook
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Specifically, TXOGA estimates that:

Texas' oil production in September 2023 was a record-high 5.9 million barrels per day (mb/d), surpassing the record previously set in August 2023; and

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