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Lindale ISD hires new assistant principal for ECC

The Lindale Independent School District has hired Kristi Baze as the new assistant principal for the Lindale Early Childhood Center, publicity spokesperson Courtney Sanguinetti said.

Baze, currently the counselor at E.J. Moss Intermediate School, will assume her new post this fall, officials said.

The ECC assistant principal position is new for the campus.

Baze has been employed with the Lindale ISD for 17 years. She taught first and second grade for 12 years before transitioning to a student service coordinator and counselor.

"It is an honor to continue to serve a district and community that has invested in my family and me as an educator," said Baze. "It is my greatest privilege to continue serving LISD as the assistant principal at ECC."

Baze received her Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies from East Texas State at Commerce. She also holds a Master's Degree in School Counseling and she received her principal certification from Lamar University.

"Mrs. Baze has been an excellent teacher and counselor in our district for many years and I am very confident that she will be an outstanding principal as well," said LISD Superintendent Stan Surratt. "Mrs. Baze is wonderful at building relationships with students and parents and she has all of the attributes and skills needed to be a successful administrator. Mrs. Baze is a perfect fit for the Lindale Early Childhood Center's assistant principal position."



A new community center for the city of Lindale to replace the aging Kinzie Center is in the design phase. Photo by Terry Cannon

New city community center remains in planning stage

By Terry Cannon
Editor

Lindale city officials met with architects from The Brannon Corp. of Tyler prior to the June 15 city council meeting to go over plans for a new community center at Pool Park, but nothing has been finalized said Mayor Jeff Daugherty.

"We are close on the design but we really need it to be in keeping with the theme and colors of city hall and other city buildings," he said. "When you are spending the taxpayers' money, it needs to look good."

A new community center -- which will replace the Kinzie Center -- along with grant-funded sidewalks and other changes to Pool Park would essentially make the area a hub for local residents.

State grant money is being used to construct sidewalks which will connect the Ruby Trails subdivision with Lindale Junior High School, Velma Penny Elementary, E.J. Moss Intermediate School and Pool Park.

Daugherty said eventually the park will be redesigned so that all baseball and softball games will move to facilities at Lindsey Park, which would allow parents to be at one venue instead of driving to another for games.

But a new community center would be the centerpiece to the park area.

The Kinzie Center has been used by civic clubs and other groups over the years but time has taken a toll.

"People know it's time to replace it," the mayor said. "But the most important thing to remember is that it will be open for everyone in the community."

Currently, the center hosts local service clubs, family events and the like, making it "the most actively used building in the city," he said.

Council members Rick Thelan and Bryan Summer-ville have joined Daugherty in working with planners on the project.

"We've been discussing this for quite a while," Daugherty said. "With COVID this past year, we were slowed a bit, but now we are close to making a decision."

"When we finally get it done this will be something the community can be proud of," said Daugherty.

Projects such as the community center and the building of sidewalks are examples of how the council and city officials are working to improve life for all Lindale residents, Daugherty said.

He cited the redevelopment of The Cannery district and other downtown improvements which help make the quality of life better for everyone.

"Our revitalization of the downtown area is something we are particularly proud of," he said. "Every time I go by the (Darden) park and see the kids enjoying what we've provided it warms my heart."

Several years ago, the city purchased this land for literally pennies on the dollar. It has been reshaped to include not just the park -- which includes walking trails, a modern playground and a cooling splash pad -- but also the Tyler Junior College North campus, several restaurants and soon a new Springhill Suites Hotel.

The mayor said even though there's a lot of emphasis on downtown revitalization, "we're not all about downtown."

"We've got new banks, restaurants, a lot of buildings are occupied and we've made big improvements to the industrial base," he said.

In addition, the mayor noted grant money has also been used for sewer improvements, street work and water wells.

"Overall, things are going very smoothly," he said. "It's a full time job, but it's exciting to watch everything grow."

House Bill creates new District Court in County

Smith County will be adding a new District Court on January 1, 2023, now that House Bill 3774 has become law, said county Public Information Officer Casey Murphy.

House Bill 3774 (an omnibus jurisprudence bill), was signed by Gov. Greg Abbott and created the 475th District Court in Smith County, which will be the County's fifth district court.

Under the language of the new law, the new court will not begin operations until Jan. 1, 2023.

Under existing state law, Abbott has the power to appoint the new district judge initially, but that appointment would only be effective until the next succeeding General Election in November 2024, at which point the citizens of Smith County will elect a succeeding judge for the position.

The most recent district court added in Smith County occurred in 1977, when the county's population was approximately 100,000. Currently, the population is about 230,000 people.

Rep. Matt Schaefer (R-Tyler), who represents the majority of Smith County in the Texas House of Representatives, authored the legislation on the House side after coordinating with local County officials about the need last year.

"Courts exist to ensure justice for our citizens," Schaefer said. "When the courts get overworked and cases stack up, our citizens expect their elected representatives to act. I am thankful that my request for a new district court for Smith County is close to becoming a reality. Now is the time for a new court, and I am grateful that the Commissioners Court supports this effort."

Sen. Bryan Hughes (R-Mineola), authored a companion bill in the state Senate.

"It's exciting to see the growth in Smith County, and that growth means we need more good judges to administer justice and maintain our great quality of life and growing economy," Hughes said. "(Smith County) Judge (Nathaniel) Moran and the Commissioners Court let us know about the need for a new district court and I was honored to carry the bill through the Senate."

Currently, there are four district courts in Smith County -- the 7th, 114th and the 241st District Courts preside over civil and criminal felony cases while the 321st District Court presides over family law cases.

County officials anticipate that adding the new District Court will reduce the jail population of those charged with felonies but who are currently awaiting trial.

There are currently more than 600 Smith County Jail inmates awaiting felony trials. Only District Courts have jurisdiction to dispose of felony cases.

"I applaud the foresight of Judge Moran and the Commissioners Court in spearheading the request for approval of a new district court," said 321st District Judge Robert Wilson, who serves as the Local Administrative Judge for Smith County. "There is no question that the legal needs of Smith County have grown significantly as the population has increased. It's been more than 40 years since a new court was added, so the creation of a new court is certainly warranted to help with the heavy dockets being handled by the existing judiciary. I know all of the judges of Smith County are supportive of this."

Judge Moran and Smith County District Attorney Jacob Putman testified in favor of HB 3774 in front of the House of Representatives during the legislative session.

"This new district court is a step in the right direction in addressing the needs of Smith County's growing population," Putman said. "It will enable our prosecutors, judges and public servants to move cases more efficiently and effectively. We are grateful to Rep. Matt Schaefer and Sen. Bryan Hughes' effort to make this court happen."

Noted author Joe Lansdale shares history of ET blues giant Henry Ragtime Thomas

By Joe Lansdale

Legends of wandering guitar players, mostly those who played the blues, or as thick as flies on spilled molasses, but Henry Ragtime Texas Thomas is as singular as a three-legged duck wearing a beret—color optional.

He played a few tunes that could be called blues, and certainly he is an influence on later blues performers, but his music was a mixture of rags, ditties, reels, and a style of music that is best described as the roots of jazz. Born in Big Sandy, Texas, and

often associated with Gladewater, Texas, Thomas, looking for a way out of the cotton fields, an escape from burning hot days and fingers cut and scarred by cotton bolls, decided on music. He was an early wandering minstrel who included the names of the Texas towns on his itinerant path in some of his songs. A troubadour who traveled by foot and hitched rides on trains, where kindly conductors frequently let him travel in exchange for a performance for the passengers.

He made and taught himself the quills, which is similar to the Pan Pipes. A reed instrument that has an eerie sound reminiscent of the whistle of the wind through a stand of sugar cane on a blustery day, and a sound that can only be

described as the personification of lonesome.

Thomas also taught himself the guitar, and his banjo stylings on guitar are more varied than much of the old-time blues that was developing, which even at its best (and I'm a fan) can become as monotonous as a drive through the Texas panhandle. I say that with love.

Thomas's recordings influenced a wide variety of performers from Bob Dylan and Canned Heat, to Taj Mahal and the Nitty Gritty Dirt Band, both of which did versions of Thomas's "Fishing Blues."

Canned Heat's famous "Going up Country", with its pan pipe sounds, are a version of Thomas's song of a similar title, and even

imitates his kind of forlorn vocal stylings.

My plan isn't merely to write about Thomas, but to capture the spirit of the times in which he played, primarily the twenties. He is thought by some to have died in the thirties, though there are unconfirmed "sightings" of Thomas in Dallas and Tyler, Texas in the fifties, long after he had hung up his guitar and put away his quills.

I want to examine the place where he was born, and follow some of his meandering path through Texas, show how it influenced him. I'd like to deal with both the truth and the legend.

In many ways, Thomas is more enigmatic than the revered Robert Johnson, minus the deal with the devil. Like Johnson, Thomas



came and went in the blink of an eye. In Chicago he recorded twenty-five songs, and those meager twenty-five songs still echo through modern music. Thomas is unique musically, and he is uniquely Texan.

(Editor's Note: Joe Lansdale is a best-selling author from Gladewater. His works have been adapted for movies and television.)

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Gary Borders Capital Highlights



Heat wave prompts conservation call

The Electric Reliability Council of Texas urged Texans to cut back on power usage last week when an unusually large number of power plants shut down for unexpected repairs as temperatures soared. ERCOT officials announced Friday that Texans could resume normal levels of electricity use, however.

ERCOT came under fire after widespread outages during the winter storm in mid-February, resulting in the CEO being forced out and much of the board replaced.

Saturday marked the official first day of summer.

Border wall construction plan unveiled

Gov. Gregg Abbott last week announced several key facets of his plan for the state to build a wall on its border with Mexico. Abbott and other state leaders signed a letter during a press conference, allowing the transfer of \$250 million to begin construction and to hire a program manager and contractors. The program manager will hire contractors and subcontractors needed to build the wall and will identify available state land, as well as private land whose owners are willing to volunteer space for the wall.

Meanwhile, Land Commissioner George P. Bush announced approximately 591,595 acres of state-owned land will receive emergency authorization to be used to build part of the wall. Texas and Mexico share 1,254 miles of common border, according to the Texas Department of Transportation.

The governor is also seeking donations for building a wall via www.borderwall.gov. State lawmakers allocated \$1 billion for border security in the recently passed budget, but Democratic officials have pointed out most of that money goes to the Texas Department of Public Safety.

Abbott appoints Cobos to PUC

Abbott last week appointed Lori Cobos to the PUC. She fills a term scheduled to expire on Sept. 1, although she could be reappointed. Senate confirmation is not required since the Legislature is not in session. The PUC will have a full complement of commissioners for the first time since February.

"I am proud to appoint Lori Cobos to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, and I know that she will draw upon her wealth of experience and knowledge to faithfully serve the people of Texas," Abbott said.

Cobos has served in several senior-level posts at the PUC and ERCOT, including as chief executive and public counsel for the Office of Public Utility Counsel. As a commissioner, she will draw a salary of \$201,000 annually.

Forest service firefighters sent to aid other states

Texas A&M Forest Service has sent 25 firefighters, including two engine crews, to wildfires in Colorado, Alaska, Arizona, New Mexico and Florida.

"Texas state resources are supporting wildfire suppression efforts in multiple roles, including firefighters, engine support, prevention team members, aviation operations and support roles," TFS said in a press release. The release said TFS remains dedicated to protecting the state's natural resources from wildfire while assisting other states, a common practice.

Across Texas, the potential for wildfires remains low due to the copious amounts of rain this spring. For current conditions, visit the Texas Potential Outlook site: <https://tinyurl.com/3j84srd7>

Vaccine rate continues to slow

The number of Texans who are fully vaccinated against COVID-19 has hit 11.4 million, about 39% of the state's population, according to Texas Department of State Health Services.

Across the United States, 45% of the population is fully vaccinated. Texas ranks in the lower tier of states in percentage of population that is fully vaccinated. However, the number of new COVID-19 cases in Texas dropped considerably from the previous week, with 8,414 reported by the Coronavirus Resource Center at Johns Hopkins University, along with 186 deaths. Hospitalizations dropped slightly, with 1,564 lab confirmed COVID-19 patients in Texas hospitals, according to DSHS.

Correction

The story in last week's Lindale News and Times concerning the Lindale Masonic Lodge's raffle to be used for scholarships for Lindale High School contained some incorrect information.

The raffle is for 100 boxes of 9mm ammunition, or 5,000 rounds. There will be two winning tickets drawn who will split the 100 boxes of ammunition.

Winners will be notified by phone.

For more information, contact Mike Murphy at 903-681-7443.

...just sayin'

In Santo, Texas on Sunday I encountered a loud, angry middle aged woman who was informing everyone in line at Dairy Queen how worthless 'Millennials' are. By the way, the guy cooking her burger was one. Hope she kept a close eye on how he cooked it while being paid minimum wage and loudly criticized.

From there she went on to 52ish-year old Matthew McConaughy whom she classified as a spoiled millennial from California. She railed loudly on that "if that Cali-fornia democrat runs for governor the whole state will be ruined" and furthermore" he needs to go back where he came from".

Let's work our way backwards. One, McConaughy was born in Uvalde and graduated from Longview High School. He is a 1993 University of Texas alum. He has never identified as a Democrat or Republican and has often criticized both the far left and radical right equally.

Next up? Those worthless 'millennials'...I pulled up at a truck stop somewhere in no man's land around Ranger on my way to Lubbock to visit my Mom. A young man was emptying all of the huge, overflowing, very nasty trash cans. He had a smile on his face while greeting every customer who passed him. He definitely fell within the age group under attack.

I must admit that I, too, have had a few complaints about the lack of work ethic on the part of some folks. But when I started calculating ages I found a wide range that fell into the 'lazy as a slug' group. In fact, I personally know someone in their early 50s who identifies as far right politically who tried to get their boss to lay them off during the pandemic because they could 'make more money' on unemployment than while working. 'Make more'? Give me a break!

People have a tendency to assume it is all the 'lefties' out there taking advantage of the system. But I don't know of anyone who sent back their 'stimulus' checks under President Trump or President

Suzanne Bardwell



Biden. Do you?

Do I personally think the additional unemployment benefits hampered hiring? Hands down I do. Why do the work when you can game and watch movies at home?

Although I never stopped working during the pandemic I appreciated the stimulus check. Did I feel guilty cashing it? Absolutely! Did I spend mine to stimulate the economy? Sure did! I bought a new refrigerator with one of those nifty ice and water dispensers in the door. I am loving it while feeling guilty. Yep, my financially conservative political soul is ashamed of dipping into the government trough. So, I guess that makes me a bit of a hypocrite. An honest one, but a political hypocrite nonetheless.

Back to Santo and the angry woman. Why is she so angry? Maybe, she was 'hangry', after all we were at a Dairy Queen. But dad gum, I had been listening to John Denver's "Sunshine on My Shoulders" on the radio and grinning ear-to-ear when I went in. When I left I had a headache, was aggravated and felt it was necessary to tell 'Hangry Woman' that McCounaughy was from Texas through and through... and that he was not a millennial. Couldn't help it, it had to be done.

Aren't you tired of anger regardless of the cause? Maybe we need to pipe John Denver into homes, offices and schools to mellow people out. Life is short. We need more 'sunshine on our shoulders' and a lot more smiling, and maybe just maybe, a bit of grace. Also, if you are going to blast the public with your opinions, make sure you get your facts straight then you might just have a tad more credibility.

Just sayin'...

Record number of older vehicles on US roads ...



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THE ECONOMIST

By Dr. M. Ray Perryman

Inflated Inflation Influence

Calm down! Recent inflation reports have caused alarm and, frankly, overreaction. The overall Consumer Price Index increased again in May, bringing the rate over the last 12 months to 5.0%.

It was the largest 12-month increase since a 5.4% rise observed in August 2008, during the midst of the Great Recession. The index for all items less

food and energy rose 3.8%, the largest annualized increase since June 1992.

There are two primary reasons (and several smaller ones) for the current situation. First, the 12-month timeframe puts us back to last spring, when things were largely shut down. This massive pandemic disruption caused prices to drop for a variety of goods and services. In other words, the denominator is unusually low. For example, airline fares were up 10.2% in April and 7.0% in May. When few could safely fly a year ago, fares naturally dropped; as things reopen, they're rising. No surprise.

Similarly, energy costs are up sharply (28.5% over the year). When the world shut down last year, demand for fuels was basically nonexistent and prices plummeted, with oil prices even being briefly negative. Summer is unleashing people who have been isolated to drive and fly; thus, prices are escalating. As things open up, with policy providing both mounds of stimulus cash and cheap credit, spending is soaring.

The other primary reason for the current inflation is the supply chain. With shuttering of manufacturing facilities and transportation interruptions during the pandemic and other

logistical challenges (such as ships blocking canals), there are shortages in numerous items. For example, the semiconductor chips that run everything from cars to household appliances are in extremely short supply. Consequently, production of new automobiles has been curtailed. The index for used cars and trucks spiked 7.3% in May, accounting for about one-third of the aggregate increase. The difficulties in getting people back to work add to this conundrum.

In short, demand is surging and supply is lagging, both of which are residual effects of the global meltdown. If sustained, the current inflation level would cause notable harm, eroding purchasing power and decreasing standards of living. That's unlikely to happen. The primary reasons for the pattern we're seeing are transitory. Demand will normalize and supply chain issues will be resolved. That's what markets do. In fact, the 10-year Treasury bond yield, a relatively reliable predictor of long-term inflation, is consistently hovering well below 2%.

The current situation certainly calls for vigilance, and the Federal Reserve is appropriately paying close attention. However, it's no reason to panic. The next few months will likely see big numbers, but things should then settle to more typical patterns. Relax. It's summer. Go to the beach. Stay safe!

American Legion Post 15 plans Independence Day celebration

A celebration of the United States' 245th birthday is scheduled by the Lindale American Legion Post No. 15 beginning at 12 noon on Saturday, July 3, officials announced.

A fireworks show is scheduled to begin when it gets dark.

The post is located at 18251 County Road 498 in Lindale.

Guests are welcome to enjoy a barbecue dinner for a donation to the post. Other activities include walking trails and fishing.



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Memories from two-week adventure last a lifetime

To give proper credit, this travel idea came from the Lovely Bride several years ago.

We wanted to do something special for our eldest son Matt, who was about to finish high school as an honor graduate and was soon to be a Texas Aggie.

Sharing my love for baseball, the Lovely Bride decided that he and I should make a trip to Cooperstown, N.Y. and visit the Baseball Hall of Fame.

That was the sprout of an idea that quickly grew into the best trip we've ever taken.

The more we planned, the more the itinerary expanded to include stops in Chicago, Cincinnati and Cleveland.

And, shoot, why not include Boston to the list while we were in that part of the country. Also, it was determined that we couldn't leave his little brother behind so Zach packed his bags, too.

As we began working on our travel plan, it occurred to me that the Lovely Bride missed her calling. She should have been a travel agent.

She secured our airline tickets, reserved several hotel rooms along the way and made sure we had tickets to three baseball games as well as tickets to the



Hall of Fame. Side trips became my responsibility.

This was 15 years ago when travel was unfettered and the only masks we expected to see would be on the umpires and catchers.

She hauled us to DFW Airport, bade us goodbye and probably felt a bit of relief that for the next two weeks it would be just her and the dogs.

Our first stop was Chicago, where, after securing a rental car, we were warmly greeted by relatives. Two games were on the agenda, the first at historic Wrigley Field to watch the Cubs take on the Astros then the next day to U.S. Cellular Field, home of the White Sox who played the Twins.

We took the train from north-west Indiana into Chicago, but had to switch trains once we were downtown. We must have looked

like a trio of rubes trying figure out which train would take us to Wrigley Field.

The Chicago games went off without too much trouble then it was off to Cleveland. There, we saw the Indians take on the Yankees and the next day visited the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame.

We spent the next night in Utica, N.Y. (not one of our recommended places) before driving on to the baseball Hall of Fame.

Look up the word "quaint" in the dictionary and Cooperstown will be there. It's a wonderful little place and the Hall of Fame is worth a week-long visit.

Boston was our next stop. We walked the Freedom Trail, visited Boston Common and had a pretty good time despite the traffic snarls.

One more baseball game in Cincinnati was left. But first we took another side trip to Her-

shey, Pa., to see where chocolate magic happens. Yep, I'd go back there in a heartbeat.

The Reds played the Dodgers and the folks in Cincy couldn't have been nicer. Ushers were polite and one even wiped down our seats before we sat down.

By this time we had been on the road for 10 days. We were pretty much beat to the socks. But it was one of those good tired feelings, where you know you've done something special.

After a final night in Chicago, we boarded our jet at Midway Airport and headed home, much to the relief of the Lovely Bride who, I'm sure, enjoyed her alone time but nonetheless missed us terribly.

We still laugh at the good times we had on that trip, especially those that were at the expense of our youngest traveler. He saw some eye-opening things (literally) in the big city of Chicago where he discovered words that he'd never heard before.

Both have tales they can share with their kids and the warm memories of a time when three knuckleheads from Texas saw the sights.

Maybe the grandkids would like to tag along the next time.

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--- ONE YEAR AGO, June 25, 2020

Local businessman Jimmy Hawley was presented the Citizen of the Year Award by Lindale Area Chamber of Commerce President and CEO Shelbie Glover during the LACC's 36th annual Membership Banquet and Auction held at the Texas Rose Horse Park. Dave Wilson was named the Lindale Rotary Club's Citizen of the Year. Due to the COVID pandemic, Chamber officials moved the banquet to the horse park after many years of it being held at the Hideaway Lake Clubhouse.

FIVE YEARS AGO, June 23, 2016

The State Commission on Judicial Conduct suspended Smith County Judge Joel Baker without pay, effective immediately, citing his misdemeanor indictments of violating the Texas Open Meetings Act.

Seana Willing, the commission's executive director, released the signed order.

"Having considered the indictment, the Commission concluded that Joel Patrick Baker is charged with three counts of violating Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code, known as the Texas Open Meetings Act, wherein one or more of the charges constitute a misdemeanor offense involving official misconduct," the order reads. "The Commission determined that Joel Patrick Baker should be suspended, without pay, from the office of Smith County Judge."

The indictment involving Baker stems from a contract with an out of state firm for the use of unmanned speed cameras in county school zones.

Baker labeled the charges, which were a result of an Texas Attorney General's office investigation following a complaint from Grassroots America - We The People, as a "political witch hunt."

10 YEARS AGO, June 23, 2011

Lindale resident Leonard Oglesby finally received a Bronze Star he earned while serving with the U.S. Army in the Pacific Theater during World War II.

Family members, who were checking on benefits for the WWII vet with the Veteran's Administration, were informed Oglesby was owed his Bronze Star.

He received a certificate that states the medal was awarded "for meritorious achievement in ground combat against an armed enemy during World War II in the Asiatic Theater of Operations."

The Bronze Star is the fourth-highest combat award of the U.S. Armed Forces and the ninth-highest military award - including combat and non-combat awards - in the order of precedence of U.S. military decorations.

Once again, the Creatures come calling

I don't know about y'all, but I haven't been gettin' any calls from Phone Creatures here lately.

My wife Janet put us on one of those do not call lists, and it's been pretty quiet. I was gettin' worried there for awhile, but I should have known that those pesky Creatures wouldn't let anything like a law keep them from their job.

Oh, by the way, Phone Creatures for you out there who haven't been readin' this junk I write, is what I call those phone solicitors who call you while you're eatin' supper, or watchin' TV.

I like to give 'em a dose of their own medicine. Anywho, one finally got through the other night. "Yellow," I said into the phone. Nobody said anything back. "Yellow!" I said louder, then I heard that faint click, and I knew it was a Phone Creature.

"Hello, Mr. Mitchum?" "Yes," I said.

"Mr. Mitchum. Hi. I'm Charlotte Swimmer with Southwestern Bell."

"Did you say bells, Ma'am? We don't need no bells."

"No sir," the creature said. "We don't sell bells. I'm calling...."

"Good, 'cause we don't need no bells."

"I see sir. The reason I'm calling is to...."

"That is unless you're gonna send me one of them Apache Belles."

"Sir?" "Apache Belles," I said. "You know -- them girls that kick their legs up at the football games."

"Uh, no sir, I'm not familiar with them. The reason I'm calling...."

"You don't know who the Apache Belles are? Where are you from? The Apache Belles are world famous. They've kicked their legs up all over the world."

"Yes sir. The reason...."

"Yep, I had me a date one time with one of 'em. Boy Howdy, I thought I'd died and gone to heaven. It was a blind date, and although I was smitten with her, I don't think she was too smitten with me."

"Is that right? Uh Mr. Mitchum...."

"Yep, we both knew I was out of my league. I kept askin' her if I could see her legs."

"That's nice. Mr. Mitchum, I really...."

"She wouldn't show 'em to me though. I told her if she'd show me her legs, I'd show her my appendix scar. I think she thought I was some sort of pervert."

"You mean, pervert," she cor-



rected

"No, I was a prevert. I hadn't made it up to pervert, yet. But now, I'm happy to say, I have made it all the way up to pervert. Heh, heh, get it, pro-vert."

"Uh, yes, I get it. Uh, Mr. Mitchum....," she tried

"You know, she wouldn't even give me a kiss."

"Is that right," the creature said with a sigh.

"That's right. And after, I'd done bought her a hamburger at the A&W, with bacon on it and everything."

"Wow," said the creature sarcastically.

"Boy, she sure was purdy," I said. "She smelled good, too. Kind of like those big mints they put in the commodes in the service stations."

"What?" "Yep, every time I stop to use the bathroom at a service station, I get a tear in my eye."

"You're putting me on, aren't you?"

"No I ain't puttin' you on. It was love at first sight. Well, at least it was on my part."

"Mr. Mitchum," the creature whined.

"After that first date, I kept callin' her, and callin' her, but she wouldn't have nothin' to do with me. I don't think she liked me."

"Really," the creature said. "Go figure."

"Yeah," I agreed. "The last time I saw her was right before they gave me that restrainin' Dear Editor,

Right now, Americans can purchase nearly limitless quantities of masks, hand sanitizer, and other personal protective equipment.

But this time last year, it was an entirely different story. Even hospitals and doctor's offices were running out of PPE. The shortages almost certainly cost some healthcare workers their lives.

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Dr. David Bray Director, Atlantic Council's GeoTech Center

"I'm surprised that stopped you," the creature said in a low voice.

"You know, you're right. I think I'm gonna track her down. I can do that. I ain't gonna take no for an answer neither."

"Mr. Mitchum, I was just joking."

"Love ain't no jokin' matter. I wonder what her legs look like now. I sure hope they ain't got all them dents in 'em. Makes 'em look like they been hail damaged, you know."

"Look Mr. Mitchum. I don't think...."

"Thanks lady," I said. "You've given me a new lease on life. I'm gonna go out and find my true love and drag her back here if I have to."

"Mr. Mitchum...."

"Thanks again," and I hung up. I was chucklin' as I looked up. There, as always, was my wife Janet, standin' there with her arms crossed.

"What?" I asked innocently. "You're deranged, did you know that?" she said.

"I am not." "Yes, yes you are. That poor woman is probably thinking that she's turned a monster loose on some unsuspecting lady."

"I just told her I wanted to see that Apache Belle's legs. Hey," I said, I've got an idea why don't you show me your legs?" I raised my eyebrows a couple of times.

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Saturday June 12, 2021

Sgt Houghton and Officer Capps responded to a business alarm at 500 block N Main St, false alarm. Sgt Houghton and Officer Capps responded to a suspicious person at 500 block Penny Ln, settled at scene. Officer Capps responded to a criminal trespass at 500 block S Main St, settled at scene. Sgt Houghton and Officer Capps responded to an accident at 200 block S Main St, report taken. Sgt Houghton and Officer Capps responded to a city ordinance violation at 200 block Cannery Row, settled at scene. Sgt Houghton and Officer Capps responded to a welfare concern at 15500 block CR 4200, unfounded. Lt Lazarine and Officers Fortunas and Capps responded to a burglary at 21200 block HWY 69 N, report taken. Officer Shurley and Officers Jackquet and Allen responded to a suspicious vehicle at 200 block Cannery Row, settled at scene. Officer Allen responded to a suspicious vehicle at 900 block Mt Sylvan St, settled at scene. Officer Shurley and Officers Jackquet and Allen responded to a business alarm at 800 block Industrial Pkwy, false alarm. Officer Shurley and Officers Jackquet and Allen responded to an assist smith county at 554 I-20 E, settled at scene.

Sunday June 13, 2021

Sgt Houghton and Officer Capps responded to stolen property at 1400 block Lakeside Ct, settled at scene. Officer Capps responded to a



welfare concern at 15000 blk CR 4191, settled at scene. Officer Capps responded to a welfare concern at 200 block S Main St, unfounded. Sgt Houghton and Officer Capps responded to a residential alarm at 200 block Heritage Ct, false alarm. Sgt Houghton and Officer Capps responded to an assist smith county at 18400 block HWY 69 N, settled at scene. Officer Capps responded to an assist smith county at 16100 block CR 431, settled at scene. Officer Shurley and Officers Jackquet and Allen responded to an assist smith county at 13300 block W I-20, settled at scene. Officer Shurley and Officer Jackquet responded to a suspicious vehicle at 14000 block FM 2710, settled at scene. Officer Shurley and Officer Jackquet responded to a suspicious vehicle at 200 block Cannery Row, settled at scene.

Monday June 14, 2021

Sgt Houghton responded to a hit and run at 3500 block S Main St, settled at scene. Sgt Houghton and Officer Capps responded to an accident at 3200 block S Main St, report taken. Sgt Houghton responded to a theft at 500 block Pierce St, report taken. Cpt Chambers and Sgt Houghton responded to an assist smith county at 100 block Ballard Dr settled at scene. Lt Lazarine, Sgt Houghton and Officers Shurley, Jackquet and Allen responded to a disturbance at 600 block Fruitdale St, report taken.

Tuesday June 15, 2021

Officer Capps responded to a public service at 400 block Hill St, settled at scene. Sgt Houghton and Officer Capps responded to a public service at 100 block Ballard Dr, settled at scene. Sgt Houghton and Officer Capps responded to a suspicious vehicle at 18300 block 1804, unfounded. Sgt Houghton and Officer Capps responded to a suspicious circumstance at 1100 block Woodlands Park Dr, settled at scene. Officer Fortunas responded to a public service at 100 block Ballard Dr, settled at scene. Officer Capps responded to a welfare concern at 12500 block FM 16 W, settled at scene. Sgt Houghton and Officer Capps responded to a suspicious circumstance at 400 block York Dr, settled at scene.

Wednesday June 16, 2021

Officer Ramsey responded to a suspicious vehicle at 13200 block CR 472, settled at scene. Officer Philpot and Officer Ramsey responded to a suspicious circumstance at 1100 block Woodlands Park Dr, settled at scene. Sgt Dworaczyk and Officer Philpot responded to a disturbance at 500 block Circle Dr, settled at scene. Officer Ramsey responded to a criminal mischief at 300 block S Industrial St, report taken. Sgt Dworaczyk and Officer Ramsey responded to an assist smith county at 17000 block FM 849, unfounded. Sgt Dworaczyk and Officer Ramsey responded to an assist other agency at 300 block Henry St, settled at scene. Sgt Dworaczyk and Officer Wedgeworth responded to simple assault at 100 block Pearl St, settled at scene. Sgt Dworaczyk responded to a disturbance at 300 block Cooper St, settled at scene. Officer Wedgeworth and Officer Dailey responded to a suspicious circumstance at 3500 block S Main St, settled at scene. Officer Dailey responded to a welfare concern at 15000 block CR 431, unfounded. Officer Wedgeworth responded to a suspicious circumstance at 3500 block S Main St, settled at scene.

Thursday June 17, 2021

Officer Ramsey responded to an accident at 556 E I-20, settled at scene. Officer Philpot responded to a residential alarm at 1500 block White Bear Trl, false alarm. Officer Ramsey responded to a public service at 100 block Ballard Dr, settled at scene. Sgt Dworaczyk and Officers Ramsey and Philpot responded to an attempt to serve, report taken. Cpt Chambers and Officer Philpot responded to an accident at 556 W I-20 settled at scene. Sgt Dworaczyk responded to an accident at 3500 block S Main St, settled at scene. Sgt Dworaczyk and Officer Dailey responded to a suspicious circumstance at 200 block Cannery Row, settled at scene. Officer Wedgeworth and Officer Dailey responded to a peace officers warrant at 3500 block S Main St, report taken.

LETTER TO EDITOR

Country needs better PPE plan going forward

Dear Editor,
Right now, Americans can purchase nearly limitless quantities of masks, hand sanitizer, and other personal protective equipment. But this time last year, it was an entirely different story. Even hospitals and doctor's offices were running out of PPE. The shortages almost certainly cost some healthcare workers their lives. COVID-19 won't be the last pandemic we face. We need to be much better prepared next time -- with ample stockpiles of PPE ready to distribute to areas in need. Last spring, the virus laid bare the vulnerabilities in our healthcare supply chains. Prior to Covid-19, China supplied 90 percent of America's medical masks and half of the world's PPE. But China's strict lockdowns shuttered factories in January and February, leaving America unable to acquire enough supplies to prepare for the coming surge of infections. The shortages hit hospitals in disadvantaged communities the hardest. These hospitals disproportionately serve older, sicker, minority patients who are more likely to be on Medicare and Medicaid -- or uninsured entirely. These patients require more care and need to be readmitted more frequently. As a result, these institutions operate on razor-thin margins

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Tyler attorney announces bid for Court at Law 3 judge

Tyler attorney Clay White has announced his candidacy for judge of Smith County Court at Law 3, publicity officials said. White, running as a Republican, is a shareholder at the firm of White-Shaver, P.C. in Tyler and is a board-certified personal injury attorney with 30 years of experience. "I've been in courtrooms all across our great state, I'll use this vast experience and the respect I've gained for the judicial process to be a fair, knowledgeable, and impartial judge, who will interpret the law as its written and never legislate from the bench," he said. White holds a Bachelor's Degree in Speech and Hearing and a Master's Degree in Deaf Education from Lamar University. He earned his law degree from South Texas College of Law in 1988 and is fluent in American Sign Language. He has been married to his wife, Jonette, for 37 years and together they have three adult children. The election for Smith County Court at Law 3 will take place in 2022.

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Caution urged as snake season is upon us

By Adam Russell
Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service

Rising temperatures mean the chances of coming across a snake are also rising.

Rapid urbanization and higher-than-normal amounts of rain are a combination that increase the likelihood of human-snake encounters, and more interactions can lead to more bites.

Maureen Frank, Ph.D., Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service wildlife specialist, Uvalde, has some tips on how to avoid snake bites and deal with objects and places around homes and properties that

may attract snakes.

Snakes, whether we like them or fear them, are becoming more active around the house and in their natural habitat this time of year. It's still a little cool, but snake activity will increase as temperatures climb.

People can encounter snakes while walking trails, camping or just doing summer yard work around the house, Frank said. There's little to fear about snakes if a few basic precautions and principles are applied before and during an encounter.

Snakes are integral to Texas' array of regional ecosystems. While many Texans view them as a dangerous pest, they are an important predator of insects and small mammals. There are around 75 snake species in the Lone Star State, but only about a dozen are venomous.

Even though most species are non-venomous, Frank said her best advice is to avoid contact with any snake. Snakes are typically not aggressive and will typically escape an area if they hear someone approaching.

She said the best ways to avoid snake bites is to watch where you step or reach and to keep your distance if you see one.

"When you encounter a snake, it's best to just leave it alone," Frank said. "Most bites occur when a person is trying to handle the snake or trying to kill it. It's best to give them plenty of room and let them go on their way."

Where and when you might encounter a snake

Frank said recent heavy rains and flooding could increase the potential for encounters with snakes. Flooding can push snakes from burrows and typical habitat to higher ground and create hiding places in those areas.

"Heavy rains can push snakes from low-lying areas, and flooding can wash debris onto properties that can become good places for displaced snakes to shelter," she said. "So, people need to take special care during cleanup. The thing to remember is to never put your hands or feet somewhere you can't see and to use tools like hoes or a shovel to move debris or turn it over so you can see that it's safe to handle."

Because snakes cannot generate their own body heat, they prefer sun and/or stretching out on warm surfaces like rocks, pavement and other heat-absorbing materials while temperatures are cooler. But in the heat of the summer, they prefer shade, especially from the midday sun.

"People need to take these environmental conditions into account," she said. "On a cool morning, you may find a snake sunning a rock along a hiking trail or the stones in a walkway or a paved walking trail. When it's hot, they may be in the shade under a bush or sheet of plywood or in a brush pile. These are things to consider when you go outside."

Frank said venomous snakes typically do not want to use their venom as a defense. They usually give warnings – like rattlesnakes rattling – before they strike. The Texas Department of Health Services reported that half the reported bites by venomous snakes were "dry," meaning no venom was injected into the victim.

"A snake strikes because it views you as a threat," she said. "Producing venom is an energetically costly process, and they only have so much. If they use it, they must make more to hunt for food, and they have to work for every single meal, so striking to defend themselves is something they would rather avoid."

For more tips on precautions to take related to snakes and flooding, you can find Frank's publication on this subject at the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Bookstore.

Reduce snake attractors around the house

There are no chemical repellants proven to deter snakes, Frank said, but there are two things homeowners can do to reduce the likelihood of snakes hanging around a location – remove potential shelter and food.

"It's best to take the habitat approach and remove the things that attract snakes," she said. "Cutting the grass, removing brush and debris, and trimming the lower branches on bushes and trees will go a long way in reducing the places a snake might want to hide."

Research Frank conducted last summer in the Hill Country indicated that snakes use a variety of materials to hide throughout the year, including plywood, sheet metal and other debris. These materials also attract scorpions and spiders, so snakes are just one reason to take caution when cleaning up debris.



The copperhead is among four venomous snakes, including rattlesnakes, cottonmouths and coral snakes, that people should watch for while walking. Their pattern blends well with fallen leaves and debris on the ground. (Texas A&M AgriLife Extension photo by Maureen Frank)

Reducing hiding spots for snakes will also reduce hiding spots for the prey they seek, like rats and mice, she said. Cleaning around the house and other structures to remove trash, which is shelter for small prey animals, also helps keep snakes away.

Teach children not to reach inside crevices and under bushes with low-hanging limbs, she said.

"They need to know they shouldn't reach into a place if they can't see what might be in there."

Frank said homeowners should also take precautions to reduce the chance of their pet encountering a snake, such as having them on a leash during walks.

A milk snake's black, white and red pattern mimics the black, yellow and red pattern of the venomous coral snake. Even non-venomous snakes will bite if they feel threatened, so it's best to avoid them. (Texas A&M AgriLife Extension photo by Maureen Frank)

Common non-venomous species found throughout Texas include garter snakes, which people also refer to as garden snakes; rat snakes, also known as chicken snakes; and bull snakes. Common venomous snakes include western diamond-backed rattlesnakes, copperheads and the cottonmouth, also known as the water moccasin.

The range of species and likelihood of an encounter differ from region to region and specific locations. For instance, it's much more likely to see a cottonmouth around bodies of water, like ponds, lakes or creeks, as well as bottomlands that maintain high levels of moisture throughout the seasons.

"Being able to identify a snake can help you avoid danger," she said. "But the best advice is to keep your distance and avoid contact."

Frank has published a useful guide to common snake species that can be purchased on the AgriLife Bookstore.

Snake bites

Most snake bites to humans occur to the feet/lower leg or the hands, Frank said.

Despite common misconceptions on how to deal with a venomous snake bite, she said it's best to stay calm and get to a hospital as quickly as possible.

First, try to identify the snake species, Frank said. This is especially important for coral snakes because the treatments differ significantly from those to treat copperhead, cottonmouth or rattlesnake bites.

"Do not try to kill it," she said. "The emergency room doctors don't need it. They just need a decent description of the snake or take a photo of it with your cell phone if it's safe to do so. If someone else tries to get the snake, you run the risk that the doctor may be dealing with two snake bite victims."

Frank said the victim should remove clothing like socks if bitten on the foot and items like rings on fingers if bitten on the hand because of swelling.

Tourniquets and suction devices or using other mythologized methods to remove snake venom could do more harm than good, she said. Hospitals have anti-venom on hand to deal with bites.

"Just focus on getting to the hospital quickly but safely," she said.



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ETBU fishing team snags first place

East Texas Baptist University sophomore criminal justice major Ethan Thurston and senior business administration major Cody Ross won the Carhartt Bassmaster College Series Classic at Eagle Mountain Lake on Sunday, June 13 with a four-fish bag that weighed 16 pounds, 6 ounces, publicity officials announced.

The Classic is presented by Bass Pro Shops. The ETBU pair was one of just 10 teams selected to participate in the tournament.

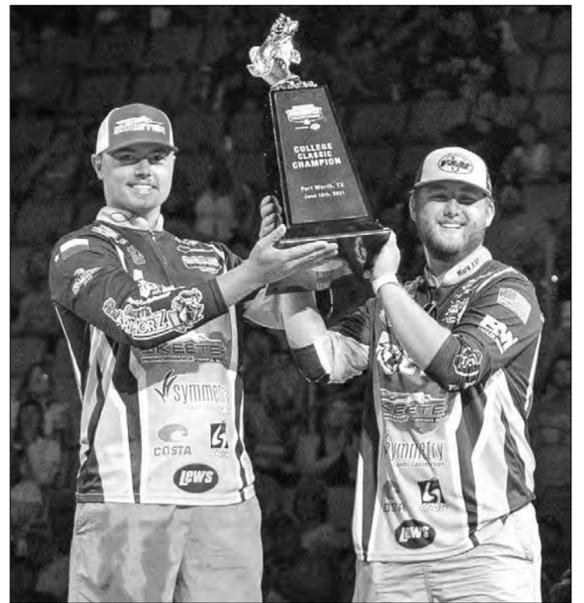
This is the third championship tournament won by the ETBU Tiger Bass Fishing program in the last year, having the top boat at qualifying tournaments on the Ouachita River in Louisiana and Lake Chickamauga in Tennessee.

"Being a part of the Tiger Bass Fishing Team has made me a better person in many ways," Ross said. "My coach, Cameron Burger, has made more of an impact on the person I am in the past few years here at ETBU than I can begin to express. It means a great deal to my team and me to win this title. I have been blessed with a great college career and could not be more excited to bring this trophy back to the Hill to end another great school year of bass fishing for our team."

The Carhartt Bassmaster College Series presented by Bass Pro Shops gives college anglers a platform for competing with their peers in a national setting. Anglers can compete in one of five regional tournaments and in a Wild Card tournament for the opportunity to advance to the national championship.

"I love fishing at ETBU because of the opportunity to be a part of a team who cares about each other but also pushes each other to be better," Thurston said. "Winning (the Classic) was a dream that came true. Growing up, I would watch the professionals fish that tournament each year and be excited for those who would win. The Texas heat was real that week, and we were not sure how it would go. We were so excited to be able to keep that trophy in Texas and bring it back to ETBU."

The Tiger Bass Fishing team continues to add accolades to its impressive record after being named Southern Conference School



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Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Frederick William Mull IV, Deceased, were issued on June 15, 2021, in Cause No. 45,484P, pending in the County Court of Smith County, Texas, to: LORI L. MULL.
 All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to Kyle G. Waggoner, Attorney at Law, at PO Box 1152, Mineola, Texas, 75773.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Leslie Wayne Kent, Deceased, were issued to Judith Carrol Reed Kent as Independent Executor on June 15, 2021, in Cause No. 45,468P, County Court of Smith County, Texas. All persons having claims against this Estate should present them to the Independent Executor, c/o John G. Payne, Attorney, 3650 Old Bullard Road, Suite 100, Tyler, Texas 75701, within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

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TWO Divide & Conquer Sales – Same Dates
 Thurs., June 24 ~ 7:00-5:30 | Fri., June 25 ~ 8:00-5:30 | Sat., June 26 ~ 8:00-2:00

Sale #1: Moving Sale for Mr. Bill Wylie
 6714 Hollytree Circle - Tyler, TX 75703

Outside S. Loop 323 and off S. Broadway, turn west onto Grande. At the light, turn left onto Hollytree Dr., right on Brandywine, and left onto Hollytree Circle.

This 3004 sq. ft. house, listed by Newberry Real Estate, sold quickly. The following contents / consignments are available: fab. din. table; 8 antique English oak Chippendale chairs; sq. breakfast table & 6 chairs; matching leather recliners; leather swivel chair; oversized chair & ottoman; barley twist fire guard/screen; antq. barley twist armchair; antq. display cabinet; antq. secretary; several chandeliers; Welsh dresser; French china; English china; crystal; Sabino; Swarovski; Boehm bird plates; M.A. Hadley pottery; Spode china; Desert Rose pottery; grandfather clock; rustic cabinet; 2 King beds; dresser; nightstands; king sleigh bed; 3 twin beds; daybed; bedding; linens; quilts; pillows; framed bird art; lg entertainment unit; tea cart white wicker rocker, side table, & small shelf; large rug; side tables; marble coffee table & match. side table; lg coffee tables; vintg. vanity dressers; mirrors; knack knacks; framed art; books; lamps; Corning Ware; kitchen selections; men & women's; shoes; golf shoes; toys; wash. / dry.; refrig.; Christmas items; Snow Village selections; movies; CD's; flatscreen TV's; electronics; monitors; off. chairs; off. supplies; Craftsman tool chest; gardening supplies; hand & yard tools; bicycle; treadmill; ladder; sooooo much more. Pictures: DivideAndConquerOfEastTexas.com.

Sale #2: Divide & Conquer Downsizing Sale for Dr. Tom and Mary Ann Eckert
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This lovely 4000 sq. feet home, listed by Newberry Real Estate, sold quickly. The following contents consignments are available: din. table & chairs; china cabinet; sets of china; antq. barley twist settee; barley twist chair; framed A.C. Gentry art; framed botanicals; 3 sofas; long antq. bench; misc. chairs; coffee tables; cedar chest; bar stools; vintg. drum tables; fireplace tools & fire fenders; M.A. Hadley selections; antique Eastlake table; tea carts; sets of flatware; silverplate selections; pewter; full bed, chest, dresser, nightstands; king hdd; bunk bed; roaster; rooster lamp; purses; scarves; brass selections; knick knacks; handmade braided rugs; Singer sew. mach.; sew. notions; quilt; twin bed; white wicker queen headboard, armoire, & nightstand; electronics; analytical balance by Christian Becker; bedding; decorative pillows; lamps; Hummel plates; cost. jewelry; holiday items; vintg. luggage; books; CD's; movies; vintg. medical cabinet; refrig.; wash. & dry.; vintage Fisher Price toys; marbles; dolls; games; snow sled; children's chairs; red wagon; hand & garden tools; NordicTrack; golf clubs; lawn mower; planters; work bench; sooooo much more!

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EVENT
Wylie – Bluegrass on Ballard, Sat. June 26. Music 1-9 p.m.; Arts & Crafts 10 a.m.-9 p.m. (WylieTexas.gov); Classic Car Show 4-9 p.m. (pre-register for car show at DiscoverWylie.com). Event will be held in Historic Downtown Wylie on Ballard Avenue. More information at DiscoverWylie.com.

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