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LISD voters to decide on tax rate; early voting now under way

On Nov. 7, Texas voters will go to the polls and decide on a slate of amendments and local options, including a tax rate ratification for the Lindale ISD.

In Lindale the early and General Election site is the Lindale Masonic Lodge, 200 W. Margaret Street. In Hideaway, voters can cast ballots at the Hideaway Members Services Building, 101 Hide-A-Way Lane.

Other Smith County voting sites include:

- The Hub, 304 E. Ferguson St., Tyler
- Heritage Building, 1900 Bellwood Road, Tyler
- Noonday Community Center, 16662 CR 196, Tyler
- Whitehouse United Methodist Church, 405 W. Main St., Whitehouse

There will be 35 polling locations open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Election Day, Tuesday, Nov. 7.

Early voting will continue through Friday, Nov. 3.

Hours are 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday-Friday, through Oct. 27; 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 28; 12 noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 29; 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Wednesday, Oct. 30-Nov. 1 and 7 a.m.-7 p.m., Thursday-Friday, Nov. 2-3.

LISD TAX RATIFICATION

LISD Superintendent Stan Surratt said district trustees have been good stewards of the taxpayers' money and how the burden has been reduced during the past several years.

"The school board has done a wonderful job managing the tax rate for many years," Surratt said. "This year the school board has adopted a rate that is 21.54 cents lower than last year's Lindale ISD tax rate. Over the past five years, the Lindale ISD school board has lowered the tax rate by 43.58 cents."

This is unique among school districts in this part of the state, Surratt said.

"I am not aware of any school district in East Texas that has lowered its tax rate that significantly," he said. "Because of the tax rate management of our School Board, Lindale ISD has one of the lower tax rates in East Texas."

By selecting "for" on the ballot, Surratt said the voter approves the district's plan to lower the rate.

By voting "no," Surratt said voters would prefer a 27.54 cent tax reduction but no increase in pay for teachers and support staff.

"In my opinion and many others, Lindale ISD is one of the very best school systems in Texas and our teachers and staff members are a big reason for the great success of our students and school district. With the improved pay for teachers and support staff members, Lindale ISD will be more competitive with neighboring school districts," he added. "With better pay, Lindale ISD will be more capable of keeping our strong teachers and staff members while recruiting additional great teachers and staff members in the future."

Eagles clip Palestine; Jacksonville here Friday

By Terry Cannon
Editor

Some games are just destined to be offensive showcases and in Lindale's game against the Palestine Wildcats this past Friday, both teams raced up and down the field almost at will until the Eagles were able to prevail, 57-49.

The win cemented a playoff spot for the Eagles, which could wind up being a second or third place seed depending on what happens in the next two weeks.

Lindale has to take care of business Friday against Jacksonville and watch the Kilgore-Chapel Hill scoreboard the following Friday which will also be Lindale's bye week.

If Kilgore defeats Chapel Hill by more than eight points, the Eagles will be District 9-4A's second seed by virtue of their upset three weeks ago over Chapel Hill.

But in order for all this to mean anything, Head Coach Chris Cochran's crew had to work its way through a determined band of Wildcats this past Friday, who offered a different offensive look compared to the past couple of years.

Palestine had been using Wing-T offense, which the Eagles worked on during the week, but on Friday, another offensive scheme was unveiled.

"We just didn't handle it well," Cochran said. "And by that I mean the coaching staff and the players."

The Wildcats spread the field on offense, causing some confusion on the part of the Eagles. Which meant it was a good night for the offense to shine.

Quarterback Clint Thurman, with four rushing touchdowns and four passing touchdowns was again the big gun on offense, but he had considerable help from running back Caleb Hart and lanky wide receiver Chad Ward.

"(Ward) had his game of games last Friday," the coach said. "And Clint was really good, obviously, since he had a hand in all eight



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

touchdowns."

Ward had six receptions for 156 yards and four scores while Hart rushed 13 times for 88 yards.

Thurman, meanwhile, was nine of 11 through the air for 176 yards. He rushed 32 times for 240 yards.

Thurman began the Lindale scoring with an eight-yard scoring run with 8:12 left in the first period. After the Wildcats trimmed that to 7-6, Thurman found Ward with a 29-yard score. The Eagles' defense then trapped the Palestine quarterback in the endzone for a safety at it was 16-6 after the first period.

Both team marched up and down the field in the second period and with :30 seconds left in the half, Thurman and Ward hooked up again, this time on a play covering 67 yards to give the Eagles a 36-27 lead at intermission.

All of this production wouldn't have happened with the offensive line doing considerable damage.

"I was very proud of our O-Line," said Cochran. "They've gotten better and better each week."

Against the Wildcats, Cameron Griffin and Jack Kirk had 13 knock-downs apiece and Casey Poe contributed 12. Christian Pettway had 11 and Trey Rozell had nine.

This Friday, winless Jacksonville comes to Eagle Stadium minus starting quarterback Brady McCown, who broke his wrist two weeks ago.



Lindale running back Caleb Hart leaps over would be tacklers from Palestine this past Friday in the Eagles' win over the Wildcats.

Photo by Terry Cannon

Annexations, water line installation approved by council

Lindale City Council members took care of a variety of items during their regular meeting held Tuesday, Oct. 17 at city hall.

The Council approved two annexations, voted to make a final payment on the sanitary sewer improvements at the Lindale Business Park and awarded a bid for a looping water line at Highway 69 and Lindale Crossing.

Public hearings were held prior to both of the annexations.

The first annexation was for 0.126 acres located at 14550 CR 472 in Lindale. The second was for 21.828 acres of vacant land at 14623 Wood Springs Road in Lindale.

A bid from JDR Contracting for \$1,258,000 to install a 12-inch looping water line was given council approval. The project, funded by ARPA funds and water capital funds, will eventually connect Wood Springs to Highway 69 and then to Centennial Drive.

Council members also approved \$75,015 as final payment for the I-20

Sanitary Sewer Improvement for the Lindale Business Park.

In other action, the council:

- Approved holding the Turkey Trot for two more years on Thanksgiving Day off Eagle Spirit Drive and Brad Circle;
- Approved a Lillie Russell Memorial Library story time event to be held at Darden Harvest Park on Nov. 7, weather permitting. An alternate date has been set for Nov. 14.
- A storage building for the Lindale Tourism Bureau, a cost of \$119,700 was approved by the council. The building will be paid for using tourism funds.
- Council members also approved the removal of 21 dead trees at Darden Harvest Park, which were affected by the recent high temperatures from the summer and the preceding winter's cold temperatures.
- Approved the final plat for The Reserve at Timber Creek Unit 1, located at CR 474 in Lindale which will create 149 lots.

Lady Eagles dump Canton; sit atop 16-4A standings

The Lindale High School Lady Eagles volleyball team is close to wrapping up another District 16-4A title after defeating Canton on Tuesday, Oct. 17 in Lindale.

The Lady Eagles were scheduled to take on the 1-9 Athens Lady Hornets in Athens on Tuesday.

A win on Tuesday would put the Lady Eagles into the bi-district playoffs against the fourth place team from District 15-5A, either Paris or Pittsburg.

Even if the Lady Eagles lose to Athens, Lindale should have first place in district by virtue of their recent victory over Canton and an earlier 3-2 win over second place Brownsboro.

In the Canton match, won in



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4 sets 24-26, 25-23, 25-19, and 25-14. Leading the attack were Maddox Lay with 19 kills, Addison Ridge 13 kills, and Kayli Vickery 10 kills. Addison Ridge had 19 digs defensively, Reagan Hope recorded 18 digs, Macy Luster added 9 digs, and Tatum Woodard and Callie Schmidt each had 6 digs apiece.

Kayli Vickery had 6 blocks, Ella

Hutchens 4 blocks, and Reagan Cates added 3 blocks. Setters Macy Luster and Tatum Woodard each recorded 22 assists for the Lady Eagles. Lindale is 32-8 and 10-1 in district play. The Lady Eagles finish their regular season on the road Tuesday night at Athens at 6:00pm.

The Lady Eagles' junior varsity

in two sets, 25-14 and 25-22. Kenlie Collins had 6 kills to lead the offensive attack. Brooke Gissell recorded 5 kills, 1 block. Keirsan Sanders added 3 kills, 1 block, 2 digs, and an ace, and Lauren Stanton put down 2 kills, 1 block, and 6 digs.

Holli Dunn tallied 9 digs defensively. Clara Helvey assisted 11 times and Emory Schmidt assisted 9 times and added 2 aces.

The Freshman A Team also defeated Canton in two sets 25-11 and 25-15. Jordyn Weesner led with 6 kills. Cambry Andreason recorded 2 blocks and Jordyn Weesner, Ma'Kaylin Smith, and Tessa Dennis all added a block. Ava Grogan served tough with 6 aces.

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OPINION/COMMENTARY

Caring hearts ...

In the last couple of months we have walked downtown surrounded by teal ribbons placed by a husband who loved deeply, to remind us about the often silent symptom danger of ovarian cancer.

In the last few weeks we have Pinked Out at football games, supported events by Pink Heals to encourage cancer fighters and survivors, and walked a Caring Hearts 5K at Lake Gladewater to raise money to help cancer patients fund meds and transportation.

Some of us have attended meetings about the elevated cancer risk in East Texas. We have signed pledges with 'Because I Care' to be a bone marrow donor, given blood, agreed to participate in research, and lit candles to remember. We have bought t-shirts and worn them proudly.

We are nothing, if not caring and aware.

And, some of us have learned what many already know, that caring hearts are often broken hearts.

Where we are hit the hardest, when we are hit, is when someone we love fights that awful fight. Some of you have hit your knees to storm the gates of heaven. Some of you have fought to get records and information from less than helpful sources. Some of you have had to make decisions you weren't prepared to make. But most of you have done what needed to be done and done it with strength and love. And you have done it utterly, physically, emotionally and spiritually exhausted. But you did it and you kept putting one foot in front of the other. I celebrate your persistence and determination.

As a young daughter-in-law I went with my husband's Mom and Grandmother to Houston's M.D. Anderson Cancer Center for Granny's assessment and treatment as she fought for time. Limited, precious time. I remember using charm, prayer and begging to get her records for her Longview doctor without the authorization to do so while my Mom-in-heart took care of her much loved and very sick mother.

I remember the trip home and Granny's utter exhaustion. I know when she gave up. I remember.

I remember sitting with my Mam'maw in her bedroom while she was dying from metastasized breast cancer. I will never forget the question she asked me: "Why can't I die?" not, "Why can't I live?"

My mother fought for her mother's health as well, but Mam'maw was ready "to go home".

After she passed away my Pap'paw had a dream about

The Best of Suzanne Bardwell



Mam'maw. She was young. She had a large hat on, the sun was shining and birds were singing. She was sitting by a pond waving at him.

I don't think it was a dream.

I watched my fun-loving Aunt Gwen fight and win. She beat breast cancer and it didn't come close to beating her. But the effects of the treatment impacted her immune system to the point that she has to guard her health even after all these years. And she does, but she also spends mornings with my Mom drinking coffee and sharing life, and when she feels well, she goes about the business of living.

My precious, beautiful and faith-filled friend Cindy fought as long and as hard as she could. Then she embraced with joy her release and final destination despite leaving behind a cherished child and husband. She left a heroic legacy of how to leave this world.

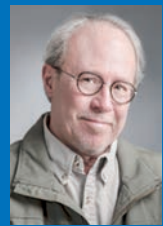
We see awful, heartrending, precious, life-changing things when we walk these journeys with people we love. We learn not to give up. We learn not to give in. We learn that there is more to this life than we could possibly imagine before we dealt with its challenge and finiteness.

We learn that the more we love, the deeper the pain. And, if we have wisdom we know that the pain can sometimes simply be another expression of love.

I wouldn't take away a moment of what I have learned walking beside the people I love. The testimony of resilience, faith and strength that we see lived out in life's circumstances help us to grasp the deepest depths of love. And, it is love after all that makes life worth the living.

So, today I give thanks for the pain, the tears, the complete exhaustion. I give thanks for the privilege of loving deeply enough to walk with a breaking heart. For those of you walking this path, at this moment, I ask for a blessing of peace and strength for the journey and the knowledge that you are surrounded by caring hearts ready to share that journey of pain and love.

Gary Borders Capital Highlights



The bill passed 19-12 along party lines, according to the Texas Standard. Supporters said the bill allows individuals to make their own health care decisions without jeopardizing their jobs.

"No one should be forced to make that awful decision between making a living for their family and their health or individual vaccine preference," sponsor Sen. Mayes Middleton, R-Galveston, told senators during a hearing.

A state law banning governmental entities from requiring the COVID-19 vaccine passed during the regular session and went into effect last month.

Well plugging program receives national recognition

After completing a complex project to remove surface casings on four wells plugged in the Neches River for more than four decades, the Texas Railroad Commission's well plugging program received accolades from the Interstate Oil and Gas Compact Commission.

The casings had posed risks to boaters as the river's depth decreased due to recent droughts.

"The commission has been nationally recognized for our well plugging program and this award is yet another example of the reputation we have gained in our commitment to protecting Texans and the environment," said Wei Wang, executive director.

The RRC has received more than \$300 million from the federal government to plug, remediate and reclaim orphaned wells across the state. The money came from the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, passed by Congress during the first year of the Biden administration.

Summer heat wave slows state economy

Besides making outdoor living and work miserable, last summer's record heat wave possibly cost the state's economy \$24 billion, according to economists with the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas. Their analysis found extreme heat reduced the state's gross domestic product by 1 percentage point, the Texas Tribune reported.

Extreme heat reduces agricultural production, slows down construction projects, and keeps people from going out to shop or dine, the analysis indicated. The sectors most affected by extreme heat were leisure, hospitality, and retail.

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THE ECONOMIST

By Dr. M. Ray Perryman

Wired ...

Many types of infrastructure, including electricity and telephones, started out as luxuries but quickly became essential as deployment spread. Just a few years ago, broadband internet access was viewed as a convenience. Mediocre speeds were sufficient for most tasks, and anything beyond that only came in handy to allow movies to stream with fewer glitches. That time, however, has long passed.

The pandemic illustrated the importance of broadband, as schools and offices became largely remote, and adequate connectivity was often difficult. I chaired the infrastructure segment, one of the State COVID Task Forces, and broadband was far and away the biggest need identified by residents throughout Texas.

Even with things mostly returning to normal, the proportion of workers either fully or partially remote has remained well above pre-pandemic levels, a situation that is unlikely to markedly change. The scope of online educational offerings and healthcare has also permanently increased. The pandemic accelerated trends already in place, and broadband access has become even more essential. The AI explosion and "Internet of Things" (where cars, appliances, and even light switches are connected) further increase demand. Business meetings of folks from around the country (or the world) routinely happen with no one boarding a plane.

Texas faces substantial challenges in ensuring broadband access due to the state's vast land area, including large expanses with few residents. Currently, about 2.8 million households affecting 7 million Texans have inadequate internet capabilities. Most of them are in smaller population centers and rural areas, where the economics of providing necessary infrastructure are not generally as attractive for private companies in comparison with more densely populated urban centers.

Additionally, more isolated areas often have even greater needs for access given a lack of proximity to higher education/training opportunities and medical specialists. Farming and ranching are increasingly reliant on connectivity for everything from commodity price monitoring to the use of sensors. A lack of broadband is routinely a "deal-breaker" in location and expansion decisions, which can negatively affect growth and even sustainability in smaller metropolitan areas and rural regions.

Following the Task Force recommendation, Texas lawmakers in 2021 created the Broadband Development Office, a program which seeks to map broadband, promulgate a statewide plan, and distribute grant funding to deploy service across the state. During the recent session, the legislature passed a measure providing much-needed funding (assuming voters agree and pass Proposition 8). The \$1.5 billion fund would facilitate expansion of access to and adoption of broadband services and allow tapping federal matching funds, thus multiplying the benefits.

Households and businesses need broadband. It's a critical component of modern infrastructure that is essential to future economic development and prosperity. Texas needs to be fully connected. Stay safe (and vote)!



Early voting now underway

Early voting is now underway for the Nov. 7 general election. Voters will decide the fate of 14 proposed amendments, including measures to provide property tax relief and raise the homestead exemption to \$100,000.

A nonpartisan explanation of what each proposition entails has been produced by the Texas Legislative Council and can be found at this link: <https://tinyurl.com/5n946d32>.

There are also bond elections for school districts across the state, as well as municipal and school board elections, depending on where you live. Contact your county's election administrator or check the county's website to see what local elections are being held.

House unveils limited school choice plan

The Republican chair of the Texas House public education committee has filed a bill that increases education funding with one-time bonuses for school employees as well as education savings accounts on a limited basis, The Dallas Morning News reported.

The Senate has already passed a voucher plan in this third session but the House has balked, with opposition coming from rural Republicans and most Democrats. State Rep. Brad Buckley, R-Salado, has said he would not call for a committee meeting unless Gov. Greg Abbott includes teacher pay raises and school financing as agenda items for this session. Abbott has maintained he wouldn't do so until the Legislature passed a voucher plan, or what he terms school choice.

"We continue to have productive conversations with House members," Abbott spokesman Andrew Mahaleris told The News. "The governor looks forward to reaching an agreement on school choice, at which point he will gladly expand the call."

Meanwhile, House Democrats last week released their own plan to revamp school funding, which would provide a \$15,000 bonus for Texas school employees, admittedly a long shot.

"We have this bill today because it is the opposite of a voucher scam," said Rep. Gene Wu, D-Houston. "We need the money that's in this bill because that is the future of Texas."

The bill would also increase per-student school funding by almost \$2,800. The likelihood of passage is slim in the GOP-dominated House.

Vaccine mandate ban passes Senate

A ban on COVID-19 vaccine mandates for employees of private businesses in Texas passed the Texas Senate Friday. The ban includes doctors' offices and other health facilities, though those facilities could still require unvaccinated employees to wear face masks.

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Pride of Lindale Marching Band does city proud, again

Some things in life just never change. Texas summers are brutally hot, politicians make most people grit their teeth and traffic can make one lose his or her mind.

Then there's the Pride of Lindale Marching Band, which wins competitions with such regularity that other squads show up at events to see who will take second place.

This past week in Nacogdoches, the band received a division 1 sweepstakes at the UIL marching contest held at Stephen F. Austin State University for the 49th consecutive year.

This has set the stage for the band to compete at the UIL State Military Marching Band Competition.

They competed at the state event on Oct. 25 at McLane Stadium in Waco. This is the fourth year that the UIL has had a separate Military and Open Style State Marching Band Competition. It allows both styles to be judged based upon criteria specific to each style.

The Lindale Band has won three state titles.

"I am so thankful to get the opportunity to work with the young men and women of the Lindale Band," said Band Director Steven Moore. "They are the best and I am so proud of them. I also want to thank my staff. They are amazing at what they do and I am thankful to call them

Terry Cannon
Editor



colleagues and friends. Finally, thank you to the Lindale community, Lindale Band Boosters and band parents, the LISD Board of Trustees, LISD staff and administrators for all of their support."

There are more than 220 students in the Pride of Lindale Band. The band program has been practicing for this competition since August.

"We are so proud of our Eagle Band program," said Superintendent Stan Surratt. "Band Director, Steven Moore and his staff have certainly built one of the best band programs in the state. As a superintendent, I just could not be prouder of this group of musicians. Three-peat State Champions - Looking for a fourth. The Pride of Lindale



The Pride of Lindale Marching Band, seen at a recent home football game, qualified for yet another state title in Nacogdoches. (Photo by Terry Cannon)

Playing, and surviving, by the rules of matrimony

Of anybody you can think of, who would you go to for marital advice? Well, I know who I wouldn't go to, and that's me. The reason I'm tellin' you this is because awhile back, a kid asked me to give him some marital advice. Really, I'm not lyin'. Well, he wasn't really a kid, more like a young man, but he seems like a kid to me.

"Mr. Mitchum," he said. "You've been married quite a while, haven't you?"

"That's an understatement," I said. "44 years."

"Wow!" he said. "You could be my dad."

"Hey kid," I said. "Don't start that stuff."

"Oh, no sir! I meant you're old enough to be my dad."

"That's better. Now, why are you askin' me all these questions?"

"Well," he said, and then smiled. "I'm thinking about getting married."

"What? How old are you, 12?"

"No sir. I'm 22."

"Really? Man, I'd never had guessed it. But that's too young. Wait a few years."

"Well, how old were you when you got married?"

"I was 19," I said.

"You were younger than I am, so why do you think I'm too young?"

"Well, by lookin' at you. You look like a kid, not a husband."

"Come on, I'm sure you looked a lot like me back then."

"No I didn't. For one, I wore my cap with the bill toward the front like the Good

Rusty Mitchum
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Lord intended it to be."

"It's the style," he said.

"Well, it looks stupid, but you didn't ask for style advice, did you?"

"No Sir."

"Look, you sure you really want marital advice from me?"

"Yes sir," he replied.

"OK," I said. "Here goes. There are two main rules. Oh, there are many more than two rules, but if you'll remember these two, you might survive."

First: Whatever your wife wants you to do; tell her you'll do it."

"But what if I don't want to do it?" he said.

"Pay attention Boy," I said. "I said to tell her you'll do it; I didn't say do it. You see, you tell them what they want to hear, and then do whatever you want to."

"You mean you can get away with that?"

"Heck no! They ain't stupid. All that does is buy you some time to think up an excuse why you didn't do whatever it is she wanted you to do in the first place."

"That doesn't sound right," he said.

"How long have you been married?" I asked.

"I'm not married, yet."

"Well, then who's the experienced one here?"

"You are."

"Enough said. Now, quit interruptin' me."

Second: If you walk into the house and your wife is cryin', turn around and run."

"Run where?"

"Anywhere except her mother's house."

"Why don't I just ask her what's she's crying about?"

"Are you crazy, boy? It's a no win situation for you. If you ask her what she's cryin' about, she's gonna say 'nothin' and sniffle a few times. If you say OK, and leave her to her cryin', she's gonna start really cryin' and say that you're not sensitive, whatever that means. And, if you stay there with her and try to get whatever it is out that's buggin' her, you're gonna find out it's somethin' you did, said, or insinuated. Like I said, it's a no win situation."

"Why did you say not to run to her mother's house?"

"Boy, you're dumber than a sack of bricks? Her mother didn't want her marrin' you in the first place because you're not good enough. And besides, your wife has already called her mother and given her side of the story, which is the only one they'll believe anyway. Yep, you'd be walkin' right into a hornet's nest right there boy."

"But my girlfriend is so sweet," he said.

"That's because she hasn't gotten the ring or eaten the cake, yet."

"What?"

"You see, it's a scientific fact that either the weddin' ring, or the weddin' cake causes women to morph into somethin' entirely different than what they were before. I think it's the cake. They're still smilin' after they get the ring. Of course the ring may just start the process, and the cake is the catalyst that finishes it. Oh, they look the same, but under all those good looks lurks somethin' that when stirred up, is a terror to man or beast."

"Wow," he said, as he looked off into space.

"Wow is right," I said. "It's sort of like gettin' yourself into one of those science fiction movies that never ends."

Then he looked at me. "Well, why have you stayed married for 44 years?"

"Are you kiddin' me? Janet's the best thing that ever happened to me. She's my best friend, and sometimes she even laughs at my jokes. What more could I ask for?"

"But you said..."

"Hey, you asked for my advice, and I gave it to you. If you're too scared to take a chance, that's your problem. I didn't say it wasn't worth it. The best things in life are worth takin' a chance on."

"I'm confused," he said.

"Good. You'll make a perfect husband. Now turn that cap around. You look stupid."

has made the entire community proud."

Then there are few things as unpredictable as weather in East Texas. But Smith County has installed a new system which should give residents access to real-time, detailed weather data.

WeatherSTEM, the Weather System Station at the Emergency Operations Center, will provide emergency management officials and members of the public this critical information without signing up, county officials said.

Anyone can simply go to the website <http://smith.weatherstem.com/oem> to view a weather forecast that is specific to different health conditions, Smith County Emergency Management Coordinator Brandon Moore said.

"WeatherSTEM's accessibility makes it a useful tool for the whole community and will enhance the abilities of emergency services," Smith County Fire Marshal Chad Hogue said. "Realtime weather information, such as wind direction and speed, is vital during fire and hazardous materials incident responses."

WeatherSTEM offers a 15-day forecast and can generate hourly forecasts; it has a live-feed camera that updates every few seconds and produces daily historical time lapses. It also gives data for monthly totals of rain, heat guidance forecasts, Almanac history and information on the sun, moon and planets.

"We are making this available to every city and both Smith County Emergency Service Districts for internal notifications," Moore said.

For administrators, WeatherSTEM will allow emergency management officials to create groups, such as law enforcement, fire departments, Emergency Medical Services and Emergency Services Districts, to send out alerts and create weather events, such as freeze warnings.

The station will also benefit the Smith County 911 Dispatch during times of inclement weather, as well as the Office of Emergency Management.

"It will allow me to monitor and track weather, plus provide us with historical data for planning and prevention purposes," Moore said.

The Fire Marshal's Office will be able to look at historical lightning data to use in fire investigations.

There are also plans to incorporate additional weather patterns, such as fire behavior for the fire departments.

WeatherSTEM is based out of Florida, and although there are several stations all over the nation, there are only a few in Texas.

Times of Lindale



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ONE YEAR AGO, Oct. 27, 2022

With a 57-32 win over the Palestine Wildcats on the road, the Lindale High School Eagles moved to within one are one win away of locking up the number three spot in the bi-district playoffs.

Palestine jumped out to a 6-0 lead on its first possession of the game, but Lindale, with junior quarterback Clint Thurman at the controls, scored two unanswered touchdowns to take the lead for good.

The Eagles added three more touchdowns in the second period to take a 37-25 lead into intermission.

FIVE YEARS AGO, Oct. 25, 2018

Lindale Economic Development President Susan Gill was among three economic development officials from East Texas honored by the Texas Economic Development Council for their efforts in bringing Sanderson Farms to the area.

Joining Gill were Mineola Mayor and EDC Director Mercy Rushing and Tom Mullins, president and CEO of the Tyler Economic Development Corporation.

The Sanderson Farms project was selected by the state economic development association as the Community Economic Development Award recipient for populations between 100,000 and 250,000.

10 YEARS AGO, Oct. 24, 2013

The land for a new development for Lindale, Kingdom Estates, was approved for annexation by city council members during their regularly scheduled meeting at city hall.

The land, approximately 65 acres, is located at the northeast corner of FM 849 and State Highway 110.

Council members approved a city ordinance granting mixed use zoning rights for the planned community and according to a news release from publicity officials the development will offer residential living, shopping, townhomes and garden homes.

Lindale city officials were able to annex the land because it is within the city's Extra Territorial Jurisdiction.

Prior to approving the ordinance, the city council held a public hearing on the matter. No one spoke at hearing and council members then voted to approve the annexation ordinance.



Fields of Faith event

Lindale and Hideaway churches got together on Wednesday, Oct. 18 to sponsor Fields of Faith night at Eagle Stadium, where local students were fed and enjoyed prayer and fellowship. Churches involved were Grace Community, LifeSource, Rose Heights and Hideaway Church of Christ. (Courtesy photo)

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Spirit of giving: Quaint Garden Valley Baptist Church needs help

If you're going down Highway 110 near Lindale, you'll see a few things. Mercy Ships, of course there on the left. There's a big white complex with a sign out front – that's a church. A few houses here and there.

Then, there's Garden Valley Baptist Church tucked away on the corner of CR 442 and FM 16, where hundreds drive by it every day but very few people stop to see it.

This little country church, made up of red and tan brick, has been in this spot for 150 years.

Now, it could use your help.

Known for its beautiful and stately cemetery, where Leonard Ravenhill, Keith Green and more are buried, GVBC is a sweet, old country church with an average attendance of 23 every Sunday morning. Its congregation is mostly older, retired folks who have been attending the church longer than

some of its younger members have been alive.

This gives the church family a sweet air of home, family and solidity; however, it also means that the church has not always been able to give the building and grounds the in-depth upkeep it might need.

Brynna Williamson, one of the church's youngest members, decided that she was being called to use her "senior project" as an Honors Student at UT Tyler to fix that.

"I'm genuinely so excited about this project. To be able, with God's help, to fix up the building, make God's house pretty, involve other UT Tyler students, and be able to impact my church as a class project? Priceless," she said.

Projects in the works include minor repairs on the building itself, re-paving the faded parking lot, replacing the

carpeting, and finding someone to paint a mural in the fellowship hall.

"I could really use the community's help with this. I am just plunging into doing all of this with no experience, so if there's anyone out there who feels called to donate time, money or a service to the project, I would be so grateful. We're going to see this project through," Williamson said.

Although Williamson does hold that the project is "priceless" in value, unfortunately the cost has a definite price. To this end, Williamson has set up a GoFundMe (available under the title "Help Our Little Country Church Renovate!") and is looking for volunteers of individuals or groups to help kickstart the project.

To contact Brynna Williamson, email alwaysloyal2Christ@gmail.com. To contact the church, email gvbctx@gmail.com.



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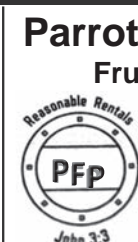
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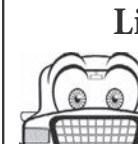


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FRIDAY, OCT. 13: Vagrant, 16200 block FM 849, Settled at Scene; Parking Violation, 100 block Freedom Drive, Citation Issued; Suspicious Person, 100 block South Main Street, Settled at Scene; Public Service, 500 block Sunset Drive, Settled at Scene; Parking Violation, 100 block Freedom Drive, Settled at Scene; Criminal Trespass, 300 block South Main Street, Warning Issued; Welfare Concern, 13800 block CR 474, Settled at Scene.

SATURDAY, OCT. 14: Public Service, 3500 block South Main Street, Settled at Scene; Suspicious Vehicle, 13300 block CR 472, Settled at Scene; Suspicious Vehicle, 13300 block CR 472, Settled at Scene; Suspicious Person, 13300 block IH-20 East, Settled at Scene; Business Alarm, 5500 block CR 463, Settled at Scene; Suspicious Circumstance, 200 block South Main Street, Settled at Scene; Welfare Concern, 2300 block South Main Street, Settled at Scene; Traffic Hazard, 554 IH-20 West, Unable to Locate; Found Property, 15700 block Brittain Court, Report; Traffic Complaint, 3200 block South Main Street, Unfounded; Criminal Trespass, 100 block North Main Street, Report; Stolen Vehicle, 100 block East Centennial Blvd., Unable to Locate; Traffic Complaint, 17000 block IH-20 West, Unable to Locate; Suspicious Vehicle, 21200 block U.S. Highway 69 North, Settled at Scene.

SUNDAY, OCT. 15: Suspicious Circumstance, 17100 block Meadowview Lane, Settled at Scene; Public Intoxication, 3500 block South Main Street, Arrest; Motor Vehicle Crash, 13300 block IH-20 East, Report; Stolen License Plate, 3500 block South Main Street, Unfounded; Criminal Mischief, 1200 block Brad Circle, Settled at Scene; Hit and Run Crash, 556 IH-20 West, Report; Motor Vehicle Crash, 100 block East Centennial Blvd., Settled at Scene; Traffic



Complaint, 1500 block South Main Street, Unable to Locate; Theft, 1300 Block South Main Street, Report; Residential Alarm, 300 block Helen Drive, False Alarm; Theft, 100 block East Centennial Blvd., Arrest; Suspicious Person, 100 block South Main Street, Unable to Locate; Disturbance, 100 block Ballard Drive, Settled at Scene; Criminal Trespass, 400 block South Main Street, Warning Issued; Suspicious Circumstance, 17500 block CR 4112, Unfounded.

MONDAY, OCT. 16: Vagrant 300 Blk S Main St Settled at Scene; Traffic Control 3500 block South Main Street, Settled at Scene; Public Service, 100 block Ballard Drive, Settled at Scene; Assist Another Agency, 556 IH-20 West, Settled at Scene; Public Service, 552 IH-20 West, Settled at Scene; Business Alarm, 200 block North Main Street, Settled at Scene; Motorist Assist, 300 block South Main Street, Settled at Scene; Public Service, 100 block Ballard Drive, Settled at Scene; Suspicious Person, 300 block South Main Street, Settled at Scene; Suspicious Circumstance, 700 block Stewart Street, Settled at Scene; Theft, 100 block East Centennial Blvd., Arrest.

TUESDAY, OCT. 17: Motorist Assist, 16000 block CR 431, Settled at Scene; Warrant Service, 100 block East Centennial Blvd., Arrest; Suspicious Circumstance, 100 block

East Centennial Blvd., Settled at Scene; Motorist Assist, 100 block North Main Street, Settled at Scene; Motor Vehicle Crash, 500 block East Hubbard Street, Report; Residential Alarm, 1400 block Wood Springs Road, False Alarm.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 18: Civil Matter, 600 block North Main Street, Settled at Scene; Welfare Concern, 3500 block South Main Street, Settled at Scene; Traffic Complaint, 2300 block South Main Street, Settled at Scene; 911 Hang Up Call, 15600 Brittain Court, Settled at Scene; Suspicious Circumstance, 3500 block South Main Street, Settled at Scene; Theft, 1500 block South Main Street, Report; Civil Matter, 1100 block South Main Street, Settled at Scene; Criminal Trespass, 3400 block South Main Street, Warning Issued; Motor Vehicle Crash, 3200 block South Main Street, Report; Welfare Concern, 100 block East Centennial Blvd., Settled at Scene; Assist Smith Co SO, 556 IH-20 West, Settled at Scene; Public Service, 13300 block CR 472, Settled at Scene.

THURSDAY, OCT. 19: Loud Noise Complaint, 500 block Sunset Drive, Unfounded; Verbal Disturbance, 500 block East South Street, Settled at Scene; Hit and Run Crash, 2300 block South Main Street, Report; Welfare Concern, 900 block Brad Circle, Settled at Scene; Criminal Trespass, 200 block West South Street, Warning Issued; Public Intoxication, 800 block North Main Street, Arrest; Assist Another Agency, 5500 block CR 463, Settled at Scene; Found Property, 100 block Ballard Drive, Settled at Scene; Scam, 400 block Crosby Street, Settled at Scene; Motor Vehicle Crash, 300 block South Main Street, Report; Verbal Disturbance, 21200 block U.S. Highway 69 North, Settled at Scene; Verbal Disturbance, 100 block East Centennial Blvd., Unable to Locate; Assist Smith Co SO, 14700 block CR 463, Unfounded; Warrant Service, 3500 block South Main Street, Arrest.

Dallas men sentenced for bank fraud

Two Dallas brothers have been sentenced for federal violations related to a fraud scheme in the Eastern District of Texas, said Davilyn Walston, spokesperson for U.S. Attorney Damien M. Diggs.

Thomas Hughes Page, 47 and Jon Phillip Page, Jr., 55, were convicted at trial of conspiracy to commit bank fraud and conspiracy to commit money laundering and sentenced on Oct. 18, 2023, by U.S. District Judge Sean D. Jordan.

Thomas Page was sentenced to 71 months in federal prison and Phillip Page was sentenced to 63 months in federal prison. The defendants were ordered to pay restitution of \$3.2 million.

According to information presented at trial, between 2010 and 2017, the defendants used their company, Page Capital Group, to obtain multiple loans from PlainsCapital Bank (PCB), representing that the loans would be secured by a brokerage account worth at least \$2 million.

However, neither Thomas Page nor Phillip Page had access to such funds, as the brokerage account was never actually funded. Thomas Page and Phillip Page directed and paid a third individual, Clayton Wertz, to create and submit to PCB fraudulent brokerage statements for the brokerage account reflecting significant value.

Once Thomas Page and Phillip Page received the money from PCB, they used the funds on various business and personal expenses. In addition, Thomas Page and Phillip Page took affirmative steps, such as providing occasional payments on the loan, to conceal and disguise their activity. As a result of the fraudulent conduct, the bank loaned Page Capital approximately \$3.6 million and eventually lost approximately \$3.25 million over the course of the scheme.

“The U.S. Attorney’s Office takes bank fraud seriously,” said U.S. Attorney Damien M. Diggs. “This type of crime can affect the security and soundness of FDIC-insured banks, and we all pay the price when banks lose money due to fraud. Along with the

FBI, this office will investigate and prosecute bank fraud and related crimes to protect the financial system and prevent losses to our banking institutions.”

“Financial Institution Fraud is not a victimless crime. It hurts lending institutions and negatively impacts borrowers who are seeking genuine loans for their businesses,” said FBI Dallas Special Agent in Charge Chad Yarbrough. “The defendants used their ill-gotten gains for their personal benefit without regard for the consequences. Today’s sentence demonstrates that the FBI will pursue anyone that attempts to defraud financial institutions, investors, or the public.”

This case was investigated by the FBI – Frisco Resident Agency and prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorneys in the Plano office.

South Texan sentenced for drug trafficking

A Seabrook man has been sentenced to federal prison for trafficking drugs in the Eastern District of Texas, Walston said.

Justin Hall McSpadden, 45, pleaded guilty to possession with intent to distribute methamphetamine and was sentenced to 235 months in federal prison by U.S. District Judge Marcia A. Crone on Oct. 20.

According to information presented in court, on Oct. 1, 2021, McSpadden sold four ounces of methamphetamine for \$1,200 to an individual at the Petro Truck Stop located at 5405 Walden Road in Beaumont.

Later that same day, law enforcement conducted a traffic stop on McSpadden on Cardinal Drive in Beaumont. During the traffic stop, law enforcement located an additional two ounces of methamphetamine inside a toolbox in the vehicle and a handgun on the driver’s side floorboard.

McSpadden was indicted and charged with federal drug trafficking violations.

This case was investigated by the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration and the Jefferson County Sheriff’s Office and prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Michael A. Anderson.

Repeat offender sentenced to life in prison for habitual DWI



Emily Starkey of the Smith County District Attorney’s office.

McKenney was originally arrested March 10, 2021 for a Driving While Intoxicated by deputies with the Smith County Sheriff’s

Office. His charge was enhanced to a felony DWI due to two prior DWI convictions.

Prosecutors Heath Chamness and Juan Tobias called witness from the Sheriff’s Office and introduced evidence of McKenney’s blood alcohol level of more than twice the legal limit.

Due to his prior felony convictions for Possession of a Controlled Substance, Sexual Assault of a Child, and Failure to Register as a Sex Offender, his case was enhanced to a minimum of 25 years in prison to a maximum of life in prison. For questions contact prosecutor Heath Chamness at 903-590-1720.

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TxDOT seeks public input concerning future roadways

The Texas Department of Transportation is planning for the future, and public input is crucial as the agency looks to prioritize transportation needs through 2050, said TxDOT spokesman Jeff Williford.

An in-person meeting is scheduled for Tyler on Oct. 25, from 4:30p.m.– 6 p.m. at the Tyler Rose Garden’s Camellia Room.

Demand on our roadways is increasing. Technology is reimagining how we move, now more than ever, and it’s important to look ahead. This is why TxDOT is hosting a statewide virtual public meeting with in-person open houses this fall for Connecting Texas 2050, the latest update to TxDOT’s statewide long-range transportation plan.

Participants can share their vision for Texas’ transporta-

tion needs over the next 25 years and beyond and get the chance to help TxDOT shape the transportation system of tomorrow.

During previous Connecting Texas 2050 public meetings, held in spring 2023, Texans shared a variety of ways that improvements to the state’s transportation system could support a better quality of life down the road. This fall the agency will share potential strategies that could be implemented between now and 2050 to meet this need.

Here are a few top priorities from previous meetings:

- Safety
- Maintenance
- Enhancing quality of life for all Texas residents
- Alternative modes of travel and public transportation options

TxDOT aims to build on

this feedback by hearing from all Texans, even visitors, from people in rural areas, cities, suburbs – anywhere in Texas.

The statewide virtual public meeting will be available on www.ConnectingTexas2050.com through Dec. 15, 2023. TxDOT will also host in-person open houses in various locations. For a full schedule, visit TxDOT online (www.ConnectingTexas2050.com). The same information will be available at the virtual public meeting and in-person open houses.

An interactive survey can be completed at in-person open houses and online (www.ConnectingTexas2050.com). To learn more about how to provide a comment and how to request special accommodations for meetings, visit txdot.gov and search “Connecting Texas 2050.”

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District playoff seedings taking shape

With two weeks left in the league season, undefeated Kilgore and once beaten Lindale held on to first and second place, respectively, after last Friday's District 9-4A slate of games were completed.

Kilgore survived a scare from fourth place Athens, 28-21; Lindale had its hands full against Palestine in a 59-47 win and Chapel Hill throttled Henderson, 63-24, to run its district mark to 3-1. Kilgore and Lindale are both 4-1 while Athens, holding onto the No. 4 spot, is 2-2.

Jacksonville had its bye week.

This week, Lindale will host Jacksonville; Palestine will travel to Henderson and Chapel Hill will be on the road in Athens.

KILGORE 28, ATHENS 21

Athens refused to go quietly against district leader Kilgore last Friday at R.E. St. John Stadium, matching the Bulldogs score for score well into the third period before Kilgore went ahead for good with just under four minutes left on

a 38-yard touchdown.

Before that, the Hornets came back from an early 7-0 deficit to tie the game on an 11-yard touchdown run from Connor Reiger with five minutes left in the half.

The Bulldogs took a 14-7 lead at the half on a 48-yard touchdown pass. In the third, the Hornets got the equalizer on a 20-yard touchdown pass. But on the ensuing kickoff, the Bulldogs took it the distance for their third touchdown. Athens, however, wasn't ready

to quit. Reiger ran over from 7 yards to tie the game with six minutes left in the fourth.

CHAPEL HILL 63, HENDERSON 24

A week after getting upset by Lindale, the previously No. 1 team in the state Chapel Hill took out its frustrations on Henderson, 63-24.

The Bulldogs jumped out to a 14-0 lead in the first period and led 21-3 at the start of the second period. With 8 minutes left in the

second period, Chapel Hill opened up a 28-3 ear.

Two more quick Chapel Hill touchdowns in the waning minutes of the first half pushed the Bulldogs' advantage to 42-3 at intermission.

The Lions finally scored on a rushing touchdown from Kaleb Tate with under six minutes left.

Henderson fell to 0-4 in district and 1-7 on the season. Chapel improved to 7-1 on the year and 3-1 in district.



Lindale defenders close in on a Palestine running back Friday night in the Eagles win over the Wildcats. (Photo by Terry Cannon)



A Palestine running back heads left against the Lindale Eagles Friday night in a District 9-4A contest in Palestine. (Photo by Terry Cannon)



Lindale defenders tackle the Palestine quarterback in the endzone for a safety in the second period of last Friday's game in Palestine. (Photo by Terry Cannon)



Lindale High School cheerleaders and the Eagle mascot fire up the crowd during last Friday's game against Palestine. (Photo by Terry Cannon)



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Sweet Olive flowers are heaven scent

By Greg Grant
Smith County
Horticulturist

The flowers of the sweet olive (*Osmanthus fragrans*), which are borne in fall, early spring, and sometimes mild winters, are small and a creamy white, but their perfume is powerful, one of the most distinctive of garden fragrances (and one of my all-time favorites).

Originally from China, the sweet olive has been cultivated in temple and home gardens there for so long that its origins are uncertain. Following the usual route west, sweet olives were brought to England in 1771, and from there to America. This plant forms a shrub or small tree and can reach a height of fifteen feet (or even more

in old gardens of the deep South). Its evergreen foliage and dense form make this plant valuable as a specimen, hedge, or mass.

Propagation is by cuttings but thankfully these popular plants are commonly available in the nursery trade. Sweet olives prefer moist, deep, acidic soils but they adapt fairly well to less favorable growing conditions.

An orange flowering form, known as the variety *aurantiacus*, is sometimes found in Southern gardens but only blooms once per year.

Records from Rosedown Plantation in St. Francisville, La., show that its owner, Martha Turnbull, purchased three "Chinese fragrant olives (used to scent their tea)" from the New York nursery



This giant sweet olive marks a grave in St. Francisville, La. (Courtesy photo)

William Prince and Son in 1836. Today the scent of huge descendants from those plants permeates the entire garden during the fall and early spring.

Fittingly, giant ones also

perfume the Grace Episcopal cemetery in St. Francisville, where she is buried.

Although not true olives, sweet olives are in the olive family and are related to ash, forsythia, ligustrum, lilacs, and jasmine. Unfortunately, the disastrous 2021 freeze froze many of them here to the ground but most lived and have recovered nicely.

Thankfully other than rare freeze damage, sweet olives aren't bothered by any insects of diseases.

According to my friend and former boss, Dr. Dave Creech, director of SFA Gardens in Nacogdoches, over ten Chinese cities honor the plant (one of the ten traditional flowers of China) with a wide variety of special holidays each October when they bloom in profusion.

The most ancient sweet olive in China is on the grounds of the Shengshui Temple in Shannxi Province and is over 2100 years old!

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TPWD seeks public comment for carcass disposal regulations

AUSTIN — Texas Parks and Wildlife Department is seeking public comment before its Nov. 2 Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission meeting on proposed changes to carcass disposal regulations.

TPWD will take public comment on the following proposed changes to the carcass movement and disposal regulations for all Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) susceptible species, with input considered before any action by the

commissioners at their November meeting.

These proposed rules would apply when hunter-harvested deer are transported from the ranch of harvest to a final destination at another location (e.g., home, deer processor, taxidermist, etc.):

Disposal of unused parts of a CWD-susceptible species (white-tailed deer, mule deer, elk, red deer, etc.)

By transport, directly or indi-

rectly, to a landfill permitted by the Texas Commission of Environmental Quality to receive such waste;

Buried at a depth of no less than three feet below the natural surface of the ground and covered with at least three feet of earthen material; or

Returned to the property where the animal was harvested for disposal.

No person may transport a susceptible species harvested in a

Containment Zone or Surveillance Zone from the respective zone to any destination unless it is first presented at the nearest department-designated check station. The check station shall provide a receipt that must remain with the animal until it reaches a final destination.

Opportunities to provide comments for or against these proposals include:

Online: At TPWD public comment page until Nov. 1 at 5 p.m.

Phone or email: Comments on the proposed changes may be submitted to TPWD Wildlife Veterinarian Dr. Hunter Reed, hunter.reed@tpwd.texas.gov.

In person: The TPW Commission will take public comment on the proposed changes at their meeting at 9 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 2 at TPWD's Austin headquarters. Public testimony will normally be limited to three minutes per person.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Patricia Sue Andrews a/k/a Patty Sparling Andrews, Deceased, were granted to Susan Andrews Hageman on October 16, 2023, in Cause No. 47530P, pending in the County Court at Law No. 3, Smith County, Texas. All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to Executor, c/o: Michael C. Coker, Attorney at Law, 4540 Kinsey Drive, Tyler, Texas 75703, within the time and in the manner prescribed by law

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Notice is hereby given that Letters Testamentary for the ESTATE OF MAURINE FIFER STARR, DECEASED, were issued on OCTOBER 16, 2023, in Cause Number 47,785P, pending in the County Court at Law No. 3 of Smith County, Texas to RANDI DAVIS RUSSELL, Independent Executor.

The address of record for Randi Davis Russell is: c/o Thomas M. Alleman, Attorney at Law, 100 E. Ferguson, Suite 901, Tyler, Texas 75702.

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

c/o: Stephen Hubbard

Attorney at Law
100 E. Ferguson St. Suite 714
Tyler, Texas 75702

DATED the 23rd day of October, 2023.

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CAUSE NO. 47716P

THE ESTATE OF § IN THE COUNTY COURT

JULIA ANN SLEDD TOLAR § AT LAW NO. 3

DECEASED § SMITH COUNTY, TEXAS

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Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of JULIA ANN SLEDD TOLAR, Deceased, were issued on October 16, 2023, in Cause No. 47716P, now pending in the County Court at Law No. 3 of Smith County, Texas. Letters Testamentary were issued to: NANCY MAPLES.

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

c/o J. SCOTT KILLOUGH, P.C.
Attorney & Counselor at Law
4660 Kinsey Drive
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LEGAL NOTICE

CAUSE NO. 47764P

THE ESTATE OF § IN THE COUNTY COURT
TRAVIS MARION FAULKNER, § AT LAW NO. 3
DECEASED § SMITH COUNTY, TEXAS

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of TRAVIS MARION FAULKNER, Deceased, were issued on October 16, 2023, in Cause No. 47764P, now pending in the County Court at Law No. 3 of Smith County, Texas. Letters Testamentary were issued to: Jo Ann Faulkner.

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

c/o J. SCOTT KILLOUGH, P.C.
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