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LISD Education Foundation awards more than \$37,000 in classroom grants

Once again, hallways in the Lindale ISD were noisy as the Lindale ISD Education Foundation's Grant Patrol visited several classrooms across the district this past week awarding classroom grants totaling more than \$37,600 to teachers on three campuses.

Funds provided by the Foundation will directly benefit district students in the will make a positive difference for them.

The Lindale High School band marched through the hallways of the schools, banging drums and blowing horns, creating excitement with each step taken.

In addition to the band, cheerleaders, donors, administrators and volunteers loudly paraded through the campuses, giving away money for the several innovative projects.

"The Lindale ISD is an outstanding school district with amazing, hard-working teachers," said Gay Pyland, President of the Lindale ISD Education Foundation. "The Education Foundation's goal is to support these teachers by funding their creative and innovative needs in the classroom. Together, with our individual donors, businesses and community, we support not only the teachers, but we also give our students an added advantage to their education."

The teachers are notified that they are awarded their grants and receive funds by a surprise Grant Patrol visit.

"This is the best time of the year for the Lindale Education Foundation," said Courtney Sanguinetti, Executive Director of the Lindale ISD Education Foundation. "Our board members and volunteers work extremely hard throughout the year to raise enough funds to be able to give like we do. To see it all pay off with the excitement of the students and teachers is definitely our reward. We are so thankful for the teachers who applied for these new learning tools and we are excited to see them in action."

The Lindale ISD Education Foundation is a 501 (c)(3) organization that provides funds for classroom projects and programs not funded or under-funded by the district's operating budget. The foundation is supported through donations from individuals, businesses and corporations.

The Education Foundation began awarding grants in November 2009. Since the first grant cycle, the Foundation has awarded \$410,151.33 to LISD classrooms for more than 100 projects.

Grant applications are submitted to the foundation by LISD teachers and aides for projects or programs that go above the day-to-day curriculum and offer students an enriched and unique learning experience. Projects selected for funding are rated on a number of criteria including the innovation of the project.

"We are so thankful for our donors and the Lindale community who make all of this possible," said Sanguinetti. "These students deserve a chance to excel beyond the classroom and the projects funded



The Lindale High School Health Sciences department was awarded new mannequins to help students in perform cardiopulmonary resuscitation. The grant was awarded to Nicole Hone and Sally Clemmons.

Photos by Terry Cannon



Lindale High School teacher Amy Thompson (center) was awarded a grant of \$5,143 from the Lindale ISD Educational Foundation for "Enriching LHS Foreign Language" for students taking Spanish or ASL classes during the foundation's annual Grant Patrol last week.

by the Education Foundation help to do just that. Our teachers' dedication to our kids and school district is what makes LISD one of the best."

Spring 2022 projects receiving funds include:

-- Education Foundation grant for \$8,052.46 to fund Draw Up a Seat for Something Neat!

5th and 6th grade art students have been awarded new, real-world adjustable studio tables and stools that will improve overall student work areas. New, more versatile studio tables and stools will be more accessible for handicap students and will be more durable for all students. The improved quality work space will also contribute to the quality of students' work.

Grant by Misty Harbour
-- Education Foundation grant for \$5,143.20 to fund Enriching LHS Foreign Language!

10-12 grade students taking Spanish or ASL have been awarded new enrichment resources to provide hands-on activities to practice vocabulary, incorporate technology to help students access and apply conversational skills, and open up a world of cultural understanding with classroom sets of culture books.

Grant by Amy Thompson
-- Education Foundation grant

for \$2,699.73 to fund Technology for Dual Credit Math!

Students in dual credit college algebra, dual credit statistics and future dual credit math classes have been awarded new graphing calculators. The purpose of this is to put new technology in the hands of students. By providing universal access to graphing calculators, students will be able to analyze characteristics of functions, compare and contrast functions, and create coherent representations of mathematical models for real world situations. Students will also have opportunities to investigate statistics in ways never done before in the classroom.

Grant by Stephanie Sembritzky
-- Education Foundation grant for \$1,500 to fund Guys in Ties/Girls in Pearls!

6th grade students at E.J. Moss have been awarded items to expand the Guys in Ties/Girls in Pearls program. The program is offered to selected 6th graders during a designated lunch period to promote positive thinking through the use of a book study. The students will also engage in topics such as making good decisions, first impressions, treating others with respect, and dining etiquette. Some of the items that will be received are ties, pearls, dress shirts, and books.

Grant by Megen Bass

-- Education Foundation grant for \$1,284.56 to fund Measuring Motion Meticulously!

Lindale High School Physics and Engineering students have been awarded new cutting edge data collection devices. The Go-Direct Accelerometers allow students to wirelessly, via bluetooth, measure acceleration simultaneously in three directions as well as rotational motion. This will help students to better understand how acceleration makes the connection between Kinematics and Newton's Laws.

Grant by Duane Walton
-- Education Foundation grant for \$6,500 to fund All the World's a Stage!

The Lindale High School Theatre department has been awarded a new set. The current set is more than 15 years old and is needed for UIL standards. The new set will be used by more than 200 students a year and will be used daily.

Grant by Kari McKenzie and Taylor Jarman
-- Education Foundation grant for \$1,971 to fund Save a Life!

The Lindale High School Health Science department has been awarded new advanced CPR mannequins to help better instruct students in cardiopulmonary resuscitation. The manikins provide important feedback as the students

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City council OKs ordinance making Lindale "sanctuary city for unborn"

Lindale is now the 15th city in Texas to be a "sanctuary city for the unborn" following a vote by the city council during a public hearing held this past Thursday at Picker's Pavilion in downtown Lindale.

This issue was first brought before the council in February, 2020. On the advice of City Attorney Glen Patrick, council members at that time passed a resolution condemning abortion but didn't pass an ordinance.

During that meeting, Patrick told council members that since abortion is legal in the United States, an ordinance would be unenforceable.

Representatives of the American Civil Liberties Union have said that these ordinances in Texas are unconstitutional.

The public hearing, which was set during a regular city council meeting in February, was moved to Picker's Pavilion because of the expected large crowd.

The facility was full and city council members listened to several local residents speak on the viability and necessity of the ordinance.

Other cities to adopt the ordinance include Waskom, Naples, Joaquin, Teneha, Gilmer, Rusk, Gary, Wells, East Mountain, Grapeland, Murchison, Latexo, Poyner and Brownsboro.

Eventual 10 years Tardiff's time on council saw rapid growth in city

EDITOR'S NOTE: For the past 10 years, Bob Tardiff and Bryan Summerfield have served on the Lindale City Council. Because of term limits, both men will be stepping down from their post after May's General Election. Today, we will look at Tardiff's tenure.

By Terry Cannon
Editor

In Bob Tardiff, the city of Lindale has had a dedicated public servant since joining the City Council in 2012.

Tardiff brought many years of experience in municipal government (he has a Master's Degree in Public Administration) as well as a full understanding and appreciation of law enforcement after serving more than 20 years as a police chief in Oregon.

He and his wife of 51 years Launa retired to Lindale in 2007. After being appointed, then elected to the council, Tardiff has also served on the Executive Committee of the East Texas Council of Governments.

During his 10 years on the city council, Tardiff and fellow council members have worked on a variety of projects which have positioned the city to continue to grow in the future.

"There are several projects that I

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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.

Because I can ...

Sunday I was at Ellis Pottery with my 25 percent off coupon clutched in my hand looking for that little white PVC wicker table I so wanted to go with my new white lawn rockers.

Around a corner came a very thin, very lovely African-American woman in scrubs pushing a reclining wheelchair with a severely handicapped teenage boy whose eyes were darting everywhere, drinking in everything while he had the opportunity to do so.

The severe cerebral palsy had twisted his body, his legs, his hands and his neck just as it had my brother Donnie's body.

I spoke to the young man and his eyes connected with mine, locked for the moment. What he saw in mine I do not know. What I saw in his was a lifetime of watching without the ability to experience by doing.

I had seen that look before.

I told his caretaker that he reminded me of my brother.

She said, "He is my angel." I told her I knew what she meant. What she really meant.

I responded with, "we learn so much from them". And she said yes and blessed me and moved on with her treat of a trip around the paths and flowers for "her angel."

I was indeed blessed.

And moved.

And suddenly so overwhelmed with emotion that I could not

hold back the tears. So I blindly pushed my cart around pots, plants and people while wiping tears away with my sleeve.

The Best of Suzanne Bardwell



I don't know why I cried. I don't know if I was overwhelmed with the struggle of the young man just to live or if it was his caretaker's gift of joy and blessing.

Or, if I just missed my brother who passed away in 1994 along with my Nanny, and then my Pap'pa. Next my Daddy had his first stroke.

I was just shy of 40 and entering a couple of the worst years of my life.

You know how it is. You've been there.

As the years have passed I have carried the love of my brother with me through some pretty tough times. One Good Friday a couple of years after Donnie passed away I was sitting quietly in a pew unable to pray.

The only thoughts that I could process were the problems that were chasing one another through my mind as my body tensed, my chest tightened and my heart ached.

Suddenly I felt my brother's presence. Not as it had been in life.

I felt him sit beside me and stretch his arm around my shoulders and whisper in a voice I had never heard..."all prayers are answered in God's time."

And I realized in that moment that my brother who had been trapped in a broken body had taught me how to live life abundantly. To live with joy amid the chaos and pain of life. To live with passion.

Because I can.

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Gary Borders Capital Highlights



Wildfire risk remains high in much of state

Much of the state remains at considerable risk for wildfires through this week, largely because of higher-than-usual temperatures and drought conditions. More than 40% of the state is suffering extreme drought conditions, according to the U.S. Drought Monitor. Nearly the entire state is in some form of drought, with much of the Panhandle, High Plains and west central Texas most at risk.

Nearly 123,000 acres in Texas have burned in March alone, according to Texas A&M Forest Service. Earlier this month, more than 54,000 acres burned in Eastland County, between Fort Worth and Abilene. A sheriff's deputy died while trying to rescue others from that blaze.

A fast-moving fire forced Medina County residents near Medina Lake to evacuate on Saturday, according to the San Antonio Express-News. That blaze reportedly started with a vehicle fire and quickly covered nearly 1,000 acres. Climate change is playing a role in this hot and dry spring, John Nielsen-Gammon, the state climatologist, told the Texas Tribune.

"There are enhanced chances of warmer-than-normal weather for literally the foreseeable future because of the combination of La Niña and climate change," Nielsen-Gammon said.

La Niña is a weather pattern that occurs in the Pacific Ocean. It typically brings colder, wetter weather to the Northwest and drier, hotter conditions in Texas and the South.

Insurance tips after spring storms

It's spring storm season. More than two dozen tornadoes swept through Central and East Texas early last week, damaging about 1,000 homes from Round Rock, north of Austin, to Gilmer in Northeast Texas. The Texas Department of Insurance is available to provide contact information for insurance companies to homeowners and businesses and can also help with questions about how to file a claim. Its Help Line—800-252-3439—is staffed from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

TDI advises folks to report property damage as soon as possible to their insurance agent or company. Other tips:

- Take pictures and video of the damage. Don't throw away anything until the insurance adjuster tells you.
- Make temporary repairs, such as covering broken windows and removing standing water.
- Don't make permanent repairs before the adjuster sees the damage.

TPW awards \$12.5 million in park grants

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission last week awarded more than \$12.5 million in grants to enhance and expand outdoor recreational spaces at 26 community parks statewide. The money is provided on a 50/50 match and is used to create more nature trails, native gardens, playgrounds, dog parks and athletic fields.

Money was awarded in three categories: cities with more than 500,000 population, cities with less than 500,000 population and towns of less than 20,000 population. A complete list of grant recipients can be found at tpwd.texas.gov/newsmedia/releases.

Arlington doctor gets prison time for fraud

A federal judge sentenced an Arlington doctor to 12 years in prison after he pleaded guilty to submitting fraudulent bills for physical therapy and office exams and illegally issuing prescriptions for controlled substances. Dr. Clinton Battle pleaded guilty last July to the charges after an investigation conducted by the Texas Division of Workers' Compensation's Fraud Unit and federal investigators.

"Health care fraud impacts everyone in the Texas workers' compensation system, and thanks to the teamwork between the Texas Division of Workers' Compensation (DWC) Fraud Unit and federal investigators, we were able to ensure justice was served in this case," said Debra Knight with DWC.

Stuck in the middle with you

This tidbit comes from "Game Warden Field Notes," compiled from TPWD law enforcement reports:

"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 boat without sinking into the mud.

THE ECONOMIST

By Dr. M. Ray Perryman

Omnipresent Oil ...



Gasoline prices have soared, topping \$4 per gallon in most areas. The increase has been rapid, and with inflation in almost everything else in family budgets, the additional costs are difficult to absorb. They are also very visible; we see the signs constantly.

One reason for the surge is obviously high oil prices. Prices were already rising due to increased demand and lag-

ging supply as the global economy recovered from the pandemic. When Russia invaded Ukraine and became an unacceptable source of crude for many nations, avail-

ability tightened further and uncertainty skyrocketed.

At least half of the price of gasoline is driven by crude oil, with the rest of the cost going to taxes, marketing and distribution, and refining. Retailers set prices based on what they think they'll have to pay to replenish their stocks, and the current instability is definitely a factor. (Contrary to some claims, however, this isn't generally a case of corporations padding profits. In fact, very few stations are actually owned by refiners, and individual stations would find it almost impossible to set prices above prevailing market levels.)

Although gasoline prices are a constant, graphic reminder of the costs of crude, that's only part of the story. In 2020, of the approximately 6.6 billion barrels of total US petroleum consumption, only 44% was gasoline, 21% was distillate fuel (such as heating oil and diesel fuel), and 6% was jet fuel (according to the US Energy Information Administration). The remaining nearly 30% became a variety of other products.

The long roster of items made with petroleum includes feedstocks for the chemicals, plastics, and synthetic materials that are in virtually every product. Lubricants, solvents, waxes, detergents, and paints -- to name a few. There are also fabrics such as Kevlar and synthetic rubbers. Plastic is essential to medical supplies from IV bags and syringes to devices of many types. Makeup, hair, nail, and skin care products also rely on petroleum-derived ingredients.

Higher oil prices ultimately put upward pressure on cost of all of these goods. Another striking fact is the sheer number of ways that we rely on petroleum products daily. While some consumption can be curtailed, there is no viable substitute for many items which are essential to healthcare and myriad other industries -- not to mention our everyday lives. Oil also fuels the transport of just about everything that we use in the economy, not just personal vehicles.

Simply stated, oil is everywhere. We clearly need to encourage and develop other forms of energy and thoughtfully and strategically address climate challenges. Lest we forget, however, crude is the basis for much more than just gasoline at the pump. It permeates every facet of our world.

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Games, especially this one, are meant to be fun

It seems hard to fathom nowadays, but at one time most baseball owners weren't billionaires, more like thousands. (Yes, I just made up another word.)

To be sure, there were a few who didn't need the income from their team to make ends meet, but for the most part each owner depended on gate receipts – and later -- radio revenues to field teams year after year.

Without free agency (a topic we've discussed in this space before) owners tended to be quite tight-fisted and were content to keep players' salaries low. So low, in fact, most of the non-superstar players had to have second jobs in the offseason to help support their families.

Owners were happy to operate in their quasi-cartel and knew as long as they stuck together their fiefdoms would be safe.

Yet when a fun-loving guy named Bill Veeck arrived on the scene it caused a collective case of heartburn for his fellow owners.

His first foray into ownership was taking over the Triple A Milwaukee Brewers in 1940 and by 1946 (after serving in the Marines during World War II), Veeck bought the Cleveland Indians with the profits from selling the Brewers.

His philosophy was simple: baseball is supposed to be fun, especially for the fans. He's probably best known for signing Eddie Gaedel – all 3-feet, 8-inches of him – to a one-day contract and sent him in to pinch hit. Naturally, Gaedel walked.

My favorite Veeck innovation was his "Grandstand Manager's Day" where thousands of St. Louis Browns' fans voted on in-game decisions by holding up placards. By the way, the Browns won that game, 5-3.

In addition to the Brewers, Indians and Browns, Veeck also owned the Chicago White Sox and while there, installed an exploding scoreboard that goes off each time the home team hits a home run.

Terry Cannon Editor



Veeck's most important move, however, was making Larry Doby the first Black player in the American League in 1947 for the Indians.

A long-time smoker, Veeck underwent two operations for lung cancer and died of the disease in January, 1986.

Yet, in Veeck's case, the apple didn't fall far from the tree because his son Mike Veeck brought a great deal of fun in his time as both a minor league owner and Major League executive.

In the early days of the Tampa Bay franchise (known then as the Devil Rays) the younger Veeck showed his propensity for wanting to instill fun into the game with his inspired promotions.

To wit:
--Lawyer Appreciation Night, where all lawyers were charged double – and billed by the third of an inning – with proceeds going to a Legal Aid fund.

"The thrust of Lawyer Night is we're going to have a special gate (for the lawyers). You have Sexgate, Travelgate, Watergate. We're going to have Lawyergate," Mike Veeck said at the time;

-- Conversion Day when fans were rewarded for getting rid of New York Yankee caps. This was appropriate for Tampa Bay because the Yankees have their spring training there;

-- A Labor Day special, where pregnant women were admitted free and,



Fun-loving Adrian Beltre, after being told by an umpire to get back in the on-circle, moved the circle to a location more to his liking.

-- Disco Demolition Night, was an homage to the infamous original Disco Demolition night staged by his father when he owned the White Sox where fans tossed their disco records into a pile in the outfield which was set ablaze. Not surprisingly, alcohol-infused fans turned violent and the White Sox were levied with a hefty fine by MLB.

My favorite team, the Texas Rangers, haven't had a lot of fun attached to their franchise over the years, but back in 2010, they signed a future Hall of Famer in Adrian Beltre, who not only played third base better than most, he also was exuberant on the field as well.

Once, in 2017, the first base umpire said he needed to be in the on-deck circle while waiting to bat. Beltre promptly moved it to where he had been standing, causing the humorless umpire to toss him from the game.

There are many more examples of his fun-loving nature and you can find them on the web. He was, and still is, a treasure of whom the Veeck boys would be proud.

Don't monkey around with his banana "apeel"

Back when I was still workin', I was in Memphis for an outdoor trade show with some of the other reps. We were stayin' at a motel that had one of those continental breakfasts.

You know the kind; do it yourself waffle irons, cereal, fruit, and junk like that. Well, I was sittin' at little bitty table across from one of my buddies from one of the firearms manufacturers our company represented. I was eatin' a banana and we were havin' a good conversation when this feller walked up to our table.

"You peeled that banana wrong," he said.

I looked up at him, then back at my buddy. My

buddy looked perturbed at bein' interrupted. I looked back up at the guy and smiled. I finished chewin' up my bite of banana, swallowed, placed my elbows on the table, put my fingertips together, and then rested my chin on my two pointer fingers, all the while still smilin' and lookin' up at the guy.

I tilted my head. "Do tell," I said to him.

He gave me a narcissistic smile and said. "The correct way to peel a banana is from the other end," and he pointed at the bottom of the banana.

"Really," I said.

"Yes," he said. "You pinch the end, and with

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two hands, pull the peeling apart."

"Fascinatin'," I said and I looked at my buddy. I widened my eyes subtly at him. He looked away and put his hand up to his mouth to hide a growin' smile.

I looked back up at the guy. "So all these years I've been peelin' my bananas wrong?" I said.

"I guess so," he said with a smirk on his face.

"Well, why is your way the correct way?" I asked.

"Because," he said, "that's the way the monkeys peel them."

I slowly looked at my buddy. He wouldn't even look at me.

I looked back up at the fellow, smiled and said, "Welp, Miss Jane Goodall, monkeys also poop in their hands and throw it at people. Should I do that, too?"

My buddy snorted, jumped up and took off. The banana guy got a surprised look on his face.

"Uh.....uh.....," he stammered.

"Do I look like a blame monkey?" I asked.

"Uh..... No! Of course not!"

"Look, I take it you're the sort that believes in evolution, right?"

"Well, there is some validity in the theory," he said, tryin' to compose himself.

"Well then, if you think we evolved from monkeys, do you think that maybe part of that evolution involved how we peel bananas? Maybe, just maybe, the monkeys haven't evolved

enough to figure out that they are actually peelin' them wrong; ever think about that?"

"Well.....uh..... no, not really."

"Then go peddle your propaganda somewhere else."

"Uh..... yeah..... uh.....sure.....uh sorry I interrupted," and he turned and left.

In a minute my buddy showed back up and sat down.

"You know," he said, "I don't know how you're still alive."

I smiled. "Because I'm lovable."

"Ha!" He laughed. "Yeah, that ain't it."

Times of Lindale



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ONE YEAR AGO, March 30, 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 March 16 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."

FIVE YEARS AGO, March 30, 2017

A few words about Impatiens

Paul Roundtree
Smith County Master Gardener

In East Texas we are usually blessed with a mild winter and a lengthy growing season for the multi-species genus Impatiens.

Although the plants are considered a perennial, I treat them as an annual. Of all the flowers that I plant each year none are more rewarding than these. They come in a large variety of bright colors: white, red, scarlet, purple, pink, orange and others. Some are two-toned.

These terrific plants tend to grow 12 to 18 inches tall, so I plant my impatiens about 4 to 6 inches apart. They seem to love a shady, moist area and can form a cheerful bank of color for you to enjoy much of the year. They can also be used in containers.

They do best if fertilized regularly. During periods of higher temperature (above 85-90 degrees) the plants will require additional water and flower production may slow. In my

Lindale High School's Speech and Debate team won the Overall Academic State Championship at the University Interscholastic League's CX meet held in Austin.

It was the ninth CX State Championship for Lindale High School, which ties it for second all time in the state of Texas.

Four students – the team of Robert McWhorter and Anthony Wyatt and the team of Ronak Desai and Jonas Thrasher-Evers – didn't lose a single round at the tournament and placed first and second, respectively.

This was the third straight state championship in this event for Lindale High School and it marked the second straight year for LHS to claim the top two spots.

It was Thrasher-Evers' fourth state medal in this event, and he was one of three participants to become a four-time qualifier.

Thrasher-Evers was voted the third best speaker while Desai was fifth best speaker.

Two weeks prior to this meet, the LHS team competed at two state tournaments.

The Texas Forensic Association state meet had 220 schools in all classifications, including private schools.

Lindale students' results at that meet included:
Grant Root -- Outstanding Presiding Officer in Congressional Debate

experience these plants have been relatively free from insects and disease.

They do not require "deadheading."

New Guinea impatiens can reach 24 to 30 inches in our area and these tend to be more sun tolerant. Both types of plants will reward you with a prolific show of color that begins in early spring and endures until the first freeze.

Impatiens are widely available in our local nurseries.

Pick a variety and color that you like. Set your plants out after the danger of frost is over and you will be amazed at the wall of color that these blooms deliver to the dark areas of your yard.

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

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Ashlyn Ellgass -- Quarterfinals in Original Oratory
Elizabeth Tagg -- Semifinals (top 10 in the state) in Original Oratory

Evan Bewersdorf -- Semifinals in Congressional Debate
Robert McWhorter and Anthony Wyatt -- Octofinals (top 16) in Policy Debate

In state finals several teams earned trophies. They included:
Bewersdorf placed 6th in Extemporaneous Speaking
Samantha Rodden placed 5th in Program of Oral Interpretation

Ronak Desai and Jonas Thrasher-Evers placed 2nd in Policy Debate.

Thrasher-Evers was also the 7th best speaker at the tournament and earned one of four scholarships awarded to seniors all throughout the state.

10 YEARS AGO, March 29, 2012

Lindale High School basketball standout Jordan Van De Kop signed a national letter of intent to play for the Oklahoma Christian College Eagles, located in Edmond, Okla.

Van De Kop was the Most Valuable Player in District 14-3A, averaging more than 28 points and 13.5 rebounds per game.

Lindale finished the season with a 27-9 record and advanced to the Region II semifinals for the second straight year.

Lindale Head Coach Scott Albritton praised Van De Kop and noted the influence he had on the entire program.

"I just hope our guys will see that if you work hard and conduct yourself with class good things will happen," Albritton said.

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OBITUARIES

Paula "Diann" Williams



Funeral services for Paula "Diann" Williams, age 77 of Diana, were held Sunday, March 27,

2022, at the Caudle-Rutledge-Daugherty Funeral Home Chapel in Lindale with Pastor Mike McCarthy officiating.

Interment was in the Cedars Memorial Gardens in Mineola.

Diann passed away Tuesday, March 22, 2022, at her home in Diana. She was born Nov. 12, 1944, in Wood County to the late Wilburn "Cotton" and Maxie Rea (Morgan) Williams.

Diann has lived in Diana for the past 32 years and was previously of Mineola. In her early years she worked as a painter and then later worked 20 years for Borg Warner in Longview as a Lathe Operator. Diann enjoyed the occasional trip to the casinos, working word find puzzles, watching Days of Our Lives, quilting, yardwork, and attending family get-togethers.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Phillip Williams Jr; son, Terry Wayne Williams; broth-

ers, Leon and Ronnie Williams; and sister, Sandra Onita West.

Diann is survived by children, Darvin Williams and wife, Vickie of Carthage and Phyllis Williams Scates of Diana; brother, Jerry Lynn Williams and wife, Tammy of Winnsboro; sister, Ima Turner of Grand Saline; daughter-in-law, Barbara Williams of Brownsboro; brothers-in-law, Jimmy Williams of Lindale and James Williams of Chandler; sister-in-law, Janette Phillips of Longview; aunt-in-law, Francis Caskey of Lindale; 7 grandchildren, 10 great grandchildren; and numerous nieces, nephews, and other loving family members and friends.

Serving as pallbearers were Jeff Gullledge, Cody Hislope, Patrick Gage, DeKoda Willis, Jackson Spain, and Hayden Gage.

Gary Sanford Martin



Gary Sanford Martin was born on Dec 16th, 1947, in Santa Monica, California to Glenn and Shirley Martin. He passed away at the age of 74 on the morning of March 17th after

a hard fight. He graduated from San Gabriel High School in 1965 where he was a member of the band and choir and drove a Model T.

He attended Montana State University because the Southern California boy wanted to learn to ski and become an architect. He graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Architecture in June of 1971.

He later completed his Master of Architecture from Montana State University in 2009. Gary became a parent in Montana in 1975 with the birth of Jeremy. He moved to Wrightwood and became a girl dad to Molly in 1977.

He became a professional tennis player and was on the ski patrol. Gary met Kitty and they married, and he became a father of four (Dennis and Shannon) when they combined families in 1983.

He owned his own architecture businesses in Wrightwood and Victorville, Calif.

He was an active member of the Methodist church in Victorville, Grapevine, and Lindale. He loved participating in Walk to Emmaus and Kairos Prison Ministry.

Gary became a dad of five in 1986 when Daniel was born. Gary, Kitty, and Daniel moved to Texas in 1997 and Gary was a project architect in Dallas. When the family

moved to the Lindale area, Gary specialized in church building and restoration. He later served on the board of directors and was the architect for Tiger Creek Wildlife Sanctuary.

He could often be found wearing Aloha (Hawaiian) shirts and loved anything to do with trains. He was an avid painter and really enjoyed learning new painting techniques.

He loved sailing and being on the water. He was amazing at wood working, often making gifts for friends and family. He could often be found puttering in the garden with his dogs or sitting on the front porch watching the birds.

One of his favorite things to do was making gingerbread houses every Christmas Eve with his grandkids.

He loved sharing his faith and living out his walk. He loved others unconditionally and sharing his unbridled joy of life.

He was preceded in death by his father Glenn Martin, his bonus mom Beth Martin, and mother Shirley Martin. He is survived by his wife of 40 years Kitty Martin of Lindale, son Dennis Rogers (Sherry) of Folsom, Calif., daughter Shannon Mezzell (Sam) of Lindale, son Jeremy Martin (Naomi) of Fort Worth, daughter Molly Ha-

thaway (Andy) of Zeeland, Mich., and son Daniel Martin (Brigina) of Arlington, Texas. He is survived by his nine grandchildren: Grace Rogers, Madelyn Mezzell, Marie Rogers, Jacob Mezzell, Ezekiel Martin, Liam Martin Hathaway, Pearl Martin, Sophia Kitty Hathaway, and Abraham Martin. He is survived by his bonus grandchildren: Madison Lewis, Marshall Kanaga, Antonia Calin, Cameron Lewis, Anna Kanaga, and Ashlyn Lewis. He is survived by his bonus brothers Scott, Monty, Stuart, John, and bonus sister Nanette. He is survived by his nephews, nieces, loving family, and friends.

Celebration of Life will be at 2 p.m. on Saturday, April 9, at First United Methodist Church Lindale. Aloha (Hawaiian) shirts encouraged. There will be a reception following the service.

Donations in his name can be made to Tiger Creek Wildlife Sanctuary in honor of his Tiger Creek Family and the David Powell Food Pantry. <http://tiggercreek.org/monetary-donation/>

David Powell Food Pantry - <https://www.facebook.com/SocietyofStStephen> or a memorial donation to First United Methodist Church Lindale designated for the Food Pantry.



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Friday, March 18, 2021

Officer Trombley responded to a welfare concern at 15300 block FM 16 W, settled at scene. Sgt Lazarine, Sgt Dworaczyk and Officer Ramsey responded to a public service at 1400 block S Main St, settled at scene. Officer Ramsey responded to a welfare concern at 100 block Legends Ct, settled at scene. Sgt Dworaczyk and Officer Ramsey responded to an accident at 400 block W Hubbard St, report taken. Sgt Dworaczyk responded to a welfare concern at 17600 block Hwy 69 N, settled at scene. Officer Ramsey responded to a public service at 2100 block S Main St, settled at scene. Officer Leevey responded to a suspicious vehicle at 13300 block CR 472, settled at scene. Officer Leevey and Officer Capps responded to an assist other agency at 3500 block S Main St, settled at scene. Officer Leevey responded to a suspicious vehicle at 200 block W Valley St, settled at scene. Officer Leevey and Officer Capps responded to a warrant service at 557 E I-20, arrest made.

Saturday, March 19, 2022

Officer Leevey responded to a business alarm at 16200 block FM 849, settled at scene. Officer Trombley and Officer Wells responded to a public service at 400 block Elm Ln, settled at scene. Officer Shurley responded to a city ordinance violation at 200 block Cannery Row, warning issued. Officer Trombley and Officers Wells and Shurley responded to a welfare concern at 300 block S Main St, settled at scene. Officer Allen and Officer Jackquet responded to a possession of drug paraphernalia at 554 W I-20, report taken. Officer Allen responded to an assist other agency at 554 W I-20, settled at scene. Officer Shurley and Officers Allen and Jackquet responded to an assist other agency at 100 block Teresa St, settled at scene. Officer Shurley and Officers Allen and Jackquet responded to an assist smith county at 16200 block Esther Rd, settled at scene.

Sunday, March 20, 2022

Officer Trombley and Officer Wells responded to an accident at 100 block S Main St, report taken. Officer Trombley responded to an accident at 100 block S Main St, report taken. Officer Trombley responded to an assist other agency at 100 block Ballard Dr, settled at scene. Sgt Houghton and Officers Trombley, Wells and Shurley responded to an accident at 2300 block S Main St, report taken. Sgt Houghton and Officers Trombley and Wells responded to a suspicious person at 600 block S Boyd St, settled at scene. Officer Trombley



responded to an assist other agency at 1200 block Forest Trails Dr, settled at scene. Officer Shurley responded to an assist smith county at 12800 block CR 431, settled at scene. Officer Allen and Officer Jackquet responded to a residential alarm at 17300 block Stacy St, settled at scene. Officer Allen and Officer Jackquet responded to a stolen license plate at 3500 block S Main St, settled at scene.

Monday, March 21, 2022

Officer Trombley and Officer Wells responded to a residential alarm at 1500 block Camden Ct, settled at scene. Officer Wells responded to a city ordinance violation at 600 block Abbey Rd, warning issued. Sgt Houghton and Officers Shurley and Wells responded to a suspicious person at 100 block E Centennial Blvd, unfounded. Officer Allen responded to an accident at 555 W I-20, settled at scene. Officer Allen and Officer Jackquet responded to a suspicious person at 400 block W Hubbard St, settled a scene. Officer Allen responded to a public service at 700 block N Georgia St, settled at scene. Officer Allen responded to a suspicious person at 900 block S Main St, settled at scene.

Tuesday, March 22, 2022

Officer Jackquet responded to a business alarm at 75 block Miranda Lambert Way, settled at scene. Cpt Chambers and Officers Wells and Trombley responded to a welfare concern at 800 block N Main St, settled at scene. Cpt Chambers, Sgt Houghton and Officers Trombley, Shurley and Wells responded to a stolen vehicle at 3500 block S Main St, arrest and report taken. Sgt Houghton and Officers Wedgeworth and Shurley responded to a welfare concern at 100 block Legends Ct, settled at scene. Sgt Lazarine and Officers Fortunas and Shurley responded to an attempt to serve at 17700 block CR 4112, unable to locate. Officers Shurley and Officer Wells responded to a hit and run at 100 block E Centennial Blvd,

settled at scene. Sgt Houghton and Officers Shurley and Jackquet responded to an assist smith county at 3500 block S Main St, settled at scene. Officer Jackquet responded to a suspicious circumstance at 554 E I-20, unfounded. Officer Allen responded to a suspicious vehicle at 13300 block W I-20, settled at scene.

Wednesday, March 23, 2022

Chief Somes, Cpt Chambers and Officers Philpot and Ramsey responded to an accident at 3500 block S Main St, report taken. Officer Ramsey responded to a disturbance at 3500 block S Main St, unfounded. Officer Philpot and Officer Ramsey responded to an accident at 554 E I-20, report taken. Officer Ramsey and Officer Capps responded to a 911 hang up at 1500 block Pearl St, settled at scene. Sgt Dworaczyk and Officers Ramsey and Capps responded to a suspicious person at 200 block Cannery Row, settled at scene. Sgt Dworaczyk responded to a welfare concern at 15300 block FM 16 W, settled at scene. Officer Leevey and Officer Ramsey responded to a stolen vehicle at 200 block W Centennial Blvd, report taken. Officer Capps responded to a suspicious circumstance at 900 block Brad Cir, unfounded. Officer Leevey and Officers Gillham and Capps responded to a failure to identify at 3200 block S Main St, arrest made. Officer Capps responded to a suspicious circumstance at 2400 block S Mian St, settled at scene.

Thursday, March 24, 2022

Sgt Dworaczyk responded to a public service at 100 block Ballard Dr, settled at scene. Chief Somes, Sgt Dworaczyk and Officers Philpot and Ramsey responded to a Disturbance at 100 block Cannery Row, settled at scene. Sgt Dworaczyk and Officer Philpot responded to a suspicious person at 3500 block S Main St, settled at scene. Sgt Dworaczyk and Officer Philpot responded to a welfare concern at 15300 block Spring Oak Dr, settled at scene. Officer Gillham responded to a public service at 200 block N Henry St, settled at scene. Sgt Dworaczyk and Officers Gillham and Capps responded to an attempt to serve at 1500 block Pearl St, settled at scene. Officer Leevey responded to a public service at 3500 block S Main St, settled at scene. Officer Leevey and Officers Gillham and Capps responded to an assist other agency at 3300 block S Main St, settled at scene. Officer Gillham responded to a loud noise complaint at 300 block N Henry St, settled at scene. Officer Leevey and Officer Gillham responded to a warrant service at 3500 block S Main St, settled at scene.

Kaufman County man, woman sentenced to federal prison for fraud violations

A Kaufman County man and his girlfriend have been sentenced to federal prison for fraud violations in the Eastern District of Texas, said Davilyn Walston, spokesperson for U.S. Attorney Brit Featherston.

Tommy Ray Williams, 44, of Terrell, pleaded guilty on August 10, 2021, to conspiracy to commit wire fraud and was sentenced to 180 months in federal prison by U.S. District Judge Amos Mazzant on March 23, 2022. Whitney Jane Law, 33, of Point, Texas, pleaded guilty to a misprision of felony for her role in the scheme and was sentenced to 18 months in federal prison today by Judge Mazzant.

Williams and Law were also ordered to pay restitution jointly and severally in the amount of \$820,900.00 to their victims, several of whom are elderly.

“The elderly are often the target of fraud and contractor fraud is a common avenue to take advantage of our greatest generation,” said U.S. Attorney Brit Featherston. “This is where old fashioned values come into play, watching out for our neighbors who, just maybe, are being taken advantage of. Before hiring someone to do work around your home, check out their business reputation. The FBI and United States Attorney’s Office will continue to aggressively investigate and prosecute those unethical and immoral persons that have the audacity, through fraud schemes, to take advantage of vulnerable victims, residents of our community, and the elderly.”

According to information presented in court, Williams was involved in a conspiracy in which the conspirators would receive remodel referrals from a third-party company and then contact the homeowner and arrange for a site inspection. Williams, alone or with others, would travel to the homeowner’s residence, discuss the types of remodeling work required, and provide a bid for services. On occasion Williams would have an associate of his do the preliminary site inspection and bid. Williams would require a large amount of money before the work began and often would require more funds immediately after the work began, blaming this on costs such as materials that had to be purchased. Williams

would require that the homeowners write out checks payable to him, an associate, or to one of the business entities that they used. After the homeowner made their initial payments, individuals would appear at the house and begin demolition work, often destroying key parts of the home such as plumbing, flooring, sheetrock, walls, and roofing, and would sometimes begin installation or construction work. Soon after the work began, however, the work crews would stop coming to the residence and the renovation work would be left undone. The homeowners would try to contact Williams, who would sometimes respond but eventually stopped responding, and did not return their funds. Over the course of the scheme, more than 15 homeowners and a credit card processing company were defrauded of over \$800,000. Law was charged in an information with misprision of a felony. The information alleges that she had actual knowledge of a commission of the felony, failed to notify authorities, and took at least one step to conceal the crime.

If you or someone you know is age 60 or older and has been a victim of financial fraud, help is standing by at the National Elder Fraud Hotline: 1-833-FRAUD-11 (1-833-372-8311). This U.S. Department of Justice hotline, managed by the Office for Victims of Crime, is staffed by experienced professionals who provide personalized support to callers by assessing the needs of the victim, and identifying relevant next steps. The hotline is staffed 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday-Friday. English, Spanish, and other languages are available.

This case was investigated by the FBI Dallas, Frisco Resident Agency and prosecuted by the U.S. Attorney’s Office for the Eastern District of Texas.

Russian national indicted for cyber crimes

A 23-year-old Russian man has been indicted in the Eastern District of Texas for offenses related to operating a cyber-criminal marketplace that sold thousands of stolen login credentials, personal identifiable information, and authentication tools, said

Walston.

Igor Dekhtyarchuk, a resident and national of the Russian Federation (Russia), was named in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury on March 16, 2022, charging him with offenses related to operating a cyber-criminal marketplace that sold thousands of stolen login credentials, personal identifiable information, and authentication tools.

According to the indictment, Dekhtyarchuk operated Marketplace A, which claimed to have sold access to more than 48,000 compromised email accounts, more than 39,000 compromised online accounts, and averaged approximately 5,000 daily visitors.

Marketplace A specialized in the sale of unlawfully obtained access devices for compromised online payment platforms, retailers, and credit card accounts, including providing the data associated with those accounts such as names, home addresses, login credentials, and payment card data for the victims, who are the actual owners of those accounts.

Marketplace A’s business is known as a “carding shop” in the cyber-criminal world. Dekhtyarchuk was the administrator of Marketplace A and was a Russian hacker who first appeared in hacker forums in November 2013 under the alias “floraby.”

Dekhtyarchuk began advertising the sale of compromised account data in Russian-language hacker forums in April 2018 and opened Marketplace A in May 2018.

Dekhtyarchuk immediately began advertising Marketplace A and the products it sold in May 2018.

A potential customer who visited Marketplace A to purchase access devices for compromised accounts could select different products just as in a legitimate web store.

The options included various combinations of online and credit card accounts for the same victim.

For example, one option allowed Dekhtyarchuk’s customers to purchase the information to unlawfully access two online retail accounts plus receive credit card information for the same victim. Some options were broken down by known account

balances, which were sold at different price points.

Dekhtyarchuk also sold the usage, in seven-day rental increments, of a program called “[Company A] Auth 1.0,” which was a downloadable software program that the customer could use to input the stolen access devices, and using the provided cookie, to access the compromised Company A accounts.

Beginning in March 2021 and ending in July 2021, the FBI through an online covert employee made 13 purchases of access devices from Dekhtyarchuk while accessing Marketplace A from the Eastern District of Texas.

Each purchase varied in number of accounts, ranging from three to twenty accounts, resulting in access devices purchased for a total of 131 accounts. The OCE received the purchased access devices via link or Telegram messenger service shortly after completing each purchase.

Dekhtyarchuk has been placed on the FBI’s Cyber Most Wanted List.

“This case exemplifies the need for all of us, right now, to take steps to protect our online identity, our personal data, and our monetary accounts,” said Featherston. “Cyber-criminals are lurking behind the glow of computer screens and are harming Americans. These investigations require dedicated professionals who work tirelessly to stop thieves that steal from unknowing innocent people. To those who dedicate their lives to stopping cyber-criminals, we thank you.”

If convicted, Dekhtyarchuk faces up to 20 years in federal prison. A grand jury indictment is not evidence of guilt. A defendant is presumed innocent until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.

This case is being investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation Houston Cyber Task Force with the assistance of the FBI Dallas Field Office, the FBI Cyber Division, the National Cyber-Forensics & Training Alliance, the FBI Legal Attaché Riga office, and the State Police of Latvia. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney D. Ryan Locker.

Lindale resident jailed for theft

A number of East Texans were booked into the Smith County Jail during the past two weeks, including one Lindale resident who was arrested by Lindale police on Saturday, March 19.

Shaketha Nacole Lynch, 44 of Lindale, was arrested by Lindale PD for theft of property less than \$2,500 with two or more previous convictions. She was released from the county jail after posting a \$10,000 bond.

Other bookings include:

SMITH COUNTY SHERIFF’S OFFICE

On Friday, March 18, deputies arrested Christian Rashun Collins, 33, of Tyler, on a charge of engaging in organized criminal activity theft. He remains in

the Smith County Jail.

Deputies on Saturday, March 19 arrested Dalton Wayne Keese, III, 41, of Bullard, on charges of failure to identify as a fugitive intent give false information and unlawful possession of a firearm by a felon. He was jailed on bonds totaling \$351,000.

TYLER POLICE DEPARTMENT

On Sunday, March 20, deputies arrested Ricardo Nunez Galaz, 46, of Tyler, with theft of service between \$30,000 and \$150,000. Galaz was released to another agency.

On Friday, March 18, officers arrested Ronnie Gordon, 41, of Gladewater, on a charge of assault family/household member with a previous conviction.

Gordon remained in Smith County Jail without bond.

Officers on Saturday, March 19, arrested Jayla Marie Jeffery, 41, of Tyler, on a parole violation and two counts of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon. Jeffery was jailed on bonds totaling \$300,000.

Keith Elvin Johnson, 51, of Tyler was arrested on Monday, March 21 on a charge of assault causes bodily injury of a family member. Johnson remained jailed on a \$150,000 bond.

WHITEHOUSE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Officers on Sunday, March 20 arrested David Salas, Jr., 19, of Whitehouse, on a charge of assault causes bodily injury of a family member. Salas was released after posting a \$5,000 bond.

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Varsity, junior varsity track teams compete in Tommy Miller Relays

HALLSVILLE – Lindale High School took their varsity and junior varsity girls and boys track teams to Hallsville this past Thursday and competed in the annual Tommy Miller Relays.

The junior varsity girls finished in seventh place with 28 points, while the JV boys were second with 80.5 points.

On the varsity side, the LHS girls compiled 58 points for fourth place while the boys were second with 93 points.

Atlanta High School took top honors for the varsity boys with 102 points, Texas High won the girls varsity division with 113 points and won the JV boys with 128 points and Pine Tree won the JV girls with 147.5 points.

Results for Lindale participants include:

JUNIOR VARSITY GIRLS

400 METERS – Whitney Dao, 1:11.03, 3rd place; Marisol Vela, 1:13.34.

3200 METERS – Jacqueline Ramirez, 14:46.94

4 X 200 RELAY – Kortlen Pierce, Summer Ishmael, Kaylen Kincade, Lydia Payne, 1:59.68, 6th place

4 X 400 RELAY – Summer Ishmael, Ireland Cornejo, Whitney Dao, Aubrey Myers, 4:52.02, 6th place

HIGH JUMP – Madelyn Little, 4 feet, 4 inches, 2nd place

JUNIOR VARSITY BOYS

400 METERS – Johnathan Cox, 56.60, 6th place; Myles Adams, 58.12; Caleb Schimelpfenig, 58.30.

800 METERS – Levi Murr, 2:15.04, 2nd place; Myles Adams, 2:17.11, 3rd place.

110 HURDLES – Matthew Kenney, 17.32, 3rd place; Marcus Field, 17.44, 5th place.

4 X 400 RELAY – Johnathan Cox, Hayes Brooks, Christian Widemon, Clint Thurman, 3:49.33, 5th place.

SHOT PUT – Jerry Bloemsma, 42 feet, 6 ½ inches, 1st place; Cameron Hicks, 39 feet, 5 inches, 2nd place; Trey Mazratian, 39 feet, 3rd place.

TRIPLE JUMP – Henrique Arantes, 38 feet, 4 ½ inches, 4th place; Matthew Kenney, 36 feet, 10 inches.

HIGH JUMP – Marcus Field, 6 feet, 2 inches, 1st place.

POLE VAULT – Justin Seekford, 12 feet, 1st place; Lucas Harbor, 11 feet, 6 inches, 4th place; Peter Medrano, 11 feet, 5th place.

VARSITY GIRLS

200 METERS – Reagan Cates, 28.06, 3rd place; Kayli Vickery, 30.2; Kennedy Miller, 30.48.

100 METER HURDLES – Baylee Daughtry, 16.70, 2nd place; Kennedy Miller, 18.01; Toni Huff, 18.75.

300 METER HURDLES – Baylee Daughtry, 38.06, 1st place; Kaylee Brousseau, 6th place; Toni Huff, 52.76.

4 X 400 RELAY – Reagan Cates, Laniya Daniels, Kaylee Brousseau, Baylee Daughtry, 4:18:49, 4th place.

LONG JUMP – Baylee Daughtry, 15 feet, 4 inches, 6th place; Gaby Saboia, 14 feet, 5 inches.

SHOT PUT – Zaniya Mumphrey, 33 feet, 1 inch, 1st place; Christiana Ussery, 27 feet, 11 inches.

DISCUS – Zaniya Mumphrey, 92 feet, 6 ½ inches, 3rd place; Christiana Ussery, 64 feet, 9 ¼ inches.

POLE VAULT – Preslie Walters, 10 feet, 6 inches, 2nd place.

VARSITY BOYS

100 METERS – Brett Maya, 11.36, 4th place; Michael Shannon, 12.10; Levi Thornton, 12.31.

400 METERS – Colter Maya, 50.39, 1st place; Mekhi Harley, 54.87; Alejandro Guterrez, 55.03.

1600 RUN – Ryan Shepa, 4:49.37, 5th place; Carson Navarro, 5:06.82; Afraiem Abdelshahid, 5:13.42.

110 HURDLES – Alex Romero, 17.24, 4th place; Caden Sanders, 18.23.

300 HURDLES – Alex Romero, 42.81, 4th place; Caden Sanders, 45.99.

4 X 100 RELAY – Kaden Baze, Michael Shannon, Colter Maya, Brett Maya, 44.08, 4th place.

4 X 200 RELAY – Kaden Baze, Michael Shannon, Evan Alford, Brett Maya, 1:33.47, 3rd place.

4 X 400 RELAY – Evan Alford, Colter Maya, Alejandro Guterrez, Mekhi Harley, 3:33.35, 2nd place.

SHOT PUT – Casey Poe, 52 feet, 5 inches, 1st place.

HIGH JUMP – Justin Ferris, 6 feet, 2nd place; Amare Baptiste, 5 feet, 8 inches, 3rd place.

POLE VAULT – Isaac Pollard, 14 feet, 3rd place; Trenton Harbour, 14 feet, 4th place; Bowman Grace, 13 feet, 6 inches, 6th place.

Various events scheduled for library

By Shannon Reid
Director, Lillie Russell Memorial Library

The Lillie Russell Memorial Library has begun the Walk N Talk program with AgriLife which will take place at 9 a.m. each Tuesday through May 10.

All ages are welcome and it is a great way to get your steps in for the day.

East Texas Giving Day is April 26 from 6 a.m. until 12 midnight.

You can give online at www.easttexas-givingday.org/lillierussellmemoriallibrary. Early giving begins April 4 and donations begin at \$10. Donors helped the library meet its goals in 2021. Donations can help the library reach goals in 2022, which include library renovations.

Please check the library's social media sites for upcoming events in April as we celebrate poetry, World Health Day, and Easter.

Friends of the Library continue to seek

2022 Annual Event Sponsors. Without our event sponsors, we wouldn't be able to support the library in as many ways.

Contact Donna Edwards (903-258-3396) if you are a business or individual who would like information on becoming a sponsor.

Friends continue to need donated baskets and new or very gently used items for the annual Holiday Basket Sale.

Like so many other things, we couldn't offer this sale without you and your donations.

The annual Membership Drive will mail out membership forms soon. Additional forms can be picked up at the library circulation desk. Join us as we work to support the library!

A wonderful, original charcoal work of art has been donated and will be offered in a raffle at the library from April 5 to May 14.

Drop by the library to see this piece and purchase your raffle tickets at the circulation desk (\$1 for one ticket/\$5 for six).

Tips on how to cut down on sodium

By Claudann Jones
Smith County Extension Agent
Family and Community Health

Eating too much sodium can raise your risk of high blood pressure, heart attack and stroke.

The good news is that cutting down on sodium can help lower your blood pressure and keep your heart healthy. Most people eat too much sodium and need to eat less.

What is sodium? Sodium is a mineral that's found in salt. Whenever you add salt to your food you're adding sodium. But most of the sodium we eat doesn't come from our saltshakers.

Sodium is in almost all processed and prepared foods we buy. Ready to eat meals and restaurant meals such as sandwiches, burg-

ers, tacos, pizza, soup, rice and other grain dishes are notoriously high in sodium.

The sodium in those foods comes from ingredients such as processed meats, deli meats, sausages, pepperoni, sauces and dressing, instant flavored foods as well as flavored rice and noodles.

How much sodium is too much? We only need a small amount of sodium to stay healthy, but most people get too much. Always consult your doctor to find out your individual needs. The general rule of thumb is to try to stay under these limits each day:

Adults and teens age 14 and older: Aim for no more than 2300 milligrams (mg) of sodium a day

Children ages 9 to 13: Aim for no more than 1800 mg per day

Children ages 4 to 8: Aim for no more than 1500 mg

per day

Children ages 1 to 3: Aim for no more than 1200 mg per day

Remember, most foods prepared outside of the home are high in sodium. Cooking your own meals puts you in control of your sodium intake. Read the nutrition fact label to see if foods are low or high in sodium. Get creative and use herbs and spices instead of salt. When you do have to eat out, look for lower sodium options.

For more information about Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Family and Community Health programs, contact the Smith County Extension Agent for Family and Community Health at 903-590-2980 or email at cmjones@ag.tamu.edu. Like our Facebook page: Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service Smith County.

Stay well and stay safe.

Lady Eagles rout Spring Hill, 20-8

The Lindale High School Lady Eagles improved to 2-1 in District 16-4A play and 11-8 overall with a dominating 20-8 victory over Spring Hill this past Friday in Spring Hill.

Olivia Gary led the Lady Eagles' offense with a 4 for 5 game, including 5 RBI and three runs scored.

Kayli Vickery contributed three hits in five times at the plate and had 3 RBI and 3 runs scored.

Merrick Gary went 2-for-3 with a run batted in while scoring three runs. Liliana Miller stole four bases for the Lady Eagles.

Dylan Adams was the winning pitcher and Addison Frazier and Emily Myers closed out the game.

LINDALE 11, KILGORE 1

In an earlier game last week, the Lady Eagles hosted the Kilgore Lady Bulldogs and won their first district contest, 11-1.

Junior Darby Woodrum went 4 2/3 innings, struck out seven and allowed just two hits.

Liliana Miller was 2-for-2 with two RBI and Abby Cooper was 1-for-1 and two RBI.

Other Lady Eagles who knocked in runs included Ellie Watkins, Emily Myers, Darby Woodrum and Kayli Vickery.

Miller and Cooper both had doubles and Vickery had a triple.

LINDALE 4, VAN 3

On Wednesday, March 16, the Lady Eagles clipped Van, 4-3, as Darby Woodrum tossed five innings and struck out four. Sophomore Dilly Adams pitched two innings and fanned two.

At the plate, Emily Myers and Ellie Watkins went 3-for-4 and Darby Woodrum and Kayli Vickery were 2-for-4. Olivia Gary and Emily Myers had RBIs for Lindale as well.

Lindale Junior High School Girls set records at Canton meet

New school records were set this past week in Canton as the 7th grade and 8th grade girls track teams won first and second place, respectively at the Canton Junior High Track Meet.

The 7th graders won their meet with 280 points while the 8th graders took second with 175 points.

Tessa Dennis set a new 7th grade school record of 79 feet in the discus which eclipsed the previous record of 76 feet, 9 inches set by Natalie Hill in 2017.

Kyndal Thurmon set a new 7th grade school record in the 100 hurdles with a time of 17.37, which topped Gracie Tucker's 2009 mark of 18.26.

CANTON TRACK MEET Tuesday, March 22 7th GRADE

Triple Jump – Tori Cooper – 1st Place (30 feet); Ma'Kaylin Smith – 3rd Place (29 feet, 2½ inches); Ahlyvia Luwizhi – 4th Place (28 feet, 3 inches)

Long Jump – Ella Hutchens – 3rd Place (13 feet, 2 ½ inches); Jordyn Weesner – 4th Place (13 feet, 1 inch)

High Jump – Ma'Kaylin Smith – 1st Place (4 feet, 7 inches); Lilly Johnson – 2nd Place (4 feet, 4 inches); Ad - dyson Daughtry – 6th Place (4 feet)

Pole Vault – Sadie Melton – 2nd Place (6 feet); Kennedy Terry – 3rd Place (5 feet, 6 inches)

Discus – Tessa Dennis – 1st Place (79 feet) new school record; Ella Hutchens – 2nd Place (68 feet, 9 inches); Emma Watkins – 5th Place (52 feet, 1 inch)

Shot Put – Lexi Pinson – 1st Place (33 feet, 2 inches); Ella Hutchens – 2nd Place (29 feet, 8 inches); Tessa Dennis – 4th Place (27 feet)

2400 Run – Bella Van Dyke – 2nd Place (10:17.79); Madison Devisscher – 4th Place (10:21.68)

400 Relay – Tori Cooper, Ma'Kaylin Smith, Brooke Gissell, Kaidance Smith – 2nd Place (56.60)

800 Run – Brooke Lewis – 2nd Place (2:55.43); Ahlyvia Luwizhi – 6th Place (3:00.55)

100 Hurdles – Kyndal Thurmon – 1st Place (17.37) new school record; Lilly Johnson – 2nd Place (17.90)

Leading Scorers: Tori Cooper – 29

Fisheries Center hosts “Fishing Fools Day” April 2

ATHENS -- The Texas Freshwater Fisheries Center will kick off the month of April with “Fishing Fools Day,” an event celebrating all things fishing from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, April 2 at the TFFC in Athens, officials announced.

The event begins with the annual “Spawning Run,” a one-mile family run on a special route up the hatchery ponds and down the wetland trail followed by a day packed with fishing-related activities.

“There is something for everyone, whether it be a first-time angler or long-time fishermen looking to try something new, like fly fishing or bowfishing,” said Kate Barkalow, TFFC Education and Interpretation Coordinator.

Anglers can test their skills on a casting course and get fishing tips from the experts. In addition, attendees can learn more about some of the Inland Fisheries Division's fish sampling techniques such as electrofishing.

“We are really excited to celebrate all the different types of fishing and fish with the many diverse people who enjoy them,” Barkalow said. “We're thrilled to be able to host this family-friendly event here at the Texas Freshwater Fisheries Center.”

The TFFC is located in Athens and includes a working fish hatchery, 300,000 gal-

lons of aquariums focusing on underwater wildlife in the state, recreational fishing ponds and fisheries science exhibits. It is home to the Toyota ShareLunker program, which invites anglers to donate 13-pound-plus-sized largemouth bass for research and breeding purposes. The TFFC also houses the Texas Freshwater Fishing Hall of Fame which honors individuals and organizations that have made significant contributions to freshwater fishing in Texas.

The Texas Game Warden Museum, where visitors can learn about the history of the organization and current Texas Parks and Wildlife Department game warden operations, is also located at the TFFC. In addition, the TFFC also facilitates the annual Fish Art Contest in Texas, which is part of a conservation education program designed to spark the imaginations of students while providing valuable lessons about fish and the importance of conserving Texas' aquatic resources.

Current operating hours at the TFFC are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday and 1-4 p.m. on Sunday.

For additional information about the TFFC and to plan your visit, check out the TFFC website and Facebook page.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of MICHAEL L. GREEN, Deceased, were issued on February 10, 2022, in Cause No. 46067P, pending in the County Court of Smith County, Texas, to SHERRILL L. DEEVER.

The address for the Independent Executor is:

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

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

Date: March 24, 2022.

THE GOODSON FIRM, P.C.
 Attorney for Sherrill L. Deaver

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of JOHN WAYNE RENFRO, Deceased, were issued on February 28, 2022, in Cause No. 46061P, pending in the County Court of Smith County, Texas, to CECIL RENFRO.

The address for the Independent Executor is:

c/o: LEIGH HUNT GOODSON
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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.

Date: March 24, 2022.

THE GOODSON FIRM, P.C.
 Attorney for Cecil Renfro

NOTICE TO CREDITORS NO. 46214P

Notice is hereby given that on the 9th day of March, 2022, Letters Testamentary upon the Estate of Travis L. Booher, Deceased, were issued to Tammy Viken by the Honorable Court of Smith County, Texas in Cause No. 46214P pending on the Probate Docket of said Court.

All persons having claims against said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time prescribed by law to the address being shown below:

Estate of Travis L. Booher
 c/o John C. Hardy
 Hardy Cook & Hardy, P.C.
 2080 Three Lakes Parkway
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Notice of Public Sale of property to satisfy landlord's lien. Sale 9:00AM-April 15th, 2022 – Lindale Storage West, 14623 CR 463, Lindale, Tx. Property will be sold to the highest bidder for cash. Tenants : Rhonda DeDear

Notice to Creditors

Letters Testamentary for the Estate of William Aaron Russell, Deceased, were issued on 3-23-22, in Cause No. 46190P, by the County Court of Smith County, Texas, to Ana Maria Sarmiento. All persons having claims against this Estate currently being administered are required to present them to Ana Maria Sarmiento, c/o Richard Patteson, Attorney at Law, 218 N. Broadway, Ste.304, Tyler, Texas 75702 within the time and manner prescribed by law.

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RICHARD B. PATTESON
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TO: ALL UNKNOWN HEIRS IN THE ESTATE OF ROBERT MARSHALL ROWDEN, DECEASED:

On the 21st day of March, 2022, **ROBERT ALAN ROWDEN** filed an **APPLICATION TO DETERMINE HEIRSHIP** in a proceeding styled **IN THE ESTATE OF ROBERT MARSHALL ROWDEN, DECEASED** and bearing the number **46319P** in the County Court of Smith County, Texas.

The Court will hear the aforesaid **APPLICATION TO DETERMINE HEIRSHIP** on the **Monday next after the expiration of ten (10) days from the date of publication of this citation**, in the County Court Courtroom in the County Courthouse Annex of Smith County, in Tyler, Texas. All persons interested in the aforesaid Estate are commanded to appear at or before the time set for said hearing by filing a written contest or answer to said Application. Said written contest or answer shall be filed in the office of the County Clerk of Smith County, Texas in Tyler, Texas. In compliance with the law, this citation shall be served by publication once in a newspaper of general circulation in this, the County in which such proceeding is pending, not less than ten (10) days before the return date hereof, exclusive of the day of publication, and the date of publication said newspaper bears shall be the day of publication. If this citation is not served within ninety (90) days after the date of issuance, it shall be returned unserved. Issued and given under my hand and seal of office, the **21st day of March, 2022**, at the office in Tyler, Texas.

KAREN PHILLIPS, COUNTY CLERK
Smith County, Texas

Shanae Howell, Deputy Clerk

LEGAL NOTICES

Notice to Creditors

Letters of Administration for the Estate of Lynda Jean McClintock, Deceased, were issued to Melynda McClintock Jones on 3/23/22, in Cause 46070P, County Court, Smith County, Tx. All persons having claims against this Estate are required to present them to Melynda McClintock Jones c/o Richard Patteson, Attorney, 218 N. Broadway, Ste.304, Tyler, TX 75702 within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Jennifer Scribner, Deceased, were issued to Michael Wayne Cornwell as Independent Executor on March 23, 2022, in Cause No. 46,164P, County Court of Smith County, Texas. All persons having claims against this Estate should present them to the Independent Executor, c/o John G. Payne, Attorney, 3650 Old Bullard Road, Suite 100, Tyler, Texas 75701, within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

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EVENT

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Lindale residents spoke to members of the city council this past Thursday during a public hearing concerning making Lindale a "sanctuary city for the unborn."

Photo by Terry Cannon

LISD Education Foundation awards more than \$37,000 in classroom grants

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are learning proper techniques. This feedback includes depth, rate, and recoil of compressions. It also includes hands-off time and breath volume which are also integral to successful CPR. All health science students are certified in Basic Life Support – CPR, AED, and First Aid for adults, infants, and children through American Red Cross and the American Heart Association.

Grant by Nicole Hone and Sally Clemmons

-- Education Foundation grant for \$1,602 to fund Building Inde"PEN"dent Readers!

4th-5th grade ELR students have been awarded Reader Pens. The Reader Pen is a tool to facilitate a major breakthrough in helping students with a range of learning difficulties. The Reader Pen reads the text aloud to students as it scrolls over the words. It will provide the reading support needed to work toward grade-level standards.

Grant by Angela Heard and Leigh Parker

-- Education Foundation grant for \$5,366.55 to fund Mimio Smartboards!

The Mimio Teach Smartboard turns a regular whiteboard into different learning styles to gain and maintain new information with the click of a stylus. The Mimio Smartboards will allow students to become more actively engaged which increases learning, participation, and positive behavior. It will also give students greater access to STAAR curriculum which has technology applications that otherwise can't be accessed.

Grant by Alisha Hobbs

-- Education Foundation grant for \$1,500 to fund The Real World: Community Based Experiences!

Lindale High School Special Education students have been awarded funding to develop programming that will help the students gain access to their community, its resources, and develop school-based work experiences through a results-oriented process. Community Based Instruction is a strategy or instructional method that promotes teaching and use of academic and functional skills in the student's natural environment.

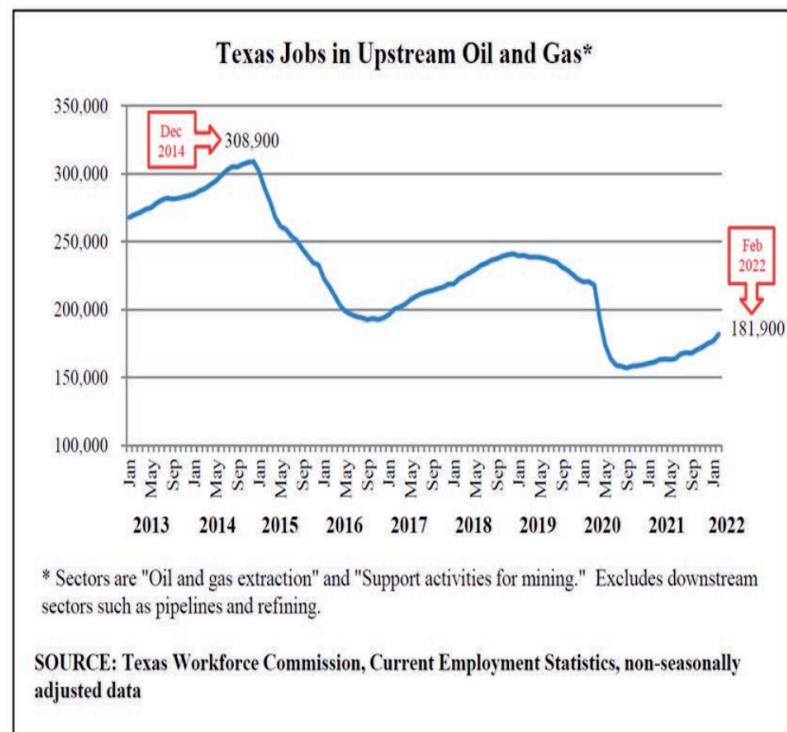
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Texas Upstream Oil and Natural Gas jobs see largest increase in a decade in February

AUSTIN – Data released by the Texas Workforce Commission shows increasing strength in upstream oil and natural gas employment in the state. In February 2022, Texas upstream jobs grew by 5,100, the highest spike in over a decade* and the second highest jump in at least 32 years.

"A year ago, many people were questioning the future of oil and natural gas and, today, people are questioning if they have a future without it. Our nation has an opportunity to reshape American energy policy that recognizes oil and natural gas as an asset rather than a liability," said Todd Staples, president of the Texas Oil and Gas Association. "News of this historic job growth in Texas' upstream sector is encouraging for all Americans, because Texas continues to lead the way in meeting our energy needs, fortifying our national security, and assuring continued environmental progress."

Since the low point in employment in September of 2020, industry has added 24,900 Texas upstream jobs and job growth months have outnumbered decline months



15 to 2. At 181,900 upstream jobs, February 2022 jobs are up by 20,700, or 12.8%, from February of 2021.

The upstream sector involves oil and natural gas extraction and excludes other industry sectors such

as refining, petrochemicals, fuels wholesaling, oilfield equipment manufacturing, pipelines, and gas utilities, which support hundreds of thousands of additional jobs in Texas.

The employment shown

also includes "Support Activities for Mining," which is mostly oil and gas-related but also includes some small amount of other types of mining.

*In June of 2011, the increase was 5,600 jobs.

Eventual 10 years Tardiff's time on council saw rapid growth in city

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am most proud of, starting with the revitalization of downtown area," Tardiff said. "In the beginning we had a deserted cannery with large, dilapidated buildings. Downtown was not a focal point for community activity or growth."

Tardiff recognizes the efforts of earlier council members to purchase the property and allow future leaders to see the potential.



"Our council was able to build on (previous council members') vision and create something very special for the community," he said.

The area grew exponentially, with Picker's Pavilion the center of community events and festivals and Darden Harvest Park with its playground, splash pad and scenic walking trails.

As a result of this buzz of activity downtown, The Cannery soon became home to several new restaurants, the TJC North Campus and most significantly, the soon-to-open Springhill Suites Hotel, which broke ground in May, 2020.

As board chairman for the Lindale Economic Development Corporation, Tardiff helped build the LEDC into a major player in attracting new businesses and companies to the Lindale Industrial Park.

Most recently, Sanderson Farms has become a notable tenant of the park, next door to FedEx, which arrived in 2013. These two, along with the longstanding Target Distribution Center, is why the LEDC has become an important part of East Texas business.

"The job growth in our Industrial Park and other parts of the city is another point of pride (of his tenure)" Tardiff said. "We continue to inquire from others looking to relocate to the area. We have also seen countless other restaurants, banks, retail outlets and other businesses locate to Lindale."

Another factor in making Lindale such an attractive place to do business is the success of the Lindale ISD. Tardiff understands the importance of the city's partnership with the award-winning school district.

"All this job growth and development of community amenities, complimenting the already outstanding schools in Lindale has brought tremendous growth in housing," he said.

Continued planning and growth of the infrastructure is vital to maintain the city's vibrancy, Tardiff said.

"While this is something that happens behind the scenes it is one of our biggest challenges," he said.

The city has added a new, high producing water well and a new water tower – two things that separated it from other East Texas cities faced with limiting their citizens' water, Lindale didn't have to even during the massive winter storm in February, 2021.

Larger wastewater capabilities and the building of a new wastewater treatment plan south of Interstate 20 have also occurred during his time on the council, but there is more to be done, he believes.

"While I am proud of all that we have accomplished in this area, the need for infrastructure will continue to be one of the biggest challenges facing future city councils," he said.

It's been an eventual 10 years for Tardiff as one of the leaders of the city and a genuine source of pride.

"I have found volunteering my time to the city of Lindale to be very rewarding," he said. "I would like to express my deepest appreciation to the citizens of Lindale for providing me with this wonderful opportunity."

Five seek two posts

Due to the term limits mandated by the Lindale City Charter, two new city council members will be elected in the May 7 election replacing Bob Tardiff (Place 4) and Bryan Summerfield (Place 5). Both Tardiff and Summerfield have served on the council since 2012.

According to Article III, Sec. 301c of the city charter, the mayor and city council members are limited to three consecutive, three-year terms or nine consecutive years. Years served by appointment or by election to fill an unexpired term do not count toward the nine-year consecutive term limit.

However, after being out of office for a year, any former council member or mayor may again seek election.

Also, an individual may serve for nine consecutive years as a council member and then nine consecutive years as mayor without a one-year break in service.

Place 4 candidates are Owen Scott, Sallie Black and Jerretta Nance Pate, while Place 5 candidates are Brandon Whitham and Gavin Rasco.

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