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GRANT PATROL

LISD Education Foundation awards \$22,000 in grants for district's teachers

The Lindale ISD Education Foundation returned to the hallways of LISD campuses this past week with its annual "Grant Patrol" and awarded more than \$22,000 to teachers at four of the district's six schools, said Foundation Executive Director Courtney Sanguinetti.

The teachers are notified that they are awarded their grants and receive funds by a surprise Grant Patrol through school hallways, Sanguinetti said. The Lindale High School band, cheerleaders, mascot, donors, administrators and volunteers loudly parade through the campuses, giving away money for several innovative projects.

Foundation officials were excited to continue the tradition, after the pandemic changed the way Grant Patrol operated in 2020, due to the lockdown. Last year, community donors, businesses, administrators and board members lined up their cars and drove by each teacher's house.

Cars were decorated, balloons were flying, horns were honking and people were cheering as everyone paraded by.

The teachers and instructors will use the money to purchase new and innovative tools for their students, helping make a positive difference in their lives.

"The Lindale ISD is an outstanding school district with amazing, hard-working teachers," said Gay Pyland, President of the Lindale ISD Education Foundation. "The Education Foundation's goal is to support these teachers by funding their creative and innovative needs in the classroom. Together, with our individual donors, businesses and community, we support not only the teachers, but we also give our students an added advantage to their education."

"We were very excited to be back to some kind of normalcy this year and to be able to go to all of the schools and to see not only the awarding teachers' reactions, but also the students," said Sanguinetti. "The kids get so excited when they see the big checks and how much money they are all receiving."

Grant Patrol is definitely one of the best days of the year for all involved."

The Lindale ISD Education Foundation is a 501 (c)(3) organization that provides funds for classroom projects and programs not funded or under-funded by the district's operating budget. The foundation is supported through the donations from individuals, businesses and corporations.

The Education Foundation began awarding grants in November 2009. Since the first grant cycle, the Foundation has awarded \$372,531.83 to LISD classrooms for more than 90 projects.



Teachers were pleasantly surprised by members of the Lindale Education Foundation's Grant Patrol, which handed out grants to LISD teachers this past week.

Photo by Mary Vandiver

Grant applications are submitted to the foundation by LISD teachers and aides for projects or programs that go above the day-to-day curriculum and offer students an enriched and unique learning experience. Projects selected for funding are rated on a number of criteria including the innovation of the project.

"We are so thankful for our donors and the Lindale community who make all of this possible," said Sanguinetti. "These students deserve a chance to excel beyond the classroom and the projects funded by the Education Foundation help to do just that. Our teachers' dedication to our kids and school district is what makes LISD one of the best."

Spring 2021 projects receiving funds include:

- Grant for \$1,819.95 to fund Skills on Par!
- Skills on Par is a project that by providing necessary equipment, will positively impact students from many grade levels and walks of life. The game of golf can be extremely beneficial.
- Working hard at certain skills and precision brings out a confidence

within a person that he or she may not have had before. "Skills on Par" will supply golf mats and nets to be used as a learning tool for student athletes, PE students, Life Skills adaptive PE class and campers in the Lindale community.

Grant for \$3,200 to fund Eye in the Sky!
Eye in the Sky is a drone that will help coaches view plays and practice film from a different angle. The new drone concepts now include a zoom feature, one that previous drones did not include. With longer battery flight times, we will also be able to film more which will lead to better coaching of our student-athletes. The drone will also offer unique images and video

to other school organizations, campuses and departments.
Grant for \$8,069 to fund Be a Reading Machine!
Be a Reading Machine is a vending machine with books to en-

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Commissioners back resolution to add district court for county

Smith County Commissioners approved a resolution to support the creation of a new district court for the county during their regular weekly meeting on Tuesday, March 23.

Rep. Matt Schaeffer, R-Tyler, has proposed and filed a bill with the state legislature to establish a new court, which Moran said is needed to help clear a number of pre-trial felony prisoners from the county jail.

"This is something we talked about during our discussions for the new county jail," said Smith County Judge Nathaniel Moran. "We looked at a number of studies and we concluded we needed a new district court to help us out."

Currently, the county has four district courts with one of those dedicated to family law. Moran noted the county has not had a new district court since 1977, when the population was approximately 100,000. Now, with the population approaching 240,000, Moran said there is a definite need for another court.

"At the present time there is one judge for about 38,000 of our population and that's a significant number," the judge said, adding that he asked his staff to compile pre-COVID jail population numbers and how they compared to the present.

"This analysis was done for the numbers before COVID because we knew that others across the state would be looking for new courts," Moran said.

The judge said Schaeffer asked where the court

would be located and Moran said there would be something available even though at the present time there isn't a specific location.

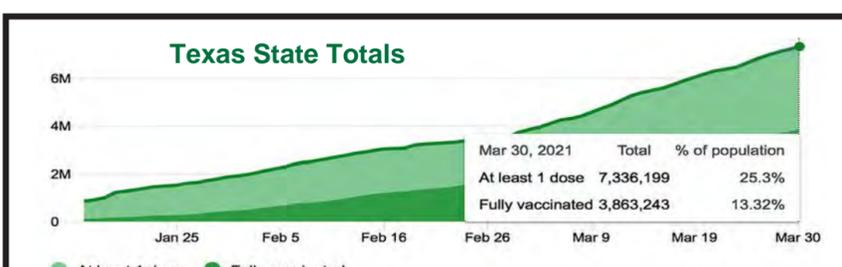
"We can find some space," he said. "There are some (county) buildings that would be usable on a temporary basis. The goal is to bring down the number of pre-trial felony cases from our county jail."

Precinct 3 Commissioner Terry Phillips asked about the cost. Moran noted that while the district court judge is paid by the state, the county would still have to provide approximately \$1.2 million.

"We'll have to find a way to budget for that in the coming months," the judge said.

In other business, commissioners:

- Received the annual audit report from Kevin Cashion of Gollob Morgan Petty P.C. concerning the county's financial standing.
- Cashion said "the county is very healthy mainly because of all the planning that took place prior to COVID. When something like (COVID) happens that you don't expect, you are ready to take care of things."
- Approved a resolution revising the Smith County Commissioners Court rules of decorum;
- Set a public hearing for April 13, 2021 in the commissioners courtroom for the closure of approximately 413 feet of County Road 249 in Precinct 2;
- Approved an addendum to the contract for Mobility Management Services and Transportation Services between the county and NDMJ, Ltd.
- Approved an order authorizing the sale of fireworks in the county in celebration of San Jacinto Day on April 21;
- Ratified the application and resolution for 2021-23 Office of the Governors Border Prosecution Unit Program



UT Health East Texas offers COVID vaccines for anyone over age 16

UT Health East Texas has opened COVID-19 vaccine appointments for anyone 16 and older, said Director of Communications Allison Pollan. Vaccines will be given by appointment only, she said.

Vaccine appointments may be made at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/ut>. New appointments will continue to open at this link as more vaccine arrives. Those who need help navigating online sign-up or who are without access to internet can call 903-747-4VAC (4822) from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday to get a vaccine appointment.

The vaccines will be given at UT Health North Campus Tyler, 11937 U.S. Highway 271. Appointment time slots are available from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Anyone wanting a vaccine must have an appointment; vaccines for walk-ins will not be available.

There is no charge for the vaccine, but residents are asked to bring their insurance card to their appointment. During the appointment, residents will be registered, vaccinated and monitored for 15 minutes, during which time a second appointment will be scheduled.

Man killed in two-vehicle crash

On March 26 at 9:08 p.m., Texas State Troopers responded to a two vehicle fatal crash on US-69, approximately two miles south of the city of Lindale in Smith County.

The investigators preliminary report indicates that the driver of a 2002 Toyota Camry was traveling south on US-69 and made an unsafe left turn directly in the path of a northbound 2003 Chevrolet Suburban.

The driver of the Toyota was identified as Israel Soto, 58, of Tyler. Soto was pronounced at the scene by Judge Johnson and was taken to Lighthouse Mortuary in Tyler.

The driver of the Chevrolet was identified as Deena Carole Turvaville, 58, of Lindale. Turvaville was transported to Christus Trinity Mother Francis - Tyler in stable condition.

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OPINION/EDITORIAL

Gary Borders Capital Highlights



Bill tightening voting restrictions in Texas passes Senate committee

A Texas Senate committee on Friday passed an elections bill that would tighten the state's voting rules by limiting extended early voting hours, requiring proof of disability to qualify for mail-in voting and prohibiting drive-thru voting. Senate Bill 7, sponsored by Sen. Bryan Hughes, R-Mineola, is one of Gov. Gregg Abbott's legislative priorities this session.

During testimony Friday, the committee received opposition testimony from AARP, the League of Women Voters, NAACP and other groups. Hughes described his bill as attempting to strike a balance between "maintaining fair and honest elections with the opportunity to exercise one's right to vote," according to the Texas Tribune.

Any Texan old enough to legally drive can receive COVID-19 vaccine

More than 10.2 million Texans have received at least one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine as of Sunday, according to the Texas Department of State Health Services. The pace is expected to quicken now that anyone 16 years and older can receive one of the three versions available in the state. A total of 3.57 million Texans are fully vaccinated — about 12% of the state's population. DSHS has directed vaccine providers to give priority to people 80 years and older.

To that point, a new outreach partnership between the Texas Health and Human Services Commission and several partners was announced last week by Gov. Gregg Abbott. Among those participating to expand the state's Save Our Seniors program launched in February are the Texas Employee Retirement System, Texas Teachers Retirement System, AARP and various Medicare health plans.

More than 1 million doses of the vaccine are being shipped to Texas providers this week. Texans can call 2-1-1 or go to <https://tinyurl.com/9dvpem9> for more information about getting the vaccine.

COVID-19 cases in Texas drop slightly

The number of new COVID-19 cases in Texas dropped to 27,185 last week, with 741 deaths reported. Both are down just slightly from the previous week, according to the Coronavirus Center at Johns Hopkins University. Hospitalizations of confirmed COVID-19 cases also showed a slight decrease to 3,308, according to DSHS.

Health care fraud case ends with prison time, \$82.9 million restitution

The state's Department of Workers' Compensation announced last week that the remaining defendants in a health care fraud bribery scam were sentenced by a federal judge. The case involved surgeons, physicians and hospital administrators at Forest Park Medical Hospital in Dallas. It began in 2016 and involved 14 defendants, who were sentenced to a combined 74-plus years in prison and ordered to pay \$82.9 million in restitution. According to a news release from DWC, the department's fraud unit identified health care providers at Forest Park who billed the state's workers' compensation system. The unit turned over the data to the FBI.

"Fraudulent billing within the health care system drives up the costs of health care for everyone," Debra Knight, DWC deputy commissioner, said. "These significant sentences demonstrate that health care fraud will not be tolerated."

Border transportation master plan approved

The Texas Department of Transportation has approved the Border Transportation Master Plan after years of research and analysis of current and future transportation needs and growth in the border region. Secretary of State Ruth R. Hughs, who chaired the Board Trade Advisory Committee, praised the decision. The plan recommended strategies to help U.S. and Mexican officials improve efficiency in the movement of freight, goods and people across the state's 28 border crossings.

"I look forward to our continued work together on the implementation of the master plan to raise awareness of its importance, improve quality of life for residents of the border region, and secure economic prosperity for all on both sides of the border," Hughs said.

TFS acquires acreage through legacy grant

The Texas A&M Forest Service has acquired Fox Hunters Hill, a \$1.6 million conservation easement of sustainably managed forest adjacent to the Sabine National Forest in Deep East Texas. The acreage was acquired through the U.S. Forest Legacy Program, which acquired more than 23,000 acres throughout the South to protect forestlands at risk due to urban development or clear cutting.

TFS works with landowners on a "willing buyer/willing seller" basis to obtain the lands and enhance sustainable forest management. "A conservation easement is an interest in land acquired to protect certain conservation values," explained Gretchen Riley, the Forest Legacy Program Coordinator at Texas A&M Forest Service. "It is a good way to assure important, vulnerable landscapes — and the benefits they provide to Texans — are sustained for the future."

...second chances & rock crushing

What are you doing, thinking about this week leading up to Easter? I am covered up in work, in worry, in stress, and I just flat out don't feel well. Just putting that last sentence in black and white makes me feel guilty. So, add that to the pile of rocks I am sitting under. Many of those rocks I put in my own pile by not saying "no", by not stopping when I need to, by overcommitment, by worrying about things I can not change.

Here's the thing about Easter, it is about coming out from under the rocks that are holding us down. It is about glorying in the light of a Love so bright it changed the course of mankind. A love that we are called to live and to share.

One of the things I love most about Easter is the story of Peter's denial of Christ. Sounds strange doesn't it? But that story, about the disciple who walked so closely with Jesus and then denies Him three times gives me great hope. That hope comes in handy when climbing out from under heavy loads. You see, I call this story, "The Doctrine of the Second Chance".

The one who failed Jesus personally and publicly, ends up being the Rock upon which the church was built. And Jesus prophesied both the denial and the building. After encountering his resurrected Lord, Peter becomes courageous, strong, resilient and willing to lay his life down for his Savior. In between those two events, Peter cowered in hiding only to crawl out from his dark place when forgiven by the man and Savior he most adamantly denied.

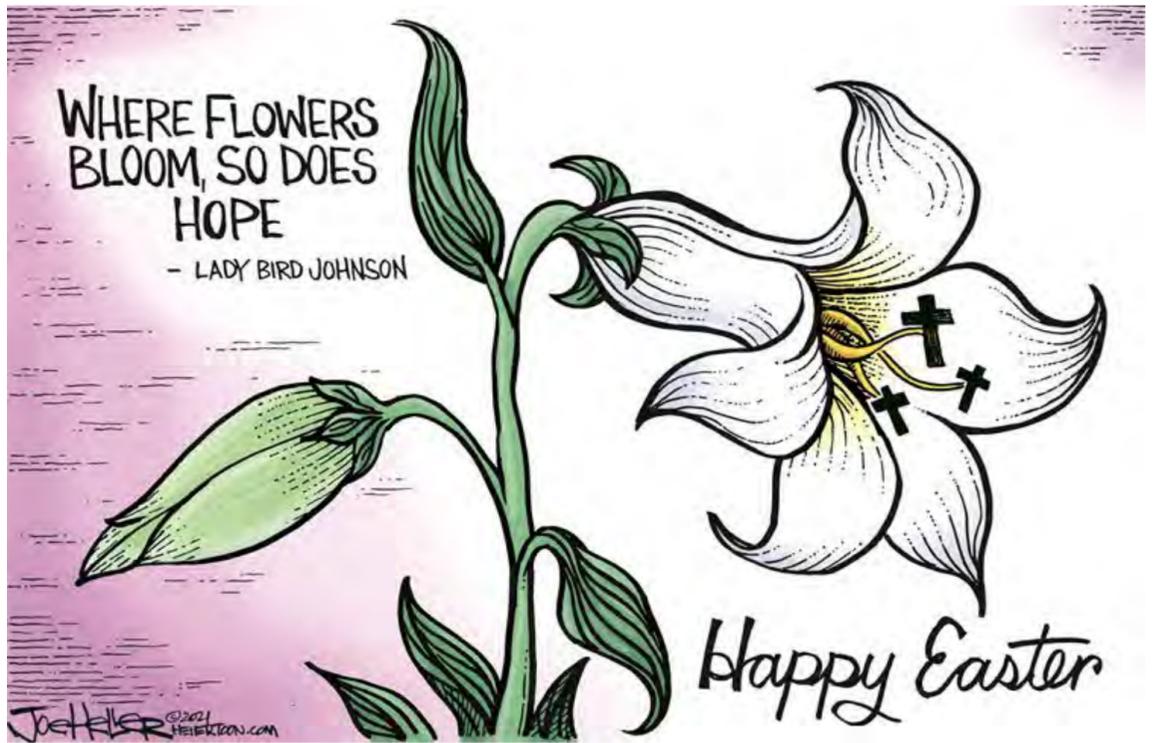
We are now living in a world of anger, hurt, fear, meanness, insecurity and loss. So was Peter. And Peter didn't crawl out from under his pile of rocks, he exploded out of them to spread the Gospel of Love. With that story in mind, and Easter just a few days away, maybe I need to seek inspiration to stop and count my blessings instead of my rocks.

Suzanne Bardwell



Easter was more joyful than Christmas at our house when I was growing up. After church Mom would host our extended family with mounds of food, picnic tables and Easter egg hunts. As we grew older and another generation was added we brought badminton nets, kites for kids of all ages, and lots of bubbles. Those memories still make me smile. There was a lot of love lived in that yard every Easter until the last few years. One of the things I am most thankful for is that those memories didn't remain in that yard, in the past. Those memories feed my soul and light my way. It was through my Mom and Dad, Aunt and Grandparents, that I saw love light the way from beneath pile upon pile of rocks. Some years, my family's rock pile looked more like an avalanche. But one of the most important things I learned from my family's faith is that where there is light, and where there is love, there is always a way out. That 'out' may not be the answer you were seeking, but it is always there. And just like the bubbles and kites, the burdens will lift, often in surprising ways.

May the blessings of Easter, even the surprising ones, be abundant in each of your homes. And friends and neighbors, if you are breaking under a mountain of rocks, look up, look out and find the light...feel the love...and know that there are second chances. One other thing, I think the light of Love is the best rock crusher around. We just have to connect to its Source.



THE ECONOMIST

By Dr. M. Ray Perryman

A Year Later ...

It's now been a year since COVID-19 began to upend the lives of people around the world. The human cost has been tragic, and measures needed to slow the spread of the virus have also taken a toll on mental health and well being. From an economic perspective, the pandemic has caused substantial and, in many cases, catastrophic losses.



Millions of individuals have faced unemployment or reduced hours. Between February and April 2020, the total number of people working in Texas dropped by nearly 1.5 million (more than 10%). Initial unemployment

claims went from averaging about 13,500 per week to closer to 300,000, topping out at nearly 315,200 in early April. Businesses dealt with closures, capacity limits, and additional expenses for cleaning or necessary modifications to enable safe operations. Supply chains were disrupted, causing yet more losses.

That's the bad news. Now for the better - not quite all the way to "good," but at least better - news.

Some industries have struggled to survive, particularly those hit hardest by lockdowns and bans, but the worst seems to be behind us.

Airlines, hotels, and other travel businesses have recently begun to see some increased revenues. Restaurants and bars are now operating at more normal levels, though there is still far to go and

pandemic risks remain.

Of particular note to the Texas economy, activity in the energy sector is beginning to be restored. The combination of an increase in supply and the pandemic-related sharp decline in demand caused oil prices to plunge, drilling and other activity along with it.

Texas rig counts are in the 200 range, almost double where we were last summer and current prices support additional activity.

Some 878,600 Texas jobs have been regained as of the most recent data (January). While that's still about 574,000 below the prior peak, it's a notable improvement. Initial unemployment claims are now generally under 50,000 per week, several times higher than we'd like to see but well below the spring and sum-

mer of last year.

Vaccination supplies are picking up, and Texas is among the first large states to open up immunizations to all adults (March 29).

How best to treat the virus is better understood and therapeutics are increasingly available. We aren't out of the woods yet, particularly as new variants emerge, but at least we can see the clearing ahead.

Looking back over this year of pandemic is painful. Loss of life and health, loss of financial security, loss of interaction with loved ones, and so many other losses have dominated our world.

At the same time, there is hope that normalcy can return in the foreseeable future, and with it a more robust economic expansion.

Until then, stay safe!

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Preparing for spring's unpredictable weather

One of the tried and true sayings we have here in the Lone Star State is "if you don't like the weather we're having, wait a minute and it will change."

So far, this year has been historic for that blasted massive winter event. Snow is fun for about 12 hours, but after that it's a giant pain in the neck.

For the most part, I'm a big sissy when it comes to cold weather, which is one of the reasons I prefer living in Texas. I'll take a 95-degree summer day over a five-degree day anytime.

And with the official beginning of spring a couple of weeks ago, those of us living in Tornado Alley will be on the watch for those dastardly twisters that can wreak untold havoc to everything in their path.

Texas is No. 1 in a lot of areas and unfortunately – according to the smart folks at National Geographic – our state is also the leader in the annual number of tornadoes with an average of 120.

There's no reason to remind Lindale folks of how dangerous tornadoes are, since the city has had to deal with them a couple of times in the past few years.

Nearly five years ago, two powerful EF2 tornadoes pounded the area, causing extensive damage to rural homes, trees, power lines and clogging roads east of the city.

Miraculously, however, no one was seriously injured.

This was the second time in a six-month period the city has experienced such a catastrophic weather event. In December, 2015 a twister dropped from the sky which ripped roofs from houses, knocked over fences and tossed large objects to various places across the city.

The storm on April 29, 2016, which produced torrential rain and high winds across a wide swath of East Texas, initially produced a tornado that ripped apart the Dollar Tree store and Hibbett's Sporting Goods store which had been side-by-side.

Traveling in a northeasterly direction, the massive storm then unleashed another tornado along FM 16, and left uprooted trees, downed power lines and smashed houses in its wake.

Super cells (again, according to National Geographic) produce the most violent tornadoes and one in five, thereabouts, will spin off a



tornado.

Since its inevitable we'll be hearing the storm warning sirens during the next several weeks, the American Red Cross has supplied some tips on how to prepare now for spring storm season, which can include flooding from heavy spring rains.

While a tornado watch indicates tornadoes are possible in and near the watch area, a tornado warning indicates a tornado has been confirmed or indicated by weather radar and you should take shelter immediately.

Recognizable signs of a tornado include dark, green-tinted clouds, a wall cloud, large hail, a funnel cloud, and a roaring noise similar to a freight train.

If you see any of those, you should take shelter in a small room on the lowest level of your home, enclosed by four walls and away from any windows or doors.

If you are in a multi-level building such as an apartment or hotel find a secure hallway towards the center of the complex.

If you live in a mobile home or trailer, abandon your mobile home and seek shelter in a sturdy building or a vehicle. No area of a mobile home is safe during a tornado or other severe winds.

Anyone outside who cannot get to a sturdy shelter should immediately get into a vehicle and drive to the closest shelter. Avoid bridges and overpasses. If flying debris or strong winds occur, pull over and park, keep your seat belt on and engine running and cover your head.

A flood watch, much like a tornado watch, means flooding is pos-



In late April, 2016, this house on FM 16 was destroyed by a tornado that swept across Lindale. (Photo by Terry Cannon)

sible while a warning means flooding is likely.

You need to be aware of evacuation routes near your home or business as well as using some common sense when it comes to the dangers of rising water levels.

Do not walk, swim or drive through floodwater. Six inches of fast-flowing water can knock you over and two feet will float a car. If caught on a flooded road with rapidly rising waters, get out of the car quickly and move to higher ground. The depth of water may not be obvious and the roadbed may have washed away.

These severe storms that produce tornadoes and flooding can also contain hail, high winds and lightning, which according to the Red Cross, kills more people each year than tornadoes or hurricanes.

Most of this information is basic common sense, but when it comes to the fickle nature of East Texas weather, it's best to be prepared for any possibility.

He doesn't know beans about being campfire cook

My friend, Leon Hale, passed away this past week. Leon was gracious enough to include a couple of my recipes from our fishin' trips in his book "Supper Time."

Thinkin' about him always reminds me of all the good times we had together. Like this time a few years ago.



I'm sorry if I seem kind of down in the dumps, but I'm sufferin' from PFTD. No, it doesn't have anything to do with a florist with a bladder problem. PFTD stands for Post Fishin' Trip Depression.

You see, I just got back from my annual fishin' trip down on the James River outside of Mason, Texas. I've been makin' this trip with my buddy Glenn Bass, from New Harmony, for nearly 20 years now.

We meet up with a few other characters from all over the state. Callin' it a fishin' trip may be stretchin' it a little though. This year, I didn't even wet a hook, although I had my fly rod with me.

This year I just relaxed. That is, between meals. You see, this was my first year as camp cook. A job I inherited from the old camp cook Leon Hale. Some of y'all might be familiar with Leon. He's a columnist for the Houston Chronicle and the author of a bunch of books. Leon is past retirement age, but still cranks out several columns a week.

Anywho, I've been helpin' Leon cook for the past several years and earlier this year he asked me if I would take over. Well, I was honored, but I only accepted on the condition that I could use him as a consultant. The reason bein' was that nobody can match Leon for makin' beans. This was my chance to learn Leon's secret recipe.

Now, I'd been watchin' Leon cook those beans for years, and I knew all the ingredients he used, but when I'd try to copy it, well they just didn't turn out as good

as his.

First, he'd open up a bag of dried pinto beans and spill them out on a flat surface. Then, he'd go through them one by one. He'd pick out rocks, tiny dirt clods, and ugly beans. Leon doesn't like to serve up ugly beans.

This year, I got to do the perusing of the beans. This takes patience, of which I'm not known for, but I persevered. Then I covered them with water, like Leon told me, and let them soak for a couple of hours.

When the couple of hours were up, I got out the other ingredients that went into the beans. Now, I ain't gonna tell you Leon's recipe, 'cause he didn't give me permission, but I will tell you the ingredients. There's onion, jalapeno, salt pork, chili powder, and a can of beer. There's a little of some, and a lot of others, but gettin' 'em just right makes all the difference. Then the beans were put on the stove to cook.

Back when this fishin' trip first started, we didn't have the luxury of a cabin with a kitchen like we do now. Heck, we didn't even have a cabin. We camped on what was affectionately known as "The Rock."

You see, the James River flows over a limestone bottom and empties into the Llano River. We used to camp on a long stretch of this limestone on the river's edge. Our meals were cooked either over a campfire or a pump-up Coleman stove.

We had very few luxuries. Heck, our bathroom consisted of a shovel with a roll of toilet

paper stuck on the handle, and which leaned against a mesquite tree beside a trail leadin' off into the brush.

Although this was called a fishin' trip, the pot of cookin' beans was the focus of attention of everybody durin' the four days we were there. The James River is not known for its abundance of fish, so we had to have somethin' to tide us over, until Saturday night when we'd usually have enough fish for a meal.

Like any fishin' camp, different people like to fish at different times, so there was always somebody goin' or comin' through camp.

Back then there were only six or so of us, so the first thing you did, either before leavin' or comin' back into camp, was to check on the beans. You had to make sure they had enough water, and you had to stir 'em to make sure they didn't stick to the bottom of the pot and burn.

Nothin's worse than havin' to eat burnt beans.

I remember one year Leon had forgotten his long handled spoon that he used to stir the beans. That year Leon didn't stray far from camp, or the beans. I remember wakin' up one night and seein' Leon silhouetted against the moon lit sky stirrin' the beans with a long screw driver. That was a good batch of beans that year.

Since back then, we lost our privilege to camp on the rock due to the ownership of the land changin' hands.

For the next five or six years we gypsied around tryin' out differ-

ent camp sites; some good, some not so good, but none of 'em as good as the original. Finally, we had to start rentin'. Money talks, you know. It just don't seem right havin' to pay to camp.

Anywho, this little hunter's cabin we stay in now was built back in the early forties, and it has all the conveniences. It even has a TV with a satellite dish, although we've never turned it on, and wouldn't dare.

It has sleepin' beds all over the place, but most of us still sleep outside under the stars. It just don't seem right to go campin' and sleep in a house. Plus there's another reason we like to sleep outside. That's right, the beans. Nobody in his right mind would want to be cooped up in a house after a supper of Leon's beans.

Bein' outside in a sleepin' bag with the only escape route for air bein' up around your head is bad enough, and sometimes lethal.

Anywho, after my beans cooked for several hours, I saw Leon walk into the kitchen. He lifted the lid on the pot of beans, dipped the stirrin' spoon in and fished out a few beans. He put 'em in his hand, blew on 'em to cool 'em off, felt 'em for texture, and then popped 'em in his mouth.

"Beans are done!" he announced.

Then he looked me and smiled. "Not bad," he said. "Not bad at all."

Godspeed, Leon. Thanks for bein' my friend.



EDITOR'S NOTE: Each week, the Lindale News and Times will feature a look back at some of the local events as they occurred during the corresponding weeks of the past one, five and 10 years.

ONE YEAR AGO, April 2, 2020
Officials with NET Health confirmed five new cases of the COVID-19 virus were reported in Smith County the previous week, with five more lab-confirmed cases bringing the county's total to 21.

Two new cases were cited in Gregg County and one in Van Zandt County.

Those reported confirmed cases were provided by private laboratories and by the Public Health Lab of East Texas.

FIVE YEARS AGO, April 7, 2016
A thick line of thunderstorms rumbled through the Lindale area, producing more than 1.5 inches of rain, prompting the National Weather Service to issue a tornado warning for the area.

Lindale and East Texas residents were still trying to dry out from double-digit precipitation levels recorded a month earlier.

Creeks, reservoirs and lakes were swollen to capacity after the storms finally left the area.

10 YEARS AGO, April 7, 2011
Country superstar and Lindale native Miranda Lambert ruled the Academy of Country Music Awards by winning four categories, including her second straight Female Vocalist of the Year Award.

Her "The House that Built Me" was the Song of the Year.

Lambert won for best song, single record and video of the year. She was also nominated for Entertainer of the Year, which went to Taylor Swift.

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Fact vs. fiction: cranberries and bladder health

By Dr. William R. Armstrong
UT Health East Texas



About 60 percent of women will experience a urinary tract infection at some point in their life. One of the most widely held beliefs about UTIs is that you can prevent or even cure a UTI by drinking cranberry juice.

Cranberries contain A-type proanthocyanidins, an active ingredient that may prevent the adherence of bacteria to the bladder wall.

However, most studies suggest that both pure cranberry juice and cranberry supplements do not have enough of the active ingredient to prevent bacteria from sticking to the urinary tract walls.

The clinical studies on the effectiveness of cranberry juice in UTI prevention are conflicting.

Some studies show a reduction, while others do not. According to the American Urological Association's guidelines on recurrent UTIs in women, clinicians may offer cranberry supplements as there is little risk associated with these supplements.

If you struggle with frequent UTIs, cranberry juice

won't hurt, but there is no guarantee that it will help.

To prevent UTIs and to help with symptoms, try making the following changes to your diet:

-- DO drink lots of water. This will help flush bacteria out of your urinary system.

-- DO take probiotics, such as plain Greek yogurt or fermented foods like pickles. They contain good bacteria to help combat the bad bacteria.

-- DO eat plenty of fiber. Constipation can cause pressure on the urinary tract, which can block urine flow and allow bacteria to grow. Adding more fiber to your diet, along with more water helps with healthy digestion and regular bowel movements.

-- DON'T drink alcohol, coffee or other sources of caffeine until any infection is fully treated. They can irritate your bladder.

-- DON'T eat spicy foods. They can irritate your bladder.

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For more information on bladder health, visit <https://uthealtheastexas.com/services/urology>

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LETTER TO EDITOR

Dear Editor,

What does the future hold? No one knows exactly the day or the hour of any future event but God Almighty. What is evident from the signs around us is there could be very few days remaining before God calls His believers to heaven.

For many and maybe even you might be feeling overwhelmed and life seemingly spinning out of control. You may not understand what is happening today or tomorrow, but eventually God will reveal why you are going through hardships. Do not have any fear for He is always with you know that you are never alone. God is with you, holding you, and comforting you and most of all loving you no matter what.

I am writing to encourage you to develop a closer relationship with God through His son Jesus Christ. You or someone you know is probably going through a long hard time. But God is reaching out to give hope, answers, healing, and direction for the future. All you

need to do is open up your heart and mind and call on His name.

No matter how your day is going, God is with you every moment of the day. Jesus said in John 16:33 that we will all go through tribulation and trials, but we should have courage, because He has overcome the world. Let him have all your worries and cares, for he is always thinking about and watching everything that concerns you. (1 Peter 5:7).

I encourage you to examine your life, give your burdens to the Lord and He will take care of you. (Psalm 55:33). The joy of the Lord will be your strength. (Nehemiah 8:10).

Let Jesus Christ, the son of God, provide you with a piece of his presence. Trust in Him and give your life and heart over to Him. He loves you and wants a close relationship, especially as we enter into the unknowns of the future.

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suspicious vehicle at 100 block E Centennial Blvd, settled at scene. Officers Allen, Shurley and Capps responded to a possession of drug paraphernalia at 17800 block N Main St, citations issued. Officer Shurley responded to a parking violation at 100 block Margaret St, citation issued. Officer Capps responded to a suspicious vehicle at 900 block S Main St, settled at scene. Officer Shurley responded to a suspicious vehicle at 100 block Corrigan Trails Blvd, settled at scene.

Saturday March 20, 2021

Officer Leevey responded to a business alarm at 500 block S Main St, false alarm. Sgt Houghton responded to a suspicious circumstance at 100 block N Main St, unfounded. Chief Somes and Officer Shurley responded to an ordinance violation at 300 block Helen Dr, unfounded. Officer Shurley responded to a business alarm at 15500 block Wood Springs Rd, false alarm. Officers Allen and Shurley responded to a business alarm at 14000 block CR 4200, false alarm. Officers Allen and Shurley responded to a disturbance at 600 block E Hubbard St, settled at scene. Officers Allen and Shurley responded to a disorderly conduct at 13300 block CR 472, settled at scene. Officers Allen and Capps responded to a suspicious vehicle at 2700 block S Main St, settled at scene. Officer Allen responded to a suspicious vehicle at 1200 block S Main St, settled at scene. Officers Allen and Capps responded to a business alarm at 500 block S Main St, false alarm. Officers Allen and Capps responded to a loud noise disturbance at 1500 block Pearl St, settled at scene. Officer Shurley responded to a suspicious vehicle at 3200 block S Main St, settled at scene.

Sunday March 21, 2021

Sgt Houghton and Officer Trombley responded to a disturbance at 500 block Circle Dr, settled at scene. Officer Leevey responded to a public service at 100 block Ballard Dr, settled at scene. Officers Leevey and Trombley responded to a possession of controlled substance at 3500 block S Main St, arrest made. Officer Trombley responded to an accident at 13800 block N HWY 69 N, settled at scene. Officers Leevey and Trombley responded to an accident at 3500 block S Main St, report taken. Officer Capps responded to a public service at 400 block Kennedy St, settled at scene. Officers Leevey and Capps responded to a warrant service at 13300 block W I-20, arrest made. Officers Allen, Shurley and Capps responded to a disorderly conduct at 50 block Miranda Lambert Way, settled at scene. Officers Capps, Allen and Shurley responded to a suspicious circumstance at 200 block Randy Dr, settled at scene. Officers Allen and Shurley responded to a

Monday March 22, 2021

Officer Leevey responded to a suspicious vehicle at 100 block E Centennial Blvd, settled at scene. Lt. Lazarine and Officer Trombley responded to a fraud at 100 block Ballard Dr, report taken. Officers Leevey and Trombley responded to an accident at 100 block N Main St, settled at scene. Officers Leevey and Capps responded to a welfare concern at 1600 block S Main St, settled at scene. Officer Capps responded to a public service at 200 block W North St, settled at scene. Officer Shurley responded to a public service at 100 block Ballard Dr, settled at scene. Officer Shurley responded to a suspicious vehicle at 13300 block CR 472, settled at scene.

Tuesday March 23, 2021

Officer Trombley responded to a business alarm at 17000 block W I-20, false alarm. Officers Trombley and Leevey responded to a business alarm at 16300 block FM 849, false alarm. Officers Leevey and Trombley responded to a business alarm at 14000 block FM 849, false alarm. Sgt Flores and officers Leevey and Trombley responded to an assist smith co at 200 block Heritage Ct, unfounded. Officer Leevey responded to a public service at 100 block Ballard Dr, settled at scene. Officer Capps responded to a public service at 900 block Mount Sylvan, settled at scene. Officer Capps responded to a public service at 400 block W Hubbard St, settled at scene. Officer Allen responded to a public service at 100 block Ballard Dr, settled at scene. Officers Capps and Allen responded to a welfare concern at 200 block Cannery Row, settled at scene. Officer Capps and Allen responded to a missing person at 200 block Margaret St, settled at scene.

Wednesday March 24, 2021

Chief Somes responded to a public service at 100 block Ballard Dr, settled at scene. Sgt Flores, Sgt Dworaczyk and Officers Philpot, Ramsey and Jackquet responded to an attempt to serve at 200 block Heritage Ct, settled at scene. Sgt Dworaczyk responded to a public service at 300 block E South St, settled at scene. Officers Philpot, Jackquet and Wedgeworth responded to a public service at 700 block Sweetgum Ln, settled at scene. Sgt Dworaczyk and Officers Wedgeworth and Ramsey responded to a residential alarm at 300 block Helen Dr, false alarm. Officer Dailey responded to a harassment at 200 block Timber Park, settled at scene. Officers Wedgeworth and Dailey responded to a terroristic threat at 13400 block of CR 472, settled at scene. Officers Wedgeworth and Dailey responded to a suspicious circumstance at 13800 block N HWY 69, criminal trespass issued. Officers Dailey, Gillham and Wedgeworth responded to a suspicious circumstance at 13200 block CR 472, settled at scene. Officers Dailey and Gillham responded to a business alarm at 3200 block S Main St, false alarm.

Thursday March 25, 2021

Officer Ramsey responded to a suspicious circumstance at 2300 block Pittman Ln, report taken. Officers Philpot and Jackquet responded to a welfare concern at 13300 block W I-20, settled at scene. Officers Ramsey, Philpot and Jackquet responded to an accident at 14000 block CR 411, report taken. Sgt Dworaczyk responded to an accident at 100 block E Centennial Blvd, report taken. Chief Somes responded to a 911 abuse at 300 block Rita Dr, settled at scene. Officers Philpot and Jackquet responded to a public service at 100 block Ballard Dr, settled at scene. Sgt Dworaczyk and Officers Philpot, Ramsey and Jackquet responded to a warrant service at 200 block Heritage Ct, unfounded. Officer Philpot responded to a hit and run at 100 block E Centennial Blvd, settled at scene. Sgt Dworaczyk and Officers Ramsey and Philpot responded to a suspicious vehicle at 17900 block HWY 69 N, settled at scene. Sgt Dworaczyk and Officer Gillham responded to a harassment at 400 block Hill St, settled at scene. Officer Gillham responded to a suspicious circumstance at 1100 block Woodlands Park Dr, settled at scene. Officers Dailey and Gillham responded to a disturbance at 17000 block W I-20, settled at scene.

Tyler man pleads guilty to federal drug charges

Cory Jsamard Ford, 33, of Tyler has pleaded guilty to federal drug trafficking violations in the Eastern District of Texas, said Davilyn Walston, publicity spokesperson for Acting U.S. Attorney Nicholas J. Ganjei.

This past week Ford pleaded guilty to possession of cocaine with intent to distribute before U.S. Magistrate Judge John D. Love. "This case is another example of how federal, state, and local law enforcement, working together, can significantly interrupt the flow of controlled substances in our communities," said Ganjei. "Cases like this, sustained over time, can make a big difference in our towns and cities."

According to information presented in court, between Jan. 23, 2020 and Feb. 5, 2020, Ford distributed cocaine and methamphetamine in Smith County.

A federal grand jury returned an indictment charging Ford with federal drug trafficking crimes on Nov. 2, 2020. Under federal statutes, Ford faces up to 20 years in federal prison.

A sentencing hearing will be scheduled after the completion of a presentence investigation by the U.S. Probation Office.

This case is being investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Smith County Sheriff's Office, and the Texas Department of Public Safety-CID and prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Alan Jackson.

Longview "Hub" brothers draw federal time in firearms cases

Two Longview brothers were sentenced to federal prison this week in separate firearms cases, said Davilyn Walston, publicity spokesperson for Acting U.S. Attorney Nicholas J. Ganjei.

Thomas Ricardo "Big Hub" Hubbard, 40, pleaded guilty on Jan. 9, 2020, to use, carrying, and possession of a firearm during and in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime. He has been sentenced to 104 months in federal prison by U.S. District Judge J. Campbell Barker.

Dennis Derrell "Little Hub" Hubbard, 39, pleaded guilty on Oct. 28, 2020, to being a felon in possession of a firearm. On March 25, 2021, he was sentenced to 57 months in federal prison by U.S. District Judge Jeremy D. Kernodle. Both Hubbard brothers were also ordered to forfeit firearms and ammunition related to their offenses.

"These cases demonstrate that we will vigorously pursue felons who acquire and use firearms in their crimes," said Ganjei. "The defendants were multi-convicted felons

who chose to acquire and carry firearms. We will continue to partner with federal and local agencies to investigate and prosecute the most dangerous members of the criminal community."

According to court documents and statements made in court, on Jan. 20, 2019, a Tatum Police Officer attempted to stop Dennis "Little Hub" Hubbard on suspicion of drunk driving after Hubbard's vehicle was seen swerving.

Hubbard refused to stop and traveled several miles at low speed before finally pulling over.

As the officer approached Hubbard's vehicle, he gave Hubbard commands to exit his vehicle with his hands visible. Hubbard started to comply, but then abruptly drove away as the officer approached. After a short distance, Hubbard again pulled over and again began to comply with the officer's instructions to exit the vehicle.

However, Hubbard again drove away from the officer as he approached Hubbard's vehicle. After a few more miles of pursuit, Hubbard entered the city of Beckville, where officers had converged to set up a roadblock at an intersection.

Hubbard attempted to drive around the roadblock before he was finally boxed-in by police. Hubbard then surrendered and was arrested. A handgun and .40 caliber ammunition were located inside Hubbard's car. Hubbard has multiple prior felony convictions.

In a separate incident, on April 8, 2019, Gregg County Organized Drug Enforcement officers executed a search warrant at Thomas "Big Hub" Hubbard's home and located a rifle, ammunition, 16.42 grams of PCP, 37.62 grams of "ice" methamphetamine, and 32.9 grams of crack cocaine. All of these items were located in Thomas Hubbard's bedroom. He claimed ownership of those items in a subsequent interview and also admitted that, among other reasons, he possessed the firearm for the purpose of protecting his drug dealing activities.

The case was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives; the Gregg County CODE Unit; the Tatum Police Department; and the Panola County Sheriff's Office. The case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Ryan Locker.

Gilmer residents plead guilty to identity theft conspiracy

Two East Texans have pleaded guilty to conspiring to commit identity theft in

the Eastern District of Texas, said Davilyn Walston, publicity spokesperson for Acting U.S. Attorney Nicholas J. Ganjei.

Emilee Fenton, 24 of Gilmer, pleaded guilty to conspiracy to unlawfully transfer, possess, and use a means of identification this past week before U.S. Magistrate Judge K. Nicole Mitchell.

Dalton Brewer, 24 and also from Gilmer, pleaded guilty to the same charge on March 4, 2021.

At sentencing, Brewer and Fenton each face up to 15 years in federal prison.

"Economic Impact Payments were designed to reach the most needy, not to line the pockets of criminals," said Ganjei. "The Eastern District of Texas is committed to fighting fraud and criminal activity related to the COVID-19 pandemic. (These pleas are) just another example of how our office and our law enforcement partners are holding accountable the wrongdoers who exploit this crisis."

Fenton and Brewer were indicted by a federal grand jury on Aug. 19, 2020 and charged with conspiracy to unlawfully transfer, possess, and use a means of identification. Fenton was also charged with theft of government money and aggravated identity theft.

According to the indictment, from at least November 2019 through June 2020, Brewer and Fenton conspired to possess and use the means of identification of other persons, including names, Social Security numbers, and dates of birth, in connection with the theft of government money, aggravated identity theft, wire fraud, theft of mail, and fraudulent use or possession of identifying information.

Fenton was also charged with theft of government money and aggravated identity theft for her role in obtaining two Economic Impact Payments using the means of identification of other persons.

The CARES Act is a federal law enacted on March 29, 2020, designed to provide emergency financial assistance to the millions of Americans who are suffering the economic effects caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

The CARES Act authorized over \$2 trillion in relief programs, including approximately \$560 billion for benefits to individuals. An estimated \$300 billion of that total was allocated for EIPs.

This case is being investigated by the U.S. Postal Inspection Service, Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration, and the Internal Revenue Service-Criminal Investigations and prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Nathaniel C. Kummerfeld.

tampering and fabricating physical evidence on Nov. 1, 2019;

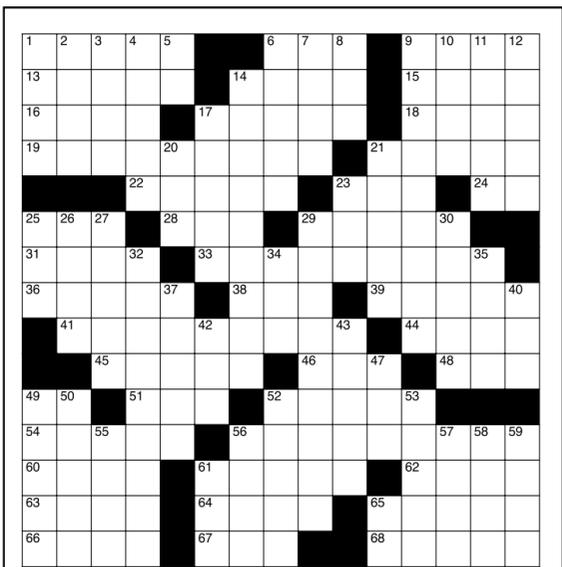
-- Benjamin Coughlin, 28, driving while intoxicated on Sept. 25, 2019;

-- Eric Thompkins, 34, possession of a controlled substance on Sept. 8, 2020.

on Dec. 23, 2020;

-- Jessica Hall, 34, manufacture and delivery of a controlled substance on May 14, 2020 and theft with two or more previous convictions, July 4, 2020;

-- Austin Collins, 37, possession of a controlled substance on Nov. 1, 2019 and



- CLUES ACROSS**
- 1. One who manufactures
 - 6. Science degree
 - 9. Database management system
 - 13. Desert
 - 14. Inventor Musk
 - 15. Welsh valley
 - 16. Round Dutch cheese
 - 17. Saying
 - 18. Comedian and TV host
 - 19. Uppermost portions of brain
 - 21. City in Transylvania
 - 22. Where astronauts go
 - 23. Men's hairstyle
 - 24. Indicates position
 - 25. One point east of due south
 - 28. Businessmen may have one
 - 29. Grass part
 - 31. Running back Gurley
 - 33. Unwavering
 - 36. Options
 - 38. Annoy
 - 39. Greek mountain
 - 41. Pastas
 - 44. Fishes
 - 45. Wrap
 - 46. Potentially a criminal (slang)
 - 48. Seize
 - 49. The Constitution State
 - 51. Upset
 - 52. 1991 men's Wimbledon champ
 - 54. Central Chinese province
 - 56. Predisposition
 - 60. A notice of someone's death
 - 61. One-time Kentucky Rep.
 - 62. Swiss river
 - 63. Dried-up
 - 64. Finger millet
 - 65. ___ Allan Poe
 - 66. German river
 - 67. Brew
 - 68. Kenyan river

- CLUES DOWN**
- 1. Millisecond
 - 2. Acts as military assistant
 - 3. Knot in a tree
 - 4. Husband-and-wife industrial designers
 - 5. The Ocean State
 - 6. Point the finger at
 - 7. Parts in a machine
 - 8. Midway between northeast and east
 - 9. Portray precisely
 - 10. Blister
 - 11. Mental illness
 - 12. Nose of an animal
 - 14. What students receive
 - 17. Semitic peoples
 - 20. Beats per minute
 - 21. Family of drugs
 - 23. Atrocious
 - 25. Type of microscope (abbr.)
 - 26. ___ or bust
 - 27. Icelandic poems
 - 29. A citizen of Pakistan
 - 30. Very pale
 - 32. Metric linear unit
 - 34. Sea eagle
 - 35. Biblical judge of Israel
 - 37. Isaac's mother (Bib.)
 - 40. Sino-Soviet block (abbr.)
 - 42. Cool!
 - 43. Large hotel room
 - 47. Type of boat (abbr.)
 - 49. Picked
 - 50. Type of hookah
 - 52. Attack
 - 53. Directs
 - 55. Belgian WWII resistance fighter
 - 56. Finished negotiation
 - 57. Heroic tale
 - 58. Middle Eastern country
 - 59. Protein-rich liquids
 - 61. Malaysian Isthmus
 - 65. Spielberg's alien



Grand Jury indicts five from Lindale

Smith County Grand Jurors handed down 97 indictments involving cases from Feb. 11 and Feb. 21, with five of those being Lindale residents, Grand Jury Coordinator Marieliza Martinez said.

Indictments for Lindale residents include:
-- Cyrus Bunch, 18, burglary of a habitation

on Dec. 23, 2020;

-- Jessica Hall, 34, manufacture and delivery of a controlled substance on May 14, 2020 and theft with two or more previous convictions, July 4, 2020;

-- Austin Collins, 37, possession of a controlled substance on Nov. 1, 2019 and

Lindale's Lily Chamberlain named to TGCA All-Star team

Senior Lily Chamberlain of the Lindale High School Lady Eagles basketball team was recently selected to the Texas Girls Coaches Association All-Star Team for Class 4A, officials announced.

A maximum of 20 all-stars are selected from conferences 1-4A and 5-6A in basketball by the TGCA Basketball Committee composed of association member coaches.

Selections are made from nominations submitted by member coaches and must be seniors.

These all-stars will receive a certificate for their accomplishment.

Chamberlain was also named recently to the District 16-4A All-District First Team selected by league coaches.

Teammate Marley Keith was named Newcomer of the Year while Head Coach Daniel Devisscher was named Coach of the Year.

She was joined on the first team by Brooke Everest, Kalaya Pierce and Shelbi Steen.

Second team honors for the Lady Eagles went to Maggie Spearman and Brenley Philen.

Lady Eagles earning Honorable Mention honors were Makenna Burks, KaMaree'a Murphy and Desirae Pennington.

Academic All-District honors for players maintaining a 90-plus GPA went to Keith, Everest, Kayli Vickery, Liz Hutchens, Burks, Murphy, Spearman, Chamberlain, Madison Plunkett, Pennington, Philen, Pierce, Steen and Chloe Cagle.

TxDOT to award mini-grants to area high schools for drug-free events

The Texas Department of Transportation has announced \$750 mini-grants will be awarded to area high schools to assist with their 2021 alcohol and drug-free post-prom or post-graduation events, said spokesperson Kathi White.

To receive funding through the Project Celebration program, schools must notify TxDOT by April 16, 2021.

Project Celebration is a combination of education and events conducted by educators, parents and community partners to help keep students safe and alcohol-free throughout the school year.

The program focuses on school-related celebrations such as prom and graduation to reduce the number of injuries and deaths caused by impaired driving.

TxDOT awards mini-grants annually to help schools sponsor Project Celebration events that focus on alcohol and drug-free fun. No virtual or at-home lock-ins or

events will be allowed this year.

Schools can receive a mini-grant by hosting a celebration event that follows CDC and school safety measures. The program offers reimbursement grants that are awarded after the celebration has taken place.

Project Celebration packets were previously distributed to area high school principals.

Interested schools/districts must notify Heather Singleton, TxDOT Traffic Safety Specialist, by email at: Heather.Singleton@txdot.gov

The email notifications must be submitted on or before April 16, 2021. Late submissions will not be accepted.

Your school's Project Celebration representative will be notified by email when their entry form is received and approved.

For more information, contact Heather.Singleton@txdot.gov or at 903-510-9225.

OBITUARIES

CHRISTINE MARY ANDREASON BEKSHA

Memorial services for Christine Mary Andreason Beksha, 65, of Lindale were held Thursday, March 25, 2021 at the LifeSource Community Church in Lindale with Dr. David Hicks officiating.

Services were under the direction of Caudle-Rutledge-Daugherty Funeral Home in Lindale.

She died Tuesday, March 23, 2021 in Tyler. She was born on April 27, 1955 in Central Falls, R.I.

E. W. "RACK" TINDEL



E. W. "Rack" Tindel, 91, passed away peacefully on March 27, 2021 in Tyler after a long and fruitful life.

A graveside service celebrating his life was held Wednesday, March 31, 2021 at the Damascus Baptist Church Cemetery, 17080 County Road 4105, outside Lindale under the direction of Caudle-Rutledge-Daugherty Funeral Home with the Rev. Denny Autrey officiating.

Rack was born on Aug. 22, 1929 in Brownsboro to Walter Wade and Gladys Jewel Tindel and lived most of his adult life in the Lindale community.

He was a graduate of Brownsboro High School, Sam Houston State University and the University of Houston School of Pharmacy.

After graduation from Sam Houston, Rack served in the United States Army as decorated paratrooper attached to the 101st Airborne Division. He saw combat during the Korean War as a member of the famed "Fighting Rakkasans" unit of the 187th Infantry Regiment of the 101st Airborne.

Upon honorable discharge from the Army in 1953, he taught school for a brief period at Tyler High School before moving to Lindale High School where he taught from 1954 to 1961.

During his stint at Lindale, he taught math and science and coached football, basketball and track. Rack had an immensely successful career as the head football coach at Lindale winning multiple district championships and who, for the remainder of his life, was referred to as "Coach Tindel" by many of his former players and students.

His coaching background naturally made him an enthusiastic Lindale Eagles sports fan and he regularly attended Lindale athletic events well into his late 80's and he especially loved to root for the Eagles when his children and grandchildren were participating.

Following in the footsteps of his father, who was longtime drug

store owner in Brownsboro, Rack left teaching to pursue a degree in pharmacy at the University of Houston in 1961. After serving as the president of his senior class, upon graduation from U of H Rack was employed as a pharmacist in Kilgore, Texas and Tyler.

In 1965 he purchased what became Tindel Drug which he operated on and off at various locations in Lindale until his retirement in 2009. He will be remembered by many residents of Lindale for the times he would frequently open his store in the middle of night for people needing emergency prescriptions filled and for helping desperate families with sick children who needed assistance or could not afford medicine.

No person who needed Rack's help was ever turned away for financial reasons and most who could not afford to pay him never received a bill.

Rack was an engaged and active citizen of the city of Lindale for many years, participating in various local service clubs and booster organizations. He was elected to the Board of Trustees for the Lindale Independent School District in the 1970s and his passion for education, coupled with his understanding that a strong local school system was vital to maintaining a thriving community, put him at the forefront of championing the construction of new school buildings, spearheading the development of additional campuses and emphasizing the necessity for hiring high quality teachers at all grade levels.

One of his proudest achievements was to see the growth and development of Lindale ISD into one of the premier public school districts in the state of Texas. His lifelong interest and support of the Lindale schools led the Lindale High School Alumni Association to select him for its Distinguished Service Award in 2013, an honor which he took great pride in receiving.

In his spare time, Rack was an avid bird hunter and a crack shot with a 12 gauge shotgun. He enjoyed nothing more than a day spent walking the fields hunting for coveys of quail with his great and good friend Jerry Kidd, working in tandem with the bird dogs they both loved to train and care for.

He also spent many happy hours playing golf at Hideaway Lake with the wide circle of friends he maintained there. Closer to home, he and his beloved wife Charlotte annually planted a vegetable garden in their backyard which was a source of joy to them and also a source of delicious produce which they generously distributed to family and friends at harvest time.

However, all of these pursuits and awards paled in comparison to the overarching joy of Rack's life which was his family. No man ever cared more for his family or loved them more ardently than

Rack Tindel.

He married the love of his life, Charlotte Bingham Shelton, on April 26, 1986 and they shared almost 35 wonderful years together. Rack's wife, children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren were at the center of his universe and he took immense pride in their accomplishments and achievements. Nothing was more important to Rack than the happiness and well-being of his family and he was never more content than when surrounded by family members, both close and extended, at holidays and family gatherings.

He was a man of true greatness in all the aspects of life that really count for something of lasting importance in this world and beyond into eternity.

He cherished his family with a deep and abiding love that was absolutely unmistakable to those who experienced it and who are now so saddened at his passing, yet who at the same time are rejoicing at his entry into heaven.

Rack was a longtime member of First Baptist Church Lindale and the Encouragers Sunday School Class for many years. Rack was a born again believer in Jesus Christ, confessing Him as his Lord and Savior. Rack is a beloved child of God who is now at rest for all eternity in heaven with his wonderful Savior and reunited with his parents and brothers and sister who have gone on before him and whom he longed to see again. Rack will be keenly missed by his family and his many friends and by all who knew and loved him.

Rack is survived by his wife, Charlotte Tindel; son Andy Tindel and wife Sandy of Tyler; daughter Louanne Bibby and husband Kenneth Bibby of Lindale; son Jeff Shelton and wife Kathy of Lindale; granddaughter Lauren McKim and husband Jim of Evansville, Indiana; granddaughter Lindsey Bailes and husband Ryan of Tyler; great-grandchildren Maxwell Hampton McKim, Blaire Hazle Bailes and Mary Charlotte McKim; sister Evelyn Fitzgerald of Chandler, Texas and numerous nieces and nephews, all of whom he was especially close to. Rack was predeceased by his parents, brothers Harry Tindel and Dr. Roland Tindel and sister Myronell Giles.

Pallbearers were Ray Foster "Scutter" Tindel, Perry Mac Hutchens, Luster Kidd, Gregg Kidd, Mike Allen and C. James Rutledge. The family would also like to thank Rack's longtime personal physicians, Dr. Steven Keuer and Dr. Wendall Hand, as well as the doctors, nurses and staff at Hospice of East Texas for the excellent care Rack received during his final days.

If desired, memorials in remembrance of Rack Tindel may be made to the First Baptist Church Building Fund, P.O. Box 321, Lindale 75771 or the charity of your choice.

Lillie Russell Library plans "Wellness Wednesdays"

The folks at the Lillie Russell Memorial Library in conjunction with the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service have scheduled a series of "Wellness Wednesdays" through May, officials said.

These free weekly events are open to all Lindale-area adults. Registration is required. The Library is located at 200 East Hubbard Street near downtown Lindale.

The schedule includes:

- "Walk and Talk," 9 a.m.-10 a.m. through May 5;
- "Get The Facts," 11 a.m.-12 noon, through April 7;
- "Growing and Nourishing Healthy Communities," 1 p.m.-2 p.m. through April 21
- "Fresh Start," 11 a.m.-12 noon, April 14-May 5.

For more information, contact Carrie Custer at 903-882-1900 or Amy Shively at 903-590-2980.

Benefit car show scheduled

Gearheads, classic car enthusiasts and fans of great automotive designs should mark April 10 on their calendars because that's the day when the American Legion Post 15 in Lindale has scheduled its annual car show.

April 10 is a Saturday, and the show will take place at the post located at 18251 County Road 498 in Lindale.

Proceeds will go to support the post and all Lindale veterans.

Blood donation drives scheduled in April

Officials with Carter BloodCare in Tyler have announced two blood donation drives scheduled for this month.

The first is scheduled from 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Friday, April 2 at BMW of Tyler, located at 2401 WSW Loop 323 in the parking lot.

The Carter BloodCare bus will be on hand to take donations. For more information on this drive, contact Jim Teeter at 903-561-7049.

On Sunday, April 18, Marvin United Methodist Church will be holding a drive from 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall. For more information, contact Regina Childress at 903-592-7396.

Donors and staff are required to wear masks; and surfaces are cleaned between each donation.

Potential blood donors may volunteer beginning at age 16 with parental consent; 17-year-olds may give independently and there is no upper age limit for donating blood. For more information on donor eligibility and to make an appointment, call 1-800-366-2834 or visit carterbloodcare.org.

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SSA utilizes community groups to help people connect with agency

In keeping with the Social Security Administration's focus on reaching the country's most vulnerable populations, the SSA will continue to work with community organizations to ensure everyone has access to correct information during the COVID-19 pandemic, said SSA Commissioner Andrew Saul.

These groups include individuals with low income, limited English proficiency, mental illness, or those facing homelessness, Saul said.

During the pandemic, the SSA will continue to work with advocates and community-based organizations, he said.

The agency "is fully committed to assisting people in gaining access to the information and services they need with a specific emphasis on applying for Supplemental Security Income and Social Security Disability Insurance benefits," he said.

"I made this issue a strategic agency priority and focused resources to reach vulnerable communities and help them access our services and receive their benefits," said Saul. "I ask leaders in every community to share information about our programs with people and help them connect with us to apply for benefits."

To ensure effective outreach to these vulnerable populations who need access to agency programs, and to the advocates and organizations who can help to connect people with Social Security, the agency launched a national campaign to raise awareness of the SSI and SSDI

programs and encourage people to apply.

Campaign efforts include:

A new webpage, People Helping Others, at www.socialsecurity.gov/thirdparty, for anyone who could assist another person with accessing Social Security's programs and services;

A new outreach website, at www.socialsecurity.gov/thirdparty/groups/vulnerable-populations.html where all partner groups can access informational materials to share through their networks, including resources tailored to specific vulnerable populations;

An updated Faith-Based and Community Groups website at www.socialsecurity.gov/thirdparty/groups/faithandcommunity.html with a new outreach toolkit and SSI and SSDI fact sheets. The agency coordinated this effort with the White House, and the White House Office of Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships is helping to promote these resources; and

An upcoming national advertising campaign to support all outreach efforts on TV, radio, and social media, with special emphasis on children with disabilities (see the recently redesigned website focused on SSI for children at www.socialsecurity.gov/benefits/disability/apply-child.html). TV and radio PSAs highlighting SSI for children currently are being tested in the Dallas, TX area to determine their impact.

The agency is now completing training videos for community-based caseworkers to help their clients with the SSI application process.

People can apply for SSI benefits, and for other benefit programs, through a telephone appointment with the agency, even while local offices are not able to accept walk-in visitors. More people need to be made aware of the SSI program and reminded that they can call toll-free 1-800-772-1213, or their local Social Security office, to make a phone appointment to apply for SSI. People who are deaf or hard of hearing may call Social Security's TTY number, 1-800-325-0778.



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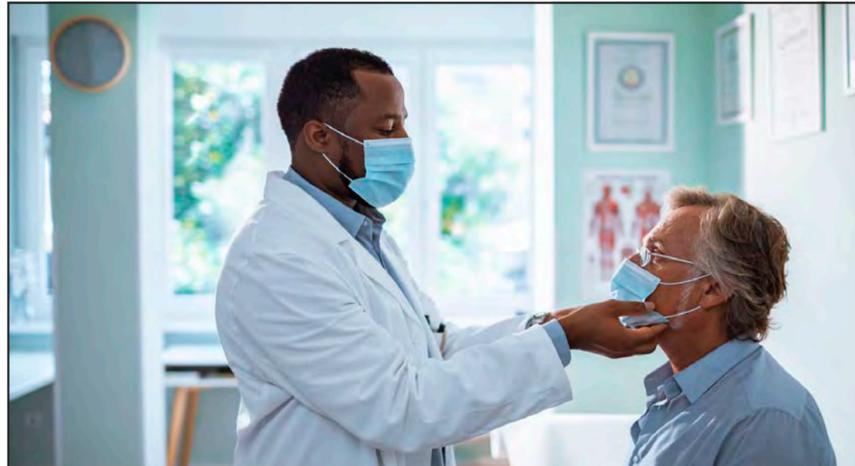
attendance, meeting their goals, etc. They will then be able to cash in their tokens for a book of their choice out of the vending machine. It's a fun way to show students how important literacy is in becoming successful leaders.

Grant for \$718.94 to fund Life Skills: Ready, Set, Listen, Learn, Collaborate!
 Life Skills: Ready, Set, Listen, Learn, Collaborate will teach concepts of reading and social skills by using fun stories and

incorporating manipulatives and puppets to draw Life Skills' students' attention. The students in the Ready, Set, Teach program at Lindale High School will help create storytelling kits to use with Life Skills students. The goal is to have high school students come to E.J. Moss and read books while using the manipulatives that represent main characters and events in the story. Some students have disabilities that prevent them from learning in neurotypical ways. This project will help create fun activities that lead to learning.
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