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## Suspect in custody after high-speed FM 14 chase

Following a high-speed chase on FM 14 southeast of Lindale, Smith County Sheriff's officers arrested Ernesto Castellon, 17, of Tyler on multiple felony warrants this past Tuesday afternoon, said spokesman Larry Christian.

While conducting surveillance near the truck stop at FM 14 and Interstate 20, Smith County SWAT team members as well as investigators with the Special Investigations Unit attempted to arrest Castellon.

After knocking a SWAT Team member to the ground with his vehicle, Castellon fled on FM 14 in the direction of Tyler, reaching speeds of more than 100 mph.

With deputies in full pursuit, Castellon approached the intersection of Pabst and Berta Streets, where a deputy rammed his vehicle, sending Castellon on the road and into a grassy area.

Deputies conducted a search of his vehicle and found a large amount of illegal narcotics.

No one was injured as he was taken into custody. As a precaution, officers took the suspect to UT Health Tyler for observation, where he was subsequently released. The SWAT Team member was treated for minor injuries and released.

In addition to the existing warrants, Investigators obtained warrants for Aggravated Assault on a Peace Officer (Felony 1), Evading Arrest with a Vehicle (Felony 3) and numerous Manufacturing/Delivery of Controlled Substance charges.

The arrest affidavits were presented to the Honorable 114<sup>th</sup> State District Judge Austin Reeve Jackson.

This arrest was a culmination of work by East Texas TAG personnel consisting of Investigators with Smith County Sheriff's Office, Texas DPS and Tyler PD.

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



## New look for Lindale's First Baptist Church

Construction crews have been on the job the past couple of weeks renovating the main worship center at the First Baptist Church of Lindale. For the time being, worship services have moved to the church's student center. Work is expected to be completed in December.

Photo by Terry Cannon

## Celebrating the Fourth

Patriotism was on full display this past weekend at Lindale's American Legion Post No. 15, where members staged "America's Christian Heritage," which included post members in costumes recreating Betsy Ross's creation of the American Flag, readings of the Declaration of Independence, the Pledge of Allegiance and the U.S. Constitution. The day also featured barbecue, fishing, games and drinks. Patriotic songs were also sung by those in attendance. Post member Harley Depue was named "Legionnaire of the Year" as well. This free event was open to the public and post members are planning to make it an annual event. The post is located at 18251 County Road 498.



## Boaters urged to clean boats of invasive species

Officials with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department are urging boaters to do their part to fight back against aquatic invasive species, such as zebra mussels and giant salvinia, which are threatening Texas lakes.

During the past year, zebra mussels and giant salvinia have continued to spread throughout Texas. While these species remain some of the biggest threats to Texas lakes, other highly invasive species can also be spread or introduced by in-state and out-of-state boaters, such as water hyacinth, Eurasian watermilfoil, hydrilla, and quagga mussels.

Zebra mussels, a non-native shellfish that attaches to hard surfaces, pose a significant threat to our lakes. These invasive mussels damage boats and infrastructure for water supply and control, alter lake ecosystems, and cause harm to native species. They also litter shorelines with hazardous, sharp shells that impact shoreline recreation.

"Zebra mussels can be carried by anchors or attached to clinging plants, and microscopic zebra mussel larvae can be transported in residual water in the boat," said Monica McGarrity, TPWD Senior Scientist for Aquatic Invasive Species Management. "Taking just a few minutes to clean, drain, and dry boats can make a huge difference in our efforts



to prevent the spread of this highly damaging species and the harm they cause to Texas lakes."

Zebra mussels are now found in 33 Texas lakes across six river basins, as well as in river reaches downstream of infested lakes. There are still many Texas lakes where zebra mussels have not yet been found, and the proactive actions of boaters can help keep those lakes free of these invasive species. TPWD and partners monitor lakes around the state for early detection of zebra mussels, but once they've been introduced and become established in a lake, nothing can be done to control or eradicate them.

Giant salvinia, a highly invasive, free-floating aquatic fern that can double its coverage area in less than a week is also a major threat to

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## Smith County hosting citizen input meetings at LHS on area roads

Smith County Officials will host four Citizen Input Meetings in July, including one at Lindale High School on Thursday, July 15, to discuss plans for the second phase of the six-year Road and Bridge Capital Improvement Project, said Public Information Officer Casey Murphy.

The first meeting was held Tuesday, July 6 at the First Baptist Church in Whitehouse.

Others include:

-- Precinct 1 -- 5:30-6:30 p.m. Thursday, July 8, at Flint Baptist Church, at 11131 FM 2868 West in Flint

-- Precinct 3 -- 5:30-6:30 p.m. Thursday, July 15, at Lindale High School Cafeteria, at 920 E. Hubbard St. in Lindale

-- Precinct 4 -- 5:30-6:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 20, at Tyler Pounds Regional Airport (Old Terminal - HAMM Museum), at 150 Airport Drive in Tyler

These meetings are designed to inform citizens of the projects that have been done so far in Phase 1 of the road bond, as well as projects planned for Phase 2.

The first phase of the bond was approved by 73 percent of the voters in a November 2017 election. Now that year three of that first phase is coming to an end, the Smith County Commissioners are discussing calling the second phase of the two-part bond to improve the county's nearly 1,200 miles of road.

"Just as we did before the first Road Bond Election in 2017, we want to hold Citizen Input Meetings in each of the county's precincts to have a chance to discuss the road projects with the community," Smith County Judge Nathaniel Moran said. "This is a time when we ask the citizens to tell us how we have done in the first three years, what we need to do better, and what projects are important to them, so that our plan takes into account both objective road data and the on-the-ground reports of our citizens who drive these roads each day."

Citizens can view the full six-year working draft road and bridge plan, which includes both maintenance and construction items, on the county's website, at <https://www.smith-county.com/i-want-to/view-county-road-projects>

## City council OKs Tyler firm to oversee sidewalk project

During their first regularly scheduled meeting in July, Lindale City Council members approved an engineering firm to oversee the Texas Department of Transportation's Safe Routes to School Sidewalk project Tuesday night at city hall.

Mayor Pro-team Ginger Sims presided over the meeting in Mayor Jeff Daugherty's absence.

Brannon and Associates of Tyler was unanimously approved by the council for the SRTSS project. City Finance Director David Craft recommended the firm to the council.

Traylor and Associates, also of Tyler, was approved as the administrator for the SRTSS grant, which was approved by TXDOT in 2019.

Sidewalks are planned to connect Ruby Trails subdivision with Lindale Junior High School, Velma Penny Elementary, E.J. Moss Intermediate School and Pool Park. Craft said the current sidewalk project will be on Perryman Road.

Final payment of \$3,000 for repainting and cleaning of the city water tower near Lindale High School was approved by the council. The project came in approximately \$15,000 under budget, city officials said.

In other action, council members:

● Appointed Traylor and Associates as grant administrator for the American Rescue Plan;

● OK'd a one-year contract with Texas Media Properties for a static billboard at Collin Street Bakery at FM 849 and Interstate 20. The cost of the billboard is \$650 per month for the yearly contract, according to City Tourism Director Seong McLaren.

● Approved a budgeted capital expense for updated Tasers for the Lindale Police Department;

● Approved a system design for the South Side Sewer Plant.

## County approves \$482K tax abatement for Tyler Pipe

The Smith County Commissioners Court on Tuesday approved an 80 percent, five-year tax abatement for Tyler Pipe Company and its parent company McWane Inc., said Public Information Officer Casey Murphy.

The tax abatement is for approximately \$35 million in enhancements to the Tyler Pipe facility, and the estimated fiscal impact to Smith County for the tax abatement is \$482,400, said Dr. Felecia Herndon, Executive Vice President of Finance and Operations for the Tyler Economic Development Council.

Tyler Pipe is located at U.S. Highway 69 North and 11910 County Road 492.

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# OPINION/EDITORIAL

## Gary Borders Capital Highlights



### Gas prices at highest level since 2014

As Texans hit the roads this summer with pandemic restrictions eased and vaccinations widespread, the national average price of gas is expected to top \$3 per gallon, though the average in Texas for regular is \$2.799, according to AAA. Drivers should expect prices to keep rising as demand rises, according to the Consumer Energy Alliance.

"With oil's continued push higher, fueled by continued strong demand globally and production only slowly answering, gasoline prices have had no choice but following oil's rise last week setting a new 2021 high," said Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis for GasBuddy. "...It appears the only way forward is for gas prices to continue to rise as Americans' insatiable demand for gasoline continues to act as a catalyst. And with hurricane season soon coming into its prime, we have plenty more catalysts for a rise in price, and few that could restrain the situation. Motorists should prepare to dig deeper for the second half of the summer, unfortunately."

### TEA releases test results; widespread decrease in performance

State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR) results for spring 2021 show that outcomes for in-person learners were appreciably higher than those who attended classes online during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic. The number of students not meeting grade level increased from 2019 across all subject areas and grade levels, with the exception of English, according to the Texas Education Agency.

"Thankfully, from early on, Texas prioritized the availability of in-person instruction during this tremendously difficult year," TEA Commissioner Mike Morath said. "When students come into Texas public schools, they are well-served by Texas educators — a fact that these scores confirm. But it is also painfully clear that the pandemic had a very negative impact on learning. I shudder to consider the long-term impact on children in states that restricted in-person instruction."

School districts that had a higher percentage of students learning virtually had higher declines in STAAR results in all grades and subjects, TEA reported. For example, districts in which fewer than one-fourth of students were learning remotely saw a 9-percentage point drop in math performance from 2019 to 2021. In districts where more than three-fourths of students were learning remotely, the decline was 32 percentage points.

### Higher ed gets \$94.6 million in emergency relief

Federal pandemic funding continues to trickle down to Texas colleges and universities, with the latest round bringing nearly \$100 million in emergency relief. Last year the state allocated \$175 million in federal funds to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board to support higher education during the COVID-19 pandemic.

"Investing in our higher education system is the single best way to bolster the workforce that Texas has become known for and accelerate our state's economic recovery in the wake of COVID-19," said House Speaker Dade Phelan.

About half the funding will go to expand capacity for high-demand and high-value educational opportunities, including work-based learning and apprenticeships. Other programs to be funded include financial aid; establishing a one-stop advising resource to help students connect with higher education opportunities; and expanding outreach to adult learners to meet workforce demands of state employers.

### Vaccinations slowly increase in state

The number of Texans who are fully vaccinated against COVID-19 reached 11.937 million this week, or about 41% of the state's total population, according to Texas Health and Human Services. Hospitalizations in the past week of lab-confirmed COVID-19 cases rose slightly to 1,502. New cases in Texas increased to 10,493 compared to the previous week, with 193 deaths recorded, according to the Coronavirus Resource Center at Johns Hopkins University.

### Putting manufacturing sector in perspective

A report from the state comptroller's office notes that Texas' manufacturing sector contributed \$241 billion to the state's gross domestic product in 2019, about 13% of its total economic output. That is larger than the manufacturing output in both Russia and Mexico. Before the pandemic, manufacturing employed about 909,000 Texans. As of February 2021, seasonally adjusted total manufacturing jobs were below pre-pandemic levels by 53,000, or nearly 6%.

Many of the job losses were in industries tied to the oil and gas sector — fabricated metal products and machinery manufacturing. Those two industries accounted for nearly two-thirds of the manufacturing job losses since the pandemic began in March 2020.

### Most funding ever for transit operations

The Texas Transportation Commission approved \$89 million last week for transit operations across the state, the most ever allocated at one time. About 60% of the funding comes from federal pandemic funds, with the rest provided by the state. The funding includes more than \$10 million from the feds to help transit agencies manage the impact of COVID-19. Nearly 20 million transit rides were recorded statewide, even during the pandemic.

## ...everything

The meaning of life is something I have never had to search for. It was always just 'there', sure as the black dirt beneath my feet. The rock solid truth is that the ultimate reason for being is simply to love and be loved. Harder to do for some than others. I was taught that love was a choice. Love is not a feeling, or not just a feeling, love has to be an action regardless of how you feel. That kind of love enables you to survive just about anything, do just about anything.

I learned early that life is not fair. It is never going to be fair and the sooner that fact of life is grasped the smoother the road you trod can be simply by not wasting your energy and emotion on what you have been denied, what has been taken from you, what you did that was credited to someone else, or cruelty that is undeserved and unearned. It just is. So the power one has is when you have done all you can do, "just stand"...until you find your way to step forward.

I know that we all can be very small-minded creatures. We often preach the Golden Rule and the importance of not judging others and then we spend most of our time breaking the former and doing the latter. What a waste of time. I have found that when people's conception of what is right or wrong, or even their perception of God is rattled they have a tendency to attack, often viciously. If someone is indeed convinced they are right, why do they feel threatened? Why do they feel the need to angrily attack someone they disagree with? If you are right rest in your confidence. Also, why drive the other guy further from what you believe to be the truth with anger?

If you know you are right, why are you not at peace letting your light illuminate a better path. You can not be heard when you are screaming. Sometimes only actions can be 'heard'. So, how do we

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find purpose and peace? Maybe it is time for a diet of the soul. One that requires a little less screen time, a lot less social media and a whopping helping of kindness.

My wise mother taught me that we make the life we live. We choose how we will respond to the anger, injustice, cruelty and harshness of life. We decide if it will make us bitter or better, and it is a choice. A choice that we make over and over again. A choice that makes our lives, and our corner of the world a much better place to be when we choose better.

Anger and grudges can be the acid that burns away our soul and damages those we love. Choosing forgiveness, choosing kindness and compassion even when it is undeserved is my idea of peace on earth. At least in this tiny corner of mine.

I am surrounded by people who make this corner better every single day by their hard work, their commitment, generosity and sheer goodness. The magic to their success is not that they walk on water but that they start anew when they fail...time after time. They don't give up, or in, to the frailties of being human. They know the secret too. I bet that most of you dear readers know it as well. When we forget we just need someone to remind us that love is the greatest gift of all. If we have that gift we have everything.



## THE ECONOMIST

By Dr. M. Ray Perryman

### Falling STAAR

The Texas Education Agency (TEA) recently released results of the State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR) for spring 2021. (See <https://tea.texas.gov/sites/default/files/2021-staar-analysis-presentation.pdf> for a summary.) The tests cover mathematics and reading for grades 3-8 as well as writing and science for some grades, 8th grade social studies, and high school end-of-course exams in Algebra I, English I, English II, Biology, and US History.



The results indicate abysmal outcomes pretty much across the board when compared to 2019, as districts struggled to deal with disruptions caused by the

COVID-19 pandemic.

The numbers of students not performing at grade level escalated for almost every subject area and grade, reversing generally improving trends in recent years. For mathematics, the percentage of students meeting standards was only 35%, down from 50% in 2019.

Some grade levels were particularly hard hit, with only 25% of grade 7 and 30% of grade 3 students performing satisfactorily. Reading scores also dropped, though not as severely, with 43% of students at grade level (down from 47% in 2019).

Not surprisingly, the outcomes were generally lower in districts where remote learning was more prevalent. Imagine the challenges of trying to teach and learn third grade math (or any math) virtually. It's tough. Districts with fewer than 25% in person most

of the year saw the percentage of students not meeting grade level in math worsen by 32 percentage points, compared to a nine-percentage-point drop in districts with 75% on site. Economically disadvantaged students were particularly negatively affected, as were Black and Hispanic students. Far too many basically missed the entire year. It is tragic, and the urgency of a powerful response is palpable.

As noted by the TEA, the results highlight the infrastructure needed to address lost learning opportunities and emphasize the important role of adequate resources. Some much-needed assistance was provided in recent legislation which permits eligible students to access high performing instructors and additional tutoring and school systems to accelerate learning through rigorous instructional materials,

additional teacher support, and expanded learning time. Unfortunately, however, the federal money designated to assist school districts from the various stimulus programs has been partially delayed and offset.

Local districts need these funds now in order to be innovative in addressing the varying requirements across this diverse state.

Catching up will be extremely difficult but is essential to prosperity on both an individual and a societal level. Almost 80% of students who attend school in Texas will live in the state as adults.

They are the workforce of the future in an increasingly technological world. Schools face a daunting task and need resources and support throughout this critical recovery phase and beyond. The importance of education cannot be overemphasized.

Stay safe!



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Texas lakes. The invasive plant produces thick mats that make fishing, boating, swimming and other water recreation nearly impossible.

"There's no doubt that Texans love their lakes," said John Find-eisen, TPWD Aquatic Habitat Enhancement Team Lead. "We also need Texans to take action to help protect their lakes. It only takes a tiny fragment of a plant carried on a boat or trailer to create a new infestation, and preventing invasive species introductions avoids costly, long-term efforts to manage invasive species once they infest a lake."

Giant salvinia is currently present on 23 East Texas lakes and nu-

merous rivers, creeks, and marshes between Houston and Beaumont. While giant salvinia is not currently limiting angling or boating access in Texas public waters due to the ongoing efforts by TPWD to manage this invasive plant, there is still a chance of plants hitchhiking from one lake to another on a boat, trailer, or other equipment.

Boaters need to remove all plants, mud and debris from boats, trailers, vehicles and gear and drain the water from all equipment and on-board receptacles before leaving the lake. In addition, boats should be dried completely before visiting another lake, preferably for at least a week.

Washing the boat and compartments using a carwash or spray

nozzle on a water hose can help to reduce the risk of spreading aquatic invasive species if drying is not possible.

If you have stored your boat in the water at a lake with zebra mussels, it is likely infested with zebra mussels and poses an extremely high risk for moving this invasive species to a new lake. Before moving your boat to another lake, call TPWD at 512-389-4848 for guidance on decontamination.

On top of the harm aquatic invasive species can cause to aquatic ecosystems and the recreational experience at lakes, transporting these organisms can result in legal trouble for boaters. Transporting prohibited invasive species is illegal with a fine of up to \$500.

# Much like weeds, spam calls continue unabated

Heard a good one the other day and it goes like this: Alexander Graham Bell received a patent for the telephone on March 7, 1876. The next day, someone called him and told him his car warranty was about to expire and they could help.

Robocalls (which are supposed to be illegal), phone scammers and idiotic -- and sometimes obscene -- text messages are just about to take over from wild hogs as the scourge of our times.

Unless you don't have a phone, I'd bet you've been a victim of someone wanting to "sell" you Medicare, some type of insurance or letting you know a relative is in jail and the only way to get them released is to send \$10,000 right away through PayPal -- among countless other scams.

Down here at our gazette, just like any other business, we get spam and robocalls on a frequent basis.

Just last week, our intrepid office manager/ad salesperson/tidying up person and all around good egg Mary Vandiver got a spam call on her cell phone concerning her car's "warranty."

She put it on speaker so I could hear. The conversation went something like this:

Scammer: "We would like to discuss extending your car's warranty."

Mary: "Which car are we talking about?"



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Editor

Scammer: "The one you have from 2005 to 2015."

Mary: "I don't have a car from that time period."

Scammer: "Ma'am, we need your warranty information for this vehicle."

Mary: "How did you get this number?"

Scammer: Click ... dial tone.

A couple of days before that, I received a similar call on our land line. The Caller ID listed the call from an out of state area code. This was our conversation:

Me: "Lindale News and Times, can I help you?"

Scammer: "We need to talk with you about your car's warranty and how you can upgrade it."

Me: "I don't have a warranty on my car."

Scammer: "Yes you do and you need to upgrade it."

Me: How do you know I have a warranty?"

Scammer: "We know and you have to upgrade it."

Me: "This is a scam isn't it? You're trying to get me to send you money, aren't you?"

Scammer: "No sir, this isn't a scam. It's real."

Me: "Do you know you called a newspaper? I think this would make a great story."

Scammer: Click...dial tone.

I then called the number that showed up on Caller ID and got a message that this number was no longer in service. Huh.

There are web sites out there which are supposed to help stop these unwanted spam and robocalls, but it's debatable how effective they are. To add your number to the do-not-call list, go to DoNotCall.gov or call 1-888-382-1222 from the phone you want to register for free. After registering online you will get an email with a link that needs to be accessed within 72 hours to complete the registration. DoNotCall.gov officials said it may take up to 31 days for sales calls to stop, but once you are registered you are good for life.

You will continue to get calls from real companies, officials said. The registry is simply a list that telemarketers are not sup-

posed to call and it won't stop scammers from calling because, of course, they are scammers and will ignore that directive.

In Texas, there may be a hero of sorts in State Sen. Robert Nichols, R-Jacksonville who authored a bill -- which was signed by Gov. Abbott recently -- which prohibits the Department of Public Safety and the DMV from selling your personal information to those louses who initiate spam calls and such.

(More will come on that in a future column.)

On average, I will get about five or six robocalls a week on my cell phone which I ignore. I then go into the recent call list, block that number and then delete it from my phone.

My phone, like everyone else's has a "favorites" list so I know who is calling. If I don't recognize the number, I don't answer. My thinking is if that is a legitimate number and this person or company needs to get in touch they will leave a message.

I understand that blocking calls and deleting numbers won't stop these nitwits from calling, but it still gives me some satisfaction that I've at least tried to do something.

Our boy Rusty (see his column below) has a great deal of experience with "Phone Creatures" and in a way, he's my hero for how he tortures those clowns who still dare to call him.



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ONE YEAR AGO, July 9, 2020

Four Lindale High School students -- Kaleigh Lawless, Kelsie Cook, Logan Yarbrough and Morgan Gibson -- were recipients of scholarships from the Hideaway Lake Kiwanis Club.

Lawless, the daughter of Jason and Kelly Lawless and Cook, daughter of Mark and Lisa Cook, both received the Emery Crane Scholarship worth \$11,480; Yarbrough, daughter of Keith and Katie Yarbrough, received the Key Club scholarship for \$4,000 and Gibson, son of Scott and Ashleigh Gibson, received the Technical Scholarship worth \$2,000.

FIVE YEARS AGO, July 7, 2016

The Lindale All-Stars, a 15U softball team, won the Dixie League Softball District Tournament in Alto and earned a trip to the state tournament in Diboll. Team members are Riley Belyeu, Kassy Bennett, Jozie Taylor, Deanna Saunders, Maci

Munn, Brayden Gill, Julianne Yarbrough, Makayla Ragland, Gracie Spearman, Carlee Pascual, Madison Loforte and Summer Pruet. Coaches are Jeremy Taylor, Andrew Ragland and Tim Munn.

10 YEARS AGO, July 7, 2011

Tom Boone, who became editor of the Lindale News and Times in December, 2007, announced his retirement. He was previously the owner of the Lindale News from 1990 to 1995 before it was purchased by Westward Communications, which merged the paper with the Lindale News.

A newspaper veteran of more than 45 years, Boone won several awards as both a writer and an editor.

He was born and raised in Dallas and graduated from Highland Park High School.

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# Pickup lines delivered over the phone

I was drivin' down the road the other day, and I saw a pickup for sale. No, I'm not in the market for a pickup. This particular pickup happened to be parked in front of a house that belonged to a buddy of mine.

Now, I hadn't seen this guy in a long, long time, but I remembered that he was always one for a good joke. You know the type, they're really gullible, and when you pull somethin' on them, they almost get mad.

Well, I couldn't wait to get home, so I could pull somethin' on him.

When I pulled up in my driveway, I jumped out of my truck almost before it stopped movin'. I ran into the house and grabbed the phone.

"Who are you calling?" asked Janet.

"Sammy," I said. I've changed his name because he said that if I wrote about this and used his real name, he'd beat the snot out of me. Since I'm runnin' low on snot, I decided to take his advice.

"You haven't seen him in a long while, have you?" asked Janet.

"Nope," I said, as I dialed.

"Why are you calling him?"

"He's got a pickup for sale," I answered.

"You don't need another pickup," she informed me.

"I ain't buyin' the pickup. I'm gonna have some fun with him."

"Rusty," she warned.

"Shhhhhsh," I shhhhhsh, as I heard him pick up the phone.

"Hello," Sammy said.

"Uh, yes," I said into the receiver, disguisin' my voice. "Is you the one that's got the pickup for sale?"

"Yes," he said.

"How much you wantin' for it?" I asked.



**Rusty Mitchum**  
Life & Times

"Fifteen thousand dollars," he replied.

"Fifteen thousand dollars!" I exclaimed.

"Yes," he said. I swear I could hear him rollin' his eyes.

"Wow! \$15,000. That's a lot of money. My house didn't cost \$15,000."

I waited for a comment, but none came.

"Does it have a satellite dish?" I asked.

"Well, no," he said.

"My house does," I said.

"Does it have a bathroom?"

"Of course not."

"My house does."

"Does it have an attic fan?"

"Look," he said. (I could tell he was gettin' mad.) "If you are not interested in the truck..."

"Who said I'm not interested," I replied. "I'm just askin' some questions. Like, how fast do it go?"

"What do you mean?"

"Man, I don't know how to ask it any plainer. How fast do it go?"

I heard him sigh. "I don't know how fast it goes."

"Well, will it go 60?"

"Yes, it will go 60."

"Will it go 80?"

"Yes."

"Will it go a hunnerd?"

"I don't know."

"Well, I guess I can find out when I test drive it."

"I don't know about that," he said.

"How do it corner?"

"Look mister...." he said.

"The last truck I had didn't corner worth a hoot. I went around a corner once and thowed my wife out."

"Is that right?" he said, like he was bored.

"Yeah. I didn't know it right off cause I wudn't lookin' in the rearview mirror. She just flew out the back."

"You had your wife in the back of the truck?"

"Sure. Where do you carry yours?"

"Look mister. I'm really busy."

"Me too," I said. "I'm tryin' to find a truck. What are you doin'?"

"Talkin' to some idiot," he said, through what sounded like gritted teeth.

"No kiddin'," I replied. "I was doin' that earlier today. We was fightin' over a dog."

"Do what?"

"Yeah, he said his dog was purdier than mine, and any fool could see his dog couldn't hold a candle to my dog."

"I can't believe this," he sighed.

"It's true. It's true. My dog is really purdy. Know what I named her?"

"No," he said sarcastically.

"Please tell me."

"Purdy," I said. "That's what I named her, Purdy, on account of her bein' purdy and all."

"Listen pal," he said.

"You want to know what the other dogs name was?"

"No."

"Sammy," I replied. "Now, ain't that a dumb name for a dog. It's bad enough for a human."

It got really quiet on the other end of the phone.

"You still there?" I asked.

"My name is Sammy," he informed me.

"It is?"

"Yes. It is."

"Ooops," I said. "Hey, how about that truck," I said, actin' like I was changin' the subject. "How about I come over there and give it a test drive. It's a four wheel drive ain't it? You don't mind if I get a little mud on it do you?" He didn't answer.

"You think you might come off that price?"

"You sound awful familiar," he said. "What's your name?"

"J.J. Boogenstool," I replied.

"Bull," he said. "This is Rusty Mitchum isn't it?"

"Who?" I said, tryin' not to laugh.

"I'm going to kill you," he said, and he sounded almost like he meant it.

"Kill me?" I laughed. "Why oh why would you want to kill me?"

"You haven't changed at all," he said, his voice softenin' a little.

"Nope," I said. "Not one bit."

"I swear," he chuckled. "One of these days somebody is going to beat the living snot out of you, and I hope I'm there to see it."

I could hear the smile in his voice.

"Well," I said, as I looked over at Janet, who was lookin' at me with one of "those looks."

"You better hurry on over, because the way Janet is lookin' at me, it's not goin' to be long," I said.

And do you know what? It wasn't.

# Longtime Road, Bridge worker calls it a career after 24 years

By Casey Murphy  
Smith County Public Information Officer

Ann Somerville said her last day working at the Smith County Road and Bridge Department on Wednesday was a sad day but a good day.

"I'm going to miss everybody," she said.

Somerville worked for three different departments during her more than 24-year career at Smith County.

She started working for the county in 1995, manning the front desk of the Auditor's Office in the Smith County Courthouse part-time. In 1997, she started working in accounts payable full-time, and moved to the purchasing portion of the Auditor's Office.

In the early 2000's, the Purchasing Department and Auditors Office split



Ann Somerville

to become two separate departments, and Somerville went with the purchasing director. The Purchasing Department was one of the first to be moved into the Smith County Courthouse Annex.

In March 2008, Road and Bridge Administrator Doug Nichols and Assistant Road and Bridge Administrator Charley Miller brought her over to their department as a clerk.

Six months later she became office manager. Somerville ordered everything from office supplies to big-ticket items, assisted with the department's budget and maintained its pay-

roll for more than 80 employees, as well as worked on cost accounting for road projects.

"I haven't had to worry much about what's going on out here because of all of the work she has done," County Engineer Frank Davis said. "She is very dedicated to the Road and Bridge employees and to the county. We are going to miss her."

Somerville said she will miss all of her co-workers but is looking forward to spending more time with her husband of 29 years and with their family, especially their five grandsons.

She also plans to spend more time traveling.

What she has enjoyed most about working for Smith County is "the people you meet in the community and the people I've worked with over the years," she said. "You make friends forever. It's kind of like a family."

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# Wasps, hornets beneficial, but caution urged

By Adam Russell  
Texas A&M AgriLife  
Extension Service

Murder hornets may make the headlines because of their frightening name, but they are not in Texas. So, let's talk about wasps and hornets and precautions you can take to avoid stings.

All wasps and hornets are beneficial, said Wizzie Brown, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service entomologist, Austin. Homeowners can appreciate that they protect gardens and landscapes from pests like caterpillars, spiders and aphids and pollinate blooming plants, but a sudden sting can erase that goodwill quickly.

Brown said wasps and hornets are focused on building nests and rearing young in any naturally occurring location or man-made structure that provides protection from the elements like eaves of buildings, bushes and trees.

Wasps and hornets are typically not aggressive when they are out foraging around flowers or a trash can, Brown said, so it is best to remain calm and avoid making aggressive movements toward them. However, certain species are very protective of their nests.

"If nests are in an area that won't be disturbed, they typically are not going to



Paper wasps tend to their nest inside a barn. Note the abandoned paper nest and remnant outline of a mud dauber structure nearby. (Texas A&M AgriLife photo by Adam Russell)

be an issue," she said. "They become a problem when they are protecting their nests and babies, so a nest by the front door or on your kids' play set would be a concern."

Brown said other locations like dog-houses and mailboxes are a few locations homeowners should monitor for nests. If hornets or wasps are flying around a specific spot regularly, there is a possibility a nest could be present or in the making.

All sorts of shapes, sizes, nests and aggression levels

Yellow jackets are small with black and yellow banded markings. They are often misidentified because other species, like certain paper wasps, have similar reddish-brown bodies with yellow stripes.

A large ground-dwelling species known as cicada killer wasps also have yellow and black banded markings but can reach up to 2 inches in length.

The cicada killer wasps' size has caused it to be misidentified as the murder hornet, or giant Asian hornet, which has not been officially sighted outside of Washington state so far.

Wasp and hornet species display a range of aggression when it comes to encroachment, Brown said. Yellow jackets are very protective of their colony and may attack when their nest is threatened, including vibrations from mowing.

Mud daubers, on the other hand, are very docile and typically only sting when handled roughly.

Only female wasps and hornets sting, Brown said. The stinger is a modified egg-laying structure called the ovipositor. But males of some species like the cicada killer wasp will display more territorial aggression to an intruder than females, despite its inability to sting.

Brown said paper wasps are probably the most common wasps people encounter across Texas. They build open-faced paper nests typically in aerial locations and can be aggressive when their home is disturbed. Nests are a single layer and hang from a single stalk.

"If you see an open-faced nest made out of papery material on the eave of your home or along the ceiling of your porch, there's a good chance they are paper wasps," she said.

The type of nest structure and its location can be helpful hints as to what species is present.

Yellow jackets, for instance, build paper nests made of chewed wood fiber like paper wasps but build single-entry colonies and are most commonly found in cavities or underground spaces like abandoned rodent burrows.

Mud daubers, on the other hand, collect moist soil and build a structure that they provision with food and lay their eggs. They can build these nests relatively anywhere protected from the rain.

Once they've filled the structure with eggs and food like spiders, they seal the nest and leave.

Cicada killer wasps burrow into the ground to nest. They are typically solitary nesters but will share a single entry in the ground that leads to several egg-laying nurseries.

"Wasps and hornets are fascinating animals," Brown said. "It's easy to take the good they do around our homes for granted because we are afraid of being stung. But by learning what they do and

how the different species act, it removes a lot of the fear and helps you appreciate seeing them around."

Controlling wasps around the house  
Controlling where wasps and hornets locate around your home is relatively straightforward – kill the wasps and remove the nest. But the species and nest size present will dictate whether you can do it yourself or should call professionals.

"A mud dauber nest that is an eyesore on your home could be scraped off and washed," she said. "The same goes for paper wasp nests, but you will need to spray the wasps from a safe distance beforehand. Spray them early in the morning or just before dark so you catch most of the wasps. Clean the space thoroughly after removing the nest to remove any pheromones that might attract other wasps to that location."

Brown recommends using a spray pesticide that can shoot a concentrated stream 8-10 feet when removing stinging species like paper wasps.

Yellow jackets and hornets, especially those in established colonies, should be handled by professionals, Brown said.

Brown said because yellow jackets and hornets can be very aggressive in protecting their nests and can sting multiple times, seeking shelter in a protected, closed area is the only way to avoid stings.

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Cpt Chambers and Officers Ramsey and Philpot responded to a residential alarm at 15200 block Country Acres Dr, false alarm. Officer Philpot and Officer Ramsey responded to a theft from a motor vehicle at 3200 block S Main St, settled at scene. Sgt Dworaczyk and Officer Ramsey responded to an accident at 3500 block S Main St, report taken. Officer Philpot responded to an accident at 13300 block I-20 W, report taken. Sgt Dworaczyk and officers Ramsey and Philpot responded to a disturbance at 13700 block Harvey Rd, trespass warning issued. Officer Gillham and Officer Dailey responded to a business alarm at 17900 block HWY 69 N, false alarm. Officer Gillham and Officer Dailey responded to an assist other agency at 2800 block S Main St, settled at scene. Officer Gillham and Officer Dailey responded to a stolen vehicle at 3500 block S Main St, report taken. Officer

Saturday, June 26, 2021

Officer Capps responded to an accident at 3500 block S Main St, report taken. Officer Capps responded to a disturbance at 300 block S Main St, settled at scene. Sgt Wilson and Officers Trombley and Capps responded to a welfare concern at 900 block Martha Becker Dr, settled at scene. Sgt Wilson and Officers Trombley and Capps responded to a warrant service at 100 block E Centennial Blvd, arrest made. Sgt Wilson responded to an accident at 200 block W Hubbard St, settled at scene. Officer Shurley and Officer Allen responded to a business alarm at 900 block S Main St, false alarm. Officer Shurley and Officer Allen responded to a warrant service at 400 block E Hubbard St, arrest made. Officer Allen responded to a disturbance at 3400 block S Main St, unfounded.

Sunday, June 27, 2021

Sgt Houghton and Officer Trombley responded to a public service at 13300 block CR 472, settled at scene. Officer Capps and Officer Jackquet responded to a loud noised complaint at 400 block Kennedy St, settled at scene. Officer Capps and Officers Allen and Jackquet responded to a possession of drug paraphilia at 100 block E Hubbard St, report taken. Officer Allen responded to a suspicious person at 16000 block FM 849, unfounded. Officer Allen responded to a suspicious vehicle at 100 block E Van St, settled at scene. Officer



Allen and Officers Shurley and Jackquet responded to an assist smith county at 12500 block Blueberry Dr, settled at scene. Officer Allen responded to a suspicious vehicle at 900 block S Main St, settled at scene. Officer Shurley and Officer Jackquet responded to a residential alarm at 200 block Freeman St, false alarm.

Monday, June 28, 2021

Sgt Flores, Officer Trombley and Officer Capps responded to a suspicious person at 14300 block CR 474, settled at scene. Officer Trombley and Officer Capps responded to a stolen vehicle at 600 block N Main St, report taken. Officer Trombley responded to a welfare concern at 3200 block S Main St, settled at scene. Officer Capps responded to a public service at 13300 block I-20 W, settled at scene. Officer Trombley and Officer Capps responded to a suspicious person at 500 block Pierce St, settled at scene. Chief Sones responded to a public service at 13300 block Lauren Ln, settled at scene. Officer Trombley and Officer Capps responded to an assist other agency at 500 block Pierce St, settled at scene. Officer Capps responded to an assist other agency at 200 block Bonnie St, settled at scene. Sgt Houghton and Officer Jackquet responded to a welfare concern at 3300 block S Main St, settled at scene. Sgt Houghton responded to a suspicious vehicle at 200 block Cannery Row, settled at scene.

Tuesday, June 29, 2021

Chief Sones, Sgt Flores, Lt Lazarine, Officer Trombley and Officer Fortunas responded to a suspicious circumstance at 3500 block S Main St, report taken. Officer Trombley and Officer Jackquet responded to a suspicious circumstance at 3200 block S Main St, unfounded.

Wednesday, June 30, 2021

Officer Ramsey responded to public service at 100 block Ballard Dr, settled at scene. Officer Philpot responded to a public service at 2800 block S Main St, settled at scene. Officer Ramsey responded to a public service at 100 block Ballard Dr, settled at scene. Officer Philpot and Officer Ramsey responded to an accident at 556 I-20 E, report taken. Officer Wedgeworth and Officer Ramsey responded to an assist smith county at 19400 block Hwy 69 N, unfounded. Officer Ramsey responded to an assist smith county at 552 E I-20, settled at scene. Sgt Dworaczyk and Officers Wedgeworth, Gillham and Dailey responded to a disturbance at 300 block S Main St, settled at scene. Officer Wedgeworth responded to a public service at 200 block S Main St, settled at scene. Officer Gillham and Officer Dailey responded to a disturbance at 100 block Legends Court, settled a scene.

Thursday, July 1, 2021

Officer Ramsey responded to a assist smith county at 553 E I-20, settled at scene. Officer Ramsey responded to a suspicious circumstance at 13200 block CR 472, settled at scene. Officer Ramsey responded to a public service at 105 Ballard Dr, settled at scene. Officer Philpot responded to a welfare concern at 200 block Hillside Cr, settled at scene. Sgt Dworaczyk and Officers Fortunas and Wedgeworth responded to a public service at 200 block Margaret St, settled at scene. Officer Wedgeworth responded to an assist other agency at 200 block N Henry St, settled at scene. Officer Philpot responded to an accident at 400 block Hwy 69 N, report taken. Officer Wedgeworth responded to an assist other agency at 13800 block Hwy 69 N, settled a scene. Officer Wedgeworth and Officer Dailey responded to an assist smith county at 15300 block FM 849, settled at scene.

# Authorities continue search for two East Texas youngsters

Smith County officials continue their search for two East Texas youngsters who are supposed to be under the care of Child Protective Services but who authorities believe are with their parents, who are wanted on several felony warrants, said spokesman Larry Christian.

children were subsequently removed from the custody of their mother Cynthia Hodges and placed with family members in Smith County.

Christian said on June 24, Cynthia Hodges picked up the children from the placement family, violating the court order.

Shortly after picking up the children, a traffic stop was initiated on Cynthia Hodges by a local law enforcement agency and she was arrested for outstanding felony warrants.

The law enforcement official had no knowledge of the children's situation

and allowed Hodges to contact a family member who was not authorized to have custody of the children.

A family member transported them to their maternal grandfather, Jimmy Hodges and his wife, Francis Callie Hodges.

Since that time, Jimmy and Francis Hodges have refused to return the children to the approved placement family or CPS, Christian said.

Cynthia Hodges has since bonded out of jail and Smith County Investigators believe that the children are now with Jimmy, Francis "Callie" and their mother, Cynthia Hodges.

The Hodges are believed to be driving a 2012 white Ford-250 pickup, unknown license plate, and could be towing an RV. They are possibly staying in RV parks in the East Texas area. The last known RV park they were staying at was in Longview. All three subjects have ties to East and South Texas and could be staying at hotels or motels in these areas.

On June 29, 2021, arrest affidavits were presented to the Honorable County Court at Law No. 2 Judge Taylor Heaton. At that time, Heaton issued warrants for Cynthia Hodges, Jimmy Hodges and

Francis Hodges charging them each with two counts of Interference with Child Custody.

A bond of \$100,000 was set on each charge. Additionally, Jimmy Hodges is wanted out of Dallas and Smith County and Francis Hodges has a warrant for Parole Violation.

Cynthia Hodges is a known drug user while Jimmy and Francis Hodges have an extensive criminal background.

Christian said anyone having information as to the whereabouts of these individuals, call the Smith County Sheriff's Office at 903-566-6600.

# Smith County Commissioners update animal control ordinance

The Smith County Commissioners Court on Tuesday voted to approve an updated Animal Control Ordinance for the County, said Public Information Officer Casey Murphy.

Smith County Animal Control and Shelter Supervisor Amber Greene said the ordinance had not been updated in several years. The updates to the ordinance are meant to help provide a safe community for all County residents, provide more structure as the County's population grows, and provide more accountability on the animal owners, among other things.

The updated ordinance added

definitions such as micro-chipping, which is now offered at the shelter; and explains how residents can show creditable proof when filing a complaint about a dog "running at large." It also defined "shelter" and what it means for a dog owner to provide adequate shelter for their dog when it comes to animal cruelty investigations.

The updated ordinance also includes newly implemented adoption fees at the shelter; the required registration of dangerous dogs and wild animals; and provides the public with a better understanding of what the state law requires for quarantining for

rabies exposure.

Smith County is required to follow state laws when responding to and investigating complaints about stray dogs and animal cruelty outside of city limits.

For more information and to view the newly revised ordinance, visit: <https://www.smith-county.com/government/departments/animal-shelter>

# County Grand Jury indictments include Lindale residents

A Smith County Grand Jury handed down 63 indictments for the period of May 20-27, including Gina Gutierrez-Flores from Lindale, said Grand Jury Coordinator Marieliza Martinez.

Gutierrez-Flores, 40, was indicted for possession of a controlled substance stemming from her arrest on June 11, 2020.

# County honors longtime court bailiff

Smith County Sheriff Deputy Leonard Spurling was honored for his 15 years of service to the county during weekly meeting of the Commissioners Court on Tuesday (June 29).

Spurling, who serves as bailiff for the 321st District Court, has had a career in law enforcement for 36 years for local agencies, including the Tyler Police Department, Tyler Independent School District and the Attorney General's Office. He also serves as a reverend.

"This gentlemen knows how to do law enforcement," 321st District Judge Robert Wilson said, adding that Spurling does his job right -- with compassion, kindness and humility. "He is a true community servant and has a servant's heart in everything he does."

Judge Wilson's court presides over family law cases. He said that people come to his court on very bad days of their lives.

"Spurling's compassion allows us to do it with respect and dignity to every litigant who comes into our court," Judge Wilson said. He presented Spurling with a 15-year pin, which he called a "small token of our appreciation for what you do for our community."

Bennie McGee is celebrating a 30-year anniversary this month, working for the Road and Bridge Department. He was unable to attend the meeting.

"We appreciate everything he has done in the last 30 years for Road and Bridge," Commissioner JoAnn Hampton said.

Other employees, who are celebrating work anniversaries with Smith County but were not in court on Tuesday, included:

- 25 Years: Karen Hisel, District Clerk's Office;
- 15 Years: Tommy Parham, Road and Bridge Department; and Roy Goodman and Jennifer Stockwell, Sheriff's Office
- 10 Years: Bryan Jiral, District Attorney's Office
- 5 Years: David Fry, Juvenile Services; Wayne Simmons Jr., Road and Bridge Department; and Ronald Simmons Jr., Sheriff's Office.

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## Jarvis announces tuition reduction for fall

HAWKINS -- Jarvis Christian College officials have announced tuition rates and fees have been reduced by 15 percent for the fall 2021 semester which is similar to the reduction made in 2012.

For the fall 2021, tuition will be \$9,962 for the year or \$4,981 per semester. This is a reduction of \$1,758 for the year and is not inclusive of room and board.

The decision to reduce tuition and fees was made in response to the global pandemic, officials said, as school officials have worked on options to help make Jarvis more affordable during the past 15 months.

In the fall of 2021, incoming students will be able to live on campus, have access to an array of academic courses in a mixed model of face-to-face and online programs.

In addition, students are urged to check with the college's scholarship specialist, Ms. Crystal Hudson, at [chudson@jarvis.edu](mailto:chudson@jarvis.edu) or via phone at 903-730-4890, ext. 3005 for scholarship availability.

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# TJC graduate Duvak earns prestigious TCU scholarship



Chloe Duvak, a Spring 2021 graduate of Tyler Junior College, has been awarded Texas Christian University's Transfer Provost Scholarship, TJC publicity officials announced.

The prestigious TCU scholarship has a value of \$20,000 per semester and was only awarded to transfer students who met qualifications including a minimum 3.85 grade point average.

Duvak graduated from TJC with a 4.0 GPA and earned an Associate of Arts degree in General Studies. She will start classes at TCU this fall and plans to major in Biochemistry with a possible minor in Religion.

Duvak graduated in the top five percent of the 2019 Bullard High School class. While attending TJC, she was a Presidential Honors scholar and was named to the President's List all four semesters.

She received the Rotary Young Citizen Award and the Watson Wise Incentive Award, and was named to the Texas 2021 Academic All-State Team. She was a member of the Alpha Omicron Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society and also serves as a student ambassador for the College.

"I chose TJC for many reasons," Duvak said. "I was awarded the Presidential Honors Scholarship, which covered my full tuition and fees while at TJC. I also had many family members including my older brother and mom who attended and highly recommended TJC as an amazing institution to start off at."

When asked how TJC has prepared her, Duvak said, "I believe the science classes that I took definitely prepared me for the upper-level science courses that I will be taking this upcoming fall. I learned many study strategies and time management skills. I definitely grew a lot as a person as well. Professors such as Dr. Andrea Hathcote pushed me to always better myself and seek out ways to grow as a scholar."

"Ms. Duvak is an outstanding student who

works hard to better herself and the world around her," said Hathcote, a TJC learning frameworks professor. "She seeks challenging situations where her leadership skills can develop and flourish, and she has proven time and again her passion to give back to the community by motivating others. I cannot think of a more positive role model than Ms. Duvak, and her many awards and honors confirm my opinion. Ms. Duvak is hungry for more opportunities to lead and serve."

TJC Honors Program Director Dave Funk said, "I am so proud of what Chloe has accomplished. There's no limit to what she can achieve. Factoring in her strong foundation at TJC, the prominent pre-med program at TCU, and her profound work ethic and unceasing pursuit of excellence, there is no doubt she will have great success at TCU and beyond. I look forward to the day when I can address her as Dr. Duvak."

After receiving her bachelor's degree from TCU, Duvak plans to attend medical school to become a physician. She is interested in specializing in surgery or OB-GYN.

## UT Tyler announces President's, Dean's List honorees for spring

Officials with the University of Texas at Tyler announced today that 698 students were named to the spring 2021 President's Honor Roll and Dean's List, including students from Lindale and Hideaway.

To qualify for the President's Honor Roll, a student must have completed, in one semester, 12 or more semester hours of undergraduate college-level credit with an "A" in all courses. To be considered for this recognition, a student must qualify as a matriculated student pursuing a first bachelor's degree. This recognition is made in fall and spring semesters.

Lindale President's List honorees include:

Macie McCoy, Whitney Bacon, Edward Allen, Elizabeth Godoy, Jason Bottoms, Penelope Straus, Saken Sawyer, Ashlyn Thompson, Lauren Lanier, Abigail Fernandez, Jenna Thornhill, Lindsey Roach, Kaitlyn Gibson, Madeline Blaylock, Summer Croley, Amie Cordell, Gracie Spearman and Jagger Onstott.

To qualify for the university Dean's List, a student must have completed 12 or more semester hours of undergraduate college-level credit in the awarding semester with a grade point average of at least 3.75.

To be considered for this recognition, a student must qualify as a matriculated student pursuing a first bachelor's degree. This recognition is made in fall and spring semester.

Lindale's Dean's List honorees include: Mase Snoubar, Wesley Dearmond, Themba Timoti, Ashlynn Beaird, Hunter Rodgers, Ty McDaniel, Linard Arocha, Dalton Williams, Sean Castner, Allie Anderson, Josie Gradick, Sabrina Vela and Jessica Phelps.

Hideaway Dean's List honorees include: Rebecca Richardson, Madeleine Stewart, Abigail Thomas and Kaleigh Lawless.

## OBITUARY

James (Hoosey) Granberry, DDS



James Harlan (Hoosey) Granberry, DDS, former Lubbock mayor and Republican nominee for Governor of Texas, passed away at age 88 on March 5, 2021 at his home in Hideaway.

He was surrounded by his wife and children. Hoosey was born on June 23, 1932 in the Red Springs community near Lindale, the eighth of 12 children to Henry and Mary Granberry.

He graduated from Lindale High School in 1950, where he was Class President and Captain of the varsity football and basketball teams. After graduation, he enlisted in the United States Air Force and managed the medical book store at Randolph Field in San Antonio.

While playing baseball (perhaps his best sport) for Randolph AFB, Hoosey once legged out an infield single against Brooklyn Dodger pitching great Don Newcombe.

Upon receiving an Honorable Discharge as a Staff Sergeant in January 1955, he enrolled as a pre-dental student at Tyler Junior College. After just a few months Hoosey began to date Edwina Brown of Hopewell and they were married Dec. 17, 1955.

The very next year Edwina was chosen as "Most Beautiful" at Tyler Junior College in a competition judged by movie star Tab Hunter.

Edwina became a good influence on Hoosey as he was inducted into the Phi Theta Kappa scholastic fraternity, and ultimately established for them an annual pre-dental scholarship for a worthy student.

Hoosey went on to complete his pre-dental studies at North Texas State University in 1957 and was honored with membership into the "Straight-A Club".

Hoosey became Dr. James H. Granberry in 1961 with his DDS degree after graduating third in his class from Baylor College of Dentistry. While a student at Baylor Dental, Hoosey was President of the Psi Omega Fraternity, founded the Baylor Orthodontology Honor Society, and was President of the Student Clinicians Association of America.

Following Hoosey's graduation from Baylor Dental College, he moved to Lubbock and was tutored for three years by pioneer orthodontist Dr. Grover Turner. He then purchased Dr. Turner's practice and soon Dr. Granberry had one of the largest orthodontic practices in Lubbock.

For the next 33 years, from 1961 until 1994, "Hoosey" was widely known as "Dr. Jim", and he was a whirlwind of activity in Lubbock and the State of Texas. After their move to Lubbock, Dr. Jim immediately became active in the Second Baptist Church where he taught a Sunday School class, served as a deacon, and was chosen to give the "layman's sermon" on Anniversary Sunday during his third year in the church. He was very active in the Republican Party. He served as chairman of various state GOP committees, served on the State Republican Executive Committee, and was a national delegate in 1972 at the Republican Convention in Miami, Fla. In 1974, he won the Republican Nomination for Governor of Texas with 80 percent of the vote but lost to incumbent Democrat Gov. Dolph Briscoe in the Watergate-impacted general election.

Prior to his run for the Governorship, he was elected Mayor pro-tem of Lubbock in 1966. In 1970 he was elected in a landslide as Lubbock's youngest mayor in history.

Dr. Jim was in office for only 19 days when a devastating tornado ripped through the heart of the city of Lubbock, leaving 26 people dead and thousands injured and homeless.

As mayor, Dr. Jim worked triple time to care for his city, his family, and his dental practice. Due to Dr. Jim and his team's crisis management in the aftermath of the tornado, President Richard Nixon appointed him to serve on the Peruvian Earthquake Voluntary Assistance Group. He traveled to Peru four times assisting the Peruvian Government in the recovery from their 1970 earthquake.

Other former positions include: Chairman-East Texas State University Board of Regents, Trustee-Baylor College of Dentistry, Board of trustees-Methodist Hospital of Lubbock, President-Lubbock Visitors and Conventions Bureau, Chairman-Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles, President-Texas Partners of the Americas with Peru, and Vice President-Texas Municipal League.

Dr. Jim retired from his Orthodontic practice in 1983 after 22 years of practice. He moved into the business field and was involved in several different ventures over the years.

He owned and operated The University-City Club of Lubbock for 10 years. He also owned several restaurants, a 500 acre working ranch, "Fox Paw", in Red Springs (the site of countless precious memories), and the Jay Bee Manufacturing Plant in Tyler.

His business activities also included serving on the Board of Directors of two National Banks and in the ownership group of one of those. Throughout his career, Dr. Jim was a

highly regarded and sought-after speaker for many occasions.

He was the first Baylor Dental School graduate to address a graduating class at his alma mater in 1986 and he was often a guest speaker at various churches back home in Lindale and Red Springs.

He made hundreds of speeches throughout the state and nation without notes or transcripts.

He retired from active participation in all his ventures and he and Edwina moved to Hideaway in 1994 and lived there until his death. He was 88.

Dr. Jim was a source of great pride and inspiration to his children. Although a great public man, he shone brightest in his role as a loving husband and father. There was seldom any lesson he could not impart with both wisdom and a touch of humor.

He will be terribly missed by his family and many friends. Dr. Jim is survived by his beloved and beautiful wife, Edwina, and by their five children who loved him dearly: daughter, Leslie Hamilton of Lindale (husband Brent) and granddaughters Renee Pawlak (husband Kyle) and Michaela Bielitz; son, James H. (Jay) Granberry Jr of College Station (wife Chrissie) and grandchildren Jasmine, James H. (Jeb) Granberry III, and Chloe; son, Zachary Granberry of Houston (wife Melissa) and grandchildren Ryan, McKenna and Aidan; son, Tim Granberry of Plano (wife Stephanie) and grandchildren Allison, Grant, and Brooke; daughter, Susan Mitchell of Dallas (husband Pleas) and granddaughters Lauren and Parker.

Hoosey was preceded in death by his parents, seven brothers, and three sisters. He is survived by one sister, Greta Stone, and children of Dallas, plus many nieces and nephews.

A private family service was held at the Hopewell Cemetery.

In lieu of pallbearers, Honorary Patriots and Guardian Angels, attending or in absentia, were: Dr. Paul Pearce of Meadowlake, Texas, Dr. Bill McCauley of Granbury, Texas, Dr. Robert Carney of Tyler, Texas, Mr. Lonnie Hollingsworth, and Mr. Jan Fouts, both of Lubbock. Mr. Matt Malouf of Dallas, Mr. Jim Tosch of Panama, Mr. Ron Caldeleugh of Clackamas, Oregon and Mr. Carroll Anderson of Lindale.

Honorary Guardian Angels were: Ruth Schiermeyer of Lubbock, Dr. Peggy Wilson of Dallas, DeLinda Harrell of Lubbock, Etta Lynch of Stafford, Texas and Janet Fair of Tyler. In lieu of flowers, Hoosey has asked that any monetary gifts be directed to the Salvation Army 633 N. Broadway Ave., Tyler, Texas 75702.

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# ET area athlete makes Olympic trial finals despite injury

By Suzanne Bardwell

The road to last week's Olympic trials in Oregon for White Oak 2013 alum Whitney Simmons-Grubb was paved with hard work, commitment and faith. The journey wasn't easy, nor is it finished. Simmons-Grubb has her sight set on the 2024 Olympic trials after finishing eighth against world class athletes and setting a 67.82 meter personal best record in the hammer throw.

"I was a top eight Olympic Trials finalist after coming into the meet seeded 20th out of 24 women," Simmons-Grubb said. "God was showing off. I had a severely strained oblique. I had a mediocre season. I had to throw personal bests in order to survive the competition. I had God. I had peace."

White Oak Road played its part in the Simmons-Grubb Olympic journey as well. She was a stand-out athlete at White Oak High School setting the school record in discus. From there she attended the University of Texas at Tyler where she was the school record holder in the women's hammer, the American Southern Conference record holder, a 7-time All American and a 3-time National Champion. She has held the Division III national record since 2017. So how does a 3A high school/Division III collegiate athlete make the biggest show of all?

"After graduating from UTT in 2017 I was passionate about continuing my career as a post-collegiate thrower, with dreams of becoming a true professional and training to make the Olympic Team," Simmons-Grubb said. "To make a living and stay close

to my coach, I got a coaching job at UTT. For two years, Simmons-Grubb worked with her college coach training around her work day.

"I sometimes worked 12 to 15 hour days, which included lifting as early as 5:30 a.m. and throwing much later in the afternoon while coaching a small group of athletes," she said.

Despite the effort the ambitious athlete realized that her skills were not improving.

"The work days were long, and my distances were short," she said. "By year two, I started realizing something needed to change. I either needed to quit or look at it as a hobby. If you know my heart those options were impossible."

With the huge obstacles before her, Simmons-Grubb had support from her husband, Jordan, whom she met in the UTT athletic program and married in May 2019. Besides marriage, other changes including her college coach and mentor moving to South Georgia faced the coach/athlete. He urged Simmons-Grubb to keep training, find a new coach and training group with similar goals.

"He told me I deserved that kind of life, a life that was dedicated to training full time in order to chase my dreams," she said. "I had lived in East Texas my entire life. The thought of moving away to pursue something that was purely for me and no one else, to leave the safety of home and family and career, this was the scariest decision of my life, and not one I took lightly."

She says that after months of prayer and indecision she com-

mitted to the move to Marietta, Georgia where she tried out with new coach, Mike Judge.

"The 10-hour drive back to East Texas at the end of the tryout was the longest drive of my life," Simmons-Grubb said. "I probably cried more during that drive than I had in my entire 24 years of life, because I knew in my gut that I was moving to Georgia."

In November 2019 she packed her car.

"I left my family, my dogs, my husband, my life, behind," Simmons-Grubb said. "I lived with my college coach and his wife while my husband looked for a new job in Georgia."

Simmons-Grubb said she was able to compete in the women's weight throw at the USA Nationals in February, 2020 where she finished ninth.

"Then the world stopped," she said "My husband eventually lost his job due to Covid-19. My training partners went home to train in better conditions in other states. I continued to train as best I could in parking lots and parks."

Her college coach set up his own gym equipment in the athlete's garage.

"We adapted," Simmons-Grubb said. "We could not compete, but we could play catch-up with the rest of the world, and make improvements in my technique. Jordan got a new job in August from an amazing company led by a God-fearing man who was very supportive."

The support received from a variety of levels, including divine, was much needed according to Simmons-Grubb. In the USATF Gold Series, competition finally



Whitney Simmons-Grubb placed eighth in the Olympic trials on Saturday as well as a personal best record of 67.82 meters. The former White Oak High School athlete was seeded 20th out of a field of 24 in the trials. Courtesy Photo

became available despite the pandemic.

"I have been very fortunate to find the means to travel," Simmons-Grubb said. "Some of that was due to money I was able to make by competing well enough, some came from my small, side online business on Etsy.com (Whit's End), but most came from the support of my husband and the way God took care of us financially to make this life of ours work."

Throughout the season, Simmons-Grubb said she had struggled with her performances.

"Here, I am a very tiny fish in a very large ocean of talent," she said. "My training partners were highly ranked. They are all stronger than me. They went to

big Division I schools and found great success, whereas I had not. I was still trying to find a way to play catch-up."

Simmons-Grubb says that she spiraled into self-doubt.

"I was mentally weak when I used to be strong and confident," she said. "I quickly became sick of myself. I spent my days being miserable and feeling sorry for myself. Sick of what was going on inside me and desperate for a change, I picked up a Bible study that my mom had given me years ago. All I can say is that it saved me. It was the 'Battlefield of the Mind' series by Joyce Meyer. My mindset shifted. I started to recognize the blessings in my life. I started praying for peace.

I started to trust His plan for my life and believe that He could make a miracle happen. I started to have faith."

Simmons-Grubb says that the thing that changed the most was her overall goal, especially after her struggles with her injury. She began to pray that God would use her to lead others to Him.

"That would make the struggle worth it if I don't get the worldly success and that is what I prayed for going into the Olympic Trials," Simmons-Grubb said. "I wasn't trying to make the Olympic Team this year. That won't realistically be in the cards for me until 2024 or later. My training is just not developed enough and that's okay. I knew it would be a long journey."

She said that her goal was to make the top 12 out of the 24 women who competed.

"I knew I would have to throw a personal best in order to have a chance at top 12, which is a very difficult thing to accomplish on a big stage," Simmons-Grubb said. "That pressure, plus the fact that I could hardly train due to my oblique strain didn't leave much hope in my first appearance at the Olympic Trials."

Through a series of what Simmons-Grubb credits as divine intervention, she was able to compete despite the pain of her injury.

"I didn't have my coach with me, he was coaching my training partner in the shot put," she said. "So, it was just me and God at that hammer ring."

She said she took her first throw and it was a better start than she had had in a long time, then there was a foul throw and deep pain.

"I sat down and I prayed," she said. "God please help me. Please help me do this. If this is how I can further your kingdom, if this is how I can be an example, please help me on this last throw."

On her third throw she walked out of the ring and watched the video board waiting for the distance to pop up.

"67.32 meters. A personal best which ended up securing my spot in the top 12 on Day 2," Simmons-Grubb said. "When I saw the distance, I turned around and found my mom, Jordan and my Papabear grandad in the stands and shot my hands up in the air. I could not believe what just happened. I was completely overwhelmed by what God had just done for me, and I knew with my entire being it was Him because I physically should not have been able to perform that way. My faith has never been stronger. That will be the moment I tell people the rest of my life that God spoke to me."

But the Simmons-Grubb story doesn't stop there. She hit a second personal record in her next throw.

"I was sitting in eighth place and could not be passed by anyone else," she said. "God held my hand and walked into the ring with me. He enabled me to do something I had no business doing, and I will tell every soul I come in contact with who asks me about my competition from this day forward. He worked through me. He worked in me, He awoke my soul. This is the happiest I've ever been about an eighth place finish."



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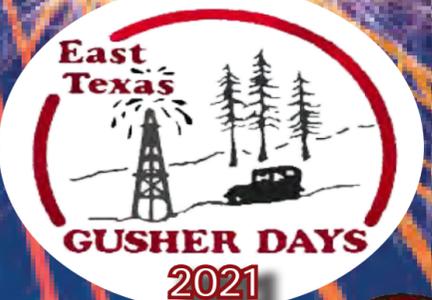
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