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Raburn elected mayor by wide margin



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Kameron and Cassie Raburn family on May 4 at Emporium.

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On Saturday, May 4, Ennis elected a new mayor in 29-year-old Kameron Raburn. The race between two former city commissioners projected Bill Honza, 53, as the establishment-backed probable favorite against Raburn, an up-and-comer.

By a margin of 60.2 to 38.7, Raburn won by a 1,071 to a 688 count. He had a similar wide margin in early voting, 60.3 to 38.5, or 717 to 458. Write-in candidate Jeremy French finished a distant third.

"I am honored to have been elected to serve as the next Mayor of the City of Ennis," Raburn said on social media. "I want to express my deepest gratitude to all the voters who put their trust in me and supported my campaign. I promise to work tirelessly to make our city an even better place to live, work, and thrive."

The mayoral race was one of seven positions on the local ballot, three of

them featuring uncontested bids to retain a position.

Incumbents John Erisman, in Place 4, and Bill Chapman in Place 5, easily kept their role as a trustee on the EISD school board. There was one other battle, and it was for a trustee of Place 3.

An officer on the board with a long stronghold, Walter Beasley, announced his retirement after 27-years of service. The seat for the amicable Beasley, was succeeded by Wayne Leaks. He garnered a 60 to 40 percent victory, or 1,053 to 706 of the tabulated ballots over Michael Scott.

City Commissioners

Three City Commission seats were up for a vote, with the current occupant in Ward 1, Rowdy Pruitt, bagging all 146 votes to win another term. He ran unopposed.

Then there were three-person battles for representatives for Ward 3 and Ward 5. Raburn and Honza previously

held those positions, by rule, they had to resign in order to run for mayor.

Scott Hejny (HAY-nee), who had served as a commissioner in the past, picked up 63 percent of the votes to win over Trevor Wilhoite (31 pct.) and James Wilson (6 pct.).

The Ward 5 seat that Honza held, now belongs to Dr. Eric Pierce, whose 51 percent was enough to topple Pete Setian (29 pct.) and Ariana Campos (20 pct.). It was the closest of all races.

Voter turnout

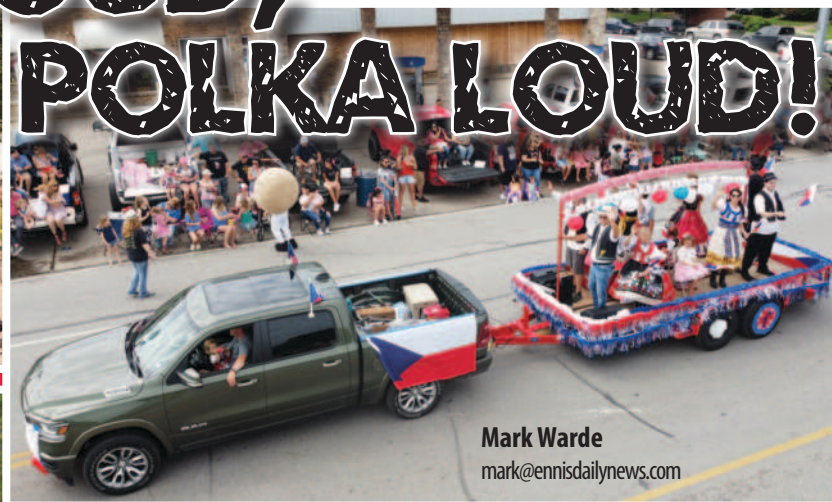
Typically, the turnout at spring elections is considerably less than others. While the numbers were down overall in the county, Ennis doubled the count of the county.

There are 141,505 registered voters in Ellis County, of which 11,642 participated by voting. That is 8.23 percent.

In Ennis, however, with a population of 25,000, of which 11,000 are registered voters, those handing in

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ENNIS PROUD, POLKA LOUD!



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Annual Polka Parade competition heating up

Who doesn't enjoy a parade? In Ennis, the answer is - nobody. The 57th Annual National Polka Festival Parade, is scheduled for 10 a.m., Saturday morning, May 25, in the heart of downtown.

This year's event has upped the ante with cash

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Courtesy Photos

EISD trio to take oath of office

Ceremony is May 14, 6 p.m.

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Ennis Independent School District will hold a ceremony on Tuesday, May 14, to swear-in the newly elected members of the trustee school board. The special occasion will begin at 6 p.m. at the district's Central Offices downtown at 303 W. Knox Street, next to City Hall.

Results from the May 4 election produced three members to the EISD School Board. Two of them were incumbents in John Erisman and Bill Chapman. Running uncontested, both men secured the start of a new, three-year term.

Also taking the oath of office, which precedes their service or performing any official functions, will be Wayne Leaks. He defeated Michael Scott, after getting a 60 to 40 percent of the vote for the Place 3 seat. Walter Beasley had served in that position for 27-years.

The public is invited to attend the ceremony, though seating is limited.

Coach Harrell honored in Cleburne

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Ennis Hall of Fame football coach, Sam Harrell, was honored at both a dinner on Sunday night and during the 21st Annual Cleburne Christian Leadership Prayer Breakfast on Monday morning. The event was sponsored by the Cleburne Christian Business Club and the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

The featured speaker was former Texas Ranger catcher Jim Sundberg, who is a member of the Hall of Fame

along with special music from Chris and Jan Harris, of Nashville.

Colorful host Lonnie Holliday expressed appreciation for the Christian leadership and impact Harrell has exhibited throughout his illustrious career. He mentioned the Ennis Lions won three state championships in a five-year run at the turn of the century.

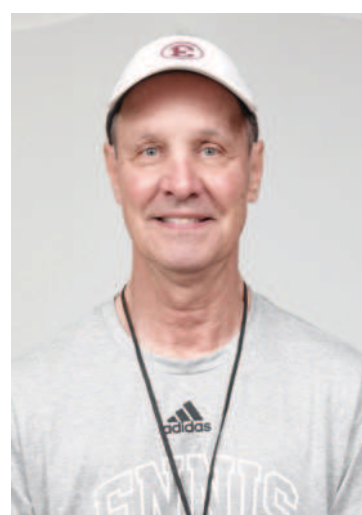
Holliday also pointed out that his uncle played for the Lions in 1929, and then asked Harrell if he was coaching the team at the time. Sam smiled and joked, "I've been

around for a long time, but not that far back."

Holliday then dusted off an old cheer from that era, and recited to the audience; "Ennis, Ennis, Ennis. Cotton, Cotton, Cotton. Waxahachie, Waxahachie, Waxahachie. Rotten, Rotten, Rotten."

Mayor of Cleburne, Scott Cain, also praised Harrell, who was accompanied by his lovely wife, Kathy, for his impact on young people. He then presented and read a proclamation from the City

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Head Coach Sam Harrell

SUNDAY

Mostly Cloudy, 60%



Hi-71
 Low-65

\$1.00



Obituaries

Julia (Judy) Marie Southall



Julia (Judy) Marie Southall passed away on May 6, 2024 after a long illness. She was 84. Julia, nicknamed Judy, was born on October 28, 1939 in Ft Worth, TX to mother Billie Marie (Allgaier) Davis of Ft Worth and James Columbus (JC) Davis, of Parker County. She had a younger brother, Jimmy Charles. The children

participated with their riding club in the Stock Show and rodeo parade every year. Judy and her young family, including children Bill and Barbara Kay, lived in Denver for a few years, but returned home for good in 1973. New beginnings brought new love and a bonus daughter named Barbara Gail when she married Robert C Southall in 1974. She moved to Ennis in 2004.

She is survived by her daughters and sons-in-law; Barbara Gail & Dak Sorrellsklang and Barbara Kay and Bruce Davis; along with a bounty of grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great grandchildren. Survived also by her sister-in-law, Bobbie Waddle, nephews Tim and Chuck Davis and her favorite cousin Sue Butler.

A long ago family dispute, the bitter details and hurtful words lost and faded by four decades, tore apart the relationship with her son. She never stopped loving him and an unopened letter bearing his name was left behind in the inevitable pile of paperwork the dead must leave behind to help their family navigate their final wishes. It will be waiting when he finally seeks the words of a mother's love for her first-born child.

She is preceded in death by her husband Robert C Southall and her brother, Jimmy Charles who died in 1967.

Her funeral will be held in the chapel at Moore Funeral Home in Arlington on Monday, May 13 at 1pm. Burial beside her husband, in the Moore Memorial Garden will directly follow. A reception hosted by friends of the family will be at 4pm, with directions provided after the service.

Judy was a kind and generous person. If it were possible, she would give you a gift of flowers. I think the best way to honor her memory is to mortify your socially timid child by striking up a conversation with a stranger in the dog food aisle at Walmart.

Artists compete in painting outdoors

Waxahachie hosts event, show on May 25

Staff Report

Artists from as far away as the Netherlands and as local as Ennis will set up their easels in Waxahachie during the Ellis County Art Association's Annual Paint Historic Waxahachie Plein Air Show May 17-24. The annual competition of painting outdoors has been sponsored in Waxahachie for 17 years and attracts artists from all over Texas, as well as California and Nevada.

"Not only is this a great experience for our artists but it's also great for Waxahachie, too," Patti Holloway, event coordinator and vice president of ECAA, said. "This is the only time that Waxahachie is flooded with this outstanding artistic talent and then the public has an opportunity to purchase a one-of-a-kind painting."

Paintings must be finished outdoors and most artists hurry

to finish before the light changes. Because of this, many of the paintings are smaller in size and display a looser style, similar to the impressionists.

Each artist may hang up to five paintings so there will be lots of choices for the public. There will probably be paintings ranging from the architecture of Waxahachie including the gingerbread houses and the courthouse, to flowers, landscapes and other interesting subjects the artists find.

Artists who registered for the event were also eligible to paint anywhere in Ellis County during April 19 through May 3. There were 32 artists painting around Waxahachie last year and there are over 40 registered for this year's event.

Claudia Parsons, artist from Waxahachie, was last year's winner. She painted a watercolor of a house in Waxahachie.

"I have entered this event for many years now and was delighted that I won last year," Parsons said. "Plein Air has always been an exciting, challenging and fun time."

Other well-known award winning artists participating are Kent Brewer, Bruce Peil, Henry Prikrly and Tina Bohlman.

Over \$8,000 will be awarded to the participating artists. The juror for the awards is Patrick Saunders, award-winning artist from San Antonio, who is also leading a workshop.

After painting May 17-24, the paintings will be on display and for sale at The Hamilton at Garden Valley in Waxahachie. The exhibition will be open to the public Saturday, May 25, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

For more information contact Patti Holloway at ecaa@ellis-countyart.net or at 972-342-1860.

This recipe makes for a great breakfast in bed this Mother's Day



There may be no better way to start Mother's Day than serving Mom some breakfast in bed. A homemade meal before Mom even gets out of bed can set the right tone for a day that celebrates all mothers have done and continue to do for their children.

There's no shortage of breakfast in bed options to serve Mom this Mother's Day. If Mom loves a traditional hearty morning meal, this recipe for "Mixed Berry French Toast" courtesy of Taste of Home (tasteofhome.com) is sure to please.

Mixed Berry French Toast

Makes 8 servings

- 6 large eggs
- 1 3/4 cups fat-free milk
- 1 teaspoon sugar
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1 loaf (1 pound) French bread, cubed
- 1 package (12 ounces) frozen unsweetened mixed berries
- 2 tablespoons cold butter
- 1/3 cup packed brown sugar
- Confectioners' sugar and maple syrup (optional)

Whisk together the first 6 ingredients. Place bread cubes in a 13 x 9-inch or 3-quart baking dish coated with cooking spray. Pour egg mixture over top. Refrigerate, covered, 8 hours or overnight.

Preheat oven to 350 F. Remove berries from freezer and French toast from refrigerator and let stand while oven heats. Bake French toast, covered, 30 minutes.

In a small bowl, cut butter into brown sugar until crumbly. Top French toast with berries; sprinkle with brown sugar mixture. Bake, uncovered, until a knife inserted in the center comes out clean, 15 to 20 minutes. If desired, dust with confectioners' sugar and serve with syrup.

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Resident of the Month

Brookdale Assisted Living would like to congratulate May Resident of the Month Dwayne Brown. Dwayne has lived at Brookdale for two and a half years. He was born in Dallas and graduated from high school there before serving two years in the Army. Dwayne loves to go fishing and bird hunting. He enjoys watching the Dallas Cowboys and old western movies in his free time.

Dwayne Brown

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND PARTIES:

The Sherwin-Williams Manufacturing Company, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for renewal of Air Quality Permit No. 20600, which would authorize continued operation of a paint manufacturing facility located at 301 West Plant Road, Ennis, Ellis County, Texas 75119. Additional information concerning this application is contained in the public notice section of this newspaper.

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Around Town

NARFE to Hold May Meeting

The National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association (NARFE), Chapter 1191, will hold its monthly meeting at the Sirloin Stockade in Corsicana on Tuesday, May 14, 2024, from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. Sirloin Stockade is located at 2508 W. 7th St., Corsicana, TX 75110 and opens its doors at 11 a.m. A statue of a big white face bull is in front of the restaurant close to Navarro University.

Sharla Allen from Corsicana Parks and Recreation is scheduled to be the feature speaker. The meeting will start at 12 noon and the speaker will give her speech right after the meeting starts.

NARFE Chapter 1191 has members from Ellis, Navarro and surrounding counties. Members, guests, and all who are part of our federal active and retired family are invited.

For membership information contact 972-878-6225.

Local Carter BloodCare Blood Drive

Ennis State Bank will host the Carter BloodCare bus on May 16, 2024, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., at Ennis State Bank, 815 W. Ennis Ave.

Please sign up at https://ww3.greatpartners.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/148299

Monthly Wildflower Walks

Indian Trail Master Naturalists invite you to come and learn about the sights, smells and sounds of nature and view wildflowers in the park during these hikes guided by Master Naturalists. These are family friendly hikes of about 1/2 mile at Mockingbird Nature Park, 1361 Onward Road in Midlothian.

The walks will take place at 9 a.m. on Saturdays, May 18, June 15, September 21 and October 19. ITMN are also sponsoring a night hike at the park on Friday, May 31 from 8 p.m. until 10 p.m.

Everyone is invited to attend and there is no charge. Plan to be outdoors about two hours. Closed toe shoes are recommended. Bring drinking water and insect repellent as desired. The walks will be cancelled in the event of rain.

For more information visit the Indian Trail website at txmn.org/indiantrail.

Monthly Meetings at Masonic Lodge

Ennis Masonic Lodge #369 stated meeting is held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. Supper at 6:30 p.m. and meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Ennis Chapter and Council #135/81 stated meeting is held on the 4th Thursday of each month. Refreshments at 6:30 p.m. and meeting at 7 p.m.

Winnie Chapter #160 Eastern Star stated meeting is held on the 2nd Thursday of each month. Supper at 6:30 p.m. and meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Chambers Creek Masonic Lodge #499 stated meeting is held on the 2nd Saturday of each month. Refreshments at 6:30 p.m. and meeting at 7 p.m.

All meetings are held at 209 N. Dallas St., Ennis, TX 75119.

Submit your community news and club events via email to nikki@ennisdailynews.com, give us a call at 972-875-3801, or submit via our website ennisdailynews.com.

6 tips for planning a graduation party

Graduation season is a festive time of year. Each year, graduating students close a notable chapter in their lives. But as one chapter closes, another opens.

Many families commemorate graduation with a celebration. Planning a graduation party requires some work, but the efforts can be well worth it in the end. Here are six tips for planning a graduation party.

1. Start early with planning

Graduation season is a busy time of year. Many notable events take place in spring. In addition to graduation, Mother's Day, weddings, communions, make up many people's spring social schedule. Each of these special events will be competing in a relatively small window of time for the same vendors and services in various communities. Set a date for the graduation party as soon as possible so that all other components of planning can fall into line. Also, it would be wise to send out invitations well in advance so guests can plan ahead and make it to the festivities.

2. Set a budget

Graduation season can stretch families' budgets. Graduation caps and gowns, travel, gifts, and special occasion attire will need to be purchased. It is important to budget accordingly if you plan to throw a party. Budget will dictate whether yours is a large affair or something more intimate. Realistically assess what you can afford before you make any promises.

3. Plan easy food options

Food is not the focal point of a graduation party like it is during a wedding reception. Therefore, hosts have more leeway with the menu when planning a graduation party. Choose finger foods and others that can be grabbed and eaten on the go, as people will want to mingle and have time to congratulate the graduate.

4. Choose the right venue

Budget may dictate the type of venue. Having a graduation party at home can work, provided you have the space. If your graduate has requested a theme, then the party location can align with

that theme. For example, a luau theme may work best around a pool or at the beach. If you will be hiring entertainment, make sure there is enough space and electrical hookups for equipment as well. Give neighbors a heads-up if you'll be hosting at home.

5. Consider an open-house event

Various graduation parties may be going on at the same time, particularly on weekends. Consider an open time frame for guests to drop by and then leave when they desire. This makes it easy for the graduate's friends to stop by when they can, rather than having a fixed schedule for the party.

6. Personalize decorations

Set the party apart with some personalized decorations that fit the theme. This can include using school colors, photography, the graduate's name, or specific quotes or interests of the graduate on banners and more. Personalized decorations also mean that the grad can save something to serve as a memento of this exciting time in his or her life.



Courtesy Photo

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incentives in three categories, each with first, second and third place cash prizes awarded by the Ennis Chamber of Commerce. As always, fans will line-up early along W. Ennis Avenue for prime seating placement.

Floats with the Best Polka Band is one category. Chamber President Geoffery Williams

says music in motion will kick it up a notch this year. Entries that are professionally built will be judged for their design in a second division.

Best Business and Community Group entries that are handmade can also earn \$200, \$100 and \$50 cash gifts, some including trophies. Williams points out

that restaurants, manufacturers, or retail businesses are encouraged to enter the competition, along with groups with common interests, like youth soccer, are welcome to participate.

For information or to enter, contact Jennifer Wilson at 972-878-2625 or jennifer@ennis-chamber.com.

ENNIS WEATHER BY RON VESTAL



Today's Small Texas Town Salute:
Sherry - pop. 15, located in Red River County in north Texas.

Ennis Temperatures:
Thursday's hi - 84
Normal hi - 81
Friday's low - 63
Normal low - 62
Record low - 46 in 1979. Record hi - 91 in 2000.

Ennis Rainfall:
Month to date - 3.69" • Normal for May - 5.21" • Year to Date - 29.91" • Normal January through May - 17.91"

Ennis Weather Flashback:
May 12, 2021 - low - 53; high - 62 degrees. Cloudy, cool, and breezy.

The Ennis News thanks Mr. Vestal for his dedication and weekly contribution.

Today's Quiz Answer: (d) September

SUNDAY



Hi-71
Low-65

Mostly Cloudy, 60%
ESE 10-15

MONDAY



Hi-81
Low-62

Partly Cloudy, 40%
W 5-10

TUESDAY



Hi-85
Low-64

Sunny
NW 5-10

WEDNESDAY



Hi-85
Low-66

Partly Cloudy, 20%

THURSDAY



Hi-81
Low-64

Partly Cloudy, 30%

FRIDAY



Hi-84
Low-64

Partly Cloudy

Ennis Weather Quiz: January 1 through May 10 this year, I have recorded 29.91" of rain. That's the normal rainfall for January through which of the following months?
(a) June (b) July (c) August (d) September

Mother's Day Weather Conditions in Ennis - Last Five Years:
Let's begin with Mother's Day, May 12, 2019. The low was 58 with a high of 77. It was clear and mild. But, if it had been the day before, May 11, 2019, it would have been not so nice. The low was 56 with a high of only 64. The temperature was in the upper 50's most of the day with cloudy skies and rain. One inch of rain fell during the night with 0.81" during the day. What a difference a day makes! Now let's check back at Mother's Day, May 10, 2020. The low was a chilly 48 but the high was a pleasant 76 with fair skies. Mother's Day, May 9, 2021, was partly cloudy with a low of 72 and a high of 85. Mother's Day, May 8, 2022, was cloudy to partly cloudy with a low of 71 and a warm high of 91. Can you remember what our weather was like last Mother's Day, May 14, 2023? Let me refresh your memory. The low was 68 with a high of 73 and cloudy skies. At 10:20 a.m., it was cloudy with thunder to the south and southwest. The temperature was 71. At 12:00 noon, it was cloudy and 70 degrees with light rain in the area. At 4 p.m., very light rain had accumulated to 0.25" since 8 a.m. Whatever our weather brings this coming Mother's Day, May 12, 2024, I wish all good Mothers a Happy Mother's Day.



Chris McGathey Photo

HC Sam Harrell during the post-game talk with the Lions prior to the Bi-District trophy being awarded.

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of Cleburne recognizing Sam's dedication to Christian Leadership throughout his career.

Athletic Director Don Drake said Harrell, in his humble and gracious way, "thanked the group for the honor and for promoting the influence of Coaches in the

lives of young people."

Harrell's Lions won state championships in 2000, 2001 and 2004, has guided the program to the playoffs in 20 of his 21 years, including all six seasons after returning to the game after an eight-year break due to multiple sclerosis.

The chronic disease in which the immune system attacks the central nervous system, effectively immobilized him. It was, however, the effect of stem cell treatments during multiple trips to Panama, that led him to a miraculous recovery.

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mayoral ballots numbered 1,778, or 16.16 percent.

tom is set for 6 p.m. and is open the public. Seating is limited.

Swearing-in

County Judge Todd Little will officiate the oath of office for mayor-elect Raburn and City Commissioners Pruitt, Hejny and Dr. Pierce on Monday, May 13 at City Hall. It is located at 107 N. Sherman Street. The brief cus-

Recent Ennis Mayors

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Opinion

Stubby is gone



Carrie Classon
The Postscript

It may be that Stubby is gone for good.

In the summer of 2022, I started writing about my mother's new pet, a red squirrel who she reluctantly began to care for.

My parents live on 20 acres in the woods up north in a house my father designed when he retired 35 years ago. The house looks over the lake and, for most of the winter, my parents have few neighbors, except for the birds at their feeder and the deer making their way through the deep snow and, of course, red squirrels.

Red squirrels are not friendly, like chipmunks. They are more rascally than gray squirrels. They are timid around people and aggressive around other squirrels and they will eat all the bird food they can get their paws on. My mother was not a fan of red squirrels.

But when one particular red squirrel began hanging around my parents' house, my mother began to reconsider. Their relationship got off to a rocky start when the red squirrel tossed pine-cone seeds on my father's head and dug up my mother's flowerpots and made a terrible mess of the deck.

But, after the mysterious loss of his tail, my mother began to feel sorry for this little scoundrel. She began to leave him a few seeds on the railing. Eventually, the red squirrel, who we decided to call "Stubby," became quite attached to my mother, and would stand with its little paws knit together, looking into the window after my mother left seeds out for him on the railing.

Stubby now appears to be missing.

There is another red squirrel and, as hard as my mother would like to believe otherwise, it is not Stubby.

"Could it be that his tail has grown back?" my mother asked.

I'd heard of salamanders growing new tails, but this seemed unlikely in a red squirrel. We both stood silently at the window for a long time, trying to convince ourselves that this was Stubby -- thinner after the long winter, with a new scar on his side and a much longer tail. But we knew it was not Stubby.

"I saw two squirrels chasing each other around," my mother said. "I thought one of them was Stubby. Do you think this squirrel chased him away?"

Of course, I didn't know. I didn't even know how long red squirrels lived. Three years, I later learned, is average, although some have lived up to 10 years in captivity. But even with a steady supply of seeds, I don't think Stubby was living under optimum conditions. Somebody had already gotten the end of his tail, after all. And we have no idea how old he was when that happened.

"Where could he have gone?" my mother wondered aloud.

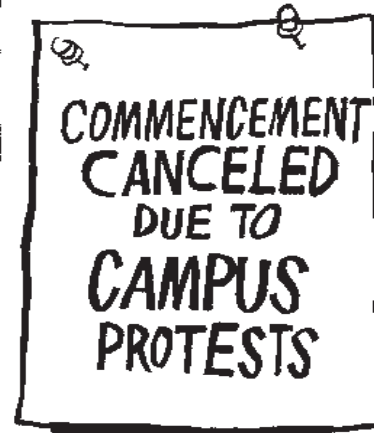
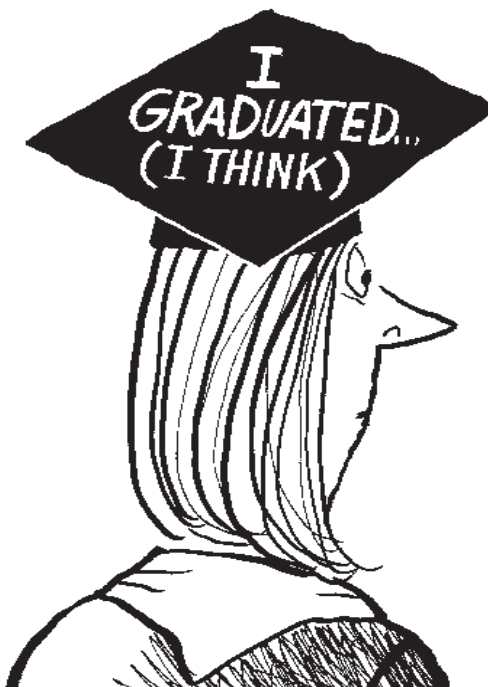
We do not know, and I don't suppose we ever will. I had hoped Stubby would be around this summer, tossing more pine-cone seeds onto our heads and peering earnestly at my mother through the window. I would like to believe that, after an extended convalescence, Stubby was well enough to seek out new territory, perhaps find a mate, start a new life with his refashioned tail.

But I know that none of this is likely. And it makes me sad.

Stubby was a good friend to my mother. He made a big impression with his short life and his short tail and his surprisingly courteous manners. He was a fine example of how we can rebound from tragedy, make new and unexpected friends and behave better than people expect.

Till next time,
Carrie

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Christ is interceding on your behalf today

Some individuals are healthier than others, but the uncomfortable facts reveal the human body is generally frail and vulnerable. I occasionally joke around with my Son-in-law about him being from another planet because he claims he's never been sick, however, like the rest of us, there will come a day when something will go wrong. As a minister, I've seen my share of sickness and pain and it hurts me to see someone suffer. My father was a very sick man, and our family watched him go through years of agony. With my parents being faithful members of their church, they received countless thoughts and prayers for him to overcome his health problems and it was appreciated. Why was he not healed? Well, I guess that question could also be asked about millions of others since the beginning of time and the answer is always that God's plans are perfect.

Does God hear our prayers? Of course, but just because we do not see instant results, or for that matter, any results at all does not mean He is not working behind the scenes. I believe in miracles and have personally seen them, but we also need to remember this life is only temporary and its true spiritual meaning is to develop an awareness of love, respect, and trust in the God whose love wants the best for us. He knows the future and moves according to the big picture of His agenda, as our temporal ideas and desires cannot see everything He is saving us from.

We've heard the old saying about how life was never promised to be a rose garden and also reminded that every rose has its thorns. If our path was smooth and we always had an abundance of finances and felt wonderful every day, we would not understand what it means to desperately seek Him. There would be no passion to pray or demonstrate faith which are essential spiritual building blocks in our personal relationship with Him. You see, our heavenly Father did not intend for us to worship creation and be selfishly independent to live however we want. He desires that we worship Him as the creator and live according to His divine will. Each person is given a few years on this earth as an opportunity to intimately know Him and dili-

gently obey Him. This includes loving everyone and allowing Him to transform and prepare us to live with Him forever.

Since Adam and Eve sinned in the garden and our fellowship with God was broken. Mankind needed a Savior to restore our identity with Him and this is why Jesus Christ came to be that blood sacrifice. By His stripes, we are healed. Along with the curses on the atmosphere and the plants, our DNA is hindered by imperfections and susceptible to abnormalities and disease. These weaknesses remind us to keep focusing on the promises of God's word and that listening and following His voice is our greatest privilege. If you or a loved one is facing a serious illness, may you lay your burdens and worries at the feet of Jesus. His truth can fill us with peace and hope and give us the strength to believe that Christ knows all about human suffering. Even as we walk through the valley of the shadow of death, having the right attitude can allow us to mount up with wings as eagles in the joys of victory as He is victorious!

Suffering cannot stop our love or keep us out of heaven. It cannot take away our contentment or erase our wonderful memories. It cannot bind our faith or destroy our confessions of confidence. It cannot steal our joy or conquer our spirit. It cannot keep us from Jesus or distinguish our hope. Someone remembers someone cares, your name is being whispered in someone's prayers. Hebrews 4:16, "Let us, therefore, come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need." Those who are in Christ can say with all confidence that whether in this life or the next, God's infinite compassion and mercy will one day make us whole! May you be surrounded by His glorious presence today as the Lord imparts security and comfort into your soul. Embrace the reality that Christ is your advocate and mediator between you and the Father.

Dr. Holland is a Christian minister, chaplain, and author. To receive the free CD "Keeper of my Soul" with original music and scriptures related to healing, peace, faith, and encouragement visit: billyhollandministries.com.

What is wax paper?



Susan Lincoln
Weekly Muddle

He is a grandfather, and as such, he wishes to introduce his granddaughters to the simple pleasures of life.

Like riding to the dump in his truck.

"We're going where?" the girls asked, with an overabundance of sophistication.

"To do what?" they wanted to know, with some impatience.

"Hop in," he said with authority.

The truck has no air conditioner so the girls were told, "Roll down those windows so we'll catch a breeze."

He nearly slammed on brakes when the girls then said, "How do you roll down a window?"

You know you're old when your offspring has only experienced automatic windows and never heard of rolling one down.

"It won't be long before these children have no idea what counter-clockwise is," he said to me. "Is there still a clock out there they can learn from?"

For him, it became one of those frozen-in-time moments...fully appreciated only by those of us who are old enough to recognize how startled you can be when somebody asks:

- What's wax paper? A special kind of paper for your printer?
- You mean film came in rolls just like paper towels?
- What is "airplane glue"--does it hold airplanes together?
- There were little booths just for phones?

While visiting us, many years ago, my mother asked pointedly, "What's so wrong with a bar of soap?" The criticism was both inherent and apparent. She didn't want liquid hand soap or shower gel. She wanted a bar of soap and I promptly bought her several.

When the visit went the opposite direction and my second child was still a toddler, he looked guardedly at the rotary phone in her Alabama home and then asked, "How does it work?" Before anyone had a chance to answer, he was punching his fingers into the holes which surrounded the dial. To children who have punched buttons and looked at digital screens, a rotary phone is a wonder to behold.

I, however, recall an intrinsic value to a rotary dial: I could listen to my mother's dialing and figure out some of the numbers she was attempting to reach just by the length of the ticking sounds which were different for dialing 1 or 9. I was always a sleuth.

In recent years, I have relished this memory from a friend who

visited her sister's home when her children were small, wanting everyone to recognize what "precious things" her offspring were. Right in the center of the room, there was an ironing board set up for an afternoon of pressing and starching.

Her son backed away and pointed.

"What's that?" he asked, almost fearfully.

An ironing board is not necessarily obsolete, but it was at his home.

"I was humiliated," she admitted. "Of course, I iron...well, occasionally."

China cabinets are very likely the next to go because this generation doesn't want "a bunch of plates" to store. A bunch of plates! When I think of my relatives who buried their china to hide it from the Yankees, or painstakingly boxed it in attics so their descendants could enjoy the English Garden serving platters, I grieve for a time which may have become obsolete.

I may just make plans to be buried in my china cabinet with my Lenox plates that nobody else will love as much as I did.

May we both rest in peace.

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- Sunday: Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Worship, 10:30 a.m.; Children's Church, 10:30 a.m.; Evening Prayer, 5 p.m.; Evening Worship, 6 p.m.; Youth, 6 p.m.
- Wednesday: Bible Study, 7 p.m.; Missionettes, 7 p.m.; Royal Rangers, 7 p.m.
- Thursday: Intercessory Prayer, 7 p.m.
- Monthly: Men's Ministries, fourth Saturdays, 7:30 a.m.; Women's Ministries, fourth Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m.; Keenagers (over 55, second Tuesdays), 6:30 p.m.

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- Wednesday Bible Study, 6 p.m.

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801 Anthony Drive, Ennis

- Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
- Sunday morning: 10:50 a.m.
- Wednesday: 6 p.m.

Baylor Baptist

210 N. Preston, Ennis

- Sunday: Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Worship, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.
- Wednesday: Youth & Children's Programs, 6:15 p.m.; Prayers, 6:15 p.m.

Bethlehem Missionary

608 E. Loggins

- Sunday: Sunday School, 8:45 a.m.; Worship, 10 a.m.

Calvary Baptist

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- Wednesday: 6 p.m.

Creechville Baptist

900 Creechville Road

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- Wednesday: Worship, 7:30 p.m.

First Baptist of Ennis

301 N. Dallas St., Ennis

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- Wednesday: 6:30 p.m.

First Baptist

Bardwell

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- Wednesday: 6:30 p.m.

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- Wednesday: Bible Study, 6 p.m.

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1101 Hall St. / 469-881-1671

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- Wednesday: Light supper, 6 p.m.; Bible Study and Jesus Kids, 6:30 p.m.

Fundamental Baptist

211 W. Jefferson St., Palmer

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- Wednesday: Worship, 7 p.m.; Teens and Kids Program, 7 p.m.

Garrett Baptist

403 Templeton St., Garrett

- Sunday: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Service, 11 a.m.
- Wednesday: Service, 7 p.m.

New Beginning Worship

300 W. Crockett, Ennis

- Sunday: Worship, 10:45 a.m.

Tabernacle Baptist

1200 Country Club Rd., Ennis

- Sunday: Bible Study, 9:15 a.m. and 10:45a.m.; Worship, 9:15 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.

Catholic

St. John Catholic

601 S. Paris St.

- Saturday: Vigil, 5 p.m.
- Sunday: Worship, 7 a.m., 11 a.m., and 1 p.m. (Spanish). Life Teen, 5 p.m.

Christian

First Christian

101 Paris St., Palmer

- Sunday: Worship, 10:45 a.m.

Church of Christ

Church of Christ

99 Church Circle, Bristol

- Sunday: Bible Classes, 9 a.m.; Worship, 10 a.m. and 5 p.m.
- Wednesday: Bible Classes, 7 p.m.

Episcopal

St. Thomas Episcopal

901 Park St., Ennis

- Sunday: Bible Study, 9 a.m.; Holy Communion, 10 a.m. 1st Sunday of the month, Potluck
- Wednesday: Evening Prayer, 6 p.m.

Lutheran

Grace Lutheran Church

2402 W. Ennis Ave., Ennis

- Sunday: Sunday School, 9:15 a.m.; Worship, 10:15 a.m.
- Tuesday: Men's Prayer Breakfast at IHOP, 6:30 a.m.

Methodist

Alliance of Faith UMC Family

1306 N. Kaufman, St., Ennis

- Sunday: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship, 8:45 a.m.
- Tuesday: Tuesday Treasuries, 6 p.m.

Bardwell United Methodist

104 Pecan, Bardwell

Sunday: Services, 11 a.m.

Bristol United Methodist

104 Church St.

- Sunday: Worship, 9 a.m.

First Methodist Church of Ennis

300 N. Sherman, Ennis

- Sunday: Traditional Worship, 8:45 a.m.; Fellowship Groups (Sunday School) for all ages, 9:45 a.m.; Coffee Fellowship, 9:30 a.m. - 11 a.m.; Contemporary Worship, 11:00 a.m.

Trinity United Methodist

1500 S. Hall St., Ennis

- Sunday: Worship, 9 a.m.

Missionary Baptist

Bristol Missionary Baptist Church

308 Union Hill Rd., Bristol

- Sunday: Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Worship, 10:45 a.m.
- Wednesday: Service 6:30 p.m.

Church Without Measure

900 S. Preston St., Ennis

- Sunday: Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship, 11 a.m.
- Wednesday: Prayer and Bible Study, 7 p.m.; Choir, 8 p.m.

Fourth Ward MBC

1300 N. Shawnee St.

- Sunday: Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship, 11 a.m.
- Monday: Mission, 5 p.m.
- Tuesday: Choir, 7 p.m.
- Wednesday: Prayer Meeting, 6:30 p.m.; 4Square Children's Church, 6:30 p.m.; Bible Study, 7 p.m.
- Saturday: Prayer Breakfast, 7 a.m.

Independent Missionary Baptist Church

1108 W. Milam St., Ennis

- Sunday: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship, 11 a.m.
- Wednesday: Worship, 7 p.m.

New Hope MBC

704 N. Ripley

- Sunday: Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Worship, 11 a.m.
- Wednesday: Services, 7 p.m.

Orthodox

St. Nektarios Orthodox

208 W. Franklin, Waxahachie

- Sunday: Services, 9:30 a.m.
- Saturday: Services, 6:30 p.m.
- Wednesday: Services, 6:30 p.m.

Presbyterian

First Presbyterian

210 N. McKinney St., Ennis

- Sunday: Worship, 10:45 a.m.
- Wednesday: Bible Study, 4:30 p.m.

Pentecostal

Living Way UPC

2007 E. Ennis Ave., Ennis

- Sunday: Worship, 10 a.m.
- Wednesday: Service, 7 p.m.

Abundant Life Pentecostal

5404 I-45 South

- Sunday: Worship, 10 a.m.

Foundation of Life Church

2003 E. Ennis Ave., Ennis / 972-875-1200

- Sunday: Service, 10 a.m.
- Wednesday: Service, 7 p.m.; Youth Service, 7 p.m.

Holy Temple Church

201 E. Lake St.

- Sunday: Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship, 11 a.m.
- Wednesday: Bible Study, 6 p.m.

Templo Lirio De Los Valles

205 3rd St. - Fairview Addition

- Sunday: Service, 10 a.m. & 5 p.m.
- Thursday: Thursday Service - 7 p.m.

Victory in Him Ministries

301 W. Knox St., Ennis

- Bilingual / 214-929-1921
- Sunday: Service, 10 a.m.
- Wednesday: Prayer Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- Friday: Bible Study, 6:30 p.m.

Non-Denominational

Refiner's Fire Ministries

1611 W. Ennis Ave., Ennis

- Sunday: Coffee Connection, 9 a.m.; Worship, 10 a.m.
- Wednesday: Power Service (All Ages), 7 p.m. Kids Power (ages 0-3, 4-11, 12-18)

Damascus Road Fellowship

116 W. Ennis Ave., Ennis

- Sunday: Coffee and doughnuts, 10 a.m.; Worship, 10:15 a.m.

Evangelistic Messengers Assn.

1107 S. Clay St., Ennis

- Sunday: Worship English/Hispanic Service, 4 p.m.

Covenant Life Church

404 W. Ennis Ave. / 469-964-9694

- Sunday: Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Breakfast, 10:30a.m.; Service, 10:45a.m.

Cowboy Church of Ennis - 429 I-45

- Sunday: Worship, 10:30 a.m.

Ennis Bible Church

110 S. Mulberry St., Ennis

- Sunday: Worship, 10:30 a.m.

Holley Christian Methodist

709 E. Quinlan St., Ennis

- Sunday: Worship, 11 a.m.
- Tuesday: Bible Study, 7 p.m.

Wayman Chapel AME

1013 W. Ennis Ave., Ennis

- Sunday: Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship, 11 a.m.
- Thursday: Bible Study, 7 p.m.

Telico Church

Cemetery Road, Telico

- 1st & 3rd Sundays: Service, 11 a.m.

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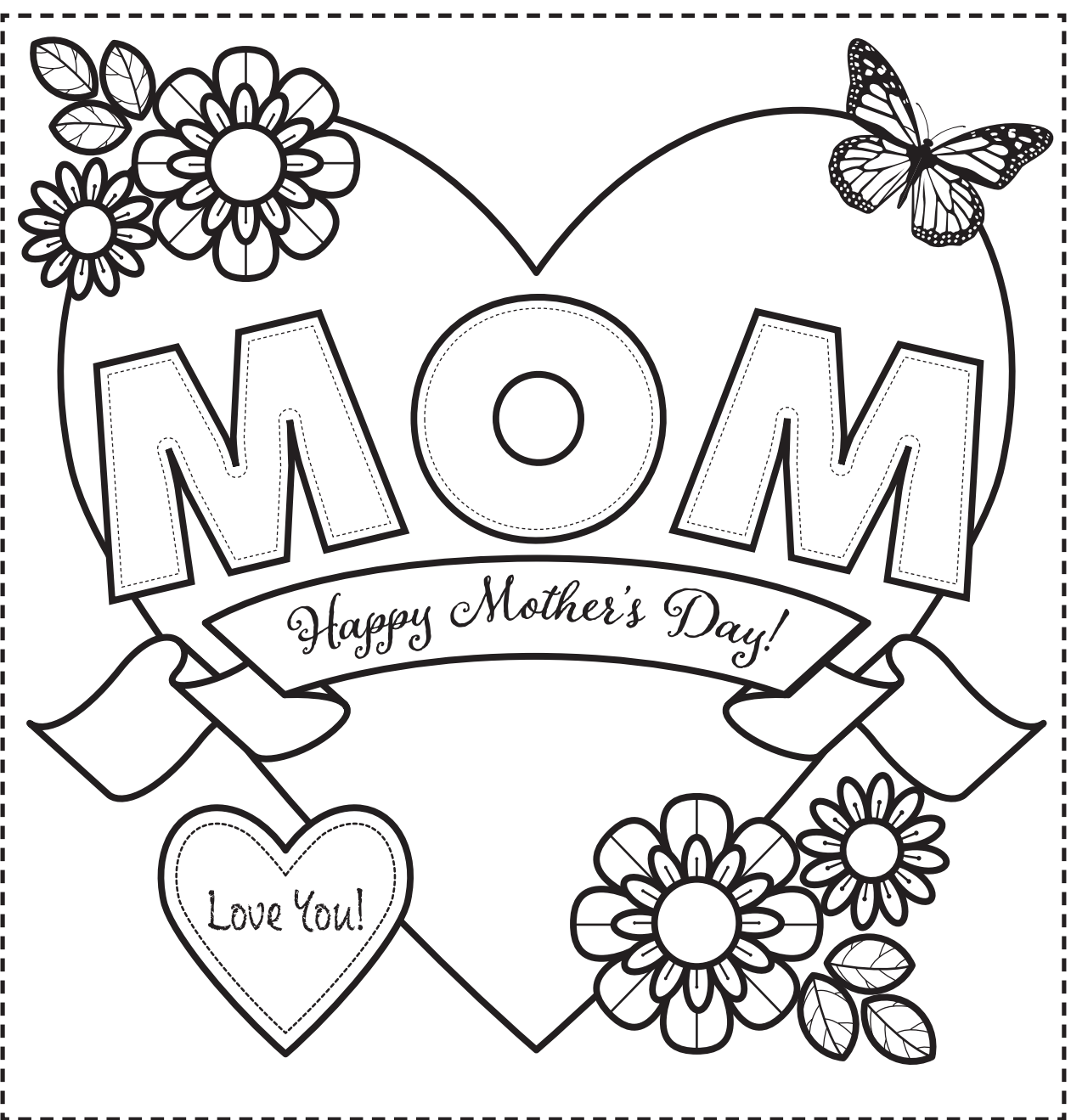



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Name _____ Age _____
Address _____ Phone _____

Entertainment

TODAY'S HOROSCOPE by Eugenia Last

Take the initiative and implement positive change. Start with yourself by resetting your routine to suit your needs. Balance your life to ensure you get the chance to recharge. Put aside time to reflect and initiate what makes you happy and at peace with yourself. Control what happens next by refusing to let outsiders dictate your next move. Love yourself, and everything else will fall into place.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) -- Join forces with like-minded people and enjoy the satisfaction that comes from teamwork. Get involved in something that concerns you. Consolidation can help overcome challenges.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) -- Connect with old friends, attend a reunion or revisit an idea you want to pursue. Expand your life and challenge yourself to do better, and you will make some valuable discoveries.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) -- Avoid letting anyone goad you into an argument. Use your energy to pursue a creative dream. It's what you do that counts, so take the initiative and be positive, and peace of mind will be yours.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Distance yourself from stressful situations or people trying to take advantage of you. Focus on what you can learn about yourself and how you can make your life better. Put your energy where it counts.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Step up, make a difference and gain ground. You can make things happen. Traveling, connecting with old friends and nurturing relationships are favored.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) -- Be direct about your intentions. Someone will misinterpret you if given the chance. Focus on getting things done and putting your energy where it will do some good.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) -- You'll gravitate toward people who share your sentiments. Your foresight and work ethic will put you in a leadership position. Love and romance are in the stars.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) -- Pay attention to what's happening at home. Keep an eye on your expenses and look for cheaper alternatives. Challenging yourself will encourage you to make positive changes.

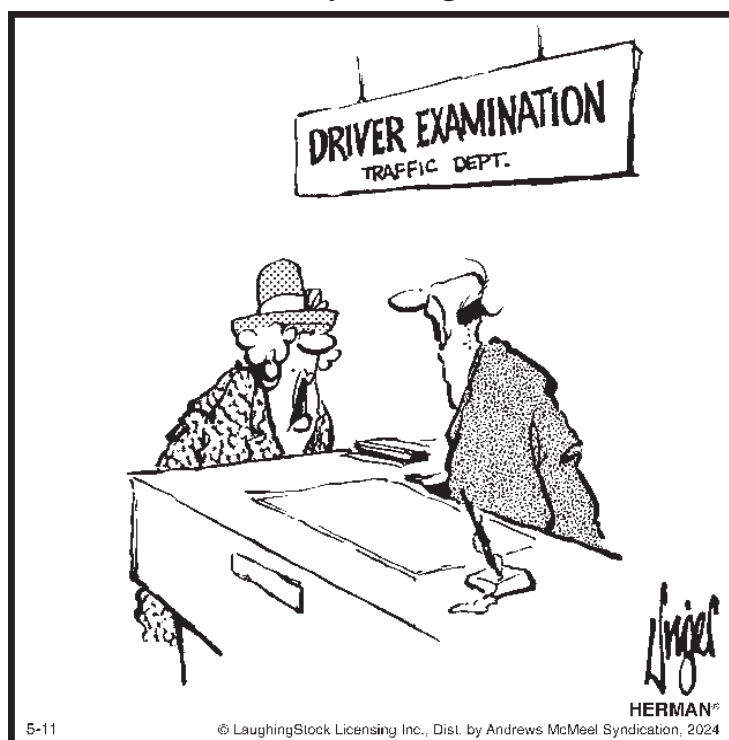
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Follow your intuition instead of letting someone push you in a compromising direction. Arguing is a waste of time and energy. Focus on changes that make you happy.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) -- Communication will help solve problems. Be direct, say what's on your mind, make notes and take action. Refuse to let your emotions interfere with doing what's right and best for you.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) -- Participation will open doors. The insight you gain will help you succeed. Personal gain is favored, and romance is on the rise. Put more consideration into how you promote yourself.

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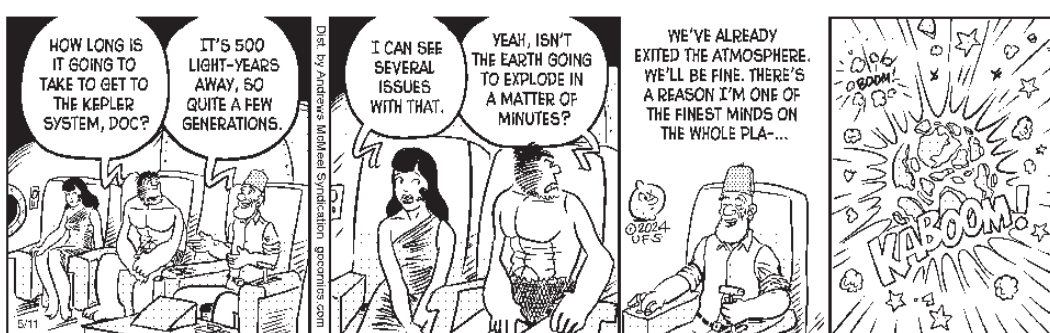
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TODAY'S CLUE: A square

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Tavern
 - 4 Actor — Driver
 - 8 Pole
 - 12 “— Been Everywhere”
 - 13 Enticement
 - 14 Eye
 - 15 Simpsons' neighbor — Flanders
 - 16 Beef cut
 - 17 Diving bird
 - 18 Pharmaceutical
 - 20 Lawsuit award
 - 22 Barge
 - 24 Mongrel
 - 25 — the line
 - 26 That fellow
 - 27 Sculling essential
 - 30 — polloi
 - 32 Watery
 - 34 “That’s awful!”
 - 35 Troublesome business
 - 36 Fringe
- DOWN**
- 1 Cement
 - 2 Says with confidence
 - 38 “You can’t be — careful”
 - 39 Hankering
 - 40 Cakes and —
 - 41 Word in a forecast
 - 43 Shadowy
 - 44 Off-key
 - 46 Fruit-filled pastry
 - 50 Plummet
 - 52 Chicken home
 - 53 Town in New Mexico
 - 56 Genetic letters
 - 57 Altar’s place
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Answer to Previous Puzzle

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- 3 Discount
- 4 Totality
- 5 Performing pair
- 6 Saharan
- 7 Full of threats
- 8 Grinding tooth
- 9 Eagerly desirous
- 10 — gin fizz
- 11 Sawbucks
- 19 Moo — gai pan
- 21 Brit's parent
- 23 Moisten
- 26 Untanned leather
- 27 To all appearances
- 28 Past
- 29 Greek letter
- 30 Animal fodder
- 31 “— on a Grecian Urn”
- 33 Ready for battle, say
- 37 Sprite
- 40 Succor
- 42 Longstanding
- 43 Tricked
- 45 Dry ink for printers
- 46 Wound mark
- 47 Drink excessively
- 48 “Golden Girls” girl
- 49 — Gaga
- 51 Butter units
- 54 Single
- 55 Brokenhearted

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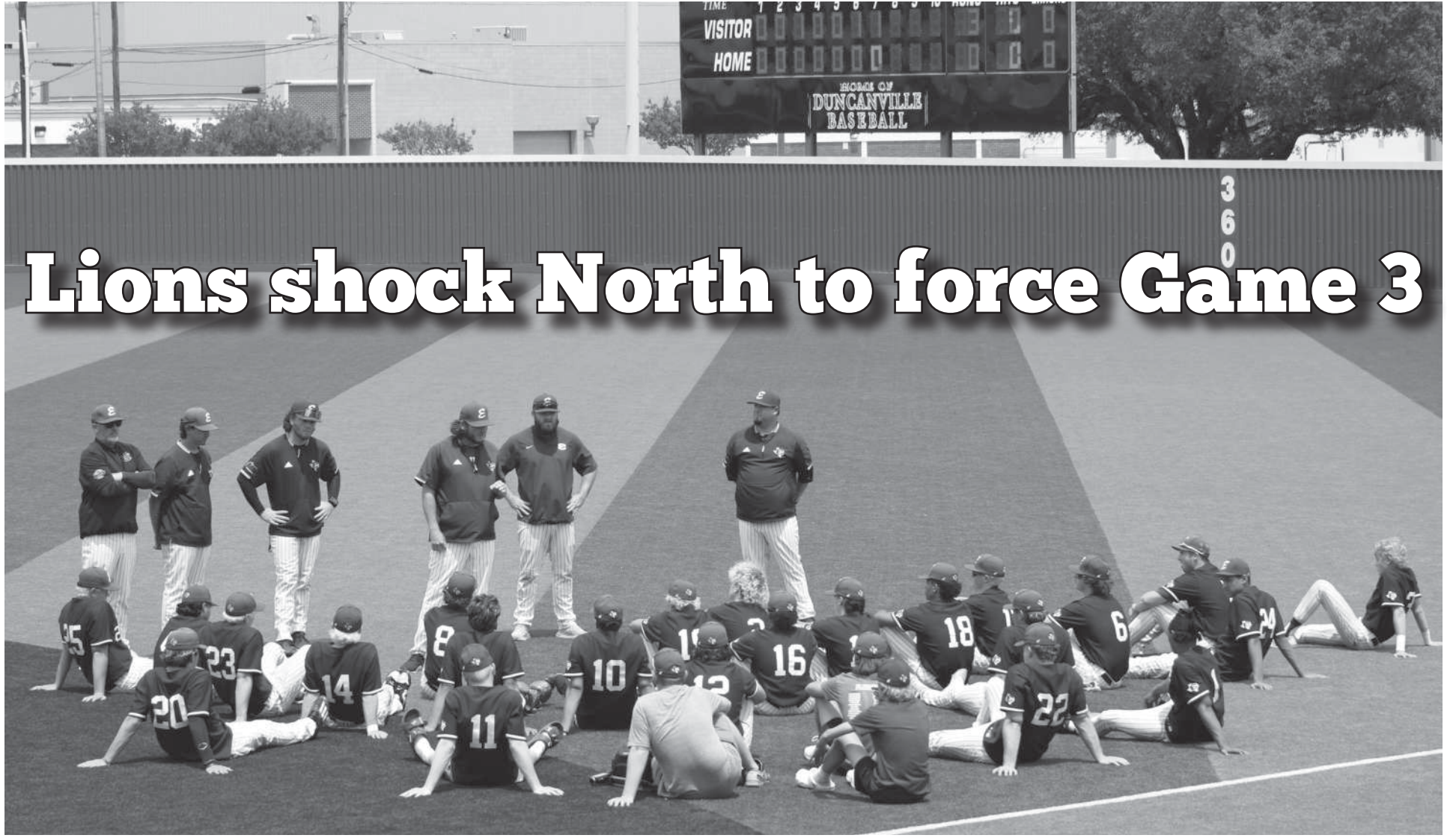
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HC Kellen Monreal, flanked by assistant coaches, addressed the team on Saturday at Duncanville.

Lions shock North to force Game 3

Bulldogs (21-6-1) prevail, 3-0, to advance in playoffs

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Ennis baseball fared very well in the arms race against McKinney North (21-6-1). Swinging the bats was where the Bulldogs gained just enough of an edge to eliminate the Lions, 2-1, in the best-of-three playoff series.

Still, North's senior-laden squad overcame a scrappy Ennis (17-14-2) team that brought the fight to the favored 'Dogs.

Playing short-handed, with two starters out due to injury and another having quit the team headed into the playoffs, the Lions were noticeably undermanned.

As a result, No. 3 pitcher Caleb Beauchamp was out with an ailing hip, and the No. 2 hurler no longer available, Pitching Coach Chris Lewis called on catcher Ryan Todd and centerfielder, Gracen Harris, to take the mound. They allowed only eight runs in 21 innings, half of them unearned.

Sophomore RHP Keno Castillo went the distance and allowed just four hits in a 2-0 loss in Game 1. Todd got the nod in Game 2 at McKinney. He yielded four hits in five innings before the Lions rallied for a stunning, 5-3 road win. Harris earned a save.

In last Saturday's decisive Game 3, played at Duncanville, Lewis sent Harris to the hill for his first-ever start. Like Sergeant Schultz, North "knew nothing" about Harris. He mixed speeds and battled through five innings, permitting one earned run on just two hits.

"Gracen stepped up in a big-time situation and threw the ball really well. He gave us a chance to win," said Coach Lewis. "He competed with his fastball, in-out-up (inside, outside, up high) and mixed in a curveball and changeup for strikes. They kept North off-balance. He did exactly what we needed him to do for us to have a chance to win - throw strikes and get outs. Couldn't be prouder of his performance."

Freshman Kevin Rodriguez tossed the last two frames and permitted a run in each on three hits and two walks.

Ennis was again shutout in a 3-0 setback, the seventh time they were blanked during the season, six of them occurring in the last 13 games. The Lions scored in only 2-of-21 in-

nings in the series.

Full Nelson

In the season finale, they faced sophomore Brooks Nelson, 6'1, 185, the Bulldogs top closer. They had three scoring chances - in the first, third and fourth innings, and failed against Nelson. Now 5-2 with three saves, he escaped and over the final four innings he was hitless.

Getting to a pitcher early is critical, for once they get into a groove they are tough and confident.

Todd blasted a two-out double in the first, which was followed by a walk to Cannon Montelongo. A groundout to first ended the threat.

In the third, Keno Castillo singled sharply on the first pitch. Blaine Zhanel did likewise, hitting a looping liner, also to rightfield. The golden opportunity disappeared in one play. Todd lifted high fly to shallow rightfield. As it drifted into foul territory, it was caught over the shoulder by the first baseman. The two baserunners tagged to advance a base. The North third-baseman caught the ball and threw back to the shortstop, whose tag-out completed a rally-killing double-play.

The ensuing inning had two runners on base (infield error and a walk) with two outs when a grounder to second base left them stranded.

Thrilling Finish

Odds of extending the season to a Game Three in the playoff series appeared doubtful last Friday in McKinney. But no one bothered to tell the Lions, who are very young and, trailing 3-1 in the seventh, roared to snatch victory from the jaws of defeat. A stunning four-run rally evened the series at 1-1, and set up a rubber-match to determine who would advance to play Lufkin (24-7) this weekend.

HC Kellen Monreal, known for assembling some wins out of a pile of Ikea pieces, did it again. His crafty Lions, with only three seniors in the line-up, play defense and pitch well, manufacture runs by working the count in their favor, advancing baserunners with bunts, and stolen bases to create mojo, especially when their bats are hexed.

Ennis rapped 10 hits, most of them off of Baylor-commit, LHP Jack Garza. Keno Castillo had two of the hits, a double and a triple, and Blaine

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Winding up and delivering a pitch in his first-ever start was junior Gracen Harris.


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Gilkey making the grade at UTSA

Former Ennis QB is a redshirt Freshman



UTSA Football

Jackson Gilkey (16) scrambles for yardage in an intra-squad scrimmage this spring at UTSA.

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Ennis alum Jackson Gilkey, who earned back-to-back district MVP honors two years ago, was named the football player at (NCAA Division I) University of Texas at San Antonio with the highest grade point average. Gilkey, 6'3, 220, was rewarded as an All-Academic athlete.

The son of parents Tim and Shara Gilkey, has one sister, Molly. He is majoring in business management. His dad played football for the Wisconsin-Oshkosh Titans.

According to the UTSA website, Jackson passed for 5,725 yards and 51 touchdowns at Ennis. His pass completion percentage is 64 percent, hitting on 387-of-605 attempts, which earned him a QB rating of 170.06. His reportedly trails only Graham Harrell in the program's passing records. Gilkey also ran for 884 yards and 12 TDs on 155 carries while at Ennis.

Under Gilkey, the Lions won district titles, including an 11-1 record as

a junior. He was a three-star prospect by 247 Sports and Rivals, though Dave Campbell's Texas Football listed him in the Texas Top 300 and rated the No. 10 QB in his senior class.

Currently, Gilkey is a redshirt Freshman with the Roadrunners, who posted a 9-4 mark a year ago. They went 11-3 in 2022.

UTSA opens the 2024 season on Aug. 31 when they host Kennesaw State (Ga.), and follow that game with a Sept. 7 versus Texas State and Sept. 14 at Texas.

Gilkey hopes to battle for a spot in the QB mix, though insiders point to Eddie Lee Marburger, a Redshirt-Junior from Sharyland Pioneer HS and Owen McCown, a RS-Sophomore, who transferred from Colorado, as having the lead. Frank Harris, the former starter for the Roadrunners in recent years, has graduated. He was not drafted by the NFL in April.

Jeff Traylor is 39-14 as the HC at UTSA, after being hired away from Arkansas.

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Zhanel added three. The remaining five were spread out.

Zhanel's wizardry

The Lions were down and desperate, when they began filling the bags with 'Cats. No. 2 in the order, junior shortstop Zhanel (Zahn-yul) delivered a clutch, bases-loaded single to tie the score. But that was not all. The outfielder fielded the ball and fired home. His throw was late, and in the process, Zhanel dashed towards second base.

The alert North catcher rose and unloaded a dart in an effort to nab the golden-haired Z-man. That's when North took a southbound train... the throw was off-the-mark and went into the outfield. Zhanel sprang to his feet, and adorning a cape, went to third, and with Monreal's windmill waving him home, sped like a cheetah with a hot-foot to score

for a 5-3 lead.

Meanwhile, the Ennis dugout resembled the monkey exhibit at the zoo after someone rattled the cage-bars with a stick.

Freshman Kevin Rodriguez was called from the bullpen, and was credited with a save. The final out, however, was on a deep-drive to the leftfield wall where another frosh, Lane Slovak, made the grab.

Ennis outhit the Bulldogs, 10-6, and Gracen Harris, who pitched a hitless sixth, got the win. He had relieved Ryan Todd, who yielded four hits, two earned runs and struck out five in five innings. Rodriguez inherited a two-on and no out situation in the seventh. He retired three straight to preserve a nerve-wracking victory.

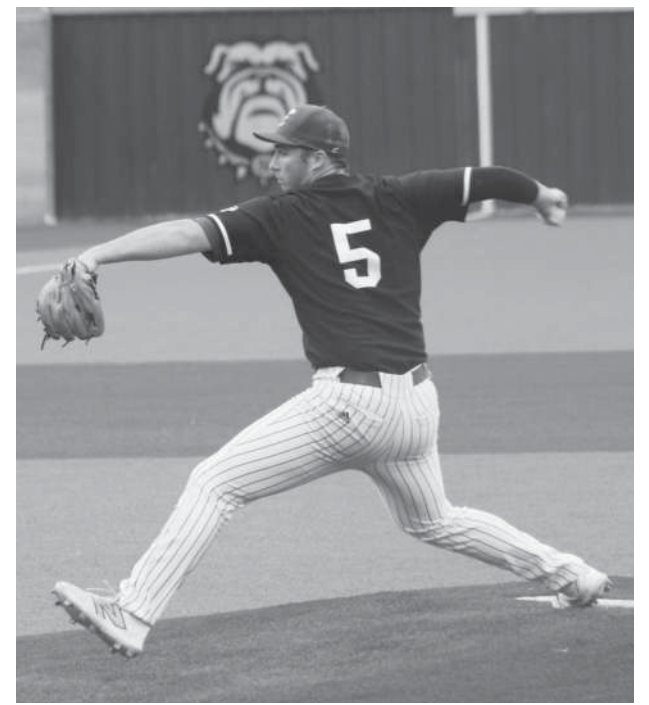
District 14 vs District 13 in Playoffs

No. 3 Lucas Lovejoy (22-6-2) swept Red Oak (17-16-1), 10-1, 7-2

McK North (21-6-1) beat Ennis (17-14-2), 2-0, 3-5, 3-0

Forney (25-8-1) swept Melissa (18-10-2), 1-0, 8-0

No. 22 Corsicana (26-5) swept Sherman (12-19), 1-0, 6-4



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Senior pitcher Ryan Todd kicks-and-deals on Friday at McKinney.



Senior Cannon Montelongo



Freshman Lane Slovak (19) makes final out at the wall on Friday night.

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ENNIS ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



Gracen Harris



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Junior pitcher Gracen Harris came off the injury list to pitch vs. McKinney North in the playoffs. We went 6 innings and allowed no earned runs. The lone run last Saturday came on an infield throwing error.

Harris yielded just 3 hits, one walk and struck out two. He earned a win in one game and a loss in the finale. His bat was sorely missed in the last three weeks due to a leg injury. He led the team with a .400 batting average.



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No. 14 Lady Gladiators fall to No. 2 Riesel



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Italy Softball finished 27-9 after losing to No. 2 Riesel.

Cate, Hudson cap illustrious careers at Italy

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No. 14 Italy (27-9) ended another very successful season on Thursday with a 7-0 setback to No. 2 ranked Riesel (30-3-1). The one-game playoff was played in West, Texas after a series of weather delays.

Both teams put up defensive stands along with stellar pitching performances, with no one scoring until the end. In the bottom of the sixth the Indians used several key hits and a few Gladiator errors to break open a 0-0 game with seven runs. Italy went quietly in the top of the seventh.

It was the 16th consecutive win for the Indians, who will play the winner of Lipan (8-6) and Archer City (16-13-1) next week.

The Lady Gladiators have recently been without first baseman Landry Janek, a junior, whose .477 bat and 31 RBI's were hard to replace. The squad has eight players with 23 or more RBIs.

HC Tina Richard has only senior starters to replace, though they are standouts. Kinley Cate (.417, 48 RBI, 16 XBH) and pitcher Ella Hudson (27 wins, 1.71 ERA) have been stalwarts throughout their careers.

The Gladiators lost Game One of their previous series to Celeste (12-12), 8-6. Revived, they joust the Blue Devils 16-0 and 10-5 last weekend to advance to play Riesel (REE-sel).

Tinzley Enriquez broke Celeste's back with a 2-run bomb for an 8-0 margin. It followed a triple to the right-centerfield wall by Charlea Padilla that scored Hudson, who also had lined a shot to RCF to open-up the game.

Sophomore Olivia Ramirez singled to center to drive in a run. Freshman Kacey Stewart knocked in a run with a hit past first base. Addy Slovak hit a liner to right for a ribbie and when Cate stroked a looping liner to left for a 14-0 lead, it lifted her season RBI total to just shy of 50. She also has smoked 5 homers.

In the decisive Game 3, played at Forney, Italy went for the jugular. They built a 9-2 upper-hand in the third and coasted to a 10-5 triumph. Slovak led the hit parade with three, while Ramirez and Karla DeLaHoya each had two. Cate paced the team with three runs batted in.

Italy outscored their opposition this year by a 350 to 107 count.

Avalon sends 5 to state track meet

Ozomy, Rodriguez perform well in 800 meter run

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Avalon High School was once again well-represented at last week's Class 1A state track & field championships in Austin. Head Coach Khris Marshall, a former standout athlete at Ennis, took five student-athletes to the University of Texas' Mike Myers Stadium. They competed in a combined four events.

The top finisher was Jennie Rodriguez, a sophomore. She finished fifth in the 800 meter run (two laps) with a time of 2:27.78.

Jake Ozomy, who made his fourth consecutive trip to state, was among the favorites in the 800 meters until he sprained an ankle prior to the meet. Hindered, he managed a seventh

place in 2:06.18. The senior flyer, Ozomy (O-zee-mee) took fifth as a freshman, and then earned medals the past two years - third (bronze) as a sophomore, and second (silver) as a junior with his fastest time, 1:58.08.

Sauers in 2 events

Fellow senior Anna Sauers had qualified in two categories. The multi-sport standout was ninth in the 300 meter hurdles, coming in with a ninth place and a 51:82 timing.

Lastly, the always electric 4x400 meter relay, consisting of four Lady Eagles - the aforementioned Jennie Rodriguez and Anna Sauers, along with senior, Alecia Ornelas and freshman Alecia Ornelas, crossed the line in ninth at 4:27.93.



Head Coach Khris Marshall

Youth Baseball & Softball Standings

Baseball

Boys 6U T-Ball - North

	W	L	T
Ennis - Walker	1	2	0
Palmer - Gradberg	1	2	3
Ennis - Jones	1	3	0
Ennis - Cochran	0	4	0

Boys 6U T-Ball - South

	W	L	T
Ennis - Castillo	5	1	0
Palmer - Maddox	4	1	0
Ennis - Escobar	3	1	0
Ennis - Gun	2	3	0

Boys 8U - North

	W	L	T
Palmer - Kemp	4	2	0
Ennis - Almanza	1	1	0
Ennis - Herrera	1	4	0
Palmer - Gradberg	0	3	0

Boys 8U - South

	W	L	T
Ennis - Cepak	5	0	0
Palmer - Henry	2	1	0
Ennis - Benavidas	1	1	0
Ennis - Simoneaux	1	3	0

Boys 10U - North

	W	L	T
Ennis - Hart	3	2	0
Palmer - Wiley	3	2	0
Palmer - Wolf	2	2	0
Ennis - Cochran	0	3	0

Boys 10U - South

	W	L	T
Ennis - Castillo	4	0	0
Ennis - Willingham	2	3	0
Ennis - Williams	2	4	0
Ennis - Norton	3	3	0

Boys 12U

	W	L	T
Ennis - Norton	4	0	0
Ennis - Crook	4	1	0
Palmer - McDonald	3	0	2
Ennis - Colunga	2	1	1
Palmer - Havener	2	3	0
Ennis - Chapman	0	5	0
Ennis - Driscoll	0	5	1

Softball 6U

	W	L	T
Ennis - Montemayor	6	0	0
Palmer - McIntire	4	1	0
Palmer - Johnson	2	2	1
Ennis - Wilhoite	2	4	0
Ennis - Kopaddy	1	3	1
Ennis - Redd	0	5	0

Softball 8U

	W	L	T
Ennis - Dominguez	5	0	0
Palmer - Wright	2	2	1
Ennis - Vaughn	2	2	1
Ennis - Lucas	2	2	1
Ennis - Montemayor	1	1	1
Ennis - Cochran	1	4	0
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Softball 10U

	W	L	T
Ennis - Collins	4	0	0
Ennis - Alvarado	3	2	0
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Pursuant to Chapter 59 of the Texas Property Code, Palmer Self Storage located at 1627 W FM 813 Palmer TX 75152, will hold a public auction of property being sold to satisfy a landlord's lien. The sale will be held online at <http://www.storageauctions.com> Competitive bids for the unit(s) will be accepted until May 18, 2024 at 10:00am. Property will be sold to the highest bidder. Deposit for removal and cleanup may be required. Seller reserves the right to refuse any bid and to withdraw item(s) from sale. Property being sold includes contents in spaces of the following tenant: Kayla A Blackburn, Randy Hill, Ashley McGowan, and Sydni Buchanan. Household, Misc.

LEGAL NOTICE

The City of Ennis, Texas Ordinance No. 24-0507-F2 An Ordinance of the City of Ennis, Texas, amending the zoning, and the zoning map to change the existing zoning classification from "R-10" single-family residential district-10 to "CC" corridor commercial district for a lot measuring approximately 14.356 acres in the 1100 to 1400 block of North Interstate Highway 45 in the City of Ennis, Ellis County, Texas, Ellis CAD ID 191202; providing severability, repealing and savings clauses; providing for a penalty not to exceed the sum of two thousand dollars (\$2,000) penalty clause for each offense; and providing an effective date. Passed, approved and adopted by the City Commission of the City of Ennis, Texas, on this the 7th day of May, 2024. Approved: Jake Holland, Mayor Pro Tem Attest: Angie Wade, City Secretary


LEGAL NOTICE

The City of Ennis, Texas Ordinance No. 24-0507-F3 An Ordinance of the City of Ennis, Texas, amending the zoning, and the zoning map to change the existing zoning classification from "A" agricultural district to "L-IM" light industrial and manufacturing district for one lot measuring approximately 118.0915 acres situated in the Jones Havens survey, Abstract No. 498 and the Thomas H McKinney survey, Abstract No. 687 in the City of Ennis, Ellis County, Texas, located at the southeast corner of US-287 and S Oak Grove Road, Ellis CAD IDs 230939, 230934, 185537 and 187482; providing severability, repealing and savings clauses; providing for a penalty not to exceed the sum of two thousand dollars (\$2,000) penalty clause for each offense; and providing an effective date. Passed, approved and adopted by the City Commission of the City of Ennis, Texas, on this the 7th day of May, 2024. Approved: Jake Holland, Mayor Pro Tem Attest: Angie Wade, City Secretary

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TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY



AMENDED NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF APPLICATION AND INTENT TO OBTAIN AIR PERMIT (NORI) RENEWAL

PERMIT NUMBER 20600

APPLICATION. The Sherwin-Williams Manufacturing Company, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for renewal of Air Quality Permit Number 20600, which would authorize continued operation of a paint manufacturing facility located at 301 West Plant Road, Ennis, Ellis County, Texas 75119. **AVISO DE IDIOMA ALTERNATIVO.** El aviso de idioma alternativo en español está disponible en <https://www.tceq.texas.gov/permitting/air/newsourcereview/airpermits-pendingpermit-apps>. This link to an electronic map of the site or facility's general location is provided as a public courtesy and not part of the application or notice. For exact location, refer to application. <https://gisweb.tceq.texas.gov/LocationMapper/?marker=-96.613611,32.305555&level=13>. The existing facility is authorized to emit the following air contaminants: carbon monoxide, hazardous air pollutants, exempt solvents, nitrogen oxides, organic compounds, particulate matter including particulate matter with diameters of 10 microns or less and 2.5 microns or less and sulfur dioxide.

This application was submitted to the TCEQ on February 12, 2024. The application will be available for viewing and copying at the TCEQ central office, TCEQ Dallas/Fort Worth regional office, and the Ennis Public Library, 501 West Ennis Avenue, Ennis, Ellis County, Texas beginning the first day of publication of this notice. The facility's compliance file, if any exists, is available for public review in the Dallas/Fort Worth regional office of the TCEQ.

The executive director has determined the application is administratively complete and will conduct a technical review of the application. In addition to the renewal, this permitting action includes the incorporation of permits by rule related to this permit. The reasons for any changes or incorporations, to the extent they are included in the renewed permit, may include the enhancement of operational control at the plant or enforceability of the permit. **The TCEQ may act on this application without seeking further public comment or providing an opportunity for a contested case hearing if certain criteria are met.**

PUBLIC COMMENT. You may submit public comments to the Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below. The TCEQ will consider all public comments in developing a final decision on the application and the executive director will prepare a response to those comments. Issues such as property values, noise, traffic safety, and zoning are outside of the TCEQ's jurisdiction to address in the permit process.

OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTESTED CASE HEARING. You may request a contested case hearing if you are a person who may be affected by emissions of air contaminants from the facility. If requesting a contested case hearing, you must submit the following: (1) your name (or for a group or association, an official representative), mailing address, daytime phone number; (2) applicant's name and permit number; (3) the statement "[I/we] request a contested case hearing;" (4) a specific description of how you would be adversely affected by the application and air emissions from the facility in a way not common to the general public; (5) the location and distance of your property relative to the facility; (6) a description of how you use the property which may be impacted by the facility; and (7) a list of all disputed issues of fact that you submit during the comment period. If the request is made by a group or association, one or more members who have standing to request a hearing must be identified by name and physical address. The interests the group or association seeks to protect must also be identified. You may also submit your proposed adjustments to the application/permit which would satisfy your concerns.

The deadline to submit a request for a contested case hearing is 15 days after newspaper notice is published. If a request is timely filed, the deadline for requesting a contested case hearing will be extended to 30 days after mailing of the response to comments.

If any requests for a contested case hearing are timely filed, the Executive Director will forward the application and any requests for a contested case hearing to the Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting. Unless the application is directly referred to a contested case hearing, the executive director will mail the response to comments along with notification of Commission meeting to everyone who submitted comments or is on the mailing list for this application. The Commission may only grant a request for a contested case hearing on issues the requestor submitted in their timely comments that were not subsequently withdrawn. **If a hearing is granted, the subject of a hearing will be limited to disputed issues of fact or mixed questions of fact and law relating to relevant and material air quality concerns submitted during the comment period.** Issues such as property values, noise, traffic safety, and zoning are outside of the Commission's jurisdiction to address in this proceeding.

MAILING LIST. In addition to submitting public comments, you may ask to be placed on a mailing list for this application by sending a request to the Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below. Those on the mailing list will receive copies of future public notices (if any) mailed by the Office of the Chief Clerk for this application.

AGENCY CONTACTS AND INFORMATION. Public comments and requests must be submitted either electronically at www14.tceq.texas.gov/epic/eComment/, or in writing to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Office of the Chief Clerk, MC-105, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087. Please be aware that any contact information you provide, including your name, phone number, email address and physical address will become part of the agency's public record. For more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call the Public Education Program toll free at 1-800-687-4040. Si desea información en Español, puede llamar al 1-800-687-4040.

Further information may also be obtained from The Sherwin-Williams Manufacturing Company, 301 West Plant Road, Ennis, Texas 75119-9649 or by calling Mr. Kurtis Rhudy, Corporate Environmental Affairs, at (214) 578-6213.

Amended Notice Issuance Date: April 25, 2024

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Celebrity Cipher Solution:

"My favorite thing about being a mom is just what a better person it makes you on a daily basis." -- Drew Barrymore

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Ennis seniors awarded scholarships

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Submitted Photo

Scholarship recipients Jalen Henderson, Nellieyah Fortner and Kirby McCabe.

ERSPA presents students with scholarships

Ennis Retired School Personnel presented three \$500 scholarships at the EHS Awards Assembly on May 6, 2024.

These students will be majoring in education. ERSPA is proud of these students for choosing to teach and coach young people in the future.

Congratulations to these graduates!



Submitted Photo

Scholarship recipients Dania Garcia, Tania Alvarado, Madysen Williams and Anthony Molina are pictured above with Misty, Bailey and Lauren Culpepper.

Rotary Club honors Culpepper with annual scholarships

During last week's annual Ennis High School awards ceremony, the Rotary Club recognized four seniors with \$1,000 Kevin Culpepper Scholarships. Receiving them were Dania Garcia, Tania Alvarado, Madysen Williams, and Anthony Molina (pictured above).

The scholarships are named in honor of Kevin Culpepper, an upstanding member of our community who was lost his life to complications from Covid in January 2021. His wife, Misty, and daughters Bailey and Lauren, were present to deliver the certificates.

According to Ennis Public Library Director, Jessica Diaz, the funds were raised from the Stars & Stripes Flag Program as well as the Polka Fest Run. Students applied for the scholarships, which were awarded based on their accomplishments, financial need, recommendation letters, and an essay question.

The Rotary Club meets every Tuesday at noon at the First Methodist Church. Guests are welcome.

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LEGAL NOTICE

The City of Ennis, Texas Ordinance No. 24-0507-G1 An Ordinance of the City Commission of the City of Ennis, Texas, annexing the herein-after described territory of approximately 48.822 acres generally located at the northwest corner of US Highway 287 and Interstate 45; and the proposed annexation of that portion of North Old Alma Road adjacent to said territory into the City of Ennis, Ellis County, Texas, and extending the boundary limits of said city so as to include the described property within the city limits, and granting to all the inhabitants of the property all the rights and privileges of other citizens and binding the inhabitants by all of the ordinances, resolutions, acts and regulations of the city; providing instructions for filing this ordinance and for amending the official map and boundaries of said city; providing severability and cumulative repealer and savings clauses; and providing an effective date. Passed, approved and adopted by the City Commission of the City of Ennis, Texas, on this the 7th day of May, 2024. Approved: Jake Holland, Mayor Pro Tem Attest: Angie Wade, City Secretary

LEGAL NOTICE

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Annual scholarships offered by St. John Alumni

Staff Report

Annual college scholarships to high school graduates will again be awarded by the St. John Alumni Association to the Class of 2024 or to adults who have been out of high school for at least one year. The benevolent program began in 2009, with 10-to-18 scholarships a year given, usually in the range of \$1,000.00 each.

Eligible candidates must be the son or daughter or grandchild of a previous St. John High School graduate. Another group of scholarships will be awarded to adults who have been out of high school for at least one year, is the son or daughter

or grandchild of a previous St. John High School graduate, and have not previously received a St. John Alumni Scholarship. Each adult must also be a graduate of St. John High School and is entering or returning to college or vocational school for additional education.

Anyone who has received one of the scholarships before (student or adult), are not eligible to apply again.

Applications may be obtained by emailing stjohنالumni@hotmail.com. Please indicate one's full name in the email, year of graduation from St. John or the parent/grandparent upon whom one is establishing eligibility for which scholarship

(student or adult) one is applying. Applications must be postmarked by Friday, May 24, 2024 and sent to P.O. Box 516, Ennis, 75120. All applications are evaluated by an independent committee.

One of the purposes of the program, according to St. John Alumni Association, Secretary/Treasurer, Neva, is working to guard the St. John legacy, which was founded by her husband, Dr. David Del Bosque.

Submit your community news and club events to us via email to nikki@ennisdailynews.com, give us a call at 972-875-3801, or submit via our website ennisdailynews.com.



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