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## Wildfire risk remains high across state

As the nearly statewide drought shows no signs of abating, wildfire danger continues to spread across the state. The Chalk Mountain Fire in Somervell County and the 1148 Fire in Palo Pinto County caused local officials to urge residents to evacuate. Several lakefront homes were destroyed around Possum Kingdom Lake last week as a result of the 1148 Fire, which involved 457 acres and was about 50% contained as of Sunday, according to the Texas A&M Forest Service.

There were 16 active wildfires across the state, the largest being the Chalk Mountain Fire involving 6,705 acres. It was 10% contained as of Sunday. A total of 215 counties in Texas now have burn bans in place.

Since Friday, Texas A&M Forest Service firefighters responded to 38 new wildfires that burned approximately 1,458 acres. Suppression efforts continued on several carryover wildfires as well.

The fire environment, characterized by critically to extremely dry vegetation and critical fire weather, will support wildfire activity this week. There are currently 215 counties with burn bans.

Erin O'Connor, Program Specialist III (Lead PIO) Forest Resource Protection, said "we have approximately 1,400 firefighters mobilized by Texas A&M Forest Service to respond to wildfires. This includes 300 Texas A&M Forest Service firefighters, 150 Texas Intrastate Fire Mutual Aid System (TIFMAS) firefighters and 912 out of state firefighters. This is in addition to the more than 1,800 fire departments across Texas that are responding locally to wildfire incidents across the state."

For the record, the average annual pay for a Wildland Firefighter in Texas is \$27,415 a year. Just in case you need a simple salary calculator, that works out to be approximately \$13.18 an hour. This is the equivalent of only \$527/week or \$2,285/month.

Jennifer Balch, a wildfire ecologist at the University of Colorado in Boulder, has examined just how big a role people are playing in starting wildfires in the United States. Nationwide, humans are responsible for starting 84% of wildfires, according to a paper co-authored by Balch, published this past March in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences. In California, the eastern United States, and the coastal Northwest, people are behind more than 90% of wildfires. And, by starting so many fires, humans are essentially lengthening the fire season, into times of the year when natural causes—such as lightning—don't play a major role.

Arson, equipment fires and burning debris are among the most common ways for fires to start in lands managed by the U.S. Forest Service.

While smoldering cigarettes are one of the most common triggers of human-caused wildfires, the amount of fires caused by cigarettes has decreased over the past several years.

A study conducted in 2014 investigated the decline of cigarette-caused wildfires and found that the number of fires declined by 90 percent since 1980.

The study cited cigarette designs as one of the main contributing factors to the decline in cigarette-sparked wildfires. Cigarettes are made to avoid sparking fires if they are not put out properly.



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East Texas firefighters Chuck Weerts and Josh Bardwell have been fighting the wildfires in central and west Texas as Strike Team leaders. There are currently 16 active wildfires across the state.



## Smith County to auction surplus road, bridge equipment

The Smith County Commissioners Court approved auctioning off surplus equipment from the Road and Bridge Department this past week during its regular weekly meeting.

The online auction will begin on July 28 and continue until Aug. 11 on [www.renebates.com](http://www.renebates.com)

Smith County Purchasing Director said the Road and Bridge equipment has outlived its useful life and is no longer needed by the County.

The equipment can be viewed in person, by appointment, on August 1 and August 5, between 9 a.m. and



noon. To schedule an appointment, call 903-590-4726. The equipment is located at the Road and Bridge Material Yard, at 11220 County Road 1121 in Tyler.

The following items are up for auction: fork lift, three trailers, two truck beds, truck rack, 1984 Blazer, 1985 Chevrolet pickup, five rotary mowers, 1991 Gradall, 2000 Badger 670, grip roller, six tractors, two asphalt zippers, tiller, post hole auger and truck tank.

Smith County typically holds surplus auctions twice a year.

## Lindale city council OKs annexations

Approximately 40 acres in the city of Lindale were annexed into the city limits by the city council Tuesday night during its regular meeting at city hall.

The annexations were approved following a required public hearing called by the council before the vote. No one spoke during the public hearing.

Just over 38 acres of that total is located just north of Highway 16 and near Eagle's Peak subdivision.

The other two areas are .59 acres at 17361 Cory Lane and .60 acres in Eagle's Peak and the other is .60 acres at 13397 Choice Circle.

In other action, the council:

- Approved the Smith County 911 2022-23 budget;
- Approved the final replat of the lot at 15038 FM 849 and County Road 472 in Lindale;
- OK'd the purchase of 12 lights for Pickers Pavilion;
- Tabled the action concerning infrastructure matters with Kingdom Builders. Several residents of the subdivision spoke to the council, which prompted Mayor Jeff Daugherty to ask City Manager to check with the builder before taking final action on the agenda item.

## All five Friday fatality victims identified

The names of the five victims killed in a two-vehicle crash early Friday (July 22) have been released by the Texas Department of Public Safety.

According to a preliminary DPS report, Matthew Reneaux, 23, of Henderson, Jennifer Felix, 26, of Tyler and Marvin Jenkins Jr., 38, of Tyler were driving northbound on Highway 110 near County Road 48 just before 5:30 a.m. Friday, July 22.

Gabriel Salamanca, 29, a Mexico resident along with a juvenile passenger were driving southbound and collided head-on with the other vehicle.

No details were provided on the causes leading up to the crash and the car the three people were riding in caught fire after the crash, authorities said.

All were pronounced dead at the scene, DPS officials said, adding the investigation into the accident

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# Some cool musings about ice cream

There were a lot of good things that came from the eight years Ronald Reagan spent in the White House, chief among them I suppose was how he stared down the “evil empire” of the Soviet Union.

Historians will always debate his role in helping bring down the Iron Curtain, but in my view, his use of the massive power of capitalism to force the Soviet Union into near bankruptcy while trying to keep up with the U.S. is perhaps his signature achievement.

But today’s essay isn’t about anything so serious. It’s about the magnificence of ice cream and the role Reagan played in making sure we honor this heaven-sent dessert.

In 1984, Reagan decided ice cream needed a special day on the calendar, which is how the third Sunday in July became National Ice Cream Day.

As far as I’m concerned, every day is ice cream day. But thanks to the 40<sup>th</sup> president, not only do we have a special day for this decadent dessert, but a whole month. Yep, he also made July National Ice Cream month.

What a guy.

If you bothered to peruse my offering of a couple of weeks ago concerning candy bars, you should know of my love affair with sweets. Ice cream and candy bars top the list, of course, but pies (over cake anytime), cookies and a myriad of other sugar-based delicacies have had a hold over me since I started wearing long pants.

As far as I can tell, I can thank my mom for this wonderful addiction to ice cream. She loved it and as a treat she would sometimes take us to Ashburn’s in the nearest shopping center. With a passel of kids in the house, she couldn’t



afford that treat very often, which meant we were forced to eat Mellorine.

Ugh.

I’m guessing there is a good number of our faithful readers who’ve had to endure Mellorine, a cheap, ice cream knockoff using either animal or vegetable fat instead of butterfat. A carbohydrate sweetener is added along with flavorings.

Chocolate and strawberry Mellorine were staples in our house and they were usually less than half the price of real ice cream.

After World War II, goods requiring cottonseed oil were no longer used in great amounts by the military so this oil was used in mayonnaise, salad dressings and yep, Mellorine.

Ugh, again.

I suppose having to eat Mellorine made me really appreciate the real thing, which is why I treasured those infrequent visits to Ashburn’s.

However, once I began earning my own money I knew I had left those Mellorine days behind.

Which brings us to Blue Bell.

Only on certain occasions will I toss out brand names in these essays, but Blue Bell is a definite exception.

Much like the person who invented the Butterfinger candy bar, the person behind the development of Blue Bell deserves the Nobel Prize.

My oh my, Blue Bell is heaven on a spoon. How could anyone resist flavors such as Banana Pudding, Rocky Road, Cherry Vanilla, Chocolate Chip and our family’s newest favorite, Oatmeal Cream Pie.

(That sound you may hear is me slobbering on my keyboard).

Unfortunately in my case, I’m no longer to indulge in Blue Bell the way I used to, which was about a gallon a week. Something to do with losing part of my pancreas a few years ago during my cancer surgery.

It should be noted here that one of my first questions to my surgeon after he explained the necessary changes to my diet was: “WHAT ABOUT ICE CREAM????!!!”

He just smiled ruefully and shook his head, adding, “You can eat it, but you may pay a price.”

Well, since I’m not a very disciplined person – especially when it comes to Blue Bell – I eventually discovered the “price” he was talking about and it wasn’t the number on the carton.

That “price” came later.

Anyway, in a convoluted way, it’s helped me appreciate ice cream even more. Take something away from someone and that something becomes even more special.

Special enough to have it’s own day and month.

Here’s a tip of the spoon to you, President Reagan.

## Capping off some more time in life with Rusty

**EDITOR’S NOTE:** It’s been awhile since Rusty’s better half Janet was able to speak her mind. This week we turn the floor over to her.

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By Janet Mitchum

I’d like to take this opportunity to set some things straight. If you read Rusty’s column each week (why anyone would do that is beyond my comprehension), you may have noticed that from time to time he mentions me.

When he mentions me in it, he portrays me as being sarcastic. He is telling the truth. I am sarcastic. I did not used to be this way but living with Rusty will do things to a person that is against every law of nature I can think of.

Oh, don’t get me wrong, I love him, it’s just he is so trying at times. People have often told me that it must be fun living with someone like him.

I’ll let you be the judge.

Once after I worked hard preparing a meal for Rusty and me, we sat down to eat. I had bought a really nice ham and that was what we were having. We had no sooner started eating, than Rusty noticed something in the ham.

“Looky here,” he said. (Yes, he really talks like that.)

“What?” I questioned.

“There’s a vein in my ham,” he informed me.

“Rusty!” I scolded. “I’m trying to eat.”

“I ain’t stoppin’ you,” he said, then continued talking. “Wow! I do believe that’s the biggest vein I’ve ever seen.”

“Rusty,” I warned.

Then he picked up his knife and started dissecting the slice of ham.

“What are you doing?” I asked, afraid that I knew the answer.

“I’m gonna cut this thing out and have a closer look



at it,” he said.

“And I’m going to throw up if you don’t leave it alone,” I said.

He ignored me and kept on cutting. “Tah Dah!” he said, holding up cylindrical piece of flesh.

“Rusty,” I said. “I’m warning you.”

He then holds it up to the light to see if he can see through it. “It’s closed up tighter than a glove,” he said.

“Put it down,” I said.

Rusty put it up to his lips and blew through it. The sound that came out was, what he calls a “pooting” sound.

“Eeeeeew!” he exclaimed as he wiped off his lips. “Maybe that wasn’t a vein after all.”

Needless to say, I did not finish my dinner.

I don’t know if Rusty is a typical husband or not. If most women are like me, they do not share notes on their husbands. I think they do this as to not embarrass themselves. Plus, they really do not want to find out that theirs is the only slob out there.

Will your husband wear the same clothes for days at a time? Rusty would, if I’d let him. Oh, he looks nice when he goes out because I make sure of what he wears. I have to. You see, Rusty is colorblind. Really, he is. He called me one day and told me he had bought an old pickup truck.

I asked him what color it was and he told me red. When he drove up in the driveway, he was in a green truck. I didn’t have the heart to tell him differently.

When he travels, I pack his things. I match up

shirts with pants and ties and hang them together for him. If I didn’t, well, he’d look like Bozo the Clown. But what is really sad, is that he wouldn’t care. As soon as he gets home though, off comes the clothes and on goes his favorite jeans (holes and all), his favorite T-shirt, his favorite boots (a broken down pair that our son found in a dumpster behind a store he worked at four years ago) and his beloved cap.

Ahhh, the cap.

That cap is the nastiest looking thing you have ever seen. I stole it one day and washed it. Rusty found out and I thought he was going to cry. He pulled it out of the washer and held it up. I thought it looked bad before it went in, but it looked even worse when it came out.

Rusty was delighted. He gave me a big kiss, slopped the wet thing on his head and away he went.

I did not mention that this was his “winter cap” did I?” He also had a favorite summer cap. One day, I heard what sounded like someone tearing up our bedroom. I walked in and there was Rusty, trying to move our dresser.

“What are you doing?” I said.

“Tryin’ to find my hat,” he said.

“Where did you last have it?” I asked. He looked at me.

“Now, if I knew that, I’d know where the hat was, wouldn’t I?”

I could tell he was perturbed, so I tried another approach. “Maybe you left it somewhere,” I said.

“Nope,” he said. “It’s here somewhere.” Rusty is somewhat hardheaded, so I let it drop. After destroying the house in his search, he came into the den. His brow was furrowed and he had an intense look on his face. “You didn’t git my hat did you?”

“Why would I get your cap?” I said.

“You’ve never liked that hat,” he stated.

“Brother,” I said as I rolled my eyes. (Yes, I do roll my eyes. You would too if you were married to Rusty.)

Rusty didn’t say anything else about his cap. Then a few days later, while I was out planting some flowers in my flowerbed, I noticed that my ceramic gnome was missing. The same day when I checked the mail, there was a letter with no return address on it. I opened it, and this is what it said.

*“I have kidnapped your nome (obviously the kidnapper did not know how to spell). If you ever want to see it again, I suggest you return your husband’s hat. Signed, The Kidnapper.”*

*P.S. I don’t want to have to hurt the nome.”*

Needless to say, I recognized the writing, or should I say scrawl. Later, I showed the note to Rusty. He pleaded ignorance. (This was not a stretch for him).

“It’s your handwriting,” I said.

“No it’s not,” he said, trying not to smile.

“And by the way,” I informed him. “That is not the way you spell gnome.”

“That’s how it’s spelled in Alaska,” he said, then thought about it a moment. “Not that I wrote that note or nothin’.”

“Yeah, right,” I said.

A couple of weeks later, the gnome reappeared, unharmed. The cap, I’m afraid, is still at large. Ha, ha, and he’ll never find it.



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**ONE YEAR AGO, July 29, 2021**

Lindale and Hideaway students earned degrees and honors from Baylor University as the school announced graduates and Dean’s List recipients.

From Lindale, Kelsi Nell Kilgore, Peyton Grace Mizell, Baylor Michael Payne and Brandon Ramsey earned bachelor degrees while Corban Gregory Sorrells from Hideaway was presented with a diploma.

Dean’s List honorees from Lindale included Nalany A. Hernandez, Kelsi Kilgore, Peyton Mizell and Kyle Monk. From Hideaway, Isabella G. Johnson was named to the Dean’s List.

**FIVE YEARS AGO, July 27, 2021**

Former Lindale High School Head Coach and Athletic Director Mike Meador was hired as the new offensive coordinator at Sulphur Springs High School.

SSHS Head Coach Greg Owens announced the appointment.

Owens was formerly the head coach in Lindale when Meador was offensive coordinator for the Eagles.

Also joining the Sulphur Springs staff was former Lindale coach Derek Tyson as well as former Lindale player Casey Jeter.

In early May, Meador resigned his position with the LISD.

A 1988 graduate of Irving High School, Meador went to East Texas State University in Commerce (now, Texas A&M-Commerce) and as quarterback, guided the Lions to the 1992 Division II quarterfinals, an 8-3 overall record and a 5-1 mark in the Lone Star Conference.

**10 YEARS AGO, July 26, 2012**

Lindale City Council members agreed to maintain street maintenance at the Corrigan Trails subdivision as long as the gates to the subdivision remain open during the council’s regular meeting at city hall.

Twice before, the Corrigan Trails Homeowners Association had requested the city take over maintenance of the subdivision’s streets.

Council members approved the action with the stipulation that the HOA would be responsible for current repair costs, estimated to be \$50,000 by Lindale builder Jerry Alexander. The city would then maintain the streets in the future.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

We must ensure our democracy prevails

Dear Editor,

The Jan. 6 hearings have wound down for the moment but I won’t forget what I learned: that what happened that day wasn’t an isolated attack on our Capitol. It’s part of an ongoing criminal conspiracy to undermine our freedom to vote and to choose our elected leaders.

Trump and his pals worked together to try to stop the peaceful transfer of power because the 2020 presidential

election didn’t go their way.

Now, they’re working to make sure all of our elections go their way in the future, whether we vote in their favor or not.

Never before have we seen so many candidates running for office on a platform that promises to destroy our democracy from the inside out. Worst of all, many of these right-wing extremists are looking to take over election administration, running for offices like secretary of state and county clerk. Once they’re sworn in, many won’t

hesitate to overturn future elections if they or their MAGA allies lose.

The only way we are going to protect our elections is to fight back and make our voices heard. If our vote wasn’t powerful, insurrectionists wouldn’t be working so hard to take our freedom to vote away. It’s up to us to hold election deniers accountable at the polls and elect democracy defenders up and down the ballot on Nov. 8.

Sincerely,  
Linda Stegall  
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# Some hot topics for our hot summer

By Greg Grant  
Smith County Extension Agent

**Q: My young holly tree is turning olive green, its leaves are curling and dropping, and its berries are shriveling and falling. Will it live?**

A: That depends on how fast you can get water to it as it sounds like drought stress which makes sense since we are in the middle of extreme heat and a serious drought. Hook up a sprinkler and soak the area around it for about 2 hours and as long as the soil is well drained, do so once a week until fall or rainfall arrives. Also put a three-inch layer of organic mulch around it to keep the moisture in and the weeds out.

**Q: My oak trees still look very bad after the 2021 freeze. Will they ever recover?**

A: Probably not. Live oak, post oaks, Southern red oaks, and water oaks took it on the chin during the 2021 historic freeze. If they have not recovered by now, they aren't going to without a multitude of falling limbs and unsightliness. If they are in a pasture or safe area, leave them for the primary (woodpeckers) and secondary cavity dwellers (bluebirds, titmice, chickadees, bats, flying squirrels, etc.). If they are near your home or other structures have a certified arborist evaluate and remove them. You can look one up on the International Society of Arboriculture-Texas Chapter website at isatexas.com.

**Q: It's so hot and dry! Should I be watering my lawn and garden every day?**

A: No. Everyday watering is wasteful and leads to increased chances of fungal and bacterial diseases in-



Baldcypress needles will turn brown and fall off during a drought.

cluding brown patch, leaf spot, root rot, and periwinkle blight. During June, July, and August only, established lawns, annual flower beds, and vegetable gardens need one inch of water (in a single application) per week (minus rainfall); perennials, azaleas, and Japanese maples need one inch every two weeks; and shade trees, Asian jasmine, liriopie, roses, and most other shrubs need irrigation once a month. Deep and thorough irrigation is the key to deep roots, increased drought tolerance, and decreased disease. Frequent shallow watering should be avoided. Try not to water periwinkles (vinca) at all or you will have to deal with dreaded aerial phytophthora (periwinkle blight) which is very difficult to control.

**Q: My vegetable garden looks terrible. What did I do wrong? Should I give up?**

A: Certainly not. Not only should all cool season veg-

etables like broccoli, cabbage, lettuce, and other greens be dying naturally now, even warm season crops like eggplant, sweet peppers, and tomatoes often die or succumb to insects and disease during our summer heat. As long as you have irrigation and remove any infested existing plants, July is the time to start with new eggplant, pepper, and tomato transplants along with seeding new cucumbers, pumpkins, and squash.

**Q: My young baldcypress are turning brown. Are they dying?**

A: No, but you need to soak them with water (at least a one-inch application, two hours with a sprinkler, or a dripping hose all night long) once a month if well established (or once a week if newly planted) to keep them alive during this drought. Baldcypress can lose all their needles in a drought and still be alive. Put a three-inch layer of organic mulch (hay, pine straw, or grass clippings) around them to help them as well.

**Q: My post oak just turned completely brown. What's wrong with it? I need it as it shades all my azaleas. My sprinkler runs three times a week so surely it can't be dry.**

A: It's not dry, it's dead. When plants die from drought, they generally die slowly. When they die from root or crown rot, they die very quickly. Post oaks are upland, dry loving trees and three times a week irrigation will kill them. Barring historic droughts, they generally don't require any irrigation at all. Azaleas on the other hand require irrigation once every two weeks during June, July, and August. Best to replace it with a native bottomland tree that tolerates more moisture such as a Shumard red oak or red maple.

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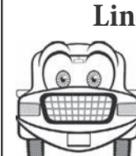
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**Friday, July 15, 2021**

Chief Somes, Sgt Dworaczyk, Detective Fortunas and Officer Philpot responded to a warrant service at 100 block E Centennial Blvd, arrest made. Chief Somes, Cpt Chambers and Detective Fortunas responded to an attempted suicide at 553 E I-20, report taken. Officer Philpot responded to a found property at 13700 block Harvey Rd, report taken. Chief Somes, Sgt Dworaczyk and Officer Philpot responded to a disturbance at 17400 block Stacy St, settled at scene. Sgt Dworaczyk and Officer Philpot responded to an assist Ems at 1300 block Hamilton Dr, settled at scene. Sgt Dworaczyk and Officer Philpot responded to an assist Ems at 3500 block S Main St, report taken. Officer Leevey and Officer Capps responded to a loud noise complaint at 900 block Mt Sylvan St, settled at scene. Officer Leevey and Officer Capps responded to an assist smith county at 800 block Stewart St, settled at scene.

**Saturday, July 16, 2022**

Officer Philpot responded to a burglary at 17600 block CR 4112, report taken. Officer Philpot responded to a suspicious vehicle at 15300 block Spring Oaks Dr, settled at scene. Chief Somes, Sgt Dworaczyk and Officers Leevey and Capps responded to an inquest at 500 block Blackberry Blvd, report taken. Cpt Chambers and Officers Capps and Leevey responded to a suspicious circumstance at 3300 block S Main St, settled at scene. Officer Leevey and Officer Capps responded to a disturbance at 13300 block CR 472, unfounded. Officer Leevey and Officer Capps responded to a suspicious circumstance at 1600 block S Main St, settled at scene.

**Sunday, July 17, 2022**

Officer Trombley and Officer Jackquet responded to a cruelty to animals at 3500 block S Main St, citation issued. Officer Trombley and Officer Jackquet responded to a criminal trespass at 300 block Riata Dr, arrest made. Officer Shurley and Officer Jackquet responded to an accident at 553 W I-20, report taken. Officer Shurley responded to an accident at 555 W I-20, settled at scene. Officer Shurley responded to an accident at 300 block S Main St, report taken. Cpt Chambers and Officers Shurley and Jackquet responded to an assault at 13400 block CR 472, arrest made. Officer Jackquet responded to an accident at 3300 block S Main St, report taken. Officer Trombley and Officer Shurley responded to a theft at 100 block E Centennial Blvd, settled at scene. Officer Trombley and



Officer Jackquet responded to an assist smith county at 500 block Dogwood Ln, settled at scene. Officer Shurley responded to an assist Ems at 300 block S Industrial St, settled at scene. Officer Mumej responded to a theft at 100 block E Centennial Blvd, report taken.

**Monday, July 18, 2022**

Officer Trombley and Officer Jackquet responded to an accident at 700 block Pierce St, report taken. Officer Jackquet responded to a public service at 2800 block S Main St, settled at scene. Officer Trombley and Officer Jackquet responded to a public service at 3500 block S Main St, settled at scene. Officer Trombley and Officer Shurley responded to an assist other agency at 15700 block FM 849, settled at scene. Officer Shurley and Officers Mumej and Wells responded to an assist smith county at 21200 block CR 466, settled at scene. Officer Mumej responded to a hit and run at 1500 block S Main St, settled at scene. Officer Mumej responded to a loud noise complaint at 900 block Abbey Rd, settled at scene. Officer Shurley responded to a public service at 13400 block CR 472, settled at scene. Officer Wells responded to a suspicious vehicle at 900 block Mt Sylvan St, settled at scene. Officer Mumej and Officer Wells responded to a suspicious person at 200 block W South St, settled at scene.

**Tuesday, July 19, 2022**

Officer Jackquet responded to a welfare concern at 15500 block CR 463, settled at scene. Officer Trombley and Officer Jackquet responded to a residential alarm at 17700 block CR 4112, settled at scene. Officer Jackquet responded to a business alarm at 400 block S Main St, false alarm. Officer Trombley and Officer Jackquet responded to a criminal trespass at 13400 block CR 472, warning issued. Officer Trombley and Officer Jackquet

responded to a welfare concern at 100 block E Centennial Blvd, settled at scene. Officer Wells and Officer Mumej responded to a suspicious person at 15200 block CR 467, unfounded. Officer Wells and Officer Mumej responded to a criminal trespass at 3500 block S Main St, report taken. Officer Wells responded to a suspicious vehicle at 21200 block Hwy 69 N, settled at scene. Officer Philpot responded to an accident at 13700 block Harvey Rd, settled at scene.

**Wednesday, July 20, 2022**

Officer Philpot responded to a violation of protection order at 13400 block CR 472, report taken. Officer Ramsey responded to a soliciting at 300 block Helen Dr, unfounded. Sgt Dworaczyk and Officers Philpot, Ramsey, Dailey and Detective Fortunas responded to a suspicious circumstance at 1400 block S Main St, settled at scene. Officer Philpot and Officer Ramsey responded to a welfare concern at 300 block Cooper St, settled at scene. Officer Philpot responded to a business alarm at 400 block S Main St, false alarm. Officer Capps responded to a theft of service at 100 block Ballard Dr, report taken. Sgt Dworaczyk and Officer Ramsey responded to a 911 hang up at 1500 block Lucy Cir, settled at scene. Sgt Dworaczyk responded to an assist other agency at 13800 Hwy 69, N, unfounded. Officer Philpot and Officers Ramsey and Capps responded to a business alarm at 400 block S Main St, false alarm. Sgt Dworaczyk and Officers Ramsey and Capps responded to a welfare concern at 600 block Abbey Rd, settled at scene. Officer Leevey responded to a business alarm at 13800 Hwy 69 N, false alarm. Officer Leevey and Officer Gillham responded to an assist other agency at 100 block William Dr, settled at scene.

**Thursday, July 21, 2022**

Chief Somes, Sgt Dworaczyk and Officers Philpot and Ramsey responded to a verbal disturbance at 600 block N Main St, settled at scene. Sgt Dworaczyk and Officer Ramsey responded to an accident at 3200 block S Main St, report taken. Officer Philpot and Officer Ramsey responded to a business alarm at 500 block S Main St, settled at scene. Sgt Dworaczyk and Officer Philpot responded to a civil matter at 3400 block S Main St, settled at scene. Sgt Dworaczyk responded to an assist other agency at 11600 block CR 461, settled at scene. Officer Leevey responded to a suspicious circumstance at 21200 block Hwy 69 N, settled at scene. Officer Leevey responded to a suspicious vehicle at 200 block W Centennial Blvd, settled at scene.

## JAIL BOOKINGS

### SMITH COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Lindale residents among jail bookings for week

Smith County law enforcement agencies reported several jail bookings this past week, including two from Lindale and one arrested by the Precinct 5 Constable's office.

On Friday, July 15, Smith County Sheriff's Deputies arrested John Anchondo Balderrama, 49, of Lindale, on a charge of driving while intoxicated third or more. Balderrama was released the same day from Smith County Jail on a \$100,000 bond.

On Sunday, July 17, Lindale Police officers arrested Quentin Antuan Richardson, 23, of Lindale, on a charge of assault causes bodily injury family member. Richardson was released Monday from Smith County Jail on a \$2,500 bond.

On Saturday, July 16, Smith County Precinct 5 Constables arrested Tiger Breitling, 22, of Lewisville, on charges of aggravated assault against public servant, evading arrest detention with vehicle, possession of less than 1 gram of a controlled substance and evading arrest or detention. Breitling was taken to Smith County Jail without bond.

### SMITH COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Deputies on Sunday arrested James Franklin Bonner, Jr., 44, of Bullard, on a warrant of possession of less than 1 gram of a controlled substance. Bonner was taken to Smith County Jail on a \$250,000 bond.

Deputies on Monday arrested Damarjai Vintrel Davenport, 29, of Tyler, on warrants of possession or delivery of drug paraphernalia, failure to appear and money laundering between \$150,000 and \$300,000. Davenport was taken to Smith County Jail on bonds totaling \$1,001,421.

Deputies on Friday arrested Kevin Wayne Goar, 47, of Flint, on charges of deadly conduct and assault causes bodily injury family member. Goar was taken to Smith County Jail on bonds totaling \$30,000.

Deputies on Saturday arrested Shawn Lynn Hendrix, 33, of Kilgore, on warrants of possession of less than 1 gram of a controlled substance and assault against elderly or disabled individual. Hendrix remains in Smith County Jail on bonds totaling \$25,000.

Deputies on Monday arrested Luis Arma Hernandez-Sanchez, 33, of Tyler, on a warrant of violate bond/protective order two times within 12 months. Hernandez-Sanchez remains Monday in Smith County Jail on a \$300,000 bond.

Deputies on Monday arrested John Russell Hobbs, 63, of Tyler, on warrants of forgery financial instrument between \$150,000 and \$300,000, theft of property greater than or equal to \$300,000 and money laundering greater than or equal to \$300,000. Hobbs was released the same day from Smith County Jail on bonds totaling \$90,000.

Deputies on Friday arrested Russell Tucker Kirby, 31, of Tyler, on a warrant of harassment. Kirby was released the same day from Smith County Jail on a \$50,000 bond.

Deputies on Friday arrested Jaqwanda Lashey McQueen, 32, of Tyler, on a warrant of assault family/household member with previous conviction. McQueen was released the same day from Smith County Jail on a \$20,000 bond.

Deputies on Friday arrested Riley Bryan Taylor, 32, of Tyler, on a parole violation along with charges of possession of less than 2 ounces of marijuana and assault family/household member with previous conviction. Taylor remained Tuesday in Smith County Jail on bonds totaling \$100,500 on the two charges and no bond on the parole violation.

### TYLER POLICE DEPARTMENT

Officers on Saturday arrested Kennedy Zuron Watkins, 18, of Houston, on warrants of theft of material aluminum/bronze/copper/brass less than \$20,000 and engaging in organized criminal activity. Watkins remains Tuesday in Smith County Jail on bonds totaling \$350,000.

Officers on Friday arrested Ryan Blake Alsup, 39, on a warrant of driving while intoxicated second. Alsup was released the same day from Smith County Jail on a \$20,000 bond.

Officers on Saturday arrested Avory Marquis Coleman, 18, of Houston, on warrants of theft of material aluminum/bronze/copper/brass less than \$20,000 and engaging in organized criminal activity. Coleman was taken to Smith County Jail on bonds totaling \$350,000.

### SMITH COUNTY ADULT PROBATION

Officers on Friday arrested Quentin Dwayne Gardner, 36, of Tyler, on a warrant of aggravated assault date/family/house with weapon. Gardner was released the same day from Smith County Jail on an \$80,000 bond.

### UNITED STATES MARSHAL SERVICE

Marshals on Friday arrested Angel Jesus Bautista, 18, of Tyler, on warrants of theft of property between \$100 and \$750 and aggravated robbery. Bautista was taken to Smith County Jail on bonds totaling \$755,000.

## Denison youth pastor convicted of child exploitation violations

An Anna, Texas man has been convicted for child pornography violations in the Eastern District of Texas said Davilyn Walston, spokesperson for U.S. Attorney Brit Featherston.

Chad Michael Rider, 48, was found guilty of three counts of the sexual exploitation of children, also referred to as the production of child pornography. The jury returned the verdict late today following a five-day trial before U.S. District Judge Amos L. Mazzant.

According to the court documents and testimony at trial, in August 2022, Homeland Security Investigations agents were investigating David Pettigrew, of Denison, for child pornography offenses. Agents seized a computer hard drive from Pettigrew's office at the Denison Church of the Nazarene. Forensic review of the device revealed videos of Pettigrew and Rider setting up to film children while bathing at the church. Additional videos were located in which Rider filmed two other children in residential settings.

"One of the sacred safe havens for children is the church and all it stands for. Yet Rider and his conspirators purposefully used it as a lure to bring children in and then, despicably, exploited those children for their own perverted gratification," said U.S. Attorney Brit Featherston. "The jury heard all of the evidence and rendered its judgement and the law of the Eastern District of Texas federal court will render its punishment soon, at least as such punishment that may rendered on earth."

Under federal statutes, Rider faces a mandatory minimum of 15 years and up to 30 years in federal prison on each count. 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.

This case was brought as part of Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initia-

tive to combat the growing epidemic of child sexual exploitation and abuse launched in May 2006 by the Department of Justice. Led by United States Attorneys' Offices and the Criminal Division's Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section (CEOS), Project Safe Childhood marshals federal, state and local resources to better locate, apprehend and prosecute individuals who exploit children via the Internet, as well as to identify and rescue victims. For more information about Project Safe Childhood, please visit [www.projectsafefchildhood.gov](http://www.projectsafefchildhood.gov).

### Dallas man charged with multiple bank robberies around Metroplex

A Dallas man has been arrested and charged in connection with multiple bank robberies across the Metroplex area, Walston said.

Mark Robert Disch, 53, was named in a complaint filed in the Eastern District of Texas on July 19, 2022, charging him with two counts of bank robbery. Disch was arrested on July 21, 2022 and appeared in federal court before U.S. Magistrate Judge Kimberly C. Priest Johnson on Friday, July 22.

According to the complaint, Disch is alleged to have robbed five Texas banks between May 25 and June 27, 2022: two in the Eastern District of Texas and three in the Northern District of Texas. The banks were located in Lewisville, Arlington, DeSoto, Sulphur Springs, and University Park. Using video surveillance and witness accounts, along with other investigative techniques, law enforcement officers and federal agents were able to identify Disch and

determine he was in the immediate vicinity of each bank robbery.

If convicted, Disch faces up to 20 years in federal prison.

### Three dozen defendants named in federal telemedicine fraud scheme

The Department of Justice [announced](#) criminal charges against 36 defendants in 13 federal districts across the United States for more than \$1.2 billion in alleged fraudulent telemedicine, cardiovascular and cancer genetic testing, and durable medical equipment (DME) schemes, Walston said.

In connection with this national effort, the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Texas has charged 21 individuals, including doctors, laboratory executives, hospital executives, and marketers for their involvement in healthcare kickback and money laundering conspiracies. Former True Health Diagnostics LLC CEO Christopher Grottenhaller, former Boston Heart Diagnostics Corporation Susan L. Hertzberg, former Rockdale Hospital d/b/a Little River Healthcare CEO Jeffrey Paul Madison, and others are defendants in a False Claims Act lawsuit captioned *United States ex rel. STF, LLC v. True Health Diagnostics, LLC, et al.*, No. 4:16-cv-547 (E.D. Tex.). Additionally, 33 doctors and healthcare executives have agreed to pay more than \$32 million in order to resolve False Claims Act allegations for their involvement in the scheme. The criminal and civil cases allege that the defendants unlawfully enriched themselves by paying and receiving illegal kickbacks in exchange for laboratory referrals.

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Texas FFA Convention breakfast participants received Texas A&M College of Agriculture and Life Sciences items. The convention draws about 15,000 youth from the Texas FFA organization. (Texas A&M AgriLife photo by Sterling Pieniasek)

## A&M officials promote agricultural careers

By Laura Muntean

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service

With a growing U.S. and world population to feed, the [Texas A&M College of Agriculture and Life Sciences](#) strives to inform young people about higher education and career opportunities in agriculture – opportunities that go beyond traditional areas.

To help inspire youth to pursue a higher education dedicated to agriculture and the life sciences, Chris Skaggs, Ph.D., recently spoke at the area officers' breakfast during the 94th Texas FFA Convention in Fort Worth.

Skaggs is associate vice chancellor for stakeholder relations and associate dean for student development.

The [National FFA](#) is a countrywide organization providing students a path to achievement in leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education.

Promoting agricultural education, careers

The breakfast, sponsored by the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, was attended by more than 125 youth.

"I was given the opportunity to tell these future leaders about the unique culture and traditions steeped in Texas A&M Univer-

sity and share high-impact experiential learning opportunities including hands-on laboratories, internships, study abroad, cooperative learning and undergraduate research," Skaggs said. "I was able to share the breadth and diversity of our 15 academic departments, which range from production agriculture to social and life sciences, natural resources and the environment."

Skaggs said supporting Texas youth and promoting fields in agricultural and life sciences is paramount to the College and Texas A&M because young people represent the future of the state and nation.

"We want young people to know how important the decisions they make at this juncture of their lives can influence not only their own success but will also have an impact on others," he said. "This convention brings together 15,000 of the brightest and most passionate youth – we want to do our part to expose them to the wide range of educational and high-impact experiences that are available to them at Texas A&M. It is our mission to develop leaders in agriculture and the life sciences to shape the future."

To learn more about the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences and related career opportunities, visit <https://aglifesciences.tamu.edu/>.

## Protect your landscape from fires

By Smith County Master Gardeners

There is nothing more frightening than to have your house threatened by fire. This happened to me during the 2011 drought, a wildfire started in a pasture about a mile and a half from our house and quickly spread through through the super dry grass to the even drier woods that surround the houses in my subdivision.

When the volunteer fire department came to our door, they said that they may have to evacuate. What to take? What to leave? Where are your pets? All these thoughts run through your mind in these situations.

There is, however, a way to help prevent your house from burning to the ground: plant a fire wise landscape.

First, check out your local fire history. Your fire department can help you trace the history of fires in your neighborhood. Second, reduce underbrush and weeds from around your house. Dry scrub growth and weeds are fuel to fires.

Then plant using the least combustible materials possible. Use the Zone concept to reduce combustible fuel for a fire. Zone 1 is the area closest to your house and zones 2 through 4 move progressively farther away from the structure.

Zone 1 should be a well irrigated area that surrounds your house for at least thirty feet. Plantings in this one should be carefully spaced and have low flammability characteristics. Choose plants that are low-growing and do not cover windows. Never plant vines next to your house as they act as wicks for fire to climb up to your roof.

Zone 2 should extend another thirty

feet and should also be a well irrigated zone planted with low- growing, low flammability plants

Zone 3 extending another 30 feet is the zone where you begin to plant trees and natural grasses. Remember to keep the volume of vegetation (fuel for fires) low.

Zone 4 goes out another 30 feet. Many city lots will not be this large, but this is where you can plant a natural area. Just selectively prune and remove highly flammable vegetation. Avoid "ladder fuels" - plants that act as a link helping a fire travel from vegetation to out buildings to your house.

Finally practice fire wise maintenance practices:

- Keep shrubs and trees properly pruned
- Remove leaf clutter - especially from gutters and roofs
- Mow the lawn regularly
- Store firewood away from the house

If you live where outdoor burning is allowed, never leave a burning brush pile. Always have a water source handy to douse a fire that is beginning to get too big.

Plants with low flammability include blueberry, daylily, vinca minor, vinca major, viburnum, columbine, yarrow, rock rose, daisy, honeysuckle, verbena, creeping rosemary, artemisia, star jasmine, oleander, roses, flowering quince, althea, forsythia, crape myrtle, vitex, Boston ivy, ajuga and liriope.

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

### Lindale Rotary Club speaker

Ray Barron owner and manager of Freedom Defense Training was the guest speaker this past week at the Lindale Rotary Club. Freedom Defense Training, Barron said, helps law enforcement, first responders, armed citizens and military personnel to ensure their everyday safety. Club member Darla Strickland introduced Barron. (Courtesy photo)



### Author visits LRML story time

Children's author Kara Holland entertained the youngsters this past week during story time at the Lillie Russell Memorial Library. Story time takes place each Friday at 10:30 a.m. (Courtesy Photo)



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Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of DORIS MAY STEVENS, Deceased, were issued on July 21, 2022, in Cause No. 46531P, pending in the County Court of Smith County, Texas, to: BRUCE ANTHONY STEVENS. All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law to: **MICHAEL C. COKER, Attorney at Law, 4540 Kinsey Drive, Tyler, Texas 75703**

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of CHARLES ADDY LITTLE, Deceased, were issued on July 21, 2022, in Cause No. 46551P, pending in the County Court of Smith County, Texas, to: ADDY LYNN LITTLE. All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law to: **MICHAEL C. COKER, Attorney at Law, 4540 Kinsey Drive, Tyler, Texas 75703.**

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that Letters Testamentary for the **ESTATE OF JOE FISHER GORDON, DECEASED**, were issued on **JULY 21, 2022**, in Cause Number 46,543P, pending in the County Court of Smith County, Texas to **CYNTHIA KAY PORTER GORDON**, Independent Executor.

The address of record for CYNTHIA KAY PORTER GORDON is: **c/o Thomas M. Alleman, Attorney at Law, 100 E. Ferguson, Suite 901, Tyler, Texas 75702.**

All persons having claims against this Estate are required to present their claims within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

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### THE STATE OF TEXAS

**NOTICE OF DEFENDANTS: "You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 a.m. on the Monday next following the expiration of forty-two days after the date of issuance of this citation and petition, a default judgment may be taken against you. In addition to filing a written answer with the clerk, you may be required to make initial disclosures to the other parties of this suit. These disclosures generally must be made no later than 30 days after you file your answer with the clerk. Find out more at TexasLawHelp.org."**

**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: \*

### REAL PROPERTY

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

The officer executing this wit shall promptly serve the same according to requirements of law, and the mandates thereof, and make due return as the law directs.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of said court, at office in Tyler, Texas, this date: **8th day of July, 2022.**

KAREN PHILLIPS,  
County Clerk  
Smith County, Texas  
By: Elena Kale,  
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## LEGAL NOTICES

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Independent Administration for the Estate of RUBY LEE BANKS, Deceased, were issued on June 22, 2022, in Cause No. 45291P, pending in the County Court of Smith County, Texas, to JULIA V. BANKS.

The address for the Independent Administrator is:

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

Date: July 21, 2022.

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

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## Little ones make big difference to Lindale coach and his wife

By Terry Cannon  
Editor

There are two immutable facts about parenthood: it's the most rewarding thing people will experience and once the child is born the responsibility lasts a lifetime.

Lindale High School Head Football Coach Chris Cochran and wife Lindsay know this well. But their path to becoming parents has been considerably different than most.

In 2019, they adopted Coby, a three-year-old bundle of energy that leaves smiles and warm feelings in his wake. A few months ago, the Cochrans chose to foster another youngster, a 16-month-old girl who, if everything goes as planned, will officially become Coby's little sister.

While adoption isn't a rarity, Coby's case is indeed different. He's Black with white adoptive parents.

While this may seem a bit unusual for some people, the Cochrans know Coby is an immeasurable blessing.

"He has changed our hearts and we think he's changed a lot of people around us," said Lindsay.

As to the toddler they are fostering, they look at her as just another way God has touched their lives.

"God put this on both of our hearts before we were together," said Chris. "We wouldn't want it any differently."

### ADOPTION PROCESS

As the Cochrans studied the required paperwork for the adoption process more than three years ago, both were consistent in their belief that the "preferred race" box was one that wasn't going to be checked.

In other words, Lindsay said, it simply didn't matter, despite the fact that the perception among even some of their friends might not be favorable.

"(Race) was never a consideration," she said. "We were sure of that from the beginning."

In fact, the birth mother actually wound up choosing them. On an early Zoom call with her and the Cochrans, she was convinced they would be perfect parents for Coby.

Why? Because Chris was a coach.

"She shared with me the difference a coach in her high school made in her life," said Chris. "He mentored her and helped her find the right path."

That resonated with the Cochrans, especially Chris.

"As coaches, we have to remember that a life that touches others and makes a difference in others that just keeps going on and on," he said. "That's the message I want to deliver to our coaching staff every day."

From the day Coby was born it soon became apparent that sharing their story with others was vitally important.

"It's been a calling, a ministry," Chris said. "We want to be an example for those who come after us."

Of course, this doesn't mean there hasn't been the side glances from people when the family is out in public, something both Lindsay and Chris expected.

But by and large, the people who matter in their lives have accepted Coby for what he is — a typical little boy who exudes happiness and joy mixed with typical three-year-old tendencies, including stubbornness and the occasional need for discipline.

"We know he's a big gift and he's made us better people," Lindsay said.

With Coby as a member of their family, the Cochrans experienced a type of empathy few can share.

"He has allowed us to have a better understanding of the problems of others," Chris said, who feels being able to see the world from his perspective allows them "to have a different mindset than we may have had before."



Chris, Lindsay and Coby Cochran enjoy a recent outing on the Gulf Coast.

Courtesy photo

### FOSTERING AND THE FUTURE

For the Cochrans, the wheels are in motion to make their little foster toddler a permanent member of the family.

And both parents are quick to point out, Coby is fully onboard with this.

"He is so protective of her all the time," said Lindsay. "He's a great big brother."

Foster parenting is, unfortunately, necessary and for a variety of reasons, some young parents are incapable of being responsible for another human being.

Both sides of the equation are difficult to navigate, Lindsay said.

"It's hard to think of a baby being ripped out of your home, whether it's our home or (the mother's) home," she said. "But, sadly, so many kids are just numbers, but we are also aware that this may be the only love she'll ever get."

"And for us to be involved with that makes it all worth it."

For the Cochrans, they feel God has chosen them to be an example to others that parental love is supposed to be unconditional.

They both don't want to think what their lives would be without Coby and hopefully, his future baby sister.

"Our lives are forever different because of (the youngsters)," Lindsay said. "They've been a blessing."

## Smith Sheriff's Office reports bond scam

The Smith County Sheriff's Office has recently been made aware of a bond scam in the Tyler/Smith County area, said spokesman Larry Christian.

This scam involves a phone call that was received by a Tyler citizen.

Identifying himself as an investigator with the Smith County Sheriff's Office, he used the name "Detective Scotch" and informed the victim that a loved one had been arrested and he needed to pay a bond in crypto currency.

The caller instructed the victim on what needed to be done and how to do it. Unfortunately, the victim complied and was swindled out of an undisclosed amount of money.

Christian said at no time will anyone from the Smith County Sheriff's Office, or any law enforcement agency, call an individual and request cash or monetary payment for any criminal offense, warrant, or bond.

He said if anyone receives a phone call such as this, simply hang up and call the Smith County Sheriff's Office at 903-566-6600 or the local law enforcement agency within your jurisdiction.

## Lindale man pleads guilty to possession of child porn

Michael James Quan, 29, of Lindale was booked into the Gregg County Jail on federal child pornography charges on Wednesday (July 20), authorities announced.

Quan pled guilty to possessing and accessing child pornography after being arrested by Gregg County Sheriff's Office deputies and the U.S. Marshal's Service, officials said.

His plea agreement was reached in the U.S. District Court in the Eastern District of Texas. The terms of the agreement were sealed.

In the guilty plea, Quam admitted that on March 5, 2020, while in Smith County, he was online "in a social media sharing group under the username 'Joseph Wellington/Jwellzzz22.'"

While there, he posted a link to a "cloud storage" provider that led to a folder that included videos of child pornography. Quam was indicted in March of this year.

The document describes four videos. Three of the videos show a "prepubescent female." In one video the girl takes off her clothing. In the other two she is with a man. A fourth video showed a female toddler in sex acts with a man, according to the document.

In the document, Quam admits to accessing the folder with the videos and posting it to the group when he knew the videos therein contained child pornography.

"I am pleading guilty to Count 1 in this case because I am guilty of the violation alleged," the document states. "I have had an opportunity to consult with an attorney and I am satisfied with the advice and counsel provided to me."

Court documents show as part of the admission, Quam agreed to forfeit an iPhone. According to a preliminary order of forfeiture, the plea agreement included a provision in which Quam gave up "all right, title, and interest" in the phone.



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