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Proposed county budget includes 1-cent reduction

The proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2021 was filed this past Friday (July 31) by Smith County Judge Nathaniel Moran and it included a one-cent reduction from the 2020 Fiscal Year budget, said public information officer Casey Murphy.

The one-cent reduction was an effort to provide tax relief to property owners who have been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Since late June, commissioners have held multiple budget workshops to discuss the proposed budget and receive input from the public.

Now that it has filed with the County Clerk's Office, the Commissioners Court will hold additional public meetings on the Proposed Budget and proposed tax rate before adopting those items on August 25. Fiscal Year 2021 goes into effect Oct. 1, 2020.



MORAN

Recognizing the economic hardships that many citizens in Smith County have had to endure through COVID-19, the proposed budget seeks to lower the property tax rate from 34.5 cents per \$100 valuation to 33.5 cents per \$100 valuation in FY2021.

This decrease is anticipated to be about a half of a cent below the No-New-Revenue Rate (formerly known as the "Effective Rate"), though the final calculation of the No-New-Revenue Rate had not yet been provided to the county as of July 31.

The tax cut means that the county would take in less revenue from property taxes in FY2021 than it did in FY2020 if no new property had been added. The only additional property tax revenue will come from new property development.

"Cutting property taxes below the no-new-revenue rate is a rarity with governmental entities," Moran said. "It is especially so during this time when the county's property tax rate is already among one of the lowest in Texas and its other sources of revenue such as sales tax revenue, fines and fees, and interest are decreasing significantly as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic."

Moran praised the county's numerous elected officials, department heads, and the auditor's office, all of whom worked hard early to find areas within their individual budgets to trim, knowing that many households in Smith County had to do the same.

"It is a reflection of your character, your dedication to public service, and your recognition of this extraordinary time and the need to reaffirm to all in this community, 'We are with you,'" he said.

In addition to making cuts, Moran noted that the county will be able to weather this economic downturn without increasing the tax burden on property tax owners and without affecting the quality of services to citizens because of the county's healthy financial condition, its strong reserve fund, and its decision this year to delay needed capital improvement projects and expenditures.

Items in the proposed budget include:

- Delaying the previously planned bond election for a new courthouse, originally planned for November, 2020;

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Sweet Success

Lindale Candy Company remains treat for the town

By Susan Duncan

Don't let the blonde hair, blue eyes and soft-spoken voice fool you: entrepreneur Kaitlin Cagle, co-owner of the Lindale Candy Co. with her husband Jeremiah, may have a soft shell, but she is a woman who knows the candy business and works the hours it takes to be the best at her craft.

Opening the doors of the Lindale Candy Co. on July 4, 2019, the couple had no idea what the future -- including a pandemic and a new baby boy -- would hold for their Lindale business in their first year of operation, but they were determined to beat the odds most small businesses face and make their store, first opened by Jim and Ruby Withrow in 1946, a success.

The hours have been grueling at times, Kaitlin said, but having their own store and being their own bosses have been worth the sacrifices and worry.

"I'm not just working here 10-6 Tuesday through Friday and 10-4 on Saturday," the chocolatier said. "It's pretty much 24/7, 365."

Kaitlin knew early on that she wanted to be a businesswoman.

"I would play with Barbies, but more than anything, it's that I was playing store," she said. "I would set up a cashier and checkout."

She said she is amazed how everything has worked together to get her family to where they are now. It started when she wanted to be on the yearbook staff at Grand Saline where she attended high school but ended



Lindale's luscious stop Kaitlin Cagle, co-owner of the Lindale Candy Company, has anything you need for your sweet tooth.

Photo by Susan Duncan

up as a teacher's aide instead, which led her to the elementary campus where she became the kindergarten teacher's aide.

"So there, I met Mrs. Surratt and I had a lot of fun in her class," Kaitlin said. "Mrs. Surratt told me that one of her students' mothers

ran this chocolate shop that I didn't even know was in the little town of Grand Saline. I went down there and talked to the lady, and she pretty much hired me on the spot."

Getting in yearbook class

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LACC Board adopts changes as annual rodeo approaches

Some alterations to the 33rd Lindale Championship Rodeo, scheduled for Aug. 6-8, have been made following a meeting of the Lindale Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors this past week, CEO and President Shelby Glover said.

The rodeo is scheduled for the Cross Brand Cowboy Church Rodeo Arena located at 11915 FM 2015 in Tyler. Gates will open at 6 p.m. and rodeo action will begin at 7:30 p.m.

Recognizing the risks associated with the rodeo, the LACC board and staff has been working with Wing Rodeo Company, Cross Brand Cowboy Church and the United Professional Rodeo Association to ensure safety measures have been put into place, Glover said.

Safety measures include:

- ✓ Masks should be worn by all spectators over the age of 10. LACC staff, volunteers and the Wing Rodeo Company will be required to wear masks during the event.

- ✓ Hand sanitizer will be provided, but spectators are encouraged to bring their own.

- ✓ As a safety measure, arena bleachers will be cleaned after every performance.

- ✓ Once the seating capacity reaches 1,000, guests will be turned away at the gate. Gates will open at 6 p.m. each night and spectators will be admitted on a first-come, first-served basis. No spectators will be admitted before 6 p.m.

- ✓ All guests are required to be seated in the bleachers during performances. There will be no

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Paid in full
Officials with the David Powell Food Pantry in Lindale held a mortgage note burning ceremony this past week with several local residents in attendance. During July, the pantry served meals for 270 families (928 people) with 25,591 pounds of food donated by several retail outlets. This was some 35 percent less than previous months due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The food pantry began several years ago under the tutelage of Lindale First United Methodist Church Minister David Powell and continues to be supported by several other local churches and faithful volunteers.

Photo by Terry Cannon

Lindale man arrested on child pornography charges

Matthew Tyler Clearman, 43, of Lindale was arrested and jailed this past weekend by Smith County Sheriff's Department investigators for possession and promotion of child pornography, said spokesman Larry Christian.

Smith County Court at Law No. 2 Judge Taylor Heaton approved an arrest warrant for Clearman on July 31 and set bond on the second-degree felony at \$500,000.

On Saturday, Aug. 1, county deputies and officers from the Bullard Police Department arrested Clearman at the Bullard Fire Station.

On April 14, 2020, investigators received a cyber tip from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children advising them that two files were uploaded by Instagram from a user with a known IP address.

Subsequent investigations revealed the IP address belonged to Clearman.

The cyber tip further revealed a photograph of an adult male wearing firefighter bunker gear and a firefighter helmet and another depicting child pornography as well as lewd visual material depicting a child.

Investigators located a Facebook page for Clearman and recognized the profile photo was the same as the male subject wearing the firefighter gear.

On June 12, State District Court Judge Christi Kennedy issued a search warrant for the Instagram account of Clearman.

On July 20, investigators received the records from Instagram which included dozens of media files as well as multiple photos and one video depicting child pornography as well as lewd visual material depicting a child.

Some of the children depicted in the images appeared to be between 7 and 16 years of age. Investigators also recovered text messages

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COVID-19 surge in nursing homes

Last week, the Texas Health and Human Services Commission released its first list of COVID-19 cases and deaths with details about individual Texas nursing homes. The initial release showed nursing homes accounted for about one-third of Texas' COVID-19 deaths and the number of cases in the health care facilities had more than doubled during July. In July, Texas reported 3,315 COVID-19 deaths and 252,884 cases. Both totals were more than all other months of the pandemic combined.

Don't plant those mystery seeds

Agriculture Commissioner Sid Miller urged Texans to take extreme precaution if the mail brings mysterious seeds from China.

The packets, mailed to multiple states, including Texas, are falsely labeled as jewelry. The seeds could contain harmful invasive species or be otherwise unsafe. The mailings could be part of an online scam to bolster product ratings, Miller said.

People shouldn't throw away the packets because the seeds could grow in the landfill. Instead, email SITC.Mail@aphis.usda.gov for more information. In an interview with the Texas Tribune, Miller planted more seeds of doubt about China.

"I'm getting sick and tired of these surprises coming out of China," Miller told the Tribune.

Doctors not on the front lines

The Texas Medical Association tweeted a MedPage Today story reporting there is no evidence the doctor group in a viral video had any expertise about COVID-19.

The video went viral last week after about 10 physicians, dressed in white coats with an embroidered America's Frontline Doctors logo, spoke for 45 minutes in front of the Supreme Court building. The MedPage Today article detailed the doctors' reported lack of credentials regarding the pandemic and the allegedly false information they spread.

The Texas Medical Association represents more than 53,000 physicians and medical students.

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loitering in the aisles and beside the fence.

- ✓ Social distancing in the bleachers is also strongly encouraged
- ✓ Only crew and participants will be allowed behind the gate in the bucking shoot area as well as in the arena at any time.

"We ask that all guests read the COVID-19 statement in the graphics and the rules above before attending," Glover said. "We are looking forward to great rodeo action for the family but want to try and keep everyone as safe as possible."

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between Clearman and other subjects concerning the dissemination of child pornography images.

Then on July 30 Judge Kerry Russell of the 7th State District Court issued a search warrant for Clearman's residence in the 16000 block of Rolling Meadows in Lindale.

Investigators recovered several multi-media devices which revealed hundreds of images of child pornography.

For more information on the Smith County Sheriff's Office visit www.smithcountysheriff.com. The Sheriff's Office also has a FB page and can be followed on Twitter at @SmithCSO.

Three more COVID-19 related deaths reported

Three more COVID-19 related deaths in Smith County have been reported by NET Health bringing the county total to 17, officials said this week.

The most recent deaths include a 67-year-old male resident of Tyler, an 84-year-old resident of Whitehouse and an 84-year-old resident of Arp.

There have been 53 confirmed deaths in the seven-county area covered by NET Health's Disease Surveillance. The first death was reported on March 25, 2020.

The 14 previous COVID-19 deaths in Smith County are:

Previous deaths in Smith County include a 66-year old female and 68-year old female from Lindale and a 91-year old male from Hideaway.

Guest Columnist

PB&J and life...

By Tiffany Streiford

Hot wet tears streamed down his cheeks as he laid on my chest. He was finally coming down from a tantrum that started with an inadequate PB & J sandwich and ended with him crying out for his friends.

This outburst was the worst I had seen from him. Luke threw his body around, hit himself and tried to kick me, almost as if to make sure I was still there in the room with him. My first response was, "Well, it must be nap time." But after half an hour, we were both exasperated and I decided to just sit with him, hoping it would pass.

We were six months into treatment and the previous day he reunited with his buddies for a play-date at the park. Our first outing since diagnosis. It was the most glorious taste of normalcy we'd had in a long time. At his doctor's recommendation, he had no contact with anyone except healthy family members and health care providers. When he started treatment we immediately pulled him out of school for being immunocompromised. Chemo killed the cancer in his blood and central nervous system in 30 days, but it cost him his immune system. A simple cold would put him in the hospital and we couldn't risk it. I thought over time he had adapted to his world getting smaller. And since this was his first major outburst since he was on steroids, perhaps interacting with the kids at clinic was enough, I thought. We were there for almost 20 hours a week, after all.

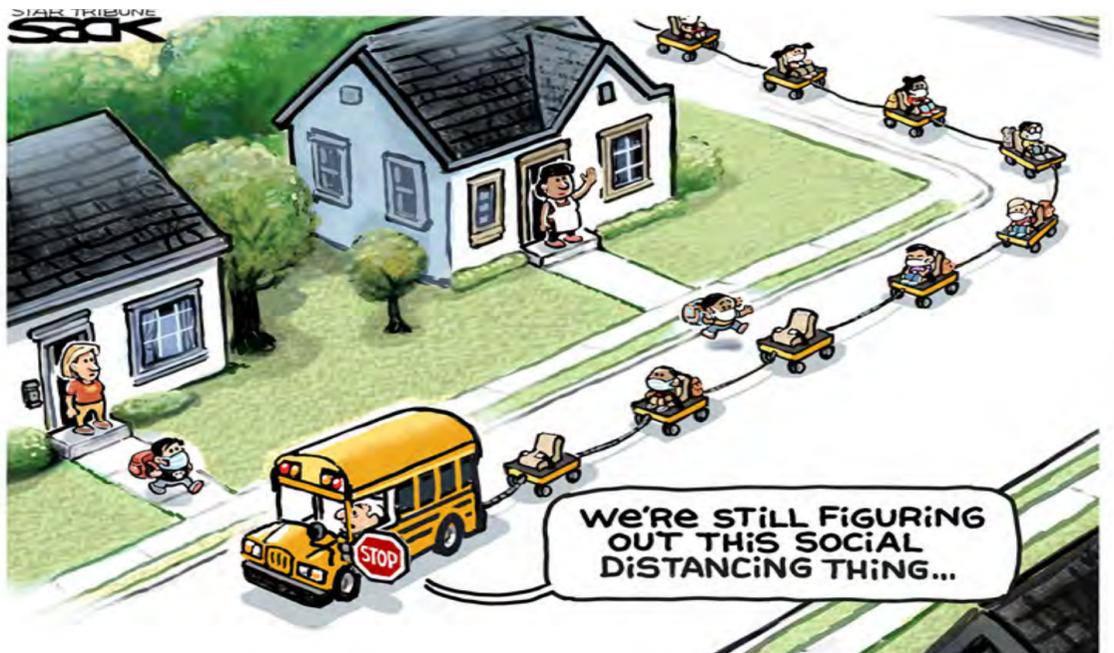
But when he finally let me hold him and his breathing returned to a normal pace, save for the upset sniffles, I realized I couldn't fix this. Instead of trying to tell him we would see his friends again soon or that everything would be ok, I told him I was sorry. He couldn't possibly understand why we kept him from them for so long. Six months is an eternity for a 3 year old. This play-date gave him a glimpse of what it felt like to run wild in the park, skin his knees, get dirty and wear



Tiffany Streiford is a 2007 White Oak High School alum. She graduated from the University of Texas in 2010 with a Communications degree. The East Texas native has lived in Dallas, Brooklyn and now, she and her family reside in Austin. Her 4-year old son has been fighting Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia since he was 2-years old.

Courtesy Photo

his little body out in the fresh air with his people again. He missed his community. He missed his life before. And when my words went from fixing to lamenting this loss with him, he seemed to settle. He knew I understood it was never about the sandwich at all.



THE ECONOMIST

By Dr. M. Ray Perryman

The Outlook for US Economic Recovery

The COVID-19 pandemic continues. Following significant surges in many states, signals in late July (at least as I am writing) have been modestly encouraging, with case numbers beginning to level off and COVID-related emergency room visits trending downward. Nonetheless, it will be a while before

daily life or the economy can approach normal.

The US job market has improved as businesses have reopened, though total employment remains well below pre-COVID-19 levels. The most recent reports indicate gains of 2.7 million jobs in May and 4.8

million in June, with a decrease in the unemployment rate from 14.7% in April to 11.1% in June. However, the total increase over the past two months is far below the loss of 22.2 million during March and April. Moreover, the situation remains challenging and fluid, and momentum appears to be slowing a bit as some reopening moves were reversed.

Our latest forecasts indicate that 2021 will see the US economy gain a significant portion of activity lost through 2020. We are projecting a decrease in real gross product of -4.96% this year, with a gain of 3.67% in 2021. Employment is expected to decline by -6.25% for 2020 and rise 4.78% next year. This decline represents about 9.4 million jobs. It is worse than that now (as are the GDP numbers), but some

improvement is anticipated as the year progresses.

A new stimulus package is being negotiated and should provide relief for a few extra months to many people who have lost jobs or otherwise suffered. Another round of stimulus checks may also be forthcoming, helping household budgets across the country. Funds to be used by schools to reopen more safely are also under consideration, as are aid for health care institutions, state and local governments, small businesses, and other areas. The measure is being negotiated in a contentious election-year environment, and will likely be far from ideal. Given the current distress, however, anything will help (although there are long-term consequences from rising debt).

It will likely take a little more than two years to return to prior peak job levels assuming no major additional disruptions. That is about half the time that was required in 2008, when the economy was facing major structural issues. Health and safety remain of paramount concern, and progress will depend on the ability to continue to resume activity without infections reaching a level that will necessitate a new wave of restrictions.

The current economic crisis was caused by a health crisis, and to ultimately resolve the economic crisis requires effectively dealing with the pandemic situation. Once a lasting solution to the COVID-19 issue can be developed, long-term prospects for the US economy remain positive. Be safe!!



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The poisonous seed of disinformation

There was a time when most of the disinformation we received came from the neighborhood crank who shouted mindless thoughts from their porch or front yard as we passed by on the sidewalk.

Today, of course, we are more sensitive to the needs of the folks who spout such nonsense, understanding the older human brain is susceptible to many insidious maladies.

Yet this doesn't compare to the type of disinformation that pours forth from social media. The neighborhood crank from 50 years ago could only reach a few people a week, whereas the reach of today's social media cranks is global in scope.

Consider the bombast from Dr. Stella Immanuel of Houston, who is convinced hydroxychloroquine is the panacea for COVID-19. She recently spouted this nonsense from the steps in front of the U.S. Supreme Court. Not surprisingly, The Donald and The Donald Jr. are big fans.

Other tidbits from Dr. Immanuel include that doctors and hospitals are using alien DNA in medical treatments and scientists are working on a vaccine to keep people from being religious.

Oh, and she is convinced there are parts of the federal govern-



ment being run by reptilians and other aliens. (Hmmm, she may have something there.)

As to her actual medical qualifications, there may be some issues, such as the malpractice suit filed in January of this year out of Louisiana, which alleges that in 2019 a patient of hers died as a result of negligence – an infection caused by a lodged needle fragment eventually removed by another doctor.

Deputies couldn't serve the notice of the suit because she had moved to Houston to set up another practice in a strip mall.

While we ponder the aliens-in-government possibility, let's move on to others who have jumped on the out-of-control social media train to offer up dangerous screeds to anyone who's lazy enough to accept this nonsense as fact without doing the tiniest bit of research.

The purveyors of this litter box filler include celebrities, politicians and of course those

whose only qualification consists of being able to log on to a computer.

One group in particular, QAnon, seems to be really unhinged. This group alleged in October, 2017, a "deep state" conspiracy against The Donald and his supporters and claimed to have access to classified information involving TD. It was later determined that three people took the original post and expanded it to multiple platforms across the internet for monetary gain. (There's a surprise.)

Some QAnon supporters have promoted gargling chlorine dioxide as a "cure or preventative" of COVID. One little problem though, chlorine dioxide is an industrial bleach which has been labeled dangerous by the FDA.

Adherents have appeared at TD rallies (shocking) and at a White House "social media summit" last year. Since he's the Tweeter-in-Chief, TD has supposedly re-tweeted QAnon

messages nearly 200 times. I've saved the best for last.

A couple of weeks ago, TD's press secretary Kayleigh McEnany went on a rant concerning the "cancel culture," echoing TD's disgust of the cancellation of TV police shows.

"He's appalled by cancel culture and cancel culture as it pertains to cops," she said. "We saw a few weeks ago that 'Paw Patrol' a cartoon show about cops, was canceled."

Problem is, there isn't the tiniest shred of truth in that statement.

"Paw Patrol" features a puppy that wears a police uniform "Chase," "Marshall," a fire rescue pup, "Rubble" a construction pup, "Rocky" a recycling pup, "Zuma," a water rescue pup and "Skye," an aerial rescue pup.

The show is still on the air. In fact, it was being enjoyed by my grandson in my living room this past weekend.

But the bigger issue here is that misinformation and disinformation is being shouted in every direction from people who would be classified, back in the day, as the neighborhood crank.

Unfortunately, thanks to social media and the mindless dolts that have access to it, the audience is much larger than a city block.

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He's off on a trip and driving her crazy

By Janet Mitchum

There are a few things I need to get off my chest; Rusty, for one. He is about to drive me crazy, or should I say crazier.

When he's out of town, one part of me misses him, and another is glad he's out of my hair.

At least when he's gone, I can get the house clean. Rusty can walk into a perfectly clean house, and in a matter of seconds, no, nanoseconds, the place looks like it's been hit by a cyclone.

He's sort of like that child named Pig Pen in the Peanuts comic strip. He's worse than a teenager. He drops clothes, bags, papers, and anything else he is holding.

And if I move whatever it is he dropped, and he comes looking for it, well then he tears up the rest of the house looking for it. He could not find his head, if it were not attached. When he walks out the door, it takes about 10 minutes for all the pictures on the walls to stop swinging.

Rusty is big on surprises. By this, I mean he loves to surprise, startle, or scare me.

It's at the point where I'm afraid to walk around the corner, wondering if he's going to jump out, or worse. The other morning he woke early and went to get the paper.

I was still in bed. I was not asleep, because when Rusty gets up, no matter how hard he tries to be quiet, he just can not do it. He will knock something off of his night stand, run into the footboard of the bed, trip over something he left in the floor, or walk into a wall.

He just can't help it. As I said, he had gone to get the paper. I heard him coming back talking to his dog. He always talks to his dog. He asked him how his night went, if he found any new girlfriends, or rolled in anything interesting.

And what's weird, the dog makes whining noises as if he's answering him.



About the time I heard him open the door, I sat up in bed. Then Rusty burst into the room, and held something up in front of my face.

It was still dark, so I couldn't make out what he was holding up. I thought it might be the paper. With his other hand, he turned on the lamp on his night stand. As my eyes focused I realized that he was holding up a creature. I screamed.

"GET THAT AWAY FROM ME!"

"What," he said. "It's just a little ol' rabbit. Somebody must have run over him. Feel him. He's still warm."

"Rusty," I warned. "If you don't get that thing out of my house right now...."

"Okay," he said, as he turned back toward the door. "I swear. You sure are so jumpy."

"HEY REBEL!" he yelled to his dog. "Momma said you could have it." I could have killed him.

I still remember the night he caught an armadillo that was digging in the flower bed. He brought it into the house as I was coming down the hall. He turned the corner and held it up in front of my face.

I screamed, which caused Rusty to holler, causing the armadillo to jerk, which then caused Rusty to loosen his grip on the thing's tail, and it fell to the floor.

For the next half hour, Rusty chased the thing through my house, until it finally ran out the front door which I had left opened on my way out. I should have kept going.

Just a couple of weeks ago, I

woke to see him trying to put on some clothes in the dark. If you are not real sleepy, this is really fun to watch. Invariably, he will get one foot in his jeans, and then he'll hop while trying to get the other in.

Rusty can't hop in one place. He'll cover half the room and usually trip and fall. Then he'll jump up and yell, "I'm OK."

Well, he was hopping as I turned on the lamp. It must have startled him, because he jerked his head toward me, smiled, then crashed into the dresser. It was then I noticed that he was putting on a pair of camouflaged pants.

"Why are you putting on camo?" I asked.

"Cause them blamed coyotes kept me awake last night, and I'm gonna go out there and wipe out the species." We have almost as bad a problem with coyotes as we do skunks.

"I didn't hear any coyotes," I said.

"That's cause you were snorin' so loud."

"I don't snore," I said.

"Yeah, and boogers ain't green, neither."

"Your analogies have a lot to be desired," I told him.

"Must be the ragweed," he said. "They've been actin' up all week."

"What? No, I said analogies, not allergies you idiot....never mind."

"I'll be back," he said, and he left. He had a gun in one hand, a hand full of bullets in the other, and a mouth call on a lanyard around his neck.

I stayed in bed awhile longer, and then got up to take my shower. When I stepped out of

the shower, there was Rusty. I screamed.

"What?" he said.

"You scared me," I said as I hit him on the chest. It was then I noticed his hands were bloody.

"Oh my gosh!" I said. "What happened?"

Rusty then smiled. "Come see what Daddy killed," he said. He stole this line from one of his favorite authors.

"Like this?" I asked pointing to the fact that I did not have any clothes on. He looked at me.

"They won't notice," he said. "They're dead."

"What do you mean by 'they're'?" I asked.

"I got two of 'em," he said proudly.

"Well, I'm not going to look at any dead animal."

"You want me to cut you off a tail?"

"No, I don't. And I don't want to see any parts of it in this house."

"Them," he said.

"What?" I asked.

"Them," he repeated. "You said 'it' and you should have said them. I got two of them, remember?"

"OK," I sighed. "I don't want to see any parts of them in this house."

"How about the garage?"

"Rusty," I warned.

"OK, OK. But you know you're stifling my creativity, don't you?" he said.

I looked at him. "Rusty, do you even know what that means?"

"Uh, sure," he said.

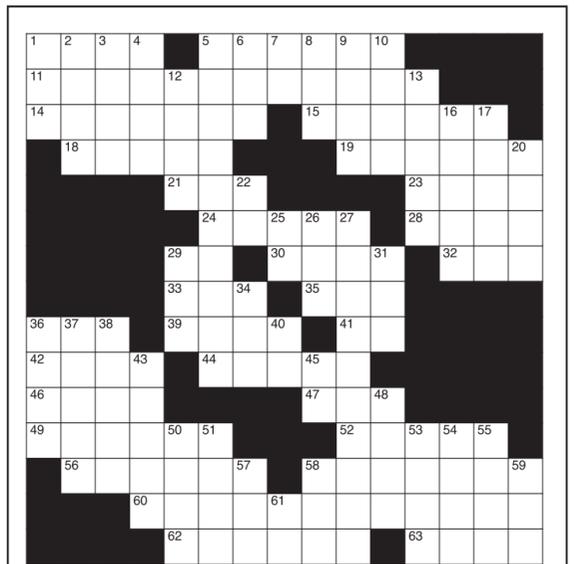
"What?"

"Uh, well, uh....it's too complicated to get into right now."

"Rusty," I said. "The only thing that's complicated about you is your tiny little brain."

"Thanks," he said and he went off smiling.

Anyway, thanks for letting me have my say. I do feel better. Well at least until Rusty gets back home.



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"HHSC has a legal and ethical obligation to protect the private health information of everyone we serve, both in the private facilities we regulate and those we operate," said HHS Executive

Commissioner Phil Wilson. "We appreciate the guidance from the Attorney General of Texas, which allows us to release this additional data while maintaining important personal privacy protections."

Data on COVID-19 case counts and deaths will be updated on the HHSC website daily on weekdays, no later than 3 p.m. CT.

Data for the state-operated SSLCs and state hospitals will reflect confirmed cases as of the previous business

day.

Because nursing facilities and assisted living facilities self-report data to HHSC, staff must review and correct any clerical or reporting errors to ensure data integrity. To accommodate time for this review, data posted on these facilities will reflect counts two weeks prior to the date of posting.

More information is available at hhs.texas.gov. Texas residents can dial 2-1-1 to learn about HHS programs and services.

OBITUARIES

Doug Schultz



Doug Schultz, age 77 of Lindale, passed away on Wednesday, July 29, 2020 in Tyler. He was born August 1, 1942 in Beloit, Wisconsin to the late Sidney Alvin Morris and Elta Pauline (Funk) Schultz. Doug has lived in Lindale for the last 13 years where he was a member of LifeSource Community

Church.

He served his country in the United States Navy and was a retired Pastor and Missionary of 52 years. Doug was a Presbyterian for Assembly of God Church's in California, the Vice-President of the International Correspondence Institute, and spent 19 years as a Chaplain for police and fire departments serving the last 9 with the Lindale Police Department. Doug enjoyed journaling, fishing, taking family and friends water and snow skiing, riding ATV's through the mountains of Montana and watching movies with Judi.

He is preceded in death by his brother, Maynard Schultz and son, Donald Schultz.

Doug is survived by his wife of 57 years, Judi Schultz of Lindale; daughter, Robin Bailiff and husband, Russell of Lindale; brothers, Keith Schultz and wife, Donna of Colcord, OK, Royce Schultz and wife, Carol of Loveland, CO; sisters, Marilyn Martinez and husband, Tony of San Tan Valley, AZ, Gail Sheafor and husband, Chris of Ft. Collins, CO; grandchildren, Austyn Bailiff, Lauren Lucas, Amber Bailiff, Alec Bailiff, and Aleigha Bailiff; 6 great grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Joyce Bailey Lites



Graveside services for Joyce Bailey Lites, age 88 of Chandler, were held Sunday, Aug. 2, 2020 at the Damascus Cemetery in Lindale with Pastor Ryan Surratt officiating under the direction of Caudle-Rutledge-Daugherty Funeral Home in Lindale.

Mrs. Lites passed away Thursday, July 30, 2020 in Chandler. She was born Sept. 18, 1931 in Lindale, she was a member of the Damascus Baptist Church of Lindale.

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Saturday, July 25, 2020

Officer Capps responded to a theft from a motor vehicle at 200 block Betts Dr, report taken. Sgt. Wilson responded to a business alarm at 17000 block I-20 W, false alarm. Det. Dworaczyk, Sgt. Wilson, and Officer Capps responded to a recovery of stolen property at 400 block W Hubbard St, report taken. Sgt. Wilson and Officer Capps responded to a criminal trespass at 700 block S Main St, report taken. Det. Dworaczyk, Sgt. Wilson, and Officers Capps, Trombley, and Ramsey responded to an unauthorized use of motor vehicle at 200 block Mt. Sylvan St, report taken. Officer Trombley responded to a public service at the Police Department, settled at scene. Officers Trombley and Ramsey responded to a suspicious person at 600 block W South St, settled at scene. Officers Ramsey and Trombley responded to a public service at 1400 block Lakeside Ct, settled at scene. Officer Trombley responded to a public service at the Police Department, settled at scene. Officers Trombley and Ramsey responded to an accident at 13600 block Cr 474, report taken. Officers Trombley and Ramsey responded to a disturbance at 600 block E South St, settled at scene.

Sunday, July 26, 2020

Officers Trombley and Ramsey responded to a recovery of stolen property at 16600 block Cr 4199, report taken. Sgt. Wilson responded to an animal complaint at 100 block E Centennial Blvd, unfounded. Sgt. Wilson and Officer Capps responded to a theft at 13300 block I-20 W, report taken. Officer Capps responded to an ordinance violation at 200 block Robyn Ln, settled at scene. Officer Ramsey responded to a suspicious person at 900 block S Main St, settled at scene. Officer Ramsey responded to a suspicious circumstance at I-20 W MM 554,



unfounded. Officer Trombley responded to an agency assist at 18800 block Cr 4116, primary agency took command of scene. Officer Ramsey responded to a suspicious circumstance at 1300 block S Main St, settled at scene. Officers Trombley and Ramsey responded to a suspicious vehicle at 900 block S Main St, settled at scene. Officers Trombley and Ramsey responded to a public service at 15300 block FM 16 W, settled at scene. Officers Trombley and Ramsey responded to a public service at 900 block S Main St, settled at scene. Officer Ramsey responded to a public service at 2800 block S Main St, settled at scene. Officers Trombley, Ramsey, and Capps responded to a warrant service at 200 block N Main St, arrest made and report taken.

Monday, July 27, 2020

Officer Capps responded to a public service at the Police Department, settled at scene. Sgt. Wilson responded to a public service at 700 block Mt. Sylvan St, settled at scene. Officer Capps responded to a public service at the Police Department, settled at scene. Officer Capps responded to a public service at the Police Department, settled at scene. Sgt. Wilson responded to a public service at the Police Department, settled at scene. Officer Trombley responded to a public service at the Police Department, settled at scene. Officer Ramsey responded to a public service at the Police Department, settled at scene. Officer Ramsey responded to a suspicious circumstance at 200 block Bonnie St, unfounded. Officer Trombley responded to a public service at the Police Department, settled at scene. Officers Ramsey and Trombley responded to a public service at 3300 block S Main St, settled at scene. Officers Ramsey and Trombley responded to a residential alarm at 15000 block Country Acres, false alarm. Officers Trombley and Ramsey responded to a public service at 3300 block S Main St, settled at scene. Officers Capps and Ramsey responded to a residential alarm at 100 block Timber Creek Ct, false alarm.

Tuesday, July 28, 2020

Chief Somes and Officer Capps responded to a public service at the Police Department, settled at scene. Officer Capps responded to an accident at 13300 block I-20 E, report taken. Sgt. Wilson responded to a suspicious vehicle at 200 block Freeman St, settled at scene. Sgt. Wilson responded to a residential alarm at 1500 block Camden Ct, false alarm. Chief Somes responded to an agency assist at the Police

Department, primary agency took command of scene. Capt. Chambers, Sgt. Wilson, and Officer Capps responded to a welfare concern at 100 block E Centennial Blvd, settled at scene. Capt. Chambers responded to a found property at the Police Department, report taken. Officer Capps responded to a public service at the Police Department, settled at scene. Officers Trombley and Ramsey responded to a warrant service at 600 block E South St, arrest made and report taken. Officer Ramsey responded to a public service at the Police Department, settled at scene.

Wednesday, July 29, 2020

Det. Philpot and Officer Fortunas responded to a theft at 1500 block S Main St, settled at scene. Capt. Chambers, Sgt. Flores, and Officers Shurley and Fortunas responded to a disturbance at 3200 block S Main St, settled at scene. Sgt. Flores responded to a criminal mischief at 900 block Brad Cir, settled at scene. Sgt. Flores and Officer Shurley responded to an accident at 3200 block S Main St, report taken. Capt. Chambers responded to a criminal mischief at 200 block Mission Crest, report taken. Capt. Chambers and Sgt. Flores responded to a residential alarm at 200 block N Henry St, false alarm. Sgt. Flores responded to a public service at the Police Department, settled at scene. Officer Barton responded to a welfare concern at 2100 block S Main St, settled at scene. Officers Houghton and Barton responded to a stolen property at 400 block York St, report taken. Officers Houghton and Barton responded to a possession of drug paraphernalia at 200 block Cannery Row, report taken. Officers Barton and Houghton responded to an agency assist at 200 block Perryman Rd, primary agency took command of scene. Officer Barton responded to a suspicious vehicle at 200 block Cannery Row, settled at scene.

Thursday, July 30, 2020

Sgt. Flores, and Officers Fortunas and Shurley responded to an accident at I-20 W MM 553, report taken. Officers Fortunas and Barton responded to a theft at 1300 block S Main St, report taken. Lt. Lazarine responded to a public service at the Police Department, settled at scene. Capt. Chambers, Sgt. Flores, and Officers Shurley, Fortunas, and Barton responded to a disturbance at 600 block Linus Ln, settled at scene. Det. Dworaczyk responded to a public service at 800 block Braewood Cir, settled at scene. Det. Philpot and Officer Fortunas responded to a public service at the Police Department, settled at scene. Capt. Chambers, and Officers Fortunas and Barton responded to an agency assist at 16100 block Rolling Meadows Dr, primary agency took command of scene. Capt. Chambers and Officer Barton responded to a business alarm at 2700 block S Main St, false alarm. Officer Gillham responded to a suspicious person at I-20 E MM 553, settled at scene. Officers Houghton, Barton, and Gillham responded to a suspicious person at 500 block Circle Dr, unfounded. Officers Gillham, Houghton, and Barton responded to a suspicious person at 300 block Mt. Sylvan St, unfounded. Officers Gillham and Houghton responded to a suspicious vehicle at 17000 block I-20 W, settled at scene.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Overpass bad idea, commissioner says
EDITOR'S NOTE: The following letter to the editor from Smith County Pct. 1 Commissioner Jeff Warr addresses the proposed construction of an overpass at the intersection of Old Jacksonville Highway and Loop 323. The issue was discussed during a meeting on Thursday (July 30) at the meeting of the Tyler Metropolitan Planning Organization's Policy Committee, of which Warr is a member.

Dear Editor,
 Often, those of us who serve in government are referred to as leaders. But more accurately, we are representatives of our communities. The true leaders are the people and businesses that go to work each day, pay the taxes, provide the jobs and invest back into our cities. I have always supported improvements to our infrastructure, in the city and in the county. However, I could not have supported spending tens of millions of dollars in taxpayer money on one overpass. Coupled with a long construction process that would have most certainly closed some of the smaller businesses permanently, the proposed overpass would have had a damaging effect to some of the city's major employers and long-time retailers in the area. Businesses are already dealing with an unprecedented interruption because of the global COVID-19 pandemic. If this project would have moved forward I fear some of these businesses would have moved out of the city, and possibly even out of Smith County. At a time when the state will be facing multi-billion-dollar budget shortfalls, I appreciate the state taking the opportunity to reevaluate less disruptive and less expensive options for road improvements in Smith County. As we always do, but especially during these times, we at the county are taking a close look at every one of our own road and bridge projects that are planned to evaluate less expensive options. I appreciate the state doing the same thing.

Jeff Warr, Smith County Commissioner, Pct. 1

We know the way around the bend
 Dear Editor,
 Just reading Suzanne Bardwell's editorial on "Seeing round the bend..." really brings up memories. It's really easy to believe you are "around the bend" in today's high stress, overloaded, social media-driven world -- we just long to return to a simpler time.

Although I know better, I am guilty saying that far too often. I, too, am a history buff although I never taught it, but I have always loved to read history, including ancient, ancient history and Bible history (including works of Biblical historians). My specialty was math and science in the engineering field. I was born and raised on a farm in Nebraska during the Great Depression and World War II. My mother spoke of never wasting a thing, which included making our clothes from flour sacks. During WWII, we lived with our Grandpa to help him on his farm while our uncles were serving in the Pacific theater. Our country school was about five miles away and my brother, sister and I rode horses to school. My sister and I shared a horse. There was no air conditioning, not much entertainment, although we did have a bowling alley in one of

the saloons.
 We went to church weekly and did go to wedding dances. Chores always kept us from visiting any of our friends very long on weekends because we always had to be there for the chores.
 This farm family received no stimulus checks, so small business loans, no food assistance. Sugar and gasoline were rationed as well. We all had "Victory Gardens" for foot, wind chargers and batteries for lights as well as Coleman lanterns and eggs and cream to sell for groceries. We had a hand "pitcher pump" in the kitchen for running water.
 We never knew we had it bad, all we had ever known was hard work and how to get by but like Mrs. Bardwell's mother said, "We had each other and that was enough."
 People back then were always willing to help each other. When my dad had scarlet fever I was only three years old and neighbors came and helped with our chores and picked our corn.
 The doctor came to our farm to care for him and give all of us scarlet fever shots. I remember that well -- I wrapped my arms around the center table leg and called the doctor a devil because I didn't want the shot, which I got anyway.
 We all lived through that and were exhausted, anxious and unsure of what was to come, but all of us kept putting one foot on front of the other until we came through to the other side of the bend.
 We can do this, friends and neighbors. We already know the way.
 Ed Kaup,
 Lindale



Smith County Treasurer Kelli White, left, was honored by the Smith County Commissioner's Court for her 20 years of service to the county. Presenting the plaque to Ms. White was Precinct 4 Commissioner JoAnn Hampton. (Courtesy Photo)

Smith County employee recognitions

Smith County Treasurer Kelli White was recognized during Commissioners Court on Tuesday, July 28, for 20 years of service to the county, said public information officer Casey Murphy.
 "We are excited to recognize an employee who has been here for 20 years," Commissioner JoAnn Hampton said. "She has done an outstanding job for the county."
 Ms. White was sworn in as Smith County Treasurer on March 1, 2005. She worked as Smith County Assistant Treasurer from July 2000 to March 2005.
 She is a graduate of Robert E. Lee High School and Stephen F. Austin State University. She is a Certified Investment Officer, is a Past President of the County Treasurers Association of Texas and a board member for the Texas Association of Counties Risk Management Pool.
 Some of the duties of treasurer include receiving, keeping and accounting, paying, applying, and disbursing all monies belonging to the county from whatever source derived according to law.
 Additional Smith County employees celebrating work anniversaries include:
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TJC Industrial Maintenance Technology students gain job skills, work ethic

By Rebecca Sanders
TJC Editorial staff

In the TJC Industrial Maintenance Technology program, the expectations are clear from the get-go: Treat the program like it's your job.

"We treat you as an employee from the very beginning," said Link Worthen, program coordinator and professor. "It's very structured. If someone isn't in class, they know that we will be calling and checking on them."

Worthen continued, "We're not just teaching what to know but also how to work and be successful in the culture of industry: how to follow instructions, be on time, listen, work as a team, avoid the pitfalls and, above all, communicate."

These "soft skills" are an integral part of TJC's two-year program that trains students for successful careers in a variety of industrial disciplines.

"Major industries look to TJC to train skilled professionals who can slide right into a job maintaining their state-of-the-art facilities," Worthen said. "We actually created this program with input from local industry professionals, so we would be able to know exactly what they needed in an employee and then build the program around those needs."

What area industries are looking for, he said, is a "multicraft" worker with varied knowledge of industrial maintenance.

"They want a 21st-century, jack-of-all-trades maintenance worker with mostly mechanical experience but who also has some electrical and HVAC experience," he said.

In addition to soft skills, the TJC program teaches pneumatics, mechanical drives, hydraulics, electrical instrumentation, HVAC/Refrigeration, rigging, boiler operation and more.

"Some of our students might already excel at any one of these trades, but TJC will make them a well-rounded multicraft worker," Worthen said.

Worthen regularly scans the classified ads and employment websites to keep current on what industries are coming into the area, what jobs they're hiring for and what kind of expertise they want in an employee.

In the past, he said, a two-year technical degree was listed as a preferred qualification



Roger Cogburn (left), Hiland Dairy maintenance supervisor, gives TJC student and Hiland intern Tim Harvey a lesson on how to achieve precise tolerances on a lathe. Also pictured is Link Worthen, TJC Industrial Maintenance Technology program coordinator and professor. (TJC Photo by Elise Mullinix)

in employment ads, but now it's mostly a job requirement.

"Employers want a person with a two-year technical degree because it shows not just the technical skills, but also that this is a disciplined, hard-working person who can finish what they start," he said. "They're looking for solid, mature people who will follow through."

Summer internships have been a great way for TJC students to test their wings in the workforce.

Roger Cogburn, maintenance supervisor at Hiland Dairy in Tyler, is a 2012 graduate of TJC. In his position at Hiland, Cogburn hires and supervises TJC student interns, some of whom become permanent employees after graduation.

"The students TJC is integrating into the workforce through the internship program are excellent," Cogburn said. "That is greatly due to the professors

teaching in the Industrial Maintenance Technology program. Also, somewhere between quality of student and quality of professors, TJC is producing students with great work ethics."

Cogburn currently oversees TJC students who are completing summer internships at Hiland, including Tim Harvey of Tyler.

"Tim has been great," Cogburn said. "He has a very reserved attitude but is ferocious when attacking a task or project. Additionally, he fits in well with the rest of the maintenance team and contributes ideas to improve the maintenance plan. Tim is an excellent representation of the type of technicians the industry needs."

Harvey said, "I have learned so much, and all the guys here are really nice. They always answer my questions or find some YouTube video to help me answer it. There are some welders and fabricators



From left, Roger Cogburn, Hiland Dairy maintenance supervisor; Tim Harvey, TJC student and Hiland summer intern; and Link Worthen, TJC Industrial Maintenance Technology program coordinator and professor. (TJC Photo by Elise Mullinix)

here, so I tried to glean as much knowledge as I can by asking lots of questions. I'm learning as much as I can."

Cogburn added, "Teaming up with TJC and working with professors (Billy) Calcote and Worthen has been a fruitful experience that will benefit our Hiland Dairy interns. The quality of education and the quality of the students, combined with the intern experience, will produce excellent technicians."

"That kind of report is music to Worthen's ears. "Putting guys like Tim in an opportunity like this is why I come to work every day," he said. "Our goal is for our students to have a job lined up by the time they graduate, and the experience our students gain from these internships can often lead to that."

For more on the TJC Industrial Maintenance Technology program, go to TJC.edu/IMT.

Night work planned for FM 849 to U.S. 69

A new Interstate 20 resurfacing project between FM 849 and U.S. 69 near Lindale is under way as maintenance crews with the Texas Department of Transportation will undergo night work this week, said spokesperson Kathi White.

Work will be conducted from 8 p.m. to 6 a.m., Sunday through Thursday nights.

The speed limit will be reduced to 65 mph throughout the work zone, which will include installing guardrail upgrades, ramp improvements and frontage road construction.

Texas Materials Group is the contractor and the expected cost is \$3.2 million. White said the anticipated completion date is fall, 2020.

Other Smith County projects

include: FM 2767, etc., Improvements

Limits: FM 2767, etc., CR 386 to FM 757

Contractor: Stateline Construction, LLC

Cost: \$3.88 million

Anticipated Completion Date: October 2020

The contractor will be work-

ing on drainage upgrades. Expect lane closures and delays. The project consists of culverts, safety end treatments, drainage upgrades, bridge rail upgrades, new metal beam guard fence, and driveway asphalt.

Loop 323 Resurfacing Project

Limits: 0.1 miles west of SH 155, east to 0.8 miles east of US

69 in Tyler

Contractor: Drewery Construction Co. Inc.

Cost: \$5 million

Anticipated Completion Date:

Fall 2020

Nighttime paving operations continue on the south side of the Loop. Work hours for this project are 8 p.m. to 5 a.m., Sunday through Thursday evenings. Two

eastbound lanes will be closed on Loop 323 in the paving area each night. Use alternate routes to avoid delays. The project consists of pavement resurfacing.

Lindale, Hideaway students earn Dean's List honors at Baylor

WACO -- Six students from Lindale and one from Hideaway earned a place among more than 5,300 Baylor University students named to the Dean's List for the spring 2020 semester, school officials announced.

Dean's List honorees from Lindale include: Kelsi Kilgore, Peyton Grace Mizell, Kyle Daniel Monk, Baylor M. Payne, Brandon Alec Thompson Ramsey and Anthony Michael Wyatt.

From Hideaway, Corban G Sorrells earned Dean's List honors.

These students are Baylor undergraduates with a minimum semester grade-point average of 3.7 with no grade lower than a "C" while enrolled in a minimum of 12 graded semester hours.

Baylor provides numerous academic and research opportunities across various disciplines through 127 baccalaureate programs in fields as varied as business, engineering, nursing, pre-medicine, music and computer science, along with 78 master's programs, 46 doctoral programs (including the J.D.) and two education specialist programs.

Park University announces graduates from Hill AFB campus

Officials with Park University have announced a former Lindale High School student is among 54 graduates from its Hill Air Force Base (Utah) Campus.

Former LHS student William C. Howell earned a Master's of Business Administration in Project Management. He currently lives in Roy, Utah.

The university conferred degrees to four master's candidates, 44 bachelor's degree candidates and six to associate degree candidates.

A scheduled commencement ceremony for Aug. 1 in the Layton, Utah Davis Conference Center was cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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All persons having claims against said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time prescribed by law to the address being shown below:

Estate of Robert David Smith
c/o Randall J. Cook
Hardy Cook & Hardy, P.C.
2080 Three Lakes Parkway
Tyler, Texas 75703

LEGAL

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Letters Testamentary for the Estate of William Upton Beall, Deceased, were issued to Trixie Katherine Beall Carlock, as Independent Executor, on July 28, 2020, in Cause No. 44,624P, County Court of Smith County, Texas. All persons having claims against this Estate are required to present them to the Independent Executor, c/o John G. Payne, Attorney, 3650 Old Bullard Road, Suite 100, Tyler, Texas 75701, within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

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Public Lawful Notice

On June 2nd, 2020, plaintiffs (herein Defendants) attorneys, as well as the District Clerk for 114th JUDICIAL DISTRICT, SMITH COUNTY, TEXAS on June 3rd, 2020, were served Demandants non-statutory Plea In Abatement w/exhibits, by process server for case #26491-B. On July 17, 2020, abatement Default and Praecept occurred against Defendants, due to non-response and no written/sworn evidence to the Plea In Abatement with exhibits. One cannot benefit from silence when there is a duty to respond. Rule day was on July 17th, 2020. Demandants give 30 days from first day of publishing for objections, signed under penalty of perjury, to counter Demandants Plea In Abatement w/exhibits. No response with written/sworn evidence, is unconditional acceptance and acknowledgement that all facts asserted herein are true and actionable, as previously settled matters of law, and further waives all defenses to the subject matter. On the 31st day, will become a previously settled matter in perpetuity. Please contact: at: virginiahouseofreyes@gmail.com with sworn claims. Publishing dates for this Notice will be July 30, August 6 & 13, 2020.



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Sweet Success Lindale Candy Company remains treat for the town

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 may not have been on life's plan, but becoming an entrepreneur making chocolate was. That chain of events changed her life.

"It's kind of strange to look back on how it all falls into place, but here I am," she said. Meandering through the store, frequent buyers can easily see the creativity and the constant expansion of products. The cases are full of chocolate, marshmallow, fudge, truffles or chocolate-covered strawberries, fresh-dipped along with chocolate-and-caramel-covered apples on Fridays.

There are fancy chocolate shoes and Halloween skulls that can be filled with candy along with Miranda Lambert pink pistols she supplies for the boutique and wine bar called The Pink Pistol. Bottom line, anyone who has a sweet tooth can find an abundance of products to tempt the taste buds.

The shop carries a variety of gummies, jelly beans and assorted candies that are purchased from outside sources, but they are especially known for their homemade chocolates, peppermint and brittle. They also carry specialty chocolate pieces and have more than 3,000 molds available to make custom creations.

The homemade peppermint they pull every Monday in the kitchen in the back half of their building is one of the things that sets them apart. In fact, they are only one of three stores nationwide to create peppermint by hand rather than using machines to automate the process. From start to finish, a batch of sugary syrup takes about 2 1/2 hours from copper pot to final product for the 35 pounds of peppermint that gets rolled to 18 feet and then cut into even smaller lengths. The peppermint is formed into sticks, chunks, lollipops and bowls with the small chips saved for peppermint bark.

The prep kitchen can get up to 140 degrees in the summer, according to the owners, so the usual three batches on Monday can be exhausting. "It's like spa day with peppermint essential oils," Kaitlin said.

One of the long-standing traditions from the original owner is making dolls out of peppermint. "People come in and say they can remember seeing those dolls

or that their grandparents used to buy one every Christmas," Kaitlin said. "It's pretty cool that they are bringing their kids in and doing the same thing."

Although some businesses are struggling with effects of the coronavirus, the Cagless said they are holding their own.

"Chocolate is kind of a weakness for some people," Kaitlin said. "It's like duct tape for women. It fixes everything."

From scratch is the name of the game for the candy store, but they do offer other commercial products that are popular.

"We've added in some candies people have requested and nostalgic candies, but as far as the chocolate in the cases, it's all homemade," she said. "The novelty pieces are where I just get to play around. Everything in the cases is my creation."

Starting a new business with an existing business's name can cause some confusion for previous customers. Even though the Cagles have owned the shop for more than a year, Kaitlin said they still get people coming in asking for sandwiches, which they don't sell.

"Coming into an existing business and carrying its name but not doing the same thing they were doing is hard," the owner said. "There are some things we had to iron out. We've been here a year, and we have to tell customers that 'if you have been here prior to, I don't know what your experience was. We weren't here.'"

Even though customers may not find lunch at the candy company, they seem to always return for some sweets afterward.

"Once they know, they come back for dessert," she laughed.

Kaitlin created the chocolate brand Kaitlin's Confections when she got her start back in her hometown of Grand Saline about 8 years ago, working out of her 900 square foot house.

"People would place their orders and set a time to come pick them up," she said. "I had an antique showcase set up in the front door of my house, so I actually had a little shop. The front door opened right into it."

Another stepping stone sending her further into her dreams of a storefront was selling her chocolates at First Monday in



Pulling peppermint
 Lindale Candy Company co-owner Jeremiah Cagle pulls and stretches a ribbon of freshly made peppermint recently. Photo by Susan Duncan

Canton, beginning in 2015. She recounted 12-hour shifts selling her wares, followed by a couple hours sleep before she headed back to Canton.

"Those are the times that I really grew and tested myself and pushed myself," she said. "I asked myself several times, 'do I want to keep doing this?'"

But she persevered, with encouragement from a very special person.

"There are nights when Jeremy would come over and literally pull me off the ground," she said. "I was ready to throw in the towel. I would stay up to 4, sometimes 6 o'clock in the morning. Every Valentine's Day, I would stay up 36 hours straight just to make the strawberries happen."

Some of that changed when she and Jeremy opened the store last year.

"It was nice to get the storefront here, so I could lock the door at night and go home and try not to think about it," she said. "Of course, I never really stop. I'm always catching up on emails or placing orders in bed at night."

What advice does the determined shop owner have for other women business owners starting out?

"That's hard because I would like to say set reasonable boundaries for yourself, but I feel like if I had restricted myself, I may not be where I am today," she said. "You do what you know needs to be done. It's blood, sweat and

business at this exact location, so that's kind of neat. We're the fourth owners, so it's been different over the 74 years. We like to think we are making him [Withrow] proud. We want it to be a destination place."

A trip to Lindale Candy Company can be a leisurely trip around the showcases to remember the good ol' days, or it can be a hectic race to get something as a last-minute gift.

"We've started doing some birthday bars, so you can just come in if you need a quick

birthday or anniversary gift," she said. "We can usually throw those together really quickly."

No matter the occasion, the Lindale Candy Company is the place to be, and the Cagles are people to meet. Their never-give-up attitude should inspire all.

"I can look back and say 'what if I had stopped there?' What would I have missed out on if I gave up?" Kaitlin said. "I'm living out a childhood dream, and I love coming to work to make people happy, and truly, I believe chocolate does that."

Proposed county budget includes 1-cent reduction

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- Transferring \$1.8 million from the Capital Improvement Projects Fund to the General Fund to cover the decreases in revenue;
- Using \$2.2 million from the Road and Bridge Department Fund Reserves to support continued FY 2021 Road and Bridge maintenance and operations to ensure that the priority on infrastructure is not affected;
- Cutting a number of general operating expenses under local control;
- Reducing fleet expenditures from \$1.2 million to under \$400,000; and
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