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## Red Cross provides tips for managing extreme triple-digit temperatures

Triple-digit temperatures are forecast throughout the week for North and East Texas, with temperatures on Wednesday climbing to near-record levels, according to the National Weather Service. To help keep everyone safe during this latest heatwave, the American Red Cross is urging people to use caution and follow our heat safety tips.

Extreme heat is the most dangerous type of severe-weather event in the country. Annually, thousands of people suffer from heat related injuries including heat cramps, heat exhaustion or heat strokes. Individuals should stay hydrated, adhere to weather and heat advisories, seek out cooling centers if necessary and make a plan to address heat-related emergencies.

"Given the ongoing extreme heat experienced in Texas, heat stress can occur quickly. While outdoors, people should drink plenty of water and take breaks in shaded or air-conditioned areas," said Ariane Einecker, interim CEO, American Red Cross North Texas Region. "Heat waves may also cause power outages. If affected, residents should have a plan to go somewhere else with an air conditioner to avoid the elements until power is restored."

### HEAT SAFETY TIPS

- Hot cars can be deadly. Never leave children or pets in your vehicle. The inside temperature of the car can quickly reach 120 degrees.
- Stay hydrated by drinking plenty of fluids. Avoid drinks with caffeine or alcohol.
- Check on family, friends and neighbors who do not have air conditioning, who spend much of their time alone or who are more likely to be affected by the heat.
- If you don't have air conditioning, seek relief from the heat during the warmest part of the day in places like schools, libraries, theaters, malls, etc.
- Avoid extreme temperature changes.
- Wear loose-fitting, lightweight, light-colored clothing. Avoid dark colors because they absorb the sun's rays.
- Slow down, stay indoors and avoid strenuous exercise during the hottest part of the day.
- Postpone outdoor games and activities.
- Use a buddy system when working in excessive heat. Take frequent breaks if working outdoors.
- Check on animals frequently to ensure that they are not suffering from the heat. Make sure they have plenty of cool water and shade.

### SYMPTOMS OF HEAT EMERGENCIES

- Heat-related symptoms can include:
- Cool, moist, pale or flushed skin
  - Heavy sweating
  - Headache
  - Nausea or vomiting
  - Dizziness or loss of consciousness
  - Weakness

### RED CROSS APPS

Download the Red Cross app "Emergency" app at [redcross.org/apps](http://redcross.org/apps).



Firefighting units were on the scene battling a grass and brush fire on Tuesday, July 12 near Lindale. The property owner was fined for violating the county's burn ban order. Courtesy photo

## Property owner near Lindale fined for violating burn ban

The Smith County Fire Marshal's Office issued its first citation Tuesday, July 12, after brush burning got out of control southeast of Lindale, damaging several properties, said County Public Information Officer Casey Murphy.

Deputy Fire Marshal Chad Hogue said the property owner off of County Road 35 (Lavender Road) was burning four brush piles Tuesday morning. Firefighters were called out, doused the fires with water and asked the landowner to stay with them until completely out.

At 2:08 p.m., the Lindale Fire Department was dispatched to the same property because the fires had gotten out of control. Hogue said the fire spread behind neighboring residents' properties, across a pasture and burned about a quarter mile down County Road 492 (Ann Campbell Road) near the Swan community.

The fire burned 20 round bales of hay, threatened houses and damaged two vehicles. Horses also had to be relocated, Hogue said.

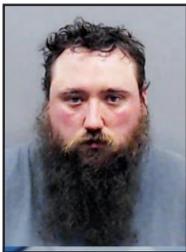
The fire was contained by about 7:30 p.m. Tuesday but Hogue said it was still smoldering Wednesday morning. They will check on it periodically to make sure it doesn't reignite, he added.

The Red Springs and Dixie Volunteer Fire Departments also responded to the fire, along with EMS – UT Northeast.

Hogue said the property owner was given a citation for burning during a burn ban. The Class C Misdemeanor carries a fine up to \$500. Hogue reminded Smith County residents that if a burn ban violation results in a fire that damages other people's property, that violator could be held civilly liable.

## Smith County jury sentences Whitehouse man to life for sexual abuse

This past week a Smith County jury sentenced Jonathan Evans, 32, of Whitehouse to life in prison for continuous sexual abuse of a child under 14, according to information from Smith County District Attorney Jacob Putman.



The jury returned its sentence on Thursday, July 14. Assistant DA's Noah Coltman and Elizabeth Anderson presented evidence that Evans sexually abused a young family member multiple times over the course of three years.

The victim eventually came forward and disclosed the abuse to a family member who then contacted the Whitehouse Police Department. Whitehouse PD Capt. Frank Brewer investigated the case and had the victim forensically interviewed at the Smith County Children's Advocacy Center.

Following that interview, Evans was arrested.



"Creature Teacher" wow's 'em at LRML

Belinda Henry, aka, the "Creature Teacher" arrived at the Lillie Russell Memorial Library in Lindale this past week with a furry fox which this youngster obviously enjoyed meeting. More than 180 youngsters, as well as 77 adults were in attendance.

## Lindale requests ARPA funds For business park, lift station

The Smith County Commissioners Court on Tuesday, July 12, heard from several agencies requesting a portion of Smith County's American Rescue Plan Act funding for water and sewer projects in a workshop-styled meeting.

The city of Lindale was one of these agencies, requesting ARPA funds for a lift station, force main, and related improvements for its Business Park on Interstate 20 to open up commercial and residential development in and around that area in northern Smith County.

Lindale Economic Development Corporation President Susan Gill and City Manager Carolyn Caldwell made the request on behalf of the city.

Gill's presentation included requests for a looped water line at West Lindale Crossing as well as the lift station for the Lindale Business Park.

"The West Lindale Crossing looped water line will provide additional fire protection for the new CHRISTUS Mother Frances emergency room and add water flow for new commercial growth between (highway) 69 and Jim Hogg Road," she said.

The cost for that project is \$1,128,455, Gill said.

"It is a shovel-ready project," she said, adding "This is not a project we had planned on the city to do."

For the lift station, the preliminary engineering work has been completed, Gill said, and all easements have been acquired.

The \$897,325 would expand the commercial entities for regional growth.

The lift station would open up 200 acres for commercial growth, 370 acres for residential use (just over 1,100 lots) and 300 more acres for residential estates, she said.

Smith County Judge Nathaniel Moran asked Caldwell which project holds priority.

"I would say the lift station is the priority item," she said. "(The lift station) is for our commercial growth and that's good for everyone."

ARPA funding was given to Smith County by the U.S. Department of Treasury as a result of the COVID-19 Pandemic and the resulting economic downturn. The funding must be committed by the end of 2024, and expended by the end of 2026.

No final action was taken in court at the July 12 meeting and no money was allocated to any project, but the workshop served to narrow down the existing requests for funding to targeted water and sewer projects likely to be funded.

After hearing nine presentations, the Commissioners Court targeted four capital improvement projects to move forward at the present time because of their benefit-to-cost ratio and their long-term impact to the community.

The court also considered several other factors, including the immediacy of the need of the

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# OPINION/COMMENTARY

**THE FIRST AMENDMENT:** Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of all the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances.

## Hat and Cattle ...

This is a politically incorrect column. So if you are easily offended just move on to Dr. Perryman's column or the puzzle page.

Last week while setting up my 'new' (refurbished) Mac AirBook I talked to two different Apple techies. One was in Florida and we spoke the same language. One was in Portland, Oregon and we al- most needed an interpreter.

Even though Portland didn't have Southern manners to smooth our way, he was one smart tech cookie who was highly entertained by my accent and word choice. As we worked our way through the previous computer setup and corrections I let slip my typical 'swear' word, "dad gum it". Apparently this was as good as a Will Ferrell movie for Portland boy. He guffawed. Then condescendingly asked, "what does THAT mean?" And that got us completely off the computer track and into a lesson in language and manners from this old Texas teacher to that cool young millennial with a superior attitude.

Here are a few of the phrases and more that I taught him so he could understand his southern and Texan callers. Most of the phrases are a regular part of my vocab when I am not trying to be profession- al or 'rise above my raisin'.

Here goes:

"Y'all". With the advent of urban culture popularity y'all has become a street staple throughout America. Finally, YOU ALL get it! Used to translate to "you guys". "ALL Y'ALL" means everybody.

"Dad Gum it". Texans can swear with the best (or worst) of them but for many of us this slang swear word evokes Southern Charm in lieu of crasser, more vulgar language.

"Fixin' to". You don't even need a subject when you're fixin' to do something' in Texas.

"Connoption fit". More than stress venting, more like the adult version of a 2-year old's temper tantrum. Often associated with computer problems.

"All hat and no cattle". Someone tryin' to appear to be something' they ain't. For some folks the phrase means just plain dumb.

Which brings me to my favorite inappropriate and sometimes inaccurate personal judgment: "dumber than a box of rocks". That is surely self-explanatory. Portland even wrote that one down to use in his call center. I would love to hear him use that phrase with his perfect no-accent pronunciation. Sure hope Portland doesn't "tear his britches" over it. "Sure enuff" means that's right!

"I reckon" means I guess, or yep I agree.

"Over yonder". Texas is uniquely qualified for 'over

## The Best of Suzanne Bardwell



yonder' us-age because we are so dang big! "Madder than an old wet hen". See a picture of my mother from when I was 16.

"More than you can shake a stick at" is a LOT. "Might could"...could. (Don't try logic, it just IS.)

"Wouldn't trust him any farther than I can throw him".

Yep, every single one of you just thought of someone you know.

"Howdy"...if you ain't an Aggie you might eliminate this one from your Texanese. Especially if you are a Longhorn or Red Raider or Lumberjack. Ditto for "Whoop".

"All git out"-that is a bunch of somethin' or in the extreme as in

"Ah wuz madder 'n awl git out when I spilt tea on my computer and fried it".

"Gonna" means somethin' someone is going to do.

"Jajeet?" Did you eat yet?

"Went to town on me". Let someone have it as in a verbal whooping.

This could go on forever after all, there is more Texas' slang than "Carter has pills".

With that said, let's tie up with the ultimate Texan/Southern phrase: "Bless your heart!"

This can mean everything from the designee really is "dumber than a box of rocks" to genuine sympathy, encouragement and support that never needs explaining in context to another Texan or Southerner.

Well, old Portland got the biggest kick out of his time with this old Texas' gal. And yep, I laid it on thick. Of course I invited him to come by the office if he ever makes it to Texas. We are nothing if not hospitable in the "Friendly State".

Bless Portland's heart, I bet he never caught on that I have a second teaching major in English and a graduate degree. Down home friendliness is just a part of most native Texans' humble charm. And, yes, you can take that 'humble' with a big ol' Texas' "grain of salt".

After all, a lot of us slow-talking Texans have the hat AND the cattle.

## Gary Borders Capital Highlights



### Wildfire danger continues to rise

As we cross the halfway point of July, wildfire danger continues to increase across the state. On Friday, Texas A&M Forest Service firefighters responded to 15 new wildfires that burned 651 acres. As of Sunday, there were eight active wildfires; the largest was the Nethery Road Fire in Kimble County, involving an estimated 3,500 acres. It has been 70% contained.

The forest service is taking to the air to augment fire suppression efforts on the ground. It has opened the Austin Airtanker Base at the Austin-Bergstrom International Airport. The service has three dozen aircraft mobilized at 17 airports around the state for wildfire response. The Austin Airtanker Base will serve as a reload station for aircraft coming and going to wildfires. It is the only airport in the state set up for what is known as a Very Large Airtanker, or DC-10.

Forest service aircraft can get anywhere in Texas in under one hour. Since being placed in operation in early December, they have flown 4,641 hours and dumped 6.8 million gallons of water and retardant on Texas wildfires.

"This year, we have utilized aviation resources for response in areas experiencing significant wildfire activity," said Jared Karns, with the forest service. "These aircraft provide support to ground crews and assist in protecting homes as well as other critical infrastructure."

There are now 212 counties across the state with burn bans — 84% of the total number of Texas counties.

### Fourth consecutive month with rain deficit

Unsurprisingly, June was warmer and drier for much of Texas, according to Dr. Mark Wentzel, hydrologist with the Texas Water Development Board. At the end of June, drought conditions covered 86% of the state, up 8 percentage points from May.

"That all adds up to the conclusion that Texas is in a significant drought, the worst since 2011, but not worse than 2011," Wentzel wrote.

The drought predictably is having an effect on the state's water supply reservoirs, which are at 75% of capacity, 10 percentage points below normal for this time of year, according to TWDB.

### Six ways to save water in summer heat

TDWB is offering six tips on saving water in a state whose population is expected to increase from 29.5 million in 2021 to 51.1 million in 2070 — a 73% increase that will put a strain on water supplies. Water conservation is one of the major strategies recommended in the 2022 state water plan. Here are the tips:

- Water landscape in the early morning and at night when winds are calmer and temperatures lower.
- Design a water-wise landscape with native shrubs, trees and grasses. Native plants have adapted to a region's climate and conserve water more efficiently.
- Follow local watering restrictions. They're there for a reason: to make sure a community doesn't run out of water.
- Manage in-ground irrigation systems and check sprinkler heads. Avoid leaving systems on automatic settings that may come on when it isn't necessary — like during a thunderstorm.
- Consider installing a rainwater harvesting system. In general, for every inch of rain that falls on a 2,000-square-foot roof, about 1,000 gallons of water can be collected. Find out more here: <https://tinyurl.com/mryburys>.
- Cover your pool or spa when not in use, since evaporation throughout the summer can add up to the equivalent of a pool's volume.

### TxDOT approves \$146 million for statewide transit

Two grants totaling \$146 million have been announced by the Texas Department of Transportation to fund transit providers across the state, particularly in rural areas.

"This funding is critical to ensuring everyone in Texas, especially in rural areas, has access to where they need to go safely and reliably," TxDOT Transportation Commissioner Alvin New said.

Transit agencies can use the funds, which come from both federal and state coffers, to cover maintenance costs, buy new buses, build new facilities and expand services to more people, according to TxDOT. The funding is a 65% increase over last summer's funds, in large part due to federal funds from the infrastructure act passed last year.

## THE ECONOMIST

By Dr. M. Ray Perryman

### Hot and Dry!

Virtually all of Texas is now abnormally dry. Comparisons to the bone-dry days of 2011 have begun, and it's not looking good. In fact, given the scope of the drought and the higher costs of inputs, agricultural losses across the state are likely to top 2011's record \$7.6 billion total.

Almost 87% of the state is in a "moderate drought" according to the US Drought Monitor, which is when dryland crops are stunted, pastures deteriorate, and wildfires become more common. Worse, about 66% of Texas is in "severe drought," with 46% "extreme" and 16% in the worst category of "exceptional."

About 20.0 million people are currently affected by drought, and 227 counties have disaster designations. Thus far, it's the eighth driest year on record. Many cities have enacted water restrictions, and without beneficial rains they will intensify.

Although the statewide level of water in reservoirs is about 74%, most of those that are full are in the eastern half of the state. Many in west Texas are extremely low, and water levels in irrigation wells are dropping in many areas. Low water levels often diminish water quality as well.

There is never a good time for a drought, but the

timing in this instance is particularly troubling. From the perspective of agricultural producers, many have experienced additional losses from extreme cold in 2021 as well as recent hail and dust storms. In addition, everything needed to grow crops or livestock is more expensive than usual. From seed to fuel to hay to power for irrigation wells, farmers and ranchers have seen costs rise substantially. Although crop and other insurance can provide some relief, it only goes so far. Supply chain issues are further compounding the situation.

For the economy, a poor year brings yet another contributor to inflation. Texas is an important source of beef, cotton, milk, poultry, corn, eggs, sorghum, vegetables, wheat, and many other foods and products. As the drought intensifies, yields will drop, putting upward pressure on prices.

Looking ahead, there are expectations that the La Nina pattern, which is causing the southern US to be warm and dry, may linger through the winter. If that happens, this year's conditions will trend toward 2011, when virtually the entire state experienced the most extreme categories of drought. The economic consequences reach throughout the economy and are quite severe.

Cycles in the amount of rainfall have always been around, but this La Nina has proven particularly stubborn. Although no one wants to see the devastation of a hurricane, some less disruptive tropical moisture could be beneficial. A return of El Nino would also help.

Until then, stay safe and cool! Staying dry should not be a problem!



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## Heat causes city to alter trash pickup

City of Lindale officials have announced that due to the excessive heat, trash service pick up will begin an hour earlier than usual.

Pickup will begin at 6 a.m. and continue through Sept. 1, officials said.

Officials urge residents to have their trash ready for pickup at that time.

Pickup days are Tuesdays, Wednesdays or Thursdays depending on your area. All household trash must be bagged and tied securely and 12 items will be picked up each week, including household trash, leaves and bundles of sticks.

# Baseball on the radio can make you feel young again

Every year about this time, when the Texas Rangers make their annual march to the cellar of the American League West standings, my mind turns to the more pleasant things associated with baseball.

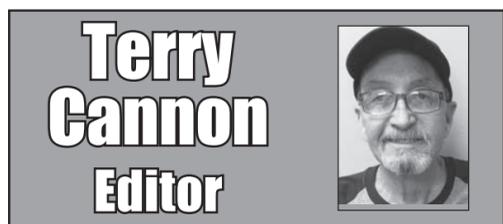
For at least six decades, I've been immersed in the game. As a youngster I would join my dad and watch Game of the Week in our living room and enjoy the incomparable Dizzy Dean with his "podnuh" Pee Wee Reese on an old black and white TV. They were our visual conduits to the game.

Radio, however, was a different thing entirely.

Baseball's history with radio is indeed interesting. In the beginning, owners were understandably reluctant to broadcast games because they believed it would dilute paid attendance. The opposite, however, became fact.

In the 1930s, when radio was no longer a novelty, teams began to see the advantages of bringing games to their fans and cashing in on sponsors' money, which meant companies picking up the broadcasting tab would hire wonderful play-by-play voices such as Red Barber, Ernie Harwell, Vin Scully, Mel Allen and Harry Caray.

Some summer nights, if the weather cooperated and if I carefully tuned my Sears Silvertone Radio, I could pick up St. Louis Cardinals' games with Jack



Buck and Harry Caray. It was magical.

In the early 1960s in Dallas-Fort Worth there wasn't a Major League team to follow so I would scan the radio dial for the scratchy tones of a faraway game in locales such as Chicago, Kansas City or St. Louis.

The thing about radio baseball is if you concentrate, you are magically transported to the stadium and become part of the crowd. The good announcers have the ability to put you right in the middle of the action.

Baseball on the radio was part of the nation's soundtrack.

Dallas-Fort Worth had minor league baseball long before I was born. In the 1950s, the Dallas Eagles played a Burnett Field, located in the Trinity River bottoms near Oak Cliff.

By 1965, Dallas and Fort Worth shared a Texas League team named the Spurs, a farm club of the Chicago Cubs. The Spurs even had radio coverage, which transformed my 10-year-old world.

I would spend many summer nights on our screened in back porch listening to

the Spurs. It was absolute heaven.

Home and road games were broadcast, but after a while, I noticed some subtle differences in the sounds of the road games. Crowd noises sounded the same, regardless of whether the Spurs were playing in Amarillo, Austin, Tulsa or Albuquerque. The broadcasters, Charlie Jones (who went on to NBC as a football announcer) and Bill Mercer, sounded different as well on the road games.

It was baffling for several years, even after the Spurs ceased to exist in 1971, until I learned about Gordon McClendon - "The Old Scotchman."

A radio legend, McClendon who hailed from Paris, Texas, founded the Liberty Radio Network in the 1940s, also embraced re-creations of games where announcers were in a studio, relaying game details as they came in on the ticker.

He owned the Dallas station which broadcast the Spurs' games and once I learned of his re-creations of games, it was clear that was what the road games were: Charlie Jones and Bill

Mercer in the WBAP radio studio, reading information from Austin, Amarillo or Tulsa.

McClendon was a recreation genius, but his biggest radio moment came during the 1951 National League playoff between the New York Giants and the Brooklyn Dodgers.

Bobby Thomson's three-run homer in the bottom of the ninth, propelled the Giants to the pennant, ruined Dodger reliever Ralph Branca's life and turned McClendon into a household name, because he was the voice most of America heard describing Thomson's homer.

For once, McClendon was broadcasting live and while Russ Hodges is best known for his shouting "The Giants win the pennant! The Giants win the pennant!" it was McClendon most Americans heard.

"Bobby swings, there's a long one out there out to left! Going, going, GONE and the Giants win the pennant!" He then went silent and all that was heard was the crowd going crazy.

To this day, especially since the Rangers' TV announcers are (in my view) inferior, I prefer to listen to their games on the radio. The team is blessed with three very good ones: Baseball Hall of Famer Eric Nadel, Matt Hicks and Jared Sandler.

They make me feel 10 years old again. It's magical.

## Times of Lindale



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### ONE YEAR AGO, July 22, 2021

Ground was broken for CHRISTUS Mother Frances Hospital's 24-hour emergency clinic in Lindale with local city, business and hospital officials turning ceremonial shovels of dirt.

Lindale Mayor Jeff Daugherty cited the important of the clinic to Lindale and the surrounding area.

"The city council knew we needed this for our city," he said. "This has been a high priority for the council and now, this will stop a lot of trips to Tyler to get emergency medical care."

### FIVE YEARS AGO, July 20, 2017

Lindale's sales tax receipts for July remained virtually unchanged from June's totals as Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar's office has released its monthly report.

Locally, merchants realized sales of \$1,703,739 for June, 2017 compared to \$1,595,281 for the same period in 2016, an increase of 6.79 percent.

Last month's figures showed Lindale's sales tax totals increased by 6.45 percent.

For the most part, Smith County cities remained in the plus column with Arp (minus 18.30 percent) and Troup (2.45 percent) the only entities in the negative column.

New Chapel Hill's 35.47 percent led the county's entities, while Bullard's 28.22 percent increase was next on the list.

Tyler showed a gain of 3.58 percent.

According to comptroller officials, cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts will receive \$679.9 million in local sales tax allocations for July, 9 percent more than in July 2016.

### 10 YEARS AGO, July 19, 2012

Lindale High School golfer D.J. Godoy took part in the 2012 Ryder Cup Junior Golf Academy in Port St. Lucie Fla., joining 83 other junior golfers from around the country.

Godoy and Maddie McCrary of Wylie, Texas, represented the Northern Texas PGA section.

The Ryder Cup Junior Golf Academy is a weeklong program emphasizing a wide variety of skills, including playing and competing in both stroke and match play formats, swing mechanics, competitive course management and fitness and physical assessments.

## How can you beat a happy childhood?

I was sittin' in a restaurant the other day when somethin' weird happened. I was asked for an interview. No, it was not a formal interview.

Like I said, I was there nibblin' on some lunch when a young man approached me.

"Excuse me sir," he said. I looked up. "Are you Rusty Mitchum?" he asked.

"That depends," I said. "Sir?"

"That depends," I repeated. "Do I owe you any money?"

"No sir," he said.

"Then yes, I'm Rusty Mitchum."

"Mr. Mitchum," he said. My name is Walter Harold (I made this name up), and I'm studying psychology in college."

I smiled and took a bite of my lunch. "That's nice," I said.

"Well sir. I've been reading your column for quite some time and I was wondering if I could ask you a few questions?"

"What for?"

"It's for a paper I'm doing in one of my classes. I really hate to disturb you, but when I saw you, I figured that I might as well ask."

Well, since I'm not too sure very many people read my junk, I figured that I'd better not take a chance of losin' one, so I agreed to the questions.

"Sure," I said. "Sit down Wally."

"It's Walter," he corrected. "OK," I smiled. "Walter."



"My field of study is childhood behavior," he informed me.

"Is that right? What does it have to do with me?"

"Well, after reading some of your columns, I've come to the conclusion that you had an unusual, to say the least, childhood."

"Really?" I said.

"Yes sir," he continued, "and a rather violent one, too."

"Violent? I don't think it was violent."

"Were you ever beaten as a child?" Wally asked, gettin' right to the point.

I smiled.

"Just about every day," I replied.

"Really?" he said as he wrote somethin' on a tablet. "By whom?"

"Well, let's see..." I said.

"My cousin Royce use to pound on me and my cousin Coy quite regularly."

"Why?" he asked.

"Heck man, it was his job. You see, he was an older brother to Coy and since I didn't have an older brother, he felt that it was his duty to let me in on the fun. He didn't want me to feel left out. After all, I was family."

"You mean he beat you for no reason?"

"Heck no," I said. "Royce

wouldn't do that. He's a good guy. He wouldn't beat anyone up for no reason. Coy and I would provoke him."

"Why?" asked Wally.

"Because that was our job," I said.

"I don't understand," he said. "But let's not get bogged down. Did anyone else beat you?"

"Sure," I said, and then swallowed some iced tea. "Royce's twin sister Joyce had a boyfriend, who is now her husband. His name is Gary. Gary use to work Coy and me over nearly every Saturday night."

"Just on Saturday night?"

"Yep," I replied. "That's when he'd catch us watchin' him kiss Joyce good night, after their date. We'd be hidin' around the corner from the door step, watchin' them. When they'd start kissin', we'd start laughin'. Then the race was on. He'd finally catch us and start lettin' us have it."

"What did he beat you with?" Wally asked.

"Usually Coy," I answered. "Then he'd beat Coy with me. And then he'd leave us piled up in a heap in the yard."

Obviously a definite criminal type," said Wally. "What

became of him, prison?"

"Naw. He became a Baptist preacher," I said.

"What?"

"Yeah, and so did Royce, come to think of it. Go figure, huh."

"Wow," he said. It seems that you mostly got beat by family members."

"Yeah," I agreed. "And the worst was my sister."

"Your own sister?" Wally had quit takin' notes.

"Yeah. She used to carry around one of those batons. You know, the kind that majorettes twirl. And for some reason she liked to use it to see if my head was permanently attached to my neck."

"She hit you? With the baton? Unprovoked?"

"Well," I confessed. "I wouldn't say unprovoked. After all she was my sister, and a girl to boot, so she was put on this earth to be teased. And I was put here to be the teaser."

"I guess you two are estranged, now," he said.

"Heck boy, my whole family is strange."

"No," he said. "Estranged. You know, you don't see or speak to each other."

"What?" I said. "You've got to be kiddin'. She's my sister, and one of my best friends. You think a few knots on the head would cause me not to love my sister? Are you crazy?"

"Well, I don't speak to my sister, and she's never hit me."

"Did you ever tease her?"

"No," he replied.

"Were you ever beat as a child?" I asked.

"Heavens no. I never even got a spanking."

"So," I said. "You had a happy childhood, then."

"Well," he said, and then thought for a moment. "No, not really."

"Do you want me to tell you why you did not have a happy childhood?" I asked.

"Well, I guess."

"It's because you never had anybody that cared enough for you to beat the snot out of you every once in awhile."

"That doesn't make sense," said Wally.

"I know, right?" I said.

"But let's look at the facts.

I was pummeled regularly, and I was, and still am, a happy person. You, on the other hand, led a pristine life, never havin' a hand laid upon you, and you don't seem to be too happy of a person."

He sat there for a minute lookin' confused. Then he stood up, thanked me for my time, and walked off. He looked like he was deep in thought.

As I watched him go, I said to myself, "Self, you're pretty smart. Heck, maybe you should have been a psychologist."

Then self said back to me, "Naw, you could never pass the background check."

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## Believe it or not, now is time to plant your fall tomatoes

By Greg Grant  
Smith County Horticulturist  
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Yes, I know that planting anything now seems ridiculous, but in the vegetable gardening world it's all about the calendar.

As you know, time waits for no one. Believe it or not, it's time to plant all the crops you produced in the spring again, including beans, cucumbers, squash, and tomatoes.

Yes, it's hot, but as young plants, all of these can tolerate heat and sun but absolutely must have regular irrigation.

Timing for fall tomatoes is the most critical with the first two weeks of July being ideal in the northern half of Texas and the last two weeks of July being prime in the southern half of Texas.

Anything later and you are most likely to be eating fried green tomatoes with the first frost. Tomatoes are planted from transplants (if you can find them) and if properly watered and fertilized will only grow stems, foliage, and flowers until the temperature drops below 92 degrees when they start to set fruit.

The goal is to have as many flowers on your plant as possible when that time comes. The ideal transplant is 6-8 inches tall, dark green, and has

6-8 healthy leaves.

Avoid those that are yellow-green, purple-green, or tough and woody. These are stunted and will not produce a bountiful harvest. It's best to remove your spring planted tomatoes so they don't transfer leaf blight, spider mites, virus, and white flies to your new plants.

Tomatoes require at least 8 hours of direct sunlight each day for maximum yields. Tomatoes do best in rich, loamy soils. Due to a problem with root infecting, microscopic nematodes (typical of sandy soils) or soil borne diseases, it is best to avoid areas where these have been a problem or where tomatoes have grown the previous year.

It is ideal to till in several inches of compost or organic matter and incorporate 2 pounds of a complete lawn fertilizer (15-5-10, etc.) per 100 square foot of bed or every 35 feet of row before planting. In small plantings incorporate 2 teaspoons per square foot or foot of row.

Organic fertilizers of any kind are good for tomatoes but because they are lower in nutrients you have to use more for the same results.

Tomato transplants should be planted in well cultivated soil. Dig holes twice as wide and at least as deep as the existing pots they are growing in. Tomatoes can form roots

along their stem so tall plants should have the lower several inches of their stems buried beneath the soil.

By planting them deeper you produce a stronger plant with more roots. Strip any foliage off the lower stem that is to be beneath the ground and place into the hole. Gently firm the soil around them. Water thoroughly with a water-soluble plant food such as Miracle Grow at the labeled rate.

Caged tomatoes produce more high-quality fruit and have fewer disease problems. The best of all supports for tomatoes are sturdy homemade cages made from concrete reinforcing wire or cattle panels. They should be at least 60 inches high and 24 inches across.

It is best to tie them to two rebar stakes (or t-posts) hammered into the ground to prevent tall plants from toppling over. Suckers do not need to be removed from the base of the plants. All foliage is necessary in Texas to keep the tomato fruit from sunburning.

Some recommended tomato varieties for Texas are Better Boy, BHN 589, Bobcat, Celebrity, Florida 91, Harris-Moran 8849, Parks Whopper, Phoenix, Red Deuce, Red Snapper, Sunbright, Tycoon, and Valley Cat. Determinate and "heat setting" types are the best choices for the fall.

## OBITUARY

### Joseph M. Stovall



Joseph Melon Stovall passed away peacefully at his Wesley House home in Lindale on Friday, July 15, 2022, surrounded by loved ones.

Better known as Joe, he lived a long, full life of 92 years and was highly regarded as a fun-loving gentleman with a sweet demeanor and a devoted Christian. Joe was born in 1930 in McAlester, Okla., as an only child to parents Alice and Claud. He met his future wife, Dody Hall, his senior year — their love sparking after she threw a snowball at him.

They were married 57 years. Joe served in the Naval Reserve and later in the Air Force during the Korean War. He graduated from Oklahoma State University and spent most of his career as a banker, first at Mercantile National Bank in Dallas and later at Garland Bank & Trust where he was named president at age 36, a position he held until

retirement.

In 1994, Joe came to Hide-away where he enjoyed 27 fun and active years of retired life. He was a Freemason, fisherman, golfer, deer hunter, skier until age 84, skydiver at age 71, dashing ballroom-dancer to the end, and loving husband, father, and friend.

He is preceded in death by his late wife, Dody, and survived by his three children, Scott (and Melinda), Spencer (and Debbie) and Cathy as well as seven grandchildren, Isaac (and Meagan), Krystle, Carly, Fallon, Reid, Spencer Jr., and Hayley, four great-grandchildren (Olivia, Luke, Douglas, and Willow) and his sweetheart of 11 years, Betty Farmer.

His service was held on Wednesday, July 20 at Hide-away Lake Community Church. He will be buried in Harpersville Cemetery in a family plot. Donations can be made to The Gideons International, Mercy Ships, or a charity of choice. Arrangements are under the direction of Caudle-Rutledge-Daugherty Funeral Home, Lindale.

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**Friday, July 8, 2021**

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**Saturday, July 9, 2022**

Officer Trombley and Officer Jackquet responded to an assist other agency at 19400 block Hwy 69 N, settled at scene. Officer Jackquet and Officer Trombley responded to a business alarm at 3200 block S Main St, settled at scene. Officer Trombley responded to a theft at 100 block Ballard Dr, report taken. Officer Jackquet responded to a public service at 100 block Legends Ct, settled at scene. Officer Shurley responded to an animal cruelty at 100 block Hamrick St, settled at scene. Officer Jackquet responded to a business alarm at 1400 block S Main St, false alarm. Officer Shurley responded to a business alarm at 2500 block S Main St, false alarm. Officer Wells and Officer Mumej responded to an assist smith county at 551 W I-20, settled at scene. Officer Wells and Officer Mumej responded to a suspicious vehicle at 13800 block Hwy 69 N, settled at scene.

**Sunday, July 10, 2022**

Officer Trombley and Officer Jackquet responded to a theft at 13600 block CR 474, report taken. Officer Trombley responded to a damaged property at 200 block W South St, settled at scene. Officer Trombley and Officer Jackquet responded to a criminal trespass at 100 block E Centennial Blvd, trespass warning issued. Officer Trombley and Officer Jackquet responded to a civil matter at 100 block Legends Ct, settled at scene. Officer Trombley and Officer Jackquet responded to a disturbance at 100 block E Centennial Blvd, settled at scene. Officer Trombley and Officer Jackquet responded to an assist EMS at 554 W I-20, settled at scene. Officer Trombley and Officers Shurley and Jackquet responded to a welfare concern at 600 block Abbey Rd, settled at scene. Officer Wells responded to a suspicious vehicle at 21200 block Hwy 69 N, settled at scene. Officer Wells and Officer Mumej responded to a loud noise complaint at 1500 block Pearl St, settled at scene. Officer Wells and Officer Mumej responded to a business alarm at 13800 block Hwy 69 N,



false alarm. Officer Wells and Officer Mumej responded to a loud noise complaint at 1500 block Pearl St, settled at scene. Officer Wells and Officer Mumej responded to an assist smith county at 12600 block FM 16 W, unfounded. Officer Mumej responded to a public service at 2900 block S Main St, settled at scene.

**Monday, July 11, 2022**

Officer Trombley responded to an accident at 100 block S Main St, report taken. Chief Somes and Officer Jackquet responded to an assist other agency at 11200 block Hwy 69 N, settled at scene. Officer Trombley responded to a found property at 400 block S Main St, settled at scene. Chief Somes, Cpt Chambers, and Officers Trombley, Shurley, Dailey and Jackquet responded to an accident at 556 W I-20, report taken. Officer Trombley responded to a damaged property at 3200 block S Main St, settled at scene. Officer Trombley and Officers Shurley, Jackquet and Wells responded to a driving while intoxicated at 556 W I-20 arrest made. Officer Mumej responded to a traffic hazard at 500 block N Main St, settled at scene. Officer Wells responded to a parking violation at 3500 block S Main St, settled at scene. Officer Wells and Officer Mumej responded to a disturbance at 13400 block CR 472, settled at scene.

**Tuesday, July 12, 2022**

Officer Trombley and Officer Jackquet responded to a traffic hazard at 554 W I-20, settled at scene. Chief Somes, Cpt Chambers and Officers Trombley and Jackquet responded to an accident at 553 W I-20, report taken. Chief Somes, Cpt Chambers and Officers Trombley and Dailey responded to an accident at 554 W I-20, report taken. Chief Somes, Cpt Chambers and Officers Trombley and Jackquet responded to an accident at 554 W I-20, report taken. Sgt Lazarine, Detective Fortunas and Officers Trombley and Jackquet responded to an accident at 554 W I-20, report taken. Officer Dailey and Officer Jackquet responded to an assist other agency at 556 W I-20, settled at scene. Officer Trombley and Officer Jackquet responded to a theft at 17600 block Hwy 69 N, settled at scene. Officer Trombley responded to a welfare concern at 200 block W Centennial Blvd, settled at scene. Officer Trombley and Officers Shurley and Jackquet responded to a theft at 3300 block S Main St, report taken. Chief Somes, Cpt Chambers and Officers Trombley and Jackquet responded to an accident at 100 block N Main St, report taken. Officer Wells responded to a public service at 3500 block S Main St, settled at scene. Officer Wells and Officer Mumej responded to a business alarm at 2500 block S Main St, false alarm. Officer Wells and Officer Mumej responded to a suspicious person at 700 block Circle Dr, unfounded. Officer Mumej responded to a suspicious vehicle

at 900 block Mt Sylvan St, settled at scene. Lt Lazarine and Officers Wells and Mumej responded to an inquest at 800 block Braewood Cir, report taken.

**Wednesday, July 13, 2022**

Officer Philpot and Officer Ramsey responded to a traffic hazard at 3500 block S Main St, unable to locate. Chief Somes and Officers Philpot and Ramsey responded to a traffic hazard at 554 E I-20, settled at scene. Officer Philpot responded to a welfare concern at 554 E I-20, settled at scene. Officer Philpot and Officer Ramsey responded to a welfare concern at 2100 block S Main St, settled at scene. Officer Philpot responded to a lost property at 200 block Shelly Ln, report taken. Chief Somes, Cpt Chambers and Officer Ramsey responded to an assist EMS at 300 block E South St, settled at scene. Officer Philpot responded to a welfare concern at 3200 block S Main St, settled at scene. Officer Ramsey and Officer Capps responded to a traffic hazard at 3400 block S Main St, settled at scene. Officer Ramsey and Officer Capps responded to a traffic hazard at 556 E I-20, settled at scene. Sgt Dworaczyk and Detective Fortunas responded to a fraud at 3200 block S Main St, report taken. Officer Capps responded to a terroristic threat at 3500 block S Main St, settled at scene. Cpt Chambers and Officer Capps responded to a traffic hazard at 1500 block S Main St, settled at scene. Chief Somes and Sgt Dworaczyk responded to a city ordinance violation at 100 block E Centennial Blvd, settled at scene. Officer Leevey responded to a suspicious vehicle at 13300 block CR 472, settled at scene. Sgt Dworaczyk and Officer Capps responded to a suspicious person at 200 block Cannery Row, settled at scene. Sgt Dworaczyk and Officers Leevey and Capps responded to a stolen vehicle at 3500 block S Main St, unfounded. Officer Gillham and Officer Capps responded to an assist other agency at 552 W I-20, 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 welfare concern at 17000 block W I-20, settled at scene. Officer Leevey and Officer Gillham responded to an assist smith county at 900 block E Hubbard St, unfounded.

**Thursday, July 14, 2022**

Chief Somes and Cpt Chambers responded to a business alarm at 1400 block S Main St, false alarm. Sgt Dworaczyk and Officer Philpot responded to a suspicious person at 3400 block S Main St, settled at scene. Sgt Dworaczyk responded to an assist Ems at 300 block Cooper St, settled at scene. Sgt Dworaczyk and Officer Philpot responded to a welfare concern at 200 block E Hubbard St, settled at scene. Officer Philpot responded to an assist Ems at 17400 block Stacy St, settled at scene. Sgt Dworaczyk and Officer Philpot responded to an identity theft at 3200 block S Main St, settled at scene. Officer Philpot responded to an Assist Ems at 2600 block S Main St, settled at scene. Officer Gillham and Officer Capps responded to a stolen property at 200 block Shelly Ln, report taken. Officer Gillham and Officer Capps responded to a business alarm at 300 block S Main St, settled at scene. Officer Gillham and Officer Capps responded to a suspicious circumstance at 500 block S Main St, settled at scene. Officer Leevey and Officer Gillham and Officer Capps responded to a suspicious circumstance at 3500 block S Main St, unfounded. Officer Leevey and Officer Gillham responded to a 911 hang up at 200 block Meadows Ln, settled at scene.

## JAIL BOOKINGS

### Deputies arrest Lindale man for possession of controlled substance

A Lindale man was among several jail bookings recorded by county and state law enforcement agencies in the past week, officials said.

Deputies on Friday, July 15 arrested Christopher Brown, 46, of Lindale, on a charge of possession of between 4 and 200 grams of a controlled substance. Brown was taken to Smith County Jail on a \$30,000 bond.

**SMITH COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

Deputies on Saturday arrested Ruben Tolentino Aguirre, 32, of Tyler, on a charge of assault causes bodily injury of a family member. Aguirre was released the same day from Smith County Jail on a \$2,500 bond.

Deputies on Saturday arrested Kevin Ray Edkins, 47, of Tyler, on a parole violation and charges of evading arrest or detention and possession of between 1 and 4 grams of a controlled substance.

Eddins is in Smith County Jail on bonds totaling at least \$12,500.

Deputies on Friday arrested Christopher Allen Eggert, 24, of Mineola, on a charge of assault family/house member impede breath/circulation. Eggert remained Monday in Smith County Jail on a \$4,000 bond.

Deputies on Friday arrested Bailey Dawn Peebles, 25, of Durant, Okla., on warrants of possession of less than 1 gram of a controlled substance and possession of between 1 and 4 grams of a controlled substance. Peebles remains in Smith County Jail without bond.

Deputies on Saturday arrested Jeremy Lee Shaw, Sr., 35, of Flint, on a warrant of theft of material

aluminum/bronze/copper/brass less than \$20,000. Shaw remains in Smith County Jail on a \$25,000 bond.

Deputies on Friday arrested Mark A. Spencer, 61, of Tyler, on a warrant of driving while intoxicated third or more. Spencer is in Smith County Jail on a \$100,000 bond.

Deputies on Saturday arrested Jared Tyrell Stinecipher, 35, of Tyler, on a parole violation and warrants of burglary of a building and possession of less than 1 gram of a controlled substance. Stinecipher is in Smith County Jail on bonds totaling at least \$28,000.

**TYLER POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Officers on Sunday arrested Lonell Vonn Mosley, 58, of Tyler, on charges of theft of property between \$100 and \$750, duty on striking fixture/highway landscape less than \$200, burglary of vehicles and possession of between 1 and 4 grams of a controlled substance. Mosley remains in Smith County Jail on bonds totaling \$49,000.

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY**

Troopers on Friday arrested Joseph Howard, 22, of Quitman, Louisiana, on a warrant of sexual assault. Howard remained Monday in Smith County Jail without bond.

Troopers on Saturday arrested Deandre Jamal Basher, 29, of Tyler, on charges of possession of less than 2 ounces of marijuana, possession or delivery of drug paraphernalia and possession of between 4 and 400 grams of a controlled substance. Basher was released Sunday from Smith County Jail on bonds totaling \$10,755.

## Texas Game Wardens monitor waterways on July 4 holiday

As Texans hit the waterways across the state during the recent Fourth of July holiday, Texas Game Wardens were out in force to ensure everyone stayed safe on the water.

"Texas Game Wardens partnered with thousands of law enforcement agencies across the country for Operation Dry Water to focus on impacts of alcohol on boaters during high-traffic weekends like July 4th," said Cody Jones, Assistant Commander for Marine Enforcement with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. "These efforts are represented in the work we did during the July 4th weekend."

In addition to issuing 1,560 citations and 1,976 warnings for various boating safety law violations, wardens arrested 49 individuals for Boating While Intoxicated (BWI) and filed eight other charges for Driving While Intoxicated (DWI). Additionally, another 23 people were arrested for various other charges.

Texas Game Wardens also conducted multiple search and rescues over the holiday weekend. Additionally, they assisted with 38 reportable boating accidents at several Texas lakes and rivers.

Game wardens were involved statewide with numerous waterway assists or other incidents.

In Hunt County, game wardens responded to a reported drowning in the swim beach at West Tawakoni City Park. The patient was airlifted in critical condition but now is expected to make full recovery.

Willacy County game wardens conducted a boating rescue just outside Port Mansfield Harbor. A recreational vessel capsized within the intercoastal waterway on the way into Port Mansfield. Game wardens rescued four occupants who were in the water without personal floatation devices (PFDs). All occupants were safely taken to shore without injuries.

Game wardens patrolling South Padre Island encountered a boat with too many people on board. When wardens approached to conduct a safety check, the boat took on water over the bow and three passengers fell off. No one was injured and all passengers were transported safely to land.

Texas Game Wardens also dealt with one boating fatality and 10 open-water fatalities on Texas waterways over the Independence Day weekend. The boating-related fatality occurred on Canyon Lake. Open-water fatality locations included the Lake Ray Hubbard, West Galveston Bay, Lake Houston, Lake Conroe, Guadalupe River, Lake Travis, Lake Texana, Canyon Lake and the Gulf of Mexico.

## Constable's deputy helps nab suspect in high-speed chase

A suspect who led Smith County law enforcement officers -- including a Precinct 5 Constable's Deputy -- on a high speed chase around the Lindale area was arrested this past Friday, spokesman Larry Christian said.

He was arrested in Tyler after being pursued by the constable's deputy around 3:30 p.m. on Friday. The suspect, driving a stolen red Dodge pickup, was spotted on Interstate 20 by the constable who noticed the truck had stolen Colo-

rado license plates and the vehicle could have been stolen.

The suspect took the Jim Hogg Road exit off Interstate 20 before re-entering the highway. He continued to flee, exiting on FM 14.

The suspect then wrecked the truck near Martin Luther King Boulevard and North Owens Street in Tyler and fled the scene. He was captured in the woods by officers just before 4 p.m.

## Smith County crash claims two lives

A car crash that occurred earlier this month in Smith County has claimed the lives of two children and injured four others, officials said.

Just after 5 p.m. on Tuesday, July 5, Chasity B. Head was driving an SUV on Farm to Market Road 2661 near Texas Highway 64 in western Smith County when, according to Department

of Public Safety investigators, failed to yield the right of way to a Freightliner box truck.

Two children, a 13-year-old Tyler youngster and an 8-year old boy, also from Tyler, were killed. They were taken to Dallas for treatment, where the girl died on July 8 and the boy died on July 12, officials said,

adding that neither one was wearing a seat belt.

Three others were injured in the crash, officials said.

Head, 32 of Tyler, remains hospitalized in serious condition. A 30-year old Tyler man was listed in stable condition and two other children, 11 and 16, remain in serious condition.

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Lindale High School students who recently received scholarships include, from left, Gavin Taylor, Troy Dane, Gilary Arbaiza, Caleb Riches and Lexie Keels. (Courtesy photo)

## HAWL Kiwanis present scholarships

The Hideaway Lake Kiwanis Club recently presented several Lindale High School students with \$33,000 in scholarships, club officials announced.

The Kiwanis Senior Scholarship, worth \$12,000, was presented to Troy Dane. He is the son of Robbie and Brandi Dane.

Gavin Taylor was awarded the Emery Crane Scholarship, worth \$12,000. Taylor's parents are Jeremy and Heather Taylor.

A Key Club Scholarship, worth \$4,000, was awarded to Gilary Arbaiza. She was selected based on her hours of service and leadership in the Key Club. She is the daughter of Luz Marina Arbaiza.

Lexie Keels and Caleb Riches were awarded the Career and Technology Scholarship, worth \$2,000 apiece. Keels is the daughter of Airiel Keels and Riches is the son of Kyle and Nannette Riches.

The HAWL Kiwanis also provide scholarships for Sophomore of the Year as well as an adult scholarship.

The funds for these scholarships are made possible by various projects

the members are involved with throughout the year. The sponsors of these projects have impacted the success of the scholarship program by their contributions and involvement.

## Drinking water has numerous health benefits

By Claudann Jones  
Smith County Extension Agent,  
Family and Community Health



Getting enough water every day is important for your health. Drinking water can prevent dehydration, a condition that can cause unclear thinking, result in mood change, cause your body

to overheat, and lead to constipation and kidney stones.

Water has no calories, so it can also help with managing body weight and reducing calorie intake when substituted for drinks with calories, such as sweet tea or regular soda.

### Water helps your body:

- Keep a normal temperature.
- Lubricate and cushion joints.
- Protect your spinal cord and other sensitive tissues.
- Get rid of wastes through urination, perspiration, and bowel movements.
- Your body needs more water when you are:
  - In hot climates.
  - More physically active.
  - Running a fever.
  - Having diarrhea or vomiting.

Drinking water is one good way of getting fluids as it has zero calories. Drink more water by:

- Carrying a water bottle with you and refill it throughout the day.
- Freeze some freezer safe water bottles. Take one with you for ice-cold water all day long.

- Choose water over sugary drinks.
- Opt for water when eating out. You'll save money and reduce calories.
- Serve water during meals.

Add a wedge of lime or lemon to your water. This can help improve the taste.

Make sure your kids are getting enough water too.

Everyone should consume water from foods and beverages every day. Although there is no recommendation for how much plain water everyone should drink daily, there are recommendations for how much daily total water intake should come from a variety of beverages and foods.

Daily water intake recommendations vary by age, sex, pregnancy status, and breastfeeding status. Most of your fluid needs are met through the water and other beverages you drink. You can get some fluids through the foods that you eat—especially foods with high water content, such as many fruits and vegetables.

**Two very important reminders:** If you choose to drink alcohol, do so in moderation and moderate caffeine consumption (up to 400 mg per day) can be a part of a healthy diet. That's up to about 3 to 5 cups of plain coffee.

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.

## CampV official speaks to Lindale Rotary Club

Travis Gladhill of CampV in Tyler presented the program for the Lindale Rotary Club this past week. CampV, an acronym for Community Assisting Military Personnel and Veterans, is on a 20-acre campus in Tyler providing resources to military veterans, including referral and assistance programs for military veterans and their families. The annual air show held at Tyler Pounds Field Airport is its main fundraiser for the year. Rotary member Ginger Sims introduced Gladhill. (Courtesy photo)



## Brutal heat poses challenges for gardeners

By Adam Russell

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service

Summer is always a challenging time for Texas ornamental and vegetable gardens, but a record heat wave and drought have made it especially difficult to keep plants from turning brown and crispy.

So, how can we manage our gardens until rain and cooler temperatures bring relief?

Michael Arnold, Ph.D., director of The Gardens and professor in the Texas A&M College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Department of Horticultural Sciences, has some good tips gardeners should abide as the dog days of summer set in.

"Conditions are severe. If we were dealing with typical heat and mild drought, I would say 'Be patient,' but we are dealing with an extended period of drought and extreme heat stress," he said. "The priority might be to keep vegetables producing or to salvage ornamentals and make sure our perennials and trees see another year."

Arnold said these are generalized recommendations, and gardeners should seek local assessments and advice from Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service agents and/or horticulturists sooner than later in some cases where high-value plants and trees are stressed.

Take care of yourself first during heat wave. Safety should always be the top priority for home gardeners, Arnold said. While plants, landscapes and gardens are a concern, gardeners should be mindful to avoid overexertion and heat- or sun-related injury as they tend them.

To stay cool, Arnold recommends wearing a broad-brimmed hat and loose-fitting, breathable, light-colored clothing and to complete more strenuous activities in the early morning hours while temperatures are cooler. Sunscreen is always a good addition to avoid sunburn and overexposure.

But two of the most important precautions to take during extreme heat are staying hydrated by drinking plenty of water and avoiding alcoholic and caffeinated drinks and taking intermittent breaks to cool down inside or in a shady, breezy location.

"Think of breaks as strategy time where you can plan your efforts," he said. "I also recommend a garden buddy in extreme heat. You can keep an eye on each other, and it gives you someone to complain about the weather with."

Keeping plants alive during heat wave, drought

To save gardens and landscapes, Arnold said the obvious solution is irrigation. But managing water resources wisely is critical for plants, water costs and to conserve a finite resource.

"Once we pass the upper-90s during the day and mid-70s at night, plants can struggle with natural processes like photosynthesis, and that reduces vigor and increases susceptibility to other stresses. We're just looking to reduce as much stress as possible by watering and tending to the plants' individual needs while avoiding adding stress."

Drip and low-flow irrigation, such as spray stakes below the plant canopy or bubblers, are advantageous, Arnold said. They reduce evaporative water loss, help prevent overspray on foliage and provide directed application to an area or individual plants. They can also be hidden from view.

Mulching helps to conserve applied soil moisture, Arnold said. Placing 2-3 inches of leaves, straw, homemade mulching mixes or bagged products around plants and trees helps provide a layer to protect and preserve soil moisture.

A light application of organic mulch over drip lines, not more than 2-3 inches deep, can help reduce moisture loss from the soil, Arnold said, but excessive mulch applications can impede water filtration and gas exchanges needed for healthy plant root growth.

Remember to check the system's water pressure when using low-flow irrigation, he said. If the pressure is higher than recommended, installation of an inexpensive pressure regulator will save headaches from brown drip lines.

Arnold said to be sure to monitor both landscapes and vegetable gardens for pest and disease infestations because heat- and drought-stressed plants may be more susceptible to infections.

"A well-watered and maintained garden attracts many insects and insect predators," he said. "But the benefit to gardening and helping vegetables and flowers through a

tough summer, beyond the production and aesthetics, is you're providing an oasis for native pollinators and honeybees."

Timing is everything

Timing is an important factor for overhead and spray water applications, especially for larger areas like turfgrass, Arnold said. Watering during the morning or evening hours reduces losses to evaporation. Be sure and allow time for leaf surfaces to dry before dark to avoid fungal pathogen infections on foliage.

In areas of the state with salty irrigation water, Arnold said it is critical to avoid contacting the foliage during irrigation because leaves are much more sensitive to salt exposure than the roots of most plants, he said. Subcanopy application methods will reduce the adverse impact of salty irrigation water.

This also applies if a gardener is using recycled water as irrigation because these sources are often high in dissolved salts, Arnold said. Plants vary tremendously in their ability to tolerate salt exposure, so it is important to reserve the best quality water, such as captured rainwater, for use on the most sensitive plants.

"Regardless of the application technology you choose to use, the best results typically occur when we water thoroughly, but less frequently," he said. "This encourages deeper root development and helps to wash any accumulated salts out of the upper layers of the soil where most of the roots develop."

Moisture monitoring devices can help with timing of irrigation, but for landscape beds, vegetable gardens and containers, Arnold said the finger method is pretty reliable. Push your finger in the soil or pot substrate, if it is moist, there is no need to water, but if the soil is dry, apply water.

For the lawn, seeing footprints when you walk is a sign that grass may need water. The efficiency of overhead water applications can be maximized by performing an irrigation audit and making needed adjustments to risers or sprinklers and run times.

Arnold said gardeners should test their soil before applying fertilizers. Frequent irrigations can leach minerals from the soil, but it is important to avoid over-applying fertilizers because they contribute to salinity issues.

"Fertility and irrigation can be tricky in this type of drought," he said. "You can love plants to death or create a victim by trying to keep other plants alive. These are the considerations that may require some specific regimens."

Planning for future heat waves

Arnold said saving plants this summer will take prioritization, time, effort and likely a higher water bill. But gardeners can plan for future heat waves by introducing heat- and drought-tolerant plant varieties and choosing beneficial planting sites for more sensitive plants.

"Selecting heat-tolerant plants like tropicals and summer-loving annuals will improve success," he said. "Many xeric plants suited for the Hill Country and West Texas can be winners in the severe heat."

Many Texas Superstar plants display drought- and heat-tolerant characteristics because varieties chosen for the designation perform under summer conditions across the state, Arnold said.

Xeric plants will need locations with good drainage to avoid root rot due to saturated soils, he said. This can be a concern when balancing turfgrass water needs with sensitive plants and trees like post oaks, which can be easily overwatered.

On the other hand, placing plants in locations that receive afternoon shade can also help varieties that prefer milder conditions, Arnold said. Emergency shade can be provided to sensitive plants by erecting shade cloth over them, but be sure to avoid direct contact of the shade cloth with the foliage.

A similar strategy can be applied with ornamental plants, shade and fruit trees and vegetable gardens, he said. Plants like okra and peppers thrive in the heat provided they have sufficient soil moisture. Vegetable gardens are ideal locations for drip and low-flow irrigation uses.

"It's a stressful time for our plants and trees, and that can put pressure on gardeners and homeowners," he said. "There are different philosophies to planting and maintaining gardens and landscapes, and I think it comes down to personal preference regarding how much time, energy and resources we employ to achieve our goals. But it shouldn't add to our stress."



### Lindale FFA members receive degrees

Lindale High School FFA members, from left, Sara Koonce, Caleb Riches and Jacqueline Rand received their Lone Star FFA degrees this past week at the Lone Star ceremony in Fort Worth at the 94th Texas FFA convention. Other LHS FFA members receiving their Lone Star degrees included Lexi Keels, Nathalie Kramer and Mallory Roberson. (Courtesy photo)

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## TxDOT reminding drivers, pedestrians to be on the lookout for each other

As Texans enjoy summer activities outdoors, the Texas Department of Transportation's "Be Safe. Drive Smart." campaign urges drivers and pedestrians to watch out for each other as pedestrian deaths continue to rise, said spokesman Jeff Williford.

In 2021, 5,366 traffic crashes involving pedestrians occurred in Texas, and as a result 841 people were killed, a 15 percent increase in pedestrian fatalities over the previous year. Another 1,470 people were seriously injured.

"Only 1 percent of traffic crashes in Texas involve pedestrians, yet pedestrians account for 19 percent of all roadway deaths," said TxDOT Executive Director Marc Williams. "That's because pedestrians lack the protective equipment—airbags, seat belts and bumpers—common

to vehicles. To keep our most vulnerable road users safe, we urge motorists to always be on the lookout for people walking. Pedestrians also have the responsibility to be aware of their surroundings and follow the rules of the road."

Crash reports from law enforcement indicate the leading factors of pedestrian-related traffic crashes include 1) pedestrians failing to yield the right of way to vehicles, 2) driver inattention, 3) motorists failing to yield the right of way to pedestrians, 4) failure to control speed, and 5) drivers and/or pedestrians being under the influence of alcohol.

The campaign includes TV, radio, billboards and digital advertising. In addition, "walking billboards" will deliver safety messages in the state's major metro areas with a high volume of pedestrian traffic where it's easy for drivers and

people on foot to see them.

TxDOT offers these safety reminders to prevent a deadly encounter:

### For drivers:

Stop for pedestrians in crosswalks.  
-- When turning, yield the right of way to pedestrians.

-- Be cautious when passing stopped buses or other vehicles.

-- Pay attention and put your phone away, so you're always prepared if pedestrians enter your path.

-- Follow the posted speed limit and drive to conditions.

### For people walking:

-- Cross the street only at intersections and crosswalks. Look left, right, then left again before

crossing.

-- Make eye contact with drivers before crossing. Don't assume drivers see you.

-- Follow all traffic and crosswalk signals.

-- Use the sidewalk. If there isn't one, walk on the left side of the road, facing oncoming traffic.

-- When walking, put away electronic devices that take your eyes and ears off the road.

-- Wear reflective materials or use a flashlight at night.

TxDOT's pedestrian safety campaign is a key component of #EndTheStreakTX, a broader social media and word-of-mouth effort that encourages drivers to make safer choices while behind the wheel to help end the streak of daily deaths. Nov. 7, 2020 was the last deathless day on Texas roadways.



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TO: **J. L. COLLIER, R. J. MCBRIDE, ROBERT COLLIER, CLARENCE COLLIER, TOM COLLIER, AND F. W. COLLIER, OR, IF DECEASED, THEIR UNKNOWN HEIRS.** Defendants, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to appear by filing a written answer to the **PLAINTIFF'S ORIGINAL PETITION** at or before ten o'clock a.m. of the Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days after the date of issuance of this citation, before the Honorable **County Court at Law** of Smith County, Texas at the Courthouse Annex of said county in Tyler, Texas. Said Plaintiffs Petition was filed in said court on the **5th day of July, 2022**, in this case, numbered **74353** on the docket of said court, and styled,

**FLORENCE MARIE SMITH vs. J. L. COLLIER, R. J. MCBRIDE, ROBERT COLLIER, CLARENCE COLLIER, TOM COLLIER, AND F. W. COLLIER, OR, IF DECEASED, THEIR UNKNOWN HEIRS**

The names of the parties to the cause are as follows: **FLORENCE MARIE SMITH**, is Plaintiff and **J. L. COLLIER, R. J. MCBRIDE, ROBERT COLLIER, CLARENCE COLLIER, TOM COLLIER, AND F. W. COLLIER, OR, IF DECEASED, THEIR UNKNOWN HEIRS**, are Defendants

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: \*

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as is more fully shown by **PLAINTIFF'S ORIGINAL PETITION** on file in this suit.

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## Rain arrives, but burn ban still in effect

For East Texans in the midst of an extended drought, last Thursday's rainfall was a welcome sight, but wasn't enough to end the dry conditions or affect the status of the county-wide burn ban, officials said.

Smith County Fire Marshal officials said despite the estimated one-inch of rain which fell beginning mid-morning Thursday, the 90-day burn ban would still be in effect.

County commissioners issued a burn ban on July 5.

Assistant Fire Marshal Chad Hogue noted that while the rain was a welcome sight, the burn ban wasn't

affected and county residents should continue to follow the burn ban guidelines.

Officials will continue to monitor weather conditions, he said, and determine when the ban can be lifted.

The storms did ease the blast-furnace temperatures a bit on Thursday and Friday, but also carried strong winds and caused power outage issues throughout Smith County.

By Thursday night, ONCOR officials were working on more than 400 power outages in the county, which was down from a high of more than 6,500 outages earlier in the day, officials

reported.

County work crews labored throughout the day and night on Thursday, clearing debris from roadways and tending to downed power lines.

No outages were reported in Lindale, but the wet roads created challenging driving conditions throughout Thursday morning.

By noon on Thursday in Lindale, the clouds and rain had given way to sunshine and milder temperatures.

Elsewhere in the county, Chapel Hill ISD officials said the storm blew off the roof of the high school cafeteria.



Drivers on U.S. Highway 69 in Lindale experienced wet roadways for the first time in a long time Thursday morning as a brief – but welcome – summer storm dumped approximately one inch of rain on Lindale.

Photo by Terry Cannon

## Pedestrian deaths in Texas increase 15% in 2021

AUSTIN – As Texans enjoy summer activities outdoors, TxDOT's "Be Safe. Drive Smart" campaign urges drivers and pedestrians to watch out for each other as pedestrian deaths continue to rise.

In 2021, 5,366 traffic crashes involving pedestrians occurred in Texas, and as a result 841 people were killed, a 15% increase in pedestrian fatalities over the previous year. Another 1,470 people were seriously injured.

"Only 1% of traffic crashes in Texas involve pedestrians, yet pedestrians account for 19% of all roadway deaths," said TxDOT Executive Director Marc Williams. "That's because pedestrians lack the protective equipment—airbags, seat belts and bumpers—common to vehicles. To keep our most



vulnerable road users safe, we urge motorists to always be on the lookout for people walking. Pedestrians also have the responsibility to be aware of their surroundings and follow the rules of the road."

Crash reports from law enforcement indicate the leading factors of pedestrian-related traffic crashes include 1) pedestrians failing to yield the right of way to vehicles, 2) driver inat-

ention, 3) motorists failing to yield the right of way to pedestrians, 4) failure to control speed, and 5) drivers and/or pedestrians being under the influence of alcohol.

The campaign includes TV, radio, billboards and digital advertising. In addition, "walking billboards" will deliver safety messages in the state's major metro areas with a high volume of pedestrian traffic where it's easy for drivers and people on foot to see them.

TxDOT offers these safety reminders to prevent a deadly encounter:

### For drivers:

- Stop for pedestrians in crosswalks.
- When turning, yield the right of way to pedestrians.
- Be cautious when passing stopped buses or other vehicles.
- Pay attention and put

your phone away, so you're always prepared if pedestrians enter your path.

- Follow the posted speed limit and drive to conditions.

### For people walking:

- Cross the street only at intersections and crosswalks. Look left, right, then left again before crossing.
- Make eye contact with drivers before crossing. Don't assume drivers see you.
- Follow all traffic and crosswalk signals.
- Use the sidewalk. If there isn't one, walk on the left side of the road, facing oncoming traffic.
- When walking, put away electronic devices that take your eyes, ears off the road.
- Wear reflective materials or use a flashlight at night.

## Lindale requests ARPA funds For business park, lift station

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project, complexity of the project, timing of completion of the project, other potential sources of funding available to pay for the project, current or past regulator violations, sanctions or standing orders, projected growth needs in the areas served, and the number of businesses or households affected by the project.

The other three projects identified to move forward with Smith County ARPA funds included:

--Wright City Water Supply Company request for \$700,000 for two water filtration systems to bring the water quality in the area up to TCEQ standards and to serve the growing community. It is in the southern portion of Smith County.

-- Star Mountain Water Supply request for \$1.26 million for a water well and water plant for expansion in service for new development and/or planned development in the area. It serves the Starrville community in the north eastern portion of the County.

-- City of Winona request for \$195,000 for improvements in and around an access road to assist with a narrowly focused rehabilitation need to its wastewater system. This was an alternative to the larger request by the City of Winona of about \$3.95 million to rehabilitate its entire City system.

Each of these projects will be brought back to Commissioners Court for approval once all details are finalized based on the concepts presented so that final agreements can be approved and the ARPA money formally dedicated. In prior ARPA workshops, the Commissioners Court indicated that it intended to spend no more than \$5 million of its total 45 million ARPA allocation toward water and sewer projects.

The Commissioners Court also heard project proposals from Chapel Hill Independent School District, the city of Winona, city of Chapel Hill (with East Smith County Sewer Service), and East Texas Municipal Utility District (MUD). East Texas MUD was involved in several of the requested projects with other agencies.

Smith County Judge Nathaniel Moran said additional discussions with these agencies — with particular focus on East Texas MUD — will likely occur going forward to determine whether or not to add any other sewer and water projects to the current targeted four.

To view all of the presentations during the Commissioners Court meeting on July 12, visit: [www.smith-county.com/i-want-to/search/commissioners-court-records](http://www.smith-county.com/i-want-to/search/commissioners-court-records)

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