Commissioners OK overtime pay for DA's office, money for IT

Smith County Commissioners approved overtime pay for some employees in the district attorney's office and also awarded contracts for improvements to the data center during their first meeting of the new year on Tuesday, Jan. 2.

Smith County District Attorney Jacob Putman addressed the court concerning payment of accrued compensatory time and overtime from Dec. 1, 2023 through May 1, 2024.

His presentation followed comments made by several citizens during the public comment portion of the meeting who were opposed to the payment of overtime.

"I would like to clarify to the public that we are not asking for more money from the court," he said. "It's money we already have budgeted but if we want to pay overtime we need to get court approval."

Putman said this was a rare request and was due to some legal assistants having to miss work because of serious illnesses and others in the DA's office having to work overtime to cover for those employees.

"This is a very limited circumstance for a very limited amount of time," Putman said.

Commissioners awarded a more than \$1.648,500 million project to RLM Enterprises for improvements to the IT center.

Funding will be provided by the American Rescue Plan Act.

In other business, commission-

- Approved hiring Jennifer McMillan as commissioner court administrative assistant following an executive session. She was selected from a field of more than 60 candidates.
- Approved pipe and utility line requests at six locations, including Oncor replacing an existing utility pole at County Road 1307, Cherokee County Electric Cooperative Association creating a road bore for service lines at CR 189, Cherokee County Cooperative Association making a road bore at CR 2160 and CR 2162, Charter-Spectrum installation of fiber optic cables at CR 448, 454 and 4141 and Jackson Water Supply Corporation, road bore for service line at CR 3187.



Noteworthy Storytime session

Youngsters enjoyed some music during the Jan. 5 Storytime event held at the Lillie Russell Memorial Library. The popular Storytime sessions take place each Friday with the first starting at 9 a.m. and the second at 10:30 a.m. Other themes for January include Space on Jan. 12; Pizza on Jan. 19 and Snow on Jan. 26, when youngsters are encouraged to wear their favorite white outfit. Hours for the Lillie Russell Memorial Library are 10 a.m-6 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday and 10 a.m.-4 p.m. on Friday-Saturday. The Library is closed on Sundays and Mondays. For more information, call 903-882-1900.

Commissioner's son arrested - again

Lance Phillips, 40, the son of Smith County Precinct 3 Commissioner Terry Phillips and County Clerk Karen Phillips, was arrested again following an outburst during the commissioner's court meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 2.

He was arrested for disrupting a public meeting, which marked the third time he was arrested for the same thing.

Lance Phillips had signed up to speak during the public comment portion of the meeting, held before other agenda items are addressed. He had signed up to speak on an agenda item concerning the approval of overtime for the district attorney's office.

"I don't want to disrupt the court today," Phillips said as he began his comments. He then spoke about alleged corruption in the DA's office.

At this point, County Judge Neal Franklin interjected and said Phillips was going off topic, but Phillips continued to make statements against the DA's office.

As Franklin attempted to halt Phillips during his opening statements, Phillips pointed at the judge and said "Stop, stop, stop ... this is my three minutes."

A sheriff's deputy approached the podium and attempted to take the microphone. Phillips grabbed the microphone and said "stop" to the deputy.

"Mr. Phillips, that's it, you're through," Franklin said.

"No I'm not," Phillips responded, then took the papers he had off the podium and returned to a seat in the courtroom.

Franklin then issued a reminder that comments can only be directed to agenda items.

Phillips continued loudly speak toward Franklin and the commissioners, which prompted Franklin to tell warn him not to make outbursts or he would be removed from the courtroom. Following additional comments, Franklin told deputies to remove Phillips from the courtroom.

Phillips could be heard screaming "I haven't done anything!" as he was led out of the courtoom.

In June of 2023, Phillips was arrested for disrupting a meeting or court hearing and in May, 2023 he was again removed from the courtroom.

Court-appointed expert says man accused in dentist's deaths competent

Steven Alexander Smith, 41, who stands accused of the shooting deaths of two Tyler dentists in March, 2022, is competent to stand trial according to recent testimony by a court-appointed expert.

Smith, of Tyler, faces capital murder charges in connection with the fatal shootings of Dr. Jack Burroughs Jr. and Dr. Blake Sinclar on March 16, 2022 at the Affordable Dentures clinic on Highway 31 East in Tyler.

Prosecutors asked that Judge Debby Gunter accept the doctor's findings of Alexander's competency, however, a court-ordered insanity examination is pending, Gunter said.

According to reports just before 3 p.m. on March 16, Smith, who was a patient at the clinic, became angry with the staff, went out to his pickup and returned with a handgun where he allegedly shot two doctors at the clinic.

The victims were taken to a Tyler hospital where they died.

After the shooting, Smith fled the area headed west on Hwy 31 toward Tyler. A witness provided the vehicle description and plate number to law enforcement personnel.

Several minutes later, a Smith County Deputy located the suspect pulling into the driveway of his residence in south Tyler where he was eventually apprehended.

In November 2023, prosecutors announced they would not be seeking the death penalty in the case.

Trial is scheduled to begin at 9 a.m. Jan. 22, according to court records.

Cause of death determined for Smith County Jail inmate

According to a report from the Texas Attorney General's Office Susan Taylor, 58, died from natural causes while in the day room of the Smith County Jail on Dec. 27. Taylor was discovered in the day room just after 12 noon on Dec. 27. Emergency personnel in the jail began implementing life-saving measures but she remained unresponsive. Smith County Sheriff's Office said CPR had been administered and she regain electric function in her heart.

She was then taken to a UT Health emergency room and while there, she lost her pulse again. She was then pronounced dead, according to officials. Precinct 1 Justice of the Peace Derrick Choice arrived at the hospital and performed the inquest on Taylor. Choice ordered an autopsy and Taylor was transported to Forensic Medical in Tyler, officials said.

When she was at the hospital, she lost her pulse again. She was then pronounced dead, according to the OAG report.

January is National Human Trafficking Prevention Month

Human trafficking involves the use of force, fraud, or coercion to obtain some type of labor or commercial sex act. Tragically, it is taking place every day right in our own backyards. January is National Human Trafficking Prevention Month. As trafficking can take place right in front of our own eyes, it is critical to be aware about this scourge, how to recognize possible warning signs and how to prevent it.

January 11 is National Human Trafficking Awareness Day. In recognition of this important day, and throughout the month of January, the Department of Homeland Security's Blue Campaign encourages others to take photos of

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themselves wearing blue clothing and share them on social media with the hashtag #WearBlueDay. Be sure to also tag #EIETWEETS!

By the Numbers

- Human trafficking is the 2nd largest criminal enterprise in the world
- The average age of victims is
 14-16 years old
 In 2022, the National Center
- of In 2022, the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) received more than 19,000 reports of possible child sex trafficking.
- 1 in 6 of the more than 25,000 cases of children reported missing to NCMEC in 2022 who had run away were likely victims of child sex trafficking.

Sports/Athletic Injury

• Since 2000, traffickers have recruited 55% of sex trafficking victims online, usually through social media platforms, webbased messaging apps, online chat rooms, dating apps, classified advertisements, or job boards (Federal Human Trafficking Report, 2020)

Fact or Myth?

Myth #1: Sex trafficking only happens in foreign countries.

Reality: Sex trafficking is a significant problem globally, but it also occurs within the United States, affecting American citizens and foreign nationals alike.

Myth #2: Victims of sex trafficking are always kidnapped or physically forced.

Reality: While abduction and physical force can occur, traffickers often employ psychological manipulation, coercion, threats, or fraud to control victims and keep them trapped in exploitative situations.

Myth #3: Only women and girls are victims of sex trafficking.

Reality: Although females are disproportionately affected, males and transgender individuals are also at risk of being trafficked for sexual exploitation.

Myth #4: Victims of sex trafficking will always seek help or try to escape.

Reality: Due to fear, threats against loved ones, trauma bonding, or a lack of viable alternatives,

victims may not immediately seek help or attempt to escape their traffickers.

Myth #5: Sex trafficking only occurs in illegal establishments.

Reality: Trafficking can take place in various settings, including illegal brothels, escort services, street prostitution, hotel rooms, private homes, or online platforms.

Myth #6: Sex trafficking victims are always physically identifiable.

Reality: Victims may not display obvious signs of physical abuse, as traffickers often exert control through psychological manipulation and coercion, making it harder to identify victims in plain sight.

Myth #7: Only marginalized or

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We need a 'Mr. Smith Goes to Washington' more than ever

From 2021

Where is starry-eyed, man of character Jefferson Smith? We need him now.

Desperately.

On the edge of global war in 1939 Frank Capra made a film entitled "Mr. Smith Goes to Washington". In it a naive, deeply patriotic young American is appointed to fill the seat of a senator who has unexpectedly died. The good as gold Jefferson Smith heads to Washington, D.C. full of excitement and a desire to do a good job as a senator. And that is when he hits head on the power machine of party politics and big business ties. Because Smith won't be a party to the corruption and refuses to be bought, he wages a one-man senate filibuster to get the truth out.

See, here's the deal, and it's been a long time coming. We no longer treat truth as black and white, fact or lie. "Your truth is not my truth" is just a way of saying it doesn't matter what is true as long as I get what I want. Or, I like and agree with "this truth" so now it is "my truth". Can you see the problem?

The movie clearly shows the way that cynicism and influence peddling can affect, or infect, an entire system. At the end of the film, a worn out, heartbroken, filibustering Jefferson Smith says to the senator he admired who had chosen subverting his convictions in trade for power: "I guess this is just another lost cause...all you people don't know about lost causes. Senator Paine does. He said once they were the only causes worth fighting for and he fought for them once, for the only reason any man ever fights for them: Because of one plain simple rule: Love thy neighbor. And in this world

Voter registration deadline for primary approaches

The deadline to register to vote in the Texas Democratic and Republican primary elections is Feb. 5. Voters on March 5 will choose their nominees for president, U.S. Senator, all 38 U.S. House members from Texas, and a number of other state and local offices, from the Texas Supreme Court to district attorneys, sheriffs and county commissioners.

Any registered voter can cast a ballot in either party's primary election, but not both primaries in a single election cycle. Successful nominees in the primaries advance to the general election. Early voting begins on Feb. 20 and ends on March 1.

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Novelty plate sales on the rise

Whether it is buying a personalized plate, supporting one's alma mater or opting for a plate with a black background, Texans spent more than \$10 million on novelty plates in 2023, The News reported.

While plates with black backgrounds have been the top sellers for the past three years, there has also been an increase in personalized plates.

"More people are wanting to add their own personal message on their plate that means something to them," said Steve Farrar, CEO of My Plates.

The maroon plate purchased by Texas A&M University fans dominated the school-related novelty plates, followed by Texas Tech University plates.

Razor wire case goes to Supreme Court

The U.S. Justice Department last week asked the U.S. Supreme Court for an emergency ruling to allow Border Patrol agents to resume cutting razor wire installed by the state along the U.S.-Mexico border, The Dallas Morning News reported.

"Texas's placement of the wire near the riverbank in Eagle Pass has proved particularly problematic for Border Patrol agents," the justice department wrote in its plea. "By preventing Border Patrol agents from reaching noncitizens who have already entered the United States, Texas's barriers in Eagle Pass impede agents' ability to apprehend and inspect migrants under federal law."

Gov. Greg Abbott has accused President Joe Biden of impeding immigration enforcement.

"Americans and courts will reject Biden's hostility to immigration laws," Abbott posted on X. "Texas will continue to deploy National Guard to build border barriers and repel illegal immigrants."

Community colleges get millions in additional funding

The state's community colleges are receiving millions in additional funding under a move to merit-based funding and a

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today, full of hatred, a man who knows that one rule has a great trust."

That golden rule has nothing to do with being a Republican or a Democrat.

Last week the mother of three of my former students, was harassed while driving to the point that the driver almost ran her off the road. According to the victim, the truck driver slammed on the brakes when he got in front of her. The truck had a Trump sticker, the mother had a Biden sticker on her car. She believes that is the reason for the harassment. In her words she was "terrified and shaking".

Why is a grandmother, for that matter, anyone, being subjected to violence and danger because they supported a particular candidate? When did it become wrong and unAmerican to disagree on politics? Democracy is built on the compromise of the two-party system. If you know your world history, you are well aware of how dangerous one party systems are.

The radicalization of politics is something that happens in third world nations, right? Or in unstable African or middle eastern countries, right? Not in America...right?

It is time for all of us to work on becoming a little more like Jefferson Smith and help remind people to stick to the plain simple rules that this country was founded on. And, "a little more watching out for the other guy" as Jeff Smith would say.

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departure from funding based strictly on enrollment numbers, the Austin American-Statesman reported.

House Bill 8 was signed into law by Abbott in June. Community colleges now are receiving state money based on how many degrees, certificates, transfers and "credentials of value" are awarded. The state budget is allocating \$683 million in additional funds to the state's 50 community college districts.

"It's a game changer, not just for bottom line revenue that will come to our colleges, which is sorely needed, but it is a game changer again because it will really allow us to focus on what we're really there for and that is to serve the students that grow in our colleges," Ray Martinez, CEO of the Texas Association of Community Colleges, said.

More than a third of state agencies using Al

More than one third of state agencies are using some form of artificial intelligence, according to a 2022 report from the Texas Department of Information Resources. The Texas Tribune reported agencies such as the Texas Workforce Commission are using chatbots to serve patrons. In the TWC's case, the chatbot was designed to help Texans sign up for unemployment benefits after the pandemic in March 2020 vastly increased the number of jobless claims.

"This is going to totally revolutionize the way we do government," said state Rep. Giovanni Capriglione, R-Southlake. Capriglione wrote House Bill 2020, which is aimed at helping the state make better use of AI technology. It creates an AI advisory council to ascertain how state agencies are now using AI and whether a code of ethics is needed.

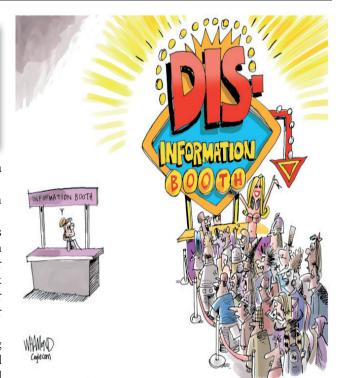
Some of the current uses of AI by state agencies include translating languages into English, enhancing cybersecurity and fraud detection, and translating speech into text at call centers.

Texas economy still booming

New data released by the Bureau of Economic Analysis indicates the Texas economy continues to grow faster than the nation as a whole for the fifth quarter in a row. During the third quarter of 2023, the state's gross domestic product – the value of all goods and services produced – grew in Texas at an annual rate of 7.7%, considerably higher than the national GDP's growth of 4.9%.

"Texas is America's undisputed economic leader, outpacing the nation in economic expansion and job growth," Abbott said. Kansas posted the highest percentage increase in the nation

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THE ECONOMIST

By Dr. M. Ray Perryman

Looking back ...

As I've said before, one of the most striking characteristics the US economy demonstrated in 2023 was resilience. Texas set a blazing growth pace for the year, though things slowed a bit toward the end. Let's look back at the year and the key developments from an economic perspective.

About a year ago, everywhere you looked there was another



prediction of a recession (possibly a major one). Although I always thought (and said and wrote) that the fears were overblown, we were in an environment characterized by rampant inflation, with the Federal Reserve taking aggressive actions and indicating that it would stay the course until price increases slowed their upward spiral.

The path toward a "soft landing," where inflation is tamed without foster-

ing a recession, is always difficult. Last January, it appeared to many as if the chances of avoiding a downturn were next to nil. It was a case of a recession that wasn't, with month after month of expansion despite ongoing challenges. We aren't out of the woods completely (as is always the case), but a gentle touch down is looking increasingly likely.

Geopolitical tensions escalated during the year, with the Russia-Ukraine war continuing and new conflict breaking out in Israel-Gaza with the Hamas invasion. Additional regions are showing increasing stress, including Venezuela-Guyana. China's faltering economy further rippled through world markets. Even with these problems and others, expansion continued.

Numbers of airline passengers finally got back to pre-pandemic levels, and the travel industry returned to profitability. However, the banking sector encountered significant challenges, with federal action needed to deal with highly visible (though not systematic) bank failures. Financial institutions face some ongoing challenges in real estate portfolios. Labor actions were also a major factor.

In Texas, official Census estimates indicated the state's population topped 30 million in July 2022, with an increase of more than 470,700 over the prior 12 months. Numbers of residents in several other states declined and continue to do so. Another notable milestone is that the state's largest racial/ethnic group is now Hispanics, followed by non-Hispanic whites.

Texas also won Site Selection magazine's "Governor's Cup" for an impressive eleventh consecutive year; the Cup is awarded to the state with the most major corporate locations and expansion projects. Several moves by the state legislature (such as maintaining key economic incentives) helped ensure ongoing competitiveness, although other actions were more problematic. Voters approved measures to fund expansion of broadband, water supplies, state parks, and higher education.

Looking back on 2023, the biggest story for the economy was continued growth despite some major challenges and increasing global tensions. Consumers led the way, and the job market was robust. Let's hope 2024 is a little calmer.

Stay safe!



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Sixty years later, similarities are truly debatable

It's not as if you need to be reminded, but we are in the midst of another national political season.

However, if you need a reminder just log on to any website, flip on your television or eavesdrop on a conversation at your favorite restaurant.

This 2024 presidential election is, obviously, about the "in's" (Democrats) and the "outs" (Republicans). Which means there are several hopefuls in the GOP seeking to loosen The Defeated President's death grip on the Party of Lincoln and somehow capture the White House.

Which also means there have been - and apparently will continue to be -- debates among people such as Ron DeSantis, Nikki Haley and Chris Christie, who so far is the only person in the GOP to have the stones to label TDP as a "liar.'

As to the debates themselves, well, they really aren't really "debates" in the common definition of the term.



To wit: "Debate: a discussion, as of a public question in an assembly, involving opposing viewpoints or a formal contest in which the affirmative and negative sides of a proposition are advocated by opposing speakers."

Yet these "debates" usually wind up being akin to a house full of relatives who've had too much to drink and start arguing, which eventually deteriorates into name calling and lots of doors being slammed.

It's interesting how these debate things have changed over the years. Abraham Lincoln and Stephen Douglas famously dueled more than 160 years ago as they sought the presidency and the obvious difference from then and now is Lincoln and Douglas could only reach so many people at a time, meaning most voters had to rely on news reports for the particulars.

Now, television provides millions upon millions of people with the opportunity to see what the candidates have to say in the issues.

And as us history geeks like to say, it hasn't always been this way.

So, let's step into our handy time machine and set the dials for 1960 when then Vice President Richard Nixon was in a neck-and-neck race with Sen. John F. Kennedy for the White House.

Nixon, second in command to President Eisenhower for the previous eight years, tried to present himself as his own man, not just Eisenhower's VP. He carried the conservative banner – to an extent – and wanted voters to see him as a hardnosed anti-communist who believed in a strong national defense and practical government spending.

Kennedy, on the other hand, had to fight the labels of being too youthful, too rich and too Catholic. Yep, that third item was a political thing in 1960.

As the two candidates crisscrossed the country, shoring up their strong areas and hoping to lure more voters from their weaker spots, there was still the common link to Lincoln-Douglas: face-to-face interaction with candidates were limited to brief snippets on TV news programs and rallies.

But NBC Chairman Robert Sarnoff hatched a plan that would change politics forever.

By the end of July, just after Nixon gained the GOP nomination, Sarnoff contacted both candidates' staffs

and proposed a series of nationally-televised debates.

As soon as JFK heard of the idea, he was all in. His thinking was to accept immediately and put the onus on Nixon to accept the challenge or be seen as being afraid of taking on Kennedy.

A few days later Nixon finally agreed. But both had to wait on Congress to suspend part of the Federal Communications Act – the Equal Time Rule – so the debate could proceed. Congress acquiesced, and the rule was suspended for the 1960 election only.

It wasn't that Nixon was hesitant to debate Kennedy – he had been a solid debater for years – but as with most things Nixon -- he was prone to micromanage everything and had to be assured the event would meet his demands.

And, most importantly, he was concerned the debates would enhance the more photogenic Kennedy's image across the country via the magic of TV.

Four were scheduled, the first on Monday, Sept. 26 and the final one on Oct. 21.

The candidates didn't actually break new ground on issues. But Nixon did himself no favors by leaving Kennedy's accusatory rhetoric of the Eisenhower administration unchallenged.

Kennedy, tanned, rested and with a made for TV smile, was perfectly cast for television. Nixon, meanwhile, had just gotten out of the hospital for a leg injury, appeared too thin and sweated profusely.

The juxtaposition of the two men was stark.

And since Kennedy narrowly won in November, many historians say these debates sealed the deal.

Today, however, it's not about the candidates putting their best face before the public.

Most of the Republicans seemed to think they are happy to be running for second place on a ticket that supposedly has already been secured by TDP.

Prison time was worth the wait

I got home the other night and man, I was pooped. I plopped down in my easy chair, and low and behold, the blamed phone started ringin'. My wife Janet is like a cop; she ain't never around when you need her, so I had to get up and get the phone.

"Yellow," I said into the receiver, but no one said anything back. "Yellow!" I said louder. Then I heard that slight little click, and I knew I had a phone creature on the line.

For you out there who haven't been readin' this junk I write for long might not know what a phone creature is. A phone creature is what I call those telemarketers. You know, the ones that call durin' supper, or when a good show is on TV. Janet will talk to them and be nice and all of that, but I'd rather have some fun with 'em.

"Mr. Mitchum?" the creature asked. "Yes," I replied.

"This is Will Hampton from MCI,"

he said, but I interrupted him. "MCI?" I questioned. Oh! Maryland Correctional Institute. Will! Man, when did you git out? I thought you wuz in for another five years."

"Uh, no Mr. Mitchum," it said.

"Well good. I'm glad you're out. But call me Uncle Rusty, like you did in the joint. Man, it's good to hear from you. Tell me how wuz it in there. They tell me it's a lot different since I've been in."

"You don't understand," the creature

"How, can I not understand if you haven't told me yet? By the way, did you get any letters from any women while you wuz in there. You know, those women that fall for prisoners."

"No, you don't...."

"You didn't, huh. Man, I sure did. There wuz this one ol' gal who kept writin' me and tellin' me all sorts of stuff and wanted to get together with me when they sprung me, and junk

First Baptist Church of Swan's

food pantry – which has been serv-

ing the community for four years

-- has had to change its guidelines

to access the food items, officials

Those wishing to utilize the food

pantry must be residents of Smith

Rusty Mitchum Life & Times

like that. Man, I couldn't wait to git out and see her."

"Mr. Mitchum," the creature plead-

"Uncle Rusty," I said. "I told you to call me Uncle Rusty. Don't let me tell you again. Anywho, when I finally got out, I headed straight to the address on the letters that gal had sent me. I bet I had to hitch a hunnerd rides to get where she lived. I walked up to the door of this big ol' house, and rang the bell. I wuz really nervous and nearly ran off, when the door opened. There standin' at the door wuz the most beautiful thang I'd ever seen."

"Berlinder?' I asked.

"Who?" she asked back. "Oh, you want Belinda."

"You're not her?"

"Oh no. Hold on," and she turned. "Belinda!" she called out.

the house.

"What?" came a voice from inside

"Someone here to see you," she said, and then turned back to me. "She will be right out."

In just a minute, out walked the meanest lookin' woman you ever seen. She had this big ol'thang hangin' off the side of her neck, and if she had a tooth in her head, I couldn't see it. In her right hand wuz an iron, and in her left hand wuz a can of spray starch. She had her finger on the button of the starch, like she wuz fixin' to use it on me.

"What do you want?" she growled. "You Berlinder?" I asked. Berlinder Spunkmeyer?"

"Yeah, that's me."

food each week.

Due to food supply issues, the County and be present in the car

"I'm Rusty," I said. "You know, from prison."

Swan First Baptist Food Pantry

announces new guidelines

to receive food. Church officials

said more than 250 families receive

The food pantry opened again on

Tuesday, Jan. 9 and will provide

food to those meeting the afore-

mentioned qualifications. Hours

are 1 p.m.-6 p.m. each Tuesday.

"Well, boy howdy, she throwed down that iron, and that can of spray starch, and hugged me like I ain't never been hugged. It wouldn't have been so bad if that thang on her neck wudn't crammed up against my face."

"You are kidding, right?" the creature said.

"Kiddin'? Naw, I ain't kiddin'. She latched on to me like a tick. I couldn't git away. She picked me up, dragged me back in the house and introduced me to the people she wuz doin' the ironin' for. It wuz a nightmare."

I quit talkin' and after a few seconds, the creature spoke up. "Well," he said. "How did you get away?"

"Git away?" I said. "Heck, I ended up marryin' her. And she gets meaner and uglier every day. When you come over, I'll introduce you to her. You can call her Aunt Berlinder. She'll like that. But don't say nothin' about that thang on her neck. She's kinda sensitive about it."

"You bet," said the creature. "I'll do just that. So, I guess I'll see you later." "Good deal, Will," I said. "Hey, I

made a rhyme!"

"Uh, yeah. Goodbye," and he hung

"Heh, heh," I laughed as I hung up the phone. I turned around, and you guessed it. There was Janet, with that look on her face. If you've been married any length of time at all, you know what look I mean.

"Meaner and uglier every day?" she asked.

"I wasn't talkin' about you, Sugar Booger. Hey, what'cha doin' with that iron in your hand?"

The church and food pantry is

located at 11364 U.S. Highway 69

Church officials also said that

donations are needed and always

welcome, either with food or mon-

etary contributions. They ask if any

organization or group can offer as-

sistance call 903-705-9170

North, near Tyler Pipe.

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ONE YEAR AGO, Jan. 12, 2023

Kaitlyn Groth, Nicole Hines and Christiana Ussery, members of the Lindale High School Wind Ensemble, have been chosen as All-State musicians after competing at district, region and area levels.

They qualified for the Texas 4A All-State Band in San Antonio's Henry B. González Convention Center as part of the 2023 Texas Music Educators Association Clinic/Convention.

All-State is the highest honor a Texas music student can receive and 1,875 students are selected through a process that began with over 70,000 students from around the state vying for this honor to perform in one of 18 ensembles.

Groth and Hines are flute players and Ussery plays Bb and Alto Clarinet at LHS under the direction of Steven Moore, Susan Scott, Weston Fisher and Nick Kelley, who is a member of the Texas Music Educators Association, a 14,000-plus member organization headquartered in Austin.

This was Groth's and Hines' second time and Ussery's third time performing as members of a TMEA All-State organization. High school students selected to perform in the All-State concerts have competed through auditions to qualify at the state level.

FIVE YEARS AGO, Jan. 10, 2019

Several E.J. Moss Intermediate School students participated in the East Texas State Fair Academic Rodeo Agriculture Identification Contest. Students included Avery Craig, Danica Hart, Matthew Kenney, Abigail Palacek, Jackson Parker, Creed Rand, Abigail Warrington and John Woodworth. The team was coached by Mrs. Sunshine Minter.

10 YEARS AGO, Jan. 9, 2014

Lindale City council members heard a presentation from a developer seeking to build an 80-unit apartment complex off Highway 69 during their regular monthly meeting at Lindale City Hall.

David Koogler, representative of Mark-Dana Corporation, addressed the council and said the proposed complex would be located on 22 acres behind the Chicken Express Restaurant off Highway 69.

Koogler said his company is seeking "the city's help with funding \$56,500 of the project" in the form of tax abatements or other financial incen-

He said his company has estimated that the final appraised value of the project would be in the neighborhood of \$3 million to \$4 million and the construction cost would be around \$6 million.

Koogler said 70 percent of the financing for the project would be a public-private partnership.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Next election has much at stake

Dear Editor,

Three years ago, a violent mob, incited by then-President Trump and his allies in Congress, attacked the U.S. Capitol to try and stop the peaceful transfer of power for the first time in American history. Now, three years and four indictments later, Trump is running for president again in a desperate attempt to avoid

accountability. If he is re-elected, his plans for a second term include weaponizing the Department of Justice to persecute and retaliate against his political opponents; giving license to political violence by pardoning his own crimes and the crimes of his supporters, including those committed on January 6th, and even using the military against Americans exercising their first amendment rights. And to make sure his plan succeeds, he'll purge the federal government of and

punish anyone who doesn't agree with him until there's no one left to say no. This is not the America I know. Too much is at stake for voters to allow Trump to take back power. Trump and those who enabled him must answer for their attempts to overturn the 2020 election and for the violence that followed—in the court of law and at the ballot box.

Sincerely, Linda Stegall Hawkins







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OBITUARY

MARVELLA "DEE" EBERSBERGER



Marvella 'Dee" Ebersberger, born in Dallas, Texas on May 28, 1935, passed peacefully on Dec. 21, 2023, at 24/7 Legacy

Home Care in Harker Heights, Texas at the age of 88.

She lived a full life in Lindale and was one of the first female construction builders in the area.

She was the matriarch of the family and is survived by her four living children. Marvin Hanna, Kay Pollan, Ron Hanna, and Marcy Mulnix. She spent many summers on her farm with her eight grandchildren teaching them many great lessons of life and taking them on wonderful road trips. She also has 10

beautiful great grandchildren that will always be grateful for her strong legacy. She will always be missed.

A celebration of life gathering

will be announced at a later date.

Margaret Coker Burleson Funeral services for Mar-



garet Coker Burleson, age 96 of Tyler, are scheduled for 2 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 11, 2024, at the Caudle-

Rutledge-Daugherty Funeral Home Chapel in Lindale, Texas with Bro. Stephen Nipp officiating. Interment will follow at Salem Cemetery in Alba, Texas.

Margaret passed away Sunday, Jan. 7, 2024, in Tyler. She was born Dec. 28, 1927, in Rains County, Texas to the late Charlie B. and Ida Belle (Teer) Coker. Margaret was a lifelong resident of Tyler and an active member of the Antioch Baptist Church in the Sand Flat Community.

She won many awards for her quilting and also enjoyed sewing, cooking, working in her yard, traveling, and as a loving homemaker spending time with her beloved

family. Margaret was preceded in death by her husband of 69 years, Louis "Mutt" Burleson; son, Louis "Skip" Burleson, brothers, Howard and Charles Coker; and sister, Doris Coker Harris.

She is survived by daughter, Sue Johnson and husband, Jack of Lindale; son, Paul Burleson and wife, Terri of Lindale; sisters, Bonnie Rhoades of Garland, Bettye Oliver and husband, Floyd of Winona, and Linda Crawford of McKinney; 6 grandchildren, 14 great grandchildren, and 1 on the way; and numerous nieces, nephews, and other loving family members and friends. Serving as pallbearers will be Adam Wintters, Todd Johnson, Jack Johnson, Johnny Johnson, Steve Goodman, Jeramy Burleson, and Chance Lloyd.

Family will receive friends from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. prior to the service. They have asked that memorial contributions be made to the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital at www.stjude.org or to Antioch Baptist Church, 793 CR 313 W. Tyler 75706.

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SATURDAY, DEC. 30: Suspicious Vehicle, 13300 block CR 472, Settled at Scene; Verbal Disturbance, 13700 block Harvey Road, Settled at Scene; Public Service, 200 block West Centennial, Settled at Scene; Welfare Concern, 800 block Hickory Drive, Settled at Scene; Assist Smith Co SO, 300 block Countrywood, Settled at Scene; Criminal Trespass, 100 block East Centennial, Report; Motorist Assist, 13900 block FM 849, Settled at Scene; Welfare Concern, 18300 block U.S. Highway 69, North, Unable to Locate; Theft, 100 block East Centennial, Settled at Scene; Suspicious Vehicle, 500 block Molly Lane, Settled at Scene.

SUNDAY, DEC. 31: Assist Smith Co SO, 18900 block Vivian Street, Settled at Scene; Recovered Missing Person, 3300 block South Main Street, Settled at Scene; Public Service, 2300 block South Main Street, Settled at Scene; Criminal Trespass, 100 block East Centennial, Report; Business Alarm, 100 block Miranda Lambert Way, Settled at Scene; Suspicious Vehicle. 16300 block FM 849, Unable



to Locate; City Ordinance Violation, 100 block East Centennial, Unable to Locate; Suspicious Circumstance, 700 block Circle Drive, Settled at Scene; City Ordinance Violation, 400 block Noah Lane, Settled at Scene; City Ordinance Violation, 1500 block Lucy Circle, Unable to Locate; Evade Arrest 900 block South Main Street, Report; City Ordinance Violation No. 2, 1500 block Lucy Circle, Unable to Locate.

MONDAY, JAN 1: Verbal Disturbance, 400 block Arthur Street, Settled at Scene; Traffic Complaint, 557 IH-20 West, Unable to Locate; Business Alarm, 400 block South Main Street, False Alarm; City Ordinance Violation, 100 block East Centennial, Settled at Scene; Suspicious Vehicle, 700 block West South Street, Settled at Scene; Suspicious Person, 3500 block South Main Street, Settled at Scene.

TUESDAY, JAN. 2: Assist Smith Co SO, 12200 block CR 468, Settled at Scene; Welfare Concern, 700 block White Bear Trail, Settled at Scene; Missing Person, 3500 block South Main Street, Unable to Locate; Public Service, 100 block Ballard Drive, Settled at Scene; Public Service, 100 block Ballard Drive, Settled at Scene; Motor Vehicle Crash,

100 block East Centennial, Report; Escort, 200 block West South Street, Settled at Scene; Warrant Service, 3500 block South Main Street, Arrest; Stolen Vehicle, 3500 block South Main Street, Unable to Locate; Verbal Disturbance, 2500 block South Main Street, Settled at Scene.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 3: Harassment, 15300 block Brittain Court, Report; Business Alarm, 400 block South Main Street, False Alarm; Public Service, 600 block East Hubbard, Settled at Scene; Suspicious Person, 21200 block U.S. Highway 69 North, Settled at Scene; Assist EMS, 3500 bl Blk S Main St Settled at Scene; Motorist Assist, 400 block South Main Street, Settled at Scene; Assist Smith Co SO, 556 IH-20 East, Settled at Scene; Assist Another Agency, 400 block Molly Lane, Settled at Scene; Parking Violation, 1100 block Woodlands Park Drive, Unfounded; Suspicious Circumstance, 600 block Imagine Drive, Settled at Scene; Public Service, 400 block West Hubbard Street, Settled at Scene.

THURSDAY, JAN. 4: Public Service, 13300 block CR 472, Settled at Scene; Public Service, 17400 block Stacy Street, Settled at Scene; Traffic Hazard, 500 block South Boyd Street, Unfounded; Assault Family Violence, 13400 block CR 472, Arrest; Theft, 100 block East Centennial, Settled at Scene; Public Service, 17800 block U.S. Highway 69 North, Settled at Scene; Motor Vehicle Crash, 3300 block South Main Street, Report; Public Service, 100 block Ballard Drive, Settled at Scene; Assist Another Agency, 3500 block South Main Street, Settled at Scene; Criminal Trespass, 100 block East Centennial, Warning Issued, Illegally Parked Vehicle, 100 block Freedom Drive, Settled at Scene; Accident, 13700 block Harvey Road, Report; Accident, 552 IH-20 East, Report.

Smith County Clerk Karen Phillips' case delayed

Smith County Clerk Karen Phillips, who was to be arraigned this past Friday on a charge of interfering with public duties, had her case delayed so she can hire another attorney, officials said.

Phillips, 66, of Tyler and wife of Smith County Precinct 3 Commissioner Terry Phillips, was arrested for interfering with public duties after allegedly attempting to stop an officer who was arresting her son, Derek Lee Phillips, 37, of Tyler, on March 28, 2023.

Derek Phillips was arrested for the same charge, along with resisting arrest and evading arrest. Karen and Derek Phillips were indicted Nov. 2 by a Grand Jury for their alleged roles in the incident.

The indictment alleges Karen Phillips grabbed at the arresting officer while he was detaining Derek Phillips, and later reached between the two men during the arrest.

She told the court she had an attorney but fired him when she witnessed him lying to a judge in another case.

Judge Dwight Phifer said while he understands Phillips deals with misdemeanor

case records in her role as county clerk, he believes she would be at a significant disadvantage without an attorney.

Phillips agreed and said she intends on hiring another attorney soon.

Due to Phillips' role as county clerk, the case is being handled by a visiting judge and prosecutors. Daynah Fallwell and Jeff Herrington of Henderson County are representing the state in the case.

Phillips is the husband of Smith County Pct. 3 Commissioner Terry Phillips. She's due back in court Feb. 2 for a pretrial hearing. Jury selection is set for March 20.

In a related matter, Phillips filed a \$10 million lawsuit against the county, Sheriff Larry Smith and several county sheriff's deputies in June citing her civil rights were violated and deputies made false statements about her.

In her lawsuit, Karen Phillips asserts her arrest on April 4 for allegedly interfering with her son's arrest is erroneous and that she committed no crime and her Fourth, Fifth and Eighth Amendment rights were violated

She said after video of that night released by Sheriff Smith she was harassed by drivers outside her home, threatening phone calls and vulgar emails, which have resulted in mental distress, depression and headaches.

The suit was filed on May 30 and stems from an incident that occurred on March 28 at the Phillips' home off FM 14 when Derrick Phillips allegedly interfered with a traffic stop involving another man Cody Voss, who was being pulled over for having one of his tail lights out on his vehicle.

A deputy attempted to pull over Voss' vehicle for a tail light issue while driving on FM 14, but instead of stopping, Voss pulled into the Phillips' residence, Sheriff's Office spokesman Larry Christian said.

Derek Phillips was driving in front of Voss and he got involved with the traffic stop, Christian said, adding that Phillips soon became belligerent and another deputy came to assist with the arrest.

When a second deputy arrived to provide assistance, an attempt was made to arrest

Derrick Phillips, who then ran into the residence.

Christian said deputies tried to restrain him and that Phillips then dropped himself to the ground and refused to move once he was brought outside, court documents show.

Phillips was ultimately charged with resisting arrest, interfering with public duties and evading arrest or detention.

Sheriff Smith said after reviewing bodycam and dashcam video of the incident, the decision was made to arrest Karen Phillips.

"Karen Phillips could be seen interrupting the traffic stop," Smith said. "She attempted to grab the deputy as he was running after the Phillips' son. And then tried to get between them as he (deputy) was getting the Phillips' son out of the house and into the marked unit."

Smith said Karen Phillips could be heard on multiple video clips of the incident using foul language directed at his deputies.

She was released from the Smith County Jail later that day after posting a \$1,000 bond. The charge is a Class B Misdemeanor.

How to keep your personal information secure

National Data Privacy Day is Saturday, Jan. 28 and with tax season right around the corner, it's the perfect time to take extra precautions to secure your personally identifiable information, according to officials with the Better Business Bureau Serving Central East Texas.

The possibility of a cyberattack by a foreign country has gone from being the stuff of science fiction to a common threat that is often reported in the news. While it may seem like there is nothing an individual can do to stop a cyberattack, there are some best practices that consumers and businesses can do to help guard against losing important personal information to cyber thieves.

The <u>Better Business Bureau</u> and the <u>National Cyber Security Alliance</u> offer the following tips to help secure the privacy of critical information:

Share with care. Posts on social media last a long time. Consider who will see the post, how readers might perceive it, and what information it might reveal about the individual posting it.

Manage privacy settings. Check the privacy and security settings on web services and apps and set them to your comfort level for information sharing. Each device, application, or browser used will have different features to limit how and with whom you share information.

Personal info is like money: Value it. Protect it. Personal information, such as purchase history, IP address, or location, has tremendous value to businesses – just like money. Make informed decisions about whether or not to share data with certain businesses by considering the amount of personal information they are asking for and weighing it against the benefits you may receive in return.

Make your passwords long and strong. Use long passwords with a combination of upper and lower case letters, numbers, and symbols – eight characters

for most accounts and twelve characters for email and financial accounts. Don't use the same password for multiple accounts, especially email and financial. Keep a paper list of your passwords in a safe place, not on or near your computer. Consider using a password vault application. See BBB's tips for creating a strong password.

Keep tabs on apps. Many apps ask for access to personal information, such as geographic location, contacts, and photos, before using their services. Be thoughtful about who gets that information and be wary of apps that require access to information that is not required or relevant to the services they offer. Delete unused apps on your internet-connect devices and keep others secure by performing updates.

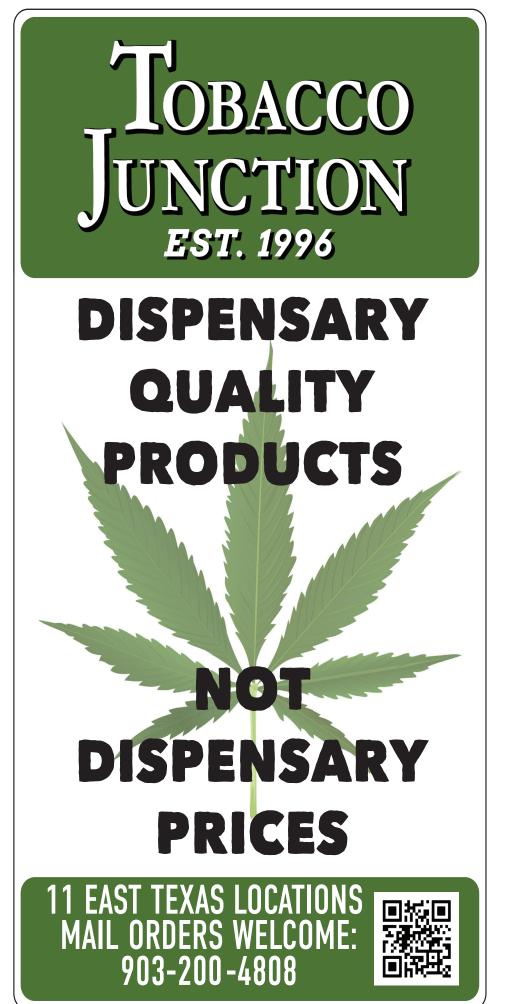
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For more information: See <u>BBB's</u> <u>Cybersecurity Resources page</u>. Check out the <u>National Cyber Security Alliance's</u> <u>Privacy Tips</u>, including special information for teens, parents, older adults, mobile users, and more. Businesses can learn more about BBB's <u>tips</u> for improved cybersecurity.

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Junior high girls earn tournament wins

It has been a successful couple of weeks for the Lindale Junior High School Lady Eagles basketball teams with the local girls taking first and second places in their tournament this past weekend after winning four games from Athens the previous week.

East Texas teams entered in the LJHS tournament included Van, Canton and Pine Tree.

The 7th grade B team defeated Van (26-4) and Pine Tree (22-7) for first place while the 7th grade A team defeated Van (23-16) and fell to Canton (44-25) for second

On the 8th grade side, the B team routed Van, 32-3 and Canton, 23-8 for first place. For the A team, the Lady Eagles downed Van, 38-9 and fell to 32-11 for second place. For the 7th grade B team, Kierra Ross and Ashlynn Brown were the leading scorers, Norah Woodard and Ashlynn Brown were leading

rebounders, Kierra Ross and Norah

Woodard led in assists and Reece

Rand and Kierra Ross led in steals. Paisley Keith and Kennedy Billington were leading scorers for the 7th grade A team, while Paisley Keith led in rebounds. Kennedy Billington led in assists and steals.

For the 8th grade B team, Maci Gateley led the team in scoring, while Brynlee Wilson, Maci Gateley and Olivia Jansen were leaders in rebounds. Lilly Simmons, Charli Morgan and Breelyn Gordon led in assists, Charli Morgan and Breelyn Gordon were the leaders in steals. Charli Morgan and Breelynn Gordon were Hustle Award winners and Olivia Jansen was the Leadership Award winner.

For the 8th grade A team, Kay-Lea Williams, Brooklyn Wiggins and Kenley Keith were leading scorers, Rachel Kelley, KayLea Williams and Zaidyn Chamberlain were leading rebounders, Kenley Keith led in assists, Joclyn Grogan, Baylee Brooks and Brooklyn Wiggins were the leaders in steals.

The Hustle Award was won by KayLea Williams and Kenley Keith and Evie Provo won the Leadership Award.

Lady Eagles win four from Athens

The Lindale Junior High School

girls basketball teams swept four games from the Athens Junior High School Lady Hornets this past Thursday.

The 7th grade B team posted a 38-11 victory; the 7th grade A team won, 35-25; the 8th grade B team claimed a 26-6 win and the 8th grade A team posted a 32-11 win.

For the 7th grade B team, Ashlynn Brown was the leading scorer and rebounder while Reece Rand was the leader in steals. Reagan Thurman was the leader in assists.

Paisley Keith was the leading scorer and rebounder for the 7th grade A team while Ava Wilson led in steals. Kennedy Billington was the leader in assists.

For the 8th grade B team, Brynlee Wilson was the leading scorer while Maci Gately led in rebounds, Brynlee Gordon led in steals and Addyson Hance led in assists. The Hustle Award was won by Olivia Jansen, Addyson Hance, Alayna Ogden and Breelynn Gordon. The Leadership Award was won by Brynlee Wilson and Saniyah Clayton.

KayLea Williams and Brookly Wiggins were leading scorers for the 8th grade A team, while Brooklyn Wiggins and Zaidyn Chamberlain was the leader in steals. Evie Provo and Baylee Brooks led the team in assists while Kenlee Keith won the Hustle Award and Rachel Kelley won the Leadership Award.

Plan ahead for extreme weather outages

By Smith County Extension Service

Extreme weather, high power demand, animal damage — there are many reasons why we may lose power. If the power goes out in your area, are you prepared to get through a day or two with no electricity without risking your health and safety?

Plan ahead with these steps:

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age. Have battery powered LED flashlights available with fresh batteries on hand.

Keep the fridge closed — Left shut, it will keep cool for about four hours without power. A full freezer will maintain its temperature for around 48 hours (24 hours if half-full) if the door remains closed. If you have temperature sensitive medications, note the total power outage time and if the medication has previously been used or is unopened. Then contact your pharmacist to determine if the drug needs to be replaced.

Guard against carbon monoxide

Never heat your home with your oven or of community safe spots to go to for heat, run a generator, grill or other outdoor device inside your home. Have at least one working carbon monoxide detector, and test its batteries twice a year.

Have a plan for electricity dependent medical devices — The Food and Drug Administration has a booklet designed for people to record relevant information about their devices, so they're prepared in case of a power outage. View and print the booklet at www.fda.gov/media/80782/download.

Know your community — Stay aware

air-conditioning, food and lodging. Keep a paper contact list of people and places you can turn to for help; having your contacts on your phone will only help you as long as your phone stays charged.

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Two Lindale students earn honors At Southern New Hampshire University

Two students from Lindale have earned President's List honors from Southern New Hampshire University, officials an-

Brett Cobb and Julie Pew were named to the President's List for the fall semester, which runs from September to December.

Full-time undergraduate students who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.700 and above for the reporting term are named to the President's List.

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Southwestern Electric Power Company (SWEPCO or the Company) publishes this notice that on September 29, 2023, it filed its Statement of Intent and Application for Authority to Amend Transmission Cost Recovery Factor (TCRF) with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) in Docket No. 55438. The filing was made in accordance with the Public Utility Regulatory Act (PURA) § 36.209 and 16 Tex. Admin. Code (TAC) § 25.239. The TCRF will recover SWEP-CO's reasonable and necessary costs for transmission infrastructure improvements as well as changes in wholesale transmission charges under a tariff approved by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) to the extent that the costs or charges have not otherwise been recovered. In this application, SWEPCO seeks to recover its transmission capital investments from July 1, 2022 through July 31, 2023. SWEPCO also seeks to recover through the TCRF approved transmission charges that are not otherwise being recovered through current rates. This notice is being published in accordance with PURA § 36.103 and 16 TAC § 22.51(a)(l).

STATEMENT OF INTENT TO CHANGE RATES

SWEPCO requests that the Commission approve an increase of \$3,461,491 above the revenue requirement approved by the Commission in SWEPCO's last TCRF proceeding, Docket No. 54040 for its Texas retail customers. This amounts to a 0.86% percent increase in SWEPCO's overall annualized Texas retail revenue requirement. SWEPCO proposes that its requested rate change become effective on November 3, 2023, which is 35 days after the filing of the Statement of Intent and Application. The proposed effective date is subject to suspension and extension by actions that may be taken by the Commission.

All customers in SWEPCO's Texas retail rate classes will be affected by this change. The impact of the rate change on various customer classes will vary from the overall impact described in this notice.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Persons with questions or who want more information on SWEPCO's Statement of Intent and Application may contact SWEPCO at 428 Travis Street, Shreveport, Louisiana 71101, or call toll-free at (888) 216-3523 during normal business hours. A complete copy of the Statement of Intent and Application and related filings is available for inspection at the address listed in the previous sentence.

Persons who wish to intervene in or comment upon these proceedings should notify the Commission as soon as possible, as an intervention deadline will be imposed. A request to intervene or for further information should be mailed to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, Texas 78711-3326. Further information may also be obtained by calling the Public Utility Commission at (512) 936-7120 or (888) 782-8477. Hearing- and speech-impaired individuals with text telephones (TTY) may contact the Commission at (512) 936-7136. A request for intervention or for further information should refer to Docket No. 55438. Unless otherwise ordered by the presiding officer, motions to intervene will be due 45 days from the date SWEPCO filed its Statement of Intent and Application with the Commission.



Yellow-bellied sapsuckers are small woodpeckers that feed on sap from small holes they peck. (Cour-

Migratory sapsuckers tap into East Texas trees

By Greg Grant **Smith County Horticulturist**

The forested areas of East Texas are home to more species of woodpeckers than any other area of the state.

With the ivory-billed woodpecker being most likely extinct there are currently 8 species of woodpeckers in East Texas.

These include the pileated, Northern flicker, red-bellied, red-headed, downy, hairy, red-cockaded, and yellow-bellied sapsucker.

Woodpeckers are an indicator of a healthy ecosystem as they consume and control the boring and tunneling insects that kill trees, plus spread the seed from fruit and nut bearing trees to ensure future forests.

Woodpeckers can occasionally be a nuisance however, with the most common offender being the yellow-bellied sapsucker (Sphyrapicus varius). There are four species of sapsuckers in the U.S. but only one species in East Texas. Yellow-bellied sapsuckers are black and white, with hard-to-see yellow bellies, red caps, and a red throat patch on males.

They are fairly quiet, bluebird sized birds and have a call somewhat like a house cat.

They are the only species of woodpecker in East Texas that is migratory, spending the winters here and the spring, summers, and falls in the northern U.S. and Canada.

Each October they show up and do something no other woodpecker does. Whereas all other woodpeckers dine on insects inside of dead and dying trees using their long-barbed tongues; sapsuckers use their paintbrush like tongues to feed on the sap of healthy live trees.

They make holes in the bark of sapflowing trees (usually young trees and those

with smooth bark). The sapsuckers later visit these wells to lap up the nutritious sap along with any insects caught in the sticky goo.

Tiny sap wells excavated by the yellowbellied sapsucker usually occur in straight rows on a variety of trees in such a fashion that they look like bullet holes from a gun.

The feeding rarely kills a tree. The sapsucker usually makes new holes in line with the old holes and makes two types of holes: deeper round holes and more shallow rectangular holes, licking sap from these holes while also eating the cambium of the tree.

Trees can have other holes for a number of reasons, including other woodpeckers, nuthatches, and wood boring bark beetles. Sapsucker damage is notable because the holes are pecked close together, in rows, in living tissue, with the newest holes showing up during the winter. Other types of holes are not uniformly aligned. Exit holes from borers are larger and not in rows.

Sapsuckers prefer trees with thin bark, such as maples and pears but also elms, oaks, pecans, pines, and around here, camellias and sasanquas. Generally, trees with thick, furrowed bark are less prone to damage than smooth-barked trees.

Most trees recover from minor damage, but excessive numbers of holes can occasionally lead to girdling of the branch or tree, resulting in mortality.

Sapsuckers, like all native birds, are protected by state and federal laws, so lethal control is not an option. A more common control method is to discourage the sapsucker from returning by wrapping burlap, screen, or netting around the affected area from fall until spring.



Eat, Drink, Shop LOCAL

Lindale **location** included in **Lighten Up East Texas contest**

Registration is open at more than 20 locations across East Texas, including one in Lindale, for residents to enter a random drawing for \$5,000 in the Lighten Up East Texas Contest sponsored by Fit City Tyler, officials said.

In order to enter, take the first two numbers of your weight, divide that by two and that would be your five percent goal. If entrants can lose that many pounds by May 3, they would be entered into the random drawing for the cash, officials said.

Entries will be accepted until Wednesday, Jan. 31.

The Lindale location is the Christus Health and Fitness Center, 3203 South Main Street and the hours of registration are 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Friday.

School campuses, private businesses, and community groups can also create private weighing opportunities for their employees by contacting Fit City Tyler and receiving access to the online registration process.

"A company does not have to be a 'health-related business' in order to weigh their employees and customers into Lighten Up East Texas and there is no fee to become a weighing location," says Terrence Ates, planning committee member for Fit City Tyler.

The wide variety of companies that have been private weighing locations include school nurse clinics, city government employees, police departments, county government employees, church recreation buildings, distribution centers, fire departments, doctors' offices, grocery stores, pharmacies, branch bank locations, restaurants, city halls, libraries and community centers.

The full list of public weighing locations are posted on the Lighten Up East Texas page of FitCityTyler.com.

Fishy fertilizer: A true fish story

By Sam Lackey Smith County Master Gardener

The time is the early sixties in San Antonio. My parents had purchased their first home, and there was not much landscaping to

My mother had ordered some rose bushes to add a little color to the vard. The bushes arrived and my dad's job was to plant them.

A few days after they were planted, my mother went to inspect them. It did not look good for the bushes. They looked dried up and dying. The bushes were planted in black caliche type soil, that was hard as a rock.

As my mother was contemplating what to do, my younger brother came home with a bucket full of small fish from a fishing trip.

The next evening, we smelled something foul in the house. Turns out it was the fish, my brother was trying to keep them alive.

Needless to say, there were no survivors.

My mother told my father to use them for fertilizer on the rose bushes. My dad grabbed the bucket of fish and off he went. A few days later we were standing outside, and there was a light breeze blowing. With this breeze there was a horrendous smell.

We looked towards the rose bushes and could see a moving cloud around them, after further examination discovered it was flies. My dad had attached all the fish to the branches of the rose bushes.

My mother looked at my father, and said you're supposed to bury the fish! My dad's reply, "I'm not a gardener" and stormed off mumbling.

If you decide to use fish for fertilizer, which is a good source of nitrogen, be sure to cut up the fish and bury around the base of the plant. Make sure the fish is buried



deep enough where you can't smell it.

Good luck and happy gardening.

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



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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of BENITA JANICE CORLEY, Deceased, were issued on January 2, 2024, in Docket No. 47958P, pending in the County Court at Law 3, Smith County, Texas, to TINA McCLENDON.

Claims may be presented to the following address:

TINA McCLENDON Independent Executor

Estate of BENITA JANICE CORLEY

16733 CR 192 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.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of THOMAS JAY VICKERY, Deceased, were issued on January 2, 2024, in Docket No. 47984P, pending in the County Court at Law 3, Smith County, Texas, to JERRY

> Claims may be presented to the following address: JERRY DON VICKERY

Independent Executor of the Estate of THOMAS JAY VICKERY

14526 CR 1148 Tyler, Texas 75704

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.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Notice of Public Sale of property to satisfy landlord's lien. Sale 9:00AM- Friday, Jan 26th, 2024 - Legacy Storage, 14623 CR 463, Lindale, Tx. Property will be sold to the highest bidder for cash. Tenants: Austin Matthews & Merrick Walters

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that Letters of Independent Administration for the Estate of Otis H. Tarkington, Deceased, were issued to Kelly Elizabeth Tarkington, as Independent Administrator on January 4, 2024, in Cause No. 47977P, County Court at Law No. 3, Smith County, Texas. All persons having claims against this Estate should present them to the Independent Administrator, c/o Adams & Coker, P.C., 4540 Kinsey Dr., Tyler, Texas 75703, within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.



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January is National Human Trafficking Prevention Month

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vulnerable populations are at risk of sex trafficking.

Reality: While individuals facing vulnerabilities, such as poverty, homelessness, or a history of abuse, are more susceptible, anyone can be targeted by traffickers, regardless of socioeconomic background.

Myth #8: Victims of sex trafficking are involved voluntarily or have chosen the lifestyle.

Reality: Coerced consent and manipulation make it appear as if victims are participating voluntarily, but in reality, they are trapped in exploitative situations against their will.

Myth #9: Sex trafficking is primarily an urban issue.

Reality: Trafficking occurs in both urban and rural

Reality: Trafficking occurs in both urban and rural areas of the United States, as traffickers exploit vulnerabilities and target victims wherever they can find them. Myth #10: Victims of sex trafficking can easily escape and reintegrate into society once rescued.

Reality: Survivors face numerous challenges, including trauma, fear, stigmatization, lack of resources, and limited support systems, which can make recovery and reintegration a complex and lengthy process.

Warning Signs

Change in behavior or mood

- Change in dress or style
- Signs of physical abuseIncrease in secrecy
- Materialistic / Focus on money
- Sudden changes in peer group or affiliation
- An older, dominating/ controlling boyfriend/girlfriend

What You Can Do Right Now?

• Establish open and ongoing communication with your kids about sex traffick-

ing, child exploitation and predation.

- Teach your kids about online safety and how to detect predators on social media and online gaming platforms.
- Monitor their online activity and social media/ gaming platforms and smart phones. Watch for warning signs such as being secretive or hiding "new friends" online.
- Implement the guidelines contained in Enough Is

Enough's "Rules 'N Tools" to protect children on all internet-enabled devices.

- Set Parental Controls and use filters and monitoring software on all devices that connect to the internet.
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INTERNET PREDATORS& SEX TRAFFICKERS 101

a quick guide for parents and educators

Predators have easy and anonymous access to children online where they can easily conceal their identity and troll for children. They have become bolder in their attempts to lure children into sexually-explicit conversations and in-person meetings, which makes it critical for parents and caregivers to be informed and aware.

What Does an Internet Predator Look Like?

- No one can detect a disguised predator!
- Sexual predators can be anyone: ex., a family member, coach, friend, doctor, teacher, clergy
- Is typically clean cut and outwardly law-abiding
- Uses position in society to throw off suspicion
- Can rise to be a pillar of society while actively pursuing/grooming children
- Often engages in activities/jobs involving children
- · Appears trusting to both parents and child
- May pretend to be someone they are not

What Fuels Online Predators?

- Easy and anonymous access to children
- · Risky online behavior of youth
- Virtual validation (predators validate and encourage each other's sexual desires for children, exchange child sex abuse material, and trade secrets and tactics to avoid law enforcement)
- · Law enforcement challenges
- Easy access to "à la carte" child sex abuse material

The "Grooming" Process

Grooming is the process by which a predator befriends and gains the trust of a child (and sometimes the child's friends and family) in order to take advantage of the child for sexual purposes. Predators can use social media, apps, e-mail, messaging features/texts, chat rooms and video chat to contact, groom and sexually exploit children.

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