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## Smith deputies involved in weekend shooting

Two Smith County Sheriff's Deputies were involved in a shooting early Sunday morning (Feb. 13) in Flint after being fired upon by a suspect, according to public information officer Larry Christian.

The suspect, Jackson Lee Davis, 25, of Flint, remains in a Tyler hospital in stable condition and faces aggravated assault on a peace officer charges. Austin Reeve Jackson judge of the 114<sup>th</sup> district court, set Davis' bond at \$75,000.

Just before midnight on Saturday (Feb. 12), a deputy arrived at the scene to investigate a call regarding the discharge of a firearm in the 18000 block of U.S. Highway 69 South in Flint.



The deputy, seeking to ascertain the ownership of a vehicle in the parking lot, was approached by a white male exiting the vehicle, carrying a book with his other hand behind him.

A second deputy arrived on the scene as the subject was being questioned. The man then threw the book at the deputies and retreated behind a light pole in the parking lot and drew his gun.

Ignoring the command to drop his weapon, the subject was then shot in the abdomen by the deputies, who then managed to take the gun from the subject.

He was transported to a local hospital where he remains in stable condition.

As a matter of standard procedure, Smith County Sheriff Larry Smith contacted Texas Rangers Nic Castle and Chris Baggett to investigate the shooting.

Castle and Baggett interviewed the deputies involved who were placed on administrative leave as the investigation continues. This is also a matter of procedure of the sheriff's office.

The family of the subject were notified of the situation as well by Smith County Sheriff's Office supervisors.

"These are the dreaded calls you receive in the middle of the night, but I'm thankful that everyone is safe," Sheriff Smith said.

He thanked the cooperation from the Bullard Police Department and the work of the Texas Rangers in this matter.

Smith also commended the officers involved for their professionalism as well as their restraint in this situation.

"I'm very proud of our officers," he said. "They showed great restraint because I've been in situations like this where magazines on weapons are empty. There were two shots fired by us, one each. They stopped the threat and they stopped shooting."

## Commissioners call public hearings

Dates for two public hearings were set during the regular meeting of the Smith County Commissioners on Tuesday, Feb. 8, with one dealing with name changes to two county roads and the other concerning canceling a pair of subdivision plats.

The first hearing, scheduled for 9:30 a.m. on March 8 during the regular weekly meeting of the commissioners court, will deal with name changes for County Road 4174 West in Commissioner Terry Phillips' Precinct 3 and CR 153 in Commissioner Neal Franklin's Precinct 1.

The second, concerning the cancellation of the plats, is scheduled for 9:30 a.m. March 22.

The commissioners meet at the Smith County Courthouse Annex, 200 E. Ferguson Street in downtown Tyler.

"We want to give notice to those in the public about the request for the name change and if they want to come and talk about that before we make that final decision," said Smith County Judge Nathaniel Moran.

Phillips asked if residents were notified and County Road and Bridge Engineer Frank Davis confirmed all residents were made aware of the name changes and that none were opposed to the proposed changes.

Davis told commissioners that the Rolling Oaks Farm is a single-lot subdivision on 30 acres and the landowner wanted to cancellation "for personal reasons and there was no need to divide it."

The Rolling Oaks Farms subdivision is located in Precinct 3.

The Star Mountain Ranch subdivision is part of a larger piece of property which was platted in 1973, Davis said, and since there has been nothing built on the land, the owner is requesting the cancellation of the plat "in order to clean it up and sell it."

## Local sales tax rev. up 18.30%

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar announced last week he will send cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts \$1.22 billion in local sales tax allocations for February, 16.4 percent more than in February 2021.

These allocations are based on sales made in December by businesses that report tax monthly; October, November and December sales by quarterly filers; and 2021 sales by businesses that report tax annually.

County	City	Rate	Net Payment This Period	Comparable Payment Prior Year	% Change	Payment YTD	Prior Year Payment YTD	% Change
Smith	Arp	1.500%	\$21,293.44	\$22,732.89	-6.33%	\$41,997.95	\$40,401.37	3.95%
Smith	Bullard	1.500%	\$82,422.58	\$71,345.00	15.52%	\$148,445.94	\$125,496.88	18.28%
Smith	Lindale	1.500%	\$408,334.79	\$345,144.73	18.30%	\$768,449.52	\$642,424.16	19.61%
Smith	New Chapel Hill	1.000%	\$2,228.97	\$1,788.60	24.62%	\$4,002.02	\$3,070.94	30.31%
Smith	Noonday	1.000%	\$23,689.06	\$19,128.62	23.84%	\$44,801.36	\$35,104.84	27.62%
Smith	Troup	1.500%	\$58,633.70	\$52,493.12	11.69%	\$109,155.54	\$99,950.44	9.20%
Smith	Tyler	1.500%	\$6,063,419.89	\$5,141,962.05	17.92%	\$11,060,380.74	\$8,812,076.30	25.51%
Smith	Whitehouse	1.500%	\$127,117.74	\$110,502.48	15.03%	\$245,696.52	\$197,881.25	24.16%
Smith	Winona	1.250%	\$22,225.86	\$19,276.43	15.30%	\$41,501.17	\$32,534.07	27.56%



## Early voting under way; Lindale Masonic Lodge new voting site

Early voting is under way for the March 1 joint primary election at several locations across the county, publicity officials said.

The Lindale Masonic Lodge, 200 W. Margaret Street is a new voting location for early voting in the primary.

There are several local and statewide races on the ballot. The ballot can be accessed by logging onto [www.smith-county.com/government/departments/elections/current-election-information/current-sample-ballots](http://www.smith-county.com/government/departments/elections/current-election-information/current-sample-ballots).

The web site will also have a red banner on top of its homepage where voters can find all of the updated county election information.

Residents can also call the County Elections office at 903-590-4777 for more information.

All registered voters living in Smith County can vote early at any of the following locations

- Main Location: The HUB, 304 E. Ferguson St., Tyler;
- Heritage Building, 1900 Bellwood Rd., Tyler;
- Lindale Masonic Lodge, 200 W. Margaret St., Lindale;
- Noonday Community Center, 16662 CR 196, Tyler;
- Whitehouse United Methodist Church, 405 W. Main St., Whitehouse;

Early voting dates and hours are:

- Monday-Friday, Feb. 14-18, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.
- Saturday, Feb. 19, 7 a.m. - 7 p.m.
- Sunday, Feb. 20, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- Tuesday-Friday, Feb. 22-25 from 7 a.m. - 7 p.m.

On Election Day, voting centers will be open from 7 a.m.-7 p.m. Registered county voters can cast their ballots at any of the following locations:

### Tyler

- Bell Elementary, 1409 E. Hankerson St.;
- Clarkston Elementary, 2915 Williamsburg Dr.
- First Christian Church: Christian Life Center, 4202 S Broadway Ave.;
- Glass Recreation Center, 501 W. 32nd St.;
- Heritage Building, 1900 Bellwood Rd.;
- MAIN LOCATION: The HUB, 304 E. Ferguson St.;
- Jones-Boshears Elementary School, 3450 Chandler

Hwy.;

- NEW LOCATION: Lanes Chapel United Methodist Church: Family Center, 8720 Old Jacksonville Hwy.;
- Old Tyler Airport, 150 Airport Dr.;
- Shiloh Road Church of Christ, 1801 Shiloh Rd.;
- Smith County Juvenile Services, 2630 Morningside Dr.;
- St. Louis Baptist Church, 4000 Frankston Hwy.;
- T.J. Austin Elementary, 1105 W. Franklin St.;
- Three Lakes Middle, 2445 Three Lakes Pkwy.;
- Tyler Senior Center, 1915 Garden Valley Rd.;

### Southwestern Smith County locations

- Bethel Bible Church, 17121 Hwy 69 S.;
- Bullard Southern Baptist Church, 716 N. Houston St.;
- First Baptist Gresham, 16844 CR 165.;
- Flint Baptist Church, 11131 FM 2868 W.;
- Noonday Community Center, 16662 CR 196.;

### Southeastern Smith County locations

- Arp First Baptist Church, 304 W. Front St.;
- Cameron J Jarvis Library, 102 S. Georgia St.;
- Chapel Hill Fire Department, 13801 CR 220.;
- Hill Creek Baptist Church, 14749 Hwy 110 S.;
- Mount Carmel Baptist Church, 10519 FM 344 E.;
- St. Violet Baptist Church, 14129 FM 2767.;
- Whitehouse United Methodist Church, 405 W. Main St.;

### Northwestern Smith County locations

- Dover Baptist Church, 21166 FM 1995.;
- New Harmony Baptist Church, 10251 FM 724.;
- Hideaway Members Services Building, 101 Hideaway Lane.;
- NEW LOCATION: Lindale Masonic Lodge, 200 W. Margaret St.;

### Northeastern locations

- Crossbrand Cowboy Church, 11915 FM 2015.;
- Red Springs Fire Department, 16759 FM 14, Tyler.;
- Starrville Church of the Living God, 18396 Hwy 271, Winona.;
- Victor Kay Gymnasium, 605 Wildcat Dr., Winona.

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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.



White Oak ISD honored Suzanne Bardwell, co-owner of the *Gladewater Mirror*, *White Oak Independent* and *Lindale News & Times*, last week with the dedication of the "Suzanne B. Bardwell Wing" at White Oak High School. The wing houses the journalism department where Suzanne spent 20 years teaching generations of students not only about writing, but also about life. Jim, Josh and Jennifer Bardwell were joined at the dedication by WOISD Superintendent Brian Gray, WOISD Assistant Superintendent Mitzi Neely and White Oak High School Principal Donna Jennings, along with a host of students and White Oak ISD educators. Suzanne was killed Jan. 7 in a car accident.

Photo by Mike Peery

## Gary Borders Capital Highlights



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Mail-in ballot applications rejected at high rate

Mail-in ballot applications for the March 1 primary are being rejected by almost 40% — largely because of a missing ID number, which is now required after a new voting bill passed the Legislature last year.

The Houston Chronicle reported that nearly four in 10 Harris County mail ballot applications had been rejected as of last week. Early voting began Feb. 14, and the deadline for mail ballot requests is Feb. 18.

Other counties across Texas also reported high rejection rates, including Travis, Williamson, Hays and Bastrop counties, the Austin American-Statesman reported. Those seeking to vote by mail must include a driver's license number, a state ID number, or in some cases the last four digits of their Social Security number. If what the applicant provides doesn't match the applicant's individual voter registration information, the application must be rejected.

Texas has one of the strictest vote-by-mail requirements in the country. Registered voters are eligible to vote by mail if they are 65 years or older; sick or disabled; out of the county on election day and during the early voting period; expected to give birth within three weeks before or after election day; or confined in jail but otherwise eligible.

Early voting continues through Feb. 25.

### Drought conditions improve slightly

The latest drought map for the state shows a slight improvement as of Feb. 1, with 84% of the state experiencing some level of drought, down three percentage points from the previous month. Dr. Mark Wentzel, hydrologist with the Texas Water Development Board, said there were some improvements in the last month, mainly in East Texas. Additional rainfall in early February, mainly in East Texas and Central Texas, should improve conditions by the next report in March.

Wide swaths of the Panhandle and the Great Plains are experiencing the worst drought conditions.

### Texas top exporting state for 20th year

Data released last week by the U.S. Census Bureau showed Texas as the top exporting state in the nation for the 20th consecutive year. The state exported \$375.3 billion in goods last year, more than California and New York combined. The state also led the nation in tech exports for the ninth year in a row.

"Made in Texas is a powerful global brand, and the Lone Star State continues to dominate the nation in exports, thanks to our unrivaled and productive workforce, robust infrastructure and welcoming business environment," Gov. Greg Abbott said.

### Funding available for clean school bus program

An estimated \$13 million in grant funding is available under the Texas Clean School Bus Program to replace or retrofit school buses to reduce exposure to their diesel exhaust. The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality is accepting applications from school districts statewide.

Grants are given on a first-come, first-served basis. Districts can be reimbursed for all of the costs to retrofit buses, or 80% of the costs to replace older buses with newer, cleaner models, according to TCEQ.

Only buses used daily are eligible. While the deadline is in October, funding typically runs out when enough applications are received. More information can be found at [www.terpgrants.org](http://www.terpgrants.org).

### Power generators under scrutiny

During early February's winter storm, the state's electrical grid withstood increased demand, with few outages reported. Regulators are crediting increased inspections by the Electric Reliability Council of Texas during December.

The Dallas Morning News reports ERCOT inspected 324 generators and transmission systems in December; the Public Utility Commission handed down \$7.5 million in fines for companies not filing weatherization plans by the deadline.

"We've been working for the last year to make sure that this grid is more reliable than it ever has been in the past — and it is," interim ERCOT CEO Brad Jones said a few days before snow and sleet hit.

In addition to increased inspections, legislation passed last regular session required power generators to winterize their plants. Additionally, alternate fuel sources are required if natural gas isn't available. While this year's storm wasn't nearly as severe as Winter Storm Uri in 2021, thus far the grid has stood up to increased demand.

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## THE ECONOMIST

By Dr. M. Ray Perryman

### \$30 Trillion!

The US national debt now tops \$30,000,000,000,000. It's a whopping number which far exceeds gross domestic product (as it has for almost a decade). While it isn't a cause for panic, it's also not to be ignored.



A common question is - "who are the creditors?". Some of the money is simply the government owing itself (such as the Social Security Trust) and some results from promises by politicians which could change over time. Federal Reserve Banks and private domestic investors also hold a large segment. Together, these shares are about 70% of the total. The remainder is held by foreign governments, banks, and investors. The governments of China and Japan each hold over \$1 trillion, with many countries holding hundreds of millions.

As long as investors are confident of repayment, they will keep buying US treasuries. New debt retires old debt, and the cycle continues. The global standard for safe investments has long been US treasuries, and demand for them will persist and likely grow in an increasingly uncertain world (unless, of course, the games that Congress plays with the ceiling become more serious).

These are the ample reasons not to overreact. We owe ourselves to a large extent, and it's a common practice for

foreign governments and investors to hold each other's debt. Nonetheless, it needs to be systematically addressed.

One concern is how rapidly the debt has accelerated. Federal debt reached \$1 trillion in the early 1980s after two centuries, and it wasn't until the Great Recession that it exceeded \$10 trillion. Only nine years later, it topped \$20 trillion. Just five years after that, we're at \$30 trillion. The pandemic caused a spike, much of which was essential to keep families, small businesses, and major industries viable. The crimson ink during the prior 11 years of prosperity is another matter entirely.

Debt requires interest payments. With ultra-low rates, this is somewhat manageable, but the cost will escalate as rates increase. Much of the debt is short term in nature; thus, new bonds with higher rates will quickly be required. These additional outlays limit flexibility to meet legitimate governmental priorities, such as national defense, infrastructure development, and public health and safety. Another issue is "crowding out," as savings dollars are diverted away from banks and other private entities which relend the money in a productive way, thus driving prosperity and innovation.

A more sustainable fiscal strategy requires two exceedingly rare things in Washington - bipartisanship (as it necessitates changes in both spending and taxes) and a vision beyond the next election (as the most viable approaches are multi-generational). Need I say more?! It's not an immediate crisis, but it needs to be rationally attacked sooner rather than later.

Stay safe!

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### Filing deadline for school, city scheduled Feb. 18

While there are no primary elections for Lindale City Council members or Lindale ISD Board of Trustees members, there are positions to be decided in the May 7 elections.

For the city, the terms for Bob Tardiff in Place 4 and Bryan Summerville in Place 5 will expire in May.

Both council members began their council service in 2012.

Three Lindale ISD trustees' places will be decided in the May General Election.

Gary Camp will run for the Place 2 position, Robert McGee for the Place 1 position and Dr. Karen Gott, who has filled the unexpired term of Kenneth Cline, is running in Place 4.

Anyone wishing to run in the city or school elections must do so by Feb. 18.

# Nothing to see here: TV from the 1960s

A recent column in this space trumpeted some of the great television offerings from the past, specifically, the 1960s.

However, that decade also contained some, shall we say, sketchy shows that were supposed to pass for entertainment.

Since I'm not shy about throwing out opinions (some of which cause consternation) it seemed to me that a listing of the truly awful offerings from the 1960s might be in order.

So, let's take a dive into the deep end of the pool of really pitiful shows.

NO. 10, Gilligan's Island, debut Sept. 26, 1964, CBS. This qualifies as one of those shows that I thought was wonderful at the time, but as I got older the sheer idiocy of the concept became clear. A three-hour tour ended with the passengers and crew of the S.S. Minnow crashing into an island. Actually, it appeared they had carved out quite a nice life with endless food – including coconut cream pies – and a radio that mysteriously kept working without electricity or dead

batteries.

No. 9, The Hathaways, debut Oct. 6, 1961 on ABC. OK, let's join the concept meeting for this show: Person No. 1: "Hey, I've got a great idea. Let's have a show with two humans acting as 'parents' of three chimpanzees. Their weekly adventures will be hilarious!"

Boss: "Um... chimps, you say, being parented by a man and a woman?"

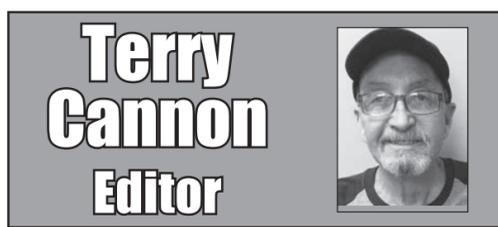
Person No. 1: "Right! And we can get Peggy Cass and Jack Weston as the 'parents!'"

Boss: "What about the chimps!"

Person No. 1: "Here's the best part! It'll be the Marquis Chimps!"

"The Hathaways" lasted one season. Go figure.

NO. 8, HOGAN'S HEROES, debut Sept. 17, 1965, CBS. I had a high school history teacher who, after hearing some wisecrack (nope, not me this time) say he thought "Hogan's Heroes" was a great show, said "If the Germans were that stupid we would have won the war in a week." True enough. The premise relied on viewers to accept the fact that Allied



POWs came and went at will at Stalag 13 and could go to the nearest town and drink beer as Gestapo agents prowled the taverns. Oh, and everyone spoke English. Including all the German guards, the dopey prison commandant and of course the SS major.

NO. 7, F TROOP, debut Sept. 14, 1965, ABC. The same lunacy thread that held "Hogan's Heroes" together also ran through "F Troop," which was set in "a remote U.S. Army base in the Wild West." Looking back, it seems as if "F Troop" ran for more than two seasons. But to be fair, regular cast member Larry Storch bagged an Emmy in 1967 for Outstanding Continued Performance by an Actor in a Leading Role. One of the actors he beat out was Bob Crane of,

yep, "Hogan's Heroes."

NO. 6, IT'S ABOUT TIME, debut Sept. 11, 1966, CBS. Sherwood Schwartz, who dropped "Gilligan's Island" on the viewing public, proved he was bulletproof with by creating this ridiculous bit of nonsense. Two astronauts, traveling faster than the speed of light (oh, why not?) make friends with prehistoric "natives," one of which was the immensely talented Imogene Coca. Of course, the "natives" speak perfect English. At least Ms. Coca got paid. We hope. Lasted one season.

NO. 5, CAPTAIN NICE, debut Jan. 9, 1967, NBC. Actually, this synopsis courtesy of IMDB.com should tell you everything about this bomb. "Carter Nash was a chemist in a police department who discovered a liquid which

could turn him into Captain Nice, an odd sort of superhero: very shy and dominated by his mother. Captain Nice flew (he feared heights) in his tattered leotards, fighting bad guys because his mother told him to do so."

Almost made it out of the summer of 1967. Cancelled in August.

NO. 4, MR. ED, debut Jan. 4, 1961, CBS. Inexplicably, "Mr. Ed" last seven seasons, which makes one wonder what was on the other networks in that time slot. It was a show about a talking horse (of course, of course) named Mr. Ed who only chatted with Wilbur Post, played by Alan Young. Sagebrush hero Allan "Rocky" Lane provided Mr. Ed's voice. Words fail me as to how this tripe lasted as long as it did.

NO. 3, Guestward Ho!, debut Sept. 29, 1960, ABC. Babs Hooten, played by Joanne Dru and her husband Bill (Mark Miller) decide to jettison the rat race in New York City and buy the "Guestward Ho!" dude ranch in New Mexico. This must have quite a drop for Ms. Dru, who was outstanding in

Howard Hawks' "Red River" with John Wayne. ABC shuttered "Guestward Ho!" after two seasons.

NO. 2, YOU'RE IN THE PICTURE, debut Jan. 20, 1961, CBS. Panelists would put their heads through cut-outs of famous people and try to guess who they were. The only game show on this list, it is also the one with the shortest network run – one show. Two, if you count the next week's offering where star Jackie Gleason came on and apologized for how awful it was. How was it possible, Gleason said, "for a group of trained people to put on so big a flop?"

NO. 1, My Mother the Car, debut Sept. 14, 1965, NBC. Without a doubt and without fear of contradiction, this was the absolute worst show of the 1960s and quite possibly the history of television. A man, played by Jerry Van Dyke, contends with his deceased mother (Ann Sothern) who was reincarnated as an antique car. They discuss life and other topics through the car radio.

There's absolutely nothing I can add to this.

## Times of Lindale



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**ONE YEAR AGO, Feb. 18, 2021**

An unprecedented cold front slammed into East Texas, dropping temperatures into single digits and dumping up to eight inches of snow across the region.

Lindale was blanketed with snow and ice during the previous weekend and early Monday morning, causing roads to be nearly impassable. Scattered power outages were reported across the region as well.

Another round of the winter blast hit East Texas Tuesday night.

On Sunday, Smith County Judge Nathaniel Moran issued a Disaster Declaration for Smith County due to the winter storm and the extremely hazardous driving conditions that have already caused partial closure of Interstate 20.

Bridges, overpasses and other elevated structures are the first to freeze but other areas of roadways will continue to worsen as temperatures continue to plummet and ice and/or snow accumulation is seen in the area.

**FIVE YEARS AGO, Feb. 16, 2017**

Several students from Lindale and Hideaway were honored by their respective universities following the fall semester at Baylor University and Stephen F. Austin State University.

Kaylyn Friesen of Lindale, a 2013 graduate of Lindale High School, earned a bachelor's degree in Environmental Health Science from Baylor. She finished with a 3.51 grade point average and earned Dean's List honors in her final semester with a 4.0 GPA.

She is the daughter of Bob and Sherry Friesen of Lindale.

Also, at SFA, several Lindale and Hideaway students have earned Dean's List and President's List honors for the fall semester.

Lindale students named to the Dean's List include: Jenifer Blackburn, Interdisciplinary Studies; Katelyn Boone, Human Sciences; Kylie Cook, Kinesiology; Kelsey Guillaume, Social Work; Stuart Hastings, Agribusiness and Victoria Walker, Pre-Nursing.

From Hideaway, Kayla Welvaert, Art, earned President's List honors.

**10 YEARS AGO, Feb. 16, 2012**

Fifth grade students from E.J. Moss Intermediate School were selected to present a musical revue, "In God We Trust" in the E.J. Moss Auditorium.

Students in the production include Gideon Storkson as George Washington, Kaylee Rodriguez as Betsy Ross and Samuel Payne as Thomas Jefferson.

Other historical figures, including Abraham Lincoln, William Bradford and Benjamin Franklin.

Added entertainment would be in the form of an 85-voice choir featuring several special singing parts.

## He won't give you this shirt off his back

Rusty Mitchum  
Life & Times



I've got this flannel lined canvas shirt – actually -- I have several flannel lined canvas shirts, but the one I wear the most is my favorite.

It is not Janet's favorite and I admit, it has seen better days, but it's just so blame comfortable.

It's not much to look at either. Its collar is frayed, as are its cuffs and pocket, and it's missin' the male part of a snap on one of the sleeves, but like I said, it's just so blame comfortable. I wear it more like a jacket than a shirt.

Anywho, I ran up to the grocery store to grab some items and was standin' in the checkout line. Someone behind me tapped my shoulder. I turned and standin' there was this really nice-lookin' lady.

"Yes ma'am?" I said.

"I would like to pay for your items," she said quietly. I smiled at her.

"Ma'am," I said. "You are too kind, but I really am capable of payin' for 'em."

"Are you sure," she said in a concerned whisper, obviously tryin' not to draw attention.

"Yes ma'am," I chuckled, and then added, "It's the shirt, isn't it?"

"I'm sorry?" she said.

"It's the shirt," I repeated. "My wife says it makes me look homeless." She blushed.

"I'm sorry," she said and then stammered. "I just... uh...uh..."

I chuckled. "Hey," I said. "I thought it was mighty

sweet of you."

She blushed some more. "You see," I said, "this is my favorite shirt. We've been on many adventures together and we're both a little worn out, but somewhat still functional. I just hate to put it out to pasture if you know what I mean."

"I do," she smiled.

"Next!" The cashier yelled. I moved up and she started scannin' my stuff. I turned back to the lady and asked, "Would you like me to pay for your stuff?"

"Heavens, no!" she said and smiled.

"You sure?" I said and pointed at her jeans which were ripped up as is fashionable these days.

She looked down at her jeans, paused, and then looked back up at me. Her lips were pinched tight tryin' to suppress a smile. Then she chuckled and punched my shoulder.

"You're a mess," she said.

I smiled. "Lady, you have no idea."

## Rotary Club accepting nominations for annual Merchant of the Year

The Lindale Rotary Club is requesting nominations for its "Merchant of the Year" Award to be presented at the Lindale Area Chamber of Commerce's annual banquet and auction scheduled April 4, 2022, at Texas Rose Horse Park, officials announced.

Nominations will be accepted until 12 noon., Thursday, Feb. 25. They should be mailed to Carroll R. Anderson, P.O. Box 1494, Lindale, Texas 75771-1494.

This award has been presented each year since 1991 to a Lindale area merchant who exemplifies the tenets of Rotary International set forth in the service organization's "Four Way Test," which states "Is it the Truth?" "Is

it Fair to All Concerned?" "Will it Build Good Will and Better Friendships" and "Will it be Beneficial to All Concerned?"

Nominees must have exhibited these "Four Way Test" standards in their day-to-day business operations.

Some past winners have been business owners but one doesn't need to be an owner to qualify for nomination.

Previous nominees who haven't been selected may be resubmitted in the same manner as a new nomination.

Nominations should be in writing and explain why the individual is being nominated and how that individual

practices the principles outlined in the Four Way Test.

The merchant does not have to be a Rotarian to win the award.

Past Merchant of the Year winners include:

2021 – Jerry Terry  
2020 – Dave Wilson  
2019 – R.J. Collins  
2018 – Nancy McIntyre  
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# Nutsedge is a nuisance in your yard

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Imagine it's late spring and you just mowed your lawn a couple of days ago and now you see some shiny green grass growing taller than all the other.

Ugh, it's probably nutsedge, which isn't actually a grass but instead it is in the sedge family.

Grasses have stems that are round and hollow and have leaf blades that grow in pairs opposite each other. Sedges have triangular stems.

If you feel the base of the plant and roll it between your fingers, you can feel the stem.

Visually, you won't notice the triangular stem unless you allow it to mature to the stage that it's growing a seedhead. The leaf blades have a center crease, or midrib. They grow in three's and are spiraled.

There are many plants in the sedge family, some good, some a nuisance. There are three that I have seen in my

yard. Yellow nutsedge, purple nutsedge and green kyllinga are perennials and have invaded my lawn at one time or another.

The yellow and the purple nutsedge can both reproduce three different ways: by seeds, tubers and rhizomes. This is why they're such a nuisance.

The yellow nutsedge have leaves that taper to a pointed tip and have straw colored seed heads. The roots grow from rhizomes which then grow tubers, a nut-like growth for storing nutrients.

Each individual rhizome and each tuber can make shoots with stems, leaves and seed heads.

The purple nutsedge have dark green blunt tipped leaves and have a red-brown colored seed head. It reproduces the same way as the yellow, but it grows rhizome "chains" with several tubers on each.

This makes them even more difficult to pull up. Removing nutsedge by hand is effective only if you remove all underground tubers and rhizomes. Gently wiggle and work the tuber and roots out of the ground. A weeding

tool may help.

Green kyllinga is a shorter sedge with a singular globular seed head.

It grows shorter than yellow and purple nutsedge, closer to the height of your lawn, and can produce seedheads at normal mowing height.

It does not grow the tubers the others grow, but the seeds are highly viable and grow an abundance of rhizomes.

It will eventually grow into thick mats and will kill out your preferred grass. Digging out the plant and soil with a shovel is the best non-chemical removal.

My advice is to quickly identify the plant, pull the ones that will easily come up by hand. Do this when the soil is wet, especially after a good rain.

Mow often so you don't give them a chance to grow seed heads. Secondly, use a chemical control when necessary. Follow label directions to avoid killing your existing grasses.

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## Friday, Feb. 4, 2021

Officer Philpot and Officer Ramsey responded to a suspicious circumstance at 13100 block FM 2710, settled at scene. Officer Philpot and Officer Capps responded to an accident at 100 block E Centennial Blvd, settled at scene. Officer Ramsey and Officer Capps responded to a criminal trespass at 3500 block S Main St, trespass warning issued. Officer Leevey and Officers Gillham and Capps responded to a disturbance at 13400 block CR 472, settled at scene. Officer Leevey and Officers Gillham and Capps responded to a warrant service at 13400 block I-20, arrest made.

## Saturday, Feb. 5, 2022

Officer Trombley responded to an identity theft at 100 block Ballard Dr, settled at scene. Officer Trombley and Officer Jackquet responded to a suspicious person at 1200 block Summit Dr, settled at scene. Officer Trombley and Officer Jackquet responded to an assist smith county at 20000 block CR 4118, settled at scene. Officer Jackquet responded to an accident at 3200 block S Main St, settled at scene. Officer Trombley and Officer Jackquet responded to an assist smith county at 800 block E Hubbard St, settled at scene. Officer Shurley and Officer Allen responded to a suspicious circumstance at 100 block N Main St, settled at scene. Officer Allen responded to a suspicious vehicle at 900 block Mt Sylvan St, settled at scene. Officer Allen responded to a suspicious vehicle at 100 block E Van St, settled at scene. Officer Shurley and Officer Allen responded to a warrant service at 3500 block S Main St, arrest made. Officer Fortunas and Officers Shurley and Allen responded to an assist smith county at 11100 block CR 4103, settled at scene. Officer Allen responded to a suspicious vehicle at 800 block N Main St, settled at scene. Officer Shurley responded to a business alarm at 2500 block S Main St, false alarm.

## Sunday, Feb. 6, 2022

Officer Trombley responded to a public service at 300 block N College St, settled at scene. Officer Ramsey and Officers Trombley and Jackquet responded to a public service at 100 block E Van St, settled at scene. Officer Trombley and Officer Jackquet responded to an accident at 3500 block S Main St, settled at scene. Officer Trombley and Officer Jackquet responded to an assist smith county at 11000 block Lone Tree Cir, settled at scene. Sgt Houghton and Officer Allen responded to a suspicious vehicle at 200 block Cannery Row, settled at scene. Officer Allen responded to a suspicious vehicle at 200 block Cannery Row, settled at scene. Sgt Houghton and Officer Allen responded to a suspicious vehicle at 300 block N Main St, settled at scene. Sgt Houghton responded to a suspicious vehicle at 3400 block S Main St, settled at scene. Officer Allen responded to a public service at 3500 block S Main St, settled at scene. Sgt Houghton and Officer Allen responded to a missing person at 557 E I-20, report taken. Sgt Houghton responded to a



suspicious circumstance at 3500 block S Main St, settled at scene. Sgt Houghton responded to a suspicious vehicle at 1500 block S Main St, settled at scene.

## Monday, Feb. 7, 2022

Officer Jackquet responded to an accident at 3200 block S Main St, settled at scene. Officer Trombley and Officer Jackquet responded to a residential alarm at 600 block Imagine Dr, settled at scene. Officer Trombley responded to a public service at 100 block Ballard Dr, settled at scene. Officer Jackquet responded to a harassment at 700 block Elizabeth St, settled at scene. Officer Shurley responded to a stolen property at 800 block N Main St, transferred to another agency. Sgt Houghton and Officer Shurley responded to a suspicious person at 400 block N College St, unfounded. Sgt Houghton and Officer Shurley responded to a loud noise disturbance at 1500 block Pearl St, settled at scene. Officer Shurley and Officer Allen responded to a loud noise complaint at 400 block Arthur St, settled at scene. Officer Allen responded to an assist smith county at 18200 block Hwy 69 N, settled at scene.

## Tuesday, Feb. 8, 2022

Officer Trombley and Officer Jackquet responded to an accident at 900 block E Hubbard St, report taken. Chief Somes and Officers Trombley and Jackquet responded to an accident at 200 block E Hubbard St, report taken. Officer Trombley and Officer Jackquet responded to a disturbance at 3500 block S Main St, settled at scene. Officer Jackquet responded to an assist other agency at 1500 block Sugar Hill, settled at scene. Officer Jackquet responded to an abandoned vehicle at 13400 block CR 472, settled at scene. Officer Trombley and Officer Jackquet responded to a suspicious person at 3200 block S Main St, settled at scene. Cpt Chambers, Sgt Houghton, and Officers Trombley, Dailey and Jackquet responded to a disturbance at 15000 Country Acres Dr, report taken. Officer Trombley responded to a 911 hang up at 2700 block S Main St, settled at scene. Sgt Houghton and Officer Jackquet responded to a suspicious person at 100 block E Centennial Blvd, unfounded. Chief Somes, Sgt Houghton and Officers Trombley and Jackquet responded to an assist other agency at 200 block Daisie Ln, settled at scene. Officer Jackquet responded to a suspicious circumstance at 400 block

Hill St, unfounded. Officer Allen responded to a suspicious circumstance at 400 block Husky Dr, settled at scene. Sgt Houghton and Officer Allen responded to a public service at 3500 block S Main St, settled at scene. Sgt Houghton and Officer Allen responded to a public service at 13300 block CR 472, settled at scene. Officer Shurley and Officer Allen responded to a welfare concern at 13800 block Hwy 69 N, unfounded. Officer Allen responded to a business alarm at 2500 block S Main St, false alarm. Officer Allen responded to a suspicious vehicle at 300 block S Main St, settled at scene.

## Wednesday, Feb. 9, 2022

Chief Somes and Officers Philpot and Ramsey responded to an accident at 1300 block Wood Springs Rd, report taken. Chief Somes responded to an accident at 100 block E Hubbard St, settled at scene. Officer Ramsey responded to a public service at 400 block Hill St, settled at scene. Officer Philpot responded to a criminal mischief at 17500 block CR 4112, settled at scene. Officer Philpot and Officer Ramsey responded to a welfare concern at 15300 block FM 16 W, unfounded. Officer Ramsey responded to an assault at 200 block Margaret St, report taken. Sgt Lazarine and Officer Ramsey responded to an assist other agency at 100 block E Centennial Blvd, settled at scene. Sgt Dworaczyk and Officers Ramsey and Capps responded to an accident at 3400 block S Main St, report taken. Sgt Dworaczyk and Officers Leevey and Capps responded to a business alarm at 16900 block Village Lake Dr, false alarm. Sgt Dworaczyk and Officers Leevey and Capps responded to an assist other agency at 15300 block FM 16 W, settled at scene. Sgt Dworaczyk and Officers Leevey and Capps responded to a criminal trespass at 3500 block S Main St, trespass warning issued. Officer Leevey and Officer Capps responded to a public service at 1500 block S Main St, settled at scene. Officer Leevey and Officer Gillham responded to a suspicious person at 3300 block S Main St, settled at scene.

## Thursday, Feb. 10, 2022

Chief Somes, Cpt Chambers and Officers Philpot, Fortunas and Ramsey responded to a welfare concern at 500 block Mallory Dr, settled at scene. Sgt Dworaczyk and Officers Philpot and Ramsey responded to a welfare concern at 300 block Kingdom Blvd, settled at scene. Sgt Dworaczyk and Officer Philpot responded to a business alarm at 15500 block CR 463, settled at scene. Officer Philpot responded to a hit and run at 13700 block Harvey Rd, report taken. Sgt Dworaczyk responded to a theft at 100 block Legends Ct, report taken. Officer Philpot responded to a fraud at 100 block Ballard Dr, report taken. Sgt Dworaczyk and Officer Philpot responded to an assist LISD Pd at 15000 block CR 463, settled at scene. Officer Capps responded to a public service at 300 block S Main St, settled at scene. Officer Leevey and Officers Gillham and Capps responded to an attempt to serve at 13300 block CR 472, settled at scene.

## Lindale man among county jail bookings

Officials with Smith County law enforcement agencies announced jail bookings from this past week, including one person from Lindale.

Clifford Daniel Herriage, 37, of Lindale was charged with assault causing bodily injury to a family member, interfering with emergency request for assistance and evading arrest or detention. He was booked in the Smith County Jail on Saturday (Feb. 5) and released on bonds totaling \$6,000.

Other bookings include:

### SMITH COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

-- Deputies charged James Dale Howard, 27, of Tyler, with manufacture or delivery of between 4 and 200 grams of a controlled substance on Monday, Feb. 7. Bond was set at \$250,000.

-- Ashley Marie Jackson, 33, of San Antonio was arrested and charged with possession of less than 1 gram of a controlled substance. Bond was set at \$300,000.

-- Dashun Alexander Kirby, 19, of Jacksonville, was charged with aggravated robbery on Friday, Feb. 4. Bond was set at \$150,000.

-- Blake Kirbey Anderson, 34, of Flint, was charged with driving while intoxicated (third or more). Anderson's bond was set at \$10,000.

-- Aviel David Oliva Garcia, 19, of Tyler, was booked into the county jail on two Jackson County warrants for evading arrest or detention with a vehicle and fraudulent use/possession of less than five items of identifying information. Bond wasn't set.

-- Deputies charged Jonathon Lowry Lawrence, 36, of Big Sandy, with driving while intoxicated and two counts of assault

of a peace officer or judge. He was released after posting bonds totaling \$5,500.

-- Zachery Lloyd Miller, 37, of Tyler, was charged with assault family/household member impede breath/circulation and continuous violence against the family. Miller was released after posting bonds totaling \$70,000.

-- Deputies charged Cristian Alec Rincon, 26, of Tyler, with tampering/fabricating physical evidence with intent to impair. Rincon was released after posting a \$50,000 bond.

-- Deputies charged Jacob Dell Tadlock, 26, of Tyler, with theft of between \$2,500 and \$30,000 of property and a parole violation on Friday, Feb. 4. Bond was set at \$10,000.

-- Kenjorian Walker, 24, of Tyler, was charged with aggravated robbery. He remains in the county jail without bond.

### SMITH COUNTY ADULT PROBATION

-- Charles Ray Henigan, Jr., 43, of Harleton, was charged with driving while intoxicated with a child under 15 years of age and two counts abandon endanger child criminal negligence. Bond was set \$450,000.

### DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

-- Troopers charged Breyton Fountain, 28, of Longview, with assault causing bodily injury of a family member. Fountain was released from the Smith County Jail after posting a \$3,500 bond.

-- Thomas Kyle Wagoner, 31, of Flint, was charged with fraudulent possession/use of credit or debit card less than five and possession of forged instrument. Bond was set at \$25,000 bond.

## TXDOT crews working on U.S. 69 this week

Texas Department of Transportation crews are scheduled to perform ditch work this week on U.S. 69 just south of Tyler Pipe, said TXDOT spokesman Jeff Williford.

Drivers should expect lane closures with traffic being controlled by flaggers.

Also, maintenance crews are scheduled to work on FM 2015 at IH 20 for base repair.

Special crews will be performing fog seal operations on FM 344 from US 69 to Teaselville as well, Williford said.

They will then move to FM 756 on S curve just south and north of FM 346 as well as the intersection of FM 346 and FM 756.

Smith County construction projects updates:

### US 271 Rehab, Turn Lanes, and Pavement Overlay

Limits: From FM 16 going southwest to I-20

Contractor: Madden Contracting Company, LLC

Cost: \$12.4 million

Anticipated Completion Date: October 2022

Crews will be installing driveway culverts

on the northbound and southbound sides and pavement widening operations on the northbound inside lane (turn lane). Traffic control will be managed by flaggers as needed. The project consists of paving, structures, MBGF, and pavement markings from I-20 north to the Gregg County line. The portion from I-20 to FM 16 also includes turn lanes and pavement rehabilitation.

### SH 155 Resurfacing Project

Limits: From Loop 323 in Tyler, southwest to the Anderson County line

Contractor: Madden Contracting Company, LLC

Cost: \$17 million

Anticipated Completion Date: Summer 2022

The contractor is scheduled to continue the mill and inlay between Coffee City the FM 344/FM 2661. Expect lane closures when work is in progress. When in progress, hours will be from 8 p.m. to 5 a.m., Sunday through Thursday nights. Expect delays. The project will resurface the roadway, upgrade drainage structures, and repair bridge joints.

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## District Champions for 2022

The Lindale Junior High School Girls basketball team shows off its hardware for winning the district championship this past week. (Courtesy photo)

## Junior High girls win district championship

The Lindale Junior High School girls basketball teams completed another successful district season this past Wednesday night as the 7th grade B, 7th grade A, 8th grade B teams won the league title with wins over Bullard and the 8th grade A team was the league runner up.

The 7th grade B team defeated the Lady Panthers, 22-8; the 7th grade A team won 24-15; the 8th grade B team won, 17-8 and the 8th grade A team fell, 46-20.

For the 7th grade B team, Jaelynn Cocolan was the leading scorer, Cambry Andreason was the rebounding leader, Charlize Reed and Brooke Lewis were leaders in assists and Jaelynn Cocolan was the leader in steals.

Emma Watkins led the 7th grade A

team in scoring, Ella Hutchens was the leader in rebounds, Ava Grogan and Ella Hutchens were the assists leaders and Ma'Kaylin Smith and Ella Hutchens led the team in steals.

For the 8th grade B team, Mayzie Piccoli was the leading scorer, Alena Garza and Sadie Clay led in rebounds, Kaniya Pierce was the leader in assists and Mayzie Piccoli was the leader in steals.

Alyssa Potts led the 8th grade A team in scoring and rebounding, Abigail Lee and Macy Luster were the assists leaders and Alyssia Romero and Macy Luster were the leaders in steals.

Alyssa Potts won the Hustle Award and Sadie Arriola won the Leadership Award.

## Lindale's Hutchens named to Class 4A Honorable Mention All-State team

Lindale High School offensive lineman Will Hutchens has been selected to the All-State Honorable Mention Class 4A football team by the Texas Sports Writers Association, publicity officials announced.

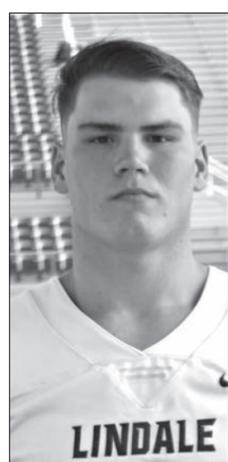
Hutchens, a junior, was recently selected to the 94A All-District first team as chosen by the district's coaches.

He was the lone LHS representative on the all-state list.

Wide receiver Coy Eakin and linebacker Reese Young from state champion Stephenville were the TSWA Players of the Year.

Eakin had 93 receptions for 2,140 yards with 31 touchdowns for 16-0 Stephenville. He shared offensive player of the year honors with El Campo running back Rueben Owens who rushed for 2,989 yards with 46 TDs. Young had 156 solo tackles, 31 of them for losses along with 15 quarterback pressures to be the defensive player of the year.

First team selections from East Texas include



quarterback Brandon Tennison of Gilmer; fullback Kaiden Roden of Quinlan-Ford; all-purpose player Ashton Haynes of Gilmer; lineman Matthew Burton of Gilmer and defensive back Rohan Fluellen of Gilmer.

East Texans on the second team include: offensive lineman Brayden Clinton of Gilmer; wide receiver Heston Kelly of Rusk; running back Davin Rider of Kilgore; all-purpose Rawdy Rowan of Quinlan-Ford; linebacker Brack Dyer, Chapel Hill and defensive back Brandon King, Carthage.

## Hideaway resident earns Central Arkansas degree

Taylor Anne Webb of Hideaway recently earned a Bachelor of Business Administration degree from the University of Central Arkansas, school officials announced.

She was one of more than 660 graduates who were conferred with degrees from the Fall, 2021 semester.

The University of Central Arkansas is located in Conway, Ark.

## AgriLife Extension service offers virtual Pasture Management event

By Susan Himes  
Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service

The virtual East Texas Pasture Management program will run from 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 18, in a Zoom meeting platform.

The cost for the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service event is \$35. Participants must preregister by 4 p.m. on Feb. 17 at <https://tx.ag/ETxPastureMgmt> or by calling AgriLife Events at 979-845-2604.

Five Texas Department of Agriculture continuing education units are available for pesticide applicators — three general, one laws and regulations, and one integrated pest management.

"Herbicides for weed management can be both safe and cost-effective if used appropriately," said Vanessa Corriher-Olson, Ph.D., AgriLife Extension forage specialist, Overton. "There are two important steps in using herbicides. The first is to correctly identify the problem plant. The



second is to follow the label directions."

Pasture management speakers, topics

Speakers include Corriher-Olson; Jason Banta, Ph.D., AgriLife Extension beef cattle specialist, Overton; Mark Matocha, Ph.D., AgriLife Extension state agriculture and environmental safety specialist, Bryan-College Station; Shelbie Powell, education and outreach coordinator, Southwest Center for Agricultural Health, Injury Prevention and Education, University of Texas at Tyler; and John Jennings, Ph.D., University of Arkansas Extension forage specialist.

These experts will cover a range of key topics important for best pasture management practices

including:

Impact of Grazing Management on Weed Production.

Alternative Nutrient Sources for Bermuda Grass. Pesticide Safety.

Weed Control Strategies for Pastures and Hay Fields.

Laws and Regulations of Pesticide Use.

Accessing event, online practice sessions

On or about Feb. 17, instructions to access the virtual training will be emailed to registered participants. Contact Corriher-Olson at [vacorriher@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:vacorriher@ag.tamu.edu) if not received.

Two practice sessions will be offered on Feb. 17 for those who want to test or better understand the process of connecting and viewing material. That information will be included in the emailed instructions.

For more information on the pasture management program, contact Michelle Sensing, AgriLife Extension administrative associate, Overton, at 903-847-0611.

# Now is the time to get potatoes planted

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

When I was a small boy, the elderly Mr. Adams, who lived through the woods and up the hill from our house in Longview, asked me to help him plant his Irish potato crop.

I remember how intrigued I was at putting pieces of potatoes into the soft loamy soil. The day we pulled them up and scratched out multitudes of large whole potatoes was the day I became a vegetable gardener.

It was truly magic. He sent me home with a heavy brown paper grocery sack full of them, and my mom prepared them for me the way she ate them as a little girl, creamed and served with ketchup. I was hooked.

Potatoes are cool-weather plants that bloom and die when the temperatures get hot. They can tolerate frosts but not hard freezes and are mostly planted as a spring crop in East Texas.

They should be planted about four weeks before the last expected

frost (February). For many, Valentine's Day (or President's Day) is potato planting day.

Potatoes are planted from small potatoes or pieces of larger potatoes known as "seed potatoes." They should be spaced 8 to 12 inches apart.

Potatoes require at least eight hours of direct sun each day for maximum yields. Like most root crops, they do best in well-drained sandy and loamy soils and are best planted in raised beds or rows at least 6 to 12 inches high. Ideally, till in several inches of compost or organic matter and incorporate 2 pounds of a complete lawn fertilizer (15-5-10, 18-6-12, etc.) per 100 square feet of bed or every 35 feet of row before planting.

In smaller plantings use 2 teaspoons per square foot or foot of row. The ideal soil pH for growing potatoes is 5.0 to 6.5.

Potatoes can be grown in raised beds or raised rows 6 inches high, 18 inches wide, and 36 inches apart. Use your hoe to open up a furrow 3 inches deep down in the row.

Place the seed pieces or small potatoes in the bottom of the furrow. Cover them with well-



These lush green plants contain tasty potatoes underneath which can be harvested in the spring. (Courtesy photo)

cultivated soil and gently firm them in with the back of your hoe.

They can also be grown in whiskey barrel sized (30 gallon or larger) containers of potting soil.

Potatoes are relatively easy to grow, provided they have lots of sunshine and cool temperatures. Around three to four weeks after planting or when the plants are 6 inches tall, use your hoe or shovel to apply about 3 to 4 inches of dirt or compost to the bases of the

plants. This creates a desirable area in which the potatoes can form.

Ideally, apply a layer of organic mulch (hay, straw, grass clippings, compost, etc.) to conserve water and prevent weeds. The main pest on potatoes is the potato bug that eats the foliage.

Handpick them or apply an appropriately labeled pesticide following all label directions.

Potatoes are usually ready to harvest 90 to 120 days after plant-

ing. Spring-planted plants indicate when they are ready to harvest as the tops turn yellow and start to die.

I usually start sneaking some tender "new potatoes" as soon as the plants start blooming by gently probing beneath them with my fingers. Be careful not to disturb the root system, and always remember your production will be greater if you leave them alone until they are mature.

I can't help myself though. If you are going to consume the final crop rather quickly, dig them with a spading fork and wash them before storing in a cool, humid, dark place.

If you want to store them for a longer period, cut the tops off the dying plants and leave the potatoes in the ground for three to four days. This will toughen the skins and make the potatoes last longer.

Recommended potato varieties for Texas include 'Kennebec' (white), 'Pontiac' (red), 'Red Lasoda' (red), and 'Norland' (red). Potatoes are native to South America.

For more information on growing potatoes at home, see the Easy Gardening publication on "potatoes" on the Aggie Horticulture website.

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## Rotary Club's benefit Wild Game Dinner March 7

The Lindale Rotary Club's annual benefit Wild Game Dinner is scheduled for 5 p.m.-8 p.m. Monday, March 7 in the Lindale High School Cafeteria, publicity officials announced.

The event is being catered by Petty's Steak and Catfish in Lindale.

Tickets are \$30 for adults, \$10 for ages 7-15 with under 6 free.

Local beneficiaries of the Lindale Rotary

Club include the Bethesda Health Clinic; Boys Scout Troop 351; Children's Advocacy Center in Tyler; Christian Woman's Job Corps, David Powell Food Pantry in Lindale; Hope Haven of East Texas; Lillie Russell Memorial Library; Lindale Volunteer Fire Department; Lindale ISD Education Foundation and Mercy Ships.

For more information, contact Amanda Froebe at 882-5333.

## Toys Arf Us: A salon for the little guys

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DATED the 14th day of February, 2022.

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Tyler, Texas 75702.

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# 6 easy steps to successfully planting a tree

Late fall through early spring is the perfect time to plant tree seedlings in Texas! This is because the cooler temperatures allow trees much needed time for root development and acclimation to their new environment without the added stress of the hot Texas sun.

When planting a tree, it is important to remember: Right Tree, Right Place! This means that you should always consider the mature size of your tree and its

needs before planting it. You want your tree to have plenty of room for the canopy and roots to grow - you never want it too close to a house or under power lines.

To successfully plant a tree, follow these 6 easy steps:

1. Dig a hole that is at least 2 times wider than the diameter of the root ball but not so deep that the tree's root flare (where the trunk flares out to the roots) is below soil grade.

2. Remove tree from container and work the roots to ensure separation. If roots are curled in the shape of the container, ensure that you break them up and try to straighten them out a bit.

3. Place tree into hole, ensuring that the root flare is slightly above the natural grade.

4. Gently fill the hole with the same soil that came out of the hole. Do not add soil amendments. While you want to remove air pockets,

do not pack down the soil tightly as this can damage fine roots.

5. Mulch around the tree at least out to the drip line. Mulch only needs to be 2-3 inches deep and should not touch the trunk.

6. Water the tree deeply and thoroughly. This will help settle the soil uniformly around the roots as

well as reduce transplant shock. Water regularly for the first two years but make sure not to over water. A newly planted tree requires 6-8 gallons of water per diameter inch of trunk every week total. This includes precipitation and added water. An infrequent soak is better than light frequent watering.

Always try to protect young trees from animals and lawn equipment such as weed eaters because these can easily wound and kill your tree. It is typically better not to fertilize your tree within the first year as too much nitrogen can burn roots therefore growth and delaying growth and establishment.

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