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Texas Tech Red Raiders head coach Joey McGuire says hello to fans during the pregame against the West Virginia Mountaineers at Milan Puskar Stadium. BEN QUEEN/IMAGN IMAGES

Texas Tech football coach agrees to contract

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Texas Tech football coach Joey McGuire has agreed to a new contract that will run through the 2032 season and average at least \$6.8 million per year, a Tech athletics spokesman said on Tuesday, Dec. 2.

The contract starts at \$6.5 million for the 2026 season and increases by \$100,000 per year, topping out at \$7.1 million for the 2032 season. McGuire can also earn up to \$1.2 million in bonuses each year. Not included in that

amount is a \$250,000 retention bonus that McGuire can collect if he's still employed by Tech on May 1, 2027.

The terms of the contract were agreed in principle. As of earlier Tuesday, the spokesman said, it was still awaiting signatures and approval by the Texas Tech University System Board of Regents.

"We believe the future of Texas Tech football has never been brighter under Coach McGuire's leadership," Tech athletics director Kirby Hocutt said in a prepared statement.

"Our success this season is not a one-year plan. We fully intend to be an annual contender in the Big 12 Conference with our eyes on the College Football Playoff each and every season. We have the right leader in Coach McGuire to keep elevating this program, and this contract extension is a reflection of our investment in sustaining this success for years to come."

The new contract replaces the six-year agreement McGuire has been working under that was scheduled to run through the 2028 season.

To fire McGuire without cause, Tech would owe him 70% of the remaining

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Lubbock couple found dead in NM

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Texas authorities on Tuesday, Dec. 2, confirmed an elderly Lubbock couple missing since Thanksgiving have been found dead in rural New Mexico.

The Carson County Sheriff's Office released a statement Tuesday afternoon confirming Gary and Linda Lightfoot, along with their vehicle, were located in Quay County in eastern New Mexico.

"The Lightfoot's vehicle and remains were located in a very rural area," the statement continues. "We would like to thank the public and all agencies involved. We would also like to offer condolences to the family and friends of the Lightfoot's as this is a tragic event."

The Quay County Sheriff's Office later shared a statement saying its deputies responded about 10:30 a.m. Tuesday after receiving a report of a possible sighting of the couple's vehicle.

Upon arrival, deputies located the inoperable vehicle parked in a tree line at the edge of a pasture. The occupants, later confirmed to be the Lightfoots, were found dead at the scene.

Other details about their discovery, including the circumstances of their passing, were not immediately clear as the investigation is ongoing.

Charles "Gary" Lightfoot, 82, and Linda Eppers Lightfoot, 81, were last seen leaving the city of Panhandle on the afternoon of Nov. 27 and did not arrive back to their residence in Lubbock, according to the Carson County Sheriff's Office and the Texas Department of Public Safety.

A Silver Alert was issued for the couple as local authorities as well as law enforcement in Texas and New Mexico aided in the search.

The couple were believed to be travelling in a silver 2024 Toyota Camy

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What to know about the Texas 'bathroom bill'

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Starting on Thursday, Dec. 4, Texas will implement Senate Bill 8 — also known as the Texas Women's Privacy Act, or more commonly known as a "bathroom bill" — aimed at restricting transgender people's access to certain restrooms in the state.

Republicans in Texas worked for more than a decade to pass a bathroom bill like SB 8. The new law applies sex-based restrictions on those restrooms and changing rooms in public buildings, schools and universities. It also implements restrictions in prison housing, as well as family violence shelters.

Supporters of the law say it will create more secure private spaces, but opponents worry the law's unclear guidance on how to enforce SB 8 will cause oversurveillance and public harassment. Here's what you need to know about SB 8, what areas are affected and why the Legislature passed the new restrictions on restrooms in the state.

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Activists from Trans Texas occupy the women's restroom on the first floor of the Texas Capitol after the House State Affairs Committee heard testimony on the "bathroom bill" on Aug. 22. BOB DAEMMRICH/FOR THE TEXAS TRIBUNE

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