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City Council tables decision for new community center

A redesign of the Kinzie Community Center was tabled by Lindale City Council members Tuesday night (March 15) during their regular meeting at city hall following a presentation from construction company officials which outlined the costs of the project.

Earlier this year, council members were presented with a cost of \$1.4 million for the renovations from architectural firm Jackson Construction Company after having budgeted \$750,000 for the project.

At that time, the council instructed company officials to return with a revised plan that was more budget friendly.

Tuesday night, Jackson officials presented three different options with two of the items being closer to the budgeted amount. The first option was more than \$1 million and was used just for comparison purposes.

The second option, which came in at just over \$850,000, was approximately 600 square feet smaller than the original proposal.

Finally, the third option, for approximately \$750,000, would be similar to the original building and allow for more cosmetic improvements. It would feature the same seating room as before.

An extended period of silence from council members followed the presentations and Mayor Jeff Daugherty suggested that Jackson officials



Lindale City Council members listen to a presentation from Jackson Construction Company concerning the new Kinzie Community Center during last week's meeting. Photo by Terry Cannon

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East Texas firefighters lending a hand on state blazes



Smith County Emergency Services District 2 firefighters John Moore and Josh Bardwell.

State, local and federal first responders have been increasingly busy with recent response efforts. Over the past seven days, firefighters responded to 178 wildfires that burned 108,493 acres across the state.

Smith County Emergency Services District 2 firefighters Josh Bardwell and John Moore are one of many TIFMAS strike teams that are prepositioned west of I-35 for the anticipated wildfire danger due to extended drought and dry frontal passage.

Strike Team 126 has been on the Eastland Complex Eastland Complex in Eastland and Brown counties which has been actively burning across the state. The more than 54,000-acre wildfire prompted evacuations, road closures and damaged 147 structures. Eastland County Sheriff's Deputy Sergeant Barbara Fenley died in the line of duty while assisting with evacuations.

On Sunday, three new wildfire ignitions in Eastland County were absorbed into the Eastland Complex for management purposes. The complex, now 30% contained as a whole, consists of seven wildfires: Kidd Fire, Eastland County (42,333 acres, 40% contained); Blowing Basin Fire, Eastland County (est. 241 acres, 50% contained); Cedar Mountain Fire, Eastland County (est. 250 acres, 10% contained); Oak Mott Fire, Brown County (4,031 acres, 75% contained); Wheat Field Fire, Eastland County (7,268 acres, 55% contained); Mangum Fire, Eastland County (est. 11 acres, 85% contained); and Walling Fire, Eastland County (383 acres, 100% contained).

Increased wildfire activity was observed on Sunday along and west of I-35 where critically dry grass across the landscape was exposed to elevated to critical fire weather, which included higher wind speeds and low humidity.



Tyler man charged with capital murder of two doctors at clinic

Steven Alexander Smith, 40, of Tyler remains in the Smith County Jail after being charged with capital murder for the shooting deaths of Dr. Blake G. Sinclair, 59, and Dr. Jack E. Burroughs, 75, of Tyler, who were killed this past Wednesday (March 16) at Affordable Dentures on State Highway 31 east of Tyler, said Smith County Sheriff's Office spokesman Larry Christian.

According to reports just before 3 p.m. on March 16, Smith, who was a patient at the clinic, became angry with the staff, went out to his pickup and returned with a handgun where he allegedly shot two doctors at the clinic.

The victims were taken to a Tyler hospital where they died, Christian said.

After the shooting, Smith fled the area headed west on Hwy 31 toward Tyler. A witness provided the vehicle description and plate number to law enforcement personnel.

Several minutes later, a Smith County Deputy located the suspect pulling into the driveway of his residence in south Tyler.

Smith retreated into his residence and a perimeter was quickly established by deputies and officers with the Tyler Police Department.



STEVEN ALEXANDER SMITH

Smith County SWAT, Tyler PD SWAT and Smith County Negotiators responded to the scene.

After several minutes, two individuals emerged from the residence who were identified as Smith's parents. Several minutes later, Smith exited the residence and was taken into custody.

Countywide Cleanup returns; Local vouchers at Pct. 5 office

Smith County residents will get to take one free trip to the landfill during the annual Smith Countywide Cleanup, set for April.

The Countywide Cleanup program, which allows residents to take one truck-load of bulky items (3 cubic yards of solid waste) to the Greenwood Farms Landfill for free. During County Government Month, one voucher per resident are available in-person only at the Courthouse Annex, 200 E. Ferguson in Tyler, or any of the Justice of the Peace/Constable Offices throughout the County. The vouchers, which are currently available, can only be used Friday, April 1, through Saturday, April 30.

Greenwood Farms Landfill is located at 12920 Farm-to-Market Road 2767, Tyler. It is seven miles east of Loop 323, off of Old Kilgore Highway. The landfill last year started charging to take mattresses. The Smith County Voucher includes only one free mattress. Additional mattresses will cost \$50 at the landfill. Items not accepted: hazardous waste, pesticides, herbicides, solvents, gasoline, oils, acid, batteries, asbestos, wet paint, freon, whole tires, televisions, computers, refrigerators and freezers.

The Greenwood Farms Landfill is open from 6:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and 6:30 a.m. to noon Saturday. Its phone number is 800-678-7274.

The vouchers are available to be picked up by Smith County residents at the following locations: The Annex Building, (first floor offices) 200 E. Ferguson St. in Tyler, Precinct 1 Constable: 308 E. Ferguson in Tyler, Precinct 2 JP/Constable: 15405 Highway 155 South in Noonday, Precinct 3 JP/Constable: 313 E. Duval Street in Troup, Precinct 4 JP/Constable: 14152 Highway 155 North in Winona, and Precinct 5 JP/Constable: 2616 S. Main Street in Lindale.

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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.

To boldly go...

Do you have a handful of memories that you keep tucked away for those days when you need a break, a smile or a bit of inspiration? You know, those serendipitous unexpected gifts that pack a wallop of joy into some very brief moments?

On Friday, I called NASA Astronaut Story Musgrave who is the speaker for Thursday's Chamber of Commerce banquet. We had a fascinating conversation which was followed by three days of emails that often had little to do with the background for the story I was writing and everything to do with my insatiable curiosity and his phenomenal brilliance and generosity. He is probably the most intelligent person I have ever had the pleasure to speak with, and trust me I have been exposed to some fascinating people in my life.

I was starstruck at the job title astronaut, but he has been, and is, so much more. I hope that you are all planning on attending the Chamber Banquet so you can see for yourselves.

Hubby Jim and I fit right in the middle of the Baby Boom generation that saw the birth of the Space Race. Our heroes were the first astronauts and we avidly watched every televised launch. We were fans of space reality and SciFi, waiting each week for the next episode of "Star Trek" which our fathers didn't understand or like at all. Space exploration inspired us. It still does.

What space did for my generation was to give us hope. Think about it. When we were born the Cold War was heating up to boiling over. During the Cuban Missile Crisis we had bomb drills rather than fire drills. As a 5-year old first grader I was smart enough to know that ducking under my desk with a spelling book over my head wasn't going to save me from ICBMs (intercontinental ballistic missiles). And yes, we knew what those words meant because our families watched the news. That news was not about people's opinions and social media events gone viral. It was about what mattered that day and for the future.

When Neil Armstrong took that 'one small step for man and a giant leap for mankind' we took it with him. I still believe that investing in space exploration and research

The Best of Suzanne Bardwell



will help write mankind a brighter future. All you have to do is open your microwave, use your Corning Ware or have certain medical tests to experience first hand what research for the space program brought us.

The mystique and infinite wonder of space has inspired us all our lives. We packed up our son when he was little and made several pilgrimages to NASA in Houston and twice to Cape Canaveral. Wonderful memories indeed.

I have met several astronauts including Sally Ride and Buzz Aldrin. But the all time best was when Jimmy took me with him on a press event where Alan Shepard, Scott Carpenter, Wally Schirra and Gordon Cooper, all of who were a part of the famed 'Original Seven' astronauts, were promoting NASA's programs. If you don't know who these giants of the space program are, fie! and shame on you! Check out the movie "The Right Stuff" or read the book.

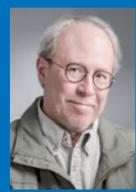
I got to meet all four gentlemen and get their autographs which was goose bump inspiring. It still is. But what makes me laugh every time I think about it, is that Wally Schirra who was the only NASA astronaut to participate in the Mercury, Gemini and Apollo programs winked at me. Yep, one of my claims to fame is that an astronaut winked at me. And not just any astronaut, but one of the Originals.

Which brings me back to my conversations with Dr. Musgrave. He is one of the greats of the Space Shuttle program and he is coming to Gladewater. He also happens to be one of the acknowledged great minds of our time and he is going to help us celebrate the 84th year of our Chamber of Commerce. That is pretty phenomenal in of itself. That gives me a great deal of hope for our future.

Maybe it is time for Gladewater to "boldly go" into its future focused on what drove the space program, qualities like discipline, innovation and vision. That sounds pretty exciting to me. What about you? Are you ready to take a leap? It is time.

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Sheriff's deputy dies in wildfires

An Eastland County sheriff's deputy died Thursday as wildfires swept through several small Texas communities west of Dallas, destroying at least 50 homes and charring more than 54,000 acres as of Sunday.

Deputy Sgt. Barbara Fenley died while going door to door warning people to flee, according to the Austin American-Statesman.

Sgt. Fenley ran off a smoke-covered road and was engulfed in the fire, the sheriff said.

Several wildfires merged to form what is now known as the Eastland Complex fire. The blaze started last Thursday afternoon and in less than three hours destroyed 86 houses in Carbon, a town of just 272 residents in Eastland County, about 120 miles west of Dallas.

Gov. Greg Abbott issued a disaster declaration for 11 counties in response to the wildfires.

"I commend the hard work and selfless acts of thousands of first responders and firefighters who are risking their own lives to protect our communities," Abbott said. "I also ask Texans to join me in praying for those who have been affected by these wildfires, including Eastland County Deputy Barbara Fenley, who was tragically killed while trying to save lives."

Two dozen teachers added to task force

The Texas Education Agency has added two dozen teachers to its recently formed Teacher Vacancy Task Force. TEA faced criticism when the original 28-member panel only contained two teachers, with high-level administrators making up the rest.

The task force was formed at the behest of Abbott in response to a growing shortage of teachers across the state. Its goal is to "better understand the significant staffing challenges facing Texas public schools and to make comprehensive recommendations to address these issues," according to TEA.

Josue Torres of Forney, an elementary school math teacher from Dallas ISD, will serve as chair of the task force.

"The reason I got into education is because I believe that a student's zip code shouldn't determine his or her fate," Torres said. "This task force has the ability to recommend the needed changes and innovative solutions necessary to ensure all Texas students have access to the high-quality educators they deserve."

Nominations sought for Heroes for Children

Thousands of Texas volunteer at the state's public schools, and the State Board of Education would like to recognize some of them with a Heroes for Children Award. Any Texas resident who contributes time, service or support to public schools and student can be nominated. School employees or elected officials are not eligible.

One recipient will be chosen for each of the 15 SBOE districts in the state. Award recipients will be recognized at the board's September meeting. The deadline for nominations is July 15. Additional information and access to the nomination form can be found at https://tea.texas.gov/Heroes_for_Children.aspx.

COVID-19 cases still dropping

The number of new COVID-19 cases dropped once again to 18,744 in the past week, according to the Coronavirus Resource Center at Johns Hopkins University, with 418 deaths recorded. Two months ago, largely as a result of the omicron variant, 440,341 cases were reported along with 2,311 deaths.

The number of lab-confirmed COVID-19 hospitalizations also dropped to 1,605, according to the Texas Department of State Health Services, down 20% from the previous week.

DSHS reports 17.373 million Texans are fully vaccinated, which is 59.6% of the total population. In addition, 6.429 million of the state's residents have received a booster dose.

2021 second-deadliest year on Texas roads

Traffic fatalities in the state were up 15% last year, making 2021 the second-deadliest year on Texas roads with 4,480 people killed — the highest total since 1981, according to the Texas Department of Transportation.

Commissioner Laura Ryan pointed out that roadway safety is a shared responsibility between the public, engineers and law enforcement. In 2021, 1,522 people died because of speed-related causes, and 1,219 were killed because they were not wearing seat belts, Ryan said.

"Driver behavior is one of the causes but also one of the most important solutions," she said.

With increased focus on engineering, enforcement and on the critical role drivers play in road safety, Ryan and TxDOT leaders believe the state can end the streak of daily deaths.

THE ECONOMIST

By Dr. M. Ray Perryman

A Perfect Ten ...

Texas has won the "Governor's Cup" — for the tenth consecutive time! Site Selection magazine awards the Cup to the state with the most major corporate locations and expansions each year. To be counted, projects must involve a capital investment of at least \$1 million, 20 or more new jobs, or 20,000 square feet of new construction.

For 2021, Texas had an astounding 1,123 qualified projects (more than three per day), which is 342 above 2020 (and the most ever recorded). This total more than doubled second place Ohio (with 507) and far outpaced the remainder of the top five of Illinois (480), California (301), and North Carolina (282).

Some of the Texas triumphs are truly massive. The state is the site of four of the top 10 projects in terms of capital investment, including the largest (the \$30 billion Texas Instruments semiconductor facility in Sherman) and the third

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send the material presented to council members for further study. Council members voted unanimously to table the issue.

Other agenda items acted on by the council included:

— Approved the final acceptance of the Country Acres sewer lift station;

— Approved putting out for bids the relocation of city utilities on FM 16 after the city receives the executed agreement with the state;

— OK'd putting speakers inside and outside of Picker's Pavilion. The request was made by City Tourism Director Seong McLaren, who said the speakers would be located on outside poles and on the ceiling of the building. She said speakers are currently being rented.

— Approved adding and upgrading security cameras at city hall using building security funds;

— Discussed traffic control in the downtown business district.

largest (the \$17 billion Samsung semiconductor plant in Taylor). Others include Nacero (industrial gas) and Covestro (chemicals). Switch (data processing) is among the largest in terms of square footage. The Texas Instruments project, Amazon.com (retail merchandise), and Maxter Healthcare (surgical supplies) are near the top for employment. It's quite a diverse group, illustrating the state's competitiveness across a broad spectrum.

There are multiple factors that engender an accomplishment of this magnitude, reflecting both natural endowments and enlightened decisions spanning generations. Texas has a young population, favorable location and climate, infrastructure to support global commerce, competitive costs, attractive incentive programs, regulatory efficiency, and the sheer inertia of ongoing success and the resulting clusters of activity.

Several newer initiatives are further supporting expansion, one being the greater investment in basic and applied research at Texas universities. We have frequently analyzed the potential benefits of research universities (including the study underlying the legislation that increased funding). The impact that they have on the most innovative aspects of the economy is profound, from fostering discoveries and their commercialization to providing a stream of highly skilled graduates, Broadband deployment and support are also critical to continued economic growth (particularly following the pandemic), and recent efforts have been notable.

Texas and its talented cadre of economic development professionals are doing many things well, and the proof is in the numbers. There is always room for improvement, such as reinstating Chapter 313 or a similar program, a key tool which will expire at yearend, and making the investments necessary for world-class public education and job training for a growing and diverse population. Texas must also avoid discriminatory social policies which hamper the ability to attract knowledge workers — and their employers. A decade of dominance is laudatory, but economic progress is inevitably forward-looking. Let's keep it up!

Stay safe!

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Observations from a member of the geezer patrol

Recently, during one of our semi-regular phone chats my boss/good friend Jim Bardwell and I were lamenting that we are nearing our seventh decade on this big, blue marble and things just ain't like they used to be.

Especially when it comes to the "kids," to which Jim made a salient point:

"Everyone nowadays seems to be a kid."

Yep, that's a fact, ol' buddy.

Anyway, people of certain ages have discussions such as these because, well, we're old and we're entitled to our "get off my lawn" moments. Although I doubt Jim is as cantankerous as I tend to be from time to time, he did raise a good point concerning the "younger" generation.

He said the "youngsters" of today never experienced the pure bliss of holding an actual newspaper and enjoying the contents within. Their world is made up solely of electronic information, which as we should be aware of by now, isn't nearly as accurate as it should be.

But nonetheless, us "boomers" will always be forced to endure eye rolls and condescending attitudes from the "younger" generation when we point out that in our day, the world around us was a lot more difficult to navigate, by cracky.

My sons, both of whom are card-carrying members of the "younger" generation, have never understood why I look at certain things differently from them.

Take, for example, the abandoned skill of cursive writing.

Both possess no cursive writing skills whatsoever. One writes in letters so small they're practically invisible and the other is a bunch of lines with an occasional wave or two



which might mean there's an actual consonant or vowel in there somewhere.

My wife and I have discussed this with them and they both say it's not their fault because they weren't taught cursive in school. I'm not sure if this is indeed the case, but if it is, ugh.

The memories of learning to write in first grade are still fresh some 60-plus years later. We wrote on a big tablet with those fat pencils that were as big as pool cues.

By third grade we were supposed to master cursive, but that didn't mean we all wrote legibly. (Guilty as charged.)

As the years went by we used our cursive skills to fill out and sign checks, which is another casualty of the times. Back in the day, we'd probably write six to 10 checks a week. Now, thanks to debit cards, I might use three checks a year.

Another skill of yesteryear was knowing how to drive a stick shift. My kids can't do it, which has always boggled my mind. I learned to drive on a stick shift and so did my wife. When we talk about those experiences to our boys

we get that vacant look that seems to say, "what are these codgers babbling about?"

Not only was driving a stick shift necessary back in the day, but it was also – and still is – more fun. Tooling around in our standard shift VB Bug was a real treat and was handy when the battery was low. We'd just pop the clutch and away we'd go.

How about using a map or atlas? Think any 20 or 30 some-things know how to do this? Not likely. Just ask your car's navigational system or punch the address into your phone.

One of the things I enjoyed about being the map reader on trips was looking where we were headed and the landmarks along the way. It's just not the same with the display on your dash or device.

Changing your own oil used to be less expensive and even the most unskilled (i.e. me) could handle the job. My dad taught me how when I first learned to drive and he made me change the family car's oil every couple of months.

Now, however, getting a shop to do it for you costs the same and is really more convenient.

He also showed me how to change a flat tire, which like most drivers of a certain age, I've had to do many times over the years. Now, just tap a few numbers into your phone and help arrives. What's interesting about the flat tire situation is approximately 30 percent of new cars nowadays don't have spares, just a kit that is supposed to provide enough air to get you to a tire shop.

There's one thing for certain in all of this: One day, the kids of today are tomorrow's geezers and be a source of consternation for that "younger" generation.

He certainly gets an "A" for story telling

Back when my two kids were grade school age, Janet and I were in the den when I heard my daughter Michelle yell from the other room.

"Oh my!" she exclaimed. "Is everything OK?" Janet said loudly, as she started to get up.

"Wes and I just found Daddy's old report cards!" she yelled back. Janet looked at me as if I had done something wrong.

"What?" I asked. "I don't think this is going to be good," she said.

"Hey Mom!" yelled my son Wes. "I thought you said Dad was smart."

Janet looked at me again. "Honest," Janet said, "I never said that."

"Ha, ha," I replied. About that time, both kids came runnin' into the den.

"You've got to see this," my daughter said.

"What?" I said again. "These are not good Daddy," she said seriously.

"Now hold on a minute," I said. "Schools were a lot different back when I was a kid."

"Momma," Wes said. "What's a 'U' mean?" Janet looked at me.

"Here, let me see that," I said and I grabbed one of the cards.

"Oh," I explained. "A 'U' means...uh.... oh yeah, it means ultratremendous."

Michelle narrowed her eyes and looked at me.

"Really," she said. "Well you must have been extremely ultratremedous in conduct because you got straight U's."

Janet looked at me again.

"Hey, look!" said Wes. "You had straight A's in the first and second grade, and then it looks like it all went downhill after that." Janet kept lookin' at me.

"Well," she said. "Aren't you going to explain?"

"Explain what?" Michelle spoke up. "Explain why you became dumb starting in the third grade."

I thought for a minute. "Hey kids," I smiled. "Did I ever tell y'all about the time me and my cousin Coy had a booger flickin' contest?"

"Don't change the subject," said Michelle.

"Yes," smiled Janet. "Don't change the subject. Tell them what happened. In fact, I'd like to know myself."

"I bet that's when you discovered girls," said Wes.

"Boy," I replied. "I discovered girls in the first grade. By the way, did I ever tell you about my first



girlfriend?"

"Quit trying to change the subject," Michelle said. She's a lot like her mother, you know."

"Hmmm," I said, as I looked up. "The third grade, hmmm. Oh yeah, now I remember. That was when I learned that I had been adopted. It was really traumatic."

"Brother," Janet said. "You weren't adopted," said Michelle.

"Yes I was. You see, there were a bunch of Gypsies came through town, and they left me on my parents door step."

"Daddy, are you trying to tell us you were a Gypsy?"

"No," I said, "of course not. You see, these Gypsies had stolen me from the king of Scotland and the law was on to them, and they were scared that they would get caught, so they ditched me."

"Really," said Michelle. "How did they get you over

to America?"

"Uh," Iuhhed. "Well, one of them had a boat."

"Does Scotland even have a king?" asked Wes.

"They did back then," I said. "Anywho, they all climbed in this here boat, see, and they made their way over here and started travelin' around the country tellin' fortunes and lookin' for werewolves and such. Of course, I was just a little bitty baby at the time, so I don't remember it, but that's what happened."

"If you don't remember," asked Michelle, "then how do you know it happened?" She should have been a lawyer.

"Well, when I was in the third grade, I ran into a Gypsy woman, and she told me the story I just told you. Well, I was devastated. Of course, I didn't say anything to my parents' cause I didn't want them worried that I might try to find my real

family, although the thought of livin' in a castle did seem kind of cool."

Well, they all three just looked at me. "That's the dumbest story I've ever heard," said Michelle.

"Why can't we have a normal dad like everyone else?" asked Wes.

"Yeah," said Michelle, and she snatched the report card from my hand and they headed back to the other room.

I looked at Janet. "Do you think they bought it?"

"Oh yeah," she said sarcastically, "hook, line, and sinker."

Then she rolled her eyes. "Telling fortunes and huntin' werewolves?"

"Hey," I said. "They caught me off guard. Plus, they used to believe everything I told them."

"Rusty, they haven't believed a thing you've said since they were 5 years old."

"I guess I better go in there and straighten this out," I said.

"I think that would be a good idea," Janet said.

I went into Michelle's room and she and Wes were still looking at the report cards.

"Listen," I said. "I was not really stolen by the Gypsies."

"Really," Michelle said sarcastically. She also gets that sarcasm gene from her mother.

"No," I said. "I told you that because I didn't want your mother to hear the truth."

I looked back to make sure Janet hadn't snuck up behind me.

"What really happened was I ran off to join the circus but got caught. I just couldn't concentrate in class after that. I kept dreamin' about flyin' on that trapeze. Just don't tell your mom. She never has liked us carneys."

They both just looked at me.

Kids now-a-days.... They just don't believe nothin'.

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ONE YEAR AGO, March 25, 2021

Lindale City Council members approved mid-year cost of living raises for city employees and agreed to accept bids for the renovation of the Kinzie Center at Pool Park during the board's recent meeting at City Hall.

The council also approved a renewal of the lease with Lamar Advertising concerning the city's billboard on I-20 and U.S. 69.

Mayor Jeff Daugherty noted that since Lindale's economy continues to flourish – despite the ongoing pandemic – city employees were due a raise at this time instead of the first of the year.

"Our economy has continued to grow and we felt it was the right thing to do (concerning the raises)," he said.

As to the Kinzie Center renovation, the building has been gutted and as soon as a bid on the construction is accepted work will begin on a redesign and upgrades.

"This is going to be a really, really

nice community center," Daugherty said. "The whole area will be upgraded."

Future plans call for a series of sidewalks, connecting Lindale ISD's E.J. Moss Intermediate School, Lindale Junior High School and Velma Penny Elementary to lead into the refurbished community center and a new park.

FIVE YEARS AGO, March 23, 2017

Smith County officials confirmed a significant economic boost for the area is close to becoming a reality as Sanderson Farms – the third largest poultry producer in the United States – has announced its intention for a trio of new facilities along Interstate 20 and in Mineola.

The announcement was made by Smith County Judge Nathaniel Moran, Tyler Economic Development President Tom Mullins and Tyler Mayor Martin Heines in the Smith County Commissioners court room.

Lindale city officials, including Mayor Jeff Daugherty, City Manager Carolyn Caldwell and Lindale Economic Development Corporation President Susan Gill were on hand as well.

Tax abatements from the county, cities and school districts were involved.

Mullins said Sanderson's commitment will have lasting effects on the area.

"This is a game changer," he said. "It is the going to be the biggest such project in Texas."

Officials estimated the economic impact over the first 10 years would be \$1.4 billion.

Sites in Lindale, Winona and Mineola have been selected for construction of a new feed mill, hatchery, poultry processing plant and a wastewater treatment facility. The specific locations of each of those facilities will become known after further details have been worked through.

10 YEARS AGO, March 22, 2012

Several staff changes were announced by the Lindale ISD, as Dr. Belinda Neal was chosen to replace longtime assistant superintendent Carolyn Todd, who was retiring, and Casey Neal was selected to take over Lindale High School from Donny Williams, who also announced his retirement from the district.

Dr. Neal had previously served as principal at College Street Elementary School and was replaced at that school by College Street Assistant Principal Jodie Albritton.

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Smith County Appraisal District reminding businesses to render property by April 15

If you own tangible personal property that is used to produce income, you must file a rendition with the Smith County Appraisal District, publicity officials said.

A rendition is a report that lists all the taxable property you owned or controlled on Jan. 1 of this year. Property includes inventory and equipment used by a business. Owners do not have to render exempt property, such as church property or an agriculture producer's equipment used for farming.

"The appraisal district may use the information submitted in the rendition to set property values," said Chief Appraiser Carol Dixon. You can also file a report of decreased value to notify the appraisal district of significant depreciation of your property. "For example, if your property was damaged by a storm, flood, or fire last year, you should file a report of decreased value. The appraisal district will look at your property before assigning a value."

In January, Smith County Appraisal District mailed out approximately 8,400 personal property renditions.

The last day to file a rendition or report of decreased value is April 15. You may file your rendition electronically for 2022 by visiting www.smithcad.org and selecting Electronic Communications/BPP Online Rendition.

A 10 percent to 50 percent penalty may be imposed if a rendition is filed late, incomplete, or not at all. Property owners who need more time to file their renditions may file a written request with the chief appraiser on or before April 15 to receive an automatic extension to May 15.

The chief appraiser may also grant an additional 15 days after the postponed deadline, if necessary.

For more information about rendering property, deadline extensions, penalties and rendition forms, taxpayers may contact the Smith County Appraisal District, 245 SSE Loop 323, Tyler, 903-510-8600.

Fall in love with the Passion Flower vine

By Rodessa Weaver
Smith County Master Gardener

The Passion Flower vine is of the genus *Passiflora* and has about 500 species. The most common here in the south is *Passiflora incarnata* often called Maypop.

It is a tendril bearing native perennial vine that needs full sun to thrive. Mine are planted along a chain link fence and receive no help with irrigation or fertilization and have grown and bloomed spectacularly form almost 8 years now.

The vine can become a bit weedy sending up numerous offshoots through its aggressive root system. These can be transplanted to another location, shared with friends and neighbors, or simply weeded or mowed down. The exotically beautiful bloom lasts only for one day; however the vine will produce a profusion of them starting in spring and lasting into the fall.

One of the best things about the Passion Flower vine is that it is the host plant of the Gulf Fritillary butterfly. Butterflies will start laying eggs in late spring continuing into early fall. The caterpillars are quite voracious and can strip a vine temporarily of leaves however it will do no lasting damage.

Cycle time between an egg being laid to hatching as a butterfly is approximately 38 days. Butterfly gardeners who plant Passion Flower vine are often rewarded with multiple

generations of the butterflies by the end of the growing season.

Another great reason to love this vine is the symbolism of the Passion Flower. In the early 16th century, a Jesuit priest to the Americas stumbled across this sweet smelling purple colored flower and saw within it many symbols of the Passion of Christ and the Crucifixion.

Its central pillar represents the column where Christ was flogged, and the tendrils around its base likened to the whips used in the scourging.

The three top stigma symbolized the three nails driven into His flesh. The five anthers symbolic of the five sacred wounds and the circle of filaments at the center of the flower representing the Crown of Thorns.

The 10 petals represent the 10 Apostles that remained faithful to Jesus throughout the Passion. Even the purple color of the flower reminds of the liturgical color of Lent.

The Passion Flower vine is easily one of the most resilient and carefree vines while offering so much in return. Months of exotic, sweet smelling blooms, the attraction of beautiful butterflies to enchant and entertain you and the daily reminder of Christ Passion and His love for each of us.

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



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Saturday, March 12, 2022

Officer Philpot and Officer Ramsey responded to a suspicious circumstance at 400 block Mission Crest Cir, settled at scene. Officer Philpot responded to an assist other agency at 557 E I-20, settled at scene. Officer Ramsey responded to a city ordinance violation at 100 block E Centennial Blvd, settled at scene. Officer Philpot and Officer Ramsey responded to a suspicious circumstance at 400 block S Boyd St, settled at scene. Officer Capps responded to an assist smith county at 17300 block Aspen Wood, settled at scene. Officer Gillham and Officer Capps responded to a stolen property at 100 block E Centennial Blvd, settled at scene. Officer Leevey and Officer Gillham responded to an assist smith county at 800 block Stewart St, settled at scene. Officer Leevey and Officer Gillham responded to a loud noise complaint at 15000 block S Main St, settled at scene. Officer Leevey and Officer Capps responded to a suspicious person at 2200 block S Main St, settled at scene. Officer Leevey responded to a suspicious vehicle at 13300 block CR 472, settled at scene.

Sunday, March 13, 2022

Officer Trombley and Officer Wells responded to an assist smith county at 800 block Stewart St, settled at scene. Officer Trombley and Officer Wells responded to a public service at 100 block Ballard Dr, settled at scene. Officer Wells responded to a public service at 200 block W Centennial Blvd, settled at scene. Officer Wells responded to a public service at 13400 block I-20, settled at scene. Officer Shurley and Officer Wells responded to a criminal mischief at 15200 block CR 467, settled at scene. Officer Trombley responded to a public service at 15300 block FM 16 W, settled at scene. Officer Allen and Officer Jackquet responded to a suspicious circumstance at 600 block N Main St, settled at scene. Officer Allen responded to a suspicious circumstance at 200 block Cannery Row, settled at scene. Officer Allen responded to an abandoned vehicle at 556 E I-20, settled at scene. Officer

Lindale man jailed on cattle theft

Smith County Sheriff's Deputies arrested Jesus Sergio Perez-Sanchez, 65, of Lindale on Friday, March 11, on two counts of theft cattle/horse/exotic livestock less than \$150,000. Perez-Sanchez was taken to the Smith County Jail on bonds totaling \$500,000.

Other arrests involving the Smith County Sheriff's Office include:

-- Lorene Young Henderson, 66, of Tyler, was arrested Sunday, March 13 on two counts of criminal trespass and a charge of aggravated assault against a public servant. Henderson remained in Smith County Jail on bonds totaling \$302,000.

-- Deputies on Friday, March 11 arrested Tyler Lane Kirleis, 27, of Whitehouse, on a charge of evading arrest or detention with vehicle. Kirleis was taken to the Smith County Jail on a \$50,000 bond.

-- Deputies on Friday, March 11 arrested Shelton Tolliver, 27, of Kilgore, on two counts of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon and charges of unlawful carrying of a weapon and possession of between 4 ounces and 5 pounds of marijuana. Tolliver was released from Smith County Jail after posting bonds totaling \$13,000.

-- Deputies on Friday, March 11 arrested Justin Mitchell Bennett, 20, of Tyler, on a charge of online solicitation of a minor under 14. Bennett was taken to the Smith County Jail on a \$200,000 bond.

-- On Friday, March 11 deputies arrested Russell Gerald Hanks, 25, of Flint, on a charge of sexual assault of a child. Hanks was taken to Smith County Jail on a \$250,000 bond.

TYLER POLICE DEPARTMENT

-- Officers on Sunday, March 13 arrested Cedric Demond Thompson, 38, of Tyler, on charges of assault of a public servant, criminal trespass, public intoxication and resisting arrest search or transport. Thompson was jailed on bonds totaling \$12,000.

-- On Sunday, March 13, Tyler PD arrested Daniel Devonte Williams, 28, of Tyler, on a charge of intoxication assault with a vehicle causing serious bodily injury. Williams was released the same day from Smith County Jail on a \$25,000 bond.

-- Tony Elmer Lee Boswell, 37, of Tyler, was arrested on Monday, March 14 on charges of possession of less than 1 gram of a controlled substance, possession of less than 2 ounces of marijuana, failure to identify as a fugitive give false information, unlawful carrying of a weapon and a warrant out of Henderson County for possession of between 1 and 4 grams of a controlled substance. Boswell was taken to Smith County Jail on bonds totaling \$254,000.

-- On Monday, March 14, officers arrested Quincy Bryan Hawkins, III, 42, of Houston, on charges of possession of between 1 and 4 grams of a controlled substance, possession of less than 1 gram of a controlled substance, possession of less than 2 grams of marijuana, possession or delivery of drug paraphernalia and public intoxication. Hawkins was jailed on bonds totaling \$14,000.

-- Officers on Monday, March 14 arrested Jaqualin Xavier Humphrey, 17, of Tyler, on five counts of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon. Humphrey was taken to Smith County Jail on bonds totaling \$900,000.

SMITH COUNTY ADULT PROBATION

-- On Monday, March 14, officers arrested Timothy Lloyd Holt, 61, of Tyler, on a charge of possession of less than 1 gram of a controlled substance penalty. Holt was taken to Smith County Jail on a \$50,000 bond.

UNITED STATES MARSHAL SERVICE

-- Marshals on Friday, March 11 arrested Arquimides Rosal Arellano, 57, of Tyler, on a charge of sex abuse of child continuous victim under 14. Arellano was jailed on a \$500,000 bond.



Allen and Officer Jackquet responded to a suspicious vehicle at 1500 block S Main St, settled at scene. Officer Allen responded to a suspicious vehicle at 800 block E South St, settled at scene.

Monday, March 14, 2022

Officer Trombley and Officer Wells responded to a public service at 17000 block W I-20, settled at scene. Officer Trombley and Officer Wells responded to a suspicious person at 900 block S Main St, settled at scene. Sgt Lazarine responded to a public service at 100 block Ballard Dr, settled at scene. Officer Trombley and Officer Wells responded to a public service at 400 block Hill St, settled at scene. Chief Somes responded to a 911 hang up at 300 block Summer Tree Cir, settled at scene. Officer Trombley and Officer Wells responded to a public service at 400 block Hill St, settled at scene. Officer Shurley and Officer Wells responded to a suspicious person at 700 block E North St, settled at scene. Officer Shurley and Officers Allen and Jackquet responded to a business alarm at 14100 block FM 849, false alarm. Officer Allen and Officer Jackquet responded to a suspicious circumstance at 600 block N Main St, settled at scene. Officer Allen responded to a suspicious vehicle at 200 block Cannery Row, settled at scene.

Tuesday, March 15, 2022

Officer Trombley and Officer Wells responded to a suspicious vehicle at 2500 block S Main St, settled at scene. Officer Wells responded to a public service at 100 block Ballard Dr, settled at scene. Officer Wells responded to a suspicious circumstance at 17000 block W I-20, settled at scene. Officer Trombley and Officers Shurley and Wells responded to a suspicious vehicle at 2600 block S Main St, unfounded. Officer Shurley and Officers Allen and Jackquet responded to a peace officer warrant at 1500 block Pearl St, transported by other agency. Officer Trombley responded to a public service at 100 block Ballard Dr, settled at scene. Officer Allen responded to a public service at 300 block S Industrial St, settled at scene. Officer Jackquet responded to a suspicious vehicle at 200 block Canner Row, settled at scene. Officer Shurley and Officers Allen and Jackquet responded

Lindale residents among 138 indictments

Smith County Grand Jurors handed down 138 indictments – including five involving Lindale residents – during February, said Grand Jury Coordinator Marieliza Martinez.

Lindale residents indicted on Feb. 10 include:

-- Harry Ketter, 54, aggravated assault with a deadly weapon and assault/family violence with a previous conviction from Nov. 29, 2021.

-- David Owens, 40, possession of a controlled substance from May 23, 2021.

Lindale residents indicted on Feb. 17 include:

-- Silis Betts, 20, evading arrest with a vehicle from Oct. 11, 2021.

-- Garrett Stephenson, 39, aggravated assault with a deadly weapon from Dec. 27, 2021.

Jefferson man sentenced to 41 months for federal violations

A Jefferson man has been sentenced for federal violations in the Eastern District of Texas, said Davilyn Walston, spokesperson for U.S. Attorney Brit Featherston.

Beau Daniel Merryman, 21, pleaded guilty on Nov. 4, 2021, to distribution of information relating to explosives and destructive devices and was sentenced to 41 months in federal prison today by U.S. District Judge Rodney Gilstrap.

"Anyone who provides others with the technical know-how to commit acts of violence against innocent people will suffer the wrath of local, state and federal law enforcement," said U.S. Attorney Brit Featherston. "No stone will be left unturned to catch and prosecute such individuals."

"The defendant threatened the safety of countless lives by sharing bomb-making information. That information and training could have caused immeasurable harm and damage if it was given to a dangerous individual," said FBI Dallas Special Agent in Charge Matthew DeSarno. "The FBI and our partners are committed to protecting the communities we serve. We ask the public to remain vigilant and to report suspicious activity to law enforcement."

According to information presented in court, between September and October 2019, Merryman engaged in a series of online conversations with covert FBI employees. During those conversations, Merryman provided detailed instructions on how to make multiple types of improvised explosive devices (IEDs), such as pipe bombs and pressure-cooker bombs. Merryman explained how to construct the IEDs, select explosives, pack shrapnel for maximum damage, and construct fuses or detonating devices. Merryman also directed that the IEDs be used to target federal law enforcement and critical infrastructure, such as electrical substations.

Merryman was indicted by a federal grand jury on Oct. 16, 2019.

This case was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation Tyler Resident Agency, Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco Firearms and Explosives, Cass County Sheriff's Office, Atlanta Police Department, and Tyler Police Department. This case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorneys Frank Coan and Ryan Locker.

California man gets 46 months for federal firearms violations

A Pasadena, Calif. man has been sentenced to federal prison for a firearms violation in the Eastern District of Texas, said Davilyn Walston, publicity spokesperson for U.S. Attorney Brit Featherston.

Uri Reto Seiser, 37, pleaded guilty on Sep. 3, 2021 to being a felon in possession of ammunition and was sentenced to 46 months in federal prison today by U.S. District Judge Sean D. Jordan. Seiser was ordered not to have any contact with any victim, witness or any other individual associated with this case. Seiser was also prohibited from entering the State of Texas without prior authorization from the U.S. Probation Office.

to a suspicious circumstance at 300 block S Main St, settled at scene. Officer Allen responded to a public service at 300 block S Industrial St, settled at scene. Officer Jackquet responded to a suspicious vehicle at 800 block N Main St, settled at scene. Officer Allen responded to an assist smith county at 13300 block Country Meadow Ln, settled at scene. Officer Shurley and Officer Allen and Jackquet responded to a disturbance at 1100 block E Park Dr, settled at scene. Chief Somes and Officers Allen and Jackquet responded to an evading arrest at 3500 block S Main St, arrest made.

Wednesday, March 16, 2022

Chief Somes, Sgt Dworaczyk and Officer Dailey responded to a disturbance at 800 Industrial Pkwy, settled at scene. Chief Somes, Sgt Dworaczyk and Officer Dailey responded to a public service at 300 block N Main St, settled at scene. Chief Somes, Sgt Dworaczyk and Officer Dailey responded to an accident at 17000 block W I-20, report taken. Sgt Dworaczyk responded to a public service at 1000 block S Boyd St, settled at scene. Chief Somes, Sgt Dworaczyk and Officer Dailey responded to an accident at 500 block S Main St, settled at scene. Sgt Dworaczyk and Officer Dailey responded to a 911 hang up at 1500 block Sugar Hill, settled at scene. Officer Leevey and Capps responded to an assist smith county at 12100 block Hackberry Hollow Dr, settled at scene. Officer Leevey responded to a suspicious circumstance at 100 block E Centennial Blvd, settled at scene. Officer Leevey and Officer Capps responded to a suspicious person at 100 block E Centennial Blvd, settled at scene. Officer Leevey and Officer Capps responded to a driving while intoxicated at 3200 block S Main St, arrest made.

Thursday, March 17, 2022

Sgt Dworaczyk responded to a 911 hang up at 500 block Pierce St, settled at scene. Sgt Dworaczyk and Officer Dailey responded to a business alarm at 3200 block S Main St, false alarm. Officer Dailey responded to a public service at 100 block E Centennial Blvd, settled at scene. Sgt Dworaczyk and Officer Dailey responded to a public service at 13600 block CR 433, settled at scene. Sgt Dworaczyk and Officer Dailey responded to a suspicious person at 17000 block W I-20, settled at scene. Sgt Dworaczyk responded to a criminal trespass at 13300 block CR 472, settled at scene. Officer Dailey responded to a public service at 400 block Eagle Spirit Dr, settled at scene. Officer Leevey and Officer Capps responded to an assist another agency at 800 block Jack Dr, settled at scene. Officer Capps responded to a suspicious vehicle at 500 block S Industrial St, settled at scene. Officer Leevey and Officer Capps responded to a suspicious circumstance at 15900 block CR 431, settled at scene. Officer Leevey and Officer Capps responded to a driving while intoxicated at 556 E I-20, arrest made. Officer Capps responded to an accident at 555 W I-20, report taken.

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Volunteer honored

Carolyn McCain, third from left, was honored recently as Volunteer of the Month at the Lillie Russell Memorial Library. Seen with her is LRML Director Shannon Reid, Reilly Pontis and Gary Davis. McCain was presented with a dinner for two at Cracker Barrel of Lindale. (Courtesy photo)

Two Lindale Eagles earn first team All District basketball honors

Lindale's Walter Smith and Ryder Johnson were first team selections as the 16-4A All District boys basketball team has been chosen by the league's coaches.

Second team honorees from Lindale included Taegan Terry, Colby Wood, Cole Collinsworth while Justin Farris, Colton Widemon, Amare Baptiste and Aiden Pierson were honorable mention selections.

The Eagles also landed Walter Smith, Logan Dixon, Ryder Johnson, Taegan Terry, Cole Collinsworth, Colby Wood, Justin Farris, Amare Baptiste, Will Hutchens and Colton Widemon to the All-Academic team.

Bullard junior Garrett Nuckolls was selected as the league's Most Valuable Player and his father, Dean Nuckolls was chosen Coach of the Year.

Offensive Player of the Year was C.J. Ingram of Kilgore, while

Defensive MVP honors went to Chapel Hill's Tyson Berry and Newcomer of the Year was Jayvin Mayfield from

Chapel Hill.

All-District 16-4A Boys Basketball

Most Valuable Player — Garrett Nuckolls, Bullard

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First Team

Chapel Hill — Adrian Mumphrey, Demetrius Brisbon

Lindale — Walter Smith, Ryder Johnson

Bullard — Jeffery Brooks

Cumberland Academy — Micah Robinson

Henderson — Devin Phillips

Spring Hill — Tayler Reihemann

Kilgore — Jake Thompson, Thomas Hattaway

Second Team

Chapel Hill — Cameron Murphy, Kaviyan Huddleston

Lindale — Taegan Terry, Colby Wood, Cole Collinsworth

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Henderson — Tobiaus Jackson, Austin Perry, DK Kelly

Spring Hill — Luke Hurst, Brennan Ferguson, Easton Ballard

Kilgore — Jayden Sanders, Javoria Easley, Ethan Drury, Bobby King

Eagles record 3-0 shutout against Wills Point

Three Lindale pitchers combined to shut out the Wills Point Tigers, 3-0, this past Saturday in a non-district high school baseball game at the Lindale ISD Baseball and Softball complex.

Aaron Wolfe started the game,

tossing four innings and allowing three hits while striking out six Wills Point hitters.

Ryan Betts came in and during his two innings allowed four hits and struck out three. Caden Piccoli pitched a perfect seventh inning to preserve

the shutout and register a save.

Piccoli was also productive at the plate with a double and an RBI, while Caleb Hart, Kaden Fleming, Luke Waggoner and Jake Powell all had singles.

In other baseball action involving

East Texas teams Bullard took on Chapel Hill on Saturday and earlier last week, Chapel Hill was no-hit against the Terrell Tigers.

On Friday in Bullard, the Panthers got a three-hit shutout from Bryson Mason in an 11-0 victory over the

Bulldogs.

Mason fanned eight and issued four walks.

On Saturday, the Bulldogs hosted Terrell and lost 12-2. Mason Beck recorded an RBI despite Terrell pitchers not allowing a hit.

Workplace trends to be aware of in 2022

Workplace culture has changed dramatically over the last couple of years. Employees have become more vocal about their dissatisfaction with their working environments, and many have resigned for different reasons.

This phenomenon, called The Great Resignation, a phrase coined by a business management professor, is expected to be one of the most prominent workplace trends in 2022.

While widespread resignation has captured headlines, it's only one of many trends that will shape the office space in the year to come.

Workplace trends of 2022

The global workforce is changing at a rapid pace. Technology improvements and flexible work environments are allowing a paradigm shift in how people work.

This is causing uncertainty for some people, but it also presents opportunities for employers as well as people looking for work.

These changes represent the dawn of a new era in the workplace, and for people thinking about making a change, a time to prepare for an unprecedented year to come. BBB looks at some of the workplace trends predicted to be the most prominent in 2022.

The Great Resignation

The Great Resignation has caused concern among business owners. Employees are resigning in droves to pursue better opportunities, leaving business owners scrambling to find solutions.

In 2021, 3.9 million employees were resigning per month on average, and this trend is likely to continue in the year to come, as more and more people realize they don't have to tolerate poor working conditions or be in a position where they don't feel they are able to make a valuable contribution to the company.

Workers now expect a certain level of fairness and equality from their employers. They want to feel valued and appreciated, and don't want to sacrifice their personal lives for their jobs.

The current climate has forced many business owners to reevaluate their workplace culture and adapt in order to retain their best employees.

Increased automation of managerial tasks

One of the biggest workplace trends expected to take place in 2022 is the automation of managerial tasks such as scheduling, approving reports, and monitoring direct reports' completion of tasks.

Automation has been used to increase productivity over the last few decades, and in the wake of the pandemic, it is being employed even further, particularly when it comes to managerial duties.

With more tasks being automated, employees can shift their focus to more valuable projects.

Businesses facing staffing shortages can also benefit from automation, which allows them to maintain a similar work output with fewer employees.

Hybrid work models are still preferred by employees

After the workplace changes brought on by the pandemic, many people are looking for jobs that offer a better work-life balance. In particular, they are gravitating towards hybrid work models, where they can work at home on some days and in the office on others.

In fact, not only do 83% of workers prefer a hybrid work model, but 63 percent of high-growth companies have already adopted a hybrid workforce model.

Hybrid work models are not without their challenges, however. They require a lot of communication, and they can be challenging to manage.

Returning to the office will be a reality for struggling businesses

While hybrid work models may be the popular choice for employees and a growing number of businesses, a return to the traditional office will likely be a reality for many struggling companies in the year to come.

Many businesses simply don't have the necessary resources to maintain hybrid or remote work models, despite employee preference. Depending on the situation, employees may be asked to come back into the office, which may lead to even more resignations.

However, there are benefits to returning to the traditional office setting, including increased productivity and being able to collaborate with other employees in person.

Increased emphasis on employee well-being

Whether or not companies return to the office, one final workplace trend that is expected to take precedence in 2022 is an increased emphasis on employee wellbeing. By prioritizing their employees' happiness, employers will improve their chances of attracting and retaining a talented workforce. This trend may translate into remote work, flexible work hours, and increased benefits, such as paid time off and paid training.

Stay up to date on workplace trends with the BBB

The world will continue to change rapidly and it's important to stay informed on the latest trends. The Better Business Bureau is committed to providing the most relevant, up-to-date information to help navigate the complex business frontier.

Bringing spring's beauty indoors

By Melinda Myers

Many gardeners are busy pruning shrubs to remove winter damage, control the size, or provide a bit of shaping before the season is well under way. Save some of the branches or cut a few from spring flowering shrubs to brighten your indoors.

You'll enjoy the added spring color provided by branches of forsythia, quince, pussy willows, and other spring flowering shrubs for bouquets and arrangements.

Use a pair of sharp bypass pruners with two sharp blades that cut like scissors. These make clean cuts allowing the wound to close quickly and reducing the risk of insects and diseases moving in. Start by removing crossing or winter damaged branches.

This helps manage plant growth while harvesting some stems for your enjoyment. Look for stems at least 12" long with lots of flowers or buds to maximize flowering. Make cuts above a healthy outward bud, where a branch joins another branch or just above ground level.

Combine planned renewal pruning with a bit of indoor enjoyment. Remove a few of the older stems of forsythia, lilac, and other multi-stemmed spring flowering shrubs back to ground level.

This encourages new growth at the base of the plant. Cut the larger branches down to a useable size for your indoor enjoyment.

Then finish any needed pruning after the plants put on their spring display so they can form new flower buds next spring. Avoid severe pruning that can result in excess growth.

Removing no more than one fourth of the total growth will result in more even growth. Repeat as needed for the next year or two to reduce the size and improve the beauty of overgrown plants.

Harvest stems for forcing on a sunny day or when temperatures are above freezing for better results. Don't smash the stems as

often recommended. Instead make one or more slits in a crosshatch or star pattern on the bottom of the stems before placing them in water immediately after cutting.

If possible, submerge the whole stems in a tub of water overnight.

This encourages the stems and buds to absorb water and break dormancy. Set the stems in a bucket of cool water, about 60 to 65 degrees, in a bright but indirectly lit location after soaking overnight or immediately after pruning.

Mist the stems as often as possible the first few days or place a plastic bag over the stems to boost humidity and prevent the buds from dropping. Change the water every two or three days making sure the cut ends of the stems are always in the water.

The buds should start swelling and flowers start to appear in several weeks. Cut the stems to the needed length and use them in flower arrangements.

They look great mixed with spring flowering bulbs, greens and other spring flowers from your garden or florist. Or display them in a vase all on their own.

Continue cutting and forcing a variety of branches over time for continuous indoor bloom. Prolong their beauty by moving the flowering stems and flower arrangements to a cooler location at night.

Make notes on what worked well in spring arrangements to help you plan for next year.

Whether you force them into bloom or harvest when in bloom, you will enjoy the added spring color indoors.

Melinda Myers has written more than 20 gardening books, including *The Midwest Gardener's Handbook, 2nd Edition* and *Small Space Gardening*. Her website is www.MelindaMyers.com.

Nature Preserve schedules stargazing event March 25

The Mineola Nature Preserve in conjunction with The Astronomical Society of East Texas are planning a star gazing event at the Mineola Nature Preserve on Friday, March 25, organizers announced.

This is a free program and everyone is invited. The activity begins at approximately 9:30 p.m. and will end around 11:30 p.m.

The location will be the amphitheater next to the pavilion. The program is a group exercise in identifying objects in the night sky that can be seen with binoculars or the naked eye.

Participants are urged to binoculars and arrive by 9 p.m. to get acquainted with your surroundings.

This is a weather permitting program. In the event of inclement weather or cloud

cover, the program will be cancelled. A "cancelled" notice will be posted in the "Calendar" page of the Society's website: www.asetexas.org/calendar on the date, view our Facebook page: Astronomical Society of East Texas and a sign, "No Star Gazing" will be posted at the Preserve entrance.

Participants are urged keep an eye on the weather and dress appropriately, including clothing to ward off mosquitoes.

No aerosol sprays will be permitted, wipes should be used instead.

Door prizes will be given at the end of the program.

For more information on this event and the Society, log onto info@asetexas.com or text to 903-805-9902.

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Quick thinking wardens rescue trapped quail dog

By Texas Department And Wildlife

Texas Game Wardens see many things on their daily rounds.

Here are a few, culled from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department:

How do you solve a problem like Maria?

A landowner called Texas Game Wardens when a group of quail hunters requested assistance rescuing a dog that had fallen into an abandoned grain silo-turned well.

The dog, Maria, had chased a wounded bird through thick brush when she disappeared from her owner's sight. After searching, the owner found the dog trapped 50 feet below. Two Game Wardens arrived on the scene with hundreds of feet of rope, a wire dog kennel and the know-how to build a pulley hoist system.

Wardens baited the kennel with recently harvested quail and slowly lowered it down to Maria. With some encouragement from her owner, the dog was coerced to enter the kennel.

Wardens carefully lifted her out of the well and into the loving arms

of her owner. Upon inspection, she appeared unharmed and fully alert, with all four limbs fully functional. Emergency responders, the dog owner, several fellow quail hunters and the landowners' family were amazed how situation unfolded. The owner transported Maria home and scheduled her for a follow-up with a veterinarian for precautionary measures.

Fortune favors the bald (tire)

A local sheriff's office reached out to Texas Game Wardens about a stolen vehicle from New Mexico heading into Texas. A warden located the vehicle under an irrigation pivot. After backup arrived, the subject attempted to evade officers by driving through fields. When the driver lost the tread on a tire, he stopped the vehicle and was met by the warden and a local deputy. The subject, who was a suspect in a New Mexico murder case, was taken into custody for unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, evading in a motor vehicle and multiple other offenses. Cases and investigations for both states are pending.

Stuck in the middle with you

Val Verde County Game Wardens received information about a fishing boat that ran aground on the Rio Grande River. The area recently accumulated excess silt from the Amistad Dam. Combined with decreasing water levels on the river, the exposed silt became sticky and acted as quicksand. The two boaters were unharmed but unable to vacate the vehicle without sinking into the mud. One of the wardens moved to an overlook point and located the boat. The wardens confirmed there was no way to reach them through waterways or on land. A call was placed for a helicopter with hoist capability. A municipal helicopter reached the individuals, and the rescue was completed successfully. The boaters did not require medical attention.

Mama Mia

A landowner notified Henderson County game wardens about someone who shot a deer on their property from the road. The landowner received word that the suspected shooter was bragging about the act on social media. A quick search of social media revealed the suspect's

mother posted about grinding up deer meat for chili. The wardens contacted the mother. She said her son shot a deer on their property, and she was processing it. The wardens interviewed the suspected shooter and he quickly confessed to shooting the deer on the caller's property from the road. It was further determined that the mother believed the deer was shot on their property and was very upset when she learned the truth.

Help! I need somebody!

A Karnes County Game Warden patrolling a local highway came across a deer laying in the middle road. Realizing it could be a safety hazard, the warden turned around to remove the buck. After exiting his vehicle, he noticed someone walking near the front gate of a residence in the dark. The warden thought it could be the landowner coming out to ask about the deer. Upon further observation, he realized the man was stumbling. The man said he hit the deer with his motorcycle which was heavily damaged and was now laying in the bar ditch up ahead. The motorcyclist did not know how long he had been in the ditch. Thank-

fully, he wore a helmet. The warden notified dispatch and requested an ambulance over a possible broken hand. EMS and a sheriff's deputy arrived on the scene. The warden called the man's wife, informed her of what happened and that he was in the care of EMS.

Here's your sign

A Texas Game Warden received a call from a landowner concerned about road hunters driving near his property, shining a light and shooting guns. The warden met up with a deputy sheriff who had just intercepted the vehicle with three male subjects. In the bed of the truck, the warden found multiple loaded weapons, two dead jackrabbits, two dead raccoons and a piece of deer backstrap. After a roadside investigation, it was determined that the three subjects had spent the night driving around on the public roads, shooting animals and stop signs. Two adults were arrested for hunting from a vehicle and one juvenile was released pending charges. A total of seven firearms and two varmint game calls were seized for evidence. Additional charges are pending.



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

c/o: MICHAEL C. COKER
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DATED the 21st day of March, 2022.

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Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of CLAUDE MELVIN JENKINS, Deceased, were issued on March 9, 2022, in Cause No. 46196P, pending in the County Court of Smith County, Texas, to: Dana Parson. All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

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NOTICE IS HERBY GIVEN THAT the City Council of the City of Lindale, Texas (the "City") will hold a public hearing at 6:00 pm on the 5th day of April, 2022, at City Hall, 105 Ballard Drive, Lindale, Texas 75771, for the purpose of amending the subdivision Ordinance establish zones in the Extraterritorial Jurisdiction.

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Lindale trustees OK school calendar

By Dylan Shackelford

The Lindale ISD School Board agreed on a new calendar for the 2022-2023 school year at the monthly meeting on Monday night in the administration building.

The new schedule, according to Lindale superintendent Stan Surratt, will be more balanced when it comes to the six-weeks grading period by moving Christmas break a little closer to Christmas.

The board also voted to accept a new dual credit agreement with Tyler Junior College and the LISD. The agreement covers everything from how the classes will be offered, what will be offered, curriculum and financial aid.

The FFA LOCAL policy, which covers required responsibilities involving health, fitness and nutrition, was updated and approved by the board as well.

One parent raised her concerns about the lack of a competitive cheer squad within the school district, claiming that all but Lindale and one other school in the district has one and provided the board with statistics and encouraged them to consider the possibility.

Deadline filing nears for property tax renditions

The Texas Comptroller's office reminds business owners that for many property types, April 15 is the deadline to file property tax renditions with their county appraisal districts. Different deadlines apply for certain regulated property.

A rendition is a list of the taxable inventory, furniture and fixtures, machinery, equipment and other property owned or managed as of Jan. 1 each year. The appraisal district may use the information to set property values.

A rendition allows property owners to record their opinion of their property's value and ensures that the appraisal district notifies property owners before changing a recorded value. Exempt property, such as church property and equipment used for farming, is not subject to rendition.

Owners whose property was damaged by storm, flood or fire last year may file a special decreased value report, which indicates the property's condition on Jan. 1, 2022. Filing the decreased value report could lower those owners' final tax bills for 2022.

Rendition forms and decreased value report forms are available from county appraisal district offices statewide and can be downloaded at the Comptroller's property tax forms webpage.

For more information about property rendition, deadlines, deadline extensions, penalties and rendition forms, taxpayers may contact the Comptroller's Property Tax Assistance Division at 800-252-9121 (press 2) or visit the division's website.



Eagle becomes Bobcat

Lindale High School's Sam Peterson signed a letter of intent to play baseball for Texas State University's Bobcats Monday at LHS. Peterson also was the starting quarterback for the Eagles' football team and was named District 9-4A's Most Valuable Offensive Player. LHS baseball coach Rich Sanguinetti praised Peterson saying he is "the epitome of what you want out of a student athlete. There's no doubt he will showcase those things at the next level and we are extremely proud of him."

Photo by Terry Cannon

LACC banquet planned April 4

The 38th annual Lindale Area Chamber of Commerce Membership Banquet and Auction – "Lone Star State of Mind" -- is scheduled for Monday, April 4 at Texas Rose Horse Park, 14078 State Highway 110.

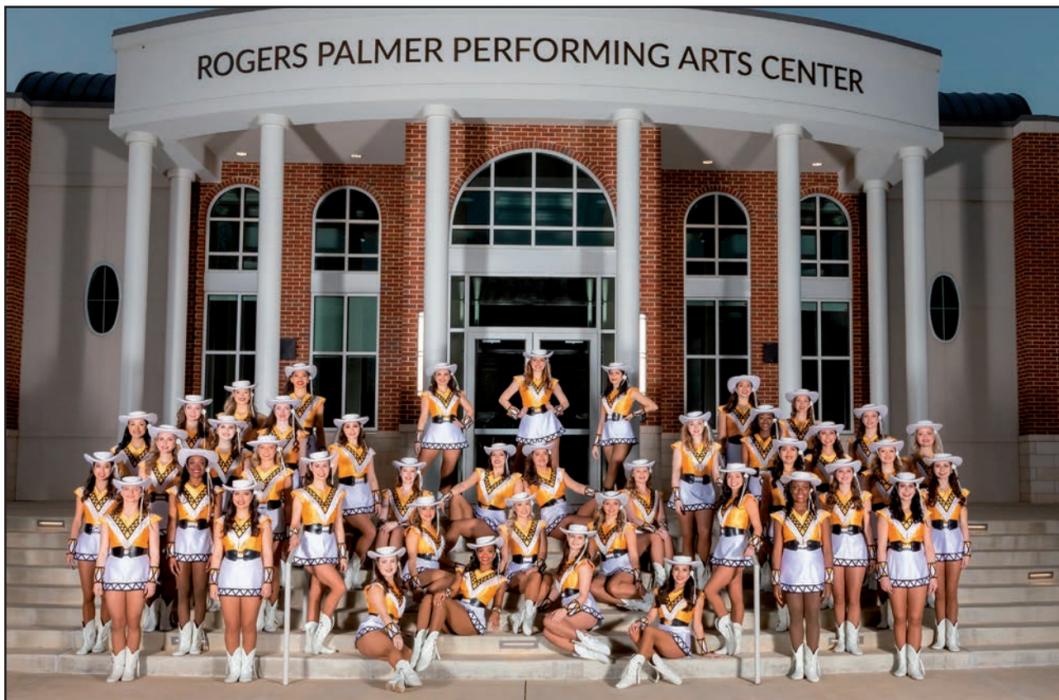
The silent auction and networking will be from 5 p.m.-6:15 p.m., followed by dinner from 5:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m. The live auction and awards ceremony will take place from 6:30 p.m.-8 p.m.

Each year, there are several individuals recognized by the chamber, including Citizen of the Year, Lindale Rotary Club's Merchant of the Year, city of Lindale honorees as well as recognitions for Lindale ISD educators and students.

Past Citizen of the Year honorees include:

- 2021 – Don Hines
- 2020 – Jimmy Hawley
- 2019 – John Williams
- 2018 – Larry Wilson
- 2017 – Nina Rodriguez Bryan
- 2016 – Jerry Alexander
- 2015 – Charlene Burton
- 2014 – Jim Mallory
- 2013 – Jerry Garner
- 2012 – Lindale Community Theater

- 2011 – Debbie Wortmann
 - 2010 – Stan Surratt
 - 2009 – Perry Mac Hutchens
 - 2008 – Annie Baldwin
 - 2007 – Bill Parrott
 - 2006 – Helen Boylan Foundation
 - 2005 – Gen. James "Red" Brown
 - 2004 – Drs. Wendall and Donna Hand
 - 2003 – John Becker
 - 2002 – James Cowart
 - 2001 – Dennis Taylor
 - 2000 – Ed Neely
 - 1999 – Bobby McClenny
 - 1998 – Carolyn Todd
 - 1997 – Barham Fulmer
 - 1996 – Carroll Anderson
 - 1995 – Pat Rogers
 - 1994 – Herschel Duncan
 - 1993 – Mary Ann McClenny
 - 1992 – Clifford Bartley
 - 1991 – Earl Baldwin
 - 1990 – Eugene McClenny
 - 1989 – Dr. Joe Roach
 - 1988 – Dr. E.C. Kinzie
 - 1987 – Jack Crook
- Past Merchant of the Year winners include:
- 2021-- Jerry Terry
 - 2020 – Dave Wilson
 - 2019 – R.J. Collins
 - 2018 – Nancy McIntyre
 - 2017 – Octavio De La Cruz
 - 2016 -- James Simmons
 - 2015 – Medder's Brake and Alignment
 - 2014 – Eagle Pharmacy
 - 2013 – Dr. Karen Gott
 - 2012 -- Dale Kile, Medicine Chest Pharmacy
 - 2011 – Zackie Gutzke
 - 2010 – Carla Boyette
 - 2009 – John Pittman
 - 2008 – Amanda Froebe
 - 2007 – Don Hines
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 - 2005 – Debbie Wortmann
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 - 2003 – Delores Goodman
 - 2002 – Scott Cassel
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 - 2000 – Glenda Dintelman
 - 1999 – Ruth Voyles
 - 1998 – C. James Rutledge
 - 1997 – Jim Withrow
 - 1996 – Jean Compton
 - 1995 – Larry Camp
 - 1994 – Mark Hatfield
 - 1993 – Wilbur Terry
 - 1992 – Jerry Fleming
 - 1991 – Perry Mac Hutchens



"For the Record," the Tyler Junior College Apache Belles' Spring Show – which will feature Lindale performers – is scheduled to take place this week in Wise Auditorium, publicity officials announced. Show times are 7:30 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, March 24-26, and 2 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, March 26 and 27. Wise Auditorium is located inside the Rogers Palmer Performing Arts Center on the TJC main campus. Apache Belle Keslie Cook and Belle Guard Tyler Thompson are both from Lindale. Admission is \$15 for evening performances and \$10 for matinees, and tickets are on sale now at TJC.edu/BelleSpringShow. Since 1947, the Tyler Junior College Apache Belles have served as TJC's goodwill ambassadors, entertaining crowds at home and around the world with their precision dance routines. This year, in keeping with the "For the Record" theme, the Apache Belles will take the audience on a journey through several of history's most notable recordings for an experience that will inspire, uplift and entertain, officials said.

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