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Progress continues on Lindale health facility

The new state-of-the-art emergency center at CHRISTUS Trinity Mother Frances HealthPark in Lindale continues to take shape. When finished, it will feature approximately 12,900 square feet and will be the only 24-hour emergency care center in Lindale. There will be 11 exam rooms, a trauma room, a full-service imaging center and four intake rooms. County, city and hospital officials broke ground on the facility this past summer.

Photo by Terry Cannon

Council takes action on ETJ matter

Lindale City Council members addressed an Extra Territorial Jurisdiction (ETJ) matter this past week during their regular weekly meeting at city hall, agreeing to allow the city Planning and Zoning Commission to review areas within the city's ETJ boundaries.

By state law, Lindale's ETJ can extend one mile past its city limits, which creates a buffer for the city from bigger cities such as Tyler, which can extend its ETJ up to five miles outside its boundaries.

City Manager Carolyn Caldwell asked the council to request the P&Z change certain designations within the city's ETJ to accommodate any subdivision requirements.

A decade ago, city officials from Lindale and Tyler agreed to new ETJ boundaries, which included Lindale receiving sizeable acreage to the west from the intersection of Interstate 20 and U.S. Highway 69, including the Texas Rose Horse Park, the Lindale Industrial Park and several acres at the intersection of FM 849 and State Highway 110. In that same agreement, the city of Tyler acquired more than 100 acres on the eastern side at the intersection of I-20 and U.S. 69, extending south to County Road 461.

"This isn't something that we thought we'd have to look at for a city our size," Caldwell said. "But it is something we need to be aware of in the future."

Part of the process of changing the ETJ's required landowners to agree to be incorporated into the new areas. Lindale city officials spent many hours discussing the plan with the landowners.

"(The landowners) were nice enough to help us out back then so I would

like the support of the council before taking it to the P&Z," Caldwell said.

The city of Tyler has urban, suburban and rural designations within their ETJ's, something that Lindale Mayor Jeff Daugherty said might be in order for Lindale.

"I know that at the time (of the discussions) the people were told they wouldn't be affected," he said. "I would like to see it extend past the city limits and maybe we could call it a rural zone."

In other action, the council:

- Approved engineering services contracts with Brannon Corp. for the city's Community Development Block Grant projects for the downtown sidewalks and the Safe Routes to School sidewalks.
- Approved Traylor and Associates to administer the Community Development Block Grants for the downtown and Safe Routes to School sidewalk projects.
- OK'd a resolution accepting the Sanitary Sewer Collection System Improvements and authorized a final payment of \$134,477.
- Approved the replats of lots located at the Crossings at Mission Ridge, 15497 County Road 431.
- Approved the final subdivision of Fountain Plaza, creating two lots at 1816 S. Main Street.
- Approved the final subdivision plat of Lindale Shopping Strip, dedicating right-of-way at 801 S. Main St.
- OK'd final subdivision plat of the Giles Addition creating four lots at 13372 FM 2710.

Moran gets GOP nod for House, Gohmert fails in AG bid

By Terry Cannon
Editor

Now that the 2022 Primary Elections have taken place some candidates will be setting their sights on a May runoff while others will turn their attention to the General Election in November.

Statewide, Gov. Greg Abbott easily secured the Republican nomination for another term while the Democrats chose Beto O'Rourke to oppose him in November.

Dan Patrick also easily won his party's backing for Lieutenant Governor by defeating fellow Republicans Daniel Miller, Zach



MORAN

Vance, Trayce Bradford, Aaron Sorrells and Todd M. Bullis, while Mike Collier and Michelle Beckley will go at it again in the May runoff for the Democratic nomination.



GOHMERT

One of the most publicized statewide races centered around the Attorney General's office featuring incumbent Ken Paxton in a crowded field of Republicans



BUSH

which included Louis Gohmert, longtime Dist. 1 U.S. Representative who gave up his national seat to run against Paxton.



PAXTON

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FBI agent indicted on indecency charge

A Smith County Grand Jury has indicted an FBI agent for indecency with a child stemming from an incident which allegedly took place in Tyler in July, 2018, according to court records.

David Lee Harris of Prairieville, La., was indicted on Feb. 10 and is scheduled to be arraigned on June 20, records state. The charge is a third-degree felony.



Prior to his arrest, Harris had been appointed to lead a regional division of the FBI which investigates online crimes against children, including child pornography.

In July 2018, according to arrest records, a woman described in an interview of a "skinny dipping" incident at her pool when her daughter was 13. The

victim said Harris swam nude in their pool in Tyler in full view of her.

Also, the girl recounted an incident when she wasn't feeling well she went to lie down.

Harris then allegedly undressed from the waist down, exposed himself to her, and laid down on top of her.

Court records state the girl yelled out for Harris' wife and it was then Harris allegedly got off of her and put his clothes on.

In her interview with forensic officials, the girl said Harris "was drunk most of the time" and she thinks he was drunk during the alleged incident.

Also included in the affidavit were samples of text messages to and from Harris' FBI-issued cell phone that confirmed many of the allegations about his indecent exposure incidents and described his attraction to teenage girls.

Harris allegedly molested the child in Florida and Louisiana, according to the affidavit, from 2018 to 2019.

Prosecutors alleged during a previous hearing that Harris threatened at least one of the victims if she said anything.

A Texas Ranger on the case was contacted by a senior special agent with the Department of Justice in the Inspector General's Office following a request for help on an alleged case reported on Feb. 9, according to officials.

The agent with the OIG's office told the Texas Rangers that the report had been received concurrently by the DOJIG and the United States Army Department of the Army because Harris was employed by both the FBI and the U.S. Army at the time of the alleged offenses.

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OPINION/COMMENTARY

PUBLISHER'S NOTE: Suzanne's weekly columns meant a lot to many people over the years and I have received many requests to rerun her columns. I miss them too. So here is the "Best of Suzanne Bardwell." I hope you enjoy them.

The hour of Power ...

Everybody remember to "Spring Forward" this weekend. It is the time change that makes me feel like I have an antihistamine hangover and it takes a month to get used to that change.

I NEED that hour we are going to lose. How about you?

If you had one hour per week that you got to spend any way you wanted what would you do. Would you exercise? Probably not. Would you catch up on housework? Maybe.

More than likely most folks would fill it with playing on their cell phone or online. Or they would watch mindless TV or troll Facebook.

What if you spent it alone...with you.

Reflection is something we seem to have lost the art for and we need it...desperately.

We need to turn the television, the radio, the iPod, the cell phone, the computer, the Kindle OFF. We need to be still.

We need to be quiet.

And we need to think about why we are here and what

The Best of Suzanne Bardwell



we are about.

Yes, the housework definitely needs to be done.

And yes, most of us need to make a habit of exercise.

But life is short and we need to connect with what makes it meaningful.

Sometimes we need to be still to find that out, or reconnect with what it is.

Life moves at the speed of light. We look up and our babies are grown. We look up and we are no longer young. We look up and life is full of challenges and heartbreaks or just plain tedium.

But as long as we take the time to be still and keep looking up we will find our purpose.

Don't lose more hours than you have to. Find the time to find yourself.

And, don't forget to look up.

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Several races headed to runoffs

A number of statewide races are headed for a May 24 runoff after the votes were tallied in the March 1 primary.

Topping the ballot in the Republican races is the contest for attorney general, where incumbent Ken Paxton led the field with 42.7% of votes cast, followed by George P. Bush, current land commissioner, who garnered 22.8%. The remainder of GOP ballots went to former Supreme Court justice Eva Guzman at 17.5% and U.S. Rep. Louie Gohmert with 17%.

In the Democratic race for lieutenant governor, Houston businessman Mike Collier took 41.5%, with Carrollton state Rep. Michelle Beckley getting 30.2%. They will face each other in the runoff to determine who will face incumbent Dan Patrick in November. Patrick handily won the GOP primary with 76.6% of the vote.

In the race to succeed Bush as land commissioner, there will be runoffs in both parties, with State Sen. Dawn Buckingham, R-Lakeway, taking 41.8% and Tim Westley, the historian for the Texas Republican party, trailing with 14.8%. On the Democratic ballot, Sandragrace Martinez, a San Antonio licensed professional counselor, took 32% while Jay Kleberg, a conservationist whose family owns the storied King Ranch, trailed with 25.8%.

Two Democrats are vying to face incumbent Glenn Hegar in the race for state comptroller. Janet T. Dudding, who retired from Texas A&M to run, led the field with 46.2%. She will face Angel Luis Vega, a business strategist, who received 34.7% of the vote.

GOP incumbent Wayne Christian, chair of the Texas Railroad Commission, fell short of gathering a majority in the primary with 47.2% of the vote. Sarah Stogner, a Midland attorney who gained attention by posting a semi-nude video of herself on top of an oil pumpjack, finished second with 15.1%.

Voters may cast ballots in a party's runoff races if they originally voted in that party's primary or didn't vote at all. Voters who cast ballots in the Republican primary can't cross over and vote in the Democratic runoff, and vice versa. Early voting runs from May 16-20.

Operation Lone Star marks one year

Gov. Greg Abbott, the Texas Department of Public Safety and the Texas National Guard last week marked the one-year anniversary of Operation Lone Star, the state's effort to "secure the border." Since its launch, more than 208,000 migrants have been apprehended, with 11,800 criminal charges filed.

In the last legislative session, lawmakers approved an additional \$1.8 billion in state funding, bringing the total of funding for border security to \$3 billion.

Emergency SNAP benefits again extended

The U.S. Department of Agriculture again has extended emergency food benefits for eligible Texas families, with more than \$310 million going to more than 1.5 million Texas households for the month of March. The allotments are distributed through the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program and administered by the Texas Health and Human Services Commission.

"Putting food on the table is critical for the health and well-being of families, and we're proud to continue helping with these most basic needs," said Texas HHS Access and Eligibility Services Deputy Executive Commissioner Wayne Salter.

Since April 2020, more than \$6.13 billion in emergency food benefits have been provided through SNAP. All SNAP households will receive at least \$95 in emergency allotments by March 31.

Website highlights early childhood services

A streamlined resource for Texas parents to get information about early childhood services is now up and running. The new website, earlychildhood.texas.gov, serves as a one-stop-shop to connect Texas parents with access to a variety of free or low-cost services and resources.

The website offers information and resources for health and development, parenting, child care and education.

Federal COVID-19 funding tops \$75.6 billion

The Legislative Budget Board reports that the state received an estimated \$75.6 billion in COVID-19 federal funding, not counting funds awarded directly to individuals and local entities. The funding came from a half dozen pandemic response packages passed by Congress since March 2020.

The funding provided assistance to Texas public schools, higher education, local governments and health care providers.



THE ECONOMIST

By Dr. M. Ray Perryman

Invasion ...

Russia's invasion of Ukraine is ongoing, and it is impossible to know at this point how it will play out in terms of duration or magnitude. While any such aggression causing loss of life and freedom is first and foremost a humanitarian tragedy, it also brings economic fallout.

The reaction in financial markets was predictably swift. Stocks fell due to rising uncertainty, which typically results in business decisions being deferred. As is common, some of the initial declines were recovered as traders weighed the situation, but there continues to be volatility in response to developments in Ukraine, a pattern that will undoubtedly persist.

Oil prices rose sharply. Russia is the second largest supplier, and disruptions are now quite possible. Supplies were already tight, and the conflict adds a new layer of concern. There was some backing off from the initial spike, but an ongoing risk premium is clearly in place.

Demand for US treasury securities intensified, pushing up prices and driving down yields. US debt remains the global standard for investments that are politically risk free and is the most secure haven in any crisis. It happened after 9/11, during the mortgage crisis, as the pandemic began, and now with this calamity. While we may pontificate about cryptocurrency, global currency, or other means of exchange (and such instruments will indeed expand), the preferred medium will remain US dollars

for the foreseeable future.

A variety of sanctions have been implemented by the US and other western nations. The goal is, of course, to stifle the Russian economy and collapse the ruble, thus limiting the capacity to wage war in multiple ways. As a practical matter, such sanctions, while potentially effective, will inevitably ripple across the global economy. The world is highly integrated, and there is no way to isolate the effects to a single area.

Another outcome is to reaffirm the absolutely essential nature of energy security and US oil and gas production. With much of northern Europe heated by Russian natural gas, geopolitical risks are intensified because of this dependency (and purchasing Russian gas provides cash to fund the hostilities). More robust capacity to deliver Texas liquefied natural gas to Europe would alleviate (or even eliminate) this situation. Renewables are clearly an indispensable resource for meeting long-term climate goals, but cannot carry the entire load.

There will inevitably be ups and downs as the conflict persists, but until it is resolved, we will see fallout for the US economy. In particular, it throws a major wrench into the progress in easing supply chain issues and dealing with inflation. Much depends on what happens next, but it is already obvious that the consequences will be significant.

Stay safe!

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Let's talk about renewing your car's warranty

There are times when being a smart aleck is rewarding, like when those annoying nitwits call with "urgent information concerning your car's warranty."

Spam calls are indeed a bane to our daily lives and like cockroaches there seems to be little anyone can do about them.

Our office gets quite a few of these idiotic spam calls which are easy to identify thanks to caller ID.

A couple of times, I've turned the tables on these unwanted callers – usually about my "car's warranty" or some essential "Medicare information" -- and it's been pretty amusing, at least on my end of the phone.

A few weeks ago, after determining it was indeed a spam call, I played along by entering the number on the phone "to speak to a customer representative."

After a short wait, I was greeted by someone who

asked my name and the model of my car.

"You called me," I said. "You don't know my name? And you don't know the model of my car?"

He stammered a bit and repeated the question.

"Why do you need to know my name? You called me," I repeated.

"Sir, we need your name and the model of your car to make sure your warranty is up to date," he said.

Again, I asked why he needed my name when he initiated the phone call.

"We can't update your warranty until we have all the information," he said,

"My car is out of warranty. How can you update it?" I asked.

I could almost hear him flipping the pages of the script he was reading from.

"This information is important to upgrade your warranty," he said, getting a bit testy.

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"Like I said, my car is out of warranty. You can't update it," I answered.

After a brief period of silence, he asked once more for my information.

I then delivered the line I had been waiting to say: "Actually, I need your name because you called a newspaper and I'm going to write a story about you and your company."

Click. A couple of days ago, I got another spammer on the line. Dutifully, I pressed "zero" like I was told and was connected to a female voice this time.

She asked the same

questions as the previous person and I happily complied.

"Yes, I am interested in updating my warranty," I said.

To which she replied, "OK, I need the make and model of your car."

"Sure," I said, smiling big. "It's a 1962 Plymouth Valiant and its warranty expired a long, long time ago."

She mumbled something and I laughed.

"What? You mean you don't want to update the warranty on my Valiant?"

Click. Dedicated readers of this page, which I share with our



It's amazing that the spam callers didn't want to renew the warranty on this spiffy 1962 Valiant.

boy Rusty, may recognize today's essay as similar to his "Creature Calls" he writes about from time to time.

Perhaps, but since he's so much more clever than me it's difficult to compare the two. And my wife's not around to give me the stink eye that Janet does when he's finished with his Creature.

However, his thinking behind messing with those lousy spammers is exactly the same as mine: They are bothering me, so I'm going to bother them back.

Nowadays, Rusty doesn't

get as many Creature calls as he has in years past, mainly because he doesn't have a land line in his home. He's like me with his cell phone in that if the caller isn't someone on his call list he won't answer.

Occasionally, however, he'll see a local number pop up and answer.

"When it looks like it's local number I like to keep telling them to speak up until they are yelling really loud," he said. "That gets pretty funny."

Yep, there's no doubt. Ol' Rusty is my kind of guy.

He's a smart aleck too.

Recalling the blood oath of youth

I had a kid come up to me the other day and asked me if those kids I write about are real.

"What kids?" I asked. "You know, Wee Whoa, Little Rusty, Cousin Coy, and Greg Hunt," he answered.

"Of course they're real," I told him. "What makes you think they weren't real?"

"Well, their names for one," he said.

"What about their names?" "Wee Whoa? What kind of parent would name their kid Wee Whoa?" he asked. "And Little Rusty? Why didn't you call him just 'Rusty'?" Cousin Coy, I can guess, but why is Greg Hunt the only one with a last name?"

Well, I explained it to him, and I'll explain it to y'all too, in case you haven't been readin' this junk I write long enough to already know.

Wee Whoa's real name was Randy Joe. When he was a little bitty kid, he tried to say his name and

it came out Wee Whoa, and the name stuck. Little Rusty was Wee Whoa's big brother. He was younger and smaller than me, so to differentiate between us, we called him Little Rusty, and me just plain Rusty. The reason I use Greg Hunt's last name is because that's what we called him. We didn't call him Greg. We called him Greg Hunt. I don't know why, but we did.

Oh yeah, I left out my cousin Coy. We just called him Coy. When I write about him I call him my cousin Coy, so y'all will know he's my cousin. He's blood, you know.

Speakin' of blood, we were just about all blood brothers. Now, I know a bunch of you young' uns out there aren't goin' to know what a blood brother is, cause they don't have Cowboy and Indian movies on TV anymore.

Heck, they don't even call them Indians anymore.

Back when I was a kid, we played Cowboys and

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Indians. We had toy guns, and bows and arrows, and we'd chase each other through the woods shootin' at each other.

Sometimes you'd be a Cowboy, and sometimes you'd be an Indian. It didn't really matter 'cause you'd always get killed anyway. There was an art to dyin' if you got killed. If you were an Indian, you got shot with a play-like bullet. If you were a Cowboy, you got shot with an arrow with a rubber suction cup on the end.

If you were an Indian, you'd flop around on the ground for a while before you died. If you were a Cowboy, you'd stick the arrow under your armpit and stagger around sayin'

stuff like, "It's gettin' dark," or "Take care of my horse for me."

Not that we had a horse, but you had to say somethin'. Then, we'd carefully fall down, makin' sure we didn't break the arrow. They were expensive. Around 25 cents, if I remember correctly.

I always liked playin' the Indians best 'cause they had teepees. Cowboys didn't have any kind of place to live in, except bunk houses, and teepees were a lot easier to build than bunkhouses.

All you had to do was to get a few sticks and tie 'em up on one end, stand 'em up, and drape a sheet, or a bed spread, or whatever else your mom had dryin' on the clothesline, over

the sticks, and you had a genuine teepee.

That's where you kept your bows and arrows, rubber knives, and captured Cowboys. It was also the place where you'd perform Indian rituals, like smokin' the peace pipe, and becomin' blood brothers.

Our peace pipe was a genuine peace pipe that my cousin Coy had got at a souvenir shop when he was on vacation.

Our tobacco was from cigarette butts we found up on the highway. You know it take a lot of butts to get enough tobacco to stuff a peace pipe full. Of course, we usually waited until the last to perform this ritual, 'cause after it was over with, we were usually too sick to do much else.

We'd do the Blood Brother Ritual first.

Now-a-days, it's probably not a good idea to become blood brothers with all the diseases around, but back then, the only thing you could get was ringworms.

Now we didn't perform the Blood Brother Ritual like they did in the movies, 'cause that involved takin' a knife and makin' a cut on each of the participant's arms.

We were stupid, but we weren't that stupid.

Instead we'd just pull off a scab of which we usually had a surplus of anyway. One kid might pull one off of his elbow and the other would pull one off his knee. Sometimes if the scab had been there for a while, you had to scrape the wound a little to get some blood to show up.

Then you'd put the two bloody places together, and say somethin' like, "Now we are Blood Brothers." It wasn't real fancy or nothin', but it worked.

You know, to this day I have my cousin Coy's, Little Rusty's, Greg Hunt's, and my dog Sarge's blood runnin' through my veins.

No, I don't have Wee Whoa's. He had ringworms.

Times of Lindale



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ONE YEAR AGO, March 11, 2021

Texas Gov. Greg Abbott issued Executive Order GA-34 which stated mask wearing to combat the COVID-19 pandemic would be optional, essentially opening up businesses across the state which were shuttered due to the outbreak.

In Lindale, Mayor Jeff Daugherty said he will continue to insist families wear masks at his funeral home and during services. Allowing the city's restaurants to open fully is a good move, he believes.

"It's time to get back to business as usual," the mayor said. "A good number of local businesses have been hurt by this pandemic, but (the lifting of the mandate) will help them recover."

As to the rescinding of the mask wearing order, Daugherty knows people are capable of making up their own minds when it comes to the protective face covering.

"I think (the governor's intent) is to put it back on the individual," Daugherty said. "People are going to do what they want to do anyway."

FIVE YEARS AGO, March 9, 2017

The Lindale Junior High School Lady Eagles 7th and 8th grade track teams competed in the Mineola Junior High School meet, with the 8th grade earning 131 points for first place and the 7th grade earning 100 1/2 points for second place.

A highlight for the 8th graders was the new school record in the 1600-meter relay, with the team of Raya Rand, Skylar Wyllie, Bree Sims and JaNe Wofford coming in at 4:33.79. The old school record was set in 1999.

Leading scorers for the 8th graders included JaNe Wofford with 25 points, Emma Self with 16 points, Skylar

Wyllie with 15 points, Rebekah Beard with 15 points and Kalaya Pierce with 15 points.

For the 7th graders, Baylee Daughtry scored 19 points and Ja'Da Latson had 14.

10 YEARS AGO, March 8, 2012

Pitcher Kayla Cosby fired a no-hitter and her Lindale High School teammates provided her with a run as the Lady Eagles defeated Carthage, 1-0, in the team's second game of the Hallsville Softball Tournament.

In their first game of the tourney, the Lady Eagles whipped Shreveport Evangel, 12-0. Lindale's season record stood at 9-1-1 on the season with the two tournament victories.

In the Carthage game, Mariah Millington slammed a double for Lindale's only extra base hit and against Evangel, Katherine Baldwin tossed a two-hit shutout as the Lady Eagles exploded for seven runs in the top of the first inning enroute to the win.



Cub Scout speaker

Darla Strickland of the Lillie Russell Memorial Library was the guest speaker recently for Cub Scout Pack 351 in Lindale, which fulfilled the badge requirement for the Pack of having a community leader speak to the group. Pictured are, front from left, Adrian Romine and Angela Romine. Back row, Ben Westbrook, Jake Lemoine, Darla Strickland, MacKenzie Bridges, Samuel Phillips and James Westbrook. (Courtesy Photo)

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Naturalized narcissus brighten landscapes

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I was born in love with flowers but with almost no access to nurseries, gardeners, display gardens, or mail order catalogs. This meant I had to find flowers to admire where I could including the woods and the roadside.

One of my favorites to this day is the assortment of naturalized heirloom narcissus (flowers in white clusters), jonquils (flowers in yellow clusters), and daffodils (single yellow trumpets) at old houses and old homesites in rural East Texas.

These all belong to the genus *Narcissus* and are natives and early wild hybrids from Europe, brought here long ago by early settlers. Here's a primer on the most common ones that persist.

Grand Primo *Narcissus* (*Narcissus tazetta* 'Grand Primo'): This one is adapted to all parts of the state from Dallas and Longview south. It has clusters of creamy-white, intoxicatingly fragrant blooms between February and March and thrives in alkaline or acid soils. 'Grand Primo' is a several-hundred-year-old cultivar and the most common polyanthus (*tazetta*) narcissus in the East Texas. It's sterile so only propagates by division and is a result of an apparent cross between the paperwhite

(*N. papyraceus*) and the Chinese sacred lily (*N. tazetta orientalis*). True paperwhites have pure white blooms and bloom between Thanksgiving and New Year's making them cold sensitive here. *N. x italicus* has creamy-white, star-like flowers with yellow cups; blooms in mid-January, is also quite common, but prefers a bit farther south.

Wild Jonquils or "Sweeties" (*Narcissus jonquilla*): This personal favorite is a harbinger of spring and has clusters of tiny yellow, very fragrant blooms between February and March. It multiplies best in acid, sandy-loam soils and is a native of Spain and France. Wild jonquils produce viable seed and will naturalize on good sites if the seed capsules are allowed to ripen.

Campernelle Jonquil (*Narcissus x odoros*): Campernelles are adapted throughout the state. They produce clusters of medium-sized yellow, fragrant blooms between February and March. In my opinion, it's the most dependable and showy of them all. It's an old hybrid between a jonquil (*N. jonquilla*) and a daffodil (*N. pseudonarcissus*). Like many initial hybrids, campernelles are sterile (seedless) so only multiply by division.

Texas Star Jonquil (*Narcissus x intermedius*): These produce clusters of small, pale yellow, fragrant blooms between February and March. It's a natural hybrid between a jonquil (*N. jonquilla*) and a



These Wild Jonquils are harbingers of spring with their tiny yellow, fragrant blooms which appear during February and March. (Courtesy photo)

narcissus (*N. tazetta*). Texas Star jonquils are also sterile (seedless), so only multiply by division. They have a fabulous fragrance.

Lent Lily or Wild Daffodil (*Narcissus pseudonarcissus*): This cutie produces small, creamy-yellow trumpets between February and March and multiplies best in acid, sandy-loam soils. It's a wild species from Spain and France and sets viable seed so will naturalize on good sites. Lent lilies are the parent of all modern daffodils and the subject of Wordsworth's "I Wandered Lonely as a Cloud" poem.

These amazingly adapted perennial

bulbs thrive despite no fertilizer, irrigation, pesticides, or division. Unfortunately, they are not available in the commercial Dutch bulb trade. Thankfully, the Smith County Master Gardeners generally offer a different one each year in their annual Earth-Kind Bulbs to Bloom conference and sale which feature heirloom, hardy, and hard-to-find bulbs for Texas and the South. This year's sale will be a hybrid between on-line and in person and is scheduled for Saturday October 15 in Tyler. For more information visit the Smith County Master Gardeners website or Facebook page.

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Officer Philpot and Officers Dailey and Wells responded to a business alarm at 300 block S Main St, false alarm. Officer Philpot and Officers Capps and Wells responded to a warrant service at 3500 block S Main St, unfounded. Officer Gillham and Officer Capps responded to a possession drug paraphernalia at 400 block S Main St, citation issued and report taken. Sgt Dworaczyk responded to a suspicious vehicle at 200 block Cannery Row, unfounded. Sgt Dworaczyk responded to an assist other agency at 13400 block I-20, settled at scene. Sgt Dworaczyk and Officers Gillham and Capps responded to an assist other agency at 16100 block CR 4191, settled at scene.

Saturday, Feb. 26, 2022

Officer Capps responded to a welfare concern at 500 block E Hubbard St, settled at scene. Officer Gillham and Officer Capps responded to a suspicious circumstance at 552 E I-20, unfounded. Officer Gillham responded to a suspicious vehicle at 17000 block I-20 W, settled at scene.

Sunday, Feb. 27, 2022

Officer Trombley and Officer Wells responded to a theft at 21200 block Hwy 69 N, report taken. Officer Trombley and Officers Jackquet and Wells responded to a verbal disturbance at 17000 block I-20, settled at scene. Officer Ramsey and Officer Jackquet responded to a welfare concern at 100 block E Hubbard St, unfounded. Officer Jackquet responded to a public service at 100 block Ballard Dr, settled at scene. Officer Trombley and Officer Wells responded to a public service at 100 block Ballard Dr, settled at scene. Officer Trombley and Officers Jackquet and Wells responded to disturbance at 300 block S Main St, settled at scene. Sgt Houghton responded to a suspicious vehicle at 100 block E Van St, settled at scene. Sgt Houghton and Officer Allen responded to a warrant service at 18400 block Hwy 69 N, arrest made. Sgt Houghton responded to a city ordinance violation at 3500 block S Main St, settled at scene. Sgt Houghton and Officer Allen responded to a suspicious vehicle at 2800 block S Main St, settled at scene. Sgt Houghton and Officer Allen responded to a warrant service at 200 block E South St, arrest made.

Monday, Feb. 28, 2022

Officer Jackquet responded to an accident at 300 block N Main St, report taken. Officer Trombley and Officer Wells responded to a public service at 2100 block S Main St, settled



at scene. Sgt Lazarine responded to a public service at 300 block N Henry St, settled at scene. Officer Trombley and Officers Jackquet and Wells responded to an assist smith county at 900 block E Hubbard St, report taken. Officer Jackquet responded to an abandoned vehicle at 13200 block CR 472, settled at scene. Officer Allen responded to an accident at 3200 block S Main St, report taken. Sgt Houghton and Officer Allen responded to a public service at 600 block N Main St, settled at scene. Sgt Houghton and Officer Allen responded to an assist other agency at 100 block Ballard Dr, settled at scene. Officer Allen responded to a suspicious vehicle at 300 block E Hubbard St, settled at scene.

Tuesday, March 1, 2022

Officer Trombley and Officers Jackquet and Wells responded to an accident at 2100 block S Main St, report taken. Officer Jackquet responded to a city ordinance violation at 700 block Circle Dr, settled at scene. Officer Trombley and Officer Wells responded to a city ordinance violation at 3500 block S Main St, settled at scene. Lt Lazarine responded to a public service at 100 block Ballard Dr, settled at scene. Officer Trombley and Officer Wells responded to an accident at 100 block E Van St, report taken. Officer Shurley and Officer Jackquet responded to a suspicious vehicle at 900 block Mt Sylvan St, unfounded. Sgt Lazarine and Officers Shurley and Jackquet responded to an assist other agency at 1500 block Pearl St, settled at scene. Chief Somes, Cpt Chambers and Officers Trombley and Wells responded to an assist smith county at 100 block N Main St, settled at scene. Officer Allen responded to a suspicious vehicle at 200 block Cannery Row, settled at scene. Officer Shurley and Officer Allen responded to a suspicious person at 3500 block S Main St, settled at scene. Sgt Houghton and Officer Allen responded to a city ordinance violation at 3500 block S Main St, settled at scene. Officer

Allen responded to a loud noise complaint at 300 block Braziel St, settled at scene. Sgt Houghton and Officer Allen responded to a possession of marijuana at 3300 block S Main St, arrest made.

Wednesday, March 2, 2022

Officer Philpot and Officer Ramsey responded to an accident at 300 block S Main St, report taken. Sgt Dworaczyk responded to a public service at 800 block Industrial Pkwy, settled at scene. Sgt Dworaczyk responded to a welfare concern at 554 WI-20, unfounded. Officer Philpot responded to an assist other agency at 400 block N Main St, settled at scene. Sgt Dworaczyk and Officers Philpot, Ramsey and Capps responded to a criminal mischief at 400 block Hill St, arrest made. Officer Leevey and Officer Gillham responded to a welfare concern at 300 block S Main St, settled at scene. Officer Leevey and Officers Gillham and Capps responded to an assist other agency at 17000 block WI-20, settled at scene. Officer Leevey responded to a suspicious circumstance at 3500 block S Main St, false alarm.

Thursday, March 3, 2022

Officer Philpot responded to a business alarm at 2500 block S Main St, false alarm. Chief Somes responded to a business alarm at 2800 block S Main St, false alarm. Officer Philpot responded to a public service at 15000 block Country Acres Dr, settled at scene. Officer Ramsey responded to an accident at 3500 block S Main St, settled at scene. Officer Philpot responded to a found property at 1000 block Brad Cir, settled at scene. Officer Ramsey responded to an assist other agency at 1200 block S Main St, settled at scene. Officer Philpot responded to an assist other agency at 100 block Ballard Dr, settled at scene. Officer Leevey and Officers Gillham and Capps responded to a warrant service at 3500 block S Main St, arrest made. Officer Capps responded to an assist other agency at 3200 block S Main St, settled at scene. Officer Gillham and Officer Capps responded to a hit and run at 500 block Circle Dr, settled at scene. Officer Leevey and Officer Gillham responded to an assist smith county at 556 WI-20, settled at scene. Officer Leevey and Officer Gillham responded to a welfare concern at 555 E I-20, settled at scene. Officer Leevey responded to a suspicious vehicle at 13300 block CR 472, settled at scene. Cpt Chambers and Officer Gillham responded to a suspicious vehicle at 100 block W South St, settled at scene. Officer Leevey and Officer Gillham responded to an assist smith county at 900 block Stewart St, settled at scene.

Lindale man among 72 county indictments

A Smith County Grand Jury handed down 72 indictments covering the final two months of January and one Lindale resident was among those indicted, according to Grand Jury Coordinator

Marieliza Martinez.

Adam Galyeon, 30, of Lindale was arrested for possession of a controlled substance on July 16, 2021 and for unauthorized use of a vehicle on Aug. 25, 2021.

Lindale residents among jail bookings

Jail bookings for county law enforcement agencies have been released from the past two weeks and three people from Lindale were among those arrested, officials said.

The Smith County Sheriff's Office reported that Lee Carmel Berglund, 31, of Lindale was arrested on Sunday, Feb. 27, for deadly conduct and possession of less than 2 ounces of marijuana. Berglund was booked and released the same day after posting bonds of \$5,500.

Holly Elise Morman, 28, of Lindale, was arrested by officers of the Smith County Adult Probation Department on Friday, Feb. 25, on a charge of injury to a child/elderly/disabled person with intent to cause bodily injury. Morman was booked and released on the same day after posting a \$40,000 bond.

Jeremy Tremayne Shelton, 30, of Lindale was arrested by Smith County Sheriff's Deputies on Tuesday, March 1, on two charges of assault family/household member with a previous conviction. Shelton was jailed on bonds totaling \$125,000.

SMITH COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

-- Priscilla Ann Abbey, 40, of Fort Worth, was arrested on Sunday, Feb. 27 on two counts of deadly conduct discharge firearm. She was booked into Smith County Jail and released the following day on bonds totaling \$20,000.

-- Nathan Bryan Evans, 40, of Yantis, was arrested for assault of family/household member and impeding breath/circulation. His bond was set at \$100,000.

-- Teresa Swan Fletcher, 22, of Tyler, was arrested on Tuesday, March 1 on two counts of kidnapping. Fletcher was jailed on bonds totaling \$500,000.

-- Anthony Charles Hubbard, 62, of Terrell, was arrested on Friday, Feb. 25 on charges of tampering with government record defraud/harm, fraud use/possession identifying information number of items between 5 and 10 and fraud use/possession

identifying information number of items between 10 and 50 elderly. He was jailed on bonds totaling \$50,000.

-- Daquarian Ramon Johnson, 25, of Tyler, was arrested on Friday, Feb. 25 on charges of assault causes bodily injury family member and possession of less than 1 gram of a controlled substance. Johnson was jailed on bonds totaling \$60,000.

-- Brett Joseph Keever, 31, of Dallas, was arrested on Friday, Feb. 25 on a charge of fraudulent use possession identifying information number of items less than 5. Keever was jailed with a bond of \$200,000.

-- On Saturday, Feb. 26, Preston James Thompson, 25, of Longview, was arrested on charges of assault causes bodily injury family member, terroristic threat of family/household, criminal mischief between \$750 and \$2,500 and burglary of habitation. Thompson was released from jail after posting bonds of \$40,000.

-- Aaron Devonte Wallace, 30, of Tyler, was arrested on Saturday, Feb. 26 on two charges of kidnapping. Wallace was jailed on bonds totaling \$500,000.

-- On Monday, Feb. 28, deputies arrested William Richard Candyfire, Jr., 33, on a charge of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon. Candyfire was jailed on a \$150,000 bond.

TYLER POLICE DEPARTMENT

-- Aaron Christopher Clement, 39, of Tyler, was arrested on Friday, Feb. 25 on three charges of aggravated assault against

public servant. Clement was jailed on bonds totaling \$150,000.

-- On Sunday, Feb. 27, officers arrested Medardo Martinez Hernandez, 56, of Tyler, on a charge of aggravated sexual assault of a child and was jailed on a \$450,000 bond.

-- Raudel Torres Hernandez, 32, of Tyler, was arrested on Saturday, Feb. 26 on charges of failure to identify fugitive intent give false information, possession of less than 1 gram of a controlled substance, driving while intoxicated and a federal immigration detainer. Hernandez was jailed on bonds totaling \$62,500 on three charges and no bond on the immigration detainer.

-- On Saturday, Feb. 26, officers arrested Porfirio Martinez, 44, of Tyler, on a charge of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon. He was jailed on a \$50,000 bond.

-- Crystal Marie Raymond, 39, of Tyler, was arrested on Monday, Feb. 28 on a charge of aggravated robbery and jailed on a \$250,000 bond.

-- Officers on Monday, Feb. 28, arrested Natasha Nichelle Tilley, 26, of Tyler, on a charge of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon. Tilley posted a \$25,000 bond and was released from Smith County Jail.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

-- Troopers on Monday, Feb. 28, arrested Leo Daniel Harber, Jr., 50, of Winona, on a charge of assault family/household member impede breath/circulation. Harber was jailed on a \$100,000 bond.

Smith County employees honored for years of service

Rachael Stewart, Criminal Investigator for the Smith County District Attorney's Office, was honored during Commissioners Court Tuesday, March 1, for 20 years of service to Smith County.

"My ambition to serve and lead is the primary reason I pursued a career in law enforcement," Stewart said. "It has always been my passion to help those in need of help, protect the weak and innocent, and seek justice for those who have been victimized."

After serving the Sheriff's Office for 19 years, she went to work for the District Attorney's Office.

District Attorney Jacob Putman said he was pretty excited to hire Stewart a year ago.

"Her personality and the way she deals with people has always been exemplary," he said. "She's done a fabulous job and we're excited to recognize her."

In 2002, at 24-years-old, Stewart began her career with the Smith County Sheriff's Office, starting out as a detention officer. After working in the jail for about a year, she attended the East Texas Police Academy in Kilgore and obtained her Peace Officers License.

She continued working in the Jail in the Commitments Division, Inmate Transport Division, and assisting in many high-profile criminal trials transporting the defendants to court.

From 2004 to 2016, Stewart served as bailiff for 7th District Judge Kerry Russell, and assisted with Courthouse Security. From 2017-2021, she was the Sergeant over Courthouse Security, supervising all County and District Court Bailiffs, and all Deputies providing security at the Courthouse, Courthouse Annex, Cotton Belt and Adult Probation Building, under the direction of Sheriff Larry Smith.

On May 4, 2021, she accepted the position as a Criminal Investigator with the Smith County District Attorney's Office.

Stewart has an Associates of Art Degree in Interdisciplinary Studies with a Specialization in Early Childhood Development from Tyler Junior College. She has completed the East Texas Police Academy and received her Peace Officers Certification and License from Kilgore College Police Academy.

She has also obtained her Master Peace Officer Certification and License.

Lt. Elsa Green also was recognized for 20 years of service with the Sheriff's Office.

Chief Deputy Robert Carlson said since joining the Sheriff's Office in February 2001, Lt. Green has done just about everything for the office – from training to working in the jail, where she is now part of the Jail



Rachael Stewart, Criminal Investigator for the Smith County District Attorney's Office, was honored by county commissioners this past week for her years of service. District Attorney Jacob Putman presented her with her certificate. (Courtesy photo)

Command Staff.

"She is a dedicated professional and loyal employee," he said.

Lt. Green is planning to retire.

"We want to wish her the best of luck in the future," Chief Carlson said.

Melissa Berrum was recognized during Commissioners Court for five years at the District Attorney's Office.

Putman said she has done an amazing job working in the Child Protective Services Division and transitioning to that part of the office from criminal cases.

"She's done an excellent job and I'm happy to give her a five-year pin," he said.

Marisha Roberts was honored for working five years for the Adult Probation Department as its licensed professional counselor and the supervisor for its counseling program.

Assistant Director Shannon Coleman said Roberts is an expert in assessing Adult Probation clients.

"I'm thrilled she has chosen to be with us for five years," Coleman said. "I'm hopeful she will stay with us for 20."

He said Roberts worked for the Andrew's Center before working for Smith County and in her five years at Adult Probation, she has done more than 2,000 assessments.

Coleman described her as "highly trained, extremely skilled, and an amazing counselor."

Additional Smith County employees who celebrated work anniversaries in February but who did not attend Commissioners Court include:

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10 Years: Kelly Kincaid, Tax Office
5 Years: Mario Zakrajsek, Sheriff's Office

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JUNIOR HIGH TRACK RESULTS

The Lindale Junior High School girls 7th and 8th grade track teams participated in the Bullard Junior High School track meet on Monday, Feb. 28 with the 7th graders taking second with 166 points and the 8th graders finishing fourth with 87 points.

Leading scorers for the 7th grade included Ma'Kaylin Smith with 27 points, Kyndal Thurmon with 23 points and Lilly Johnson with 15 points.

Sadie Clay led the 8th graders with 18 points, Ava Burns with 16 points and Alyssa Potts with 12 points.

7th GRADE RESULTS

TRIPLE JUMP -- 3rd Ahlyvia Luwizhi - 28'2"; 4th Ma'Kaylin Smith - 27'7"

LONG JUMP -- 4th Jordyn Weesner - 13'2";

HIGH JUMP -- 1st Ma'Kaylin Smith - 4'4"; 2nd Lilly Johnson - 4'2"; 3rd Addyson Daughtry - 3'10"

POLE VAULT - 2nd Sadie Melton - 5'6"

DISCUS -- 2nd Tessa Dennis - 57'3 1/2"; 4th Ella Hutchens - 54'10"

SHOT PUT -- 4th Ella Hutchens - 29'4"; 6th Tessa Dennis - 28'3"

2400 RUN - 4th Madison Devisscher - 10:46; 5th Bella Van Dyke - 10:48

400 RELAY - Tori Cooper, Ma'Kaylin Smith, Brooke Gissell, Kaidance Smith - 1st 55.444

800 RUN - 5th Brooke Lewis - 2:56; 6th Ahlyvia Luwizhi - 2:58.48

100 HURDLES - 1st Kyndal Thurmon - 18.386; 3rd Lilly Johnson - 19.045

800 RELAY - Tori Cooper, Ma'Kaylin Smith, Brooke Gissell, Kaidance Smith - 1st 2:00.818

400 RUN - 4th Ella Hutchens - 1:12.346

300 HURDLES -- 1st Kyndal Thurmon - 55.871; 5th Addyson Daughtry - 57.982; 6th Lilly Johnson - 58.00

200 DASH - 6th Jordyn Weesner - 31.877

1600 RUN - 3rd Madison Devisscher - 6:49; 5th Bella Van Dyke - 6:55

1600 Relay - Brooke Gissell, Kyndal Thurmon, Brooke Lewis, Ma'Kaylin Smith - 3rd 4:57.348

Results for the 8th grade:

8TH GRADE RESULTS
TRIPLE JUMP -- Sadie Clay - 2nd Place -- 30'5"; Macy Luster - 3rd Place

-30'2 1/2
LONG JUMP - Sadie Clay - 3rd Place - (14'8 1/2)

POLE VAULT -- Alyssa Potts - 2nd Place - 6'0"

DISCUS -- Sadie Arriola - 5th Place - 66'4"; Kirby Kleam - 6th Place - 63'7"

SHOT PUT - Kaniya Pierce - 1st Place - 33'3"; Sadie Arriola - 3rd Place - 32'3"

400 RELAY - Brinley Wehr, Alyssa Potts, Sadie Clay, Macy Luster - 5th Place - 54.55

800 RUN - Ava Burns - 2nd Place - 2:52.82

800 RELAY - Brinley Wehr, Alyssa Potts, Sadie Clay, Macy Luster - 4th - 1:59.79

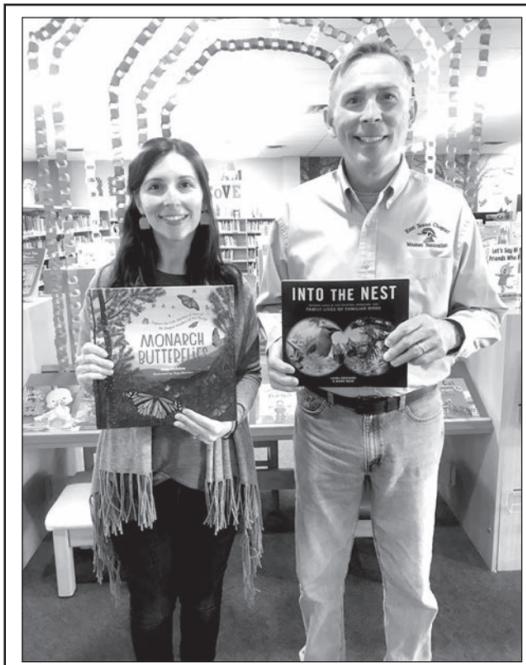
400 RUN -- Alena Garza - 6th Place - 1:12.48

300 HURDLES - Abigail Lee - 3rd Place - 59.30

200 DASH - Sadie Clay - 6th Place - 30.91

1600 RUN - Ava Burns - 2nd Place - 6:39

1600 Relay - Lauren Stanton, Abigail Hanley, Emalee McKeever, Alyssa Potts - 5th Place - 4:58.62



Library book donations

The Lillie Russell Memorial Library received two donated books by Bob Lumpkins of the East Texas Chapter of Master Naturalists recently. The books are "Into the Nest: Intimate Views of Courting, Parenting and Family Lives of Familiar Birds" and "Monarch Butterflies: Explore the Life Journey of One of the Winged Wonders of the World." Library Director Shannon Reid joined Lumpkins with the presentation. (Courtesy photo)

Lindale's Breanna Bell earns Dean's List honors at Biola

Breanna Bell of Lindale has been named to the Dean's List for the Fall, 2021 semester at Biola University, located in La Mirada, Calif., publicity officials announced.

Bell a nursing major, was one of approximately 1,800 students who were named to the dean's list in Fall 2021. Biola students are placed on the dean's list to honor those with a GPA of 3.6 or higher

while enrolled in 12 or more credits and whose cumulative GPA is at least 3.2.

Biola University is a Christian university in the heart of Southern California. It recently earned a spot

in the top tier of the "best national universities" category of U.S. News and World Report's Best Colleges 2021 rankings.

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California campus and around the world, offering more than 150 academic programs at the bachelor's, master's and doctoral levels.

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Back to Basics: Growing plants from seeds

Larry Hutson
Smith County Master
Gardener

Gardening can be a wonderful hobby and filling your garden with plants you started yourself from seeds can be so fulfilling and rewarding. You may think growing from seed is difficult and is too time consuming...not so! Hopefully, those apprehensions can be eliminated with some easy tips. Basically all you need to know is what you want to grow, the light required to grow, and the number of days to germinate. This should be provided on your seed packet. With a sunny window or a grow light, a few containers, and a good starter mix, you will be on your way to a very rewarding experience!

You will want to start your seeding process indoors due to the uncertainties of the weather. Your seed season is normally a short one. There is nothing more exciting than watching a seedling push up through the soil. You will immediately create a bond between you and nature!

Some of the materials you will need will be:

Containers: the easiest and most efficient—and to save yourself time—look for self-watering seed starting kits. Inexpensive and very successful way to do it. Other options are flats with individual cells, egg cartons, or peat pots.

Germinating mix: commercial or homemade with a 50-50 mix of fine sphagnum peat moss and



vermiculite.

Other items: seeds of your choosing; plastic bags or plastic wrap; spritzer (mister); transplanting mix (a good potting soil will do but a mix specifically for young seedlings is better).

Fertilizer: balance all-purpose such as 5-10-5, 20-20-20 (nitrogen, phosphorus, potassium); plant labels

Now you are ready to get started. Put in about 3-4 seeds per pod

or cell with your germinating mix. Keep your soil damp but not wet.

Create a moisture dome with something that will hold your plastic up off the soil. A plastic bag can be cut and draped over the seed tray. Your seed packet will provide all the information you will need to successfully sow your seeds.

After your seeds germinate, they will have to be moved from their controlled environment inside to their new location outside.

You will want to move them outside to a covered porch to "toughen" the plants. Protect them from the wind. Within a week move them to where they receive more sunlight.

After two weeks, they are ready to plant. Hopefully by this time the

temperatures have warmed and you can plant them in your garden site. You will want your soil temperature to be greater than 50 degrees. Be sure to fertilize your soil and identify your plants with labels.

Be patient. Soon you will be picking your own vegetables. It will be so exciting to sit down for dinner to eat what you have grown...beans, onions, tomatoes, peppers, and melons.

Growing your own plants will not only save you money but encourage you take on other gardening opportunities.

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

Tips for donations to assist in Ukraine relief

Now that the Russian invasion of Ukraine has entered its third week, con-

cerns grow about current and potential emergency needs of the Ukraine peo-

ple. Generous donors want to help by supporting charities that are raising funds

for assistance.

BBB Wise Giving Alliance offers the following tips for donors to consider along with a list of BBB Accredited Charities that have announced Ukraine-related activities or plans on their websites.

BBB always encourages generosity to help the those in need but cautions donors to avoid questionable appeals by considering the following:

Can the charity get to the impacted area? Not all relief organizations will be positioned to provide relief quickly. See if the charity already has a presence in Ukraine.

Should you send clothing and food? Local drives to collect clothing and food to send overseas may not be practical as the logistics and timing to deliver and disperse such items will be challenging. Relief organizations are better equipped to obtain what is needed, distribute it effectively and avoid duplication of effort.

Does the relief charity meet BBB Charity Standards? You can verify a charity's trustworthiness by viewing an evaluative report completed by BBB Wise Giving Alliance. See the list provided below of charities that that are soliciting for relief assistance for Ukraine and that also meet the BBB Standards for Charity Accountability.

Is the charity experienced in providing emergency relief? Experienced disaster relief charities are the best bet to help deliver

aid as soon as possible. New entrants may have difficulty in following through even if they have the best of intentions.

Are you considering crowdfunding appeals? If engaging in crowdfunding, it is safest to give to someone you personally know and trust. Make sure you review the platform's policies regarding fees and distribution of collected funds. If the crowdfunding request is from a charity, check out the group by visiting Give.org. Keep in mind that some crowdfunding sites do very little vetting of individuals or organizations who post for relief assistance. Sites which take security measures will usually provide descriptions of these procedures.

Does charity claim to give 100 percent to the cause or program? Remember, charities do have fundraising and administrative expenses. Any charity claiming otherwise is potentially misleading the donating public. Even a credit card donation will have a processing fee.

The following nationally-soliciting charities are BBB Accredited (i.e., they meet the 20 BBB Standards for Charity Accountability). Their respective websites indicate that they are either currently raising funds for assistance efforts in Ukraine or preparing for needs that could arise if conflict results in population displacement.

Alight | Ukraine Relief Activities

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Episcopal Relief & Development | Ukraine Relief Activities

Heart to Heart International | Ukraine Relief Activities

GlobalGiving | Ukraine Relief Activities

International Medical Corps | Ukraine Relief Activities

International Rescue Committee | Ukraine Relief Activities

MAP International | Ukraine Relief Activities

Matthew 25: Ministries | Ukraine Relief Activities

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Mercy Corps | Ukraine Relief Activities

Operation USA | Ukraine Relief Activities

Salvation Army | Ukraine Relief Activities

Save the Children | Ukraine Relief Activities

United Methodist Committee on Relief | Ukraine Relief Activities

United States Association for UNHCR | Ukraine Relief Activities

PUBLIC NOTICE

Brief Explanatory Statements of Proposed Constitutional Amendments Special Election, May 7, 2022

Proposition Number 1 (SJR 2)

SJR 2 proposes a constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for the reduction of the amount of a limitation on the total amount of property taxes that may be imposed for general elementary and secondary public school purposes on the residence homestead of a person who is elderly or disabled in order to reflect any statutory reduction in the maximum compressed rate of the maintenance and operations taxes imposed for those purposes on the person's homestead from the preceding tax year.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: **"The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for the reduction of the amount of a limitation on the total amount of ad valorem taxes that may be imposed for general elementary and secondary public school purposes on the residence homestead of a person who is elderly or disabled to reflect any statutory reduction from the preceding tax year in the maximum compressed rate of the maintenance and operations taxes imposed for those purposes on the homestead."**

Proposition Number 2 (SJR 2)

SJR 2 proposes a constitutional amendment increasing the amount of the residence homestead exemption from property taxes for public school purposes from \$25,000 to \$40,000.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: **"The constitutional amendment increasing the amount of the residence homestead exemption from ad valorem taxation for public school purposes from \$25,000 to \$40,000."**

Deep soil testing recommended

By Kay Ledbetter
Texas A&M AgriLife
Extension Service

In the wake of high fertilizer prices, one thing farmers should do this year more than any previous year is deep soil testing, according to a team of Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service specialists.

Fertilizer application helps achieve optimum crop yields by supplementing the available plant nutrients already present in the soil and helps meet crop fertility needs. However, producers don't always consider what is already present in the soil.

"Soil testing can help control high and variable fertilizer costs by determining the most appropriate type and rate of fertilizer needed for each commodity," said DeDe Jones, AgriLife Extension risk management program specialist, Amarillo.

The AgriLife Extension team just published their findings after analyzing the benefits of soil testing before planting corn, cotton or wheat. They found projected savings of anywhere from \$8 to \$116 per acre are possible by just taking advantage of the residual nitrogen already

in the soil and accounting for it when making growing season decisions.

Comprised of specialists in the Texas A&M Department of Agricultural Economics and Department of Soil and Crop Sciences, the team includes Jones, Jourdan Bell, Ph.D., agronomist, and Justin Benavidez, Ph.D., economist, all of Amarillo, and Will Keeling, risk management program specialist in Lubbock.

"This study shows that even small investments or minor operational changes can lead to large financial savings," Jones said. "We

demonstrate how deep soil testing allows producers to take advantage of nitrogen already present in the soil and apply less fertilizer."

Soil testing
Agronomists typically recommend soil testing each year, as near to planting time as possible, to assess the availability of nitrogen and other essential nutrients, Bell said.

"Many producers only soil sample the top 0-6 inches, but deep soil sampling to depths of 6-24 inches or deeper, if feasible, should be done whenever possible," she said. "This allows producers to utilize the nitrogen below the upper 6-inches of soil."

Bell said in addition to reducing fertilizer input costs, proper nitrogen management in crop production systems can impact the need for and rates of other production inputs.

"For example, in cotton, we know that nitrogen in excess of the crop demand can cause aggressive plant growth, so producers have to be more aggressive with their plant growth regulators program," she said. "There

is both an input and production cost."

Excess nitrogen can also delay cotton maturity, which can impact growing-day limited cotton regions such as the Texas Panhandle, Bell said. So, it is extremely important that producers are aware of residual nitrogen not just to optimize input costs, but also to optimize production.

"We know residual plant nutrient levels in the soil can vary greatly from year to year based on many factors, including fertilizer application rates, rainfall and irrigation, and the cropping system and plant uptake in the prior year," she said. "That is why annual sampling is important. Although this was only one year's worth of data, we want to highlight the potential cost savings that can be achieved through deep soil testing."

The savings add up
While plant growth is dependent on many nutrients, proper nitrogen application is critical. Prices for nitrogen fertilizer products have increased dramatically in recent months due to rising natural gas prices and supply

chain disruptions from the COVID-19 pandemic.

The cost of nitrogen in 2022 is 55% higher than in 2021 and more than 200% higher than in 2020.

Corn shows the greatest benefit from reduced fertilization expenses because it has the highest nitrogen application rates, ranging from \$29 per acre with a 25% residual to \$116 per acre for a 100% residual, Jones said.

Cotton registered the second-highest advantage, with cost savings ranging between \$18 and \$74 per acre. Wheat shows the least benefit due to low nitrogen application rates compared to the other crops, falling between \$8 and \$32 per acre.

"Our results show that taking advantage of even relatively low levels of residual nitrogen can make a big difference to the bottom line," she said. "For example, if a producer applies only 75% of their budgeted nitrogen because testing shows 25% is already in the soil, they can save almost \$20,000 on a 1,000-acre irrigated farm."

Greater levels of residual lead to even bigger savings, reaching a high of \$81,570 at the 0% of budgeted nitrogen level or if the soil tests show 100% residual.

"We know, due to significant increases in 2022 production costs, it is well worth spending around \$1 per acre for deep soil testing," Jones said. "With the return on investments that we project, testing is a very smart decision."

OBITUARIES

Charles Albert "Chuck" Ragland

Charles Albert "Chuck" Ragland, 75, of Lindale, Texas, died at 5:15 a.m. on Monday, February 28, 2022 at Christus Trinity Mother Frances Hospital in Tyler.

Born August 15, 1946, the Houston Heights native was the son of the late Herman Matkin Ragland, Sr., and Emma Maude Able Ragland. Chuck had two siblings: a brother, the late Herman M. Ragland, Jr. and a sister, Emma Louise Ragland Maddox of Houston. He was reared Episcopalian, and his favorite Bible verses included Matthew 6:19-21 and Isaiah 40: 30-31.

Chuck was a 1964 graduate of Reagan High School where he was a proud member of the ROTC rifle team. He earned his bachelor's degree in radio/television/film at the University of Houston in 1975 and was employed for eight years with KPRC Channel Two Television, where he met his future bride, Janet Winford. They were married for 42 years.



He worked in a variety of career fields, including serving eight years as a Child Protective Services investigator in Rains County, Texas, and 11 years as a middle school math and history teacher in Big Sandy, Texas. He retired in June 2016 at age 70.

He is survived by his wife, Janet; his daughters Kris McMillen of Tatum, and Diana Havir (David) of Dallas; and his son Jonathan "Jack" Ragland of Lindale. He had four grandchildren: Danae Havir, Cason McMillen, Karina Bald (Thomas) and Kyleigh Havir.

Chuck battled serious chronic health issues throughout his lifetime. Memorial donations can be made to the Crohn's/Colitis Foundation (www.crohnscolitisfoundation.org) or the American Lung Association (www.lung.org) for sarcoidosis or bronchiectasis research.

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Witness, Michelle Gilley,

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Public Hearing Notice Citizen Initiative by Petition on Proposed Ordinance Outlawing Abortion, declaring Lindale a Sanctuary City for the Unborn

BE IT ORDERED BY THE CITY OF LINDALE, in accordance with Lindale City Charter, Section 11.06. City Council shall hold a public hearing upon the proposed ordinance. The public hearing is open to the public and the public shall be permitted to speak for or against such proposed ordinance.

This shall serve as notice of a Public Hearing Scheduled for:

Hearing Date: Thursday, March 24, 2022
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Location: Picker's Pavilion
205 E. North Street
Lindale, Texas 75771

A copy of the proposed Ordinance can be found at the City of Lindale website. www.lindaletx.gov

Moran gets GOP nod for House, Gohmert fails in AG bid

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Paxton, who has been under legal scrutiny for several months, will face Texas Land Commissioner George P. Bush – nephew of former President George W. Bush – in the May runoff.

Gohmert easily carried Smith County with 62 percent of the vote but was fourth in the overall state results with 17.1 percent or 270,620 votes.

Smith County Judge Nathaniel Moran secured the GOP nomination for the House seat vacated by Gohmert by defeating Aditya Atholi, John Porro and Joe McDaniel. Moran tallied 82 percent of the Smith County vote.

Moran garnered 49,144 votes – 63.1 percent – of the overall total, while Jrmarr Jefferson and Victor D. Dunn will be involved in the May runoff.

The Smith County Elections results can be found on the county’s website at www.smith-county.com and clicking on the red banner at the top of the page.

Smith County saw 14,726 people cast ballots at 35 Vote Centers throughout Smith County on Election Day.

Combining those with 18,718 early votes, as well as mail-in ballots received, the total votes in Smith County was 33,444.

This Primary Election surpassed voting totals for the last two gubernatorial Primary Elections in 2018 and 2014.



MORAN



GOHMERT



BUSH



PAXTON

In 2018, Smith County saw a total of 26,420 ballots cast, with 12,923 voting early and 13,497 voting on Election Day. In 2014, a total of 21,517 people voted in Smith County, with 11,812 voting early and 9,705 voting on Election Day.

There are currently 148,746 registered voters in Smith County.



Texas Transit Association (TTA) Board President Jorge Cruz-Aedo, ETCOG Transit Operations Manager Katey Pilgram, ETCOG Transportation Director Vince Huerta, ETCOG Transportation Data Analyst Preston Garcia

GoBus receives Outstanding Rural Transit System Award

ETCOG’s rural transportation system, GoBus, has received the Outstanding Rural Transit System Award from the Texas Transit Association (TTA). The staff was honored with the award last week in Austin at one of the largest transit conferences held in the nation, the 2022 Joint Annual Conference, Expo, and Rodeo hosted by the TTA and South West Transit Association.

Each year, this award is given to a rural public transportation system that has designed and implemented programs that demonstrate innovative concepts or effective problem-solving techniques and have successfully applied these in the public transportation industry. GoBus received the award for the first time in 2014.

“I am so proud of the GoBus Team!” said ETCOG Executive Director David Cleveland. “Under the direction of our program director, Vince Huerta, GoBus has demonstrated their commitment to continuously improve the quality and availability of transit services throughout the East Texas Region. They have not only been able to increase ridership but also take on many different special projects to help fill transporta-

tion gaps. Some of these projects include creating seamless travel through multiple partnerships, offering free trips to veterans, and even providing routine transportation to health care staff to distribute vaccines during the height of COVID. Through these projects, GoBus has initiated the expansion of services to nights and weekends and brought in thousands of local matching dollars to their program. I am thrilled that TTA has recognized GoBus for their exceptional services with the award for Outstanding Rural Transit System.”

GoBus is available for all rural residents to access safe, reliable, and friendly public transportation. GoBus provides daily local service within Anderson, Camp, Cherokee, Harrison, Henderson, Marion, Panola, Rains, Rusk, Upshur, Van Zandt, and Wood Counties and the non-urbanized areas of Gregg and Smith counties. GoBus provides trips from the rural areas into the urbanized areas of Longview or Tyler on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Trips can be booked by calling 800-590-3371 to speak with the dispatch office or visiting www.GoBusTransit.com.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Wildfire prevention

While our wildfire danger has improved somewhat, compared to the weekend and end of last week, we are not completely in the clear yet. We still want to remind all Texas residents to be careful with any outdoor activity that could create sparks.

* Check the state burn ban map for any local and county restrictions. <https://tfsfrp.tamu.edu/wildfires/DecBan.png>

* Check your tow chains before hitting the road. If they hang low and touch the pavement, twist them up or cross them to so they don't strike the road surface and create sparks.

* Check your tires' inflation. Tire blowouts, and driving on the metal rim after the blowout, can create sparks.

* If you are mowing or shredding, make sure the equipment does not strike rocks or metal fragments that could create sparks.

Free soil testing set

The Upshur-Gregg Soil and Water Conservation District No. 417 is holding its annual free soil testing drive through March 15.

Participants in the drive, which began Feb. 8, can submit one soil sample to be tested at the district's expense. Further samples may be submitted for testing for \$15 each, payable by the participant.

The analysis involves “regular test only,” the district said

Drop-off and pick-up sites include the Upshur County

office of Texas A&M AgriLife Extension, located in the county Rock Building at 301 E. Butler in Gilmer. Phone number is 903-843-4019.

Other sites include the USDA Service Center (where the district is housed) at 1259 U.S. 271 south in Gilmer (903-734-8732). The other locale is the Gregg County extension office at 405 E. Marshall (U.S. 80) in Longview (903-236-8429).

Summer camp takes students from pasture to plate

FORT WORTH – Summer camp just got beefed up.

Texas & Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association announced it will host its first TSCRA Cattle Raisers Roundup July 25-29. The event is open to students who have just completed their sophomore to senior years of high school and are interested in gaining in-depth beef industry knowledge.

TSCRA Cattle Raisers Roundup will include tours at cattle operations and beef packing plants, as well as the opportunity to speak with industry leaders.

Hughes Abell, a rancher from Austin and the association's president, said this is the first event of its kind from Texas & Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association.

“We are incredibly excited for this opportunity to support the next generation of cattle raisers,” Abell said. “This intensive experience will benefit participants no matter which segment of the

beef industry they choose to enter.”

Applications are due April 15, 2022. For more information, or to apply, visit tscra.org/2022-tscra-cattle-raisers-roundup-july-25-29-2022.

Workforce Solutions to host Youth Expo

Workforce Solutions East Texas is proud to partner with Region 7 Education Center to host its second Youth Expo, a job fair for teens age 16 and up who are looking for summer jobs, paid internships, or their next career!

This is a great opportunity to interact with employers interested in hiring the next generation of talent. It is also the perfect time for students to navigate the hiring experience and secure a job that will lead to a possible career.

This event will be held in person on April 7th at the Region 7 Education Service Center in Kilgore and virtually on April 8th. These events will be open for job seekers and employers across East Texas.

The business services team has been hard at work to obtain employer commitments for the youth-focused job fair.

“The Region VII partnership with the Workforce Solutions East Texas is vital to the East Texas area in collaboration with the understanding and preparation for today and tomorrow's workforce,” states Kim Stacy, WSET Business Service Manager. Stacy and the business services team are excited about this partnership and what it could mean for young East Texans.



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