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Salas receives life for March 2021 fatal shooting

Samuel Salas, 35 of Lindale, was sentenced to life in prison this past week after pleading guilty to shooting a Lindale woman in the face while attempting a home invasion in March 2021, law enforcement officials said.



On Tuesday, Jan. 11 in 114th District Court, he entered a guilty pleas to charges of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon and unlawful possession of a firearm by a felon.

Authorities arrested at a home outside Mineola after being on the run for four days following the March 12 shooting of a woman and attempting a home invasion on March 13.

Salas is to receive 303 days for time served in the Smith County Jail, officials said.

In January 2017, Salas was sentenced to four years in prison after pleading guilty to assaulting a family or household member.

Following his arrest last year, Salas claimed the shooting was an accident and he had a reason for fleeing.

Agencies assisting in Salas' manhunt and arrest included the Texas Anti-Gang Center, Smith County Sheriff's Office, Texas Department of Public Safety, Lindale Police Department and Smith County Precinct 5 Constable's Office.

Three LHS students picked Texas All-State Musicians

Three members of the Lindale High School Chorale will perform with the Texas All-State Small School Mixed Choir in San Antonio on Saturday, Feb. 12, 2022, at the Henry B. González Convention Center as part of the 2022 Texas Music Educators Association Clinic/Convention, LISD publicity officials announced.

Halle Lambert, Emily Holloway, and Madison Klinkovsky were chosen for this prestigious honor through a competitive process held this year across the state at District, Region, and Area levels.

These are students of Mr. Kerry Baham. This is Halle's second time to perform as a member of a TMEA All-State organization.

High school students selected to perform in the All-State concerts have competed through auditions to qualify at the state level.

All-State is the highest honor a Texas music student can receive and 1,875 students are selected through a process that began with more than 70,000 students from around the state vying for this honor to perform in one of 18 ensembles.

Texas Music Educators Association sponsors the Texas All-State

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CHRISTUS Trinity Mother Frances presents \$6,500 to LISD Education Foundation

Officials with CHRISTUS Trinity Mother Frances Health Systems presented a check for \$6,500 to the Lindale ISD Education Foundation during the LISD school board meeting on Monday, Jan. 10.

The check represented funds raised from the second annual Lindale Turkey Trot presented by CHRISTUS.

"The Lindale Turkey Trot is a perfect example of how great things happen with collaboration between our outstanding school district, city, race planners and volunteers, and CHRISTUS Health," said CTMF Vice President, Mary Elizabeth Jackson. "It's a first-place finish for our school and community health. We hope to have an even bigger impact next year and after."

CHRISTUS Fitness Center in Lindale facilitated packet pickup for runners at their gym location prior to the race and CHRISTUS' Sports Medicine brought its mobile training unit to the race and had professional staff onsite for any needed medical attention.

"Co-Directing the Lindale Turkey Trot is the most challenging event I've orchestrated, but it is also the most rewarding," said co-Race Director, Rachel Johnson. "Seeing the community come together and kick-off their Thanksgiving day with family and friends is what keeps me looking forward to the next year."

Nearly 400 runners participated in the 5K run which was held on Thanksgiving morning.

The funds raised will be going into Lindale ISD classrooms as part of the Education Foundation's Grants for Great Ideas program.

"We started the Lindale Turkey Trot as a way to give back to the school district," said co-Race Director, Drew Smith. "We have kids here and this race allows us to pour into our district financially. Our sponsors, runners, and volunteers are what make the race possible."

The Grants for Great Ideas Program is designed to encourage, facilitate, recognize and reward innovative and creative instructional approaches for the accomplishment of program objectives, education foundation officials said.

Such initiatives will provide enrichment, research opportunities, training, intervention and prevention strategies and extend the educational effort.

Funds provided by the Foundation will directly benefit students in the Lindale Independent School District and will make a positive difference for them. Donations remain in the school district and thus benefit the entire community through an investment in education and quality of life, officials added.



Two trailer homes were destroyed just north of Lindale after an early morning fire on Tuesday consumed the trailers and spread to trees near the area. Neighbors said the fire started around 4 a.m. and to their knowledge no one was hurt. Several fire units from the area joined Lindale Volunteer Fire Department units to get the fire under control. The area was still smoldering into Tuesday afternoon. Photo by Terry Cannon

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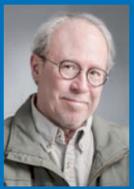
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OPINION/COMMENTARY

THE FIRST AMENDMENT: Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of all the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances.

Gary Borders Capital Highlights



Dozens of school districts close due to COVID-19 outbreaks

Several dozen school districts across the state were forced to close last week due to the omicron variant of COVID-19 sending home students, staff and teachers. Most school districts planned to reopen on Tuesday following the MLK holiday.

"Every superintendent wants to be able to have kids in the classroom and teachers in the classroom ... but you get to a certain critical place where you don't have enough staff available and you have to shut the campus down," Kevin Brown, executive director of the Texas Association of School Administrators, said in a Texas Tribune report. "We want to keep kids safe, and you have to have a certain number of adults in the building."

The Hutto school district, northeast of Austin, will remain closed at least through Wednesday with 200 staff members and 1,680 students reported absent, according to the Austin American-Statesman. In North Texas, more than three dozen school districts closed last week.

The number of new cases of COVID-19 cases in Texas during the past week reached a record high of 506,226, up 22% from the week before, according to the Coronavirus Resource Center at Johns Hopkins University. The number of new deaths dropped slightly, with 623 reported statewide in the past week. Hospitalizations are on the uptick, with 12,071 lab-confirmed COVID-19 hospitalizations reported by the Texas Department of State Health Services. That is up 23% from the previous week.

Empty shelves result of worker shortage

It feels a bit like March 2020 when one goes to the grocery store lately. But this time, it's not necessarily supply chain woes but a shortage of workers to restock, as the omicron variant of COVID-19 sweeps the state. The Dallas Morning News reported shoppers should expect the shortages to continue until the fourth wave of the virus subsides.

"Either other employees work overtime, or the shift goes empty," said Gary Huddleston, grocery industry consultant to the Texas Retailers Association. That means groceries are stuck on trailers, in stockrooms or at distribution centers, he added.

One trend since the pandemic began is the marked increase in self-checkout aisles, which now account for nearly a third of all transactions, The Morning News reported.

Voting deadline for primary is approaching

Folks who want to vote in the March 1 Texas primary have to be registered to vote by Jan. 31. Texas Secretary of State John Scott encouraged all eligible Texans to register as they prepare to head to the polls for early voting next month.

"We want all eligible Texans to participate in all of this year's upcoming elections, including the primary elections in which voters will choose the candidates to appear on the November 2022 general election ballot," Scott said. "Don't wait until the last minute — start the registration process today!"

Texans will pick nominees in the Republican and Democratic primaries for governor, lieutenant governor, attorney general, land commissioner, agriculture commissioner, and all 38 members of the U.S. House who represent Texas.

Hottest December in Texas since Sul Ross was governor

Yup, it was hot last month as we hung Christmas lights and decorations.

Texas experienced the warmest December on record since 1889. Throughout the state, temperatures ranged 5 to 9 degrees above average.

"It's like the entire state moved south for the winter," said John Nielsen-Gammon, the state climatologist. "Amarillo got Dallas's normal temperatures, Dallas got Corpus Christi's normal temperatures, and Austin got Brownsville's normal temperatures.

"Not only is it by far the warmest December since the beginning of comprehensive weather records, it will probably also turn out to be the warmest winter month, period," said Nielsen-Gammon.

The hot weather increased drought conditions throughout the state. More than two-thirds of the state is experiencing drought conditions, with 10% in extreme drought.

"In much of West Texas, it hasn't rained for over two months," Nielsen-Gammon said. "The high temperatures increase the rate of evaporation, drying out everything and leading to increased wildfire risk."

WWSD ...

For almost two weeks now I have been doing the "WWSD" thing as I muddle through life and roam around our old empty and very quiet house.

What is WWSD, you ask?

It stands for "What Would Suzanne Do?"

Suzanne was our "go to" person. She took care of everything - from making doctor appointments, keeping prescriptions filled, buying groceries and yes even planning family funerals. You name it, she did it. Not because she had to, but because she loved taking care of the people she loved.

Every time someone asks me what I thought we should do all I can think is - "What Would Suzanne Do?"

Now she wasn't always right. But most of the time she was right on target. Rocky Hawkins hit the nail on the head with his Facebook post - one of literally thousands of tributes to my lovely bride of 46 years. He wrote - "If Suzanne Bardwell told you Santa Clause was coming on the 4th of July... don't ask any questions, just hang up your stocking. 'Never met a more honest person.'"

Jim Bardwell



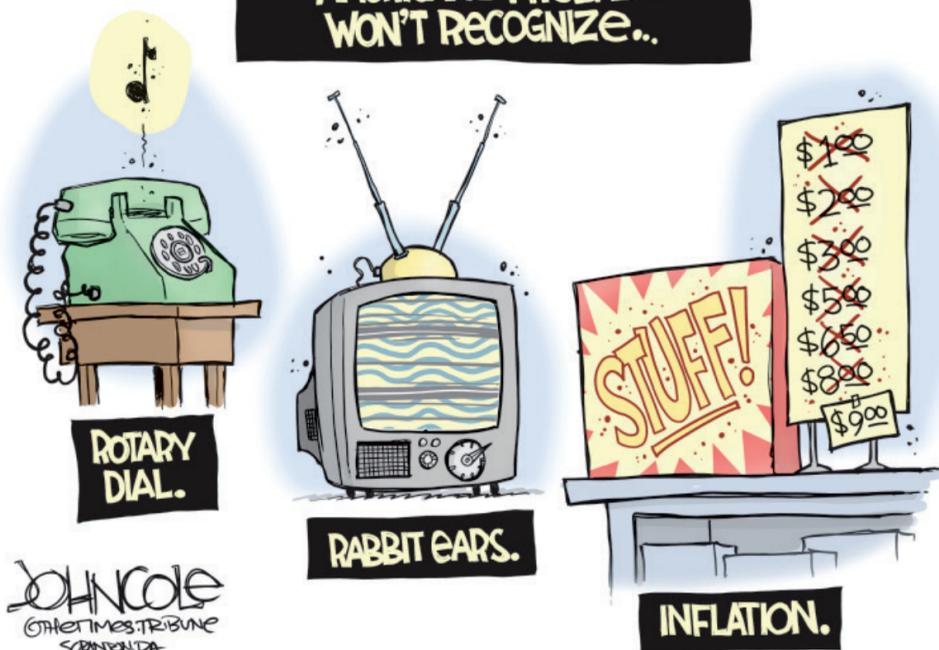
The outpouring of affection for Suzanne has been staggering. My minister said he has never seen anything like it.

Students over a 30-year teaching career poured into the funeral home, church and on facebook thanking her for helping to make them who and what they are today. What a legacy!

And the outpouring of support and friendship to me and our family has been beyond description. I thank you from the bottom of my heart. I honestly don't think we could have made it without all of you.

And with your support we will move forward - a little slower and a little less spring in our step. But we will continue on because that is what Suzanne would want us to do!

THINGS THAT 40-YEAR-OLD AMERICANS PROBABLY WON'T RECOGNIZE...



THE ECONOMIST

By Dr. M. Ray Perryman

Coronanomics

Literally since the pandemic began, I have cautioned that, unlike previous economic dislocations, this one is inextricably linked to a health crisis. Complete recovery can only occur when we reach the point of peaceful coexistence with the virus. Nowhere is this phenomenon more evident than in the job market.

COVID-19 and measures to slow its spread caused the disappearance of well over 22 million US jobs in just two months (March and April 2020). Each of these lost positions represented an associated reduction in income and financial security. For many families, the consequences included increased stress, hunger, and

myriad other issues.

As hiring began to resume, it was a tremendous relief. Through the summer of 2020 as things gradually reopened, millions of jobs were restored, with 2.8 million in May, 4.8 million in June, 1.7 million in July, and 1.6 million in August. During that time, COVID-19 cases were generally trending in the 20-50,000 daily range. Much of the economy remained closed or curtailed, but enough had been learned to permit some progress.

During the fall of 2020, however, cases rose. It was a natural outgrowth of the restoration of activity and the

properties of the virus, but uncertainty increased. Worse, hospitalizations and deaths rose sharply. Not surprisingly, the pace of job gains stalled, even turning negative in December 2020 (-306,000).

Cases dropped in early 2021, with vaccination programs rolling out and the virus better understood. Daily case levels fell from the 100,000 range in early February to about 55,000 in March, but rose to nearly 70,000 in April. Correspondingly, monthly job gains were 536,000 in February and 785,000 in March, but fell to 269,000 in April.

Summer 2021 saw national case numbers at their lowest point since the pandemic began; on June 19, 2021, the seven-day average reached 11,518. Job gains through the summer were again strong (962,000 in June and 1.1 million in July).

Then came Delta. Cases ratcheted up through late summer, topping 160,000 per day by September. The pace of job growth also fell, with 483,000 in August and 379,000 in September. As this variant waned, job growth again increased, up 648,000 in October.

Now, there is Omicron. Case numbers are the highest ever, and the economy is once again expanding at a notably slower rate. There is evidence that Omicron cases are generally milder, and experts are also optimistic that the Omicron surge will peak quickly (let's hope).

The bottom line is that as the virus increases, job growth slows. Despite the heated rhetoric to the contrary, the best (and, indeed, only) path to lasting momentum is to do everything that we can (vaccinations, therapeutics, behavior, etc.) to put the pandemic behind us. Stay safe!

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competition. This competitive process begins throughout the state in auditions hosted by 33 TMEA Regions.

Individual musicians perform selected music for a panel of judges who rank each instrument or voice part.

From this ranking, a select group of musicians advances from their Region to compete against musicians from other areas in eight TMEA Area competitions. The highest-ranking musicians judged at the TMEA Area competitions qualify to perform in a TMEA All-State music group.

Only the top 2.6 percent of musicians who initially audition become All-State musicians. These All-State students participate in three days of rehearsals directed by nationally recognized conductors during the TMEA Clinic/Convention. Their performances for thousands of attendees bring this extraordinary event to a close.

For the All-State concert schedule and conductor information, go to the Performances section of www.tmea.org/convention.

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An unselfish angel earned her wings

"Look, Daddy. Teacher says every time a bell rings an angel gets their wings."

--Zuzu Bailey, "It's a Wonderful Life"

When we mourn the passing of someone we were close to there is a tendency to remember their life as a big picture. But it's really all the pieces of that picture that are most important.

Such is the case with Suzanne Bardwell, who left us way too early two weeks ago for her Heavenly reward.

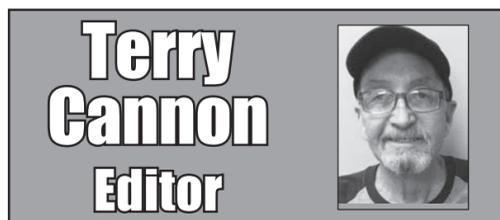
Her funeral service was held last Friday in Longview and for those of us who knew her it was no surprise the church was filled. Standing room only, in fact.

It was a remarkable service for a remarkable human being and we will miss her each and every day.

Former students, close friends, comrades in public education as well as those in journalism joined in grief at her passing but also with joy for the honor to have known her.

And much like George Bailey in "It's a Wonderful Life," Suzanne's life touched many, many others and led them on successful paths on their respective journey.

The minister, who understandably had a difficult



Terry Cannon
Editor

time keeping his emotions in check, talked of her life as a mother, educator, journalist and civic-minded person who walked hand-in-hand with the Lord and lived each day exactly the way He wants us to.

He listed many things she accomplished in the many roles she shouldered in her daily life, but one that I wasn't aware of – but not surprised by – was that each year in school she would show "It's a Wonderful Life" to her students, a long-ago film that points out our lives are only fulfilling when we give to others.

After her passing, countless people posted their feelings and memories on social media. Several thanked her for not just believing in them but making sure they found their way in life.

Especially former students, whose collective hearts ached at knowing her earthly presence won't be around to guide them but were joyous in know-

ing she joined our Savior in heaven – even if for us it was too soon.

My wife and I have known Suzanne and her husband Jim since 1977 and it didn't take long after we met to realize if Suzanne was destined to be anything, she was born to be a teacher.

I discovered that firsthand at East Texas State University, where she and I, coincidentally, shared a few history classes. I wasn't what you might call a serious student. This, of course, clashed with her sense of duty.

More times than I can count, she practically herded me to class so I at least would be exposed to what the professor was trying to teach even if I didn't pay attention once I got there.

Thanks to her unrelenting dedication (along with the Lovely Bride's) to keep a lazy, 20-something-year-old in class, I managed to earn a bachelor's degree.

This type of dogged determination exemplifies

the selfless life of Suzanne Bardwell. She simply would not give up on someone who she knew could do better.

During that same time, I went to work for Jim at the Commerce Journal. He took me on despite my lack of experience and, like his wife, helped me find my way in this rewarding profession.

Jim and Suzanne moved onward and upward after those years in Commerce and as proof that life can circle back, they bought our paper in 2018 and voila!, here we are together again.

Only this time, they knew they were in a somewhat precarious situation because of my cancer diagnosis. An uncertain future awaited me but it didn't take long for Jim – by extension Suzanne – to alleviate my fears.

Simply put, the Bardwells said you just worry about getting better and your job will be here when you are able to work.

That type of compassion for another human being still brings a lump to my throat.

I believe our Creator selects earth-bound people to touch others. Suzanne was chosen by God to be one of his angels on earth. She fulfilled her duty admirably. She earned her wings.



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ONE YEAR AGO, Jan. 21, 2021

The Lindale High School girls' basketball team, sporting a 17-4 record on the season and tied for the District 16-4A lead, were ready to host the Kilgore Lady Bulldogs in a key contest in the LHS gym.

Ranked No. 19 in the state, Lindale is in a three-way tie with Bullard and Chapel Hill for the district lead.

A week earlier, Lindale traveled to Spring Hill and brought home a 58-38 win over the Lady Panthers.

Lily Chamberlain led Lindale with 17 points while Brooke Everest added 12.

The Lady Eagles led after one period, 9-6, as Chamberlain had four points, Everest had three and Shelby Steen added two.

Steen scored eight points for the Lady Eagles, while Kalaya Pierce scored seven, Marley Keith had six, Kama-reea Murphy scored three, Maggie Spearman and Brenley Philen added two and Desirae Pennington scored one.

Lindale was especially deadly from behind the three-point line with Everest scoring all of her points from beyond the arc. Team-wise, the Lady Eagles connected on seven of 15 on three-pointers.

FIVE YEARS AGO, Jan. 19, 2017

Lindale High School's Evan Bewersdorf was named state champion in the University Interscholastic League's Congressional Debate category and along with Anthony Wyatt (3rd place) and Ronak Desai (finalist) collected 25 more points toward winning the overall UIL state championship, team UIL coordinator Rory McKenzie announced.

"This is the fourth year for UIL Congressional Debate, but the past three years have been piloted," McKenzie said. "Now it has been accepted as a full UIL academic event. We are so proud to have our school's first state medalists in this event."

He touted Bewersdorf's accomplishment.

"Evan has been working so hard the past three years and it was a true joy to watch him break through the ceiling," McKenzie said. "He was a finalist last year but missed out on the medals. His gold medal this year shines extra bright because I know how badly he wanted it."

10 YEARS AGO, Jan. 19, 2012

Opening up the District 14-3A season on a positive note, the Lindale High School Eagles' basketball team toppled Van, 54-40, in the LHS gym.

The Eagles improved their season record to 16-7.

Jordan Van De Kop scored 29 points for the Eagles while Steven Young scored 9, Josiah Johnson added 7, Johnny Pittman contributed 6 and Mason Terry scored 3. Pittman also had two, three-point baskets while Terry added one.

Nothing like bumming around San Francisco

About this time every year my wife Janet and I try to take off and go somewhere just to get away.

Sometimes we just start drivin' just to see where the road takes us, and then sometimes we pick a spot we haven't ever been and visit for a while. We hardly ever go back to someplace we've already been, at least not on our vacation.

Oh now we'll head off to someplace like Galveston or somethin' a couple of times a year, but that's more of a weekend get-a-way than a vacation. But sometimes we go to a place and wished we could spent more time there, and so, in a few years we'll do it all over, just so we can do some stuff that we didn't get to do, the last time we did stuff there.

Confused?

Anywho, that's what we did this year. About 10 or 11 years ago we had gone out to San Francisco. Now I know what you're thinkin'. You're thinkin', "What in the world would a redneck like Rusty be doin' in a place like San Francisco?"

Well, I'll tell you. You see, Janet likes to go to places where there is somethin' to do. I like to go to places where there are good places to eat. Well San Francisco has both.

The last time we went, we were only there for a couple of days, and Janet didn't really have time to see a lot, and I didn't have time to eat a lot, so we decided to go back and stay a little longer.

Now I don't know whether you've ever been to San Francisco or not but let me tell you somethin' just in case you're thinkin' about goin'. Take along a wheelbarrow or two of money. Pardon my grammar, but there ain't nothin' cheap out in San Francisco.

Nothin'.

Also, take a coat, and just maybe a pair of long handles (that's long underwear for you Yankees out there). It's cold. When we left Texas it was 93 degrees. When we landed in San Francisco it was 57 degrees.

I had stuff drawin' up and pokin' out all over my body. Well bein' a natural born Texan, and a country boy, I always go prepared. I had checked the Weather Channel before I left and packed some extra clothes and a jacket.



Rusty Mitchum
Life & Times

Janet did too.

Now, I'm goin' to tell you about the jacket I packed because it played a big part in what happened that I'm fixin' to tell you about. I have this old -- and I mean old -- travel jacket. It's an old canvas sport coat lookin' jacket that has about a million pockets. It has leather patches on the elbows, leather trim on the end of the sleeves, and a slightly frayed collar. I love this jacket. Janet does not love this jacket.

I'm the first to admit, that it is not what you would call pleasin' to the eye, but it is just so blame comfortable.

Now, I'll tell you what happened.

I'm an early riser; always have been. I guess that was because my daddy was an early riser, and a lot of times I had to get up with him to go to work. My daddy was my first employer, you know. We had to get up early to go out to the farm and mess with the cows and such.

Anywho, the first mornin' after we arrived in San Francisco, I woke up pretty early for California time. It was 5 o'clock their time and I was wide awake. Well, I got up and as quietly as possible, I dressed and snuck out of our hotel so as to not wake Janet. I was in search of coffee. Strong coffee.

I walked around for a while and spotted a coffee shop in the corner of an old building. I had to weave through some people sleepin' on the sidewalks to get to it.

Anywho, I walked into the coffee shop. This wasn't any old nasty coffee shop. Oh no, this was one of those fancy, foo foo coffee shops. I noticed the counter people lookin' me over and glancin' at each other.

When I looked back at them, they turned their eyes away from me. I looked at my reflection in the window and I even did a double take. I had put on an old pair of jeans, an old t-shirt, that old canvas jacket, and my Mt. Sylvan Coffee House cap that was made to look distressed from the factory.

Oh yeah, I also had on my walkin' shoes which are an old pair of Chuck Taylors with flames painted on the sides. Janet had bought these for me a few years ago, so when I rode my motorcycle, the flames on the shoes made me look like I was goin' fast.

I walked up to the counter and I ordered a double espresso. The lady smiled at me like you do when you're fixin' to talk to a little bitty kid.

"Do you have any money?" she asked. I just looked at the lady.

"Yes Ma'am," I answered.

"May I see it?" she asked.

"See what?" I asked.

"Your money," she replied.

Now, I know a lot of people might have gotten offended at this, but I thought I might as well have some fun. I had a \$5 bill in my hand, so I wadded it up so she couldn't see it.

"Well," I said. "It's in my sock."

"Your sock?" she questioned.

"Yeah, I keep it there 'cause there's a lot of unsavory people around. Here, let me get it."

I bent down and started untynin' my shoe and then looked up at her. "You keep an eye out," I said. "I don't want nobody seein' where I stash my cash."

I then pulled off my shoe and handed it to her. "Here, hold this for me. I don't want nobody runnin' off wiff my shoe."

"Uh, I'm afraid I can't do that," she said, as she stepped back.

"It ain't gonna bite," I said. She still refused to take it.

I shrugged and stuck it under my arm and then pulled off my sock. Then I pulled my shoe out from under my arm and stuck it between my legs. I grabbed my sock with my left hand and crammed my right hand, which held the wadded up five, into the sock and started wallerin' it around.

"I know it's in there somewhere," I said. "Ah, there it is," and I pulled my hand out and looked in it.

"Nope," I said. "That's a bunion pad," and I crammed my hand back in. Durin' this time I had been waddin' the five tighter and tighter. I looked at her and smiled.

"Found it!" I exclaimed.

I pulled my hand out and opened it. There in my hand was a little crunched up paper ball. I held it out to the girl in my open hand. I wish you could have seen the look of disgust on her face.

One little corner of the bill was stickin' out and she used her fingernails to get a hold of it. She shook it for a minute tryin' to make it open up. She looked like she might throw up at any time.

"Sorry if it's wet," I said. "My feets sweat a lot."

She dropped it on the counter like it was toxic.

About that time my cell phone rang. I reached into my pocket to get it. The look on the girls face was priceless. I could just imagine what she was thinkin'. "How does a guy like this afford a cell phone?"

"Yellow," I said into the phone. "It was Janet."

"I'm up," Janet said. "Where are you?"

"I'm at a coffee shop," I said just loud enough so the coffee girl could hear me. "Tell the board members I won't be able to attend the meeting this morning. I've got a 9 o'clock tee time and then I've got to fly to LA for dinner with the mayor and his wife. Reschedule for tomorrow."

"What?" Janet said. "Are you having a stroke or something?"

"No," I lied. "I'll take the Gulf Stream. Tell the crew to be ready to take off at 4."

"You're an idiot," Janet said. "Now get back here. I'm hungry."

"I love you, too," I said. "Oh yeah, call my wife and tell her I won't be home until late." Janet said somethin' unlady like and hung up.

I looked at the girl and she was lookin' at me wide-eyed and her mouth was hangin' open.

Then slowly, her eyes began to narrow until they had become just little slits. Her mouth pinched up and her nostrils started flarin'.

"What?" I smiled. "Did I not give you enough money? I've got some more in my other sock."

Don't you just love messin' with people?

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LETTER TO EDITOR

Dear Editor,

Suzanne Bardwell was such an exemplary, intuitive, and loving human being. We are extremely saddened by her passing and look to

seeing her in heaven. She is the patron saint of teachers and journalists.

I didn't know her personally, but I read and enjoyed her editorials and shared them every week.

My family and friends are praying for Suzanne's husband, and family for comfort and peace.

Edmund Kaup,
Lindale

Local graduates gain university honors

LHS graduate Gage named to UT Martin Chancellor's List

Lindale High School graduate Gage Walters was recently named to the Chancellor's Honor Roll -- with high honors -- at the University of Tennessee at Martin, school officials announced.

The honor rolls were announced following the Fall 2021 semester and include the College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences; the College of Business and Global Affairs; the College of Education, Health and Behavioral Sciences; the College of Engineering and Natural Sciences and the College of Humanities and Fine Arts.

To be eligible for the Chancellor's Honor Roll recognition at UT Martin, a student must take at least 12 hours of credit (pass-fail courses are not included) and achieve a 3.2 grade point average based on a 4.0 scale. Students can make the Chancellor's Honor Roll with honors (3.2 through 3.49), high honors (3.5

through 3.79) or highest honors (3.8 through 4.0).

Lindale's Perry earns President's List honors at Southern New Hampshire

Morgan Perry of Lindale has been named to Southern New Hampshire University's Fall 2021 President's List, school officials announced.

Full-time undergraduate students who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.70 and above are named to the President's List.

Full-time status is achieved by earning 12 credits; undergraduate day students must earn 12 credits in the fall or spring semester, and online students must earn 12 credits in either EW1 and EW2, EW3 and EW4, or EW5 and EW6.

Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU) is a private, nonprofit institution with an 89-year history of educating traditional-aged students and working adults.

OBITUARIES

THOMAS WESLEY HANNA SR.



A funeral service for Thomas Wesley Hanna Sr., age 75 of Lindale, Texas was held Friday, Jan. 14,

2022, at Grace Baptist Church in Tyler, Texas with Bro. Dan Cozart officiating.

Interment was at Hopewell Cemetery in Lindale.

Thomas passed away Monday, Jan. 10, 2022, at his home in Lindale. He was born Dec. 18, 1946, in Brownsboro, Texas to the late Johnnie Emanuel and Cleo Bernice (Featherson) Hanna.

Thomas served his country in the United States Army retiring after two tours in Vietnam. He has lived in Lindale since 1984 where he was the retired owner/operator of Hanna's Rural Sanitation.

Thomas was a member of Grace Baptist Church in Tyler and served

as a Deacon. He enjoyed the outdoors, fishing, attending fish fries, and spending time with his family.

Thomas was preceded in death by his wife, Margaret Hanna in 2010; brother, Johnnie Emanuel Hanna Jr; sisters, Johnnie Elizabeth Hanna, Alice Hanna, Betty Bowers and Susan Hanna Wiliford.

He is survived by his children, Cindi Parker of Killeen, Thomas Wesley Hanna Jr. and his wife, Becka of Midland, and Marshall J. Hanna of Tyler; sisters, Lucy Aydelott and husband, Jimmy of New Chapel Hill and Tina Hanna of Chandler; grandchildren, Stephanie Tuma of Lindale, Rachel Dempsey and husband, Jordan of Abilene, and Lauren Hanna of Midland; great grandchildren, Bryce and Rylan Tuma of Lindale; and numerous nieces, nephews, and other loving family members and friends.

Serving as pallbearers were Calvin Franklin, Brandon Franklin, Robert Hanna, Peyton Wilson, Matthew Smith, and Gary Hanna

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903-882-6966

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Friday, Jan. 7, 2021

Sgt Dworaczyk responded to a suspicious person at 2500 block S Main St, settled at scene. Officer Philpot responded to an accident at 3200 block S Main St, report taken. Officer Philpot responded to a suspicious circumstance at 15000 CR 463, settled at scene. Officer Leevey and Officer Gillham responded to a suspicious circumstance at 300 block Hamrick St, settled at scene. Officer Leevey responded to a suspicious person at 17800 block Hwy 69 N, settled at scene. Officer Leevey and Officer Gillham responded to a stolen vehicle at 100 block E Centennial Blvd, unfounded. Officer Leevey and Officer Gillham responded to a stolen vehicle at 100 block E Centennial Blvd, unfounded.

Saturday, Jan. 8, 2022

Officer Shurley and Officer Jackquet responded to an assist other agency at 300 block S Main St, settled at scene. Sgt Houghton and Officer Jackquet responded to a warrant service at 200 block N Main St, arrest made. Officer Shurley responded to an accident at 554 W I-20, report taken. Officer Capps and Officers Allen and Jackquet responded to a business alarm at 500 block S Main St, false alarm. Officer Capps and Officer Allen responded to a residential alarm at 13800 block CR 4200, false alarm. Sgt Houghton and Officers Fortunatas, Allen and Capps responded to a robbery at 3300 block S Main St, report taken. Officer Allen responded to a public service at 200 block Cannery Row, settled at scene. Officer Allen responded to a public service at 17900 block Hwy 69 N, settled at scene. Officer Capps and Officer Allen responded to a suspicious circumstance at 300 block N Main St, settled at scene. Officer Allen responded to a suspicious vehicle at 900 block Brad Cir, settled at scene. Officer Allen responded to a suspicious circumstance at 1000 block Mt Sylvan St, settled at scene.

Sunday, Jan. 9, 2022

Sgt Houghton and Officer Jackquet responded to a business alarm at 14000 block FM 849, settled at scene. Officer Shurley responded to a public service at 2500 block S Main St, settled at scene. Sgt Houghton and Officers Shurley and Jackquet responded to a disturbance at 15500 block Brittain Ct, settled at scene. Sgt Houghton and Officer Allen responded to a welfare concern at 1100 block Woodlands Park Dr, report taken. Sgt Houghton responded to a public service at 15500 block Brittain Ct, settled at scene. Officer Allen responded to a business alarm at 800 block Industrial Pkwy, unfounded. Officer Capps and Officer Allen responded

Jail bookings include two from Lindale

Various East Texas law enforcement agencies have listed jail bookings for several people across the area, including two from Lindale, publicity officials announced.

On Tuesday, Jan. 11, Matthew Scott Cagle, 36 of Lindale, was arrested by Smith County Deputies and charged with evading arrest or detention with a vehicle and theft of less than \$2,500 in property with two or more previous convictions.

He was taken to Smith County Jail on bonds totaling \$85,000.

On Thursday, Jan. 13, sheriff's deputies charged Tylor Keiaire Cameron Wingfield, 27, of Lindale, with criminal trespass, resisting arrest search or transport, and assault family/household member with previous conviction. Wingfield was jailed on bonds totaling \$55,000.

SMITH COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

--Taylor Neiman Scott, 32, of Tyler, was arrested on Jan. 12 for abandoning/jeopardizing a child with criminal negligence and credit card/debit card abuse. He was taken to Smith County Jail and held without bond.

--Cashondra Williams, 54, of Dallas, arrested on Jan. 12 for fraudulent use and possession of identifying information with less than five items and forgery of a financial instrument. She was taken to Smith County Jail with bonds of \$40,000.

--Brianna Lizeth Davilla, 18, of Cypress, Texas was arrested on Jan. 13 and charged with possession of less than two ounces of marijuana and possession of less than one gram of a controlled substance. She was booked into county jail and released later that day on bonds totaling \$10,500.

--Luis Steven Gutierrez, 18, of Katy, was arrested on Jan. 13 and charged with possession of less than two ounces of marijuana, unlawful carrying of a weapon and possession of less than one gram of a controlled substance. He was booked into Smith County Jail and released the same day on bonds totaling \$15,500.

--Kishawnie H. Carter, 21, of Westpoint, Ga., was arrested on Jan. 12 and charged with possession of between 4 and 200 grams of a controlled substance. Carter was taken to Smith County Jail on a \$75,000 bond.

SMITH COUNTY ADULT PROBATION

--Tradarion Jackson, 27, of Shreveport, La., was arrested on Jan. 13 and charged with possession of between 4 and 400 grams of a controlled substance. Jackson was released the same day on bonds totaling \$200,000.

--Matthew Owen Robbins, 23, of Quitman, was arrested on Jan. 13 for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon. He remains in the Smith County Jail without bond.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

--Gary Nichols, 40, of Kilgore, was arrested on Jan. 13 and charged with intoxication manslaughter with a vehicle and failure to comply with a sex offender's duty to register. He remains in Smith County Jail on bonds totaling \$1,025,000.

--Joshua Tranair Meekings, 25, of Tyler, was arrested on Jan. 13 with evading arrest or detention, resisting arrest and unlawful carrying of a weapon. He remains in Smith County Jail without bond.

UNITED STATES MARSHAL SERVICE

--Paul Wayne Howard, 38, of Tyler, was arrested on Jan. 12 by U.S. Marshals and charged with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon and terroristic threat cause fear of imminent serious bodily injury. He remains in Smith County Jail on bonds totaling \$310,000.

TYLER FIRE MARSHAL DEPARTMENT

--John Stewart, 21, of Tyler, was arrested on Jan. 12 and charged with arson. Stewart remains in Smith County Jail on a \$100,000 bond.



to a public service at 200 block Patience Ave, settled at scene. Officer Jackquet responded to a business alarm at 71 block Miranda Lambert Way, false alarm.

Monday, Jan. 10, 2022

Sgt Houghton and Officer Jackquet responded to an accident at 17000 block W I-20, settled at scene. Officer Jackquet responded to a theft from motor vehicle at 500 block Sunset Dr, settled at scene. Officer Jackquet responded to a business alarm at 71 block Miranda Lambert Way, false alarm. Officer Capps responded to a suspicious circumstance at 600 block E Hubbard St, settled at scene. Officer Capps and Officer Allen responded to a 300 block S Main St, settled at scene. Officer Capps and Officer Allen responded to a warrant service at 17700 block CR 4112, arrest made. Officer Allen responded to a business alarm at 500 block S Main St, false alarm.

Tuesday, Jan. 11, 2022

Sgt Lazarine, Sgt Houghton and Officer Jackquet responded to an accident at 800 block E Hubbard St, report taken. Sgt Houghton and Officer Jackquet responded to a warrant service at 300 block E South St, arrest made. Officer Jackquet responded to a hit and run at 13700 block Harvey Rd, settled at scene. Officer Shurley and Officer Jackquet responded to a welfare concern at 1400 block S Main St, settled at scene. Chief Somes, Cpt Chambers, Sgt Houghton and Offices Shurley and Jackquet responded to a stolen vehicle at 300 block S Main St, arrest made. Sgt Houghton responded to a public service at 3500 block S Main St, settled at scene. Officer Capps responded to a business alarm at 500 block S Main St, false alarm. Officer Capps responded to a business alarm at 800 block Industrial Pkwy, false alarm. Officer Capps and Officer Allen responded to a possession of drug paraphernalia at 553 E I-20, citation issued. Officer Capps and Officer Allen responded to a residential alarm at

800 block Braewood Cir, false alarm.

Wednesday, Jan. 12, 2022

Cpt Chambers, Officer Philpot and Officer Ramsey responded to a business alarm at 500 block S Main St, false alarm. Officer Ramsey responded to an accident at 16900 block Village Lake Dr, settled at scene. Officer Philpot and Officer Ramsey responded to an accident at 1100 block S Main St, report taken. Sgt Lazarine responded to a public service at 3200 block S Main St, settled at scene. Chief Somes, Cpt Chambers, Sgt Flores, and Officers Philpot, Fortunatas and Dailey responded to an accident at 14000 block S Main St, report taken. Officer Ramsey responded to a public service at 1000 block Woodlands Park Dr, settled at scene. Officer Philpot responded to a loud noise complaint at 400 block Noah Ln, settled at scene. Officer Ramsey responded to a business alarm at 500 block S Main St, false alarm. Sgt Lazarine and Officers Fortunatas and Ramsey responded to an attempt to serve at 19900 block CR 4130, unable to locate. Sgt Dworaczyk and Officer Leevey responded to a criminal trespass at 3300 block S Main St, settled at scene. Sgt Dworaczyk and Officer Leevey responded to a suspicious circumstance at 13300 block CR 472, settled at scene. Sgt Dworaczyk and Officer Leevey responded to a warrant service at 13900 block FM 849, arrest made. Sgt Dworaczyk responded to a public service at 13300 block CR 472, settled at scene.

Thursday, Jan. 13, 2022

Chief Somes and Officer Ramsey responded to a theft of service at 15500 block Brittain Ct, settled at scene. Sgt Dworaczyk and Officer Ramsey responded to a business alarm at 500 block S Main St, false alarm. Officer Wedgeworth responded to a public service at 1100 block Woodlands Park Dr, settled at scene. Officer Fortunatas and Officer Wedgeworth responded to a public service at 100 block Ballard Dr, settled at scene. Officer Ramsey responded to an accident at 200 block E Hubbard St, settled at scene. Officer Ramsey responded to a public service at 700 block White Bear Trl, settled at scene. Sgt Dworaczyk and Officer Gillham responded to a suspicious vehicle at 18400 block Hwy 69 N, settled at scene. Sgt Dworaczyk and Officer Gillham responded to a 911 hang up at 600 block Fruitdale St, settled at scene. Sgt Dworaczyk and Officer Gillham responded to a disturbance at 200 block Shelly Ln, settled at scene. Officer Leevey responded to a suspicious vehicle at 17000 block W I-20, settled at scene.

County Commissioners agree to limited peace officer training for animal control

Smith County Commissioners heard a request from County Animal Control Supervisor Amber Greene this past week to have animal control officers take peace officer training in order to be better prepared to handle unusual situations when performing their duties.

While commissioners agreed with Greene that there would be some benefit to animal control officers to have peace officer training, there were some reservations.

Precinct 3 Commissioner Terry Phillips restated his position from December 2021, when the issue first was brought before the commissioners' court.

"I believe in the long run it will grow the budget too much," he said. "I don't have a problem with the director (receiving training) but I just feel that after (the officers) are trained they will want to cross over to the law enforcement side."

Precinct 2 Commissioner Cary Nix and Precinct 4 Commissioner JoAnne Hampton agreed with Phillips.

"I agree with Commissioner Phillips," she said. "We should just send the director and do one or two at a time

later on."

County Judge Nathaniel Moran noted that money for the training would come from the East Texas Council of Governments but there would be other expenses the county would be required to pay.

Moran added this was not an issue that required a vote from the court but a consensus was needed.

All backed the idea of having Greene and one other person attend the training and, as Nix said, "see where it goes from there."

"I believe this is a nice step for your office without adding any extra costs," Moran said to Greene.

The training would take 18 weeks, Greene said.

P-CARD POLICY

Commissioners unanimously approved making the county's purchasing card (P-Card) policy a stand-alone item for the county purchasing department.

County purchasing director Jaye Latch discussed the policy with commissioners.

"We want to update the policy to make it a stand-alone policy in the county and we are asking to implement a three-strike policy to remove viola-

tors and take legal action if necessary," she said.

Each P-Card has a \$1,000 limit and involves items departments need "quickly, such as facility maintenance items or after-hours purchases, such as plumbing or hardware or something that needs to be fixed without a purchase order."

She said each department can ask for a card but must show a need for it. A monthly audit of all departments will be made, she said, and not all department heads will receive one.

"It is based on need and for those who have routine expenses," she said.

Items that cannot be purchased with the cards include fuel, meals, gift cards and cash advances.

Hampton asked what would happen if a card is misplaced or stolen.

"There are protections from fraudulent charges from the card's provider," Latch said. "The card cannot be shared and we can go on line and cancel it right away in real time."

Moran noted the P-Card idea was approved two years ago and it was decided to make it a stand-alone item this year.

Resolutions for fraud-free new year

Pandemic aside, the loss of money, personal information, and perseverance of scammers continue with online purchase scams as the riskiest of scams.

"In this day and age, you can't afford to make mistakes," Mechele Agbayani Mills, President and CEO of BBB Serving Central East Texas said. "Taking preventive measures before typing in your payment information or opening your wallet is well worth the time and effort to keep from becoming a victim."

BBB recommends adding a few precautionary steps to the New Year's resolution list, along with the weight loss and financial goals, to help make the upcoming days and months fraud-free.

I resolve to be cautious with email. Be wary of unsolicited emails from a person or a company. Remember, scammers can make emails look like they are from a legitimate business, government agency, or reputable organization (even BBB!). Never click on links or open attachments in unsolicited emails.

I resolve to never send money to

strangers. If you haven't met a person face-to-face, don't send them money. This is especially true if the person asks you to transfer funds using a pre-paid debit card or CashApp. Money sent to strangers in this way is untraceable and once it is sent, there's no getting it back. Scammers will try to trick you into panicking – so before making a move, think the situation through. Don't fall for it!

I resolve to do research before making online payments and purchases. When shopping online, or if asked to make a payment online, research the retailer before entering payment information. Ask: Is this a person or business I know and trust? Do they have a working customer service number? Where is the company physically located? Would I be making payments through a secure server (https://...com)? Have I checked to see if others have complained?

I resolve to use my best judgment when sharing my personal information. Sharing sensitive personal information with scammers opens the door to

identity theft. Never share financial information, birthdate, address, Social Security/Social Insurance number or Medicare number with an unsolicited caller.

I resolve to be social media smart. Make use of privacy settings on social media and only connect with people you actually know. Be careful about including personal information in your profile and never reveal address and other sensitive information – even in a "fun" quiz. Scammers may use this information to make themselves pass as a friend or relative and earn your trust. Also, be careful when buying products you saw on social media. BBB Scam Tracker has received thousands of complaints about misleading Facebook and Instagram ads.

To learn more about scams, go to BBB.org/ScamTips. For more about avoiding scams, check out BBB.org/AvoidScams. If you've been targeted by this scam, help others avoid the same problem by reporting your experience at BBB.org/ScamTracker.



Gary Nichols

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Helping birds cope with winter

By Greg Grant
Smith County Horticulturist,
Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service

Bird watching is one of the most popular hobbies in the country. If you want to see more, just remember that all birds need the same three things: food, water, and shelter.

Shelter can be many different things, as different species of birds need different environments. An ideal landscape would include an open grassy area, some dense shrubbery or a thicket, and some tall trees. Multiple layers will attract a wide variety of birds and provide both foraging and nesting areas.

And don't forget that some birds, such as striking blue grosbeaks, indigo buntings, and painted buntings prefer weedy places.

Food is critical. Some species of birds eat seeds while other types of birds eat insects and berries. Therefore, having berry producing plants like native cedars, hollies, and viburnums is wise.

If you have a large lot or property in the country, you'll want to allow native plants like hackberry, cherry laurel, and greenbriar to persist. The reason these plants are such a "nuisance" is because birds eat their berries and spread them around as nature intended. Every native plant serves a purpose in the wild.

If you want birds, you'll also want to limit your use of pesticides in the garden. Always



Many different birds can be attracted to feeders in the winter.

remember that adult birds feed their babies caterpillars, grasshoppers, spiders, and other small soft insects.

Trees, shrubs, and other plants produce fruit, seed, and insects for the birds, while the birds spread the seed to make more plants.

It has worked for thousands of years, so don't mess with Mother Nature.

Black oil sunflower seed is the birdseed of choice for feeding and viewing the best range of birds.

Cheaper bird seed has a number of other seeds added that attracts lower quality birds.

With black oil sunflower seed out during the wintertime you can expect cardinals, blue jays, chickadees, finches, nuthatches, titmice,

occasional woodpeckers, and special guests like rose-breasted grosbeaks.

Suet cakes help feed the fruit and insect eating birds when those resources aren't around during the winter.

I use the no-melt peanut type. At my farm I get a steady stream of pine warblers, Carolina wrens, brown-headed nuthatches, and chipping sparrows feeding on them. Some birders have no luck with suet cakes while I have to keep four out at a time to satisfy my hungry rural customers.

To be quite honest, a bird bath in Texas during the summertime is much more important than a bird feeder. Just make sure and keep it clean and full as the birds will enjoy both drinking and bathing in it.

Just like flowers and butterflies, we all have our favorite birds and can adapt our landscapes to attract those we like best.

As a child, I enjoyed seeing blue jays and cardinals because of their colors. Now, my personal favorites are woodpeckers, bluebirds, and brown-headed nuthatches. These are all cavity dwellers that depend on dying and dead trees in nature along with berries and insects so I try to keep plenty of those around as well.

For more information on our feathered friends, you can follow "Birding with Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service" on Facebook.

Junior High girls down Cumberland

The Lindale Junior High School girls basketball team traveled to Tyler on Thursday, Jan. 13 and took on Cumberland with Lindale's 7th grade A team and 8th grade A team securing victories.

For the 7th grade, the Lady Eagles routed Cumberland, 48-6.

Tessa Dennis was the leading scorer and leading rebounder while Avlyn Burks was the leader in assists. Ma'Kaylin Smith and Kennedy Terry led in steals.

The 8th grade whipped Cumberland, 40-13, with Macy Luster leading the team in scoring.

Abigail Lee was the rebounding leader while Macy Luster and Alyssia Romero led the team in assists. Abigail Lee and Macy Luster were the leaders in steals.

Sadie Arriola won the Leadership Award and Macy Luster won the Hustle Award.

ShareLunker program begins 36th year

The month of January begins a new year and with it the beginning of the 36th season of the Toyota ShareLunker program when anglers across the state, and for that matter the nation, cast their lines and fish for Largemouth Bass in Texas' world class fisheries, publicity officials announced.

The Toyota ShareLunker program has played an integral part in making Texas a destination for hundreds of thousands of anglers in search of this prized sport fish.

The 2021 season 35 was one for the record books with multiple milestones reached and memories made by anglers and the dedicated Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) Inland Fisheries staff that make the program a success.

Anticipation is high for what 2022 could have in store for anglers across the state and the nation.

What better way to jump start the new year than to grab a pole and hit the water in search of a 13-pound plus Largemouth Bass. Nothing beats the feel of the line being cast, seeing the lure land on the water, and the anticipation of a strike from a possible fish of a lifetime.

"We are excited to kick off another ShareLunker season," said Toyota ShareLunker Program Coordinator Kyle Brookshear. "The Sharelunker program contributes to the selective spawning and stocking of these world-class offspring and also helps us gather vital catch and genetic data to help our fisheries biologists better manage trophy bass populations throughout the great fisheries of Texas."

During the first three months of the season (Jan. 1 through March 31), anglers who reel in a 13+ pound bass can loan it to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for the ShareLunker selective breeding and stocking program. These anglers can call the ShareLunker hotline at (903) 681-0550 to report their catch 24/7 until April 1, 2022.

Anglers who catch and donate one of these 13+ lunkers earn Legacy Class status, receive a catch kit filled with

merchandise, a 13lb+ Legacy decal for their vehicle or boat, VIP access to the Toyota ShareLunker Annual Awards event and a high-quality replica mount of their Lunker fish from Lake Fork Taxidermy. These anglers will also receive entries into two separate drawings- a Legacy Class Drawing and the year-end Grand Prize Drawing. Both drawings will award the winner a \$5,000 Bass Pro Shops shopping spree and an annual fishing license.

The year-round Toyota ShareLunker program offers four levels of participation for catching bass over eight pounds or 24 inches in Texas. The 2022 season offers an opportunity to join the special club of premier anglers who have submitted a Legacy class ShareLunker.

Anglers who enter data for any lunker they catch greater than 8 pounds or 24 inches during the calendar year 2022 also receive a catch kit, a decal for their vehicle or boat and an entry into the year-end Grand Prize Drawing to win a \$5,000 Bass Pro Shops shopping spree and annual fishing license. ShareLunker entry classes include the Lunker Class (8lb+), Elite Class (10lb+), and Legend Class (13lb+).

Chestnut trees still scenic part of East Texas landscape

Shawn Czehowski
Smith County Master
Gardener

The American Chestnut

tree was once the most prolific tree in the forests of the Eastern United States.

The trees were fast growing, large, hardwood, deciduous tree in the Beech family, which includes chinquapin and oak trees. The fast growing, rot resistant, hardwood was used to build homes, barns, rail roads, fences, and made beautiful flooring and furniture. Our East Texas forest is conducive environment for the addition of the American Chestnut tree.

Unlike the oak which produces acorn nuts on an irregular basis with nut production changing annually, the chestnut provides a reliable, large supply of nuts on an annual basis.

These nuts were once relied upon by Native American and settler populations, along with animals such as deer, black bear, and turkey for food. The nuts provide significantly higher protein and carbohydrates than oak acorns. Our forebears utilized the nuts to fatten livestock and families alike.

The nuts were once sold on the streets of rural towns and cities across our great country. Families would plan outings to gather the chestnuts from beneath the trees, even shake smaller trees for the beloved chestnut. The Chestnut was lauded in songs, recipes, and an organic part of the American story.

The great American Chestnut was destroyed by a blight introduced from Asia in the early 1900's. Our



American stock had little to no resistance to the blight. Today the native trees sprout from the cut and blighted stumps, only to succumb to the blight once again.

The blight girdles the trees, which die back and the cycle begins anew. We do have old growth native survivors in distant pockets through the eastern States.

There has been a great deal of work and scientific study to graft our American Chestnut with blight resistant Asian Chestnuts trees. Years of trial and error have resulted in a back-grafted 90 percent American Chestnut. The resultant is a blight resistant chestnut that is being reintroduced across the Eastern States.

I have had great success with "Dunstan Chestnut" trees which I have purchased from select East Texas stores.

There is also a genetically modified American Chestnut awaiting approval to be introduced.

Plant by the instructions on the label, water with five gallons per week the first summer, weekly during the heat of the second summer, mulch three feet on either side of the tree to retain moisture, and by the third year the trees roots have taken and growth abounds. I fertilize the tree 2-3 times per year and have personally had better success planting the trees in East Texas during the fall.

These trees adorn my driveway in hopes that my grandchildren will have fond memories gathering, roasting and eating chestnuts. As an avid outdoorsman, they also can be found in my food plots, where I plan to share my deer-stand and love of nature with my grandchildren.

The Smith County Master Gardener program is a volunteer organization in connection with the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service.

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The address for the Independent Executor is:

c/o: LEIGH HUNT GOODSON
The Goodson Firm, P.C.
115 W. Ferguson Street
Tyler, Texas 75702

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

Date: January 10, 2022.

THE GOODSON FIRM, P.C.
Attorney for the Estate

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Administration for the Estate of DANIEL JOSEPH RHEA, Deceased, were issued on January 14, 2022, in Docket No. 45994P, pending in the County Court of Smith County, Texas, to Traci Lynn Rhea.

Claims may be presented to the following address:

Traci Lynn Rhea
Administrator of the Estate of
DANIEL JOSEPH RHEA
4107 Chester Drive
Tyler, Texas 75701

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

LEGAL NOTICES

The following vehicle was impounded, towed & stored at P&O Motor Co. 605 N. Main, Lindale TX 7577, 903-882-3531. Vehicle storage facility #0001266. Current charges are listed below.

Storage accrues daily
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VIN-JTLK324364049023
\$739.65

Vehicle will be sold in 30 days

LEGAL NOTICE

Application has been made with the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission for a Private club registration permit by The Thomas Private Club, an Unincorporated Association of Persons dba The Thomas Hotel to be located at 109 East Erwin Street, Tyler, Smith County, TX 75702.

Grace R. Cryer - President
Andrew J. Cryer - Secretary

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Carolyn Sue Boyd, Deceased, were issued to Stephen L. Lowder on 1/5/22, in Cause 46001P, County Court, Smith County, TX. All persons having claims against this Estate are required to present them to Stephen L. Lowder 1015 Hayes Ave, Oak Park, IL 60302, within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

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Sat., Jan. 22 ~ 8:00-2:00

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This Hollytree home has a contract pending; contents and consignments are as follows: barley twist antq; Welsh dresser; antq; oak table/ 4 chairs; din. table/ 6 chairs; antq; parlor chair; Waterford bowl; antq; candelabras; ant. china cabinet; antq; corner cabinet; framed antq; tapestry; English ironstone; crystal; silverplate selections; antq; cane holder; lamps; runners; rugs; recliner; several mink coats; evening wear; Rose Festival dresses; Michael Kors purses; other purses; clothes; shoes; cost. jewelry; 4-poster queen rice bed; linens; many books incl. law books; Un. of TX yrbooks; desk; off. supplies; framed botanicals; Royal Doulton Toby mugs; needlepoint bell pull; electronics; speakers; DVD's; cassettes; dishes; sm. appliances; Christmas decorations; short wooden bar stools; toys; children's books and clothes; Bert & Ernie puppets; dolls; TV armoire; black refrig.; wash. & dry.; hand tools; planters; bobcat rug; baseball memorabilia; soooo much more!!

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Businesses continue to grow in Lindale

Altra Federal Credit Union will soon have a new home on Main Street in Lindale with the finishing touches being applied to the facility. New businesses and stores are sprouting up all over the city.

Photo by Terry Cannon

NET HEALTH		January 17th 2022		
NORTHEAST TEXAS PUBLIC HEALTH DISTRICT				
Smith County	Total Cases	New Cases	Active Cases	Recovered
	43572	988	5860	37287
Confirmed	23921	449	2848	20799
Probable *	19651	539	3012	16488

* COVID 19 Positive Antigen Test

213 East Texas Patients are in Tyler Texas Hospitals. These patients include COVID-Positive & COVID-Suspected Patients from Multiple Counties
 * All listed data includes Probable and Confirmed cases.

CITIES	CASES
TYLER	30099
LINDALE	3537
WHITEHOUSE	2804
FLINT	2508
BULLARD	1627
TROUP	955
ARP	696
WINONA	548
HIDEAWAY	376
GLADEWATER	159
MINEOLA	138
KILGORE	70
OVERTON	38
GARDEN VALLEY	5
NOONDAY	1

Individual cases associated with a city may be outside of the city limits

Age	0-20 5026	21-40 8265	41-59 5871	60-79 3807	80 + 952
Gender	Male: 19191	Female: 23636	County Jail Inmates	Active Cases 43	Deaths 1

Safe Outdoor Dogs Act Goes Into Effect

The Act clarifies previous law and establishes basic standards of shelter and care for unattended dogs restrained outdoors.

This week, the Safe Outdoor Dogs Act went into effect in Texas. After being vetoed last summer and subsequently passed during the third special session in the fall, the law takes a huge step forward in protecting everyone from the dangers of inhumane tethering. The law establishes basic standards of shelter and care for dogs left outdoors and clarifies existing law to promote the safety of animals and the people around them without increasing criminal penalties.

"We have fought for many years to pass this law and are absolutely thrilled about the difference it is going to make in the lives of dogs as well as Texas residents," said Stacy Sutton Kerby, Director of Government Relations for THLN. "We are so thankful to our bill authors Senator Lucio and Representative Patterson, as well as Chair Nicole Collier, who authored the bill in the regular session. Without their dedication and leadership, we would not have been able to get this law passed," finished Kerby.

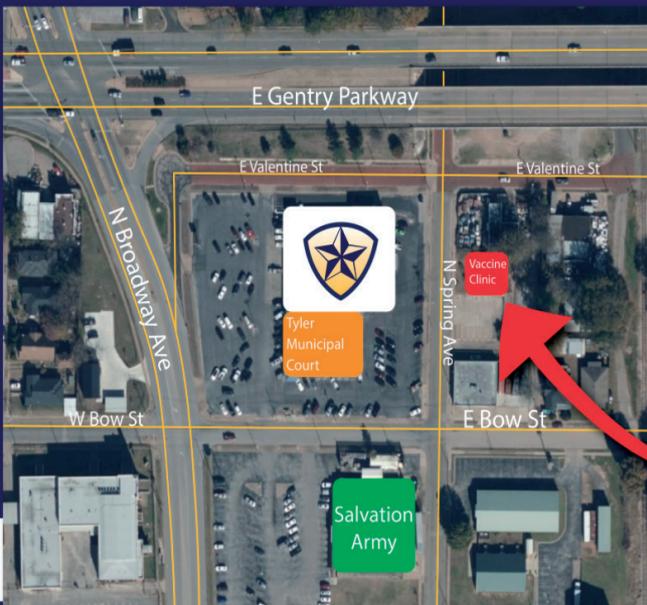
The bipartisan law provides clarity for dog owners on how to properly restrain their dog, empowers law enforcement to intervene immediately in dangerous situations, and provides measures to protect dogs from inclement weather, lack of shelter and heavy chains.

"Many cities and counties in Texas are preparing literature to help with compliance with the Safe Outdoor Dogs Act," said Senator Eddie Lucio, Jr., who authored the Safe Outdoor Dogs Act in the Senate. "These efforts will aid in the observance of the law and remind the communities of our dogs' basic needs. This winter, it is crucial for us to remember that as cold fronts come through, bring your dog inside from the dangerously cold temperatures and/or snow. If we have a repeat of last year's freeze, this law will help save the lives of many outdoor dogs," finished Senator Lucio.

"An effort spanning several legislative sessions, the Safe Outdoor Dogs Act finally passed the Legislature in the third called special session of 2021," said Representative Jared Patterson, who authored the Safe Outdoor Dogs Act in the House. "Today, January 18, 2022, the Safe Outdoor Dogs Act takes effect. This law repeals and replaces a section of code that was ineffective, provides law enforcement with the authority to educate dog owners regarding proper tethering, and most importantly, will save the lives of countless dogs in the future. I will always be grateful to have been part of this effort, and to have fostered this bill in its final push through the Texas House," finished Representative Patterson.

"For too long, Animal Control Officers have only been able to step in after tragedy has occurred," said Jamey Cantrell, past president of the Texas Animal Control Association, the oldest and largest state animal control organization in the country. "Now with the implementation of the Safe Outdoor Dogs Act, Animal Control Officers will be able to keep dogs and the communities they reside in much safer by intervening at the first signs of distress. Our members will be educating local dog owners about how to get in compliance and connecting them with local resources to do just that," finished Cantrell.

"THLN wants to help those in underserved communities, and we encourage everyone who wants to see the successful implementation of the Safe Outdoor Dogs Act to engage at the local level," said Shelby Bobosky, Executive Director of THLN. "Whether it's partnering with local shelters and rescue groups to fundraise and donate dog houses and cable tie-outs, teaming up with youth groups to help build dog houses, or just spreading awareness in your local communities, there is an opportunity for all Texans to ensure the Safe Outdoor Dogs Act works for everyone," finished Bobosky.



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