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The Patterson Ram Lindale Championship Rodeo is scheduled to get under way at 6 p.m. on Thursday, May 13 at the Cross Brand Cowboy Church arena.

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Rodeo saddles up again May 13

The Patterson Ram Lindale Championship Rodeo, presented by the Lindale Area Chamber of Commerce is scheduled to begin at 6 p.m. Thursday, May 13 at Crossbrand Cowboy Church arena, LACC officials announced.

The rodeo will continue through Saturday, May 15. Admission is free due to the generosity of the event's ticket sponsors, chamber officials noted. Crossbrand hosted the rodeo last year and was such as success LACC officials have made it the permanent location.

The church is located at 11915 FM 2015 in Tyler. Gates open each night at 6 p.m. and at 6:15 p.m. Muttin Bustin will get under way. Live music is scheduled beginning at 6:45 p.m., followed by a devotional and the national anthem at 7:25 p.m.

Rodeo activities begin at 7:30 p.m. Officials said registration at the gate is required to enter the Muttin Bustin competition with each participant required to pay \$10. The event will take

place only if the United Professional Rodeo Association's ordinances allow it at the time of performance.

Other sponsors for the rodeo include The Edwards Team at Century 21, CHRISTUS Trinity Mother Frances; Chick-fil-A, United Ag and Turf, Coca Cola and Southwest Beverages, Amanda Froebe State Farm Insurance, Rozell Sprayer Manufacturing Inc., T-Mobile, Lindale Dental, Mike Smith's Allstate Insurance and Bodacious Bar-B-Q.

Also, Austin Bank, Renewal by Anderson, KNUE 101.5, Alford Tire, Brake and Alignment, Altra Federal Credit Union, Brookshire's, JK Trucking and Construction, Cracker Barrel, McDonald's, National Property Inspections, Liquid Oasis Custom Pools and Spas, Southside Bank, Burger Kind, Lindale Veterinary Clinic and the City of Lindale.

Burgess wins LISD seat

Ragan Burgess defeated Rodney Whiddon for the Place 3 position on the Lindale ISD Board of Trustees after voting was completed this past weekend.

Burgess collected 246 votes to 84 votes for Whiddon. This was only race contested for the LISD board, as incumbents Mike Combs, Place 5, Donnie Williams, Place 6 and Brooks Beeler, Place 7 were

all unopposed.

For the city of Lindale, Mayor Jeff Daugherty and Place 2 councilwoman Yvette Martin were also unopposed.

Martin was appointed to the council's Place 2 seat after long-time council member Clyde Harper stepped down in late 2020.

Lindale ISD to receive \$5.5 million in federal education funds

Texas lawmakers are scheduled to submit a plan by June 7 detailing the distribution of a portion of more than \$18 billion in federal funds earmarked for state students, which has been delayed by legislators working on the state budget.

Approximately \$11 billion of the total federal layout is earmarked to be passed down to local districts, including more than \$5.5 million for the Lindale ISD, Superintendent Stan Surratt said.

The \$5,550,400 for the LISD will be released after district officials file an application with the state.

Another \$2 million is scheduled for the LISD in the second allocation of the federal money by the state legislature, Surratt said.

Earlier, the district received \$500,000 as a reimbursement for COVID-related expenses.

One caveat for the \$5.5 million is it has to be spent within a three-year period.

Surratt noted district officials will be looking at areas such as trying to close the education gap caused by the pandemic, adding extra teachers for different subjects, additional support staff and other resources.

Also to be considered is to use these funds to improve the air quality in the district's schools and facilities, Surratt said.

"We're very happy that (the Legislature) is going to let local school districts make decisions on this money," Surratt said. "We have to make sure we maximize the amount (of money) we get and make sure that at the end of those three years we have the financial stability to continue those programs."

Surratt said town hall meetings will be scheduled to receive community input on how the funds should be spent.

The application grants will be administered by the Texas Education Agency.

The final third of the federal funds to be distributed won't be made available until the U.S. Department of Education has given its approval.

According to a news release from the state, Gov. Greg Abbott, Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick, House Speaker Dade Phelan and appropriation officials and education committee members from both chambers of the Legislature will work with the TEA to resolve questions on the distribution of the funds by the end of the current legislative session.

Also, TEA officials said the \$11.2 billion will not be used to replace state funding. Previously, the state used federal education funds to reduce its own aid to local school districts.

"To ensure this pandemic does not become a generational education crisis, we expect, and students deserve, for this funding to be used to remediate the progress lost due to the pandemic," Abbott said in the release. "This will ensure that Texas students will be ready to fill the jobs created in and attracted to this state."

Bob Popinski, director of policy for Raise Your Hand Texas, said now is the time for local districts to make plans for these funds.

"(The goal) is to use the new money to suspend learning loss, provide the social (and) emotional support our students need from the last year of COVID and in some cases, get the air quality and buildings in a better situation."

Zeph Capo, president of the Texas American Federation of Teachers, said the release of these funds was a good first step, but lamented it took two months before the governor would act.

"As educators, we pushed hard for this release to be as fast as possible, because we see the need daily," Capo wrote in a statement. "And we fought to ensure the state didn't use these funds for existing budget holes, which happened with the first aid package last year. It's clear that our legislators were listening to our calls to release the funds."

LHS sends girls' doubles team to state tennis tournament

Lindale High School's Jacey King and Taegan Michel have earned a trip to the state tennis tournament in girls doubles after winning the Region II Class 4A title this past week in Longview.

King and Michel defeated a team from Wills Point in straight sets, 7-5 and 6-2 to advance to the state tourney, scheduled for May 20-21 in Austin.

Also competing for LHS at the regional event was Bailee Lane in girls singles. After a tough match, Lane fell to the No. 2 seed in the tourney from Midlothian Heritage, 4-6, 6-1 and 6-4.

In boys' doubles, the Lindale duo of Andre Samaraweera and Hayden Harry won their first round match but fell in the tournament quarterfinals to the No. 1 seed. The local pair took the first set to a tiebreaker (7-3) then fell in the second set, 6-1.

Also for Lindale, Jared Maeker earned a berth in the regional finals before having to bow out due to illness. Finishing third at regionals, Maeker will be the boys singles alternate for the Eagles.

"I am so proud of these kids and how they competed and represented our school and city," said LHS tennis coach Randal Namanny. "



Jacey King, left, and Taegan Michel are headed to the state tennis tournament in Austin later this month after winning the Region II Class 4A doubles title in Longview last week.

Courtesy Photo

Area non-profits gain \$2.7 million through East Texas Giving Day

Nonprofits in East Texas benefited from the generosity of more than 5,838 donors during East Texas Giving Day on Tuesday (April 27), the region's recognized day of giving to support local nonprofits, officials with the East Texas Communities Foundation said.

The online fundraising effort began at 6 a.m. on Tuesday and ended at midnight.

Based on preliminary results, donors contributed \$2,790,533 to support the causes they care about in 32 East Texas counties.

"East Texas residents stepped up at this unprecedented time," said Kyle Penney, President of ETCF, which hosts the online event. "Nonprofit organizations spent countless hours getting the word out about the needs facing our region. Donors across East Texas responded generously to meet the call. It's a community effort we can all be proud of."

During East Texas Giving Day, nonprofit organizations encouraged their donors and the public to make charitable donations online at www.EastTexasGivingDay.org.

Donors could choose among 258 participating charities, and make donations starting at just \$10. Throughout the day, donations to select nonprofits were eligible to be matched thanks to generosity of individuals and nonprofit business partners that had already pledged funds to the charities they support.

More than \$1 million in matching funds was available through the East Texas Giving Day website, ETCF officials said.

East Texas Giving Day benefited nonprofits of all sizes. Preliminary

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OPINION/EDITORIAL

Gary Borders Capital Highlights



State shows largest numerical population gain

Texas stands to gain two seats in the U.S. House of Representatives after results of the 2020 census released last week show the state had the largest numerical gain of any state since the 2010 census.

The population increased by nearly 4 million in the past decade, to 29.14 million. That's a population increase of 15.9% in 10 years — third highest by percentage in the nation, behind Utah and Idaho. The state's clout in the House will increase to 38 congressional districts, with redistricting likely coming this fall.

The increase has been driven for the most part by increases in the state's Hispanic population, which accounted for half of the growth in the past decade, according to the census. As the Texas Tribune pointed out, annual increases in Hispanic residents in Texas have been greater every year since 2010 than the combined growth among white, Black and Asian residents.

Abbott gets bill allowing to-go alcohol sales

Restaurants can continue to sell alcohol to go after both chambers passed a measure making Gov. Greg Abbott's pandemic declaration permanent. Abbott is expected to sign the measure.

When restaurants were forced to close their dining areas last March, the measure allowed beer, wine and mixed drinks to be sold along with takeout and delivery food orders. While pandemic restrictions on in-dining seating have been lifted, many restaurants continue to rely on takeout and delivery options.

The Texas Restaurant Association reports 700,000 restaurant workers in Texas lost their jobs in the early weeks of the pandemic, with thousands of restaurants permanently shuttered.

ERCOT announces interim CEO

The Electric Reliability Council of Texas has picked Brad Jones to be interim CEO for the Texas grid operator. Jones has more than 30 years of industry experience, including two stints with ERCOT.

The previous CEO was fired after the widespread power blackouts during the February winter storm, and nearly half the board resigned. Under ERCOT's bylaws, Jones can serve as interim CEO for up to a year.

ERCOT falls under the umbrella of the Public Utility Commission. Its newest member and chairman, Peter Lake, was recently confirmed by the Texas Senate.

State releases \$11.2 billion for schools

The state's top leadership announced last week the release of \$11.2 billion in fresh federal funding to help public schools "address student learning loss and costs incurred as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic."

Two-thirds of the nearly \$18 billion allocated by the feds is now available under grants administered by the Texas Education Agency. The remaining one-third in funding will be distributed contingent upon approval by the U.S. Department of Education.

Texas already had received roughly \$2.2 billion in federal funding to help school districts respond to COVID-19. School districts and others have been calling for the state to release the money so they could begin budgeting for the next school year. The federal government requires the state to maintain both public school funding and money for public colleges and universities at the same levels as in the three years before the pandemic to tap into the K-12 stimulus dollars.

...work of heart

Teaching at its best is a work of heart. It is one of the few professions that requires a high level of knowledge, a skill set that includes communication, empathy, compassion, patience, and to be truly successful, an authentic relationship. Teachers who connect with their students also parent, serve as counselors, social workers and a watchful presence of protection when needed. That's a LOT of responsibility.

Top that with state requirements within time constraints with a one day test serving as evidence of students' knowledge and the teacher's ability to teach. That is pressure, at an exploding pressure cooker level.

When you throw in a certain percentage of neglectful or abusive parents, poverty, learning gaps, substance abuse, physical, mental and learning disabilities, and varying abilities of students all within one classroom, well, the job becomes mind boggling. Kinda makes you wonder why anyone chooses to become a teacher doesn't it?

For most who go into the profession, the answer to that question is that teaching is a calling, an avocation, not just a job.

This is National Teacher Appreciation Week and having worked as a teacher for 35 years teaching sixth graders to college students over that span of time, I am here to tell you I wouldn't trade my career for a million dollars. No kidding.

True, there are days that break your heart and threaten to consume you. There are days that are full of laughter and learning and all good things. There are days when the frustration, the stress and the problems ball teachers up into tightly coiled springs or puddles of exhaustion.

When that happens teachers support each other. They take a step back. They get a cup of coffee and begin again...and again...and again. The best of campus faculties are families who celebrate, mourn and share life in the moment together while supporting one another and teaching.

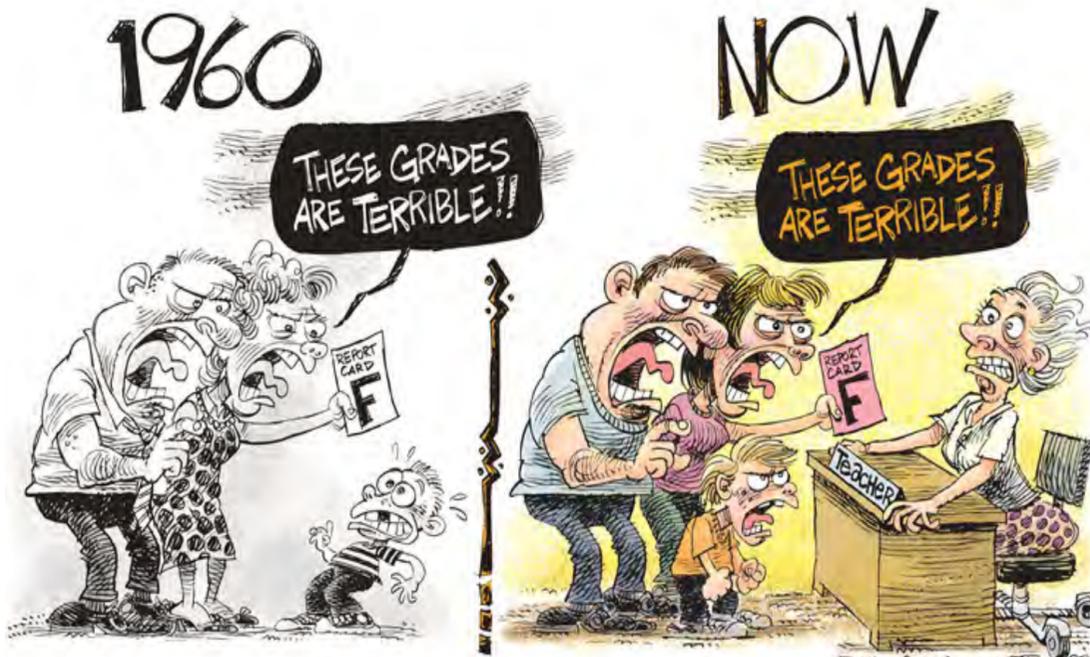
Suzanne Bardwell



Teaching high school juniors and seniors was my sweet spot. Preparing to launch kids into their next phase of life was one of the most important parts of my job and one of the most bittersweet and joyous. I don't know who said this but it has stuck with me, "the best teachers are those who show you where to look but don't tell you what to see".

My number one goal as a teacher was to make sure my students knew they were cared for and safe, and the second was to teach them to think. Not what to think, but to think critically and independently. It is the most fun I have ever had, or ever will have outside of time with my family. And yes, I miss teaching every day, but I must admit I don't miss the standardized testing, the regimented routine, or the mounds and mounds of essays to grade late into the night after very challenging days. But I do miss those eager young minds...and even the ones who weren't so eager. Those kids that were a challenge to inspire were often the most satisfying to teach and to reach. When you reach those kids they begin to understand the possibilities available for their lives...and that is like planting a flag on Everest after a long and risky effort.

To the good teachers in the trenches I salute you for your heart, your dedication and your skill. You are writing the future of so many kids. God bless you for all you do and all you are. What you do is one of the most important jobs on the planet and don't you forget it.



THE ECONOMIST

By Dr. M. Ray Perryman

Outlook for the US Economy

Although the pandemic has spared no one, it has had a disproportionate impact on working women. Over the past year, females have been more likely to leave the workforce due to job losses or conflicts with the added responsibilities surrounding childcare and household sustainability. As the economy recovers, these valuable members of the workforce will

be essential. The latest Census numbers make that abundantly clear. Moreover, for many, working is indispensable for financial stability.

From February to April of 2020, employment for women aged 20 and over fell by 12.2 million, a 17.0% decrease. Over the same period,

female unemployment increased by 8.6 million and 3.8 million left the labor force altogether. Since then, the situation has improved somewhat, but there remain 3.7 million (5.1%) fewer women employed as of March 2021 than at the pre-pandemic peak. In addition, women, specifically mothers with school-aged children, have been slower to re-enter the workforce. Current projections from numerous sources estimate that female employment might not fully recover until 2024, a full two years after their male counterparts.

One critical issue is childcare. About one-third of working women in 2019 had children under 18, and pandemic-induced disruptions caused some to decide they could not (or did not wish to) continue. Even for many who had options for remote employment, the addi-

tional responsibilities of assisting with remote education have been substantial. Affordable childcare, already lacking prior to the pandemic and much worse in its wake, would help women return to work, as will reaching the point with vaccines and therapeutics that schools can fully open across the nation.

The continuing trend for flexible work arrangements will be beneficial, but challenges remain. There are legitimate concerns that staying out of the office could not only place an additional burden on professional women, but also reduce their prospects for advancement. (Evidence suggests that males are more likely to opt to work in the office, interact with management, and maintain visibility.)

For our economy and society, there is clear value to work-life balance irrespective of gender. For

women, these boundaries can be particularly difficult to navigate for a variety of systemic reasons. Facilitating the return of women to the workforce in a complex post-pandemic environment will be difficult. Initiatives such as improved, affordable, and accessible childcare and innovative office situations are essential elements of the solution. With the lowest population growth rate since the 1930s (with counting occurring prior to the effects of COVID) and shortages already appearing in many industries and areas, the long-term need for an abundant workforce is obvious. Maintaining viable options for women will improve growth and productivity and, more importantly, enhance the lives of countless women, children, families, and communities. Stay safe!

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THE FINANCIAL 411 CHALLENGE

Preparing for any level of competition takes an investment in time, money, and personal accountability. Members of the 2020-2021 Texas Bank and Trust Student Board of Directors were tested on all three categories over the past year as they participated in the second annual Student Board Financial 411 Challenge.

This premiere money management Olympiad matched our board members in a head-to-head series of high-spirited games and competitions to test their knowledge of budgeting, saving, investing, and professional development. Teams competed for Olympic-style medals in contests that showcased their wits, know-how, and feats of mental strength. Financial coaches and mentors from Texas Bank and Trust guided the students as they encountered topics that prepared them for life beyond college. The team that earned the most medals throughout the year received a cash prize at the end of the program.

The winning team was the "Imagination Movers," which consisted of Lindale High School seniors Matthew Abrameit, Bethany Deupree, Emily Huber, Abigail Payne, Easton Rushing, and Kelsey Schwartz. The team earned a combined total of 20 medals. The Imagination Movers competed against four other teams to win the games.

In addition to participating in the nine-month Financial 411 Challenge, members of the Student Board learned the importance of preparing a resume that will get them noticed, proper etiquette for interviews and formal events, and wise use of credit. They also learned the importance of cyber security and how to take advantage of modern banking technology to effectively control their personal finances.

Texas Bank and Trust rotates the Student Board of Directors program curriculum every two years to consistently provide relevant training for the program participants. Graduating seniors from Lindale High School were selected from a pool of applicants to serve on this year's board.



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Air up there can be rare, especially when you're grounded

Never let it be said that I ever let a good idea go by without, shall we say, borrowing from it.

In last week's issue of our gazette our brilliant co-publisher Suzanne Bardwell (brown nosing never goes out of style) penned a thoughtful and incisive column pertaining to – among other things – airline delays.

On one hand, one can only complain about airport and airline delays if you've flown multiple times while on the other, if you've flown enough I would suppose you may have gotten used to these headaches.

Me? I'm somewhere in the middle of this because I've flown many times but not enough to collect a bunch of war stories to share in the airport lounge.

That's not to say I haven't been frustrated by delays and cancelled flights. It's just that my problems, especially in hindsight, are insignificant compared to business travelers forced to sit in an airport while an important meeting proceeds without them.

Flying, if you ponder the idea for a moment, seems dang near impossible even after all these years. As brilliant as the Wright brothers were, I can't imagine they envisioned a time when their spidery-looking craft would evolve into the multi-billion dollar industry it is today.

And surely they would have been confused at the term "airport delays."

Terry Cannon Editor



The rise (so to speak) of the airline industry is much too complex and detailed to cover in this space but suffice it to say our daily existence would be impossible without the miracle of jet-powered flight.

As a youngster in the 1960s, the thought of me flying in an airplane was the stuff of science fiction. Spiffy magazine ads trumpeted the wonders of flying off to some incredible destination such as Hawaii or New York City or even – gasp – Disneyland.

My mind reeled at the thought of one day I would be able to board a flight to anywhere, even if it was just a couple of states away.

And it wasn't until I was a senior in high school that I actually did get to fly somewhere – from Miami to Freeport, Bahamas. (That is indeed another story for another day.)

That flight was literally a jump – it only took 30 minutes and any imagined horrors I had disappeared as we soared over the Atlantic toward the Bahamas.

From that inauspicious beginning, I've boarded flights to such

destinations as Portland, Maine; Boston, Chicago (several times), California, New Mexico, Colorado, Arizona, Seattle and a few others closer to home.

When it comes to delays, there are two that stand out.

The second of the worst was being stuck in Denver's airport for more than six hours while my airline was trying to figure out where they were going.

It's a bad feeling to look up at the arrival/departure board and not see your flight listed. It's even worse when the person behind the counter knows less than you.

The first of the worst was awful from the beginning and went downhill from there.

After spending a week in Maine for my son's Little League World Series tournament, we were to fly home from Boston, making a "short" stopover in Washington D.C. We received a recorded phone call that morning informing us our flight had been cancelled.

Racing to the airport, we found the airline's counter and discovered we could board another flight but "we'd have TO HURRY" to

make it. Of course it was about 20 gates away. By the time we got to the gate, the very unfriendly person behind the counter informed us we were "too late" and that she'd been calling for passengers for the past 15 minutes and where were we all this time, hmmm?

Mad? Yep, you could say so.

Luckily, a nice lady stepped forward and allowed us to board as standby passengers. Off we went for D.C., and in a few hours we'd be home.

Not so fast, as they say in the airline industry.

First of all, we had to be re-routed to Philadelphia, where we waited three more hours for a flight to take us to D.C.

Yay! We were finally on our way to D.C.'s Dulles Airport.

Well...nine hours later we were headed to DFW Airport and the parking garage.

Frazzled, frustrated and completely beaten, we made it home some 19 hours after we arrived at Boston's Logan Airport that morning.

The next week, I fired off an angry email to the airline describing our rotten experience with their company. A couple of days later, I received a weak apology and a "valuable" coupon for 10 percent off our next flight with their airline.

That airline went out of business before we could take advantage of their generosity.

Go figure.

Sometimes, seeing isn't believing

As y'all know, I hate to shop. Well, I guess that's not entirely true. I like goin' into gun shops, and tool stores, and such. It's the other stuff I don't like to shop for, like clothes and stuff.

Fortunately, I have a wife that loves that sort of stuff and she keeps me fixed up. Although I don't like to shop, I do like to order stuff. You know what I mean, out of magazines and such.

I know a lot of people order junk over the internet, and I do that too, but it's not the same as those ads in the back of magazines.

Back when I was a kid, I used to see all sorts of ads for stuff. You know the ones I'm talkin' about. Well, if you're a man or a boy, you do, 'cause the ones I'm talkin' about were in magazines such as Boy's Life, Field and Stream, Sports Afield, and some comic books.

Now, the only bad part about orderin' from the back of magazines, back when I was a kid, was that it took so long for the stuff to get to you. It wasn't like it is now where you can give them a credit card number and be done with it. Back then, you had to send them a letter with a check or cash in the envelope, (I didn't know what a money order was) and hope that they'd send you what they said they would.

I always sent money, which wasn't really smart, but I had no choice. I was a little kid, and didn't have a checkin' account, and I couldn't get my mom or dad to write a check for me, 'cause they would know that I was orderin' stuff and they wouldn't let me do it.

My philosophy has always been it's easier to get forgiven than it is to get permission. And so far, it has worked pretty well.

Anywho, like I said, you had to send your money in, then you had to wait for them to get your letter, and then you had to wait for what seemed like years, although it was only a few weeks, for your stuff to arrive.

If you were fortunate, the stuff was delivered durin' summer vacation or on Saturday when you were out of school and you could retrieve it from the mailbox before your mother did.

If she got it first, then you had a lot of explainin' to do, which meant tellin' some fibs, and stuff, which never worked 'cause moms always know when you're fibbin'.

I was a sucker for some of those ads, and they didn't always turn out to be as advertised. Here's a couple of items I ordered back many years ago. Heck I'll bet some of y'all've ordered the same stuff.

Rusty Mitchum Life & Times



The first thing I remember orderin' was a Malayan Throwin' Dagger. Man, the first time I saw that ad, I knew I had to have one. The ad said that it was a Malayan fightin' knife and it was used for self-defense, killin' game, and for throwin' at targets. It was a powerful, silent, accurate weapon that would split a one-inch board at 30 feet. And the best part, it was only \$1.98. That's right, a genuine throwin' knife for less than two dollars. How could I go wrong?

When the package arrived, I couldn't wait. I tore it open right there at the mailbox which was located at the top of the road we lived on. Back then, everybody's mailboxes were at the top of the road and you had to walk, ride your bike, or whatever to get the mail.

That's one reason people back then were in better shape than they are now. Doin' everyday stuff like that gave them the exercise they needed.

When I opened that package, I looked at my Malayan throwin' knife. It wasn't much more than a thick piece of sheet metal, pointed on one end, with a rawhide strip wrapped around the other for a handle. Man, was that a disappointment.

"Oh well," I thought, and I looked around for something to throw it at. My cousin Coy's house was at the top of the road and he had a couple of Mimosa trees in his front yard, and they looked about as good as anything to throw my new knife at, so I did.

I missed the first time I threw, and liked to have never found the knife, but finally did. Heck, it didn't even stick in the ground. Well, I moved closer to the tree, grabbed the knife by the blade like I had seen Tarzan, and a few dozen Indians do, and reared back and threw. The knife flew end over end, and sure enough, it hit the tree, bounced, and here it came back at me. It almost hit me, but I jumped out of the way just in time.

I reached down and picked up the knife, which now looked a lot like a boomerang. Yep, it was bent almost in the shape of a horseshoe. Stupid knife.

It was a while before I ordered anything else; 'cause the wound of bein' suckered on the knife deal was still fresh. But then I saw an ad that I knew I had to have.

X-Ray Glasses.

The ad was in one of my Sergeant Rock comic books. Sergeant Rock was a tough ol' sergeant in the army and he and his men were always gettin' into scrapes with the enemy, and he always came out on top.

"Eat dirt chicks!" he would yell at his men when the enemy would fire at them. It was a great comic book.

Anywho, in the back of the book, was the ad about the X-ray glasses. The ad showed a guy with the glasses on lookin' at his hand, which looked like an x-ray does with bones showin' and all. It also showed him lookin' at a girl and although you couldn't see what he was seein', he sure had a big grin on his face. Well, now I just had to have some of those glasses.

First off, I had to get a dollar, 'cause that's what they cost. It took me a couple of weeks of walkin' the roads findin' Coke bottles to redeem for the three cents they brought to gather up enough money.

"What are you going to do with all that money?" Mrs. Cope from Cope's Country Store asked as she handed me my money. Mr. and Mrs. Cope's Store was about a mile from my house, and they kept me supplied with BB's and such.

"Don't tell nobody," I said, "but I'm gonna get me some X-Ray Glasses."

"What on earth for?" she asked. "I don't know," I replied. "To see bones and junk, I guess."

"Are those the ones that say you can see through people's clothes?" asked Mr. Cope.

"Yes sir," I said, and then thought I might not had better said anything.

"I swear," said Mrs. Cope.

"Well, when you get 'em, boy," said Mr. Cope. "Bring 'em by here and let me have a look through 'em."

"Yes sir," I said. Mrs. Cope gave her husband a look that I would see a lot later in life after I got married.

I waited until school was almost out for the summer until I sent my order in, 'cause I wanted to be home when they came, 'cause I knew if my mom got to the mailbox first, I'd be dead meat.

The day finally arrived. My heart started beatin' faster when I

opened the mailbox and there was a package in there addressed to Master Rusty Mitchum. That was me. I tore open the package, and there was my new set of glasses.

It was a set of plastic frames, with cardboard lenses. In the middle of the lenses were holes. In the holes were, what looked like, a bunch of pieces of thread. It didn't look very technical to me, but what did I know, I was just a kid.

Slowly, I placed the glasses on my face and looked around. I put my hand up in front of my face like the fellow in the comic book, but I didn't see any bones. My hand just looked kind of fuzzy.

So far, no good.

I took the glasses off and thought, "I need a better test than that." Right about then, a car stopped on the road. There was a lady drivin' the car and she stuck her head out the window.

"Excuse me young man," she said. "I'm in need of some directions."

"Yes ma'am," I said. "I'll sure try."

Then she opened the door and stepped out of her car. In her hand was a map. She handed me the map and said, "This is where I'm going. Am I headed in the right direction? I looked at the map, and then a thought hit me. I squinted my eyes and held the map close to my face.

"I'm sorry," I said. "I'm havin' a hard time seein'." Let me put my glasses on." I placed the X-ray glasses on my face and looked at the map. I swallowed hard and then looked at the lady. She just looked all fuzzy.

"Well!" she said indignantly.

"Ma'am?" I said.

"Your glasses," she said.

"What about 'em," I said as I looked at her dress. "They say 'X-ray glasses' on the lenses. I took them off and turned them around. I had never looked at the front of them, and sure enough, right there for all the world to see, they said "X-Ray Glasses."

"Did you get an eyeful?" she asked.

"Uh, yes ma'am...I mean no ma'am...I mean...they ain't workin' right....I mean, uh," then I sighed. "I don't know what I mean.

She grabbed the map, looked at me, and then smiled. She shook her head. "You are something, aren't you?"

"Ma'am?" I asked.

Again she smiled, got in her car, and then drove away. I looked down at the glasses in my hand. Stupid glasses.

I sold them to Mr. Cope for a dollar fifty.



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, May 7, 2020

Taking tentative steps toward helping the city of Lindale get back on a somewhat normal footing, city council members voted to reopen certain areas of Lindale which had been closed due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

In the city's fourth extension to the declaration made in March to local disaster efforts due to the public health emergency caused by COVID-19, council members opened certain areas in Faulkner Park, Pool Park and Darden Harvest Park.

The order is in keeping with Gov. Greg Abbott's statewide declarations.

At Faulkner Park, the walking park and fishing piers are open, while the athletic fields, playground and bathrooms remain closed. At Pool Park, the park grounds are open, but the athletic fields, playground and bathrooms remain closed.

At Darden Harvest Park, the walking trails are open while the playground, Dog Park and bathrooms are still closed.

FIVE YEARS AGO, May 6, 2016
Two powerful EF2 tornados pounded the Lindale area causing extensive damage to rural homes, trees, power lines and clogging roads east of the city.

Miraculously no one was seriously injured. This is 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.

Friday's storm, 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.

10 YEARS AGO, May 7, 2011
With a pair of one-run losses, the Lindale High School girls softball team finished its season at the hands of the Crandall Lady Pirates in the state bi-district playoffs.

Crandall won 7-6 in the first game and clipped the Lady Eagles 10-9 in the second game to advance to the area round of the Class 3A playoffs.

Standout pitcher Kayla Cosby pitched both games for Lindale and contributed two doubles at the plate.

Mariah Millington was another top performer for the Lady Eagles with a couple of two-base hits.

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Dress up the landscape with spring flowering shrubs

By Melinda Myers

Add a burst of color to the start of the garden season with spring flowering shrubs. Small or large, these beauties add color, support pollinators, and help attract birds to the landscape.

Make room in mixed borders and gardens for these spring bloomers. Use varieties with slightly different bloom times to create continuous color throughout the spring. Complement these with spring flowering perennials and bulbs. Once the shrubs finish flowering, they add some nice greenery to the border.

Plant a few compact varieties in containers for added color on patios and decks. Add seasonal color with annuals, pansies or other cool weather tolerant flowers for spring and fall. Replace these with petunias, lantana, or other suitable heat tolerant flowers for summer.

Forsythia and lilacs are traditional spring favorites. Forsythia's bright yellow flowers signal spring for many. The showy flowers have a slight fragrance, and the plants are basically pest free. Select varieties whose flower buds will survive cold winter temperatures, so there will be blossoms from the tip of the stem to ground level.

Lilacs fragrant flowers may generate wonderful childhood memories. Select the preferred white, pink, or purple color and varieties that will fit the growing location when mature. These will brighten

any spot later in the spring.

Look for other easy-care, spring-blooming shrubs to include in the landscape. The spring blooms of viburnum are sure to provide plenty of enjoyment not to mention its attractive foliage, fall color, and fruit that attracts birds. Use them to create an attractive screen, hedge, or mixed border. Several viburnum varieties, like Korean Spice and doublefile, make great specimens or impressive small groupings in the landscape.

Brighten those shady spots with azaleas. These spring bloomers thrive with afternoon or dappled shade. Grow them in moist, rich, acidic soil in a sheltered location for best results. Make sure there is a good view to enjoy the blossoms and hummingbirds they attract.

Light up the spring garden with Garden Glow dogwood. The bright chartreuse foliage turns a burgundy red in fall. The white flowers give way to blue fruit and the red stems are a welcome sight in winter.

Other dogwoods, like red twig and gray dogwoods, are native shrubs with flowers that support pollinators and fruit that feeds the birds.

Fothergilla's fragrant white spring flowers are a favorite of hummingbirds. This beauty ends its season with a colorful mix of yellow, orange, and scarlet fall color often on the same leaf.

Add an evergreen backdrop of boxwood, arborv-

tae, and junipers to showcase these spring beauties. The spring blossoms, fall color, and winter interest will shine when positioned in front of greenery.

Take a walk through the landscape now to identify places that would benefit from some spring color. Select the right plants that are suited to the growing conditions and complement the garden design. Then plant and enjoy these colorful additions for years to come.

Melinda Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for *Birds & Blooms* magazine. Her web site is www.melindamyers.com.



This forsythia signals early spring for many with its showy, bright yellow flowers and slight fragrance. (Courtesy Photo)

Plant sale for Library this weekend

Officials with the Lillie Russell Memorial Library have announced the library's annual Plant Sale will take place 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, May 8 at the Library.

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Saturday April 24, 2021

Officers Jackquet and Philpot responded to a public service at 100 block Ballard Dr, settled at scene. Officers Jackquet and Philpot responded to a public service at 900 block E South St, settled at scene. Officers Ramsey, Jackquet and Philpot responded to a business alarm at 1800 block S Main St, false alarm. Officers Jackquet and Philpot responded to an assist other agency at 800 block Edgewood Cir, settled at scene. Officers Ramsey, Jackquet and Philpot responded to a warrant service at 14000 block W I-20, arrest made. Officers Jackquet and Philpot responded to a theft shoplifting at 1500 block S Main St, report taken. Officers Jackquet and Philpot responded to a public service at 200 block E



North St, settled at scene. Officer Dailey responded to a theft at 15400 block Miranda Ln, settled at scene. Sgt Dworaczyk and Officer Dailey responded to a disturbance at 300 block S Main St, unfounded. Sgt Dworaczyk responded to a loud noise disturbance at 600 block Whitebear Trail, settled at scene. Sgt Dworaczyk and Officer Dailey responded to a loud noise disturbance at 600 block Whitebear Trail, warning issued.

Sunday April 25, 2021

Officer Leevey responded to a suspicious vehicle at 3500 block S Main St, settled at scene. Officers Leevey and Trombley responded to an assist other agency at Hwy 69 and I-20, settled at scene. Sgt Houghton and Officer Leevey responded to a public service at 200 block Cannery Row, settled at scene. Sgt Houghton responded to a public service at 100 block Ballard Dr, settled at scene. Sgt Houghton and Officer Leevey responded to a suspicious person at 500 block S Main St, settled at scene. Officer Leevey responded to a 911 hang up at 13700 block CR 433, settled at scene. Sgt Houghton and Officer Leevey responded to a stolen vehicle at 1800 block S Main St, arrest made. Officer Capps responded to an accident at 3200 block S Main St, report taken. Sgt Houghton and Officer Capps responded to a welfare concern at 3200 block S Main St, settled at scene. Officers Shurley and Allen responded to a city ordinance violation at 200 block Cannery Row, settled at scene.

Monday April 26, 2021

Officer Trombley responded to a suspicious circumstance at 300 block Mounty Sylvan St, settled at scene. Sgt Houghton responded to a theft at 3500 block S Main St, report taken. Officer Trombley responded to a public service at 400 block W Hubbard St, settled at scene. Sgt Flores and Officer Trombley responded to a public service at 300 block Mounty Sylvan St, settled at scene. Of-

ficer Trombley responded to a theft at 100 block E Centennial Blvd, report taken. Sgt Houghton and Officers Capps and Gillham responded to an accident at 1800 block S Main St, settled at scene. Officer Capps responded to a public service at 15100 block W South St, settled at scene. Sgt Houghton and Officers Capps, Trombley, and Shurley responded to a criminal trespass at 100 block E Centennial Blvd, criminal trespass warning issued. Officers Shurley and Allen responded to a disturbance at 200 block N College St, criminal trespass warning issued. Officers Allen and Shurley responded to a suspicious circumstance at 15400 block Anna Ln, settled at scene. Officer Allen responded to a public service at 3500 block S Main St, settled at scene. Officers Shurley and Allen responded to an assist ems at 300 block W South St, settled at scene. Officers Allen and Shurley responded to a suspicious person at 3200 block Main St, settled at scene. Officers Shurley and Allen responded to a suspicious person at 2000 block S Main St, citation issued.

Tuesday April 27, 2021

Sgt Houghton and Officer Trombley responded to a suspicious person at 13600 block CR 472, unfounded. Sgt Houghton responded to a public service at 100 block Ballard Dr, settled at scene. Chief Somes and Officer Trombley responded to a public service at 100 block Ballard Dr, settled at scene. Officer Capps responded to a hit and run at 1500 block S Main St, report taken. Sgt Houghton and Officer Trombley responded to a public service at 700 block Elizabeth St, settled at scene. Sgt Houghton and Officer Capps responded to a welfare concern at 500 block Boyd St, settled at scene. Officer Allen responded to a suspicious vehicle at 21200 block N HWY 69 N, settled at scene. Officers Capps and Shurley responded to an assist smith county at 13900 block CR 4198, arrest made. Officer Allen responded to a suspicious vehicle

at 300 block Asher Ln, settled at scene. Officer Allen responded to a suspicious vehicle at 200 block W Centennial Blvd, settled at scene. Officers Allen, Capps and Shurley responded to a traffic stop, arrest made. Officer Capps responded to a suspicious circumstance at 100 block Legends Ct, settled at scene. Officers Allen and Shurley responded to an assist other agency at 800 block N Main St, settled at scene.

Wednesday April 28, 2021

Chief Somes, Sgt Flores and Officers Ramsey, Jackquet and Shurley responded to a warrant service at 100 block E Centennial Blvd, arrest made. Chief Somes, Lt Lazarine, Sgt Flores and Officer Wedgeworth responded to a welfare concern at 17400 block Stacy St, settled at scene. Officer Wedgeworth responded to a public service at 100 block Ballard Dr, settled at scene. Sgt Flores and Officer Wedgeworth responded to a public service at 200 block Charles Dr, settled at scene. Officers Wedgeworth, Ramsey and Jackquet responded to an accident at 500 block E Hubbard St, report taken. Officer Philpot responded to a follow up at 1500 block S Main St, information obtained. Officers Wedgeworth and Jackquet responded to a welfare concern at 3200 block S Main St, unfounded. Officers Wedgeworth, Jackquet and Gillham responded to a criminal trespass at 300 block S Main St, trespass warning issued. Officers Wedgeworth, Jackquet and Gillham responded to a driving while intoxicated at 17000 block W I-20, arrest made.

Thursday April 29, 2021

Officers Philpot and Jackquet responded to a public service at 500 block Blackberry Dr, settled at scene. Officers Philpot and Jackquet responded to an accident at 2700 block S Main St, settled at scene. Officers Jackquet and Philpot responded to a warrant service at 100 block Ballard Dr, arrest made. Sgt Dworaczyk responded to a public service at 100 block Ballard Dr, settled at scene. Officers Jackquet, Philpot, Wedgeworth and Ramsey responded to an accident at 1800 block S Main St, report taken. Sgt Dworaczyk and Officer Dailey responded to a welfare concern at 300 block S Main St, settled at scene. Officer Gillham responded to an assist smith county at 556 W I-20, unfounded.

Smith County jury convicts motorcycle speeder

A jury in the 7th judicial court of Smith County recently convicted Samuel Virgo, 38, of evading arrest with a vehicle stemming from an incident that occurred on Nov. 6, 2017 on U.S. Highway 69 north near Lindale, officials with District Attorney Jacob Putman's office said.

The same jury sentenced Virgo to nine years in the Texas Department of Corrections along with a \$5,000 fine.

According to evidence presented to the court, Virgo was traveling in excess of 100 mph near Lindale when Smith County Deputy Fire Mar-

shal Chad Hogue attempted to pull him over. Virgo then accelerated to speeds in excess of 100 mph and began swerving between cars on Highway 69.

The pursuit continued to the intersection of Interstate 20 and Highway 69 which was blocked by Detective Sherman Dollison with the Smith County Sheriff's Office in an effort to stop the defendant.

The defendant then made a U-turn and began traveling in the wrong direction of travel on Highway 69, before making another U-turn, in an attempt to reach I-20.

Dollison was able to pull ahead of the defendant who subsequently lost control of the motorcycle. After being cleared by EMS, the defendant was taken into custody.

During the sentencing phase of the trial, the jury heard evidence of the defendant's criminal history including two prior misdemeanor Evading convictions and a prior conviction for Assault Family Violence.

The case was tried by Assistant District Attorneys Zach Gilmore and Richard Vance with assistance from Smith County DA Investigator, Jordan Sickman.

Mineola man, 29, faces sex offense charges stemming from 2015 incident

Caylon James Whittington, 29, of Mineola remains in the Smith County Jail on charges of burglary of a habitation with intent to commit a sex offense of a child, Smith County Sheriff's Department spokesman Larry Christian said.

Judge Kerry Russell of the 7th Judicial District Court set Whittington's bond at \$250,000.

Forensic science played a large role in the arrest of Whittington, who is suspected of committing the above mentioned crime on March 8, 2015.

On that date, Smith County Sheriff's Deputies responded to a report of a sexual assault that occurred at Sky Ranch Camp on County Road 448 near Van.

It was reported that an unknown white male entered into a cabin in the middle of the night and inappropriately touched a female child who was sleeping in her bed.

The male was observed by one of the female chaperones at the camp before he fled the scene on foot.

The child received a sexual assault exam and a forensic interview at the Children's

Advocacy Center of Smith County. The child also provided a detailed account of the assault as well as a detailed description of the suspect.

Investigators with the Smith County Sheriff's Office conducted a thorough canvass of the area and spoke with several persons of interest who matched the general description provided by the victim.

During this canvass, investigators interviewed Whittington but he denied having any knowledge of an incident occurring at Sky Ranch.

At the time of this incident, Whittington lived approximately one mile from Sky Ranch. On Oct. 15, 2020, notification of a Combined DNA Index System match was received from the testing of evidence collected during the sexual assault exam taken by the youngster.

CODIS is a national database comprised of several indexes including DNA profiles of convicted offenders, profiles developed from evidence in unsolved crimes, and profiles developed for the identification of missing persons.

The "match" returned to Whittington. Additionally, the Texas Department of Public Safety Crime Lab requested a known reference sample from Whittington for further examination.

On Oct. 30, 2020, Investigators were able to make contact with Whittington and with an evidentiary search warrant a sample of Whittington's DNA was collected for comparison.

On April 1, 2021, results from the DPS lab were returned, showing Whittington to be a match.

On April 5, 2021, an arrest warrant affidavit was presented Judge Russell who issued a warrant for Whittington's arrest.

On April 6, 2021, Whittington was arrested in Llano County, booked and eventually transported to the Smith County Jail on April 19, 2021.

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



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County employees honored by Commissioner's Court

By Casey Murphy

Smith County Public Information Officer

Smith County Sheriff's Sergeant Bryce Hatton was honored Tuesday (April 27) during Commissioners Court for three decades of service to Smith County.

He started at the Smith County Sheriff's Office, working in the jail in 1991 at the age of 22, and for the next five years he was assigned to just about every position there was. He worked transports for about

two years before being promoted to midnight shift sergeant in 1999.

In 2003, he was promoted to patrol, where he spent the majority of his career assigned to night shift, until he was promoted in 2014 to patrol sergeant, where he still serves today.

"I have enjoyed the past 30 years with the Sheriff's Office, mainly because of the other officers," Hatton said. "We have never been just co-workers; it's more of a family. It seems like we spent as much time around each other as we did at home with our families. Smith County has always been my home, and the citizens for the most part still really love us."

Sheriff Larry Smith said they are very proud of Hatton's service. "Patrol is the backbone of any law enforcement organization," he said. "This is the leadership of the backbone of the department."

Josh Dickens was recognized in Commissioners Court for 25 years of service in the Smith County Road and Bridge Department.

"He's been very dependable," County Engineer Frank Davis said. "I appreciate the work he has done, not only for me, but for the county."

Dickens began his career as a part-time worker in 1996, mostly flagging and helping out with the bridge crew. He was put on the bridge crew full-time later that year.

After more than six years on the bridge crew, he started running a motor grader and lay down crews.

The motor grader crews rip up the roads, repair rough areas on the roadways with asphalt material and rebuild the roads. They also cut ditches and repair drainage areas.

The lay down crews lay asphalt to resurface the county roads. Dickens became a foreman in 2008, and still serves in that position.

Dickens is also a certified jailer, so he can take jail inmates out on the jobs to help work with the Road and Bridge crews.

"What I've liked most about the county is my coworkers, seeing a project we are doing and pleasing the residents of that particular area," Dickens said. "I've been fortunate to have the supervisors I have and have great people to work with. The gentlemen on my crews throughout the years are the ones that make me look good."

Tandrea Baxter was also recognized for 20 years of service to the county. She is the Court Reporter for County Court-at-Law 3 Judge

Floyd Getz, and serves on the board of the Texas Court Reporters Association, as the Area 2 Director.

Judge Getz said Baxter has been his right hand for 20 years.

"We really value Tandrea ... We have a family atmosphere and we've enjoyed having her be a part of that," the judge said.

"I've been with the same judge in the same court for the entire 20 years," Baxter said of her career, adding that her court hears contested probate cases, adult misdemeanors, civil and juvenile cases.

"Being an official reporter is the perfect job for my personality because it allows me to be a quiet participant while providing an essential job in the judicial system," Baxter said. "Working at the county has given me the opportunity to encourage others to join me in this rewarding profession. I am often approached after a hearing or trial and asked what is required to become a court reporter. I tell everyone the same thing -- it requires a lot of hard work and determination, but you can do it!"

Baxter said when she decided to go to court reporting school, she never thought she would stay in the same position for so long.

"I'm glad I did," she said. "I appreciate Judge Getz for taking a chance on a new reporter."

Also recognized in Commissioners Court was Nathaniel Fields, who works for County Clerk Karen Phillips and who is celebrating 10 years with the county. Among his duties is taking the official minutes of the Commissioners Court meetings.

Smith County Judge Nathaniel Moran said Fields has been an outstanding part of the Commissioners Court each week, keeping the public informed and keeping them in line.

"What I love about you is that you have such a great servant's heart ... You are a great ambassador for the county, for who we are and who we want to become," Judge Moran said.

Other Smith County employees celebrating work anniversaries this month include:

15 Years: Theresa Smith and Amy Wright, Sheriff's Office.

5 Years: Larry Fritz and Gerald Tarrant, Road and Bridge Department; Ulices Juarez, Joshua Pike and Jasmine Renteria, Sheriff's Office.

Happy Mother's Day to my moms:
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From the Lindale News & Times: We wish to all moms, 2nd moms, stepmoms, Heavenly moms a very blessed Happy Mother's Day - Mary Vandiver



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A notice to the patients of Angela Cade, MD

Effective June 30, Angela Cade, MD, will no longer see patients at UT Health East Texas Physicians in Lindale.

If you were seen by Dr. Cade, you will receive a letter in the mail providing you with additional information. Medical records may be obtained from UT Health North Campus Tyler's Release of Information department by calling 903-877-7985 or in person at 11937 U.S. Hwy. 271, Building E, Room 126.



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TJC students named Coca-Cola All-Texas Academic Team Scholars

Tyler Junior College sophomore students Amy Joffrion and Jacob Griffith have been named to the 2021 Coca-Cola All-Texas Academic Team, TJC publicity officials announced.

In all, 16 students from Texas community colleges were selected, with scholarship awards ranging from \$1,000 to \$1,500.

Award winners were nominated by their respective institutions and selected by Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society for students from two-year colleges. Nominees were evaluated on several criteria, including academic achievement, community service, leadership and engagement.

"The All-Texas Academic team embodies the best elements of Texas community colleges," said Jacob Fraire, president and CEO of the Texas Association of Community Colleges. "Through their leadership, academic achievements and civic engagement, each student has worked to better themselves, their schools and their local communities. It is an honor to serve them and their institutions."

Amy Joffrion, a sophomore health information technology and biology major from Whitehouse, has been named a Coca-Cola Gold Scholar. She will receive a \$1,500 scholarship and a commemorative medallion.

At TJC, Joffrion has been active in the Alpha Omicron Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, where she serves as chapter reporting and fundraising officer and is a Texas regional officer.

After graduating from TJC, she plans to work as a medical coder while attending the University of Texas at Tyler, where she will further her education in biochemistry in preparation for medical school.

"As a first-generation college student, Tyler Junior College has been important in finding my way in higher education," she said. "Before I came here, I wasn't sure how to become the person I wanted to be. Now, I have a plan and a family on campus to push me to accomplish what I set out to do."

Jacob Griffith
Griffith, sophomore biology major from

Whitehouse, has been named a Coca-Cola Silver Scholar. He will receive a \$1,250 scholarship and a commemorative medallion.

At TJC, Griffith is a member of the Presidential Honors Program and serves as vice president of leadership for the Alpha Omicron Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa. He is former president of the Green Committee and the former vice president of service for the Alpha Omicron Chapter. He is in the TJC work-study program and helps to run a computer lab and the Student Resource Center in Pirtle Technology Building.

After graduating from TJC, he plans to transfer to UT Tyler to continue his education in preparation for applying to veterinary school. He eventually hopes to specialize in exotic animal medicine.

Of his TJC experience, Griffith said, "Don't be afraid to leave your mark on campus. Strive to make a difference and do your best at whatever you set out to do. You never know, you might find some amazing opportunities and some even more amazing people."

TJC Fire Academy holds graduation ceremonies

Tyler Junior College Fire Academy held graduation ceremonies for Class No. 19 on Friday, April 23 in Rogers Palmer Performing Arts Center on the TJC Main Campus, school officials said.

Graduates include, Derek Nilson, of Lindale and Keston Price of Hideaway.

Class valedictorian was Meredith Norman of Arlington, and salutatorian was Cooper Ruiz of Van. Invocation and benediction were given by Dr. Doug Haning, a chaplain for Smith County fire and law enforcement agencies. Tyler Fire Department's Train-

ing Chief Casey Cabaniss served as guest speaker.

"Each graduating cadet has completed a series of courses in basic preparation for a new firefighter to satisfy the Texas Commission on Fire Protection (TCFP) curriculum for Basic Structural Fire Suppression," said Captain Jeff Akin, TJC Fire Protection Technology Coordinator. "This course may be offered only by institutions licensed as a fire academy by the Texas Commission on Fire Protection. In addition to this coursework and live fire exposure, cadets also have completed training

in agility and fitness preparation."

Graduates and their hometowns include: Garrett Blalock, Rusk; Cole Caitlin, Ben Wheeler; Caleb Clements, Flint; Christopher Cooner, Diana; Jacob Davis, Buffalo; Juan Gonzalez-Ortega, Tyler; Seth Hoyle, Dodson, Louisiana; Katie Hutchins, Tyler; Luke Metcalf, Heath; Derek Nilson, Lindale; Meredith Norman, Arlington; Keston Price, Hideaway; and Cooper Ruiz, Van.

Classes for the next TJC Fire Academy begin Aug. 24, 2021. For information, visit tjc.edu/fireprotection.

COVID Recovery Clinic open in north Tyler

UT Health East Texas Physicians have opened a COVID-19 Recovery Clinic at UT Health North Campus Tyler, designed to treat patients who have recovered from COVID-19 but

continue to experience lingering health issues, said publicity spokesperson Alison Pollan.

At the clinic, a multidisciplinary team will screen, assess, treat and provide referrals for

patients who continue to experience negative health effects from COVID-19, said Pollan.

The team includes representatives from pulmonary and critical care medicine, physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy, respiratory therapy, dietary, behavioral health and clinical research.

Leading the team will be Dr. Megan Devine, who is board certified in pulmonary and critical care medicine; Dr. Renee Hebbeler-Clark, who is board certified in critical care and infectious disease medicine; and Tara Sadler, APRN, MSN, FNP-C.

Those who have recovered from COVID-19 but continue to experience symptoms, including but not limited to the following, may benefit from treatment at the clinic:

- Decreased exercise tolerance, including shortness of breath
- Headaches, dizziness, hair loss, prolonged loss of taste or smell
- Cognitive conditions includ-

ing memory loss, brain fog or mental fatigue

Mood disorders such as anxiety, depression or post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD)

The clinic also will participate in research studies designed to combat post COVID-19 syndrome.

"COVID-19 has impacted our community in a number of ways. Thanks to COVID-19 vaccines, we are starting to see life return to some semblance of normal. But, that's not the case for many who were infected with COVID-19," said Megan Devine, MD. "While they are no longer infected by the virus, they continue to deal with the aftereffects, which can range from the inconvenient to debilitating. By opening this clinic, we hope to make it easier for patients to receive all the care they need post COVID-19."

A physician referral is not required, but is encouraged.

To make an appointment or for more information, call 903-877-2899.

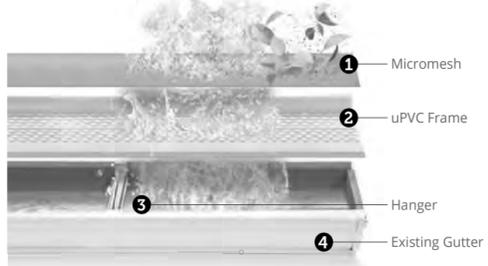
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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

PROJECT: A&P Mechanical, Inspection Authority and/or Aircraft Maintenance Services at the Pleasanton Municipal Airport

Sealed REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS will be received at City Secretary's Office, 108 Second Street, City Hall Building, Pleasanton, Texas, 78064, until 4:00 p.m. (local time/CT) on Friday, May 14, 2021 and shall include acknowledgement of any addenda submitted.

The City of Pleasanton is issuing this Request for Proposal (RFP) in order to solicit and receive Proposals from qualified firms interested in leasing a maintenance hangar for the purposes of providing A&P mechanical services at the Pleasanton Municipal Airport (KPEZ).

Please submit one (1) marked original and three (3) exact duplicate copies of your complete proposal, labeled and clearly marked **Request for Proposals (RFP) for an A&P Mechanical for the Pleasanton Municipal Airport**. Bids sent via courier must be sealed in a separate envelope inside of the mailer.

POINT OF CONTACT: All inquiries regarding this RFP must be made, in writing, to Andres Aguirre, at aaquirre@pleasantontx.gov. The City shall not be responsible for any verbal communication between any employee of the City and any potential firm. Only written requirements and qualifications will be considered. The City of Pleasanton reserves the right to reject any and all proposals, to waive irregularities, and to accept the proposal deemed the most advantageous to the City.



LEGALS

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of HELEN INEZ SKELTON, Deceased, were issued on April 27, 2021, in Cause No. 45372P, pending in the County Court of Smith County, Texas, to: REBECCA SUE DANSBY. 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: MICHAEL C. COKER
 Attorney at Law
 4540 Kinsey Drive
 Tyler, Texas 75703

DATED the 28th day of April, 2021.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Shirley Smith Rogers, Deceased, were issued on April 27, 2021, in Docket No. 45345P, pending in the County Court of Smith County, Texas, to: RANDALL SMITH ROGERS and DEBE ROGERS WANTZLOEBEN.

The address of the Independent Co- Executors is:
 c/o Adams & Coker, P.C.
 4540 Kinsey Dr.
 Tyler, Texas 75703

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

Date: April 28, 2021.
 ADAMS & COKER, P.C.
 Attorneys for the Estate

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of LARRY DEE HADFIELD, Deceased, were issued on April 27, 2021, in Docket No. 45364P, pending in the County Court of Smith County, Texas, to KIMBERLY BREWER.

Claims may be presented to the following address:
 KIMBERLY BREWER

Independent Executor of the Estate of LARRY DEE HADFIELD
 4601 Westbrook Road
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NO. 45278P

Notice is hereby given that on the 23rd day of March, 2021, Letters Testamentary upon the Estate of Edith Green. Deceased. were issued to Rhonda Green Wynn by the Honorable Court of Smith County, Texas in Cause No. 45278P pending on the Probate Docket of said Court.

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Property located at 16178 CR 4191 (Woodland Dr.) Lindale, Texas 75771 and being described as Lot No. 5 of the Woodlands Subdivision according to plot of said Addition recorded in Cabinet B, Slide 626-B of the plot records of Smith County Texas.

For a complete description of above listed properties contact City of Lindale City Hall.

A public hearing will be held by and before the City Council of the City of Lindale Texas on the 18th day of May at 6PM o'clock in the City Council Chamber of the City Hall of the City of Lindale, Texas, for all persons interested in the above proposed annexation. At said time and place all such persons shall have the right to appear and be heard. Of all said matters and things, all persons interested in the things and matters herein mentioned, will take notice.

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Construction Documents may be viewed online via SmartBid.net. For information on receiving plans, contact JD Hale at 214-998-9276 or jhale@jacksonconstruction.com.

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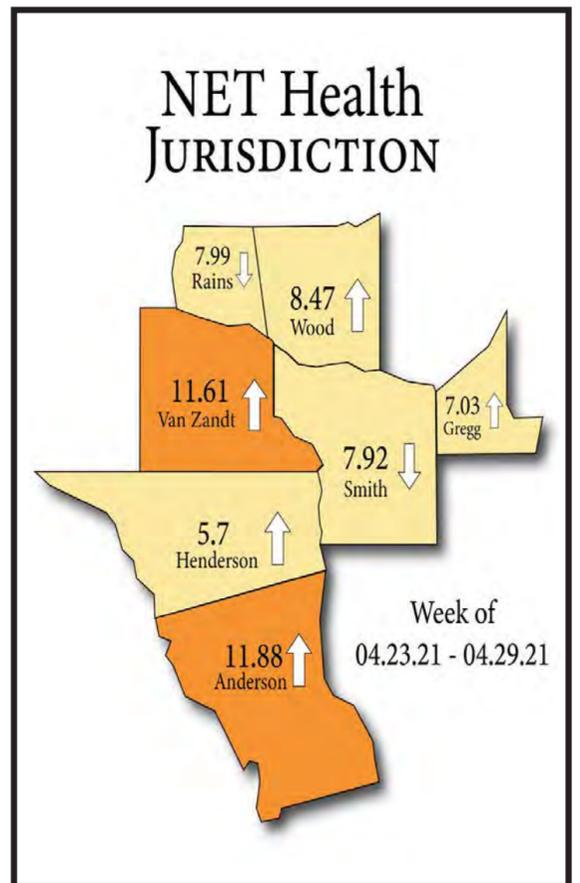
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Rabid skunk found in county

Smith County officials are urging dog owners to make sure their pets are up to date on their rabies shots after a rabid skunk was found in the county this past week, Public Information Officer Casey Murphy said.

The rabid skunk was found in the 3000 block of County Road 313, just east of Tyler State Park,

on April 29.

Animal Control and Shelter Supervisor Amber Greene reported that a skunk tested positive on Saturday, May 1.

Smith County Animal Control Officers are alerting the residents in the area by handing out letters.

"We do ask that you make

sure that all of your animals are up-to-date on at least their rabies vaccinations," the letter states. "If you see any wildlife acting in complete opposite than their normal self, please contact us.

"If your pets attack a sick wildlife or come in some kind of contact with wildlife, please contact us."



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