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## Runoff planned for Lindale City Council; Voters back constitutional amendments

Smith County voters went to the polls this past Saturday and cast ballots in the city and school board races, with a runoff necessitated in the City Council Place 4 race.

Two Lindale ISD Trustees, Robert McGee, Place 1 and Gary Camp, Place 2, ran unopposed.

There will be a runoff for Place 4 on the Lindale City Council between Owen Scott and Sallie Black. City officials will coordinate with the county to determine the date of the runoff, which is the first one in a Lindale city council race.

Black garnered 36.6 percent of the vote while Scott tallied 31.8 percent. Jerretta Nance Pate received 31.5 percent of the vote.

Gavin Rasco won the Place 5 seat on the council with 60.7 percent of the vote over Brandon Whitham's 39.2 percent.

In Hideaway, Melinda Hackstaff ran unopposed for the Place

3 council seat while Gwyn Jeter Horn was elected for the Place 4 seat with 75.5 percent of the vote over Michael Forman's 24.4 percent.

For Place 5 in Hideaway, Melissa Sailors defeated Steven L. Johnston by 79.6 percent to 20.3 percent.

The two Lindale council seats came open this election cycle due to term limits mandated by the city charter.

Bryan Summerville (Place 5) and Bob Tardiff (Place 4) had served on the council since 2012 but were limited to three consecutive, three-year terms or nine consecutive years.

The charter also allows for former council members to run for re-election after being out of office for a year.

The ballot also included propositions for the state constitution. Both

propositions passed.

Proposition 1 dealt with authorizing the state legislature to "provide for the reduction of the amount of a limitation on the total amount of ad valorem taxes that may be imposed for general elementary and secondary public school purposes on the residence homestead of a person who is elderly or disabled to reflect any statutory reduction from the preceding tax year in the maximum compressed rate of the maintenance and operations taxes imposed for those purposes on the homestead."

This measure would reduce the property tax limit for schools placed on the homes of elderly and disabled residents to match any tax rate reductions put in place from the previous tax year.

Statewide, the measure passed by an 86.9 percent margin (1,121,860 votes) to 13.9 percent (169,011

### Nine percent of county voters go to polls

Smith County election officials reported that 14,394 voters cast ballots this past Saturday out of 151,532 registered voters.

That total represents approximately 9 percent of the county's registered voters, officials said.

The number of votes cast in person was 12,420, officials said while 1,974 voted by mail. There were 785 ballots rejected or are pending.

votes).

Proposition 2 proposed "a constitutional amendment increasing the amount of the residence homestead exemption from ad valorem taxation for public school purposes" and would raise the homestead exemption for school property taxes from \$25,000 to the afore-

mentioned \$40,000.

Texas voters approved this proposition 84.8 percent (1,106,460 votes) to 15.1 percent (197,960 votes).

County voters backed both propositions with 87.1 percent supporting Proposition 1 and 86.3 percent in favor of Proposition 2.



### LACC welcomes Altra Federal Credit Union

Lindale Area Chamber of Commerce President and CEO Shelbie Glover officially welcomed Altra Federal Credit Union into the Lindale business family during grand opening ceremonies held at the office on Thursday, May 4.

Photo by Terry Cannon

### City Council works through short agenda

Lindale City Council members worked through a brief agenda on Tuesday (May 3) in city hall.

Among the items were:

- Approval of a service agreement for the voluntary annexation by Harvey Fortune LLC/Rafik Bhandari;
- Approval of the Lamar Billboard Contract for the signage on Interstate 20 south side and U.S. Highway 69 on west side;
- Discussed an update on the Safe Routes to School sidewalk grant for Perryman Road;
- Heard a presentation from the Lindale Soccer Association and were updated on the group's financials;
- Presented a proclamation to the Lindale Boy Scouts

### County voters OK two school bond proposals, reject a third

Voters in several Smith County cities cast ballots in city and school elections this past Saturday.

In Tyler, voters OK'd an \$89 million bond package to fund a new Hubbard Middle School as well as a new Early College High School.

In New Chapel Hill, voters rejected a \$125 million bond proposal for school district improvements. Proposition A earned 51.9 percent of the vote and Proposition B earned 54.3 percent of the vote.

The bond would have funded a new junior high campus, a new career tech facility, a multipurpose center and a new transportation and operations facility. The CHISD tax debt for service would have increased from \$0.11 to \$0.34. In Bullard, voters passed two propositions for district improvements. Proposition A, costing \$82 million, passed with 59.5 percent of the vote and Proposition B, for \$21 million, just passed with 55.1 percent of the vote.

## State Sales Tax Revenue totaled \$3.8 Billion in April

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar this week said state sales tax revenue totaled \$3.83 billion in April, 12.8 percent more than in April 2021. The majority of April sales tax revenue is based on March sales and remitted to the agency in April.

"State sales tax collections reached a new high for the month of April, with double-digit growth reflecting both inflation and continued expansion in real economic activity and employment," Hegar said.

"The strongest growth was in receipts from sectors driven by business spending, particularly the oil and gas mining sector, which surpassed pre-pandemic levels as capital spending in the sector picks up. Receipts from the construction, manufacturing and wholesale trade sectors continued to show double-digit growth.

"Among sectors driven by consumer spending, the strongest growth in receipts was in arts and recreation services,

with receipts from sporting events, music and other live entertainment, and fitness clubs far exceeding previous year levels. Receipts from restaurants continued to exhibit double-digit growth as well.

"Receipts from retail trade remain elevated, though only a little higher than a year ago when retail spending surged after the end of COVID restrictions. Slowing growth in receipts from retail trade may signal shifts in consumer spending back toward pre-pandemic patterns. Growth in spending in segments that had benefited during the pandemic appeared to stall, as receipts from home improvement and furniture stores changed little from a year ago, while receipts from sporting goods and hobby stores declined."

Total sales tax revenue for the three months ending in April 2022 was up 22.3 percent compared to the same period a year ago. Sales tax is the largest source of state

funding for the state budget, accounting for 59 percent of all tax collections.

Texas collected the following revenue from other major taxes:

- motor vehicle sales and rental taxes — \$525 million, up 39 percent from April 2021;
- motor fuel taxes — \$335 million, up 3 percent from April 2021;
- oil production tax — \$666 million, the highest monthly collections on record, up 99 percent from April 2021;
- natural gas production tax — \$339 million, up 46 percent from April 2021;
- hotel occupancy tax — \$76 million, the highest monthly collections on record, up 49 percent from April 2021; and
- alcoholic beverage taxes — \$152 million, the highest monthly collections on record, up 27 percent from April 2021.

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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.

## Perspective ...

A sense of wonder is one of the greatest gifts we are given. I have worked hard to hold on to mine throughout my life. It was easy growing up in the country on a ranch to experience that wonder. In the spring the mounds of clover were the sweet smelling mattress of choice while cloud gazing.

Of course at night the absolute best place to be was the old backyard swing my dad had welded and attached to our old swing set's frame. You could stretch out on it with your leg pushing the chain and slowly swing and watch the stars travel the dark night sky. I could see the Milky Way and constellations and planes and satellites.

It was awe inducing and faith inspiring.

This summer when my boss man sweetie takes me to the West Texas Press Association convention in Cloudfroft, New Mexico I hope to go in search of dark skies again because they have disappeared from our neck of the woods. I need, really need, a little more star shine in my life.

What moves you to wonder? My list is only limited by my imagination and the ability to see, really see.

The intelligence and unconditional love of a dog has got to be one of the greatest gifts given to us. Dogs inspire my faith in God because of the qualities of limitless love, loyalty and warmth they share with us.

I just don't understand folks who don't like dogs...or wildlife for that matter. I love them all, except maybe snakes. Although I do appreciate the round-eyed, non-venomous fellers that take care of the rampant East Texas rodent population. I am fascinated by insects, except for pestilent mosquitos and those gosh-awful fire ants.

Seeing a great cowboy or cowgirl manage a spirited horse is phenomenal. When a rider and horse become one it is a thing of great beauty. Frankly, I think that anyone doing any job with passion and dedication is a thing of beauty and power.

But, the ocean pounding the sand in the middle of the night

## The Best of Suzanne Bardwell



or at sunrise never ceases to move me. The sheer power and majesty of our world should fill us with wonder and gratitude every single day of our lives.

Then there are the gifts of music, art, good food and relationships

that transcend the humdrum routine of days that we allow to become all too common.

Music is a gift I don't personally possess. I can play the piano and read music but I can not sing or play masterfully. But every day I listen to either Big Band, classic rock, outlaw country music or... it's all good. But when music is performed live with passion, oh man oh man, what a gift.

To read a book or article written by a truly good or great writer takes us places that planes, trains and cars never will. There isn't a day that goes by that there isn't a book in my hand that feeds some aspect of my mind or soul.

Here's the point friends and neighbors, the creation we have been gifted is filled with infinite variety. If we are bored we are dooming ourselves to mediocrity and "sense-less" days. Lift up your eyes to the night sky, to the butterfly resting on a flower, the red-breasted Robin on the low-hanging branch, and know deep down that our weary old world is really quite wonderful.

Then, share that insight. Share kindness and joy and appreciation. Share music and books and ideas. Live life with passion.

The stars will shine brighter, colors will be more vibrant and the music you hear will be sweeter.

Breathe...give thanks...share...

It doesn't get any better than this...

And THIS is pretty dog gone good.

After all, it really is just a matter of perspective.

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## Gary Borders Capital Highlights



### Voters back property tax amendments

Texas voters overwhelmingly approved two proposed amendments on Saturday that will provide property tax relief to homeowners.

According to the Austin American-Statesman, nearly 85% of voters supported Proposition 2, which raises the homestead exemption from \$25,000 to \$40,000 starting this year. That will save the average homeowner about \$175 in school property taxes.

Another proposition that easily passed corrects an oversight to a 2019 bill passed by the Legislature, which didn't apply to homeowners who are disabled or 65 and older, because their school taxes were already frozen.

The state will reimburse school districts for tax funding lost by both propositions, with the Legislative Budget Board anticipating the amount at more than a half-billion dollars, according to the Statesman.

Meanwhile, Texas voters get another opportunity to cast ballots starting May 16 in primary runoff elections slated for both Republican and Democratic candidates. The election is May 24, with early voting running until May 20.

Statewide runoff races are slated for attorney general and land commissioner in both parties, lieutenant governor and comptroller in the Democratic race, and railroad commissioner on the Republican side of the ticket.

More information can be found about particular races at [votetexas.gov](http://votetexas.gov). Voters who cast ballots in one party's primary cannot vote in the other party's runoff election. However, voters who did not cast ballots in the primary can vote in either party's runoff.

### First state case of avian influenza in wild bird confirmed

The first case of the highly pathogenic avian influenza in a wild bird in Texas has been confirmed. A great horned owl at a rehabilitation facility in Wichita County was confirmed to have the virus by the National Veterinary Services Laboratories, which notified the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

The potentially fatal HPAI is highly contagious and transmits easily among wild and domestic bird species. It has been found in 38 states, and its symptoms include diarrhea, incoordination, lethargy, coughing and sneezing.

TPWD recommends enhanced biosecurity measures at labs that deal with wild or domestic birds, including quarantining birds showing symptoms of HPAI.

While the risk of transmission to humans from birds is low, TPWD recommends taking basic precautions if contact with birds cannot be avoided, such as wearing gloves and face masks.

### SBA loans available for Eastland Complex Fire victims

The U.S. Small Business Administration has approved the state's request for a disaster declaration in communities affected by the recent Eastland Complex Fire, which means low-interest loans are available for qualified homeowners, renters, and businesses in affected communities.

Counties included are Brown, Callahan, Comanche, Eastland, Erath, Palo Pinto, Shackelford, and Stephens.

"Thank you to the U.S. Small Business Administration for providing this much-needed financial assistance to communities affected by the Eastland Complex Fire," Gov. Greg Abbott said.

Applicants can apply online or receive additional disaster assistance information at [disasterloanassistance.sba.gov](http://disasterloanassistance.sba.gov).

### Look twice for motorcycles, TxDOT urges

A motorcycle safety and public awareness campaign is underway, spearheaded by the Texas Department of Public Transportation. It urges motorists to look twice for motorcycles, especially at intersections — the most common collision site.

Last year, 519 riders were killed and 2,318 were seriously injured in crashes in Texas. More than half of the fatalities result from collisions with other vehicles.

"Drivers simply don't see the motorcycle or misjudge its distance and speed. The small size of motorcycles can make them appear farther away when they're actually closer. The combination of congested roadways, distracted driving and the difficulty of seeing motorcycles in traffic has led to many preventable fatalities each year," a TxDOT news release said.

## THE ECONOMIST

By Dr. M. Ray Perryman

### (Lots of) Help Wanted

Job openings in Texas reached an all-time high in February at 932,000, far exceeding unemployment (about 635,000 at present). While that's beneficial for those looking for work, it's presenting notable challenges. Businesses unable to fill



positions are often forced to respond by reducing operating hours or even closing locations, and the economy is functioning at less-than-optimal efficiency.

For perspective, prior to COVID-19, the number of job openings across the state had never topped 623,000 and was generally well below that level. In February 2020, just before the pandemic, there were 534,000 openings. With the ensuing disruptions, openings dropped as low as 302,000

(April 2020) before beginning to rise.

By the end of 2020, they were back in pre-pandemic ranges. As the Texas economy continued to gain momentum through 2021, the number of open positions started trending toward 900,000 or even higher.

Many factors are contributing to the current labor shortages. Texas is reflecting national trends, with the retirement of the baby boomers coinciding with decisions by younger people to start working later. The so-called Great Resignation, where millions of Americans purportedly left the workforce, is also contributing modestly (although, in reality, the workforce participation rate is only about 1% below pre-pandemic levels). Restricting lawful immigration is also a factor, and with the backlog in processing visas and the lack of willingness to enact meaningful reforms, it will take time to even approach more normal levels.

The bottom line, however, is that we've seen these labor shortages coming for a long time, although the pandemic accelerated things moderately. Underlying demographic patterns are the primary culprit, and they are not changing anytime soon. Strong economic expansion in Texas is obviously also raising labor demand. Fortunately, Texas is seeing more growth in younger age ranges than many parts of the country, which is helping the situation. In fact, the US population under 18 was about one million lower in the 2020 Census than 10 years ago, while this age group increased by more than 400,000 in Texas.

A variety of actions can help. Greater use of technology is part of the solution, as is encouraging people back to work through better compensation and other benefits. Companies can also make it easier for workers by offering childcare and parent care, more flexibility, remote work options, and other enticements. Immigration has long been a crucial source of labor, and reform can help speed the flow of the needed workers. Programs to improve adult literacy can help now, and improved public educational outcomes are essential going forward.

Texas has a robust economy and bountiful opportunities. Nonetheless, it is an inescapable fact that worker shortages are going to be with us for a while. Stay safe!!

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# Sometimes, government programs can be lifesavers

A few weeks after my dad passed away in 1991, I paid a visit to my mom to see how she was getting along. Despite losing her life partner of nearly 50 years, she was in fine fettle.

My mom, who left this mortal coil in 2007, was someone very special. Despite not being bigger than a minute, she was tough as a boot's heel. She was, like my dad, a child of the Depression.

"We didn't know anything was different, we had been always poor," she said when I asked her about growing up in that era.

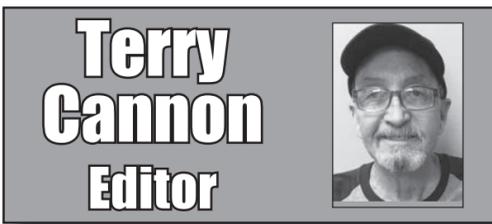
During this particular visit she told me things about my dad and his life that I found both ironic and amazing.

Virtually orphaned in his mid-teens, he spent a good portion of his young life hopping freight cars and surviving as best as he could. His lifeline – and here's the ironic part – was supplied by someone he would have never supported for president, Franklin D. Roosevelt, whose New Deal programs included the Civilian Conservation Corps, enacted in 1933.

The CCC was designed for unemployed young men who were put to work on federal lands, supplying the manual labor needed for such things as bridges, truck and foot trails, roads, tree planting, public camp and picnic ground construction among many other jobs.

For this, each camper received \$30 per month (equivalent to about \$1,000 today) with \$25 having to be sent home. (I'm not sure where my dad sent his since he had no home to send it to). They also received three meals a day, clothes and a place to stay.

(Around East Texas you don't have to look far to see the



CCC's handiwork. Tyler State Park was one of 29 across Texas that were built by this young workforce.)

During the nine years of the CCC's operation some 300,000 young men were put to work and not only did the rugged lifestyle improve their overall health, but the rigors of the job also gave them a sense of confidence after being beat down by the country's economic collapse.

In my dad's case, the CCC turned out to be a pivot point in his life because it put him on course to meet my mom and eventually produce a family of five kids.

While in his CCC camp in New Mexico, my dad befriended a guy who, knowing my dad had no home, invited him to come and live with him and his parents in Paris.

Ironically, again, my mom was working as the manager of the cafeteria at Paris Junior College. They met there and as the old saying goes, the rest is history.

By 1942, with World War II now raging, there was no need for the CCC. Most of those young men – including my dad – went into the service.

He enlisted in the Army, was sent to North Africa and

fought with the Allies to eject the Nazis from the desert. Then, under Gen. George Patton, fought in Sicily before crossing over into Italy.

While fighting in the battle for Rome in 1944, he was wounded in the shoulder by German artillery. The war was over for him and he spent the next two years recovering.

Thanks again to a government program, my dad was able to go to college on the G.I. Bill, passed by Congress in 1944. Essentially, (among other things) it provided the opportunity for returning World War II soldiers in the form of low interest loans as well as tuition and living expenses for those wanting to go to college.

By the early 1950s, my dad had earned a degree from SMU.

Not only do I have the CCC (and later the G.I. Bill) to thank for helping my dad survive the Depression and the after effects of World War II, but obviously, I wouldn't be here today if it weren't for the avenues both provided for him.

But my dad was a bedrock conservative who believed that too much government overreach is a bad thing.

Thanks to his wisdom, I share that belief but I also know there are certain things the federal government must do to be conscientious stewards of the people.

Another FDR program, the Social Security Act, was signed into law in 1935. Later, in 1965, Medicare became part of the SSA.

It's scary to think where some of us of a certain age would be today without those two programs.

And as a man who received life changing government benefits, I'm sure my wise old man would have agreed.

## Creatures, cantaloupes, cousins and a "free" trip

Back when we had a rotary phone – and as you probably remember from previous columns of this junk I write – we would get calls from what I like to label Phone Creatures.

We don't get as many as we used to with the cell phones, but I was reminded of one the other day from when we had rotary phones.

Phone creatures are what I call those phone solicitors who call wantin' to sell you somethin'. I like to give them a hard time. I know that's not really nice, but somebody's got to do it. Anywho, here's what I remember from one that we got a few years ago.

"Yellow!" I said as I answered the phone. Silence. "Yellow!" I repeated. Then I heard that click that tells you it's a phone creature.

"Mr. Mitchum?" a female creature asked.

"Yellow!" I repeated again.

"Yellow?" the creature said. "Did you say yellow?"

"Well," I said. "The phone went 'green, green,' so I answered 'yellow,' har, har."

"Uh," I see," said the creature. "Uh, this is Mr. Mitchum, isn't it?"

"It was the last time I looked, har, har," I said.

"Well then, how are you today?"

"Could be better, but I

could be worse, har, har."

"I see," said the creature.

"Mr. Mitchum, the reason I'm calling is to give you the opportunity to come and see our resort community here in Branson, Missouri."

"I buried a cousin in Branson, once," I said.

"Oh, I'm sorry," said the creature.

"That's OK," I said. "He had it comin'."

"Uh, I beg your pardon?" the creature said.

"What for? I didn't do nothin'."

"No, I mean...you said your cousin had it coming?" said the creature.

"Had what comin'?"

"You said you buried a cousin in Branson, and I said I'm sorry, and you said that he had it coming."

"I did?"

"Yes, you did," stated the creature through what sounded like gritted teeth.

"Well, if you say so," I said.

The creature sighed. "Mr. Mitchum, we would like for you to visit our community, and it will cost you absolutely nothing."

"You'll have to ask my mamma," I said. "I can't go nowhere unless I get her permission."

"OK," said the creature reluctantly. "Is your mother available?"

"Heck no!" I said. "She's married to my daddy."



"I mean," the creature

sighed, "is she there, so that I may talk to her?"

"Oh," I said. "Sure thing." I held the phone away from my mouth and yelled. "Hey Maw. There's a lady on the phone wants to talk you into lettin' me go off somewhere with her."

"Brother," I heard the creature say.

I waited a minute, and then spoke back into the phone in my old lady voice. "Hello," I said.

"Hello, Mrs. Mitchum?"

"Speaking," I said sweetly. "Mrs. Mitchum, I was asking your son..., uh, by the way, how old is your son?"

"Rusty? He's 47," I said.

"I see, and he takes care of you, I suppose?"

"Heavens no," I said. "That boy doesn't have the sense the Good Lord gave a cantaloupe. I have to take care of him. Well, his father and I do."

"Oh," said the creature.

"Well, I was calling about our resort community in Branson, Missouri."

"Oh my," I said. "Branson. We buried a nephew in Branson."

"So I hear," said the creature.

"But," I continued. "He had it coming." There was a pause on the line.

"What does that mean, he had it coming?" questioned the creature.

"Well," I said. "It means that he was dead, and he had a burial coming."

"Uh, oh...I see. Anyway," she sighed. "Mrs. Mitchum..."

"Before we go any further, young lady, I must know your intentions."

"My intentions?" the creature asked.

"Yes," I said. "I understand you want to take my son off somewhere. I suppose it's to this resort community of yours."

"No Ma'am, you don't understand," she said.

"Rusty's a special boy, you know."

"I'm sure he is," the creature said, with a hint of sarcasm in her voice, "but I don't..."

"Oh sure," I said. "He's had girlfriends before. But they've always disappeared."

"No Ma'am. I don't... Did you say, disappeared?"

"Yes," I said. "It's the strangest thing. He will go out with one, and then he'll come home alone."

"Did you ever suspect foul play?" the creature asked.

"Oh no," I said. "He hasn't been around chickens in years."

"Huh?" the creature huffed. "No! I meant do you suspect something might have happened to the girls? You know."

"You mean foul play?" I asked.

"Yes," the creature said.

"No," I replied. "I told you, he hasn't been around chickens in years."

"A H H H H H H H H -

HGGGGGGG!" the creature yelled. "You people are crazy!" and then she slammed down the phone.

I smiled as I hung up the phone. "I heard that yell from over here," said a voice from behind me. I turned and there was my lovely wife Janet, arms folded, with that look on her face. You know the look. It's the one that says, "They buried the wrong cousin in Branson."

"What?" I said.

"Nothing," she said. "I was just thinking that that poor girl will probably have to go to sessions to deal with the trauma of talking to you."

"You think?" I smiled.

"Although, she is lucky," said Janet.

"How so?" I asked.

"She only had to deal with you for just a few minutes. I, on the other hand, have to put up with you all the time."

"Funny," I said.

"Oh, by the way," Janet said. "Just for your information; a cantaloupe does have more sense than you."

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### ONE YEAR AGO, May 13, 2021

The Lindale High School FFA celebrated another successful with the group's annual awards banquet, which recognized several members and introduced chapter officers.

More than 100 FFA members and their families in attendance at the banquet.

Elected chapter officers included: Jacqueline Rand, president; Julee King, vice president; Brooklyn Gilleland, secretary; Caleb Riches, treasurer; Lydia Payne, reporter; Jaelyn Brandon, sentinel and Steel Turner, student advisor.

Senior scholarship recipients were also announced. The Lindale FFA Booster Club's fall livestock show provides funds for the scholarships with \$10,000 being raised this year.

Scholarship recipients include:

- Easton Rushing, \$2,700;
- Tyler Thompson, \$2,500;
- Katherine Smith, \$2,200;
- Jacey King, \$1,500
- Diego Vela, \$1,100.

### FIVE YEARS AGO, May 11, 2017

For the second consecutive year, Lindale Junior High School was selected as an Honor Roll School for being a "clear leader in getting students to grade level and beyond," LISD publicity officials announced.

The Educational Results Partnership and the Institute for Productivity in Education

selected LJHS for the award.

"We are honored to be selected as a Texas Honor Roll school for the second consecutive year," said Lindale Junior High Principal Jeremy Chitek. "We are blessed with an exemplary staff whose dedication and passion is second to none. We are also thankful for a community who values education, with parents and guardians that prioritize academic success."

The Honor Roll recognizes public elementary, middle, and high schools that demonstrate consistently high levels of student academic achievement, improvement in achievement over time, and reduction in achievement gaps.

This year, the Texas Honor Roll recognized 727 higher performing, higher poverty schools that are distinguished for their academic achievement and closing achievement gaps.

### 10 YEARS AGO, May 10, 2012

Lindale High School golf standout D.J. Godoy finished second in the University Interscholastic League Class 3A State Golf Tournament at Jimmy Clay Golf Course in Austin.

He fired a two-day total of 75-71 146, just short of Kraig Zimmerhanzel from Smithville High School who shot a 71-74 145.

On the ladies' side for LHS, the girls team finished second in the district tournament with a two-day total of 861. Rains won with a 774 team score.

Outstanding performers for the Lady Eagles during the season included Kelsey Armstrong, Kennedy Wheeler, Dallas Hay, Gracie Hall, Jill Terry, Madie Malone and Sara Havens.

## Garage sale for American Legion May 14

A city-wide garage sale, benefiting the Lindale American Legion, will take place on Saturday, May 14 at the legion, 18251 County Road 498 in Lindale.

Spots are still available for \$25.

Fishing, hiking and live music will be provided.

For more information, call Rusty Morris at 903-571-9570.

## Lindale Rotary Club hosting annual Kid's Fishing Tournament

Officials with the Lindale Rotary Club have announced the annual Kid's Fishing Tournament will take place on Saturday, June 11 at the American Legion Post 15 fishing lake, 18251 County Road 498 in Lindale.

The tournament will begin at 8 a.m. and conclude at 11 a.m.

Prizes will be awarded for the biggest fish and rod and reel combos will be given to the first 50 youngsters entering the tournament.

Hot dogs and chips will be served.

For more information call Todd Froebe at 817-781-8332 or Amanda Froebe at 903-882-5333.

## OBITUARIES

### Pauline Marion (Paula) McMorrow

Pauline Marion (Paula) McMorrow died peacefully, surrounded by her family, on April 13th at Hospice of East Texas in Tyler. She was 96 years of age.

Paula was born in Crystal Lake, Ill. on Aug. 3, 1925 to Elmer and Emma Rasmussen. She attended parochial school at Emmanuel Lutheran Church for the first eight grades of her education and attended her high school years at Crystal Lake High, graduating in May of 1943.

Following her graduation, she worked as an operator for the telephone company and volunteered for the Red Cross. During World War II she met her future husband, G.W. McMorrow, Jr.

The two were married on Sept. 1, 1946 after his return from the Pacific Theatre. In the earlier years of their marriage "Mac" and Paula lived in northern Illinois where Mac was employed by Owens-Illinois.

In 1966 they moved to Texas, after accepting a transfer to the Owens-Illinois plant located in Lufkin. They spent 10 years in Lufkin and then eight more years at the plant in Orange, Texas before retiring in 1984.

Paula and Mac made their retirement home at Hideaway Lake and loved the community. After Mac's sudden death in 1988, Paula continued to live at Hideaway where she enjoyed walking, working in

her yard and golfing. She also cherished visits from her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Church, family and volunteering were the most important things in Paula's life. She was a wonderful homemaker and loved raising her three children; however, she also found time to volunteer many hours at her church and at local hospitals. She had a very giving spirit and loved helping others.

Paula was preceded in death by her parents, brother and husband. She is survived by daughter Patricia Day and husband Michael of San Antonio, daughter Barbara Evans and husband Larry of Hideaway and son Gary McMorrow of Lufkin as well as five grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

A family graveside service will be held on May 14 at Memorial Park Cemetery in Tyler. In lieu of flowers the family asks that any memorials be made to UT Health Science Center, 11937 U.S. Highway 271, Tyler 75708 or Hospice of East Texas at Tyler, 4111 University Blvd., Tyler, 75701.

### Daryl Dwayne Barnett

Daryl Dwayne Barnett, 59, of Mountain Home, Idaho died April 28, 2022, peacefully in his home with his family by his side. Cremation under the care of Rost Funeral Home, McMurtrey Chapel.

He was a beloved husband to his wife,



Lola Ann, father to 5 children, grandfather, son, brother, uncle and friend.

Daryl was born in Tyler, on Aug. 17, 1962 to Jerry Barnett Sr. and Shirley

Conant Barnett and grew up in Lindale. Daryl loved his family and enjoyed the mountains in Idaho. Daryl's children and grandchildren were his joy.

Daryl loved to drive semi-trucks and pulled three trailers while having worked with FedEx freight for over 17 years. His passion was competing in the Idaho Truck Driving Competition.

He will be deeply missed by his beloved wife Lola of 24 wonderful years, his 5 children, "Ryan" Tucker of McCall, Idaho, "Kyle" Barnett of Hawkins, Joshua Tucker of California, Michael Barnett currently serving in the USAF and Holli Brinkerhoff of Boise, Idaho. His grandchildren, Katlyn, Carter and Kinsley Tucker, Rylee Barnett, Ashtyn, Liliyn and Oaklee Brinkerhoff. His mother, Shirley of Lindale. Three older brothers, "JD"(Debbie), "Tim" (Shirley), "Dan" (Melissa) and sister Fern. He was preceded in death by his father Jerry Barnett Sr.

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**Friday, April 29, 2021**

Sgt Dworaczyk and Officers Philpot and Mumeey responded to a welfare concern at 554 W I-20, settled at scene. Sgt Dworaczyk responded to an accident at 2400 block S Main St, settled at scene. Lt Lazarine responded to a public service at 100 block Ballard Dr, settled at scene. Officer Philpot and Officer Mumeey responded to an assist smith county at 100 block Saint Andrews Cir, settled at scene. Cpt Chambers and Officers Philpot, Dailey and Mumeey responded to a welfare concern at 1500 block S Main St, settled at scene. Officer Philpot and Officer Mumeey responded to a public service at 100 block Ballard Dr, settled at scene. Officer Philpot and Officer Mumeey responded to a public service at 1000 block S Main St, settled at scene. Sgt Dworaczyk and Officers Philpot and Mumeey responded to a residential alarm at 800 block Pineland Ln, false alarm. Officer Leevey responded to a suspicious vehicle at 100 block E South St, settled at scene. Officer Gillham responded to a reckless driving at 100 block S Main St, citation issued. Officer Gillham responded to a suspicious vehicle at 1500 block S Main ST, settled at scene. Officer Gillham responded to a loud noise complaint at 15200 block CR 467, warning issued. Officer Leevey and Officer Gillham responded to a business alarm at 13800 block Hwy 69 N, false alarm.

**Saturday, April 30, 2022**

Officer Trombley and Officer Wells responded to a business alarm at 75 block Miranda Lambert Way, false alarm. Officer Wells responded to a suspicious vehicle at 200 block Cannery Row, settled at scene. Officer Trombley and Officer Wells responded to a verbal disturbance at 900 block Carol Dr, settled at scene. Officer Shurley responded to a stolen property at 13800 block Hwy 69 N, report taken. Officer Trombley responded to a hit and run at 3200 block S Main St, settled at scene. Officer Shurley and Officer Wells responded to a theft at 100 block E Centennial Blvd, report taken. Officer Shurley and Officer Wells responded to a public service at 500 block Sunset Dr, settled at scene. Officer Trombley and Officers Shurley and Wells responded to a theft at 100 block E Centennial Blvd, report taken. Officer Trombley and Officer Shurley responded to a public service at 100 block E Centennial Blvd, settled at scene. Officer Trombley and Officer Shurley responded to a public service at 800 block Edgewood Cir, settled at scene. Officer Shurley and Officers Allen and Jackquet responded to an assist smith county at 15200 block FM 849, unfounded. Officer Jackquet and Officer Allen responded to a loud noise complaint at 1500 block Pearl St, settled at scene. Officer Allen and Officer Jackquet responded to a business alarm at 500 block S Main St, false alarm. Officer Jackquet responded to an accident at 200 block W Centennial Blvd, settled at scene. Officer Allen and Officer Jackquet responded to a possession of controlled



substance at 700 block N College St, arrest made.

**Sunday, May 1, 2022**

Officer Trombley and Officer Wells responded to a hit and run at 3500 block S Main St, report taken. Officer Trombley and Officer Wells responded to a burglary at 700 block S Main St, report taken. Officer Trombley and Officer Wells responded to an accident at 12500 block CR 472, transferred to other agency Officer Trombley and Officer Wells responded to an accident at 552 W I-20, unfounded. Officer Trombley and Officer Wells responded to a theft at 100 block E Centennial Blvd, arrest made. Sgt Houghton and Officer Allen responded to a theft at 100 block E Centennial Blvd, arrest made. Officer Jackquet responded to an assist smith county at 3500 block S Main St, settled at scene. Sgt Houghton responded to a public service at 100 block Ballard Dr, settled at scene. Officer Allen responded to a suspicious vehicle at 1400 block S Main St, settled at scene. Officer Allen responded to a suspicious vehicle at 3500 block S Main St, settled at scene. Officer Allen responded to a suspicious vehicle at 200 block Cannery Row, settled at scene.

**Monday, May 2, 2022**

Officer Trombley and Officer Wells responded to a welfare concern at 3500 block S Main St, unable to locate. Officer Wells responded to a public service at 100 block Ballard Dr, settled at scene. Sgt Houghton and Officers Trombley and Wells responded to an unlawful carrying of weapon at 100 block N Main St, arrest made. Officer Trombley responded to a welfare concern at 300 block S Industrial St, settled at scene. Sgt Houghton responded to a public service at 1500 block S Main St, settled at scene. Sgt Flores and Officer Trombley responded to a residential alarm at 200 block N Henry St, settled at scene. Officer Trombley and officer Wells responded to a public service at 600 block W Hubbard St, settled at scene. Sgt Houghton and Officers Trombley and Wells responded to a welfare concern at 900 block S Main St, settled at scene. Officer Allen and Officer Jackquet responded to a verbal disturbance at 900 block Mt Sylvan St, settled at scene. Officer Allen responded to a suspicious vehicle at 900

block S Main St, settled at scene. Officer Allen responded to a suspicious person at 800 block N College St, settled at scene. Officer Allen responded to a business alarm at 55 block Miranda Lambert Way, false alarm. Detective Fortunas and Officers Allen and Jackquet responded to an assault at 300 block Cooper St, report taken. Officer Allen and Officer Jackquet responded to a suspicious circumstance at 556 W I-20, settled at scene. Officer Allen and Officer Jackquet responded to a suspicious person at 1600 block S Main St, settled at scene. Detective Fortunas, Sgt Houghton and Officers Allen and Jackquet responded to an unauthorized use of motor vehicle at 3500 block S Main St, arrest made. Officer Allen and Officer Jackquet responded to an accident at 553 E I-20, report taken.

**Tuesday, May 3, 2022**

Officer Wells responded to a public service at 200 block N Henry St, settled at scene. Officer Jackquet and Officers Allen and Wells responded to a public service at 500 block Baker St, settled at scene. Sgt Houghton and Officers Allen and Jackquet responded to a disturbance at 200 block W South St, settled at scene.

**Wednesday, May 4, 2022**

Officer Ramsey responded to a public service at 100 block Teresa St, settled at scene. Officer Philpot responded to a harassment at 300 block Kingdom Blvd, settled at scene. Sgt Dworaczyk and Officers Ramsey and Capps responded to an accident at 100 block W Centennial Blvd, report taken. Chief Somes, Sgt Dworaczyk and Officers Ramsey and Capps responded to a public service at 200 block Cannery Row, settled at scene. Sgt Dworaczyk and Officers Leevey and Capps responded to a verbal disturbance at 16000 block FM 849, settled at scene. Officer Leevey responded to a suspicious vehicle at 13300 block CR 472, settled at scene. Officer Gillham and Officer Capps responded to a business alarm at 17900 block Hwy 69 N, false alarm. Officer Leevey and Officer Gillham responded to an accident at 554 W I-20, report taken.

**Thursday, May 5, 2022**

Sgt Dworaczyk and Officers Philpot and Ramsey responded to an assist other agency at 13800 block Hwy 69 N, settled at scene. Sgt Dworaczyk and Officer Philpot responded to a business alarm at 300 block S Main St, false alarm. Officer Capps responded to a suspicious circumstance at 100 block Mallory St, settled at scene. Officer Gillham and Officer Capps responded to a suspicious person at 3200 block S Main St, settled at scene. Officer Capps responded to an assist other agency at 500 block Pierce St, settled at scene. Officer Capps responded to a suspicious vehicle at 200 block Summer Tree Cir, settled at scene. Officer Leevey and Officer Capps responded to a sexual assault at 3200 block S Main St, report taken.

## Arlington man gets 14 months for health care fraud scheme

An Arlington man has been sentenced to federal prison for his role in a health care fraud scheme in the Eastern District of Texas, said Davilyn Walston, spokesperson for U.S. Attorney Brit Featherston.

Jason Neil Hughes, 48, pleaded guilty on Sep. 10, 2021, to health care fraud and was sentenced to 14 months in federal prison today by U.S. District Judge Robert W. Schroeder, III.

Hughes was also ordered to pay restitution in the amount of \$416,124.68 to private health insurers.

According to information presented in court, Hughes was the owner and operator of ChangePoint Counseling Service, a mental health clinic in Forney, Texas. Hughes founded ChangePoint in 2013 and sold it in 2019. Between 2015 and 2019, Hughes carried out a scheme to defraud private health care insurers through the submission of false and fraudulent claims. Hughes and others incorrectly billed private insurance claims using a Texarkana doctor's National Provider Identifier ("NPI") for counseling services that the doctor did not provide. Although ChangePoint's counselors had their own NPI numbers that could be used for billing counseling services, ChangePoint—at Hughes's direction—used the doctor's NPI to submit claims because the use of the doctor's NPI resulted in higher payments from insurers. This billing practice resulted in ChangePoint receiving an average of 100% to 120% additional money paid per service

from health insurers.

This case was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Tyler Field Office and prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Robert Austin Wells.

### Houstonian sentenced for drug trafficking

Fernando Perez-Gomez, 36, of Houston was sentenced to federal prison this past week for drug trafficking violations in the Eastern District of Texas, said Davilyn Walston, spokesperson for U.S. Attorney Brit Featherston.

Perez-Gomez was convicted at trial on July 20, 2021, of conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute a kilogram or more of heroin, 50 grams or more of methamphetamine, and five kilograms or more of cocaine.

Perez-Gomez was sentenced to 235 months in federal prison by U.S. District Judge Marcia A. Crone on April 20, 2022.

According to information presented at trial, from at least May 2014 through May 2016, Perez-Gomez was involved in a conspiracy to traffic drugs from the Houston-area through the Eastern District of Texas and to various destinations for distribution through the United States.

The investigation revealed that at least 16 persons were involved in this polydrug conspiracy, which resulted in the seizure of approximately 80 kilograms of cocaine, over four kilograms of methamphetamine, and a kilogram of heroin. Additionally,

\$2.5 million in cash was seized as part of the investigation.

"Illegal drugs continue to threaten the country and at home in our communities," said U.S. Attorney Brit Featherston. "Often it is the basis for other violent crime, property crime and, unfortunately, overdose deaths. We will continue to track, arrest, and prosecute those individuals like Perez-Gomez, who traffic their poison. We are thankful for the collaboration of law enforcement that worked diligently on this case."

This effort is part of an Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force (OCDEF) operation. OCDEF identifies, disrupts, and dismantles the highest-level criminal organizations that threaten the United States using a prosecutor-led, intelligence-driven, multi-agency approach. Additional information about the OCDEF Program can be found at <https://www.justice.gov/OCDEF>.

The case was investigated by the Drug Enforcement Administration, the Houston Police Department, the Pasadena Police Department, and the Texas Department of Public Safety. This case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Jonathan C. Lee.

### Tennessee man pleads guilty to fed money laundering charge

John Arthur Fuss, 71, of Wartrace, Tenn. pleaded guilty to federal violations in the Eastern District of Texas, said Walston.

Fuss pleaded guilty to conspiracy to commit money laundering before U.S. Magis-

trate Judge John D. Love.

According to information presented in court, Fuss was involved in a scheme developed and managed by a co-defendant. The scheme involved call center solicitations of various kinds, including home mortgage modifications, personal loans, payback of Social Security benefits, and IRS demands for payment.

Victims were instructed to make payments through various money services businesses, or by mailing payments to specified addresses. Fuss was recruited to pick up payments from money services businesses or receive them in the mail, and then deposit them into accounts as instructed by one of the co-defendants.

He also created at least one business so that the co-defendant could set up a bank account to use in the scheme. The overall scheme involved approximately \$3.2 million in victims' payments and almost 2,000 victims. Fuss admitted to being responsible for the deposit of approximately \$1,173,233 in victim proceeds.

Fuss faces up to 20 years in federal prison. The maximum statutory sentence prescribed by Congress is provided here for information purposes, as the sentencing will be determined by the court based on the advisory sentencing guidelines and other statutory factors.

A sentencing hearing will be scheduled after the completion of a presentence investigation by the U.S. Probation Office

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# Lindale Prospects win Kaufman tourney

The Lindale Prospects 13U baseball team took top honors this past weekend in Kaufman at the Lead Off Tournament by winning all four games by outscoring the opposition, 42-4.

In addition to Lindale, other teams entered were from Mabank, Corsicana and Scurry.

Lindale pitchers made quick work of the opposition, facing just 58 batters in the tournament. McKnight and Thurman shared the win in the first game on a combined one-hitter and Richardson took the second game in a 45-pitch effort, yielding just two hits.

In game 3, Legrow struck out six to take the win and in the fourth game, Gateley fanned five in securing the victory.

Defensively, standouts included catchers Fowler and Laing and fielders Transier, Phillips and Copeland.

Lindale batters had 35 hits in 92 plate appearances, hitting .473 in the tournament. Gateley led the way with three triples, a double and three singles and scoring eight runs, while Fowler and Legrow each banged out six hits with four doubles and scoring 14 runs.

The local team stole 24 bases in 24 attempts, with Fowler having six and Copeland, Phillips, McKnight, Gately and Legrow each swiping three.

**The Lindale Prospects won the Kaufman Lead Off 13U Tournament this past weekend. Team members include top row from left, L. Laing, J. Legrow, K. Fowler, H. Gateley, B. Copeland and Coach Gateley. Front row, T. Richardson, H. Thurman, C. McKnight, S. Phillips, T. Transier. (Courtesy Photo)**



Always a popular event at the Patterson Ram, Edward Team Realtors Lindale Championship Rodeo is the Muttin' Bustin where youngsters try to stay aboard a runaway sheep. (Photo by Terry Cannon)



## Lindale Championship Rodeo returns May 12

The Patterson Ram, Edward Team Realtors Lindale Championship Rodeo presented by the Lindale Area Chamber of Commerce is scheduled to begin at 6 p.m. Thursday, May 12 at Crossbrand Cowboy Church arena, LACC officials announced.

The rodeo will continue through Saturday, May 14.

Admission is free due to the contributions of the event's ticket sponsors – Cavendar's, Hawley Disposal, Exceptional Emergency Center, Texas Bank and Trust, Petty's Steak and Catfish, Heritage Land Bank, Eagle Pharmacy and Office Barn, chamber officials noted.

Crossbrand is located at 11915 FM 2015 in Tyler.

Gates open each night at 6 p.m. and at 6:15 p.m. Muttin Bustin will get underway. Live music is scheduled beginning at 6:45 p.m., followed by a devotional and

the national anthem at 7:25 p.m.

Rodeo activities begin at 7:30 p.m.

Officials said registration at the gate is required to enter the Muttin Bustin competition with each participant required to pay \$10.

Other sponsors for the rodeo include Lindale News and Times, the Edwards Team at Century 21, CHRISTUS Trinity Mother Frances; Chick-fil-A, United Ag and Turf, Coca Cola and Southwest Beverages, Schindler Carpet and Floors Design Center, Austin Bank, KNUE 101.5, Ziglar Realty, Altra Federal Credit Union, Brookshire's Grocery Company, Burger King, Cracker Barrel, JK Trucking and Construction, Lindale Veterinary Clinic, Rozell Sprayer Manufacturing Co., Leon's Signs, National Property Inspections, McDonald's, Southside Bank, KLTU and UT Health East Texas.

## East Texas youngster wins Fisheries Center art contest

Officials with the Texas Freshwater Fisheries Center in Athens have announced the Texas division of Wildlife Forever's Fish Art Contest winners for 2022 and a youngster from East Texas was one of the first place winners.

Jackson White of Hawkins was the winner in the K-3 category and will advance with other first place finishers to the national level and compete against winners from other states.

The Fish Art Contest is part of an international conservation education program designed to foster youth interest in fish, fisheries and fishing.

The program encourages K-12 students to submit original artwork of any fish and an essay or poem (grades 4-12) about the participant's fish entry, its habitat or efforts to conserve it.

"The Fish Art Contest does a tremendous job of exposing students across Texas to the wonders of fish and fisheries resources through the nexus of art," said Tom Lang, Texas Freshwater Fisheries Center Director. "We always look forward to this time of year when we are once again amazed by the outstanding work

and artistic interpretations of these young Texans."

This year, judges at the Texas Freshwater Fisheries Center chose the top 12 out of 243 total entries. These top 12 works of art will be featured at the Texas Freshwater Fisheries Center and in the 2023 Texas Fish Art Calendar.

In the K-3 category the winners were: First Place, Jackson White of Hawkins; Second Place Ethan Luo of Coppell; Third Place, Aarya Doddapaneni of Dallas.

In the grades 4-6 category, the winners were: First Place, Emma Adams of Keller; Second Place, Seha Jeong of Lewisville; Third Place, Rohan Velma of Irving.

In the grades 7-9 category, the winners were: First Place, Judy Yang of Houston; Second Place, Claire Liv of Coppell; Third Place, Saanvi Mhatre of Houston.

In the grades 10-12 category, the winners were: First Place, Diya Hegde of Irving; Second Place, Alice Won of Flower Mound; Third Place, Cindy Wang of Dallas.

Scholarships for the first, second and third place Texas winners are provided by the 2020 Toyota Bass-

master Texas Fest. Scholarships in the grades 10-12 division are \$1,000 for first place, \$750 for second place and \$500 for third place. Awards in the 4-6 and 7-9 grade levels are \$200 for first, \$150 for second, \$100 for third. In the K-3 division awards are \$100 for first, \$75 for second, \$50 for third.

Scholarships for Texas winners are supplemented with additional support provided by the William E. Armentrout Foundation and Friends of the Texas Freshwater Fisheries Center.

"We have a unique opportunity to celebrate the talents of our Texas students, our beautifully diverse fish species and the hard work of our biologists who protect these resources," Kate Barkalow, Education and Interpretation Coordinator said. "At the conclusion of our Fish Art Contest, the TFFC hosts a celebration for our state finalists, their teachers and families on Free Fishing Day. Here they get to see their work on display, learn more about our aquatic resources, what it takes to conserve them and go fishing, some for the first time! None of which would be possible

without the help of our sponsors. We believe that through the Texas Fish Art Contest, a new generation of stewards is created."

Honorable mentions in grades K-3 were awarded to: Alice Bond of Lucas; Lisa Yibin Hwang of Garland; Daniel Kang of Flower Mound; Aaron Kim of Allen; Alexandria Liu of Coppell; Chelsea He of Sugar Land; Nathan Lee of Lewisville and Nuriya Ashari Mufti of Dallas.

Honorable mentions in grades 4-6 were awarded to: Laina Sidlik of Plano; Marc Kader of The Colony; Junhee Kim of Flower Mound; Chloe Lee of Flower Mound; Justin Luo of Coppell; and Claire Kim Pranivong of Coppell.

Honorable mentions in grades 7-9 were awarded to: Aarush Goutur of Dallas; Arim Jun of Carrollton; Shreya Basak of Irving; Jaini Parekh of Southlake; Neil Rao of Irving; Jiaqi Rong of Coppell; Avani Vankireddy of Irving; Jason Chen of Mont Belvieu; and Delayla Nguyen of Houston.

Honorable mentions for grades 10-12 were awarded to: Donna Xue of Houston; Sofiya Borodina of

Keller; Derrek Yu of Katy; Minhui Liao of Sugarland; Mariia Kharchenko of Flower Mound; Sofiya Berzhanskaya of Highland Village; Michelle Huang of Coppell; and Ashley Stratton of San Antonio.

Educators who wish to have their students enter the 2023 contest can find entry forms, rules, guidelines and more online. A lesson plan offers interdisciplinary curriculum including lessons and activities, a species identification section profiling each state fish, a glossary and student worksheets. Learn more at [www.wildlifeever.org](http://www.wildlifeever.org).

The Fish Art Contest is a project of Wildlife Forever. Located in White Bear Lake, Minnesota, Wildlife Forever is a nonprofit multispecies conservation organization dedicated to conserving America's wildlife heritage. Working at the grassroots level, Wildlife Forever has funded conservation projects in all 50 states, committing millions of dollars to "on-the-ground" efforts. Wildlife Forever supports habitat restoration and enhancement, land acquisition, research and management of fish and wildlife populations.

## Lunker bass to be delivered to Texas lakes

Offspring from the Toyota ShareLunker Program are set to be delivered to waterbodies across the state, said officials with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department this past week.

Now through July, TPWD will stock Texas lakes with pure Florida strain largemouth bass exclusively from broodfish produced from Legacy Class (13+plus pound) entries into the ShareLunker program.

Dubbed "Lone Star Bass" to denote their special significance to Texas, the unique fish are made possible by the valued partnership with anglers who loan their fish to the program.

This project marks the beginning of a long-term goal of the program. Once the process is finished, TPWD will have

stocked 53 waterbodies with more than 6 million Lone Star Bass fingerlings, all descendants of ShareLunkers. The upgraded broodfish are expected to advance the work started decades ago to genetically enhance largemouth bass populations in Texas and provide Bigger Better Bass.

"We are excited to reach the goal of converting our Florida strain largemouth bass hatchery broodfish to all be offspring of Legacy-class fish," said Craig Bonds, Director of Inland Fisheries. Since the ShareLunker program's inception, we've stocked offspring from successful spawns of donated fish, but fully incorporating a portion of those offspring into our hatchery broodfish lines dramatically increases the number of ShareLunker descendants being stocked throughout Texas waters. This is a potential game-changer in elevating largemouth bass fisheries management to the next level."

Beginning in 1974, TPWD used pure Florida strain largemouth bass, acquired directly from Florida, as the source of broodfish for stocking Texas' public waters. This program was successful and allowed the state record for largemouth bass to increase from approximately 13.5 pounds to 18.18 pounds by 1992.

This initiative also launched the Toyota ShareLunker Program in 1986, which has enjoyed great success in spawning large bass at TPWD hatcheries with the help of anglers who reeled in those 13-plus pound fish. Approximately 1.2 million fingerlings from the spawning of ShareLunkers have been stocked back into lakes that produced ShareLunkers since the inception of the program. This change allows TPWD to stock 6 to 8 million fingerlings across the state each year.

TPWD hatcheries were successful in producing one group of pure Florida strain largemouth bass from a donated Share-

Lunker on their first attempt in 2018. Three additional batches of pure Florida strain largemouth bass were spawned in 2019 from ShareLunkers acquired that year. The early success of the program allowed TPWD Inland Fisheries to set a date of spring 2022 for the first spawning and statewide stocking of ShareLunker descendants. Several more batches of pure Florida ShareLunker offspring were produced since 2019 and broodfish are currently being reared at three TPWD Inland Fisheries hatcheries.

The year-round Toyota ShareLunker Program offers four levels of participation for catching bass over eight pounds, or 24 inches, in Texas. ShareLunker entry classes include the Lunker Class (8lb+), Elite Class (10lb+), and Legend Class (13lb+). During the first three months of the season (Jan. 1 through March 31), anglers who reel in a 13+ pound bass can loan it to TPWD for the ShareLunker selective breeding and stocking program. The continued donation of 13-plus pound fish by anglers will be critical to the ongoing maintenance and replacement of future broodfish.

Once a lunker is reeled in, anglers need to enter the catch data on the Toyota ShareLunker mobile app – available for free from the Apple App Store and Google Play – or on the Toyota ShareLunker online app at [TexasSharelunker.com](http://TexasSharelunker.com). In addition to providing basic catch information, anglers can also provide a DNA scale sample from their lunker bass to TPWD researchers for genetic analysis.

The Toyota ShareLunker Program is made possible in part by the generous sponsorship of Toyota. Toyota is a longtime supporter of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Foundation and TPWD, providing major funding for a wide variety of fisheries, state parks and wildlife projects.

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# County employees honored for service

Smith County employees were recognized during Commissioners Court on Tuesday, April 26, for their years of service, announced County Public Information Officer Casey Murphy.

Detention Officer Channan Clayton was honored for 20 years at the Smith County Sheriff's Office.

Sheriff Larry Smith said she works in the Classification Department, which is an integral part of the Jail.

"She's been with us for 20 years and does a great job," he said. "We look for at least 10 more years with her."

Officer Clayton thanked God for the honor. She also thanked the Sheriff for putting up with her. She said the co-workers really pull together for each other.

## 15 YEARS

Victoria Massey was recognized for 15 years of service in the Precinct 1 Justice of the Peace Office.

Precinct 4 Commissioner JoAnn Hampton recognized Ms. Massey, who has worked as chief deputy clerk for recently retired Justice of the Peace Quincy Beavers for nearly all of her Smith County career. She also worked briefly as a detention officer for the Sheriff's Office.

"It is my privilege to recognize Ms. Massey," Commissioner Hampton said. "We are so pleased she works for Smith County and we hope she continues..."

Massey has a Master's Degree in Administration of Justice and Security and a Bachelor Degree in Sociology/Psychology. She is a certified Christian counselor and she is heavily involved in her church.

Massey said she has struggled throughout her life but God has always been there for her. Her faith is what has taught her to never give up and to always be successful, she said.

Massey talked about a traumatic event in her life 10 years ago, when a stalker stabbed

her 10 times and left her to die. "I'm a standing testimony and a miracle that I am here... He's called me to be a leader and that's who I am," she said.

Theresa "Terry" Morrow was honored for 15 years of service to the Smith County District Clerk's Office.

"She is one of the County's most dedicated and passionate employees," District Clerk Penny Clarkston said. "She loves her work, she loves her job... I admire her both professionally and personally."

Morrow said she worked in retail for most of her life before coming to work for Smith County in the "justice system" 15 years ago.

"I love my job, I love what I do for the County," she said.

## 10 YEARS

Debra Caldwell was recognized for 10 years at the Smith County Tax Office.

Tax Assessor-Collector Gary Barber said when he took office, he looked at other

counties to learn how they ran their offices. He visited one county that had a 50-person call center.

"She is my call center in Smith County," he said of Ms. Caldwell. She answers all of the calls in the Tax Office's Auto Registration Department, as well as answers all of the emails. She also drives 60 miles to work every day.

"She's a real dedication and a real asset to Smith County," Barber said.

Additional employees who are celebrating work anniversaries in April but who were not in court include:

20 Years: Rebecca Craft, Juvenile Services.

15 Years: Raven Brantley, Sheriff's Office; David Hite and Melvin Mabry, Road and Bridge; Diana Morales, Adult Probation.

5 Years: Michael Attaway and Lineall Overshown, Road and Bridge; Michael Bortz II, Sheriff's Office.

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Notice is hereby given that Letters Testamentary for the Estate of James Lyle Milstead, Deceased, were issued to Jameye Milstead Gardner as Independent Executor on April 27, 2022, in Cause No. 46,308P, 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.

No. 44,237P

IN THE ESTATE OF	§	IN THE COUNTY COURT
GEORGE LOVE HUMPHREY	§	OF
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Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of GEORGE LOVE HUMPHREY, Deceased, were issued on January 24, 2020, in Cause No. 44,237P, pending in the County Court of Smith County, Texas, to: STARLEA BESS ATKISON HUMPHREY.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are

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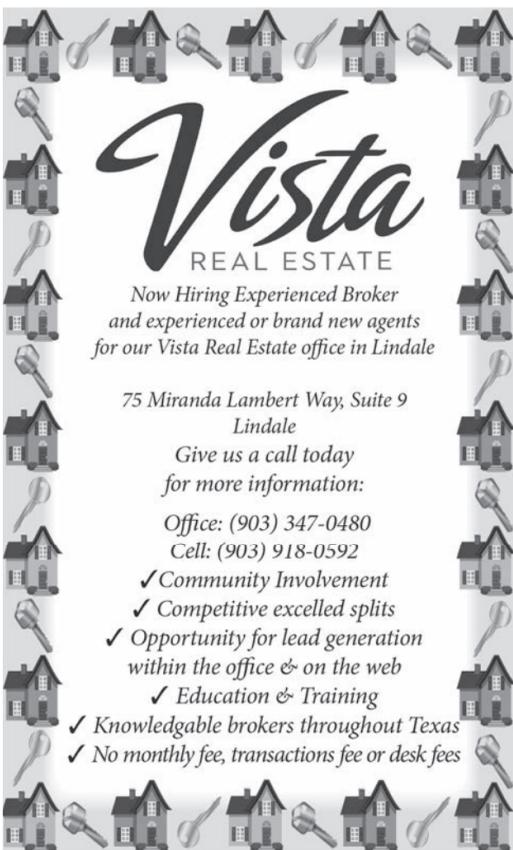
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# East Texas man pleads guilty to \$5 million in COVID relief fraud

TEXARKANA - A man is facing the chance of 20 years in jail following a scheme to get millions in COVID relief funds.

Samuel Yates, 32, of Maud, pleaded guilty to two counts of wire fraud on the morning of Friday, May 6.

Yates admitted to seeking millions of dollars in forgivable loans guaranteed by the Small Business Administration (SBA) from two different banks by claiming to have over 400 employees earning wages when, in fact, no employees worked for his purported business.

U.S. Attorney's Office Eastern District of Texas

In April 2020, Yates submitted two fraudulent applications to two different lenders seeking more than \$5 million in forgivable loans. In the first PPP loan, he claimed to have over 400 employees with an average monthly payroll of more than \$2 million dollars. In the second application, he claimed to employ over 100 individuals and was able to get a loan of over \$500,000.

According to a news release, he submitted a list of names created by a random

name generator on the web along with forged tax documents.

These Government loans, funded by taxpayers, were designed to aid businesses in weathering the pandemic-related economic storm. Yates chose to fraudulently take advantage of the goodwill of the American people by attempting to steal CARES Act funding.

Those who seek to misappropriate these vital funds should tread carefully as they will be identified, investigated, and prosecuted ... period.



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To participate in the Stamp Out Hunger food drive, residents are encouraged to leave a sturdy bag containing non-perishable foods next to their mailbox prior to the time of regular mail delivery on Saturday, May 14th. Your letter carrier will take care of the rest.

Life can deal ordinary hard working people very difficult hands. Millions of Americans live in challenging situations, uncertain of where their next meal will come from or if it will come at all. They're our

customers, our neighbors, our families. They include children and seniors we see along our routes every day. Some household members may have lost a job, are facing a serious medical condition, or are dealing with an unexpected responsibility of caring for grandchildren.

Sadly, one in five households needing help with food is home to a military veteran. So often, this food drive makes a positive difference for them.

With over 29 years of letter carriers' commitment to

the national food drive and over 1.8 billion pounds of food collected, our communities are still in need across the country. On May 14, join your letter carrier in the challenge to end hunger by placing a bag of non-perishable food by your mailbox.

Post offices will be collecting food items all across the country to be donated to local pantries in their communities. Volunteers then sort through donated items to distribute them back out to the community to help feed families in need.



## 'Share the Road: Look Twice for Motorcycles'

TxDOT's statewide "Share the Road: Look Twice for Motorcycles" motorcycle safety and public awareness campaign urges motorists to look twice for motorcycles, especially at intersections, where motorcycle collisions on average, one motorcyclist dies in a crash on Texas roads every day. In 2021, 519 riders lost their lives and 2,318 were seriously injured in crashes. More than half of fatal motorcycle crashes result from collisions with other vehicles. Drivers simply don't see the motorcycle or misjudge its distance and speed. The small size of motorcycles can make them appear farther away when they're actually closer. The combination of congested roadways, distracted driving and the difficulty of seeing motorcycles in traffic has led to many preventable fatalities each year.

### What are some tips for safely sharing the road with motorcycles?

- Take extra care when making a left turn. It is safest to let the motorcycle pass to avoid turning in front of the rider.
- Pay special attention at intersections. Nearly one in three motorcycle fatalities happens at a roadway intersection.
- Give driving your full attention. Even a momentary distraction, such as answering a phone call or changing the radio station, can have deadly consequences.
- Look twice when changing lanes. Check mirrors, blind spots, and always use turn signals.
- Give motorcycles room when passing them. Move over to the passing lane and don't crowd the motorcyclist's full lane.
- Stay back. If you're behind a motorcycle, always maintain a safe following distance. When a motorcyclist downshifts instead of applying the brake to slow down, it can catch drivers off guard since there are no brake lights to signal reduced speed.
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