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Shooting suspect caught after extensive manhunt

Samuel Salas, 34, of Lindale and a suspect in a shooting last week as well as a home invasion this past weekend, was arrested Monday morning in Wood County, authorities confirmed.

Smith County Sheriff's officials said Salas was taken into custody at approximately 10:45 a.m. at a residence in the 1800 block of FM 1801 just outside of Mineola, Smith County Sheriff's Office spokesman Larry Christian said.

Lindale PD, the Smith County Precinct 5 Constable's office, county sheriff's deputies and units from the Texas Department of Public Safety worked throughout this past weekend to apprehend Salas.

Christian said Salas faces

charges of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon which carries a \$750,000 bond and an unlawful possession of a firearm by a felon, which carries a \$250,000 bond.

Officials believe Salas was involved in a Thursday night shooting in the 18600 block of CR 498 in Lindale, which resulted in a woman getting shot in the face. She is in stable condition in a Tyler hospital.

Over the weekend, units from the Smith County Sheriff's office, the Lindale Police Department and the Smith County Precinct 5 Constable's Office began a manhunt for Salas.

At approximately 7:15 p.m. on Saturday, deputies responded to a home invasion call in the 13700

block of Shannon Drive, just off FM 2710. Authorities said Salas attempted to rob the homeowner but fled when the home owner pulled a gun on him.

Deputies and Lindale PD established a perimeter and while the sheriff's office utilized a drone to help in the search.

Also, a Texas Department of Public Safety helicopter and bloodhounds from the Texas Department of Criminal Justice joined in the manhunt.

Lindale ISD Superintendent Stan Surratt said schools were on lock down on Monday as the hunt for Salas continued.

During the weekend search, law enforcement personnel focused on an area near FM 2710, FM 16, CR 498 and CR 4197.

Commissioners Court open to public

Smith County Commissioners meetings reopened to the public this week in accordance with Gov. Greg Abbott's Executive Order (GA-34) which he issued earlier this month, said county Public Information Officer Casey Murphy.



MORAN

A maximum of 35 people will be allowed in the courtroom with public seating available for 20.

The temporary limited courtroom capacity is to allow for social distancing guidelines put out by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and Gov. Abbott, Murphy added.

Smith County Judge Nathaniel Moran addressed this and other issues during the March 9 Commissioners Court meeting.

"As an organization, we needed to make changes (after the governor's order) in both the judicial and administrative areas of the county," Moran said.

Moran noted that decrees such as these affect various groups in several areas.

"When the governor issues a new order there's a number of people in decision making and how we are going to move forward," Moran said.

The judge said the county will continue to hold jury trials with safeguards in place, including requiring face coverings in common areas, temperature checks and social distancing.

"We will maintain these safety measures and jury panels should feel comfortable when they report," Moran said, adding these safety measures and protocols will be enforced at the Precinct 5 office in Lindale and other JP offices in the county.

George Roberts, CEO of the Northeast Public Health District and Dr. Paul McGaha, local health authority for Smith County, addressed the commissioners concerning updated news and numbers concerning COVID in the county.

"The picture is much brighter now than when I first reported to you on Jan. 26," Roberts said. "The number of cases (in the county) has dropped and the hospitalizations are significantly lower. I believe we can see the light at the end of the tunnel."

Roberts likened the fight against COVID in terms of a football game and how a team works together.

"Dealing with COVID is like a team sport and

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Miranda Lambert wins Best Country Album award during 63rd Grammys

Country music superstar and Lindale native Miranda Lambert won her third Grammy Award this past Sunday for her album "Wildcard" during the 63rd annual awards show from Los Angeles.

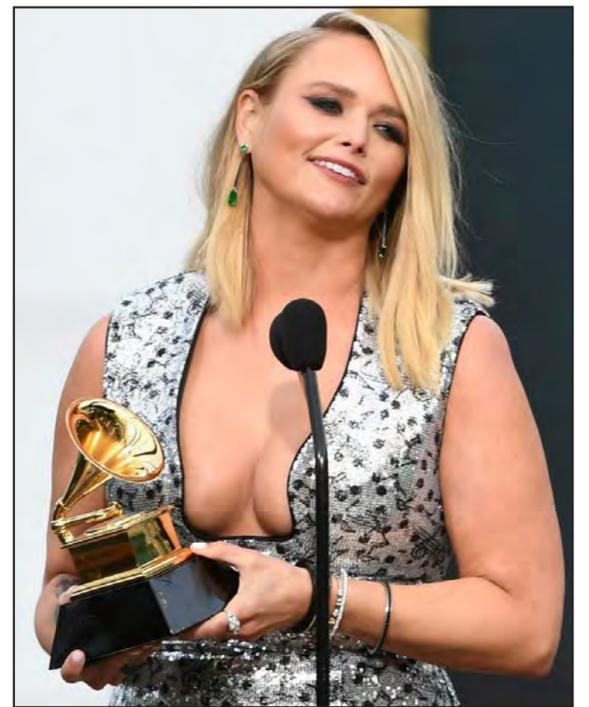
Previous Grammy wins for Lambert include the 2014 album "Platinum" and in 2010, she won for best female country vocal performance for "The House That Built Me."

"Wildcard" is Lambert's seventh studio album. During the broadcast, she performed the single "Bluebird" from that album.

Trevor Noah hosted the event, which due to the pandemic, didn't allow for a live audience. There was a limited number of performers and nominees, and in addition to Lambert included Bad Bunny, Taylor Swift, Dua Lipa, Cardi B and Megan Thee Stallion.

Beyoncé led the field with nine nominations and, after picking up the 28th Grammy win of her career, she broke the record for the most Grammy wins ever by a female artist and most Grammy wins ever by a singer.

Dua Lipa, Roddy Ricch and Swift each scored six nominations themselves, and Swift took



home her third Album of the Year award.

Lambert lost out to Vince Gill in the solo performance category and lost in the country song

award.

List of 2021 Grammy winners: Record of the year: Everything I wanted, Billie Eilish

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Legislation backed by casino giant would allow casinos, sports gambling in Texas

Texas Tribune

Two Texas lawmakers last week filed legislation backed by the gaming empire Las Vegas Sands that would legalize casino gambling in Texas.

The legislation was filed by Rep. John Kuempel, R-Seguin, in the House and Sen. Carol Alvarado, D-Houston, in the Senate. Rep. Toni Rose, D-Dallas, was later added as a joint author on the House proposal.

The proposals would create special casino licenses for four "destination resorts" in the state's four largest metropolitan areas: Dallas-Fort Worth, Houston, San Antonio and Austin. At the same time, it would establish a Texas Gaming Commission to regulate the casinos, tax table games and slot machines and separately legalize sports betting.

The legislation would require amending the Texas Constitution, which currently bans most gaming in Texas. That is only possible with a two-thirds vote of lawmakers in both chambers, and then voter



approval in the November election.

Kuempel is the vice chair of the House Licensing and Administrative

Procedures Committee, which oversees industries regulated by the state, including current gaming options. Alvarado, meanwhile, chairs the Senate Democratic Caucus.

Las Vegas Sands, founded by the late GOP megadonor Sheldon Adelson, has spent the past few months building a massive push at the Capitol, spending millions of dollars to hire nearly six dozen lobbyists. The bill-filing deadline for the biennial legislative session, which got underway in January, is Friday.

"We appreciate the work of the bill's sponsors and we are excited to engage in further discussion with elected leaders and community stakeholders on the possibilities for expanding Texas' tourism offerings through destination resorts," Andy Abboud, Las Vegas Sands senior vice president, said in a statement.

The legislation is consistent with the vision that Las Vegas Sands

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OPINION/EDITORIAL

Gary Borders Capital Highlights



State's jobless rate still double record low

The state's unemployment rate dropped to 6.8% in January, down a tick from December's 6.9% rate but double the record low of 3.4% in May 2019. It is unclear what effect the mid-February winter storm had on employment, when power outages swept the state and many roads were impassable. We'll find out next month.

What is certain is that state lawmakers must grapple with a revenue shortfall as they build a biennial budget, since sales tax revenues are down from the previous year. The state comptroller's office announced February sales tax revenues totaled \$2.68 billion, down 7.5% from the same period last year.

Sales taxes account for most of the state's revenues. Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar announced in January that the state was running a \$1 billion deficit for the current budget. Hegar estimated state budget writers will have an estimated \$112.5 billion in revenue available for the next two-year budget, which is nearly \$500 million less than the total current budget.

Hegar said the forecast could change due to uncertainties such as the continuing effect of the pandemic, oil and gas revenues and how quickly the state's economy rebounds as the state fully reopens.

Abbott, Patrick spar over PUC, ERCOT

The market monitor for the Public Utility Commission has revised its claim that the Electric Reliability Council of Texas overcharged power companies by \$16 billion during the winter storm, saying last week that the actual amount is \$4.2 billion.

Gov. Gregg Abbott has made legislation relating to correcting any ERCOT billing errors an emergency item. In a highly unusual move, Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick showed up at a state senate committee hearing to question the lone remaining member of the PUC — new chair Arthur D'Andrea. Patrick on Friday night called on Abbott to replace D'Andrea after he fills the other two vacancies on the PUC. Patrick also said Abbott should intercede to "correct" the pricing error.

Abbott quickly — and tersely — responded to Patrick, saying that, as a former Supreme Court justice and former Attorney General, the governor's legal view is that he does not have "independent authority to accomplish the goals you seek," which is why he made the issue an emergency item for the Legislature to consider. This saga is far from over.

Parts of Texas still face drought

Despite record snowfalls in much of the state, precipitation in February was below average, which led to an increase in the area of the state affected by drought. Dr. Mark Wentzel, a hydrologist with the Texas Water Development Board, said rain during April, May and June will be crucial. The expected breakup of the La Niña weather system in April could bring a return to normal amounts of rainfall in May and June, Wentzel wrote.

He noted that there will be pockets of drought almost always in such a vast state. Right now, the United States Drought Monitor shows 62 percent of the state is in some stage of drought, with the most severe areas located in parts of the Panhandle and the Rio Grande Valley. Only 10.8 percent of the state's area has normal rainfall conditions, primarily in Northeast Texas.

COVID-19 vaccines steadily rising across state

With another 800,000 doses of COVID-19 vaccines arriving in Texas this week, more than 5.2 million people have received at least one dose, and 2.78 million are fully vaccinated — about 9.5% of the state's population. The latest shipment is down from the 1 million first doses delivered last week, which included the first large batch of the one-shot Johnson & Johnson vaccine.

Last week the Texas Department of State Health Services announced that vaccinations have been expanded to people over 50 years of age. Previously, school and child-care workers were added to the Phase 1B list, which also included people over 65 and those with underlying medical conditions.

"We've seen a remarkable decrease in the number of hospitalizations and deaths since people 65 and older started becoming fully vaccinated in January," said Imelda Garcia, DSHS associate commissioner. "Expanding to ages 50 to 64 will continue the state's priorities of protecting those at the greatest risk of severe outcomes and preserving the state's health care system."

COVID-19 cases, deaths continue to drop

The number of new cases of COVID-19 in Texas dropped again last week to 31,916 — down 26% from the previous week. A total of 1,117 deaths were reported, down 35% from the previous week. To date, there have been 2.7 million cases in the state since the pandemic began, with 46,366 deaths, according to the Coronavirus Resource Center at Johns Hopkins University.

Hospitalizations of confirmed COVID-19 patients also continue to decrease, with 4,219 patients currently in Texas hospitals, according to TDSHS. That's down 14% from the previous week and 70% lower than the record high of 14,218 hospitalizations in mid-January.

...do you 'dig' it?

How about the 'luck o' the Irish'? Do you have it? I know that I do. I have been showered with blessings that include a handsome hubby, a loving family, good health, a gorgeous rescue Collie, and a dash of optimism that usually keeps a twinkle in my smiling green 'Irish' eyes. I don't want to mislead you, I am an American mutt with dashes of Irish, Scot, English, French, German and Cherokee ancestors. But on St. Paddy's Day I am celebrating the Irish.

I bet you didn't know that the phrase 'the luck of the Irish' is American in origin. During the Gold Rush and the big silver strikes of the 19th century many of the most famous and successful miners were of Irish or Irish-American descent. Now that's some luck I wish I did have.

I have sat in the clover on many occasions looking for that lucky 4-leaf clover. The three-leaf clover was called the "seamy" by the Celts and was considered a sacred plant that symbolized spring's arrival. According to legend, St. Patrick used the plant when explaining the Holy Trinity. By the 1600s, the shamrock had become the symbol of emerging Irish nationalism. By the way, the odds of finding a 4-leaf clover is about 1 in 10,000.

The 34.7 million Americans who have Irish ancestry outnumber the population of Ireland itself which is a little under five million. It's easy to see why, when as early as the 1630s Irish immigrants began a steady stream, which grew to waves of immigration and they brought with them a culture that impacted America greatly. Perhaps one of the most profound was in their music which laid the foundation for American bluegrass, folk and country music. Of course, the Irish brought their love for dancing as well. The Virginia Reel, the Haymaker's Jig and even square dancing are Irish influenced.

One of my favorite classes in college was linguistics which studied the origin of language. It's fun to trace where our words come from and a whole 'slew' come from our Irish ancestors. Words like: trousers, galore, whiskey*, boycott, smithereens, buddy, slogan, brogues, clock, dig (as in you 'dig' it—like it), gob, hooligan and phoney, Oh, and then there is shanty and smidgen and hubbub.

Suzanne Bardwell



What about 'Gee Whiz' or 'Gee Whilikers' which actually means the 'will of God'. Gee is the approximate pronunciation of Dia, the Irish word for God. Darn, pet, ballyhoo, pal, swank, bailiff, racketeer, cop, goon...

are you having fun yet? One thing the Irish know how to do is have fun.

I think the Irish invented slang. Here's some more: banshee, bog, bother, brat, drum, keening, kibosh, Leprechaun, limerick, slob...well I could just keep going. One word I must clarify is whiskey* before my readers of Scottish descent pound me with their shillelaghs. The word whiskey came from Uisce beatha meaning "water of life". Both the Irish and the Scots claim to have invented the potent potable.

Like my hubby, I am just an humble 'Bard' (Irish for vagabond story teller) and thus the origin of our Bardwell moniker. And speaking of real storytellers, there is the Irish Bram Stoker who brought us "Dracula", Jonathan Swift who wrote "Gulliver's Travels" and my personal favorite C.S. Lewis who was the great Christian apologist and author of many books including the "Narnia Chronicles". Goodness, there is an endless list of wonders the Irish have brought to our culture. Do you 'dig' it? I sure do and I bet you do too.

So, blessings on St. Patrick's Day my friends.

May the road rise up to meet you.

May the wind be always at your back.

May the sun shine warm upon your face,

The rains fall soft upon your fields,

And, until we meet again,

May God hold you in the palm of His hand.

SUNSHINE WEEK

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Sunshine Week:

Public's right to know should be front and center, especially now, in Texas

By Kelley Shannon

With state lawmakers immersed in the COVID-19 pandemic response and Texas' electricity failures, the public's access to information must be at the forefront of the Legislature's actions. Information allows citizens to watch over their government, to speak out and to ask questions.

There's no better time than Sunshine Week, starting March 14, to emphasize the importance of the people's right to know.

The Freedom of Information Foundation of Texas and other open government proponents are taking part in a Sunshine Week online discussion March 18 hosted by the Texas Public Policy Foundation as the Texas legislative session approaches its midway point. Fortunately, lawmakers in both political parties are working to enact timely transparency legislation.

Texas Public Information Act compliance. Throughout the pandemic, many government offices have not responded to open records requests, citing the physical closure of their offices or because they were operating on a "skeleton crew" with staffers working remotely. House Bill 1416 by Rep. Giovanni Capriglione, R-Southlake, and Senate Bill 925 by Sen. Judith Zaffirini, D-Laredo, define business days under the Public Information Act to ensure timely responses by governments.

Furthermore, SB 1225 by Sen. Joan Huffman, R-Houston, and HB 3627 by Rep. Chris Paddie, R-Marshall, clarify existing law pertaining to "catastrophe notices" that governments can file to briefly suspend TPIA responses during a disaster. This legislation adds specifics to the law to prevent abuse.

Enforcement measures requiring governments to respond to public information requestors, even if no responsive records are found, are spelled out in SB 927 by Zaffirini and HB 3015 by Rep. Ana Hernandez, D-Houston.

Texas Open Meeting Act improvements. Virtual meetings allowed under the Texas Open Meetings Act have worked well for many governments during the pandemic, but in some cases rules for public comment have been unfairly imposed and telephone call-in lines have not been provided to accommodate those without Internet.

SB 924 by Zaffirini and HB 2683 by Rep. Terry Canales, D-Edinburg, address these concerns.

Nursing home and assisted living pandemic transparency. Sen. Lois Kolkhorst, R-Brenham, chair of the Senate Health and Human Services Committee, filed SB 882 so that nursing home residents and their loved ones can get the information they need about communicable disease outbreaks, including COVID-19. Zaffirini filed a similar bill, SB 930, as did Rep. Mayes Middleton, R-Wallisville, with HB 3306.

Online contracts. Legislation to require more online posting of government contracts would help citizens better track how tax dollars are spent, during a pandemic or any other time. Capriglione filed HB 2913 and Zaffirini filed SB 929 to achieve this goal.

Dates of birth in public records. Access to a birthdate in a government record promotes accuracy. It can aid citizens vetting a candidate for office; journalists identifying a person in a crime report; or banks, credit report companies and employers relying on public record background checks to conduct business. HB 3535 by Rep. Todd Hunter, R-Corpus Christi, and SB 926 by Zaffirini address this important measure.

Searchable-sortable records. When government information is stored in spreadsheets or other electronic formats, a requestor may need the data in that electronic format for searching, sorting and organizing. HB 1810 by Capriglione; SB 928 by Zaffirini; and SB 729 by Sen. Nathan Johnson, D-Dallas, require information to be provided the requested available electronic format.

Law enforcement transparency. House and Senate members are also working to improve access to police records involving in-custody deaths and to body camera and dash camera video. This helps to ensure public accountability. Key bills are HB 2383 by Rep. Joe Moody, D-El Paso and SB 975 by Sen. Royce West, D-Dallas.

This Texas legislative session is an unusual one amid the coronavirus pandemic. But ensuring access to public information is a familiar endeavor and always necessary.

Now is a crucial time to protect this basic right.

Kelley Shannon is executive director of the non-profit Freedom of Information Foundation of Texas. For more information go to www.foift.org.

THE ECONOMIST

By Dr. M. Ray Perryman

How to fix it ...

Now that things are getting closer to normal after the extreme weather and blackouts, attention has rightly and rapidly turned to actions to ensure that we never have a repeat.

One thing that has emerged is the need for a base level of generation capacity available at all times. The amount could be set to provide grid stability during periods of extremely high demand, with adequate winterization to ensure availability.

In the Texas market, power generators only earn revenue when they sell power (as opposed to traditional regulation where they are also paid based on maintaining available capacity). Once wind tur-

bines are installed, operating them is essentially free. At times, wind farms can generate sufficient electricity to send prices plummeting (or even negative). (For those into the esoteric, prices in a competitive market are determined by the marginal cost of the last unit; on a nice spring day, wind often supplies all that we need.)

Texas should consider creating a "capacity market" (I seem to recall saying that 20 years ago). This base load would need to be fueled by conventional fuels. Legislation or a regulatory authority could set the level of base capacity, and firms could be compensated for keeping it available. These costs would be passed along to consum-

ers, likely in the form of higher electricity rates. Better winterizing could also be required, which is also not free. You can think of it much like an insurance policy. You pay for it, hope you never need it, but are glad it's there when you do.

Past weather events triggered rolling blackouts, and best practices for winterization were developed. However, there is no effective enforcement mechanism and, hence, little incentive for generators to incur the additional costs. It would be useful to examine the adequacy of mechanisms for assuring compliance.

Moreover, generators in Texas often purchase interruptible natural gas supplies, meaning

that they get a reduced price, but may be interrupted when supply is scarce. This practice reduces costs in normal times but creates problems during severe storms that winterization alone will not solve (something like flying standby to your daughter's wedding on a holiday weekend). This area is also worthy of examination.

Another issue that arose was that the compressors that facilitate the natural gas supply are generally powered by electricity, yet they were not prioritized. The recent, near-catastrophic failures illustrate a need for changes. The rational approach involves ensuring adequacy of generation fueled by diverse means.

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County officials weigh trial options in wake of Abbott's recent order

Following Gov. Greg Abbott's issuance of Executive Order GA-34 this past week, which lifted the face mask mandate across Texas as well as opening businesses, Smith County officials are weighing their options when it comes to conducting jury trials, Public Information Officer Casey Murphy said.

In response to Abbott's order, the Texas Supreme Court, which governs judicial proceedings, issued the 36th Emergency Order on March 5, providing revised criteria for courts to conduct in-person proceedings, including jury trials.

The Texas Supreme Court encouraged courts to conduct non-jury trials remotely, required that the local administrative judge establish "minimum standard health protocols" for all in-person proceedings, and required that courts take any other reasonable action to avoid exposing court proceedings to the threat of COVID-19, including requiring compliance with social distancing protocols and requiring face coverings.

County Administrative Judge Robert Wilson, of the 321st District Court, consulted with the local health authority, sheriff and county judge, as well as other members of the Smith County judiciary, to establish how to proceed. Until further notice, the "minimum standard health protocols" that will govern judicial proceedings and court facilities in Smith County will include: (1) screening for high temperatures upon entry of the judicial facility (2) wearing face coverings in each courtroom and in all common areas (including bathrooms, hallways and central jury room) (3) social distancing when feasible and (4) continuing to restrict capacity in courtrooms.

These "minimum standard health protocols" apply to the Smith County Courthouse and outlying county precinct offices, which house the Justices of the Peace courtrooms. Each judge could establish additional safety protocols for their courts.

Many hearings in the various courts will also be conducted remotely using the Zoom videoconfer-

encing platform, Judge Wilson said.

Smith County jury trials have already restarted and safety protocols have been implemented, including mask wearing and social distancing.

The Smith County Commissioners Court will continue to encourage people to wear masks and socially distance during Commissioners Court meetings, which are held in the Courthouse Annex, Murphy said.

Non-judicial county facilities (including the Courthouse Annex, Cotton Belt, Animal Control, Elections Administration Office and the Veterans Office) will not require face coverings, but members of the public are encouraged to wear face masks when social distancing is not feasible. Temperature screening will continue at all county facilities.

These minimum standard health protocols for judicial buildings are consistent with the guidance of the Texas Supreme Court and Office of Court Administration and in conformity with Attorney

General Opinion KP-0322, which determined that "judges possess broad inherent authority to control orderly proceedings in their courtrooms, and pursuant to that authority, they can require individuals in the courtroom to wear facial coverings."

"The county remains committed to providing a safe and healthy environment for its employees and the public, including the many members of the public who are summoned for jury service," Smith County Judge Nathaniel Moran said. "We will do our best to follow the guidelines of both the Governor's Office and the Texas Supreme Court, while being ever-conscious of the input of our local health authority. We deeply appreciate the public's continued flexibility on the local level as we react to changing directives from the state."

Smith County residents can conduct much of their county business online, at www.smith-county.com, including paying taxes, renewing auto registration, requesting public documents or paying court fees and fines.

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Friday March 5, 2021

Officers Ramsey and Philpot responded to an accident at 2200 block S Main St, report taken. Officer Ramsey responded to a public service at 1200 block Forest Trails Dr, settled at scene. Officers Philpot, Ramsey and Allen responded to a welfare concern at 13300 block CR 472, settled at scene. Officer Allen responded to a public service at 100 block Ballard Dr, settled at scene. Cpt Chambers, Sgt Dworaczyk and Officers Philpot, Ramsey and Allen responded to a loud noise disturbance at 500 block Blackberry Blvd, unfounded. Cpt Chambers and Officers Ramsey and Philpot responded to a welfare concern at 200 block Cannery Row, unfounded. Cpt Chambers and Officers Allen, Ramsey and Philpot responded to a business alarm at 1500 block S Main St, false alarm. Officer Allen responded to a violation of protective order at 200 block Water St, settled at scene. Officers Gillham and Wedgeworth responded to a suspicious person at 300 block Kingdom Blvd, Settled at scene. Officers Gillham and Allen responded to a business alarm at 3200 block S Main St, false alarm. Officers Gillham, Wedgeworth and Allen responded to an assist smith county at 16900 block Loring Ln, settled at scene. Officers Gillham and Wedgeworth responded to a business alarm at 14000 CR 4200, false alarm.

Saturday March 6, 2021

Officer Leevey responded to a public service at 13300 block CR 472, settled at scene. Officers Trombley and Leevey responded to an accident at 600 block S Main St, report taken. Officer Trombley responded to a public service at 100 block Ballard Dr, settled at scene. Officer Capps responded to a welfare concern at 400 block Hammrick St, canceled. Officer Capps responded to an assist other agency at 3200 block S Main St, settled at scene. Officers Trombley, Capps and Leevey responded to a public service at 200 block S Henry St, settled at scene. Officer Capps responded to a 911 hang up at 200 block W Centennial Blvd, settled at scene. Officer Capps and Trombley responded to a public service at 13000 blk Lauren Ln, settled at scene. Officer Shurley responded to a theft at 100 block Ballard Dr, report taken. Officer Capps responded to a loud noise disturbance at 15200 block CR 467, settled at scene. Officers Capps, Shurley and Dailey responded to an assist smith co at 900 block E Hubbard St, settled at scene.

Sunday March 7, 2021

Officer Trombley responded to a public service at 100 block Ballard Dr, settled at scene. Officer Leevey responded to an accident at 100 block E Centennial Blvd, report taken. Sgt Houghton and Officer Trombley responded to a theft shoplifting at 100 block E Centennial Blvd, settled at scene. Officer Trombley responded to a disturbance at 17000 W I-20, settled at scene. Sgt Houghton and Officers Leevey and Trombley responded to a welfare concern at 500 E Hubbard St, settled at scene. Sgt Houghton and Officer Trombley responded to a parking violation at 3400 block S Main St, unfounded. Officers Leevey, Capps and Trombley responded to a disturbance at 100 block E Centennial Blvd, settled at scene. Officer Trombley responded to an accident at 556 W I-20, report taken. Sgt Houghton and Officer Leevey responded to a welfare concern at 100 block E Hubbard, settled at scene. Officer Capps responded to a welfare concern at 100 block W Hubbard St, settled at scene. Officer Leevey responded to a 911 hang up at 300 block Arlene St, settled at scene. Sgt Houghton



and Officers Capps, Leevey and Trombley responded to an assist other agency at 17900 block Hwy 69 N, unfounded. Officers Capps and Shurley responded to a welfare concern at 200 block W Valley Dr, settled at scene. Officers Capps, Dailey and Shurley responded to a disturbance at 3500 block S Main St, settled at scene. Officers Shurley and Dailey responded to a warrant service at 15800 block Woodlands Dr, arrest made.

Monday March 8, 2021

Officer Trombley responded to a criminal mischief at 800 block Brad Cir, report taken. Sgt Houghton and Officers Leevey and Trombley responded to an accident at 3200 block S Main St, no action taken. Officer Leevey responded to a residential alarm at 200 block Heritage Ct, false alarm. Officer Trombley responded to an accident at 500 block S Main St, report taken. Officer Leevey responded to a theft at 100 block E Centennial Blvd, no action taken. Officer Leevey responded to a public service at 3200 block S Main St, settled at scene. Cpt Chambers, Sgt Houghton and Officers Capps and Trombley responded to a stolen vehicle at 300 block W South St, arrest made. Sgt Houghton and Officer Trombley responded to a welfare concern at 300 block S Industrial St, settled at scene. Officers Leevey and Trombley responded to an accident at 3400 block S Main St, settled at scene. Officers Leevey, Trombley and Capps responded to a suspicious circumstance at 70 block Miranda Lambert Way, settled at scene. Officers Shurley and Dailey responded to an evading arrest at 555 W I-20, report taken.

Tuesday March 9, 2021

Cpt Chambers, Sgt Houghton and Officers Leevey, Trombley and Capps responded to a peace officer warrant at 50 block Miranda Lambert Way, report taken. Cpt Chambers and Sgt Flores responded to a public service at 100 block Ballard Dr, settled at scene. Officer Leevey responded to an assist other agency at 300 block Helen Dr, settled at scene. Sgt Houghton and Officers Leevey and Capps responded to a 911 abuse at 300 block Molly Ln, settled at scene. Sgt Houghton and Officers Leevey and Capps responded to a disturbance at 300 block Brazil St, settled at scene. Sgt Houghton and Officers Capps and Dailey responded to an accident at 100 block E Hubbard St, settled at scene. Sgt Houghton and Officers Capps and Shurley responded to an animal complaint at 801 Sweetgum Ln, settled at scene. Sgt Houghton and Officer Dailey responded to an assist other agency at 3500 block S Main St, report taken. Officers Dailey and Shurley responded to a welfare concern at 3500 block S Main St, settled at scene. Officer Dailey responded to a suspicious circumstance at 15300 block Brittan Ct, unfounded. Sgt Houghton and Officers Dailey, Shurley and Capps responded to an assist smith co at 69 & I-20, unfounded. Sgt

Houghton and Officer Shurley responded to a criminal mischief at 200 block Cannery Row, report taken. Officer Dailey responded to a loud noise disturbance at 400 block Hill St, unfounded. Officers Shurley and Dailey responded to a suspicious person at 3300 block S Main St, settled at scene. Officers Shurley and Dailey responded to a business alarm at the 18700 block HWY 69 N, false alarm.

Wednesday March 10, 2021

Officers Ramsey and Philpot responded to a business alarm at 400 block W Hubbard St, false alarm. Officer Philpot responded to a public service at 800 block Sweet Gum Ln, settled at scene. Officer Ramsey responded to a welfare concern at 200 block Francis Dr, settled at scene. Officer Ramsey responded to a criminal mischief at 200 block Cannery Row, report taken. Officer Ramsey and Philpot responded to a business alarm at 100 block S Main St, false alarm. Lt Lazarine, Sgt Flores and Officers Philpot and Ramsey responded to a welfare concern at 3200 block S Main St, settled at scene. Lt Lazarine, Sgt Flores and Officers Ramsey and Philpot responded to an investigation at 300 block S Main St, settled at scene. Sgt Dworaczyk and Officers Allen and Ramsey responded to a warrant service at 300 block S Main St, arrest made. Sgt Dworaczyk and Officer Allen responded to a suspicious circumstance at 100 block E Centennial Blvd, settled at scene. Sgt Dworaczyk and Officer Allen responded to a loud noise disturbance at 13400 block CR 472, unfounded. Sgt Dworaczyk and Officer Allen responded to a residential alarm at 1500 block Camden Ct, false alarm. Sgt Dworaczyk and Officer Allen responded to a residential alarm at 300 block Helen Dr, false alarm. Officer Wedgeworth responded to a suspicious circumstance at 800 block E South St, unfounded. Sgt Dworaczyk and Officers Allen and Wedgeworth responded to a suspicious circumstance at 400 block Hill St, unfounded. Officer Wedgeworth responded to a suspicious vehicle at 900 block E Hubbard St, settled at scene. Officer Allen responded to a loud noise disturbance at 70 block Miranda Lambert Way, settled at scene. Officer Allen responded to a suspicious vehicle at 3200 block S Main St, settled at scene. Officers Wedgeworth, Gillham and Allen responded to a suspicious vehicle at 900 block Mount Sylvan St, settled at scene. Officer Allen responded to a suspicious person at 1700 block S Main St, settled at scene. Officer Allen responded to a suspicious person at 1200 block Woodsprings Rd, settled at scene. Officers Wedgeworth and Gillham responded to a suspicious person at 900 block S Main St, settled at scene. Officer Allen responded to a possession of drug paraphernalia at 100 block E Hubbard St, report taken citation issued.

Thursday March 11, 2021

Cpt Chambers, Sgt Flores and Officers Philpot and Ramsey responded to an accident at 3500 block S Main St, report taken. Officer Philpot responded to a criminal mischief at 70 block Miranda Lambert Way, report taken. Officer Philpot responded to an assist smith county at 17000 block Sentinel Ln, settled at scene. Officers Ramsey, Gillham and Wedgeworth responded to an assault at 13400 block CR 472, report taken. Officers Gillham and Wedgeworth responded to a disturbance at 300 block Brazil St, settled at scene. Officer Gillham and Wedgeworth responded to a suspicious person at 200 block W North St, settled at scene. Officers Gillham and Wedgeworth responded to an assist smith county at 18600 block CR 498, settled at scene. Officers Gillham and Wedgeworth responded to a theft at 200 block W Centennial Blvd, settled at scene.

OBITUARIES

WAYNE HICKS KIMBERLEY

Funeral services for Mr. Wayne Hicks Kimberley, 89, of Lindale, are scheduled for 2 p.m. Thursday, March 18, 2021 at the Caudle-Rutledge-Daugherty Funeral Home in Lindale with Brother T. R. Rogers officiating.

Interment will follow in the Damascus Cemetery with services under the direction of Caudle-Rutledge-Daugherty Funeral Home.

He died Sunday, March 7, 2021 in a Tyler hospital. He was born July 26, 1931 in Lindale.

OLIVER TOMMY DAWSON



Oliver Tommy Dawson, age 73, of Fort Worth went to be with the Lord on March 12, 2021.

Tom did not "lose" his battle with cancer. He, in many ways, WON his battle with cancer...and inspired us all with his bravery right

to the end.

On Aug. 20, 1947, in Lindale, Oliver and Rosemond Dawson, who he loved and respected profoundly, welcomed their son.

Rosemary Dawson became the most adored bride to ever walk the face of this earth on Nov. 12, 1988. Anyone would tell you that not a conversation was had without hearing the names "Mimi" or "Rose", his love for them was unimaginable.

Tom wasn't the average college student. He would say, if he could, all he would do is go to school. A graduate of East Texas State University in Commerce he earned a Bachelor's Degree in social work. After many years, working for Child Protective Services, he attended the University of Texas at Arlington where he received a Master's Degree in social work.

Among many of his accomplishments was his trip to Sturgis, not once, but twice. Also notable, was the thousands of children's lives impacted by his dedication to his position as a CPS Investigator.

Besides his wife, Tom found the greatest joys in Harley Davidson motorcycles, eating, Willie Nelson, Lladro, reading, watching sports, debating

politics, and making people laugh.

Tom loved "his things" and often joked how "moderation know him not". A good husband, father, and friend Tom will be remembered.

Tom is survived by his wife, Rosemary Dawson; children, Tabitha Dawson, Tim Dawson, Laura Lowrimore, Ricky Lowrimore, and Jason Lowrimore; grandchildren, Madison Moore, McKayla Moore, Kaden Dawson, Ezra Bartlett, Aspyr Allen-Lowrimore, William Lowrimore and Finnegan Lowrimore; great grandchild, Charlotte.

Graveside services were held Wednesday, March 17, 2021 at the Lindale City Cemetery in Lindale.

ALICE EVELYN (DAVIS) WRIGHT



Services for Mrs. Alice Evelyn (Davis) Wright, age 75 of Tyler, was held Thursday, March 11, 2021 at the Caudle-Rutledge-Daugherty Funeral Home in Lindale with Bro. Stephen Nipp officiating. Interment will follow in the Tyler Memorial Park

Cemetery.

Alice passed away Saturday, March 6, 2021 in Lindale. She was born on June 26, 1945 to the late Norman L. Davis, Sr. and Irene Davis at the bottom of Lake Grapevine. She went to school at Paul Pewitt, James Bowie, Redwater, Hawkins, Kilgore, and graduated valedictorian at Whitehouse High School in 1963. Alice married Charles Wayne Wright on June 1, 1962 and they were blessed with 50 years together before his death.

Her greatest joy was being married to Charles and raising their three children together. Later they were blessed again with eight wonderful grandchildren. Alice was the "cookie-baking, zoo-taking, and spend-the-night-with" grandmother. She especially loved Sunday dinners. It was a family tradition for most of her life. Alice loved to cook and bake for large gatherings of family and friends. She was known for her delicious pies, cookies, and candy. Alice also enjoyed watching all of her children and later grandchildren, play ball and attending their

band concerts or any activity that they were involved in at the time. She was truly their biggest fan.

Alice has always been dedicated to serving wherever she felt the Lord called. When asked to help at a training conference for Nicaraguan pastors in Ennis a few years ago, she was delighted to cook, clean, and even raise money for the conference. Alice had a passion for missions and spreading the gospel throughout the world. She accomplished this abundantly through several organizations, of which Faith Comes by Hearing has been her primary focus for about ten years through her Widow's Mite ministry. Faith Comes by Hearing is a worldwide organization that puts the Bible in oral form for people around the world through Proclaimers. Through her Widow's Mite ministry, thousands of people have heard the Bible for the first time in their native tongue or dialect. Through her efforts, over 400 Proclaimers have been sent to various countries around the world and many have come to know Jesus through these devices. Her ministry knew no limits. She was a faithful supporter of the Sho-Ban Indian Reservation in Idaho by sending them needed support and supplies. She even went there one year to help with their big Thanksgiving dinner. For years, she has supported Wycliffe, a worldwide organization for Bible translation, by helping to organize their local banquets. She has been instrumental in sending thousands of Bibles anywhere they were needed, both locally and around the world. Even upon her death in the nursing home, there were five Bibles in her room that she had ready to give away to the workers and residents. She not only gave them Bibles, but they would often ask her to pray for them. Her life as a witness for the Lord was a shining light wherever she was, even to her final days in the nursing home. Most of all, her life was a living testimony to the Lord as she was such a blessing to her large family and countless friends.

Alice was preceded in death by her parents, husband, Charles Wayne Wright, four infant children, sister, Barbara Terrell, and brother, Norman L. Davis, Jr.

She is survived by her sons, Greg and Lisa Wright of Tyler; Steve and Janna Wright of Tyler; daughter, Sheila and Terry Gilbert of Lindale; grandchildren,

Hannah and Brandon Kirkpatrick, Jarah Wright, Rebecca Wright, Hayleigh and Garrett Willmon, Samuel and Emily Wright, Jeffrey and Natalie Wright, Kathryn Wright, and Heather and Colton Winters; great grandchildren, Wyatt Willmon, Hayes Willmon, Laila Willmon, Gemma Kirkpatrick, Caleb Wright, and Baby Kirkpatrick on the way; foster son, Scooter Dorsey; sisters, Patsy Bohannon, Sue Grandi, Nancy Johnson, Karen Hiatt, Dinah Webb; brothers, David Davis and Tom Davis and numerous nieces, nephews, and extended family.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to the Antioch Baptist Church Missionary Fund in memory of Alice Wright.

SYDNEY TIPPING MANN



Sydney was born in Dallas, but her early years were spent in Canton & Lindale and Los Angeles. She was very active in her youth group at the First United Methodist Church of Canton where she raised money through the church to participate in mission trips to Juarez, Mexico and Guatemala. In more recent years she attended the First United Methodist Church in Lindale. Sydney graduated from Lindale High School, and attended college in both Tyler and Dallas and spent the last several years living in Dallas.

Sydney loved to travel and had visited many states and several foreign countries, but her favorite was Oslo, Norway. She loved dogs, fancy foods and fashion, and never saw a Burberry she didn't like. She was funny, kind-hearted, and madly loved by her family. Sydney's faith gave her great comfort and she valued her personal relationship with God through all things.

Sydney is survived by her mom and dad, Bill and Chris Mann of Dallas, her brother and sister-in-law, Mike & Maureen Mann of Dallas, and her sister and brother-in-law Cara & Scott Prentice of Plano.

She also had many aunts, uncles, and cousins in both Texas and Pennsylvania who miss her dearly. Sydney will be missed by all who knew her.

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Coach recaps Lindale's successful hoop season

The Lindale High School Eagles boys basketball team traveled an uncharted path this season, reaching the Class 4A Regional Semifinals before seeing its season end with a 65-49 setback to the Dallas Carter Cowboys earlier this month.

But despite this playoff disappointment, Lindale Head Coach Chris Grotemat was thrilled with the experience and the association he and his staff had with this year's team, which finished with a 24-6 record and included a District 16-4A title as well as bi-district, area and regional quarterfinal trophies.

"When you have a group of young men who genuinely care about one another, are smart, humble, self-aware, and immensely talented anything is possible," Grotemat said. "They turned the

improbable into reality, step by step, all season. I'm sad that it's over -- purely for selfish reasons -- in that our coaching staff won't get to coach this group, as currently constructed, ever again."

After such a successful season, the Eagles accrued some post-season accolades as well.

Seniors Colton Taylor and Jaymond Jackson shared 16-4A Most Valuable Player honors, while Colby Wood and Walter Smith were named first team all-district.

Second team honors went to Justin Farris and Ryder Johnson while Taegan Terry was an honorable mention selection.

Just as important, Grotemat said, was how his youngsters performed in the classroom as all 12 players were named

to the 16-4A Academic All-District team.

"What else needs to be said about the kind of young men we had on our team this season?" he said.

As to the season-ending loss to the Cowboys, Grotemat praised the quality of his team's final 2020-21 opponent, which fell in the Regional Finals, 60-53, to Oak Cliff Faith Family, earlier this month.

"We give all the credit in the world to our friends from (Dallas)," Grotemat said. "Obviously immensely talented, the Cowboys are exceptionally well-coached and their players competed with honor and integrity."

Any loss hurts, but losing such a quality opponent takes some of the sting away, Grotemat said.

"No coach wants to lose the last game of the season, but if we had to get knocked off, I'm glad it was by a program that plays the game the right way and has engineered a culture of character and sportsmanship," he said.

With the pandemic playing havoc with all high school activities, the Eagles weren't sure there would be a season until last August.

A strenuous pre-district schedule primed the Eagles for a successful run through the 16-4A schedule, resulting in a 13-1 record and a spot in the bi-district playoffs against Gilmer.

Lindale topped the Buckeyes, 70-50, setting up an area match against Brownsboro. Lindale took care of business with a 56-44 victory and set up one of the most exciting contests of the year, a re-

gional quarterfinal match against Paris.

Lindale went on a 20-2 run in the final four minutes to erase a 52-39 Paris advantage and earn a spot in the regional semifinals against Carter.

"That performance (against Paris) was one for the ages," Grotemat said.

Grotemat was effusive in his praise for his coaching staff, including assistant coaches Spencer Terry, Bridges Gibbs and Camron Frazier.

"He's one of the brightest minds in coaching, period," Grotemat said of Terry. "He makes me better by challenging me to reexamine some of my long-standing beliefs on how to coach and teach the game. (Terry) also devotes hundreds of hours annually to our youth program and tackles each task as if he were the head coach."



LHS basketball teams honored

The Lindale High School girls and boys basketball teams were honored by the Lindale ISD school board Monday night for their successful seasons. Both teams had extended runs in the UIL state playoffs. (Photos by Mary Vandiver)

Lindale routs Henderson, 12-2

The Lindale High School Eagles baseball team registered a convincing, 12-2 District 16-4A victory over Henderson this past Tuesday at the Lindale ISD baseball and softball complex.

Pitching was the name of the game for the Eagles, getting four and a third innings out of starter Triztin Smith who struck out six and allowed two runs on three hits. Cody Taylor finished the game on the hill for the Eagles in the 10-run shortened contest. He struck out two and walked just one in an inning and two third.

Sam Peterson carried the big bat for Lindale, going three for three with an RBI while scoring one of the team's dozen runs.

Brandon Burckel tripled and Kayden McClenny and Dakota Cook each added doubles to the Eagles' attack.

Kayden McClenny also came through with a double and Luke Poe had an RBI.

Others scoring runs for the Eagles included Caden Piccoli with two and one each from Ryan Betts, Peterson, Tyler Tallent, Miles Keith, Poe and McClenny.

ETCF's Giving Day deadline March 31

Nonprofit registration for the sixth annual East Texas Giving Day concludes at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, March 31, officials with the East Texas Communities Foundation announced.

Nonprofits based in or serving one of the 32-counties in the ETCF service area are encouraged to register to be a part of the online fundraising event, which is scheduled as an online event beginning at 6 a.m., April 27 and concluding at midnight.

"Nonprofits have had to adapt to so much over the past year in response to the pandemic," said ETCF Public Relations Director Holly McFarlin. "For over a year now, they have had to put off many traditional fundraising events like galas and luncheons. East Texas Giving Day takes place all online and provides a perfect fundraising opportunity for nonprofits because it allows a safe place for donors to come and feel that they are still part of a community wide event."

Nonprofits wishing to participate in this year's Giving Day can sign up online at www.EastTexasGivingDay.org. "Each nonprofit that registers to participate pays a fee of \$125," said McFarlin. "ETCF does not receive any portion of the registration fee instead; we use the registration fee to help

promote the event regionally."

Once a nonprofit has submitted their registration, ETCF staff review the nonprofit's status and verify that they are a 501(c)(3) public charity in good standing with the IRS. When the nonprofit is cleared to participate, they are encouraged to begin sharing the news with their current donors through social media outlets and other traditional means.

East Texas Giving Day is a crowd funding event that happens online at www.EastTexasGivingDay.org and is powered by ETCF, with the purpose of bringing the region together on one day and as one community, enthusiastically raising money and awareness for East Texas nonprofits.

"Last year we had a donor refer to the online site as the 'Amazon of giving'," said McFarlin. "The platform is a one-stop shop for donors to go to, find the organizations they want to give to and check out using a single credit card transaction. The convenience it offers is very attractive to donors."

Ongoing updates about the event will be posted on ETCF's Facebook page at www.facebook.com/SimplifiedGiving and the foundation's website www.etcf.org.

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Smith County road crews are scheduled to repair portions of Jim Hogg Road this week. The work is from U.S. 69 to I-20. (Courtesy photo)

Smith County crews begin work on Jim Hogg Road

Smith County road crews began work on a portion of Jim Hogg Road, from U.S. Highway 69 to Interstate 20, earlier this week causing the road to be temporarily closed, said County Public Information Officer Casey Murphy.

Work began on and is to include replacing a bridge and several major cross-drainage structures, stabilizing and widening of the road base material and overlaying 2.2 miles of roadway with asphalt.

Also, the road is to be widened and new road striping and signage will be added.

Also, improvements to the intersections at U.S. Highway 69, CR 494 and CR 461 are scheduled, Smith County Engineer Frank Davis said.

The first stage of the project will include the replacement of the bridge and a box culvert located between CR 4215 and CR 494.

Road signs will divert drivers to take alternate routes during the temporary road closure. Davis said the road closure could take about six weeks, depending on the weather.

Additional closures for replacement of other drainage

structures will also be required and notice will be provided before such closures occur.

Also included in this project are roadway improvements to CR 494, from CR 431 to CR 494, and to CR 495, from CR 494 to CR 492. The project will include reworking the base material and overlaying the roads with asphalt.

This is the second phase to improve Jim Hogg Road. The first phase, which included widening and overlaying more than three miles of CR 431, from Interstate 20 North to the Lindale city limits, was completed in 2019.

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All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

c/o: Randal B. Gilbert Attorney at Law
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DATED the 15th day of March, 2021.

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NOTICE OF COMPLIANCE TARIFF FILING

Southwestern Electric Power Company (SWEPCO) filed with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) on March 11, 2021 its Petition requesting approval of its proposed Military Base Surcharge Tariff.

Section 36.354(a) of the Public Utility Regulatory Act (PURA), at Texas Utilities Code § 36.354, provides that each electric utility in an area where implementation of full customer choice has been delayed by the Commission in accordance with PURA Section 39.103 shall discount charges for electric service provided to a military base. Section 36.354(b) of PURA establishes the discount to be provided to military installations as a 20 percent reduction of the base commercial rate that the electric utility would otherwise charge the installation.

Section 36.354(c) of PURA provides that the electric utility may assess a surcharge to all its Texas retail customers to recover the difference in revenue between the revenues from the discounted rate for military bases and the base commercial rate. SWEPCO's Tariff Sheet No. IV-16 provides the Military Base Adjustment Factor per billing kWh as reflected below:

MONTHLY FACTOR

Major Rate Classes	\$/kWh
Residential	\$0.0000780
Commercial & Small Industrial	\$0.0000566
Industrial / Large Lighting and Power	\$0.0000302
Municipal	\$0.0000637
Outdoor Lighting	\$0.0000946

SWEPCO has requested that the tariff become effective with the first billing cycle of June 2021. The Petition has been assigned Tariff Control No. 51892. Persons who wish to intervene in or comment upon this proceeding must notify the Commission within 21 days of SWEPCO's filing of the Petition. A request to intervene or for further information should be mailed to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, Texas 78711-3326. Further information may also be obtained by calling the Commission at (512) 936-7120 or (888) 782-8477. Hearing and speech-impaired individuals with text telephones (TTY) may contact the Commission at (800) 735-2988. The Company can be contacted at 428 Travis Street, Shreveport, LA 71101, or by calling (888) 216-3523 during normal business hours.

NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

March 18, 2021

City of Lindale
P.O. Box 130
Lindale, Texas 75771
903-882-3422

These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the City of Lindale.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about April 6, 2021 the City of Lindale will submit a request to the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA) for the release of Community Development Block funds under Section 104(f) of Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 as amended, to undertake sewer improvements, under TxCDBG Contract #7220269.

Contractor shall replace deteriorated sewer lines to resolve leaks and remove the public health threat.

Contractor shall install approximately 1,645 linear feet of 8 to 10-inch sewer line, rehabilitate manholes, service reconnections, pavement repair, and all associated appurtenances. Construction shall take place along North Street from North College to Main Street and alleyway from south of West Valley to Mallory Street.

Contractor shall install approximately 375 linear feet of 8-inch sewer line, rehabilitate manholes, service reconnections, pavement repair, and all associated appurtenances. Construction shall take place along North Braziel Street from North Boyd Street to North College.

Project will also include all associated administration and engineering services.

This project will be funded with TxCDBG grant funds in the amount of \$275,000.00 and \$41,250.00 in local funds (Water Fund), for a total of \$316,250.00.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The City of Lindale has determined that the project will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR). The ERR will be made available to the public for review either electronically or by U.S. mail. Please submit your request to Carolyn Caldwell, City Manager, City of Lindale, P.O. Box 130, Lindale, Texas 75771 or by email to carolync@lindaletx.gov.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the City of Lindale. Objections must be prepared and submitted via email in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to Carolyn Caldwell, City Manager at carolync@lindaletx.gov. All comments received by April 5, 2021 will be considered by the City of Lindale prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The City of Lindale certifies to TDA that Jeff Daugherty, Certifying Officer in his capacity as Mayor consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. TDA's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the City of Lindale to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

TDA will accept objections to its release of fund and the City of Lindale certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the City of Lindale; (b) the City of Lindale has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR part 58; (c) the grant recipient or other participants in the development process have committed funds, incurred costs or undertaken activities not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by TDA; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted via email in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to Pam Wozniak, Environmental Compliance, at the TDA Office of Rural Affairs at pamela.wozniak@texasagriculture.gov. Potential objectors should contact TDA via email to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

The Honorable Jeff Daugherty
Mayor

Legislation backed by casino giant would allow casino in Texas

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has laid out for casinos in Texas: a limited number of licenses for mixed-use “destination resorts” in the state’s biggest population centers, with a high minimum investment intended to attract only the best operators. To that end, the legislation calls for a land and development investment of at least \$2 billion in Dallas-Fort Worth and Houston, as well as \$1 billion for San Antonio and Austin.
The “destination resort” licenses would be considered “Class I” licenses. The legislation would

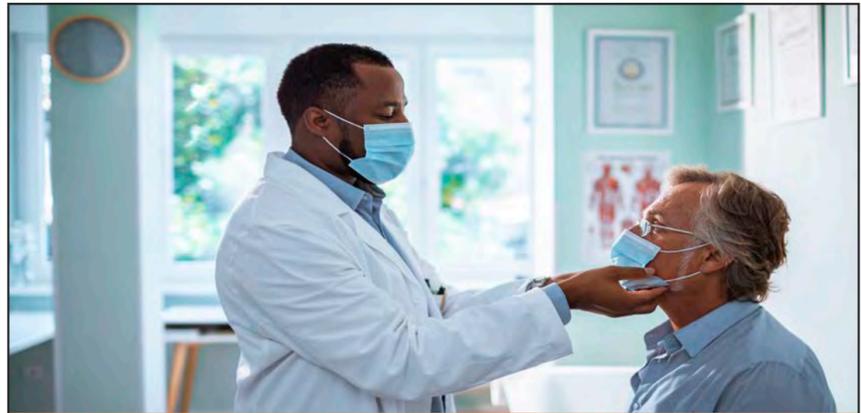
then create three “Class II” licenses for “limited casino gaming” at horse-race tracks in Dallas-Fort Worth, Houston and San Antonio. After that, two “Class III” licenses would be made available for similarly limited casino gambling at greyhound tracks in Corpus Christi and Harlingen.
The full casino legalization would also extend to the state’s three federally recognized Native American tribes at their reservations in El Paso, Eagle Pass and Livingston. They are currently able to offer limited gaming.
The legislation also would gen-

erate fresh revenue for the state by imposing a 10% tax on table games and 25% on slot machines. State lawmakers face a nearly \$1 billion budget shortfall, but Las Vegas Sands has downplayed casinos as a short-term solution to the deficit, instead focusing on their long-term impact when it comes to economic development, jobs and tourism.
While the Las Vegas Sands-backed bills also call for legalizing sports wagering, an alliance of Texas’ major professional teams and betting platforms are making their own push at the

Capitol and unveiled their own legislation last month.
“The Sports Betting Alliance is focused solely on mobile sports betting legislation, however several of our member teams and organizations may support these bills individually and any bills that give Texans the opportunity to decide if they want to regulate gaming in Texas,” Cara Gustafson, a spokesperson for the Sports Betting Alliance, said in a statement after the filing of the

casino legislation.
It remains to be seen how viable the casino bills are at the Capitol. Both Gov. Greg Abbott and state House Speaker Dade Phelan have not been opposed to the idea from the outset, with Abbott saying he wants to hear from lawmakers about where their constituents are on the issue.
But Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick has been far more pessimistic, saying last month he has “never been in favor of” expanding gaming and

the upper chamber is “nowhere close to having the votes for it.”
Polling released last week by The Texas Tribune and the University of Texas found that a majority of Texans support expanding gaming, with 41% backing full casino gambling. Las Vegas Sands has said its polling shows higher support for the destination-resort model in Texas, and even higher numbers for giving the Texans the option to vote on it.



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Commissioners Court open to public

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it’s like we are a football team in the fourth quarter,” he said. “We need to continue to work as a team. If you aren’t feeling well, stay home. Avoid large gatherings, keep up the social distancing, wash your hands and wear face masks in public.”
Roberts said more than 22,000 county residents have received vaccinations as of last week and he and Moran praised the unsung people who have stepped up during the crisis.

“We’ve all been touched by this virus,” Roberts said. “Our hospitals have done a great job in dealing with it and especially, we need to recognize the volunteers who have worked hard helping distribute the vaccines.”
“Our community spirit has been tremendous,” Moran added.
McGaha reported that according to some recent figures, more than four million Texans have been vaccinated.
“We are targeting those over 65 because the greatest threat is

to the older generation,” he said. “The overall philosophy is to target those at greater risk.”
Precinct 3 Commissioner Terry Phillips asked if it was true there has been an 86% increase in complications compared to the normal flu vaccine. McGaha was quick to point out that was a rumor.
“The CDC has done an analysis (on the vaccines) and deemed them very safe and effective,” he said. “It will continue to be monitored but we’ve had good local outcomes.”

Miranda Lambert wins Best Country Album award during 63rd Grammys

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Album of the year: folklore, Taylor Swift
Best R&B performance: “Black Parade,” Beyonce
Best pop vocal album: Future Nostalgia, Dua Lipa
Best rap song: “Savage,” Megan Thee Stallion, featuring Beyonce
Song of the year (songwriter’s award): “I Can’t Breathe,”

H.E.R., Dernst Emile II and Tiara Thomas
Best pop solo performance: “Watermelon Sugar,” Harry Styles
Best country album: Wildcard, Miranda Lambert
Best new artist: Megan Thee Stallion
Best traditional pop vocal album: American Standard, James

Taylor
Best dance/electronic album: Bubba, Kaytranada
Best rock album: The New Abnormal, the Strokes.
Best alternative music album: Fetch the Bolt Cutters, Fiona Apple
Best progressive R&B album: It Is What It Is, Thundercat
Best R&B album: Bigger Love, John Legend
Best rap album: King’s Disease, Nas

Picker’s Pavilion to reopen; Wine Festival returns in May

Although things haven’t returned to complete normalcy in the wake of the COVID 19 outbreak, city of Lindale officials are working toward that end with the reopening of facilities and planning for future events in The Cannery district.

Picker’s Pavilion, which has been closed to special events since the outbreak, will soon reopen for weddings, celebrations and other events.

City Manager Carolyn Caldwell confirmed the facility will be open and groups using it will be responsible for whether masks will be required.

In a related item, the Piney Woods Wine Festival will return in May at The Cannery and Picker’s Pavilion, city tourism officials confirmed.

Canceled last year due to the pandemic, this year’s festival will be Friday, May 7 and Saturday, May 8. Officials said wineries from across East Texas will be featured.

The event is free, but a \$10 – per day – wristband is required to enter the Wine Garden. In addition to wines, the event will also feature live music, arts and crafts and food vendors. For more information, visit www.visitlindale.com or call 903-881-5103.

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