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Eagles dump Vidor, face Iowa Colony next

By Terry Cannon
Editor

Lindale's Eagles have qualified once again for the Area round of the Class 4A state playoffs after sloshing their way to a 49-28 bi-district win over Vidor on a rainy night in Nacogdoches last Friday.

Now Chris Cochran's crew will tangle with the Iowa Colony Pioneers, 37-0 winners of their bi-district contest against Furr.

The game is scheduled for 7 p.m. Friday in Bryan.

This past Friday, the Eagles jumped out to a 21-7 lead in the first period on two touchdown passes from quarterback Clint Thurman and a third when he ran it over from eight yards out.

Thurman's first score went to wide out Aiden Warnell from 38-yards out and the second was a 63-yard bomb to Chad Ward. This one came after Vidor drove 58 yards with the touchdown coming on a Caden Strother 32-yard run.

Lindale's third score of the quarter came after a fumble recovery on the ensuing kickoff.

Four rushing plays later, Thurman ran it in from nine yards out to build the Eagles' advantage to 21-7.

The Eagles continued to add to their lead in the second quarter, scoring 21 more points to own a 42-14 lead at intermission. The final play of the half, a Hail Mary toss from Thurman to Cameron Hicks, covered 25 yards with just under a minute left.

Cochran and his staff knew that building a big lead against the run-centric Pirates was essential.

"We knew going into the game if we could keep the ball away from their offense and take it away when we had the chance it would put them in a bind," he said.

In other words, run-first offenses won't have enough time to post multiple touchdowns.

Thurman, who passed for three touchdowns and ran for three more, had another steady night at the controls of the Eagles' offense, Cochran said.

"Adversity doesn't seem to get to him," the coach said, referring to the rainy conditions. "It just doesn't matter to that guy."

The senior quarterback completed 10 of 19 passes for 222 yards and added 103 more on the ground on 21 carries.

Ward's two receptions were for touchdowns and Marcus Field came through with five catches for 38 yards.

Caleb Hart ran 11 times for 50 yards and a touchdown while Pat Weldon contributed 17 yards on five carries.

Defensively, Jackson Parker collected 13 tackles while Warnell posted 11. Miles Miller had two fumble recoveries for the Eagles.

This week's opponent, Iowa Colony, is a school in just its second year of varsity football, meaning there are no seniors on the roster.

In fact, the offense is led by freshman quarterback Cam Renfro.

"(Renfro) is really good and he throws it well," Cochran said. "We have to play well and be prepared."



Lindale wide receiver Aiden Warnell celebrates with lineman Casey Poe after scoring the Eagles' first touchdown last week against Vidor.

Photo by Terry Cannon



Running back Pat Weldon picks up a first down in the first period against Vidor in the Eagles' 49-28 bi-district win in Nacogdoches.

Photo by Terry Cannon

Lady Eagles fall to Celina in 4A Regional playoffs

The Celina Lady Bobcats ousted the Lindale High School Lady Eagles in the Class 4A Regional semifinal volleyball playoffs this past Friday in straight sets, 25-13, 25-19 and 25-16.

Lindale, ranked No. 10 in the most recent Texas Girls Coaches Association poll, finished its season with a 36-9 mark. The Lady Eagles captured the District 16-4A championship this year with an 11-1 record.

Prior to the regionals, the Lady Eagles defeated Farmersville in five sets in the Regional semifinal round. Lindale defeated Caddo Mills, also in five sets, in the Area round by scores of 19-25, 26-24, 24-26, 25-15 and 15-12.

AREA VS. CADDO MILLS

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

BI-DISTRICT VS. PARIS

Maddox Lay led the Lady Eagle's attack with 11 kills and added 2 digs. Reagan Cates contributed 5 kills, 6 digs, and 2 blocks. Kayli Vickery put down 5 kills, 3 blocks, and 1 dig. Alyssa Potts had 5 kills, 3 digs, and 1 block.

Addison Ridge recorded 4 kills, 10 digs. Ella Hutchens rounded out the attack with 2 kills, and 1 block.

Defensively, Reagan Hope had 6 digs. Setter Macy Luster recorded 17 assists, 6 digs, and Tatum Woodard tallied 11 assists. Callie Schmidt added 2 digs, and Megan McGee had 1 dig for Lindale.

Lindale ISD voters back tax rate reduction plan

More than 70 percent of voters approved the Lindale ISD's tax rate ratification this past Tuesday which will result in a 21.5 cent tax reduction compared to last year and increase the pay for the district's teachers.

A total of 2,825 voters approved the measure, which was included in Tuesday's Constitutional Amendment Election. A total of 1,113 voted no on the LISD measure.

In Smith County, 13 of the 14 Constitutional Amendments passed with the lone failure being Proposition 13, which would have raised the mandatory retirement age for state justices and judges from 75 to 79 years of age.

County results mirrored those of the state for all propositions.

Proposition 4, which will provide taxpayers with approximately \$18 billion in tax cuts, passed in the county by an overwhelming 81

percent to 19 percent. Proposition 9, which will give retired teachers cost of living adjustments to their pensions, passed 80.5 to 19.4 percent.

"The school board has done a wonderful job managing the tax rate for many years," said Lindale ISD Superintendent Stan Surratt. "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."

The voter support illustrates taxpayers are pleased with the way the LISD goes about its business, he said.

"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."

Reinvestment zone members reappointed, 2023 city tax roll approved

Lindale City Council members reappointed members to the board of directors to the city's tax Increment reinvestment ones numbers two and three and appointed a chairman of the board to the reinvestment zone number three during their regular meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 7 at city hall.

Reinvestment zones are designated areas within the city limits and around transportation projects to encourage developments and secure tax increments (TIF's) to help fund these improvements.

Council members also approved the annual reports for the reinvestment zones as presented by City Attorney Glen Patrick.

He noted that projects are paid for as funds become available from the TIF. Reappointed to the terms in zone two were Annie Baldwin, Carolyn

Caldwell and Barham Fulmer. New members approved were Gavin Rasco and Bob Tardiff. Zone three re-appointees were Jeff Daugherty, Bob Tardiff and Greg Fraser. The terms of Carol Anderson, Gavin Rasco and Mike Combs will expire in 2024. Daugherty was reappointed as chairman of the board to Zone three.

The council also approved the city's 2023 tax roll.

In other action the council:

- Approved a request by the Lindale Baseball Association for field renovations at Pool Park;
- Approved additional fencing for the Lindale Water Department;
- Approved additional sprinklers for the Lindale City Cemetery.



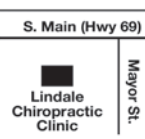
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OPINION/COMMENTARY

Brussel sprouts, premature Christmas carols & Mad Max Black Friday

Okie doke, materialism has wounded the wonder of Christmas and shuffled the lesser holidays of Halloween and Thanksgiving under the rug. Premature Christmas ads on television started before Halloween. My Big Band 40s radio station has been playing Christmas carols for a couple of weeks. This is just too, too much.

In Suzanne's Perfect Fantasy World I would outlaw Christmas commercials until the week before Thanksgiving. Heck, Black Friday excitement seems to have overwhelmed the anticipation of traditional family Thanksgiving. Plus, we have those who have jump started the big BF sales starting the afternoon of Thanksgiving if not before. So much for family time.

What happened to groaning tables, straining buttons and lazy afternoon ball games interrupted by tryptophan inspired napping shared by the extended family? You can't tell me you are bonding at Wal-Mart's BF's early sale. Well, you can, but I choose not to believe it.

And those Christmas carols...if it is Bing Crosby, Andy Williams and even the best of pop Christmas today I am your girl, but please, NOT before I've had my turkey and dressing and counted my Thanksgiving blessings. While we are legislating holiday law can we outlaw the 'Christmas' songs that include barking dogs and Granny getting run over by reindeer. A laugh at Granny's expense just doesn't seem right. But, I really DO get Mommy kissing Santa Claus but after hearing that ONCE I'm good.

And yes Baby, I know that it's cold outside and while we are at it, frankly I want more for Christmas than you. I would like a little space, a little peace and a lot more reflection. But I digress. We haven't even had Thanksgiving yet.

Let's 'kill two birds with one stone'...family holiday drama. Yep, the stress level is up, my dressing is never going to taste like Mom's. I have lost my Mam'maw's pumpkin pie recipe (which makes me want to cry every time I think about it) and someone is always going to be at work, sick

Lege gets to work in fourth special session

The Texas Legislature, conceived as a part-time body to meet every other year for 140 days, is now in its record fifth session (counting the regular session). When the impeachment trial of Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton is included, legislators have been in Austin pretty much the entire year, as the Texas Tribune noted. While legislators are paid just \$7,200 a year in salary, per diem payments – meant to cover their expenses while in Austin – have mounted. If the fourth special session goes a full 30 days, taxpayers will have spent \$4.8 million keeping lawmakers in Austin.

The Senate quickly passed measures last week allocating \$1.54 billion for segments of a border wall, a school finance bill that increases per-student funding, teacher retention bonuses for teachers and vouchers to parents who elect to send their children to private schools, the Austin American-Statesman reported.

Once again, the onus is on the House, which has been reluctant to pass a school choice bill. The measure, being strongly pushed by Gov. Greg Abbott, is largely opposed by Democratic members and rural Republican legislators. On Friday, the latest plan was approved by the House Select Committee.

Voter turnout in amendment election was 14.4%

Voter turnout in the Nov. 7 election reached 14.4% of registered voters. The good news is that is the highest turnout for a constitutional amendment election since 2005, according to the Texas Secretary of State's office. The bad news: well, it was just 14.4% of the electorate.

Voters approved all but one of the 14 propositions on the ballot, the lone loser being a bid to raise the mandatory retirement age for judges from 75 years to 79. Measures providing property tax relief and a boost in teacher retirement pay passed overwhelmingly.

Also receiving approval was Proposition 5, which establishes a \$3.9 billion permanent endowment for research in eligible universities. Those include Texas State University, the University of North Texas, Texas Tech University and the University of Houston.

"We feel like we won the Super Bowl," Texas State University president Kelly Dampousse told the Statesman.

TEA releases financial accountability ratings

The Texas Education Agency has released its 2022-2023 financial accountability ratings for Texas public schools, with 88% receiving a "Superior Achievement" rating. The rating system, established in 2001, "encourages school systems to improve financial resources to provide the maximum allocation possible for direct instructional purposes."

The Best of Suzanne Bardwell



or out of pocket. In other words, do not build up unmeetable expectations for the 'Big Family 2'...you know, Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Have you noticed that in the Hallmark movies they never show

horrific holiday traffic, truly terrible drivers, wound up cranky people with colorful vocabularies, absolutely flat wallets and the fact that you have to work every single day and then some to pay for it all. Let's don't even talk about weight gain and the holidays. Everyone says that calories don't count at the holidays but my jeans are counting and screaming.

Let's get to the main course. On Thanksgiving Day we need to double down and focus on the following: if you don't love hunkering down for hours of football you need to enjoy a nap, or long visits with people you spend far too little time with, or God help us, enter the Black Friday Mad Max driving competition.

And, I have to ask, does anyone really like Brussel sprouts? Then what about holiday etiquette? In my book, if you don't like it just eat it. Don't make a fuss, sample a few bites and display the good manners your Momma should have taught you. Make sure that everyone has firsts before you go back for seconds. Yes indeed, I did say that.

One last cardinal holiday rule, your Christmas tree and lights can not go up until after the Thanksgiving feast, preferably that weekend. And yes, I really, REALLY love Christmas.

Now that we have gotten that out of the way, prepare to count your blessings next week. After all, that is the reason for Thanksgiving and I am afraid that a bunch of us have forgotten that.

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THE ECONOMIST

By Dr. M. Ray Perryman

Family Fortunes ...

Every three years, the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System releases results of the Survey of Consumer Finances. The Survey looks at family income, net worth, debt, and other indicators of the financial health of US families. The most recent report covers the interesting time period from 2019 (just before the COVID-19 pandemic) to 2022. Let's explore a few interesting findings.



Although the pandemic has been devastating in many ways and the shut-downs and other disruptions to business activity caused massive dislocations, the Survey indicates that US families were actually better off financially due to the historic infusion of funds. Income was up whether measured by the mean (average) or median (where half are above and half are below). The

2022 household income number reflects earnings in 2021, and many families were benefitting from pandemic-related federal relief packages. While the resulting enhanced unemployment and other benefits would be reflected, information on many stimulus payments was not included. Income increases were measured for most age groups and races/ethnicities. The highest median income group was Asian, with a median income of \$122,600, followed by White non-Hispanic (\$81,100), Hispanic/Latino (\$46,700), and Black (\$46,000) families. Not surprisingly, income remained highly correlated with education.

Looking at net worth (the difference between assets and liabilities), housing and equities both rose at rates outpacing general prices, leading to significant gains. Real median net worth was up 37% to \$192,900, and real mean net worth increased by 23% to reach almost \$1.1 million (obviously, wealthy households bring up the average). Net worth rose for all age ranges and education levels. Particularly notable percentage gains occurred in younger and less educated families.

The reasons for the improvement in financial wellbeing are varied. For many families, massive stimulus payments were used to pay down debt and increase wealth. Housing-related debt was fairly stable, but credit card balances dropped noticeably.

Homeowners' net worth was positively affected by soaring home prices. In fact, the Survey found that, for families that owned their home, the median net housing value (the value of a home minus the mortgage) rose from \$139,100 in 2019 to \$201,000 in 2022. The flip side of the surging housing market is that affordability fell to historic lows, with the median home value more than 4.6 times the median family income.

Despite the immeasurable human cost and dislocations accompanying the pandemic, it is interesting that from a purely financial perspective, most families were better situated in 2021 than they were in 2019. Nonetheless, it remains to be seen how future surveys will look given high inflation, a lagging housing market, the expiration of various stimulus initiatives, increasing consumer debt, and other issues surfacing since that time. Stay safe!

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Only eight public schools and three charter schools received substandard achievement ratings. The eight public school districts receiving an "F" were Holliday, Ben Bolt-Palito Blanco, Keene, Priddy, Denver City, Tioga, Matagorda and Sunray ISDs. The three charter schools receiving an "F" were Education Center International Academy in Sunnyvale; St. Anthony School in Carrollton; and Texas Preparatory School.

Medicaid recipients victims of data breach

A data breach of a data file transfer company has exposed Texas Medicaid recipients, whose names and Social Security numbers were obtained in the hack. The breach occurred in late May when hackers obtained files being transferred using the MOVEit platform, The Dallas Morning News reported. A total of 67 million people in multiple countries had their personal information illegally obtained, including the Texas Medicaid recipients.

Anyone concerned about being affected by the hack can call UMass Chan, which was providing services directly to the Texas Health and Human Services Commission, to find out. That number is 855-457-6006.

Millions offered for sustainable forests

Texas A&M Forest Service is offering \$16.65 million in grant funding to boost urban and community forest initiatives in communities throughout the state.

"The initiatives supported by this grant funding will prioritize communities and neighborhoods in areas of greatest need based on environmental and social data," said Gretchen Riley of the forest service. "By focusing on these areas, we can ensure that the benefits of urban forestry are distributed where they can make the most impact."

The funding comes from the federal Inflation Reduction Act. It is intended to help the state "expand its urban forest canopy, improve air and water quality, reduce energy consumption and enhance the health and well-being of residents," according to the news release. Grant applications will be accepted from Dec. 11 through Feb. 16, 2024. More information can be found at this link: <https://texasforestinfo.tamu.edu/CFG/>.

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Sixty years later, the mystery remains

Next Wednesday will mark the 60th anniversary of one of the most notable events of not just my lifetime, but of the 20th century as well.

President John F. Kennedy was gunned down as he was riding in a motorcade on Friday, Nov. 22, 1963 and for those of us who were alive at the time it has left a lasting mark.

And for most of these 60 years, questions persist as to how such an earth-shaking event could be perpetrated and was it by a lone gunman or a conspiracy that included either the Soviet Union, Cuba, the CIA, the Mafia or even Vice President Lyndon Johnson?

The one, lasting piece of "evidence" conspiracy theorists have held onto in all those years came courtesy of Abraham Zapruder, a clothing merchant in Dallas who was filming the motorcade and captured on film the exact moment Kennedy died.

The film is, to say the least, compelling. Without getting into the graphic

specifics, Zapruder's film clearly shows a wounded Kennedy – who was grabbing his throat as a bullet went through it – suffer the fatal head shot.

This gave rise to the Grassy Knoll Theory, in which another gunman was supposedly stationed behind a fence on the grassy knoll in Dealey Plaza – facing Kennedy -- while another gunman was stationed in the Texas School Book Depository firing behind the president.

On Nov. 29, 1963, Johnson formed the Warren Commission to report on the assassination and when the report was released more questions than answers were raised.

During the past three or so decades, I've read several books on the assassination and like a lot of others, have not formed a solid opinion as to whether there was an actual conspiracy.

To be sure, there are discrepancies in the Warren report and from conspiracy diehards.



Yet one thing remains in the constant swirl of facts and near-facts: Lee Harvey Oswald fired at least one shot at Kennedy and perhaps all three. (Or four, if you buy into one of the conspiracy theories).

The backstory of this nondescript loser is twisted and contains hints as to why a former U.S. Marine and Russian defector could have actually changed the course of history by himself.

Raised by an uncaring mother, she moved the family from New Orleans to Dallas in 1944 and in 1952 to New York City. After turning 17 in 1956, Oswald joined the U.S. Marines and became, among other things, a marksman.

Prior to joining the Ma-

rines, Oswald has expressed interest in socialism and began to think of himself as a communist. While in the Marines he openly discussed his desire to live in Russia and moved there in 1959.

In 1961, he met future wife Marina and in 1962, fed up with the drab life in Russia, he, Marina and their infant daughter returned to the U.S.

In the fall of 1963, he was working as an order-filler in the Texas School Book Depository. On Tuesday, Nov. 19, the Dallas Times Herald printed a map of Kennedy's motorcade, which passed by the book depository.

On Friday, as the motorcade passed by the depository Oswald, armed with his Mannlicher-Carcano rifle,

fired the fatal shots into Kennedy. An hour and a half later, after returning to his boarding house Oswald where picked up his .38 Smith and Wesson revolver, shot and killed Dallas Policeman J.D. Tippitt.

Two days later, in the basement of the Dallas Police station, Oswald was shot to death by strip club owner Jack Ruby.

Those are the most undisputed facts of the assassination. Yet other questions still remain.

Did Russia mold Oswald into an assassin to take care of its most serious Cold War foe? Considering the consequences the Soviets would have faced if this came out this one seems unlikely at best.

Did Fidel Castro, after suffering the indignation of the Cuban Missile Crisis, want to kill Kennedy to halt America's antagonism? Again, unlikely for the same reason given above about the Soviets.

The CIA? When tries to delve into the murkiness that

is the Central Intelligence Agency, it's best not to accept anything on face value. But planning the assassination of the country's president seems a bit farfetched, even for the CIA.

Lyndon Johnson? LBJ was a preeminent politician who knew his way around the serpentine-like map of American government. But it's unlikely LBJ's ferocious desire to be president would have caused him to perpetrate such a crime.

Which leaves the Mafia. It's always been my contention that if there was indeed a conspiracy, who better to pull off the crime of the century than a group that's main business is murder? Kennedy and his Attorney General brother Bobby made life miserable for the mob and who's to say that those crime bosses, fed up with interference in their "business" didn't plan the deed?

One thing remains certain: unless there's more unearthed evidence out there, this mystery will go on forever.

Getting some bad news after doctor's visit

Awhile back, I went in for a check-up at my doctor's office. I would tell you who my doctor is, but he won't let me. Really! When I go in to see him, the first thing he does is ask me the same question.

"Do you want to get well?" he asks.

"Of course," I answer back.

"Then this better not end up in the paper," he says.

So, if I want to keep my health, I have to keep his name out of it. Anywho, when I went in to see him this time, I hadn't been sick, but when I got out I wasn't feelin' too well.

"How did it go at the doctor's?" Janet asked when I got home.

"Not too good," I said.

"Why, what happened?"

"I think you better sit down," I said.

"Why?"

"I've got some bad news," I replied.

"What?"

"Well, it looks like my time is almost up."

"What are you talking about?"

"The doctor.... I don't know how to put this. The doctor told me my cholesterol was a little too high."

"And?"

"And what?"

"And what else did he say?"

"Not much. We talked a little about guns and such, but that was about it."

"That's it? Your cholesterol is too high?"

"Well that's not the bad news."

"Rusty," she warned. "What is the bad news?"

"He is puttin' me on some cholesterol medicine."



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"And?"

"And what?"

"And, I am going to beat you to death if you don't tell me what the bad news is," she said through gritted teeth.

"OK. Man, you don't take this bad news stuff too good, do you?"

"Rusty," she warned again.

"Okay, OK. Well, this medicine may have certain side effects."

"All medicines may have certain side effects," she informed me.

"Yeah, but this one could be really bad."

Janet rolled her eyes and gritted her teeth. "What certain side effects are you talking about?" she growled.

"Well, it's sort of a sensitive subject."

"Rusty...."

"OK, but I really think you should sit down."

"Just tell me," she said.

"Well.....uh....I may not be chasin' you around the house as much as I usually do."

"What?"

"You know," and I raised my eyebrows a couple of times."

"Oh brother," she said.

"And that's bad news."

"It is to me."

"You're an idiot," she said.

"And anyway, where did you hear about that side effect?"

"I happened to be readin' a magazine in the lobby, and it had an ad about the medicine, and I looked at

the side effect part of it, and there it was. It said that one percent of the population might be affected that way."

"One percent? Oh brother," she sighed.

"Man, you're takin' this better than I expected," I said. She gave me one of "those looks."

"But," I added. "I've decided, for your sake, not to take the medicine."

"What? For my sake?"

"Yeah, I don't want you to have to suffer."

She just looked at me.

"Of course," I continued, "not takin' it means I will probably die pretty soon."

"How soon?" she asked sarcastically.

"I don't know," I replied. "Could be anytime."

"Well I hope it's after next Friday," she said.

"What? What do you mean?"

"I've got a hair appointment next Friday."

"What's that got to do with anything?" I asked.

"I want to look nice for the funeral," she said.

"I can't believe you are makin' jokes about this."

"Look Rusty. You are not going to die. At least not in my lifetime, it looks like. And you are going to take the medicine."

I smiled. "You do want to keep me around, don't you?"

She rolled her eyes.

"But what about the side effect?"

"I'll take my chances," she

said sarcastically.

"That's mighty brave."

She rolled her eyes again.

"You know," I said, "on the way home, I was thinkin'."

"Great," she said, under her breath.

"If somethin' should happen to me, I want you to remarry."

"What?"

"Yeah, I think you should. Not that I would if somethin' happened to you."

"Ha!" she laughed. "Rusty, you'd be hitting on women at my funeral."

"No I wouldn't," I said.

"Yes you would. I can see you now. You'd have a hangdog look on your face, and you'd be saying something like, 'I sure wish I knew how to cook,' and 'it sure is going to be lonesome all by myself,' and 'if only had a brain.'"

"You are so funny," I said.

"OK, what are you goin' to do when I die?"

"Go on a cruise," she said quickly.

"A cruise?"

"Yep. A cruise."

"Won't you be lonesome?"

"Who said I was going alone?"

"What?"

"I said, who said I was going...."

"I heard what you said. I just can't believe you said it."

"Look Rusty. You are not dying, so don't worry about it."

"What do you mean don't worry about it. It sounds like you've already made plans."

"I was kidding, you moron."

"You sure?" I whined.

"Of course I'm sure," she said and hugged me. "Besides, he gets seasick."



The Gingerbread Man made a surprise appearance at the weekly story time session at the Lillie Russell Memorial Library this past Friday as the youngsters were able to decorate cookies as they listened to stories. Santa's Bake Shop will return to the library on Dec. 2 from 10 a.m. until the cookies are all sold. (Courtesy photo)

Friends of LRML appreciate community support

Community support for the Friends of the Lillie Russell Memorial Library has been more than evident the past few weeks with the Ladies Game Day at Hideaway in September and the book sale during Countryfest in October.

Funds raised at the Ladies Game Day resulted in covering the program and staff expenses for 2024 and many people stopped by the book sale to help raise added funds for the library.

In other news, the Friends' annual Holiday Basket Sale will begin earlier this year than past with baskets being available beginning Nov. 15. The sale will conclude on Dec. 22.

Selections can be made during regular library hours and during Santa's Bake Shop on Dec. 2. Baskets of every size, theme, and price have been made and are ready for your selection.

Newer offerings are added to the book sale room at the back of the library every week. Come by and find something to enjoy.

The Friends look forward to serving the library in the coming years and always welcome new members.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Remembering our veterans

Dear Editor,

This week's best of Suzanne Bardwell was the best ever. She said she was eternally grateful for all veterans.

She spoke a lot about her dad and complimented many other veterans. I served in the Korean War but I was in the Air Force and I never did do much heroics.

But I learned a lot. I learned about how many of our veterans really sacrificed to do the things they did for our country. I also learned that serving is great especially when you do it for others and our country.

Many of our veterans have really sacrificed. They are disabled physically and mentally also. Thank you veterans and active military for protecting our nation, our freedoms and our families. We owe you a debt we could never repay.

And thank you Suzanne for your love of our country. We will always remember you.

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ONE YEAR AGO, Nov. 17, 2022

Neal Franklin, previously the Pct. 1 County Commissioner, was sworn in as the new Smith County Judge following the election of Nathaniel Moran to the U.S. House.

In addition, Pam Frederick was sworn in as the new Pct. 1 Commissioner to replace Franklin.

These actions took place during a special meeting of the commissioners. Frederick, who ran unopposed in the

November election, won the March, 2022, primary election. She has served as the mayor of Bullard for the previous 12 years.

FIVE YEARS AGO, Nov. 15, 2018

Lindale voters overwhelmingly approved the Lindale ISD's \$32 million bond package by 67.9 percent to 32.1 percent during the recent election. LISD taxpayers would see their tax rate increase by \$60 per year.

Superintendent Stan Surratt was pleased with the outcome.

"We're very excited and couldn't be more pleased," he said. "When people look back on this they will say it was very economical for just four cents."

TEN YEARS AGO, Nov. 14, 2013

The Lindale High School speech and debate teams competed at John Tyler High School and came home with a second place sweepstakes trophy.

The competition featured 24 schools.

First place winners for Lindale included Jessie Elliott, oratory; Mary Gray, informative speaking and CX Debate; Barron Wolter and Cody Gustafson, novice, CX Debate and Grant Root and Skylore Evans, Congressional Debate.

Also, Sarah Maines, public forum debate; Peyton Cooley and Mary Gray, top speakers and Grant Root, CX and Mary Gray, PF.

Other top finishers included Maddie Burton, Brenton Browne, Mason Nash, Brandon Thursh and Gordy Moody.

Lucky for us we have pecan trees

By Greg Grant
Smith County Horticulturist

In Texas, it seems like everyone has a soft spot for pecans. It should be a law. After all, it's our state tree.

These delectable nuts are common in the wild and flourish in rich river bottom soils and Texas typically takes the lead in native pecan production.

Cooks and candy makers will attest that the small, oil-rich native pecans offer the finest flavor.

Pecan trees are generally planted in the fall or winter, and you can find them in both bare-root and containerized forms. When planting bare-root pecans, it's crucial to do so while they are in their dormant state during the winter. Containerized plants, on the other hand, can be planted year-round, provided there's sufficient moisture.

Fall is the optimal time, followed by winter, spring, and lastly, summer (not ideal). It's recommended to space pecans about 50 feet apart.



The state tree of Texas produces delectable nuts everyone can enjoy. (Courtesy photo)

To bear nuts, pecan trees require cross-pollination with another cultivar or seedling. Pecan cultivars fall into two categories: some produce male flowers (pollen) first, while others produce female flowers (future pecans) first.

Each type naturally pollinates the other. It's essential to plant at least one cultivar from each category or have native pecans nearby. Pecans are pollinated by the wind and can cross-pollinate up to a quarter of a mile away.

Trees thrive when they receive at least eight hours of direct sunlight, preferably more. While they can grow in various soil types, they produce the best results in deep, fertile, well-drained soils.

Generally, they need irrigation during the summer to yield

a good crop of nuts.

When planting, dig a hole twice as wide as the tree's root ball and as deep as the roots or pot it came in.

Water the root ball in the hole, then backfill with the native soil. Be sure not to plant the tree too deep, as it can be fatal. Create a circular berm around the tree to collect water, and water the tree once a week until it's established. Maintain a 4-inch deep and 4-foot-wide ring of mulch (compost, bark, pine straw, etc.) around the tree's base until it exceeds 6 inches in diameter. This mulch helps conserve moisture and keeps the soil at a suitable temperature throughout the seasons, while also preventing weeds and grass from interfering with the tree's growth.

It's worth noting that both tree and grass roots compete for the same oxygen-rich soil area. Additionally, the mulch ring shields the tree's delicate bark from harm by lawn mowers and string trimmers.

Pecans can face a range of potential insect and disease issues, including aphids, phylloxera gall, pecan nut casebearer, scab, and fall webworms. You can find prevention and control methods on the Aggie Horticulture website under "Fruit and Nut Resources."

Pecans mature in the fall and will fall to the ground when they're ready. Leave them to dry for a few more weeks in a well-ventilated area, and then store them in the refrigerator or freezer.

Remember, pecans aren't self-fertile, so you'll need two compatible cultivars for cross-pollination. Check out the Aggie Horticulture website for a list of suitable cultivars.

In East Texas, recommended pecan cultivars include Apalachee, Caddo, Desirable, Elliott, Forkert, Kanza, Lakota, Lipan, Mandan, Oconee, Pawnee, and Prilop. Avoid western cultivars prone to scab disease in this region.

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SATURDAY, NOV. 4: Disturbance, 200 block Cooper Street, Settled at Scene; Lost Property, 13700 block Harvey Road, Report; Suspicious Vehicle, 1000 block Brad Circle, Settled at Scene; Suspicious Circumstance, 300 block East Hubbard Street, Settled at Scene; Motor Vehicle Crash, 2300 block South Main Street, Report; Motor Vehicle Crash, 2500 block South Main Street, Report; Theft, 100 block East Centennial, Report; Traffic Complaint, 500 block North Main Street, Settled at Scene; Warrant Service, 300 block South Main Street, Arrest; Theft, 100 block East Centennial, Settled at Scene.

SUNDAY, NOV. 5: Verbal Disturbance, 100 block Miranda Lambert Way, Settled at Scene; Disturbance, 300 block Brazier Street, Settled at Scene; Disturbance, 15300 block FM 16 West, Settled at Scene; Found Property, 1200 block Summitt Street, Settled at Scene; Assist Another Agency, 900 block South Main Street, Settled at Scene; Motorist Assist, 3500 block South Main Street, Settled at Scene; Warrant Service, 3300 block South Main Street, Arrest.

MONDAY, NOV. 6: Harassment, 13900 block FM 2710, Settled at Scene; Public Service, 100 block Ballard Drive, Settled at Scene; Missing Person, 200 block Bonnie Street,



Report; Public Service, 100 block Ballard Drive, Settled at Scene; Criminal Mischief, 700 block South Boyd Street, Report; Verbal Disturbance, 14000 block FM 849, Settled at Scene; Residential Alarm, 800 block Brentwood Circle, Settled at Scene; Business Alarm, 14000 block FM 849, Settled at Scene; Criminal Trespass, 100 block East Centennial, Warning Issued; Motorist Assist, 3200 block South Main Street, Settled at Scene.

TUESDAY, NOV. 7: Civil Matter, 1000 block Stewart Street, Settled at Scene; Welfare Concern 400 block West Hubbard Street, Settled at Scene; Administrative Detail, 800 block Lindale Industrial Parkway, Settled at Scene; Illegal Dumping, 700 block West South Street, Settled at Scene; Motor Vehicle Crash, 300 block South Main Street, Report; Verbal Disturbance, 13800 block Birchwood Circle, Settled at Scene; Burglary of Motor Vehicle, 3200 block South Main Street, Report; 911 Hang Up Call, 200 block Bonnie Street, Settled at Scene; Public Service, 100 block East South Street, Settled at Scene; Motorist Assist, 19800 block U.S. Highway 69 North, Settled at Scene.

WEDNESDAY, Nov. 8: Public Service, 600 block East

Hubbard Street, Settled at Scene; Damaged Property, 200 block Perryman Road, Report; Welfare Concern, 554 IH-20 East, Settled at Scene; Escort, 200 block West South Street, Settled at Scene; Suspicious Circumstance, 700 block William Drive, Settled at Scene; Traffic Hazard, 400 block East North Street, Settled at Scene; Theft, 500 block South Main Street, Report; Traffic Complaint, 2400 block South Main Street, Unable to Locate; Motor Vehicle Crash, 3200 block South Main Street, Report; Welfare Concern, 100 block East Centennial, Settled at Scene; Inquest/Unattended Death, 14000 block CR 474, Report; Simple Assault, 1500 block South Main Street, Citation Issued; Suspicious Vehicle, 13300 block IH-20 East, Settled at Scene.

THURSDAY, Nov. 9: Suspicious Circumstance, 3200 block South Main Street, Settled at Scene; Assist EMS, 900 block North Main Street, Settled at Scene; Traffic Hazard, 3200 block South Main Street, Settled at Scene; Verbal Disturbance, 200 block Perryman Road, Settled at Scene; Traffic Hazard, 900 block South Main Street, Settled at Scene; Suspicious Vehicle, 16000 block Crossing Circle, Settled at Scene; Theft (2), 3200 block South Main Street, Report; Business Alarm, 15500 block CR 463 Settled at Scene; Suspicious Circumstance, 300 block Asher Lane, Settled at Scene; Theft, 100 block East Centennial, Report; Accident, 556 I-20 West, Settled at Scene; Suspicious Circumstance, 300 block Asher Lane, Settled at Scene; Suspicious Circumstance, 900 block East Hubbard Street, Settled at Scene; Welfare Concern, 800 block Braewood Circle, Settled at Scene.

FRIDAY, Nov. 10: Business Alarm, 3400 block South Main Street, Settled at Scene; Business Alarm, 400 block South Main Street, Settled at Scene; Theft 13700 block CR 433, Settled at Scene.

County fire victim identified

The victim of a fatal early morning mobile home fire has been identified by Smith County Fire Marshal Chad Hogue.

The woman, Jimmie Crossland Finn, 71 of Tyler, was the only fatality of the fire. She was found dead inside the mobile home after units arrived and extinguished the fire.

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.

County clerk, son indicted by grand jury

Smith County Clerk Karen Phillips and her son Derek Lee Phillips have been indicted by a county grand jury for allegedly impeding law enforcement in March 2023 outside her home, officials said.

The grand jury returned the indictment on Nov. 2.

Karen Phillips was arrested on March 28, 2023 for interfering with public duties after reportedly attempting to stop an officer who was arresting her son, Derek Lee Phillips, 37, of Tyler.

Derek Phillips was arrested for the same charge, along with resisting arrest and evading arrest.

According to his three indictments, Derek Phillips intentionally prevented and obstructed the officer attempting to arrest him and interfered with the detainment of Cody Voss.

Previous reporting included bodycam video of Derek Phillips appearing to interfere with Voss' traffic stop being conducted on Karen Phillips' property before Derek fled into the home after an officer confronted him. The video went on to show Karen Phillips' involvement in Derek Phillips' arrest.

Karen Phillips' indictment said that she grabbed at the arresting officer while he was detaining Derek Phillips, and later reached between the two men during the arrest. The bodycam footage showed these events as well.

Texas homeowners may defer taxes on appreciating home value

Texas homeowners may postpone paying the current property taxes on the appreciating value of their homes, said publicity officials with the Smith County Appraisal District.

Homeowners may take advantage of a payment option called "residence homestead tax deferral" by signing an affidavit at the Smith County Appraisal District office.

This special form of tax relief allows homeowners to pay the taxes on 105 percent of the preceding year's appraised value of their homesteads, plus the taxes on any new improvements to the homesteads.

The remaining taxes are deferred

and accrue interest at an annual rate of 8 percent.

"The deferral postpones paying a portion of the taxes on the home. It does not cancel them," said Carol Dixon, Chief Appraiser of the Smith County Appraisal District. A homeowner may not receive the deferral if the home's taxes go delinquent.

The deferral applies to property taxes imposed after the first tax year the property qualified as the individual's residence homestead. Homeowners who qualified for residence homestead exemptions in 2022 may use the deferral beginning in tax year 2023.

After a deferral affidavit is filed, no taxing unit can start or continue a lawsuit for the deferred taxes as long as that person owns and lives in that home.

"When the taxpayer no longer owns and lives in the home," Dixon said, "the deferred taxes become due." If the taxes are not paid, penalties may be applied, and taxing units may sue to collect all deferred taxes, penalties and interest.

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

TxDOT officials hoping to end streak of fatalities on highways

It almost happened. The long and heartbreaking 23-year streak of daily deaths on Texas highways almost ended. Almost.

On one day in February, Texas experienced a single traffic fatality — well below the average of 12 roadway deaths that occur daily on roadways statewide.

While fewer fatalities is worth noting, the sad fact remains that the streak of daily deaths has continued since Nov. 7, 2000. But that momentary improvement illustrates that the push for engineering safety enhancements and public education can produce positive results. The harsh reality remains, however, that the deadly streak continues and more than 83,000 people have lost their lives on roadways since the streak began.

"Each life lost means a family, neighborhood and community are impacted for a lifetime, and we take safety very seriously as we work to end this horrible streak," said TxDOT Executive Director Marc Williams. "But it's going to take all of us working together to get this done."

TxDOT has committed to enhancing safety on Texas roads, investing \$17



billion in safety improvements through the state's 10-year plan. TxDOT has also developed new changes that may seem small, but could have a major impact:

Increasing the size of pavement striping from 4 inches to 6 inches. This enhances striping visibility on the roadways and encourages drivers to slow down.

Providing a wider centerline buffer between double yellow stripes with rumble strips or raised pavement markers on undivided highways to alert drivers when they cross the centerline.

Building innovative intersections like roundabouts, where appropriate, can decrease fatalities at intersections by 90 percent.

Implementing a "Safer by Design"

program to give roadway designers a way to model safety performance from most of the key design elements used in projects.

Engineering, education, and enforcement will always be the key components of traffic safety programs.

While TxDOT builds engineering improvements, drivers can help keep themselves safe on the road. For example, 48 percent of deaths on Texas roads are from people not wearing their seat belt inside a vehicle. That one click can have a major impact on fatalities. We all have a shared responsibility to keep our roads and fellow drivers safe.

TxDOT is asking all Texans to do any or all the following to raise awareness:

Make the best and safest decisions behind the wheel, don't drive under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs; always obey traffic laws; always wear your seat belt.

Post pictures on social media with this [downloadable sign](#) displaying the hashtag #EndTheStreakTX.

Share personal stories on social media of loved ones who have been lost in a crash and use the hashtag #EndTheStreakTX.

A Kountze man sentenced to 87 months for bank robbery

A Kountze man has been sentenced to federal prison for bank robbery in the Eastern District of Texas, said Davilyn Walston, spokesperson for U.S. Attorney Damien M. Diggs.

Timothy Shane Mitchell, 39, pleaded guilty to bank robbery and was sentenced to 87 months in federal prison by U.S. District Judge Marcia Crone on Oct. 31.

According to information presented in court, on June 6, 2022, Mitchell robbed the Lumberton branch of the Community Bank of Texas. Mitchell approached a teller's station at the bank and gave the teller a note demanding money. Mitchell told the teller he had a gun, which he threatened to use if she alerted authorities. The teller gave Mitchell a stack of currency and he left the bank. The teller immediately activated the panic button alerting police to the robbery. Witnesses were able to describe Mitchell's vehicle, which was apprehended shortly after the robbery. Mitchell was arrested and the \$5,860 in currency was recovered at that time.

This case was investigated by the Lumberton Police Department and the Federal Bureau of

Investigation and prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Joseph R. Batte.

Houston man gets 63 months for firearms violation

A Houston man has been sentenced to federal prison for a firearms violation in the Eastern District of Texas, Walston said.

Ashton Jherimiah Robertson, 25, pleaded guilty to possession of a firearm by a prohibited person and was sentenced to 63 months in federal prison by U.S. District Judge Marcia A. Crone on Oct. 31, 2023.

According to information presented in court, on May 7, 2021, Robertson was pulled over in Beaumont for not wearing a seatbelt. During the stop, law enforcement officers discovered Robertson had outstanding warrants from Beaumont and Harris County.

Robertson was arrested and the vehicle was searched. During the search, officers discovered a firearm. Further investigation revealed Robertson was a previously convicted felon and prohibited from owning or possessing firearms or ammunition.

This case was prosecuted as part of the joint federal, state, and local Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN) Program, the centerpiece of the Department of Justice's violent crime reduction efforts.

PSN is an evidence-based program proven to be effective at reducing violent crime. Through PSN, a broad spectrum of stakeholders work together to identify the most pressing violent crime problems in the community and develop comprehensive solutions to address them. As part of this strategy, PSN focuses enforcement efforts on the most violent offenders and partners with locally based prevention and reentry programs for lasting reductions in crime.

This case was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and the Beaumont Police Department and prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Rachel Grove.

Lufkin man sentenced for drug trafficking

A Lufkin man has been sentenced to federal prison for trafficking drugs in the Eastern Dis-

trict of Texas, Walston said.

Daniel Lopez, 38, pleaded guilty to conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute methamphetamine and was sentenced to 260 months in federal prison by U.S. District Judge Marcia A. Crone on Nov. 2, 2023.

According to information presented in court, Lopez was a member of a drug trafficking organization distributing large quantities of methamphetamine in the Lufkin area.

The investigation into this drug trafficking organization spanned over three years and resulted in the confiscation of multi-kilograms of methamphetamine and multiple firearms. During the investigation, law enforcement agents were able to purchase kilogram amounts of methamphetamine directly from Lopez on multiple occasions.

This case was investigated by the Texas Department of Public Safety, U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, and the Angelina County Sheriff's Office and prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Donald S. Carter.

Three District 9-4A teams advance to Area round

Three of the four top finishers in District 9-4A won their bi-district matchups this past week and will compete this week in the area round of the UIL football playoffs.

Kilgore, Lindale and Chapel Hill advanced while Athens, the fourth place finisher in the district won't move on.

Lindale downed Vidor on Thursday, 49-28, in Nacogdoches, Kilgore whipped the Livingston Lions, 49-8, Chapel Hill downed Little Cypress-Mauriceville, 35-7 and Athens fell to the Lumberton Raiders, 40-14.

KILGORE 49, LIVINGSTON 8

It took one quarter for the prolific Kilgore offense to get untracked against Livingston

Friday night in Carthage, but when it did, the Lions were simply overmatched.

In the span of 10 minutes in the second period, Kilgore scored three times to essentially settle this bi-district contest.

Livingston, 2-3 in District 10-4A and 2-9 on the season, scored their lone touchdown in the third period, but the dam broke in the fourth as the Bulldogs scored four more times.

Kilgore will take on Bay City Friday night in the Area round of the playoffs.

CHAPEL HILL 35, LCM, 7

Chapel Hill, the third place finisher in District 9-4A, battled the Little Cypress-Mauriceville Bears in Nacogdoches on

Friday and had its hands full with the second place finisher in District 10-4A before salting the game away in the second half.

The Bulldogs took a 14-7 lead into intermission against the tenacious Bears before scoring once in the third and two more times in the fourth.

Junior quarterback Demetrius Brisbon Jr. passed for 199 yards and three touchdowns and had two picked off. Running back Rickey Stewart rushed for 165 yards on 11 Carrie's and scored twice.

Chapel Hill senior receiver Cameron Kelly hauled in three passes for 81 yards and two touchdowns.

The Bulldogs (9-2 on the season) will

now take on the El Campo Ricebirds (6-5) in the Area round on Friday.

LUMBERTON 40, ATHENS 14

For the first time in several seasons the Athens Hornets earned a state football playoff berth.

The District 10-4A Lumberton Raiders made sure it was a short stay.

The Raiders jumped out to a 21-0 lead after one period and never looked back and earned an Area playoff berth against Needville.

Athens scored its first touchdown of the game in the second period but the Raiders tallied once more in that quarter to take a 27-7 lead at the half.



Lindale junior kicker Seth Baggett connects on another extra point for the Eagles during their 49-28 win over Vidor this past week in bi-district playoff action in Nacogdoches. (Photo by Terry Cannon)



Junior running back Pat Weldon picks up yardage against Vidor in the Lindale Eagles' bi-district game last Friday. (Photo by Terry Cannon)

Lindale Junior High School girls teams earn tourney wins

The Lindale Junior High School girls A teams took part in the Rains Junior High School basketball tournament this past weekend with the 7th and 8th grade Lady Eagles coming home with wins.

The 7th graders fell to Sunnyvale, 25-17 then defeated Grand Saline, 32-25 and Gilmer, 46-22.

Leading scorers were Kennedy Billington and Milee Miller and the assists leader was Ava Wilson. Paisley Keith led in the rebounding department and Kennedy Billington was the steals leader.

For the 8th graders, the Lady Eagles lost to Sunnyvale, 38-12, but then downed Quinlan 46-2 and Mineola, 35-24.

Joclyn Grogan and Brooklyn Wiggins were leading scorers while Brooklyn Wiggins, Zaidyn Chamberlain and Baylee Brooks were the assists leaders. Rachel Kelley and Evie Provo were the leading rebounders and Makynli Zemer, Brooklyn Wiggins, Baylee Brooks and Joclyn Grogan were the steals leaders.

Brooklyn Wiggins won the Hustle Award and Zaidyn Chamberlain won the Leadership Award.



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Tips on staying active in the winter

By Claudann Jones
Smith County Extension
Agent Family and
Community Health

The winter season can be a challenging time to stay active, with colder temperatures, slippery conditions, and fewer daylight hours.

But staying physically active is one of the best ways to improve your mental and physical health and keep yourself on track to reach your fitness goals. Physical activity can help you sleep better and reduce anxiety. Regular physical activity also helps you feel better, improve your balance, lower your risk of type 2 diabetes and many kinds of cancer, strengthen bones and muscles, lower blood pressure, maintain or lose weight, and keep your mind sharp as you get older. Emerging research

also suggests physical activity may help boost your immune function.

Experts recommend adults get at least 150 minutes a week

of moderate intensity physical activity. Many activities count, such as walking, running, or wheelchair rolling. You can break that up into smaller chunks of time or spread your activity out during the week. Try 30 minutes a day, 5 days a week. It all counts. Get started today with our 6 tips to stay active all winter long.

1. Take nature walks-Weather permitting, schedule time during the day to enjoy nature. Take a stroll around a safe neighborhood or park.

2. Monitor the weather



and plan ahead. Weather forecasts give several days' notice to prepare your week.

3. Wear layers-Wear several layers of comfortable clothing so that items can be removed easily as you become warmer.

4. Workout online-Consider tuning into a TV, online, live Zoom, or Instagram workout class. Find free or low-cost exercise videos online to help you do aerobics, dance, stretch, and build strength.

5. Do some chores-When bad weather keeps you from going outside, look for ways to be physically active indoors. Housework such as vacuuming, sweeping, and cleaning all count towards your physical activity goals.

And you'll knock out some items on your to-do list while gaining health benefits. Walking or running up and down stairs in your home can be a great workout, too.

6. Volunteer in active ways-Help others while helping yourself. Look for volunteer opportunities that involve physical activity such as walking dogs for elderly neighbors or shoveling snow.

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.



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NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF JOAN ANDERSON, DECEASED

Administration of the Estate of JOAN ANDERSON, Deceased, has been commenced by the issuance of original Letters Testamentary to BOB ANDERSON, as Independent EXECUTOR on October 31, 2023, by the County Court at Law #3 of Smith County, Texas, acting in Cause No. 47840P styled ESTATE OF JOAN ANDERSON, DECEASED, in which Court this matter is pending.

All persons having claims against the ESTATE OF JOAN ANDERSON, Deceased, are notified to present them to BOB ANDERSON, Independent Executor and attorney of said Estate, 2110 Horseshoe Lane, Longview, Texas 75605, within the time and manner prescribed by law.

Dated: November 1, 2023.

BOB ANDERSON
Independent Executor of the Estate of
JOAN ANDERSON, Deceased

CITATION BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS § Attorney of Record
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903-597-8351

TO: ALL UNKNOWN HEIRS IN THE ESTATE OF VERA CRAZE EFURD, DECEASED:

On the 6th day of November, 2023, **PAUL CAMDEN EFURD** filed an APPLICATION TO DETERMINE HEIRSHIP in a proceeding styled IN THE ESTATE OF VERA CRAZE EFURD, DECEASED and bearing the number 47371P 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 Courtroom 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.

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Issued and given under my hand and seal of office, the 6th day of November, 2023, at the office in Tyler, Texas.

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

CAUSE NO. 47795P
ESTATE OF § IN THE COUNTY COURT
ALECIA PETTIGREW § AT LAW #3 OF
§ SMITH COUNTY, TEXAS
DECEASED §

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that Letters of Testamentary for the Estate of ALECIA PETTIGREW, Deceased, were issued on October 30, 2023, under Docket No. 47795P, now pending in the County Court at Law #3 of Smith County, Texas, to: EDDIE C. WILLIAMS, Independent Executor.

The mailing address of the Independent Executor is EDDIE C. WILLIAMS, 2619 Gawain Road SE, Huntsville, Alabama 35803.

Robert Hindman has been appointed by Eddie C. Williams to serve as the Registered Agent to accept service of process in all actions and proceedings with respect to this Estate.

The mailing address of the Registered Agent is ROBERT HINDMAN, 5620 Old Bullard Road, Suite 105, Tyler, Texas 75703.

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

DATED the 7th day of November, 2023.

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CAUSE NO. 11-0332—D THE STATE OF TEXAS CITATION BY PUBLICATION

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

Pope removes Tyler's Bishop Strickland after opposition to church reforms

From The Texas Tribune

Pope Francis has removed the bishop of Tyler, Joseph Strickland, who had been openly critical of the pope's efforts to reform the Catholic Church to be more inclusive of women in governance and LGBTQ+ people.

The removal Saturday comes after the Pope dispatched two U.S. bishops last year to investigate Strickland's governance of the Diocese of Tyler. The two bishops, who lead dioceses in New Jersey and Arizona, found it was "not feasible" for Strickland to remain in office, Cardinal Daniel DiNardo of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston said Saturday.

Strickland, who was born in Fredericksburg and raised in Atlanta, Texas, has not released a statement on his removal from office.

In a September public letter responding to the investigation, Strickland said he "cannot resign" because he would be abandoning the congregation the late Pope Benedict XVI charged him with leading.

"I have also said that I will respect the authority of Pope Francis if he removes me from office as Bishop of Tyler," Strickland added.

The Pope asked Strickland to resign from office on Thursday. The bishop declined, leading Francis to forcibly remove him, DiNardo said. Pending "more permanent arrangements," the pope has appointed Bishop Joe Vasquez of Austin as administrator of the Diocese of Tyler.

The Texas Catholic Conference of Bishops declined to comment beyond DiNardo's statement.

Strickland, 65 and well below the 75-year-old retirement age for bishops, has been a prominent conservative critic of the pope. In May, Strickland accused Francis of "undermining the deposit of faith."

More recently, Strickland criticized the pope's October meeting to discuss the future of the Catholic Church.

The three-week, closed-door forum tackled topics including whether priests should be allowed to get married, whether women should be allowed to become deacons and how the church should treat LGBTQ+ people.

Strickland said it was a "travesty" that the Pope was opening these topics for discussion. In an August open letter ahead of the meeting, Strickland also underscored his belief that "through Natural Law, God has established marriage as between one man and one woman."

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JUSTINA STIRLING is the daughter of Karen and Alan Stirling. She is a member of the National Honor Society and the volleyball and basketball teams. Outside of school, Justina enjoys hiking, reading, and hanging out with friends. She believes she is impacting the world by being a light to everyone and helping her peers in their times of need. Justina plans to attend The University of Texas at Tyler and study nursing. Her future goals include becoming a nurse.



LYDIA PAYNE is the daughter of Katy and Nathan Payne. She is vice president of the Key Club, a member of the student council, National Honor Society, Model United Nations, and the varsity basketball and track teams. Outside of school, Lydia enjoys playing the guitar, reading, and volunteering at her church. She believes she is impacting the world through her volunteer work and coaching first grade basketball. Lydia plans to attend Baylor University and study international relations. Her future goals include a career in public relations or a communications role for humanitarian aid.

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