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Lindale vs. Vidor
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Bi-district starts Thursday; Eagles vs. Vidor in Nac.

By Terry Cannon
Editor

Now that the district dust has settled, it's playoff season for the top four teams in District 9-4A and regular playoff contenders, such as Lindale, are liable to face familiar foes in the second season.

The Eagles, who have qualified for the post season for the past six seasons, will tangle with the Vidor Pirates Thursday (Nov. 9) at Homer Bryce Stadium on the campus of Stephen F. Austin State University in Nacogdoches.

This is the second time the Eagles and Pirates have met in the playoffs. The first time Lindale was in the midst of it's state championship playoff quest in 2020.

The Pirates finished off Splendora (0-6, 1-9) this past Friday, 55-6 for their third District 10-4A win of the season. They are 6-4 overall.

This will be the third time since the 2020 season the Eagles and Pirates have faced off in the playoffs and Lindale Head Coach Chris Cochran and his staff were busy last week and this preparing for the Slot-T offense.

"It's a brutal offense to defend," he said of the run-centric attack. "It's one of those things where they can answer right away to what the defense presents."

In 2020, Lindale took a 29-13 win in a game played in Carthage. Vidor's Daigan Venable makes the Slot-T work and has been a big part of the offense again this year. Others on offense to watch for include running back Braden Root and lineman Brooklyn Freeman look to control the ball.

Cochran said the Pirates will stay on the ground, throwing just about a half-dozen times a game.

As to the Thursday instead of Friday game day, Cochran was happy with the choice because of his club's bye week on Nov. 3.

"Essentially, it comes down to there's not a lot of stadiums to choose from in this part of the state," he said. "Since we are coming off the bye week I'm glad it happened to be on Thursday."

And with a victory, Cochran would be able to have first choice on the area playoff site.

The bye week can sometimes mean uneven practice sessions, but the Lindale head coach was very pleased with his players' response this time around.

"I felt like we won our bye week," he said. "It was the best one we've had since I've been here. (The players) were really focused."

Defensively, the Eagles are prepared for the ground game of the Pirates but on the other side, Vidor has defensive concerns of its own with the balance of the Lindale offense.

Quarterback Clint Thurman is the spear of the Eagles' ground attack having gained 1,922 yards on 263 attempts while scoring 30 touchdowns. He's completed 96 of 179 pass attempts for another 1,378 yards and 11 more TDs.

Wyatt Parker, who has been out with an injury suffered in the week seven game against Kilgore totaled 791 yards on 114 carries.

But junior Caleb Hart has filled in admirably, rushing 64 times for 307 yards in three games. He's also scored four touchdowns.

"Since after Jordan (Jenkins) graduated we've always been kind of a running back by committee offense," Cochran said. "They've all bought into their roles and it's worked great. "You've got to have kids who want to buy into the team-first role and that's what we have."

Lady Eagles win Area title

The Lindale High School Lady Eagles captured the Class 4A Division I Area volleyball championship this past Thursday by taking down Caddo Mills in five sets at Wills Point High School.

Lindale advanced to the regional quarterfinals on Tuesday, Nov. 7 at Mesquite Poteet High School against Farmersville. The result of that contest was not available at press time. Check the *Lindale News & Times* Facebook page and website for updates.

Against Caddo Mills, Addison Ridge dominated for the Lady Eagles with 15 kills, and 19 digs.

Middle Blocker Kayli Vickery was solid at the net with 10 blocks, and 12 kills. Reagan Cates added 6 kills, 5 blocks. Maddox Lay recorded 5 kills and 3 blocks. Alyssa Potts had 3 kills, 6 digs, and 4 blocks, and Ella Hutchens tallied 3 kills, 4 blocks.

Defensively, Libero Reagan Hope had an outstanding 27 digs, and 1 ace. Callie Schmidt added to the defense with 10 digs, and added 4 assists, 1 kill, 1 ace. Setter Tatum Woodard led the assist column with 19 total assists and added 10 digs. Macy Luster tallied 15 assists, 14 digs, and 2 aces.



Christmas parade, holiday bake sale slated

Thanksgiving is just a couple of weeks away, which means the holiday season in Lindale has arrived.

Along with the much anticipated Lindale Rotary Club's Christmas Parade, there will be the annual Christmas Bake Sale benefiting the Lillie Russell Memorial Library as well as plenty of holiday decorations adorning the businesses in town.

The parade will begin at 5:30 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 2 from E.J. Moss Intermediate School and proceed down Main Street and conclude by the First Baptist Church.

Those in attendance can then make their way to the Bake Shop, which will begin earlier on Sat-

urday and will be open following the parade.

Cookies are \$10 per dozen and patrons can choose their own cookies.

In addition to the bake sale, Reindeer Games are scheduled, featuring carnival games for youngsters.

Arm bands are \$5 each and the games will conclude at 5 p.m.

Walk-in pictures with Santa will be available from 10 a.m.-12 noon and 2 p.m.-4 p.m. on Saturday as well.

The Friends of the LRML are also holding their annual Holiday Basket Sale, which will conclude on Dec. 23.

Each basket is uniquely hand-

crafted and individually priced. Baskets can be purchased during regular library hours, which are 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday and 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

The Pride of Lindale Marching Band from Lindale High School will lead the parade and the Jolly Old Elf himself, Santa Claus, will also make an appearance.

Rotary officials said this will be a spectator only parade and no candy will be handed out.

The club will award cash prizes for first, second and third place for the best decorated floats, officials said.

Lindale ISD Education Foundation provides translation earbuds for non-English speakers

The Lindale ISD Education Foundation has funded an emergency grant to help English Second Language students overcome language obstacles, making learning more accessible and inclusive, said publicity spokesperson Courtney Sanguinetti.

The Timekettle Language Translator Earbuds are cutting-edge technology that help students have access to real-time translation. The earbuds allow Emergent Bilingual students to have the same opportunities and instruction as students who are fluent in English.

"Our goal is to remove language barriers so that our non-English speaking students can connect with others and have educational success to help them achieve their full potential," said Federal Programs Director Christy Clouse.

"These translation earbuds will allow these students to hear instruction and also to be able to communicate with their teachers, school

staff, and peers."

The earbuds have over 90 different languages to choose from. It can be used in any classroom setting by any student, faculty or staff. The earbuds connect to an iOS device through Bluetooth.

"The Lindale Education Foundation is very proud to be able to provide funding for critical tools such as these translation earbuds," said Executive Director Courtney Sanguinetti. "Communication in every setting is important, especially in education. Now, our ESL students can fully participate and learn in the classroom to better prepare them for the future."

Lindale ISD has students who speak up to 11 different languages, including Spanish, Russian, Polish, Japanese, and Korean. More than 20 students who are new to the United States have enrolled at Lindale ISD for the 2023-2024 school year.

Your input is needed! Join ETCOG public meetings to help address transportation barriers

EasTexConnects is committed to improving the quality of life in East Texas through transportation choices.

They are seeking East Texas agency and non-profit leaders to join upcoming public meetings to help address transportation barriers.

Meetings will be held on November 17 in Kilgore at the East Texas Council of Governments office, 3800 Stone Road, from noon to 1 p.m. to provide information on transit services available in East Texas and allow for public comment and collaboration.

"As a non-profit CEO, I've witnessed our organizations grappling with transportation challenges for our clients. Our leaders are eager to be part

of the solution for our communities. Now, we have a long-awaited chance to effect positive change by collaborating with transportation experts. We need your input to address your client's unique challenges and barriers and drive solutions. Join us to share your invaluable input and catalyze change together. Lunch is on us, and let's get the ideas flowing," said Linda Oyer, EasTexConnects chair.

The EasTexConnects Committee is administered by ETCOG and comprised of elected officials or their appointees, citizens, and representatives of social service agencies, local transportation providers, and businesses. The committee's purpose is to improve the quality of life in East Texas through transportation choices.

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Eternally grateful ...

Heroes are ordinary people in extraordinary circumstances. What would a 17-year old country boy be willing to die for? Like millions of America's young men during World War II it wasn't too hard to determine. They died for their country, for family, for freedom and for each other. Some things don't change.

I grew up on stories of the beauty of the Southern Cross constellation, the awesome majesty of Alaska and the charms of the South Pacific. As I grew older I heard about my Dad's best shipmate buddy, who in his attempt to avoid work duty lagged behind as the crew was divided, only to be placed on a different ship that was later sunk by the Japanese. My Dad never failed to tear up when recalling his buddy.

I learned the power of friendship and the pain of loss by hearing that story. I also took the point that a work ethic could be a lifesaver. I have a saki dish that imprisoned Japanese parents insisted the young sailor who was my Dad, take when he gave their children candy during the sorting out of the island populations for repatriation to Japan following America's victory.

From that story I learned that compassion for one's enemies can build bridges that makes reconciliation possible.

I have cherished letters my father wrote home as a lonely teenager serving in the vast Pacific in a war that wracked the entire world. For the most part the letters are to his mother, sister and grandparents.

This very young sailor, sitting behind a very big gun, wrote about how to improve the livestock, the need to change from cotton farming to ranching and how he longed for that rich black land. He wrote about the stars, the darkness, the waves, and how much he loved his family.

From these letters I learned the importance of family and home.

Seldom did he write of the horrors he saw or the battles he was in. He wrote about love. The love he had known growing up, the love he longed to come home to. The young farm boy came back bronzed, war weary and tougher. But he came back to build a family and a life with the horrors of war compartmentalized somewhere not to be shared.

Hundreds of thousands of American servicemen and women continue to do the same today in this terror threatened world. As we celebrate Veterans' Day this Thursday we revere the

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sacrifice and service of the young men and women who have served throughout our history. A little more than 2.7 million have been wounded or killed in service from the Revolutionary War through today's conflicts.

Most of these young men and women, barely out of the classroom when they served, and for many died, gave up two lives, the one they were living and the one they would have lived.

We have known such freedom, limitless opportunity and a level of comfort unsurpassed anywhere in the world in great measure because of the sacrifices of our military service personnel.

As a result of the quality of life we have known we often take what we have for granted. Why we have it is because of those who sacrificed time, health and sometimes life so that we could be so comfortably oblivious of the extent of our blessings.

We are surrounded by heroes daily. Some are bent and struggling to walk. Some have put a dark past behind them from a time in our history when at best their service was ignored, to the worst degradations the anti-war, anti-military, anti-establishment folks of the '60s and '70s could throw at them (sometimes literally). Some in today's complicated world are young men and women with hard exteriors covering the lost innocence of their tender youth from conflicts that defy description or understanding.

On Veterans Day, in honor of those who have served and are serving, and in memory of those who gave 'the last full measure of devotion,' we must pledge to remember and to honor the cost of freedom.

And to my father, I take the lessons he taught me to live life abundantly blessed and eternally grateful.

Thank you veterans and active military for protecting our nation, our freedoms and our families.

We owe you a debt we can never repay.

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THE ECONOMIST

By Dr. M. Ray Perryman

Moving About ...

A few weeks ago, I wrote about how most people born in Texas stay in Texas. According to Census data, over 82% of people born in Texas and still living in the United States have remained here (as of 2021). The Texas proportion of people staying put is considerably higher than any other state. This week, let's look at things from other directions.

While most native Texans hang around, there are also thousands moving here every day. Between July 2020 and July 2021, over 762,000 people moved to Texas – nearly 2,100 per day. About 78% came from other parts of the United States. The top states were California (with more than 107,500), Florida (31,000), Colorado (30,300), Louisiana (28,100), and New York (25,000).

Texas residents also moved elsewhere, with about 447,400 individuals leaving the state (but staying in the US) between 2020 and 2021. Top destinations were California (33,600), Colorado (29,800), Florida (28,200), and Oklahoma (27,200). On balance, the state gained about 860 people per day from other places.

Another interesting tidbit from the recent release indicates that only about 59% of people living in Texas in 2021 were born here. Nearly 5.5 million (almost 19%) were born in a foreign country, with about 897,700 (3%) from California and 532,800 (almost 2%) from Louisiana. Other states with significant numbers include Illinois, New York, Oklahoma, Florida, Ohio, and Michigan; hundreds of thousands of people born in each of these states now live in Texas.

That's a lot of moving around, and there are a variety of reasons for it. One is that the pandemic was in full swing during the 2020-21 timeframe which the data reflects, and some people were reacting to all that COVID-19 entailed. In addition to choices to be nearer family, escape crowded places, or move to areas with fewer restrictions, the pandemic and responses to it also led to dramatic variation in opportunities. Texas reopened much sooner than many places, and the economy began to recover quickly. By October 2021, Texas reached a new record level for employment, completely overcoming the devastating loss of about 1.5 million jobs that occurred in early 2020. Many states were still struggling during that time, with a much slower rebound (the US didn't restore pre-pandemic employment levels until June 2022).

Texas continues to set the pace for job gains, and economic opportunities will encourage people to move here. Corporate locations and expansions are setting the stage for future growth, and the state economy is well positioned to be resilient in the face of challenges (although some policy decisions are troubling). A growing population will require sizable investments in infrastructure (from education to highways), but it's a nice problem to have.

Stay safe!

Special session likely to end with no voucher deal

As the clock ran down on the Legislature's third special session, Texas House and Senate leaders exchanged barbs over Gov. Greg Abbott's school choice bill and border security proposals, the Austin American-Statesman reported.

In a social media post, Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick said House Speaker Dade Phelan "wasted another special session" as that chamber failed to even consider Abbott's measure to use public money for private tuition, commonly known as vouchers.

The Senate early in the session passed a school choice measure that has gone nowhere in the House, where a combination of Democrats and rural Republican lawmakers have stood firm in opposition to vouchers since the regular session began in January.

Caught in the rift between the two chambers' leaders is a House border security bill that originally allowed law enforcement officers to expel anyone who illegally crosses the border. Patrick led efforts in the Senate to change the bill to require officers to hand over illegal migrants to federal authorities.

"The Speaker is desperate to improve his border credentials with conservatives and sent the House version of HB4 over to the Senate," Patrick said. "The bill's author claimed it's the toughest border bill ever, but it is simply a Texas-sized catch-and-release bill."

Phelan called the Senate's revamped version "a long-term, state-funded hospitality program for illegal immigrants" and said the House would not accept the Senate's version, the Statesman reported.

Abbott is considered likely soon to call a fourth special session.

Paxton's securities fraud trial set for April 15

More than eight years after being charged with securities fraud, Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton will go to trial in Houston on April 15, according to the Texas Tribune. State District Judge Andrea Beall scheduled the trial during a hearing last week. Paxton is accused of trying to solicit investors in a McKinney technology company without disclosing the company was paying him to promote its stock, a charge he has denied.

Paxton was acquitted in September in an impeachment trial in the Senate.

Beall also ruled last week that Collin County must pay special prosecutors \$300 an hour for their work in the case. The county had attempted to limit their pay to \$2,000 total, according to The

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Dallas Morning News. The judge called that amount "wholly unreasonable" and "arbitrary and capricious." The legal fees have been estimated in the hundreds of thousands of dollars.

Paxton could face up to 99 in years in prison if convicted of the most serious charges.

Texas is world's Bitcoin mining capital

For better or worse, Texas is now the Bitcoin mining capital of the world, which could have an impact on the ERCOT-run power grid, according to The News.

Bitcoin mining requires vast amounts of electricity. Companies are also earning millions of dollars in energy credits by voluntarily shutting down when the grid is reaching capacity. For example, a large-scale Bitcoin operation in Rockdale received \$31.7 million in energy credits for powering down – nearly four times what it made actually mining Bitcoin that month, according to Texas Monthly.

Bitcoin mining companies in Texas now account for about half of all Bitcoin mining in the United States, which also makes it the world leader. Bitcoin mining accounts for up to 3% of industrial power usage in Texas, according to The News.

Texas job growth falls below national rate

For the first time since last November, Texas job growth fell below the national rate in August, according to the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas. However, from last December through August 2023, the state's job growth outpaced the U.S.

The state comptroller's office has pulled back from a January prediction of a mild recession for Texas.

"We anticipated slower growth in our revenue estimate, but we also know that Texas' economy is better positioned than other state economies and the national economy to absorb slower growth rates," Comptroller Glenn Hegar said.

His office credits a diverse economy and relatively low taxes and regulation for the state's economic successes. Migration also plays a crucial role, according to Pia Orrenius with the Fed.

"Really, the secret sauce in Texas is the economic growth that is sustained by both firms and people moving to the state," she said.

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Vets should be honored every day

EDITOR'S NOTE: Veteran's Day, celebrated on Friday, is one of the most important days on our calendar. Today, I offer a personal account of the most amazing veteran I've ever had the honor of knowing.



Terry Cannon
Editor

When I was about 10, my dad — a World War II veteran — decided he wanted a flagpole for our front yard.

It would be the only flagpole on our street and the only one for several blocks, the nearest being the one at my elementary school.

Our house already had one of those poles that hung at an angle from the front porch, but dad felt Old Glory deserved a more fitting place.

Once it was installed and our flag fluttered above the trees for the whole neighborhood to see, it became quite the conversation starter.

And dad was more than willing to share his patriotic views with anyone would listen, and even with those not willing to listen.

He was a proud citizen of the United States who gave part of his body — and even more of his psyche — to his country as he fought in North Africa, Sicily and Italy in 1944.

He didn't talk much about his service. There were a few tidbits here and there, but in all the years I was around him, he was reluctant to discuss his role in ridding the world of Hitler.

Only when I grew older and read about and listened to war veterans did I get a clearer picture of what it must have been like in battle: Death was always at your elbow and constant, mind-numbing fear and utter exhaustion a constant

companion.

Always. Every minute of every day.

And it didn't end when the fighting ended.

My dad carried this horrific experience home with him, put away in the back of his mind. Certainly he must have had nightmares but as many from that generation did, he didn't see specialists for relief. It just wasn't done.

His family was the most important thing in his life and he protected it with the ferocity only a soldier from that era would. Once when he and my mother were just starting out, a neighbor man insulted her. When my dad found out about it, he went to the man's house and punched him out. Right there on the front porch.

You didn't mess with his family and you didn't mess with his country. He loved America and had the battle scars to prove it.

SELF MADE MAN

My dad was the perfect example of someone starting life with nothing and making a very good life for himself and his family. We weren't rich, but we were well fed, lived in comfortable houses and grew up under the watch of parents who cared deeply about our welfare.

After he died in 1991, I asked my mom about him. Some things I knew, such as how he was born in Okla-

homa and that he had two brothers and a half sister.

But I didn't know that his mother burned to death when he was two after her nightgown caught on fire while she was stoking the fireplace. Left in the care of an alcoholic father, dad decided at the age of 14 to go out on his own.

He traveled by boxcar, jumping onto trains whenever he could. In the 1930s, he joined the Civilian Conservation Corps (part of the New Deal designed by a president he would have never voted for) which afforded him the "luxury" of having a place to stay and being able to eat hot food.

But it also meant work, and lots of it. One of the more popular New Deal programs, the CCC provided jobs for 3 million men ages 18-25 from 1933 to 1942. These young men would work at unskilled, manual labor jobs helping conserve and develop natural resources in rural lands owned by federal, state and local governments.

A CCC friend, who had family in Paris and knowing my dad had no one, invited him to come home with him. It was in Paris where he met my mother, enrolled at Paris Junior College and got married.

Then World War II enveloped him along with countless other young men

and women.

After fighting his way through North Africa and Sicily, he and his fellow soldiers were trying to liberate Rome. A German shell sent shrapnel into his shoulder and put him in the hospital for the rest of the war.

When he came home, he was hard as tempered steel and wise beyond his years. As I grew older, I came to realize he was the wisest man I've ever known.

Without the educational background usually required to graduate from a major university but with more than enough common sense and self discipline, he nonetheless earned a degree from Southern Methodist University a few years after being discharged.

This provided him with the means to a better job and a better way to help take care of his family.

I'm sure some years later after we had moved from that house with the flagpole the new owners took it down.

No matter, my dad's patriotism never wavered, straight as that flagpole until the end of his days.

I was too late to visit him while he was still alive in the hospital, but was able to spend a few moments alone with him. It was comforting to know he was finally free of his demons.

He was a proud veteran; a man who willingly put his life on the line to make sure his children would live in a free country.

When you salute one veteran on Veteran's Day, you salute all the others as well.

Especially those who aren't here to return your salute.



Apples for food pantry

The Lindale Walmart donated 900 caramel apples to First Baptist Church of Swan's food pantry, which is open every Tuesday from 2 p.m.-6 p.m. (Courtesy photo)



Rotary Club's Dictionary Project

The National Honor Society students from Lindale High School joined members of the Lindale Rotary Club this past week at College Street Elementary School in the club's annual Dictionary Project. The club provides books for the students. (Courtesy photo)



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ONE YEAR AGO, Nov. 10, 2022

The Lindale High School's "Pride of Lindale" Band earned a state title for the third consecutive year after winning the UIL State Military Marching Band Championship this past week at McLane Stadium in Waco.

"We are so proud of our Eagle Band program," said Superintendent Stan Surratt. "Band director Steven Moore and his directors 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 -- it's going to be tough to top that. The Pride of Lindale has made the entire community proud."

The Lindale Band also received a division 1 sweepstakes award at the region 21 marching contest for the 48th consecutive year.

This set the stage for the band to compete at the State event.

FIVE YEARS AGO, Nov. 8, 2018

Dr. Jim Richey of Lindale was honored by the Texas Legislature for his many years of teaching excellence in the state after a resolution was filed in the Texas House by Rep. Cole Hefner. Richey, the chair of the English department as well as a professor at Tyler Junior College, has more than 20 years of teaching in Texas ranging from the secondary level to the graduate school level.

10 YEARS AGO, Nov. 7, 2013

In front of a large contingent of supportive hometown fans, the Lindale High School Lady Eagles disposed of Mansfield Summit at Forney High School in bi-district volleyball playoff action.

Lindale advanced to the area round of the Class 4A state volleyball playoffs.

The Lady Eagles downed Summit 25-23, 25-18 and 25-19 to improve their season record to 37-3.

Lindale earned the right to take on Wylie, which defeated Texas High at John Tyler High School.

For Lindale, Zhanelle Geathers led the way with 13 kills and two blocks, while Makenna Allen had five kills, two aces and 12 digs. Kaitlin Rice contributed five kills and eight digs while Rhyann Rand had four kills and six digs.

Wylie defeated Texas High, 25-18, 25-10 and 25-15.

Creatures, cheerleaders and chasing through the kitchen

I was asked the other day why I hadn't written about phone creatures for a while.

Well, to tell you the truth, they haven't called for a while. Phone creatures, for y'all out there that haven't been readin' this junk I write for very long, are what I call those phone solicitors that call durin' supper or when there's a good show on TV.

Most people, including my wife Janet, will politely tell them that they are not interested and hang up. I, myself, like to have a little fun with them. After all, they are interruptin' my lifestyle, so I might as well do somethin' to theirs.

I got a call the other night just as Janet and I settled down to watch some stupid chick flick she had recorded.

Now, when our phone rings the caller ID comes up on the TV set tellin' us who's callin'. Well, this time the ID said "Unknown Caller" which is a pretty good indicator that it's a phone creature.

"Oh good," I said, as I paused the movie, "a phone creature."

"Don't answer it," said Janet.

"Yeah, right," I said, as I headed to grab the phone.

"Then hand me the remote," Janet said.

"Come and get it," I said, as I grabbed the phone and ran into the kitchen with it and the remote. Janet



Rusty Mitchum
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jumped up and ran after me.

"Yellow!" I said into the phone while runnin' through the kitchen.

"Give me that remote," said Janet.

"Yellow," I said again, while holdin' the remote over Janet's head.

"Uh...hello?" said the phone creature. "May I speak to Mr. Mitchum please?"

"You got him," I said in my old man's voice.

"Uh...Mr. Mitchum, you sound like you are out of breath."

"I am," I said, as I dodged back and forth tryin' to keep away from Janet. "It's Saturday night, you know," I said.

"Uh...yes sir?"

"Well, Saturday night's the night me and mama chase each other around the house, heh heh. If you know what I mean."

"Huh...Oh!" said the creature.

"Give me that!" Janet yelled.

"Did you hear that," I said to the creature. "She wants me."

"Rusty," Janet warned.

"You see," I said to the creature. "We take turns

chasin' each other, and tonight's her turn to chase me."

"Uh...well...maybe I should call back," said the creature.

"Naw," I said. "Go ahead. This could take a long time." I then held the phone away from my head and yelled, "Maw, be careful with that walker, you'll scratch up the floors."

"She has a walker," said the creature. "Aren't you afraid she'll fall and break a hip or something?"

"Heck, how do you think I caught her the last time?" I moved the phone away. "Lookin' good, Maw."

By this time Janet was really gettin' agitated. "You better hand it over," she growled.

"Whoa Nellie," I said. Then back into the phone I said, "The cheerleader outfit gets her every time."

"She's wearing a cheerleader outfit?"

"Naw, she wore it the last time. It's my turn."

"You're wearing a cheerleader outfit?"

"I admit, it don't look as good on me as it does on her,

but fair is fair. To tell you the truth, it looked a lot better on her fifty years ago."

"Rah, Rah, Rah!" I said off the phone. "Two bits, four bits, six bits a dollar. Better not touch me or I'm gonna holler."

"I'm going to kill you," said Janet.

"Uh oh," I said to the creature. "Looks like it might get violent again."

"I'm not believing this," said the creature.

"Hah!" I yelled. "That'll learn you!"

"What happened?" asked the creature.

"She just reached the end of her oxygen hose. Stopped her dead in her tracks."

Janet too, had stopped in her tracks. She was givin' me the look. I knew I was gettin' pretty close to the edge, if I hadn't already crossed it.

"Look," I said into the phone. "I better go see if I can straighten Maw's head and shove that tube back up her nose before she passes out. Been real nice talkin' to you. Call back any time and I hung up. I held the remote out toward Janet.

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Healthy eating essential for all ages

By Claudann Jones
Smith County Extension Agent
Family and Community Health
 Healthy eating is important at every age. Offer kids a variety of fruits, vegetables, grains, protein foods, and dairy or fortified soy alternatives.



When deciding on foods and beverages, choose options that are full of nutrients and limited in added sugars, saturated fat, and sodium. Start with these tips:

Offer variety: Include choices from each food group – fruits, vegetables, grains, protein foods, and dairy and fortified soy alternatives – in meals and snacks during each day.

Connect at mealtime: Eat meals together whenever possible. Turn off the TV and put away phones and tablets so you can “unplug” and focus on healthy foods and each other.

Make good nutrition easy: Designate a shelf or a drawer in your fridge for your kids. Stock it with cut up fruits and vegetables, yogurt, nut butters, and whole-wheat mini bagels and

crackers.

Think about their drinks: Make water and low-fat or fat-free dairy milk and fortified soy alternatives easy options to grab in your home. Have ready-to-go containers filled and in the fridge to take on outings.

Get kids involved: Depending on their age, kids can peel fruits, assemble salads, measure, scoop, and slice. Let them create and name their own side dish.

Have a shopping buddy: Let kids participate in grocery shopping online or in the store. Reward them by letting them choose their favorite fruit or maybe a new one.

The benefits of healthy eating add up over time, bite by bite. For more information about Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Family and Community Health programs, contact the Smith County Extension Agent for Family and Community Health at 903-590-2980 or email at cmjones@ag.tamu.edu. Like our Facebook page: Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service Smith County. Stay well and stay safe.

Seniors, disabled can postpone property taxes

Texans aged 65 or older, those who are disabled, and disabled veterans may postpone paying delinquent and current property taxes on their homes, said Carol Dixon, Chief Appraiser of the Smith County Appraisal District.

They may take advantage of an option called “tax deferral” by signing an affidavit at the Smith County Appraisal District office, she said.

“If the affidavit is on file, an over-65 homeowner, one who is disabled or is a disabled veteran, cannot lose a homestead because of delinquent taxes,” Dixon said.

This special form of tax relief also halts a lawsuit filed to collect delinquent property taxes on the home, according to Dixon. “To stop a delinquent tax suit,” Dixon explained, “the homeowner files the deferral affidavit with the court in which the suit is pending.”

The law allows an age 65 and older, disabled homeowner or disabled veteran to halt a pending sale to foreclose on the homestead’s tax lien. The law extends

the tax deferral to the surviving spouse of an individual who deferred the taxes on the homestead if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age when the deceased spouse died.

Dixon stressed the tax deferral only postpones paying taxes on the home; it does not cancel them. During the deferral time, taxes and interest of 5 percent per year continue to accumulate although no additional penalties are added.

“When the qualified homeowner or surviving spouse no longer owns and lives in the home, all the deferred taxes and interest, as well as any penalties imposed before the deferral was filed, become due,” Dixon said. If the taxes are not paid, taxing units can then sue to collect the amount due. Additional penalties may be added if the taxes remain delinquent after the deferral ends.

For more information or to obtain deferral forms, contact the Smith County Appraisal District, 245 S.E. Loop 323, Tyler, 903/510-8600, www.smithcad.org

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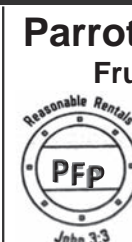
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SATURDAY, OCT. 28: Driving While Intoxicated, 3500 block South Main Street, Arrest; Motorist Assist, 500 block South Main Street, Settled at Scene; Mental Health Welfare Check, 100 block East Centennial Blvd., Report; Inquest/Unattended Death, 400 block East South Street, Report; Suspicious Circumstance, 100 block East Centennial Blvd., Settled at Scene; Welfare Concern, 17000 block Interstate 20 West, Unable to Locate; Verbal Disturbance, 100 block North Main Street, Settled at Scene; Traffic Complaint, 200 block West Centennial Blvd., Unfounded; Suspicious Vehicle, 200 block Cannery Row, Settled at Scene; Traffic Complaint, 1600 block South Main Street, Unable to Locate.

SUNDAY, OCT. 29: Motor Vehicle Crash, 554 Interstate 20 West, Report; Business Alarm, 3200 block South Main Street, False Alarm; Motor Vehicle Crash, 3500 block South Main Street, Report; Attempt to Serve, 100 block East Centennial Blvd., Unable to Locate; Motor Vehicle Crash, 553 Interstate 20 West, Report; Verbal Disturbance, 3500



block South Main Street, Unable to Locate; Mental Health Welfare Check, 400 block Baker Street, Settled at Scene; Suspicious Person, 13800 block U.S. Highway 69 North, Unable to Locate.

MONDAY, OCT. 30: Business Alarm, 3400 block South Main Street, False Alarm; Motor Vehicle Crash, 553 Interstate 20 West, Report; Motor Vehicle Crash, 300 block Mount Sylvan Street, Report; Warrant Service, 100 block Ballard Drive, Arrest; Suspicious Vehicle, 500 block South Main Street, Settled at Scene; Traffic Complaint, 3400 block South Main Street, Settled at Scene; Theft, 100 block East Centennial Blvd., Settled at Scene; Public Service, 3200 block South Main Street, Settled at Scene.

TUESDAY, OCT. 31: Found Property, 800 block Lindale Industrial Parkway, Settled at Scene; Found Property, 100 block Ballard Drive, Settled at Scene; Theft, 17700 block CR 4112, Settled at Scene; Business Alarm, 1400 block South Main Street, False Alarm; Suspicious Circumstance, 100 block Miranda Lambert Way, Settled at Scene.

WEDNESDAY, Nov. 1: Public Service, 100 block Ballard Drive, Settled at Scene; Traffic Hazard, 500 block South Main Street, Settled at Scene; Found Property, 3200 block South Main Street, Report; Criminal Trespass, 17700 block CR 4112, Settled at Scene; Motor Vehicle Crash, 200 block West Hubbard Street, Report; Motorist Assist, 2000 block South Main Street, Settled at Scene; Criminal Trespass, 17700 block CR 4112, Warning Issued; Business Alarm, 2500 block South Main Street, Settled at Scene; Assist EMS, 500 block South Main Street, Settled at Scene; Suspicious Person, 14500 block Tucker Street, Unable to Locate; Assist Smith Co SO, 14900 block CR 431, Settled at Scene.

THURSDAY, Nov. 2: Public Service, 3200 block South Main Street, Settled at Scene; Motorist Assist, 2300 block South Main Street, Settled at Scene; Warrant Service, 100 block East Centennial Blvd., Arrest; Residential Alarm, 13800 block CR 4200, False Alarm; Illegal Dumping, 100 block Liberty Crossing, Report; Criminal Trespass, 3500 block South Main Street, Settled at Scene; Traffic Hazard, 200 block Stadium Street, Settled at Scene; Traffic Hazard, 3200 block South Main Street, Settled at Scene; Accident, 500 block East Hubbard Street, Report; Assist Smith Co SO, 12800 block Highway 110 North, Settled at Scene; Suspicious Vehicle, 13400 block Interstate 20 East, Settled at Scene.

FRIDAY, Nov. 3: Suspicious Circumstance, 400 block Wendy Street, Settled at Scene; Business Alarm, 3400 block South Main Street, Settled at Scene; Traffic Hazard, 3500 block South Main Street, Settled at Scene; Inquest/Unattended Death, 13900 block FM 2710, Report.

County resident dies in mobile home fire

An early morning mobile home fire resulted in the death of a Smith County resident this past weekend, said Smith County Fire Marshal Chad Hogue.

The victim was found dead inside the mobile home after units

arrived and extinguished the fire. Identification was pending notification of next of kin.

Hogue said at approximately 2:45 a.m. on Sunday (Nov. 5), units responded to the fire in the 11100 block of Spur 248 in Smith

County. Fire units from Chapel Hill Volunteer Fire Department, Jackson Heights VFD, Smith County Emergency Services District No. 2, the Smith County Sheriff's Office and Smith County Fire Marshal's office responded to the fire.

Hogue said the mobile home was fully involved when fire crews arrived. Search and rescue operations began immediately upon their arrival.

No other injuries reported and the mobile home was a total loss.

The cause of the fire is under investigation by the Smith County Fire Marshal's Office at the ATF.

Hogue said that after a preliminary investigation no foul play was suspected.



Katie Darby



Grace Dodd



Gracie Jones



Max Manley

Lindale ISD students win awards In Fire Prevention Poster Contest

Children from six local schools were honored on Thursday, Nov. 2, for winning a community-wide Fire Prevention Poster Contest, said Smith County Public Information Officer Casey Murphy.

Four students from the Lindale ISD were among those winning awards.

They are Grace Dodd, first place Pre K-First Grade; Max Manley, third place Second-Third Grade; Grace Jones, first place Fourth-Fifth Grade and Katie Darby, second place Fourth-Fifth Grade.

The Smith County Fire Marshals Office and the Smith County Volunteer Fireman's Association hosted the art contest and awards ceremony, held at the Chapel Hill High School Auditorium.

"The annual Fire Prevention Poster Contest is a great way to teach fire safety to school children in Smith County," Smith County Fire Marshal Chad Hogue said. "We want to continue to keep growing this contest in the years to come."

Students from Arp, Bullard, Chapel Hill, Lindale, and Winona Independent School Districts, as well as Christian Heritage School, participated in the contest, held

during National Fire Prevention Month in October.

Entries from each school were awarded for first, second and third places in different age groups. Those winners were then voted on by employees of the Smith County Fire Marshal's Office and overall division winners were selected. Cash prizes were donated by the Smith County Volunteer Fireman's Association.

The overall division winners include: Division 1 (Pre-K – First Grade)

First Place: Grace Dodd, Lindale ISD
Second Place: lace Isabella Gutierrez, Chapel Hill ISD

Third Place: Sophie Allen, Winona ISD

Division 2 (Second – Third Grade)

First Place: Ezavier Lopez, Chapel Hill ISD

Second Place: Aaron Hayes, Christian Heritage

Third Place: Max Manley, Lindale ISD

Division 3 (Fourth-Fifth Grade)

First Place: Gracie Jones, Lindale ISD

Second Place: Katie Darby, Lindale ISD

Third Place: Judah Abel, Christian Heritage

County indictments include seven from Lindale

Smith County Grand Jurors returned 248 indictments from Aug. 31 to Sept. 28, including seven from Lindale, said County Grand Jury Coordinator Marieliza Martinez.

Lindale indictments include:

--Curtis Ashcraft, 61, manufacture and delivery of a controlled substance on March 28, 2023;

-- Blair Webb, 55, manufacture and delivery of a controlled substance on Feb. 7, 2023;

-- Nathan McGee, 17, possession of

a controlled substance on March 20, 2023;

-- Samantha Wilson, 30, injury to a child/child abandonment/endangering a child on March 15, 2023;

-- Felisha Ashcraft, 38, two counts of possession of a controlled substance, Jan. 13, 2023 and Aug. 10, 2023;

-- Nathanyel Odama, 22, possession of a controlled substance, Jan. 9, 2023;

-- Andrew Reynolds, 23, assault/family violence with previous conviction, March 4, 2023.

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November Yard of the Month
The Lindale Garden Club has chosen the home of Jerry and Cheryl Terry at 402 East Hubbard in Lindale as its Yard of the Month for November. (Courtesy photo)

District teams begin bi-district playoffs

Playoff seedings are set and the second season is under way for the top four teams in District 9-4A as Kilgore, Lindale, Chapel Hill and Athens look to extend their football year this week in the bi-district round.

Kilgore will take on Livingston, the fourth place team from District 10-4A in Carthage on Friday, while Lindale plays Vidor (No. 3 in 10-4A) on Thursday, Chapel Hill plays Little Cypress-Mauriceville (No. 2 in 10-4A) in Nacogdoches on Friday and Athens will meet Lumberton (No. 1 in 10-4A) on Friday also in Na-

cogdoches.

This past week, Kilgore (6-0 in district) knocked off Chapel Hill, 39-16 to secure the No. 1 seed and lock in Lindale (5-1) as the district's second seed. With the loss, Chapel Hill finished district play at 4-2 while Athens, with its 49-28 win over Palestine ended the league season with a 3-3 mark.

KILGORE 39, CHAPEL HILL 16

With a loss already on its district ledger, Chapel Hill needed to defeat Kilgore by more than eight points to push Lindale

into the third spot in district.

But despite playing at home, Chapel Hill was unable to stop the persistent Kilgore attack, which built a 19-3 lead at the half and cruised to the win with 17 more points in the second half.

ATHENS 49, PALESTINE 28

The Athens Hornets secured their sixth win of the season this past Friday by downing the Palestine Wildcats, 49-28, and in doing so also qualified for the playoffs for the first time in several seasons. Palestine would have earned the fourth

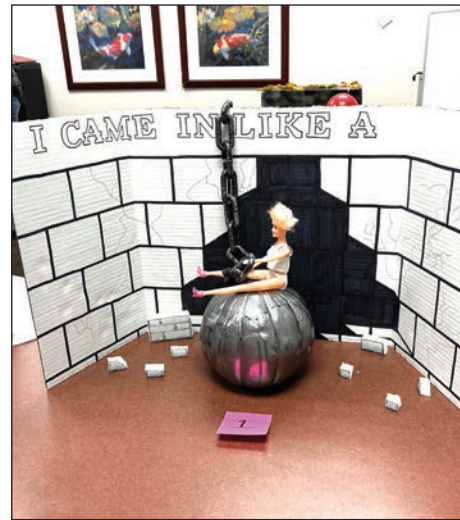
seed from District 9-4A but after trailing just 14-7 at the half, were unable to stem the visitor's offensive onslaught.

The Hornets broke the game open in the third period scoring 14 unanswered points to take a 28-14 lead into the fourth.

Trailing 14-7 midway through the third, Palestine coughed up a turnover inside its own 20. Two plays later, the Hornets converted the mistake into a touchdown to take a 21-7 lead.

With just under three minutes left in the third, the Hornets padded their lead on an 11-yard scoring run.

CHRISTUS Mother Frances Pumpkin Contest



The CHRISTUS Mother Frances Pumpkin Decorating Contest winners were announced this past week. All of these innovative designs were from the talented hands of employees of the CHRISTUS Mother Frances facility in Lindale. From left are the first, second, third and fourth place winners. (Courtesy photo)

County honors longtime employees

Jennifer Barfield was honored Tuesday, Oct. 31, in Commissioners Court for her 20 years of service at the Smith County District Attorney's Office, said Public Information Officer Casey Murphy.

"She is our office manager; she makes our office work," District Attorney Jacob Putman said. "She has been phenomenal ... she is honest and genuine."

After working for four years at the city of Tyler Municipal Court, Barfield began working at the DA's office as a felony legal assistant handling cases in the 7th District Court, and then moved to the 114th District Court a few months later.

In 2005, Barfield became the legal assistant to the then District Attorney, and in 2011 became the office manager, where she still is today. During her time here, she has worked under three District Attorneys and handled many different tasks.

"The mission of the office is close to my heart, and I am very proud to be a part of a team that works so closely together to protect children, assist victims of crime, prosecute offenders and serve Smith County," Barfield said.

Though she has had many different jobs in the office, she has enjoyed all of them and all the years working in the DA's Office, she said.

She has enjoyed the many friends and acquaintances she has made over the years, along with so many memories. She also loves being able to work with many others in different County offices, and to see how all the pieces of county



Smith County Commissioners honored longtime employees on Tuesday, Oct. 31 for their service. Jennifer Barfield, (left photo) with Smith County District Attorney Jacob Putman, has been with the county 20 years. Also honored for 25 years of service was Lynda Swann, right photo, with Shane Scott. (Courtesy photos)

government work together, Barfield said.

"I am blessed to be here and hope to continue serving the County for many more years," she said.

Putman joked that having an employee celebrate 20 years makes him a little nervous because it means they are retirement eligible. "But she's not going anywhere," he said.

Barfield is married to Traye and has three children: Victoria, Jared and Kaylee. In her spare time, she likes to bake, spend time with her family and run races. She ran her second half marathon at the beginning of the year and decided she will never run a full marathon!

25 Years

Lynda Swann is celebrating her 25th work anniversary but she has served Smith County for more than four decades.

She currently serves as office manager for the Pre-trial Release Department, where she has worked since 1998. But her first time working for Smith County was in 1980, when she began a summer work program right after she graduated from Robert E. Lee High School.

She worked as a clerk in the Hot Check Division for then District Attorney Hunter Brush.

After six months, the work program switched her to another job, working at the Arthritis Foundation as a secretary.

Swann was hired back at the DA's Hot Check Division in 1983 and worked there until Fall of 1984. She was then hired by Tom Jackson, Director of Pre-trial Release and Personal Bond Office in January of 1985, where she worked for more than 10 years.

She resigned in June of 1995, but went back to work for Pre-trial Release on Oct. 1, 1998, and she has been there ever since.

"What I have loved about working for Smith County this long is I enjoy helping people," Swann said. "This job has allowed me to help a lot of people going through the judicial process. I have talked and listened to mothers, fathers, grandparents and other family members and friends regarding their loved ones in jail. I treat each one the way I would like to be treated if I were in their position."

10 Years

Jack Walder, lead groundskeeper for Smith County's 29 properties, was honored Tuesday during Commissioners Court for 10 years of service to the Facilities Services



Department.

"It's my pleasure to recognize Mr. Jack Walder for 10 years of service and the time he has spent working hard for the county," Facility Services Director Ed Nichols said. "He does a fine job of maintaining the county's grounds."

From raising and lowering flags daily, setting up and maintaining Christmas displays, maintaining irrigation systems, planting flowerbeds and trimming trees on the square, Walder does much more around the county's 29 buildings, properties and parking lots.

He is quick to respond to a need or request at any time.

"I and the county appreciate all the hard work that you do every day and I look forward to working with you for many more years to come," Nichols said.

Before working for the county, Walder served for 22 years in the United States Army as a Staff Sergeant E-6.

Congratulations Jack and thank you for your service to your country and your county!

Certified Custodians

Also during Commissioners Court, Smith County Custodians Cinthia Aguilar and Ruth Pennell were recognized for earning their two-year certifications as "Basic Certified Custodial Technicians" through the International Sanitary Supply Association's Cleaning Management Institute.

Smith County Facility Services Director Ed Nichols said although the women have been working for the county for less than a year, they are already certified and doing a lot to contribute to the county.

The certification program provides three levels of certifications – Basic, Advanced and Expert – and the two women are already working towards the Advanced certification.

Anniversaries

Additional county employees celebrating work anniversaries this month but who were not in court, include:

- 25 years:** Travis Breazeale, Sheriff's Office
- 20 Years:** Justin Hall and James Sparks, Sheriff's Office; Shaunda Petty, Juvenile Services
- 15 Years:** Yvonne Edwards, Juvenile Services.
- 10 Years:** Kevin Londoff, Sheriff's Office
- 5 Years:** Kenneth Bond, James Jackson and Larry Christian Jr., Sheriff's Office; Stevie Hight, Juvenile Services; and Katherine Robertson, Adult Probation



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The address for the Independent Executor is:
c/o: LEIGH HUNT GOODSON
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115 W. Ferguson Street
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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.

Date: October 23, 2023.
THE GOODSON FIRM, P.C.
Attorneys for Paul Devon Montgomery

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**TO: EDUARDO MAURICIO HERNANDEZ
WHEREVER RESPONDENT MAY BE FOUND**

GREETINGS: YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear by filing written answer to the **PETITION IN SUIT TO MODIFY PARENT-CHILD RELATIONSHIP** at or before 10 o'clock A.M. of the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two (42) days from and after the date of issuance of this citation, same being the 5th day of October, 2023, in the County Court of Law of Smith County, Texas, at the Courthouse of said County located at 100 N. Broadway, Tyler, Texas, 75702. Said **PETITION IN SUIT TO MODIFY PARENT-CHILD RELATIONSHIP** was filed in said Court on 6th day of June 2023, in this case, numbered. 21-2109-E and styled: **IN THE INTEREST OF S.M.P. AND N.M.P., CHILD**. The Petitioner is Feliz Perez and Lourdes Perez. The Respondent is Eduardo Mauricio. The attorney for the Petitioner is Mario Herrera whose address is 4236 West Lovers Lane, Dallas, Texas 75209 (214) 357-7529

NOTICE TO RESPONDENT: EDUARDO MAURICO, the Respondent and Biological Father of the Children in this case, is transient person and have no knowledge of his present residence or his present employment. I have exercised due diligence to locate the whereabouts of this person and have been unable to do so. I have no one I can contact that would know of his whereabouts.

The Officer executing this process shall promptly serve the same according to the requirements of law, and the mandates thereof. If this citation is not served within ninety (90) days after it sued, it must be returned unserved.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of said Court at Tyler, Texas, this date: **October 5, 2023**.

**ATTEST:
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PENNY CLARKSTON**
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BY: Stephanie Landeros
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Notice to Creditors

Letters of Indep. Administration for the Estate of Jay Scot Ingram, Deceased, were issued to Christopher Jon Ingram, 11/06/23, in Cause No. 47357P, by the County Court at Law #3 of Smith Co, Tx. All persons having claims against this Estate currently being administered are required to present them to Christopher Jon Ingram, 9407 Mallard Way, Larue, TX 75770, within the time and manner prescribed by law.

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**CAUSE NO. 23-1719-F
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**TO: MELISSA FISHER - - - RESPONDENT WHEREVER
RESPONDENT MAY BE FOUND**

GREETINGS: YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear by filing a written answer to the **ORIGINAL PETITION FOR DIVORCE** at or before 10 o'clock A.M. of the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two (42) days from and after the date of issuance of this citation, same being the 9th day of October, 2023, in the County Court of Law of Smith County, Texas, at the Courthouse of said County located at 100 N. Broadway, Tyler, Texas, 75702. Said **ORIGINAL PETITION FOR DIVORCE** was filed in said Court on 17th day of July 2023, in this case, numbered. 23-1719-F and styled: **IN THE MATTER OF THE MARRIAGE OF CHRISTOPHER BROOKS AND MELISSA FISHER**. The Petitioner is Christopher Brooks. The Respondent is Melissa Fisher. The attorney for the Petitioner is Cheryl Wulf whose address is 11702 HWY 64 E., Tyler, Texas 75707 (903) 525-9869.

NOTICE TO RESPONDENT: On July 17, 2023, Christopher Brooks filed an Original Petition for Divorce regarding his marriage to Melissa Irene Fisher, which marriage began on February 7, 2003. Petitioner requests the Court grant a divorce and divide the parties community estate in a just and right manner.

The Officer executing this process shall promptly serve the same according to the requirements of law, and the mandates thereof. If this citation is not served within ninety (90) days after it sued, it must be returned unserved. Issued and given under my hand and seal of said Court at Tyler, Texas, this date: October 24, 2023.

**ATTEST:
CLERK OF THE COURT
PENNY CLARKSTON**
Smith County District Clerk
100 N. Broadway, Rm. 204
Tyler, Texas 75702
BY: /s/ Nicole Adamic
Deputy Clerk

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THE STATE OF TEXAS § **Attorney of Record**
RICHARD B. PATTESON
COUNTY OF SMITH § **218 N BROADWAY, STE. 304**
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**TO: ALL UNKNOWN HEIRS IN THE ESTATE
OF NANCY LYNN WORTHY, DECEASED:**

On the 26th day of October, 2023, **RACHEL ELOISE WORTHY** filed an **APPLICATION TO DETERMINE HEIRSHIP** in a proceeding styled **IN THE ESTATE OF NANCY LYNN WORTHY, DECEASED** and bearing the number 47869P in the County Court at Law #3 of Smith County, Texas.

The Court will hear the aforesaid **APPLICATION TO DETERMINE HEIRSHIP** on the **Monday next after the expiration of ten (10) days from the date of publication of this citation**, in the County Court in the County Courthouse Annex of Smith County, in Tyler, Texas.

All persons interested in the aforesaid Estate are commanded to appear at or before the time set for said hearing by filing a written contest or answer to said Application.

Said written contest or answer shall be filed in the office of the County Clerk of Smith County, Texas in Tyler, Texas.

In compliance with the law, this citation shall be served by publication once in a newspaper of general circulation in this, the County in which such proceeding is pending, not less than ten (10) days before the return date hereof, exclusive of the day of publication, and the date of publication said newspaper bears shall be the day of publication.

If this citation is not served within ninety (90) days after the date of issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of office, the 26th day of October, 2023, at the office in Tyler, Texas.

KAREN PHILLIPS, COUNTY CLERK
Smith County, Texas
By: Katherine Beard, Deputy Clerk

Divide & Conquer Moving Sale for Eugenia Key Son with Consignments from the Del Rose Hedge Yale Estate
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State Sales Tax Revenue Totaled \$3.8 Billion in October

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar today said state sales tax revenue totaled \$3.81 billion in October, down 0.3 percent from October 2022. The majority of October sales tax revenue is based on sales made in September

and remitted to the agency in October.

“For the first time in 31 months following the end of pandemic restrictions, monthly state sales tax collections failed to grow on an annual basis,” Hegar said.

“October sales tax collections are in line with our recent Certification Revenue Estimate, which predicted slower economic growth in the months ahead. Contributing to the year-over-year decline was erratic refund activity this month, as well as notable declines in receipts from some sectors which could indicate a slowing economy.

“Receipts from the larger business spending-driven sectors — manufacturing and wholesale trade — declined significantly from a year ago, and receipts from the construction sector barely surpassed the previous year. This could be due to declines in business input prices, but it could also indicate slowing production. Receipts from the oil and gas mining sector continued to exceed those of the previous year.

“Among consumer-dependent retail trade sectors, receipts from home improvement centers and furniture stores dropped sharply from a year ago. Receipts from electronics and appliance stores, big-box general merchandisers, department stores and clothing stores were also down significantly. Receipts from online merchants and gasoline stations were up slightly, but at less than the rate of general price inflation. Declines in retail sales from a year ago may reflect numerous factors, including reallocation of household budgets away from goods to services and to higher debt-service costs, falling prices for some categories of goods such as electronics and depletion of excess savings that households had accumulated during the pandemic.

“Receipts from restaurants

Texas collected the following revenue from other major taxes:

- motor vehicle sales and rental taxes — \$606 million, up 3 percent from October 2022;
- motor fuel taxes — \$316 million, up 1 percent from October 2022;
- oil production tax — \$586 million, up 8 percent from October 2022;
- natural gas production tax — \$192 million, down 53 percent from October 2022;
- hotel occupancy tax — \$67 million, up 2 percent from October 2022; and,
- alcoholic beverages taxes — \$154 million, up 2 percent from October 2022.

grew only modestly and at less than the rate of inflation for food away from home. But spending for live entertainment continued to boom, spurring double-digit growth in receipts from music, arts and sporting events.”

Total sales tax revenue

for the three months ending in October 2023 was up 2.7 percent compared with the same period a year ago.

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ANGELINA JANSEN is the daughter of Mariana and Chris Jansen. She is president of the Key Club, president and chief executive officer of the robotics team, and a member of the National Honor Society, student council, and the University Interscholastic League science team. Outside of school, Angelina enjoys shadowing at Christus Trinity Mother Frances Hospital, cooking, baking,

and watching movies. She believes she is impacting the world by volunteering in her community. Angelina plans to attend Texas A&M University and study biochemistry. Her future goals include becoming a doctor.



JOHNATHAN VILLARREAL is the son of Rebecca and John Villarreal. He is a member of the baseball team and active in his church youth group. Johnathan enjoys watching the Texas Rangers play baseball, mowing, playing golf, and participating in church activities. He believes he is impacting the world by building ramps for elderly people who can no longer

walk up stairs. Johnathan plans to attend Texas A&M University and study architectural design. His future goals include becoming a successful architect in the Dallas area and designing commercial buildings.



MEGAN MCGEE is the daughter of Donna and Robert McGee. She is the activities director for the Key Club and a member of the National Honor Society, student council, Model United Nations, and the volleyball team. Outside of school, Megan enjoys volunteering at Christus Trinity Mother Frances Hospital and being a part of her church youth group. She believes she is impacting the

world by helping her peers at school and volunteering in her community. Megan plans to attend The University of Texas at Tyler and study nursing. Her future goals include becoming a certified registered nurse anesthetist.

Texas Bank and Trust celebrates the fourteenth anniversary of the Lindale Student Board of Directors, recognizing outstanding seniors from Lindale High School who have demonstrated academic excellence, leadership, and a commitment to community service. We are proud to introduce the following members of the 2023-2024 Student Board. [View more profiles @ www.facebook.com/texasbankandtrust](https://www.facebook.com/texasbankandtrust)

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