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ANGELINA COUNTY

Unit road system on ballot

By JESS HUFF

The Lufkin Daily News

Angelina County Commissioners on Tuesday added a special election to the Nov. 3 ballot that gives voters the chance to vote for or against a unit road system.

Lufkin attorney Bob Flournoy and several supporters gathered

thousands of signatures in order to add this item to the ballot. Elections administrator Elizabeth Hawkins was able to verify supporters had gathered the necessary signatures.

The unit road system would unite all road construction and maintenance throughout the county under one department

with a department head. Some systems have utilized a road engineer and others, like Nacogdoches County, have hired experienced road administrators.

Flournoy spoke in favor of adding the system to the ballot during the public comment segment of the meeting. He has advocated for the system in various other meet-

ings since this time last year. He had asked commissioners to add the item to the agenda without a petition in March.

"I first appeared before you in March of this year and requested that you call this election," Flournoy said. "Which you had the authority to do, without the requirement of having to go get

signatures."

Texas Transportation Code Chapter 252 Subchapter D. County Road Department System Section 252.301 says:

"A county may adopt this subchapter at an election held as provided by this section. (b)



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FLOURNOY

TRAFFIC SAFETY

School brake

TxDOT reminds drivers to be on lookout for school zones

By GRACE JUAREZ

The Lufkin Daily News

Even though the start may not be a traditional one, schools in Angelina County are beginning to reopen this week. That means that drivers should be on the lookout for students and school zones.

Angelina County school start dates

- Pineywoods Community Academy — today
- Zavalla ISD — Thursday
- Hudson ISD — Monday
- Central ISD — Aug. 19
- St. Patrick Catholic School — Aug. 19
- Diboll ISD — Aug. 20
- Lufkin ISD — Aug. 24
- St. Cyprian's Episcopal School — Aug. 24

The Texas Department of Transportation said as school zone flashers are being activated this week throughout the Lufkin district, drivers are urged to be cautious and alert as they drive through school zones.

"The return to school will be different for many students this year with varied times, locations and safety protocols to remember," said Rhonda Oaks, Lufkin District public information officer. "We want motorists to follow all state laws and safety tips for



JOEL ANDREWS/The Lufkin Daily News

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driving through school zones and around school buses. Motorists should always stay alert for walkers, bicyclists and students entering and exiting a school bus."

State law requires drivers to reduce speed to the posted school zone speed limit while flashers are activated. During peak travel hours, traffic may come to a stop.

Laws and safety tips to remember for driving through school zones include:

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CONSTRUCTION DEATH

Worker dies on job at campus

By GRACE JUAREZ

The Lufkin Daily News

OSHA is investigating the death of a construction worker at Lufkin High School on Thursday. Several calls went out to 911 operators detailing the emergency at 8 a.m. Thursday.

"I have a man who has collapsed, he's unresponsive, at Lufkin High School," said an unidentified caller to a 911 operator. "He's being given CPR at this time. He's not breathing."

The caller directed the operator to the site of construction around the back entrance of the high school by the new stadium.

The caller identified the patient as a 45-year-old Hispanic male who had been unconscious

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ANDY ADAMS/Lufkin ISD/

Construction is in full swing at Lufkin High School for the future multi-purpose facility paid for by the \$75 million bond passed in 2018.

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NEWSPAPERS

Kid Scoop enhances children's literacy while encouraging a lifelong love of newspapers

By GRACE JUAREZ

The Lufkin Daily News

Many students will return to school in a nontraditional setting this year amid a worldwide pandemic. The Lufkin Daily News is offering a fun, educational resource called Kid Scoop to help out.

Kid Scoop comes out in the Wednesday paper and is accessible at LufkinDailyNews.com for subscribers. It was created by Vicki Whiting after questions from her third-grade students sparked an idea.

"I wanted children to learn about their local communities by reading their com-

munity newspaper," Whiting said. "I learned that the thing that determines whether or not a person votes is not age or education — but whether or not they read a newspaper."

During social studies, the focus of her class was community. Through the local newspaper, she was able to teach the subject of community in a way that was personal and relevant to her students and help to launch a lifelong appreciation of the role of a newspaper in a community, she said.

"And, it helped them improve their reading skills! I was sold," she said.

One day after school, she sat down at her kitchen table and created a newspaper-size page of puzzles and games on the theme of "our community." She took her prototypes to her local newspaper, the "Sonoma Index-Tribune," and explained to the editor that her children were part of the Sonoma community and a page in the weekly would help them find out about it.

The initial weekly page featured puzzles, games, reading and writing activities on the "community" theme and a

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