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## Smith County taxes due by Jan. 31

Smith County Tax Assessor-Collector Gary Barber is reminding property owners that taxes are due at the end of this month, and he is urging people to pay online, publicity officials announced.

Payments can be made by scanning the QR code on your statement, which will take you directly to the payment page on your account.

The Tax Office mailed out 192,357 property tax statements in October, and Tuesday, Jan. 31, 2023, is the deadline for paying them.

Tax payers can make their payments online, in person, through the Tax Office's drop-box at the Cotton Belt Building, or by mail (it must be postmarked on or before January 31, to be accepted as an on-time payment through the mail).

Barber said for those who want to pay in-person at the Tax Office, expect long lines and wait times.

Taxpayers are encouraged to go online at [publictax.smith-county.com](http://publictax.smith-county.com) to pay their tax bills with debit or credit card or e-check, which is the easiest and fastest way to pay, Barber said.

When you pay online with an e-check (bank account and routing numbers are needed), it is free. You can skip the line at the Tax Office and do not have to pay postage or credit card fees.

It is the responsibility of the taxpayer to make sure all accounts are included and banking information is correct to avoid additional fees.

There is a sign pointing to the drop box, which is on the Glenwood Boulevard side of the Cotton Belt Building, located at 1517 W. Front St. in Tyler.

Barber asked that when dropping off property tax payments in the drop box, people write their phone numbers on the envelope so the Tax Office can call them if any issues come up or questions need answered.

He also said they will not accept cash left in the drop box.

The Tax Office also takes payments in person with cash, check, money order and debit or credit cards.

A 2.5 percent fee is added to debit or credit card payments.

Barber said his office does take partial payments, and he encourages people to pay what they can, when they can since late fees are

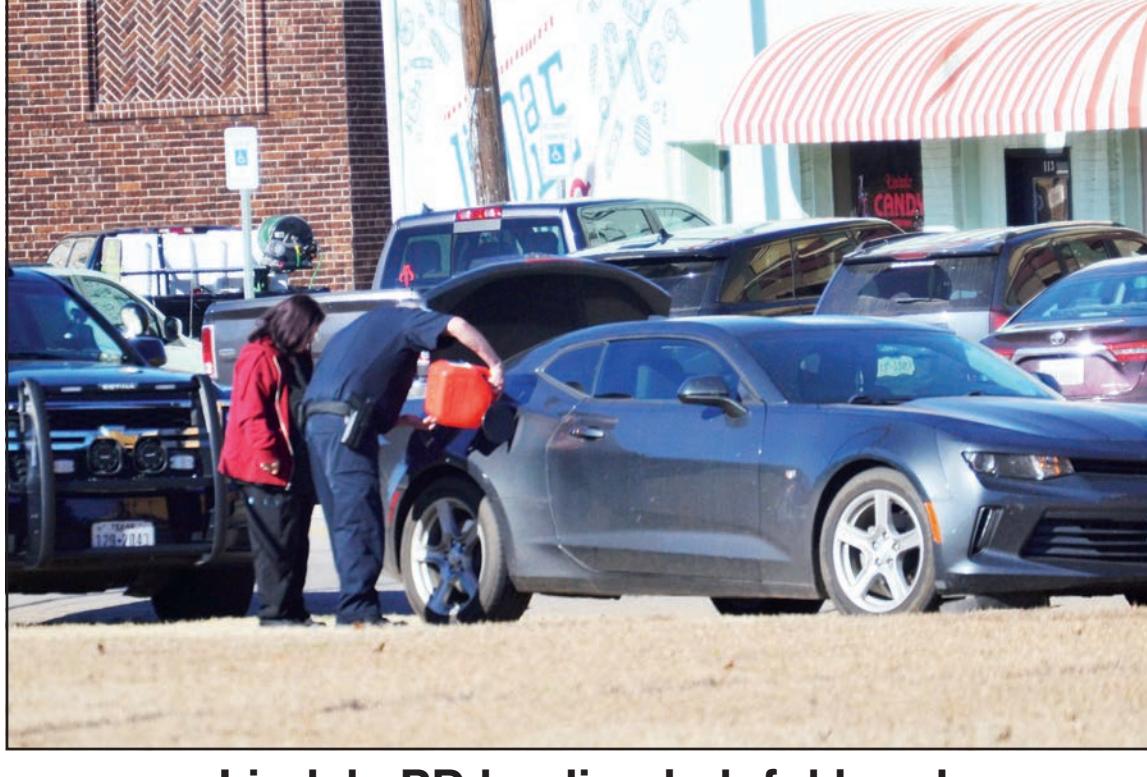
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## Local sales tax revenue strong

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar announced last week he will send cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose districts \$1.07 billion in local sales tax allocations for January, 7.6 percent more than in January 2022. These allocations are based on sales made in November by businesses that report tax monthly.

And Lindale is experiencing this growth. Lindale is riding a 7.26-percent increase over last year.

See the accompanying chart to compare Lindale's stats to other Smith County cities.



### Lindale PD lending helpful hand

Lindale Police Department officers are always quick to lend a hand to citizens and this past week, a stranded motorist needed assistance when her car ran out of gas near downtown.

Photo by Terry Cannon



### Work continues on Kinzie Community Center

Progress is visible on the rebuilding of the Kinzie Community Center at Pool Park in Lindale, with work being done by Jackson Construction Company. City council members approved the design and cost for the center at a regularly scheduled meeting in April, 2022. The center is scheduled to open in June, 2023. During a meeting in March, city council members tabled a discussion on the center and instructed officials with Harris-Craig Architects to redo the estimate to make it more in line with what the city was willing to spend. At that March meeting, Harris-Craig officials presented three cost options — \$1.4 million, \$850,000 and \$750,000 — with latter being more in line with the city's wishes. In the April meeting the \$750,000 figure was approved unanimously. The center will be nearly 4,000 square feet when completed.

## Commissioners OK sheriff's office changes

Changes within the Smith County Sheriff's Office were approved by county commissioners during a specially-called meeting this past week, including a proposal to approve state-mandated training for jailers and reclassifying a Deputy I basic position.

Commissioners signed off on the changes following an executive session.

Smith County Sheriff Larry Smith and Chief Deputy Gary Pinkerton made the presentation to the commissioners.

Smith said the reclassification of the Deputy I position to Investigator I, Grade Level 303 will address gang-related shootings in the county.

Pinkerton told commissioners that training jailers in the county would keep the department from having to send them to Kilgore for the same training. Jailers are required to undergo training during their first year on the job.

Pinkerton said that at any given time, the department has up to 22 officers in training and in the past 16 months an estimated 6-8 officers have been sent to Kilgore for training. He added that the new position would cost the county an additional \$23,000 to the \$56,000 currently budgeted.

Smith County Judge Neal Franklin acknowledged that with the beginning of a new budget year there would be some questions.

"I know this is a growing problem," Franklin said. "This sounds like something that could save us money in the long run."

Precinct 2 Commissioner John Moore asked why this matter wasn't brought up during budget meetings this past spring and summer.

Smith said that the department now has the opportunity to hire the right person, someone with "26 years of service with Lew Sterrett Justice Center in Dallas who is also a teacher at Sam Houston and if we don't hire her someone is going to get a big bargain."

Precinct 3 Commissioner Terry Phillips said he in this situation "it would save us some money in the long run, get in house training, and would make up for the \$23,000 of the extra money."

"I say let's do it and look at it next year and see if it did work or if it didn't," Phillips.

Precinct 1 Commissioner Pam Frederick said Smith has discussed the jail school in the past.

County	City	Rate	Net Payment This Period	Comparable Payment Prior Year	% Change	Payment YTD	Prior Year Payment YTD	% Change
Smith	Arp	1.500%	\$18,300.46	\$20,704.51	-11.61%	\$18,300.46	\$20,704.51	-11.61%
Smith	Bullard	1.500%	\$71,440.14	\$66,023.36	8.20%	\$71,440.14	\$66,023.36	8.20%
Smith	Lindale	1.500%	\$386,276.95	\$360,114.73	7.26%	\$386,276.95	\$360,114.73	7.26%
Smith	New Chapel Hill	1.000%	\$2,649.80	\$1,773.05	49.44%	\$2,649.80	\$1,773.05	49.44%
Smith	Noonday	1.000%	\$23,463.98	\$21,112.30	11.13%	\$23,463.98	\$21,112.30	11.13%
Smith	Troup	1.500%	\$48,752.97	\$50,521.84	-3.50%	\$48,752.97	\$50,521.84	-3.50%
Smith	Tyler	1.500%	\$4,965,828.05	\$4,996,960.85	-0.62%	\$4,965,828.05	\$4,996,960.85	-0.62%
Smith	Whitehouse	1.500%	\$130,264.42	\$118,578.78	9.85%	\$130,264.42	\$118,578.78	9.85%
Smith	Winona	1.250%	\$17,789.67	\$19,275.31	-7.70%	\$17,789.67	\$19,275.31	-7.70%

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# OPINION/COMMENTARY

## ...Holy Ground

We hit the accelerator on 2015 and headed into an incredibly busy year filled with challenges, opportunities and choices. Some of my friends around town have been recuperating from surgery, illnesses and nasty flu. Some are facing more serious health and family issues with life changes that are frightening and stress laden. Many of you are facing anxiety inducing unknowns. This is when it is essential to be part of a family and a community of caring people. But there are also some things we can do for ourselves and those we love to lighten the load.

Busyness itself can be overwhelming. Worry can be exhausting. Frustration draining. Anger debilitating.

There are times when you need the warmth and support that will help you navigate the rough waters of life. We also need to step out and seek the inner strength we need to cope.

Do you ever walk 'holy ground'? Those sacred places where life slows, deepens and a peace pervades your being despite life's stresses and turmoil? Maybe it is a place, a memory or a moment that creates that space. Those 'places' surround us if we allow ourselves to see them, feel them and experience their power and grace. I think I may have many such 'places'. One of my most special I visited just last week.

I went 'home' to the ranch to see my Mom. The minute I crossed the bridges over the creeks on Farm to Market Road 709 my breathing slowed and my body relaxed. When I pulled into the yard filled with oaks and that porch light came on I felt safe, loved and surrounded by family in body and spirit.

As my tall, black-hatted cowboy cousin, Billy, closed the gate after feeding Mom's cattle, he called me up the drive. His cowboy/firefighter son Brent, and his two grandchildren, Colt and Lila were in the truck. It was my first time to meet Baby Lila.

When I looked at her I saw in this sweet baby girl's face my precious Aunt Gwen, Lila's great-grandmother. I felt the love and pride from Big Brother to 'P-Paw' (how Billy got that grandparent name I have no idea). I saw the past and

## The Best of Suzanne Bardwell



the future right there in that truck. I also see it in the home my Mother now lives in 'alone'.

Sitting before my Mom's place at the table is a picture of my father with a lopsided grin and twinkling brown eyes. Mom and Dad still have their meals 'together'. That makes me smile and reminds me of the power and importance of memories of love.

Before I left to come home to East Texas, because of memories of love, Mom and I went to the cemetery and took up all the Christmas flowers and put out spring flowers. It was quite an outing.

There are great-grandparents, grandparents, great uncles and aunts, my Dad, brother and uncle whose graves we honor. Then there is that one tiny grave that is always so hard to find because it is in a far corner of a vast community cemetery by itself...my dad's twin brother who lived only four days a very, very long time ago. Once again I find that I am surrounded by family. Some I have yet to meet but I believe that one day I will.

Finding 'holy ground' is a matter of perception. I encourage you to let the stress of the day melt away, or at least consciously try to let it go as you read this. Deliberately take back some of your moments that are being stolen by frustration, anger, fear or worry and find your 'holy ground' with a memory, a place or a visit. Breathe slowly and let your body and mind relax. It is there, that 'holy' ground waiting for you 'presence' with the gift of a moment of grace.

Revel in those moments and lay your burdens down for just a little while. You will be healthier and happier for making space for grace in your life. Make it a habit and you may find that 'holy' ground is what you are standing on.



## Speaker open to resort-style casinos in state

House Speaker Dade Phelan, R-Beaumont, told The Dallas Morning News and other media outlets that he is open to bringing resort-style casinos to Texas. But don't expect to find slot machines in 7-Eleven stores if casino gambling is legalized.

"What I don't want to see is to walk into every convenience store and see 15 slot machines," Phelan said. "I want to see destination-style casinos that are high quality and that create jobs and that improve the lifestyle of those communities."

The gambling industry is preparing for another strong push to bring gaming to one of the few major markets that doesn't allow it. But other state leaders seem more hesitant, including Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick, who said in December that he "doesn't see any movement on it."

Gov. Greg Abbott has softened his once-strong opposi-

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tion to legalized gambling, echoing Phelan's support for casinos that also feature golf courses, luxury hotels and other amenities.

The *Morning News* report said the Dallas-Fort Worth area would be a top location because of its strong convention and tourism industry, as well as access to major airports.

### House rules allow Democrats to chair committees

New House rules adopted in the first week of the legislative session allow the appointment of Democrats to chair certain committees, despite being in the minority in that chamber. The Texas Standard reported that was a victory for Phelan, who defied Republicans wanting to ban Democrats from holding chair positions.

In Phelan's first speech after being reelected speaker, he talked about the importance of both parties working together.

"After watching Congress attempt to function last week, I cannot imagine why some want Texans to be like D.C.," Phelan said, referring to the protracted battle over electing a U.S. Speaker of the House.

Another provision is aimed at stopping legislators from skipping sessions to break quorum by levying fines every day they are absent without leave. During the 2021 session, House Democrats left Texas for 38 days in an ultimately unsuccessful attempt to block passage of a slate of voting restrictions.

### Wildfire danger returns to state

A series of dry cold fronts sweeping through the next this week bring the potential of increased wildfire risk to parts

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# THE ECONOMIST

By Dr. M. Ray Perryman

## 30,000,000 Texans

The Texas population now tops 30 million according to recent estimates from the US Census Bureau. In fact, the state added 470,708 people (measured from July 2021 to July 2022), the largest-gaining state in the nation. Growth in Texas last year was fueled by gains from all three components: net domestic migration (230,961), net international migration (118,614), and natural increase (118,159). That's a lot of new Texans (almost 1,300 every day)!

Growth among states continues to be very uneven. Florida added the second-largest number of new residents (416,754) and was the fastest-growing state in 2022 in percentage terms, with an annual population increase of 1.9%. Other states with large gains include North Carolina, Georgia, and Arizona. About 37.5% of the net expansion in the entire country was in Texas.

However, 18 states had population declines for the year. New York had the largest annual numeric and percent population decline, decreasing by 180,341 (-0.9%). California and Illinois also had six-figure decreases.

Moves around the United States accounted for a notable component of the changes. The biggest gains from net domestic migration last year were in Florida (318,855), Texas (230,961) and North Carolina (99,796). The biggest losses were in California (-343,230), New York (-299,557) and Illinois (-141,656).

People choosing to move to Texas reflects a range of factors, from the dynamic economy to greater affordability. With companies locating and expanding and the likelihood that the state will outperform most areas, we can expect to continue to attract new residents from other parts of the country and the world. At the same time, a younger population contributes to the natural growth rate.

Schools will need to expand. According to data from the Texas Education Agency, total enrollment in Texas public schools increased by nearly 429,000 students (8.6%) over the past 10 years, and many schools are crowded. In addition, nearly 61% of all students are identified as economically disadvantaged and the number is rising (up by some 56,000 over the last year). The percentage of students identified as emergent bilingual students/English learners is also growing and now approaches 22%. Both of these groups may require additional resources in the classroom and are critical to our future workforce.

Accommodating the substantial population expansion expected in the decades to come will also require investing in infrastructure of all types – highways, broadband, electric transmission and distribution, pipelines, and water delivery systems. The key is to try to get ahead of (or at least stay with) the increases to avoid eroding quality of life for all.

With the right investments in education and infrastructure, we can keep Texas a great place to live and work. We have the resources. It's time to step up! Stay safe!

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of the state, according to the Texas A&M Forest Service. On Jan. 11, the service responded to five requests for assistance on wildfires that burned more than 740 acres across the state. The largest of these was the Cellers Hill Fire in Throckmorton County.

As of Sunday, the only active blaze was the 23-acre Grub Hill Fire in Wise County, which was 90% contained.

Currently, 69 counties are under burn bans.

### Prisoners launch hunger strikes over solitary confinement

A large-scale hunger strike protesting the state's solitary confinement practices began last Tuesday, with about 300 people in Texas prisons reportedly participating, according to the Texas Standard. The prisoners are protesting the state's practice of placing inmates in solitary indefinitely.

Michele Deitch, director of the Prison and Jail Innovation Lab at the University of Texas at Austin, said prisoners have gone on hunger strikes to push the Texas Department of Criminal Justice to meet months-long demands for change. Besides ending indefinite solitary confinement, also called restrictive housing, the prisoners want to move to a behavioral-based system rather than a status-based system. Under the latter, prisoners can be placed in solitary simply by being labeled a gang member, not necessarily for breaking any rules.

"I do believe that it is something that the agency should take a very hard look at, whether there are ways that they could be approaching this issue that are both safe and more appropriate," Deitch told the Standard.

### From La Niña to El Niño? Possibly

The 2022 drought didn't turn out to be as severe as that of 2011, but it still caused widespread economic damage to crops and livestock, as well as shrinking water-supply reservoirs. As the state heads into 2023, Dr. Mark Wentzel, hydrologist with the Texas Water Development Board, is among forecasters predicting an end to the conditions that resulted in reduced rainfall and warmer temperatures for the last few years.

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# Milestones mark the interesting journey through life

The topic of discussion for today in Philosophy Corner is "Life's Milestones," common threads weaved into the daily existence of most everyone on the planet.

From the moment we are born, signposts on life's highways appear and in order to progress we must address each one. A baby's first milestone is crawling which then leads to walking. All parents are well acquainted with this milestone even though it brings about some serious adjustment on their part.

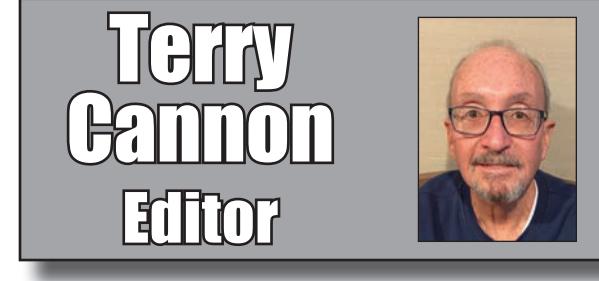
As we grow and lean into life's challenges some come in the form of health issues, which loom rather large as we travel the road to recovery.

A few weeks ago, I passed an important milestone on recovery road: it's been four years since I underwent cancer surgery and the good Lord willing, my health reports will continue to be clean leading into year five, which according to my oncologist and surgeon is the final hurdle on the way to a full recovery.

There have been times in this space when I've mentioned my family's unfortunate connection with cancer. Starting with my mother (colon cancer), the roll call reads: my third oldest brother, Hodgkin's; my oldest brother, prostate cancer; my second oldest brother, prostate cancer; my aunt, colon cancer, my uncle, lung cancer and my nephew, colon cancer.

All but one of those mentioned have passed away. So it seems it would be a miracle if I wasn't diagnosed.

My surgery, which involved removing cancerous tissue from my duodenum was performed at Baylor Scott and White hospital in Dallas by Dr. Scott Celenski, without a



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doubt the best doctor I will ever have. From the beginning, he told me what to expect, what would happen to my body and what I would experience during recovery. His expertise is remarkable.

Dr. Donald Richards is my oncologist and again, he has been a steady presence during these past four years. During my first visit, he was open, honest and direct about my prognosis. One of the first things he said was my Stage 3 cancer was rare but very treatable. He said my odds of full recovery were 70 percent, but most importantly, it wasn't the type that would be inherited by my kids or grandkids.

I couldn't be in better hands with those two doctors, but more importantly I have been looked after by my tireless and dedicated wife, who exemplified the part of our wedding vows which dealt with "in sickness and health."

From the very beginning, she was with me at each visit to the oncologist, the surgeon and in those days in the chemo infusion lab. (Here's where I should mention the fantastic caregivers in the infusion lab at Texas Oncology in Tyler. We made sure they got a Christmas present after my treat-

ments were finished.)

After being released from the hospital I had tubes dangling from several areas of my body which transported the most hideous gunk one could imagine into bags, also hanging from my midsection.

I am still amazed at how she emptied this unspeakable nastiness each night and recorded the level for a report for my surgeon.

Beginning in December, 2018 and continuing through the next 6 months, I was basically inert. She looked after me, cajoled me and kept me going when I was so weak I could barely walk.

When a person first hears the word "cancer," it's normal for a great many thoughts to swirl through your head. Obviously, chief among them is how will I survive. Then you fret over the people who care about you and how that will affect them.

But I learned a vital lesson from my mother and how she handled her disease, which she battled on and off for more than 40 years.

You'd never know how sick she was because she refused to bring anyone down, especially family members. My mother was a saint.

When I informed my oldest brother of my diagnosis, he said he was impressed with the way I seemed to be dealing with it all. Then he quickly added that this was how our mother managed to keep going, with a positive attitude and a refusal to feel sorry for herself.

In less than 12 months, I'll be looking for that five-year marker on my life's road. It'll be hard to miss.

## Shady way of making five bucks, warts and all

I saw a kid the other day and I noticed he had a big wart on his knuckle. Boy did that bring back memories.

Back when I was young, it seemed like we all had warts. Well, at least the boys. I think girls must have been naturally immune, or somethin'. I know I had them all over my hands, elbows, and knees.

They say a virus causes warts, but I have my doubts. The toad frog peein' on you theory makes more sense to me.

Now, getting' rid of warts was the tough part. I could have gone to the doctor I guess, but we didn't go to the doctor back then, unless it was somethin' life threatenin'.

Warts weren't life threatenin', so we had to use our own remedies. These remedies were things we had heard of or read about. I'm sure you've heard about them too.

One was that you had to steal your mom's dishrag and bury it under the front porch. When the rag rotted, the wart was supposed to fall off.

It didn't work.

Another was to put some blood from a wart on a bean that had been cut in half and bury it. When the bean rotted, the wart would disappear.

It didn't work.

My favorite remedy involved "spunk water." Spunk water is the water found in the top of a rotten stump. My cousin Rex had read about the remedy in a Mark Twain book.

The way he told me is that you have to go to the middle of the woods in the middle of the night by yourself. Then you stick your hand that had the warts on it in the spunk water and say, "Barley corn, barley corn, Injun meal shorts. Spunk water, spunk water, swaller these warts."

Then you close your eyes, turn around three times, take 11 steps, and go home without talkin' to anyone. If you talk to anyone, the spell is broken. The next day, your warts would be gone.

Now, I don't know if this one works or not, because when I was a kid, you wudn't goin' to catch me in the middle of the woods in the middle of the night by myself, much less stickin' my hand into a stump filled with water.

My cousin Coy came up with a good remedy. One night he came over to my house.

"Hey, guess what?" he said. "Debbie's cat died."

"That's too bad," I replied.

"Yeah," he said. "But now we can get rid of some of these warts."

"Do what?"

"Yeah. I read where if you bury a dead cat at the cross roads on the night of a full moon, your warts will go away."

"Really" I said. "Well, there's a full moon out."

"Yeah," said Coy. "Now all we have to do is talk Debbie out of her dead cat."

Debbie was a girl that lived down the road from us. She liked to play with dolls, and junk like that. She thought Coy and I were "unsophisticated." A lot she knew.

We knocked on her door. The door opened, and there stood Debbie. "What do y'all want?" she asked.

"Your cat," said Coy. I elbowed him in the ribs. "Oooff," he oooffed.

"Heh, heh," I said. "What Coy means, is that we heard about what happened to your poor cat and we came over to ask if you would like for us to bury it for you."

"Oh," she said, sort of stunned. "How sweet. But Daddy's already buried Snowball. We had a funeral and everything. It was beautiful." Coy rolled his eyes.

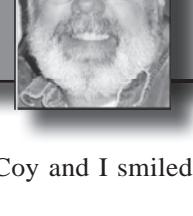
"Oh, uh, that's too bad," I said.

"Oh?" questioned Debbie. "How so?"

"Well, we wuz goin' to give it, uh, her, an Indian funeral. You know, build a platform of sticks and put her on top, and dance around her. You know, an Indian funeral."

Then I put a surprised look on my face. "I know!" I exclaimed. "We can dig her up and have that funeral

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anyway. Where's she buried?" Coy and I smiled our best smiles at her.

Debbie's smile faded, and her eyes narrowed. "I'm not telling you and your sick cousin anything," she said. "And you two better stay away from Snowball," and she slammed the door.

"So much for that idea," I said.

Coy gave me a questioned look. "Indian funeral?"

"Hey man. It's the best I could come up with."

"Hey!" said Coy. "I know where a dead raccoon is. Maybe that will work as good as a cat."

"Worth a try," I said. "Where's it at?"

"Up on the road. I saw it yesterday."

We ran to the spot where Coy had seen the dead raccoon, and sure enough, there it was. Now, it wasn't a big one by any means, but what he lacked in size he more than made up for in odor.

"Whew!" I exclaimed. "He's ripe."

"He's past that," said Coy. But we weren't deterred. We went home and got a rope. We tried to lasso the coon, so we wouldn't have to touch it, but he was stuck to the pavement pretty good.

With one hand, pinchin' my nose, and a stick in the other, I pried him up enough for Coy to get a loop around his neck. When we finally got him pulled loose, it had already gotten dark. We started draggin' him to the closest crossroad we knew about, which was a couple of miles from where we lived.

"Now what?" I said as we arrived at our destination.

"Well," said Coy, but he didn't finish the sentence. The bright lights of a big car surprised us and we jumped for the ditch. The car ran right over the head of the dead critter and then slammed on its brakes.

The passenger door opened and out stepped a young yellow-haired lady who was dressed fancier than any woman we'd ever seen. Out the driver's side stepped a big, older, man with a cowboy hat on.

"Oh my gosh!" said the lady as she looked at the raccoon. "Look what we've done."

Then she looked at Coy and me. "I'm so sorry. I know how awful you must feel." Coy and I looked at each other.

"Buford," she said to the big man. "You give these boys some money, so they can buy another dog."

"That ain't no do..." I started to say, but Coy elbowed me in the stomach. "Oooff!" I said.

"Fluffy!" Coy cried and looked up with the saddest look on his face you've ever seen.

The big man eyeballed the dead raccoon and then at us and he got a mean look on his face. "I ain't givin' them no money," he growled.

"Buuforrrd," she said, sort of drawin' out the name and raisin' one eyebrow.

"Oh, all right," he said. He pulled out a wad of bills big enough to stop up a commode and peeled off two fives. He stuck them in our hands and said, "There."

Then he turned to the woman. "Now, are you happy? Now, git in th' car." She smiled at us, got in the car, and they drove off.

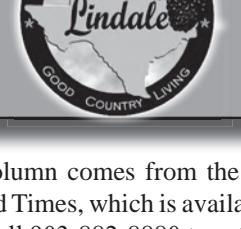
Coy and I stood there awhile just lookin' at the fadin' taillights, clutchin' our five dollar bills.

"You know," said Coy. "Some people just don't have a lick of sense. They'll believe anything."

"Yeah," I said. "Now, you bury the raccoon while I hop on one foot and sing the wart-be-gone song."

Nope. It didn't work either.

## Times of Lindale



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### --- ONE YEAR AGO, Jan. 20, 2022

Lindale High School Chorale members Halle Lambert, Emily Holloway, and Madison Klinkovsky were chosen to perform with the Texas All-State Small School Mixed Choir by the Texas Music Educators Association.

They were chosen for this prestigious honor through a competitive process held this year across the state at District, Region, and Area levels.

These are students of Mr. Kerry Baham. This was Halle's second time performing as a TMEA All-State organization.

High school students selected to perform in the All-State concerts have competed through auditions to qualify at the state level.

### FIVE YEARS AGO, Jan. 18, 2018

Two students from Hideaway were named to the academic honor rolls at Baylor University for the fall semester. Corban G. Sorrells, a business major and Stephen T. Swain, an arts and sciences major, were named to the Dean's Academic Honor Roll.

To qualify for the Baylor Dean's List, students must have a minimum grade point average of 3.7 while enrolled in a minimum of 12 semester hours.

### 10 YEARS AGO, Jan. 17, 2013

Lindale Junior High School students were awarded the top three prizes in the post level competition of the Veteran of Foreign War's Patriot's Pen writing contest.

LJHS 8th grade student Ye Hyun Lee won first place in VFW Post 9828's competition and second place in the regional competition. Her entry will advance to the state level for a chance to qualify for the national competition. Lee was awarded a medal and will receive a \$150 scholarship.

Eighth grader Colt Oliver placed second at the post level competition and third place in the regional competition. His entry will also advance to the state competition.

Kelsey Crews, also an eighth grade student, placed third at the post level.

The essay competition topic was "What Would I Tell America's Founding Fathers?"

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## Rotary Club accepting nominations for annual Merchant of the Year

The Lindale Rotary Club is requesting nominations for its "Merchant of the Year" Award to be presented at the Lindale Area Chamber of Commerce's annual banquet and auction scheduled April 3, 2023, at Texas Rose Horse Park, officials announced.

Nominations will be accepted until 12 noon, Monday, Feb. 27. They should be mailed to Carroll R. Anderson, P.O. Box 1494, Lindale, Texas 75771-1494.

This award has been presented each year since 1991 to a Lindale area merchant who exemplifies the tenets of Rotary International set forth in the service organization's "Four Way Test," which states "Is it the Truth?" "Is it Fair to All Concerned?" "Will it Build Good Will and Better Friendships" and "Will it be Beneficial to All Concerned?"

Nominees must have ex-

hibited these "Four Way Test" standards in their day-to-day business operations.

Some past winners have been business owners but one doesn't need to be an owner to qualify for nomination.

Previous nominees who haven't been selected may be resubmitted in the same manner as a new nomination.

Nominations should be in writing and explain why the individual is being nominated and how that individual practices the principles outlined in the Four Way Test.

The merchant does not have to be a Rotarian to win the award.

Past Merchant of the Year winners include:

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2020 – Dave Wilson

2019 – R.J. Collins

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Cruz  
2016 -- James Simmons  
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2014 – Eagle Pharmacy

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2012 -- Dale Kile, Medicine Chest Pharmacy

2011 – Zackie Gutzke

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2009 – John Pittman

2008 – Amanda Froebe

2007 – Don Hines

2006 – Moe Snoubar

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2004 – John Roberts

2003 – Delores Goodman

2002 – Scott Cassel

2001 – Polly Smith

2000 – Glenda Dintelman

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1998 – C. James Rutledge

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1996 – Jean Compton

1995 – Larry Camp

1994 – Mark Hatfield

1993 – Wilbur Terry

1992 – Jerry Fleming

1991 – Perry Mac Hutchens



Moose Lindale Rotary speaker

Cory Moose, Public Works and Utilities Director for the city of Lindale, was the guest speaker at the weekly meeting of the Lindale Rotary Club this week. He discussed the city's water system, stoppages and planned improvements to the system. In addition, the local club celebrated the birthdays of members Edsel Loving and Jim Mallory, both 89 years young. (Courtesy photo)

## OBITUARY

### Jocelyn Marie Landry

Jocelyn Marie Landry entered her eternal home on January 8, 2023.

She is survived by her seven siblings; five sisters and two brothers.

She is predeceased by her parents, Gerard R. F. Landry and Denise Cecile Landry.

Jocelyn was born in Council Bluffs, Iowa, on September 16, 1957. In school, she excelled in academics and mu-

sic, playing both the flute and piccolo. She served as a missionary with the Agape Force and later studied music at North Texas State, and became a Licensed Vocational Nurse in Texas.

Although she loved music, her greatest love was for the Lord.

A graveside service will be held on Saturday, January 21, 2023, at Cathedral in the Pines Mausoleum in Tyler, Texas, at 1 P.M.

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**Lindale Police Department call log for Jan. 6-Jan. 12**

**FRIDAY, JAN. 6:** 1:02:13 PM, Suspicious Person, 2400 blk S Main Street; 1:21:43 PM, Accident, 100 blk W Hubbard Street; 1:49:44 PM, Public Service, 2100 blk Highway 69 N; 2:22 PM, Welfare Concern, 15000 blk County Road 4191; 5:25:13 PM, Assist EMS, 500 blk Pierce Street; 8:14:13 PM, Motorist Assist, 500 blk S Main Street; 8:19:02 PM, Assist SCSO, 15000 blk FM 849; 9:56:53 PM, Civil Matter, 200 blk Waters Street.

**SATURDAY, JAN. 7:** 12:17:46 AM, Suspicious Circumstance, 200 blk Summer Tree Circle; 12:46:53 AM, Alarm Business, 50 blk Miranda Lambert Way; 1:56:28 AM, Welfare Concern, 900 blk N Main Street; 3:06:24 AM, Fireworks, 400 blk Noah Lane; 4:39:55 AM, Alarm Business, 17000 blk Highway 69 N; 11:16:13 AM, Suspicious Circumstance, 200 blk E Hubbard Street; 12:30:24 PM, Suspicious Vehicle, 100 blk E Centennial Blvd; 1:24:56 PM, Suspicious Circumstance, 100 blk E Centennial Blvd; 1:57:02 PM, Public Service, 100 blk Ballard Drive; 2:28:57 PM, Verbal Disturbance, 3300 blk S Main Street; 6:06:08 PM, Harassment, 400 blk Hill Street; 6:07:48 PM, Harassment, 400 blk Hill Street; 6:10:13 PM, 911 Abuse, 400 blk Hill Street; 6:43:40 PM, Disturbance, 200 blk Summer Tree Circle; 7:58:47 PM, Accident, 16000 blk Interstate 20 W; 8:37:56 PM, Alarm Business, 2500 blk S Main Street; 9:30:44 PM, Accident, 14000 blk Interstate 20 W.

**SUNDAY, JAN. 8:** 2:49:46 AM, Motorist Assist, Ballard Drive/S Main Street; 2:55:44 AM, Assist SCSO, 15000 blk FM 849; 8:37:36 AM, Suspicious Circumstance, FM 1804/Hwy 69 N; 1:54:03 PM, Illegally Parked Vehicle, 100 blk



E Centennial Blvd; 2:03:57 PM, Illegally Parked Vehicle, 100 blk E Centennial Blvd; 7:27:34 PM, Welfare Concern, 15000 blk Lindsay Lane; 9:24:43 PM, Assist SCSO, 600 blk Northgate Road; 11:10:44 PM, Suspicious Vehicle, 13000 blk Interstate 20 W.

**MONDAY, JAN. 9:** 8:08:58 AM, Accident, 2300 blk S Main Street; 9:40:36 AM, Suspicious Circumstance, Eagle Spirit Drive/S Main Street; 11:34:48 AM, Stolen Vehicle, 800 blk N Main Street; 11:42:18 AM, Assist LISD PD, 900 blk E Hubbard Street; 12:03:36 PM, Assist LISD PD, 900 blk E Hubbard Street; 12:32:04 PM, Public Service, 400 blk Hill Street; 12:51:10 PM, Accident, 1300 blk County Road 472; 2:49:57 PM, Accident, 3500 blk S Main Street; 5:04:27 PM, Public Service, 100 blk Ballard Drive; 5:25:15 PM, Reckless Driving, 700 blk S Main Street.

**TUESDAY, JAN. 10:** 12:24:05 AM, Abandoned Vehicle, 13000 blk Interstate 20 W; 3:32:51 AM, Suspicious Person, 1300 blk Brad Circle; 7:30:59 AM, Burglary Motor Vehicle, 15000 blk Brittain Court; 7:06:50 PM, Reckless Driving, Hwy 69 N; 8:57:13 PM, Loud Noise Complaint, 13000

## Lufkin man sentenced for fed firearms violation

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

Fabian Fernando Hernandez, 20, pleaded guilty on July 19, 2022, to possession of a firearm in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime and was sentenced to 60 months in federal prison by U.S. District Judge Marcia A. Crone.

According to information presented in court, Hernandez was identified by law enforcement as a possible distributor of narcotics in the East Texas area. On Jan. 15, 2022, the Rusk Police Department conducted a traffic stop of a vehicle Hernandez was driving. During the traffic stop Hernandez fled on foot. Officers found nearly 60 grams of cocaine and almost 500 grams of marijuana in the vehicle abandoned by Hernandez, as well as pistol. Hernandez was indicted by a federal grand jury on April 6, 2022.

This case was prosecuted as part of the joint federal, state, and local Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN) Program, the centerpiece of the Department of Justice's violent crime reduction efforts.

PSN is an evidence-based program proven to be effective at reducing violent crime. Through PSN, a broad spectrum of stakeholders work together to identify the most pressing violent crime problems in the community and

develop comprehensive solutions to address them. As part of this strategy, PSN focuses enforcement efforts on the most violent offenders and partners with locally based prevention and reentry programs for lasting reductions in crime.

This case was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, the Lufkin Police Department, and the Rusk Police Department and prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Donald S. Carter.

### Plano man indicted on fentanyl charges

A Plano man was charged with drug trafficking violations in the Eastern District of Texas this past week, Walston said.

Eric William Mather, also known as "Truth", 36, was named in a fourth superseding indictment returned by a federal grand jury on Nov. 9, 2022 in the Eastern District of Texas.

The indictment charges Mather with multiple federal violations including conspiracy to distribute fentanyl and conspiracy to launder money. Mather made his initial appearance on Jan. 12, 2023, before U.S. Magistrate Judge Christine Nowak.

According to the indictment, in September of 2022, the North Texas North Texas OCDETF Strike Force 2, with the assistance of the DEA Dallas Tactical Diversion Squad, identified Mather as a fentanyl source of supply selling raw powdered fentanyl, and

counterfeit pharmaceutical pills laced with fentanyl.

During his arrest, a search warrant was executed on his residence, resulting in the seizure of over 2 kilograms of raw powdered fentanyl, over a kilogram of fentanyl laced pills, a pill press, 30 firearms, and luxury vehicles. Mather is ultimately alleged to be responsible for multiple overdoses in the North Texas region.

If convicted, Mather faces up to life in federal prison. A federal district court judge will determine any sentence after considering the U.S. Sentencing Guidelines and other statutory factors.

This prosecution is part of an Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Forces investigation. OCDETF identifies, disrupts, and dismantles the highest-level drug traffickers, money launderers, gangs, and transnational criminal organizations that threaten the United States by using a prosecutor-led, intelligence-driven, multi-agency approach that leverages the strengths of federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies against criminal networks.

This case is being investigated by the U.S. Postal Inspection Service; Drug Enforcement Administration; U.S. Marshals Service; IRS-Criminal Investigations; Dallas Police Department; and the Collin County Sheriff's Office. The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Heather Rattan

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blk FM 2710; 9:06:44 PM, Reckless Driving, County Road 492/Highway 69 N; 10:03:48 PM, Suspicious Person, 3400 blk S Main Street; 11:03:38 PM, Public Intoxication, 3500 blk S Main Street; 11:55:06 PM, Assist Another Agency, 300 blk S Main Street; 1:44:53 AM, Assist SCSO, 15000 blk Avery Lane.

**WEDNESDAY, JAN. 11:** 1:36:10 PM, Deadly Conduct, 13000 blk Interstate 20; 2:16:18 PM, Welfare Concern, 3500 blk S Main Street; 4:02:07 PM, Reckless Driving, Highway 69 N; 4:17:37 PM, Welfare Concern, 3500 blk S Main Street; 5:14:17 PM, Welfare Concern, 100 blk Ballard Drive; 7:28:57 PM, Assist SCSO, 12000 blk County Road 433; 8:44:55 PM, Suspicious Vehicle, 3500 blk S Main Street; 9:12:01 PM, Suspicious Circumstance, 13000 blk County Road 472; 10:49:12 PM, Suspicious Vehicle, Cooper Street/S Boyd Street

**THURSDAY, JAN. 12:** 12:47:46 AM, Welfare Concern, 13000 blk County Road 472; 5:15:01 AM, Threats, 100 blk Ballard Drive; 9:24:22 AM, Welfare Concern, 300 blk S Industrial Street; 9:53:29 AM, Public Service, 400 blk S Industrial Street; 11:06:58 AM, Suspicious Person, 100 blk E Centennial Blvd; 11:23:39 AM, Criminal Trespass, 200 blk W Centennial Blvd; 12:46:14 PM, Public Service, 100 blk Ballard Drive; 2:41:47 PM, Accident, 100 blk E South Street; 4:17:32 PM, Welfare Concern, 300 blk Mallory Street; 5:24:06 PM, Suspicious Vehicle, 15000 blk Brittain Court; 5:52:42 PM, Peace Officer's Warrant, 50 blk Miranda Lambert Way; 7:53:02 PM, Welfare Concern, 15000 blk Spring Oaks Drive; 8:23:14 PM, Assist SCSO, 15000 blk FM 849; 8:50:47 PM, Motorist Assist, Stewart Street/Highway 69 N.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### They aren't true "representatives"

To the Editor:

Two years after the deadly attack on our country on Jan. 6, 2021, it's hard to ignore that the House of Representatives is now controlled by those who embraced and fueled Trump's Big Lie.

According to the Washington Post, over 70 percent of all House Republicans are election deniers — 135 incumbents voted against certifying the 2020 election, including House Speaker Kevin McCarthy, and at least 27 freshman members ran on the Big Lie.

They might hold the title of "representative" but they have no intention of legislating on behalf of their constituents. Their top priority in the House will be sham investigations into the Biden administration and those who actually defended our democracy.

We must speak truth to power in the face of all their lies. I'm pledging to do everything I can to protect our freedoms and our democracy against the House's extremist attacks—I hope others will join me.

Sincerely,  
Linda Stegall  
Lindale

### Helpful Lindale firefighter

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## Don't let diet scams weigh you down

Many consumers are looking to lose a little extra holiday weight. BBB is ringing in 2023 with tips to help people avoid falling prey to overstated weight loss advertisements and scams.

The desire to get in shape or lose weight fast creates a risk of being deceived by products that do not work as advertised, come with a host of unwanted side effects, or cause weight gain instead.

"Any time you see miracle claims for weight loss, be very skeptical," Mechele Mills with BBB Central East Texas Said. "There is no such thing as a miracle cure for weight loss."

The Federal Trade Commission warns consumers of dozens of false weight-loss claims. Many consumers end up purchasing and using products such as body wraps, topical creams, dietary supplements, skin patches, and even earrings promising to "melt," "flush," "burn," or "dissolve" away unwanted fat.

Fraudulent weight loss products are often advertised alongside images of celebrities and fake endorsements.

Additionally, deceptive free trial offers are very common, as investigated in the 2018 BBB study, "Subscription Traps and Deceptive Free Trials Scam Millions with Misleading Ads and Fake Celebrity Endorsements." The study reported that consumers filed nearly 37,000 complaints and BBB ScamTracker reports related

to deceptive free trial offers and fake celebrity endorsements since 2015, with an average loss per victim of \$186.

To help avoid weight loss scams, BBB recommends the following:

**Always be wary of advertisements and customer endorsements promising "miracle" results or immediate weight loss.** According to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, evidence suggests gradual loss of 1-2 pounds per week is a healthy goal and is more successful for achieving long-term weight loss. Ask your doctor what an achievable weight loss goal for you would be.

**Avoid products that claim to lose weight without diet or exercise.** Be especially skeptical of claims that you don't have to give up favorite foods or reduce the amount you consume. Doctors, dieticians, and other experts agree that losing weight takes work. Pass up any product that promises miraculous results without any effort.

**Check a product's ingredients with the FDA.** Be suspicious of taking special pills, powders, or herbs. Some products have been recalled for containing ingredients with potentially dangerous effects. Check the list of public notifications from the FDA regarding potentially harmful weight loss products. In Canada, check with Health Canada for

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## Eagles up district record to 3-0

Despite losing a couple of key performers in the past few weeks, the Lindale High School boys basketball team began District 16-4A play with wins over Brownsboro, Van and Mabank recently.

The Eagles downed Brownsboro, 54-45 on Dec. 20, won over Van, 34-28 on Jan. 3 and Mabank, 48-39, on Jan. 10.

Standout Will Hutchens has been lost for the season with a shoulder injury at the end of December while dependable Cole Collinsworth went down with an injury in the Brownsboro win.

But Head Coach Chris Grotemat understands these are hurdles that have to be overcome.

"The landscape is changing dramatically and it is up to our coaches and young men to make the requisite adjustments to stay afloat," he said. "I cannot wait to see how our young men come together to scratch and claw our way into position to earn a playoff berth."

Lindale (16-5, 3-0) was scheduled to play Mabank at home (Jan. 10), travel to Athens on Jan. 13 and be in Canton on Jan. 17.

Against Mabank in the LHS gym, the Eagles fell behind 13-7 after one period, but outscored the Panthers, 18-11 in the second quarter to take a 25-24 lead at the half.

In the third, Lindale's defense clamped down and allowed Mabank just six points while scoring nine points to increase its lead to 34-30.

The Eagles secured the game in the fourth with a 14-9 margin.

### LINDALE 54, BROWNSBORO 45

In its home district opener on Dec. 20, the Eagles grabbed the momentum early by hitting all their shots in the first period using some pick and rolls featuring Collinsworth and Maseen Rainey.

The Eagles built an 11-6 lead after one period after Ryder Johnson found Logan Dixon for an easy layup and Connor McClendon drove the lane for another basket.

Lindale's offense was hitting on all cylinders in the third as Rainey and Johnson both hit key shots and Collinsworth put in three layups as the Eagles built a 38-27 advantage going into the fourth period.

The Eagles were the beneficiaries of 14 trips to the free throw line but only converted on eight of those attempts. A Dixon three pointer as time was running short, helped

Lindale maintain a 47-42 lead.

"Credit our guys for playing through some rough stretches and not caving to the pressure," said Grotemat. "Brownsboro is an outstanding team, and we found a way to get the job done. It is always nice to win the district opener, but to get the first one against a team of that caliber was a great way to jumpstart the holiday season."

### LINDALE 34, VAN 28

Uncharacteristic defensive lapses in the first period by the Eagles allowed the Vandals to jump out to a 6-2 lead before Lindale righted the ship and brought home an important, 34-28 win over another district rival.

"Our young men struggled a little bit out of the gate with some defensive breakdowns, both in the half court and in transition," Grotemat said. "But credit our young men for cleaning that up quickly before (Van) had an opportunity to build a larger cushion."

Lindale struggled to score, especially in the first half, despite getting good looks at the basket. But Johnson and Logan Dixon began to heat up and the Eagles started to assert themselves on the boards to tilt the game in their favor.

A three-pointer from the wing late in the second period from Dixon enabled the Eagles to take a one-point lead at the half.

"We had not played particularly well, but we felt great about holding a lead on the road in such a big rivalry game," Grotemat said. "Our coaching staff had no issue with the shot selection, in fact, I think we were guilty of over-passing at times."

The Eagles finally found the range in the third period, with trusty Amare Baptist scoring from under the hoop and Carson Plunkett dishing an assist to Johnson. Lindale held a 24-23 lead going into the fourth.

Plunkett was a defensive demon in the second half and Connor McClendon drew praise from the coaching staff for his overall play.

"We had missed some chances to pull away a bit, but I loved the body language into the final period of play," said Grotemat, who also pointed out the stellar play of Rainey at point guard.

"He did a fine job of moving the ball and facilitating the flow of our offense," the coach said.

## Junior High girls win three of four from Canton

The Lindale Junior High School girls basketball teams took on Canton this past Thursday and took three of four games.

The 7<sup>th</sup> grade B team won, 16-13; the 7<sup>th</sup> grade A team fell, 42-8; the 8<sup>th</sup> grade B team edged by Canton, 12-11 and the 8<sup>th</sup> grade A team came out on top, 29-28.

For the 7<sup>th</sup> grade B team, Maci Gately was the leading scorer, led the team in rebounds and led in steals. Charli Morgan was the assists leader for the 7<sup>th</sup> grade B team.

Kenlee Smith led the 7<sup>th</sup> grade A team in scoring and led in rebounds while Joclyn Grogan was the steals leader. Rachel Kelley and Joclyn Grogan led the team in the

assists category.

For the 8<sup>th</sup> grade B team, Charlize Reed led in scoring and rebounds, while Lexi Pinson and Emory Schmidt were the leaders in the steals department. Emory Schmidt led in assists while Lexi Pinson won the Hustle Award. The whole team shared the Leadership Award.

Ma'Kaylin Smith led the 8<sup>th</sup> grade A team in scoring, while Ella Hutchens and Ma'Kaylin Smith led in rebounds. Ella Hutchens led in assists and Ma'Kaylin Smith led in steals and won the Hustle Award.

The whole team earned the Leadership Award.

## Lindale's Vickery named honorable mention all-state



**Junior Kayli Vickery**

Junior Kayli Vickery, a middle blocker for the Lindale High School Lady Eagles, was selected to the honorable mention Class 4A All-State Volleyball team for the 2022 season by the Texas Sports Writers Association, publicity officials announced.

She had 132 kills over 120 sets played during the season, which saw the Lady Eagles finish fourth in District 16-4A. Lindale was 7-5 in district, 19-20 overall and fell in the bi-district playoff round to Pleasant Grove (Texarkana), 3-2, on Nov. 1.

Vickery also had 51 solo blocks and 56 assisted blocks for the season as well as 20 digs.

### CLASS 4A

**COACH OF THE YEAR:** Haleigh Burns, Canyon Randall

**PLAYER OF THE YEAR:** Jordyn Gove, Canyon Randall

### FIRST TEAM

Outside hitters: Jordyn Gove, Canyon Randall; Sydney McKay, Bellville; Sydney Garrison, Aubrey

Middle blockers: McKenzie Anderson, Huffman-Hargrave; Nickilah Whatley, Herford; Annaleise Sevier, Aubrey

Setter: Sidney Soria, Canyon Randall

Libero: Carly Lange, Bellville

### SECOND TEAM

Outside hitters: Savannah Wagner, Mabank; Brinklee Dauenhauer, Springtown; Sadie McAda, Pleasonton

Middle blockers: JaKyra Roberts, Carthage; Abby Caron, Spring Hill; Kierstyn Carlton, Stephenville

## Lindale's Staton Dudley earns honors at Mary Hardin-Baylor

Former Lindale High School student Staton Dudley has been named to the Fall 2022 Provost's Honor Roll at the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor, school officials announced.

To receive this recognition, a student must achieve a 3.85 grade point average or better on a 4.0 scale.

In conjunction with this, 535 students were named on the Dean's Honor Roll for Fall 2022. To receive this recognition, a student must achieve a 3.5 – 3.849 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

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Here are some ideas for upping your fiber:

Eat the "whole" thing. Choose breads, crackers and cereals made from whole grains. Refined grains are stripped of their outer coat (bran), which removes some of the important vitamins, minerals, and nutrients, including fiber. Enriched grains have some of the vitamins and minerals added back. Brown rice is a whole grain; white rice is not. Similarly, removing the skin from fruits and vegetables decreases their fiber content. It's better to eat an apple than to drink apple juice.

Try something different. Whole-grain pasta may sound unusual, but it's delicious and doesn't take any longer to cook than white pasta. Bulgur, quinoa and barley are good side dishes or chilled in salads. Add colorful fresh or frozen vegetables to soups

and sauces. For example, mix chopped frozen broccoli into prepared spaghetti sauce or toss fresh baby carrots into stews. Add chopped fresh spinach or frozen spinach to soups. Or make a pesto from spinach and walnuts. Try adding crushed bran cereal or oat bran to muffins and cookie recipes.

Add some beans. Tuck beans into whole-grain tortillas or pita bread. Add them to soups, salads, and pasta dishes. Toss beans into sautéed veggies or mix them with cooked greens and garlic. I like to add them to my turkey burgers!

Rise and shine (and snack.) Start your day with a breakfast of whole grain cereal or oatmeal. Add some bananas, berries or other fruit. Or crush up that tasty cereal and mix it with yogurt. Whip up a breakfast smoothie in your blender with frozen fruit and low-fat milk. Fresh or dried fruit, raw vegetables, and low-fat popcorn and whole-grain crackers are all good snack choices. And a small handful of unsalted nuts or pumpkin seeds is a portable, healthy snack star!

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.

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# "Mr. Crappie" to be inducted into Fishing Hall of Fame in '23

Wally "Mr. Crappie" Marshall of Anna will be inducted into the Texas Freshwater Fishing Hall of Fame this year, publicity officials announced this past week.

Marshall revolutionized crappie fishing through innovative products, tournaments and promotion of the sport.

Marshall is known for his philanthropic work throughout the fishing community, teaching youth to fish and donating time and products to multiple charitable organizations and events.

"Wally Marshall's outstanding accomplishments as a trailblazer in the sport of crappie fishing are unparalleled," said Dan Kessler, Texas Freshwater Fishing Hall of Fame selection committee chairman. "His leadership in bringing forth new ideas and innovative products to crappie fishing and the fishing community in general are second to none. On their own merits, these accomplishments warranted Wally's consideration for membership in The Hall of Fame. However, it is Wally's commitment to a lifelong passion for educating current and future anglers as well as the willingness to give his time and resources back to the fishing community that resulted in unanimous support for his induction to the Hall of Fame."

Marshall grew up in Garland for 50 years prior to moving to Anna. Marshall's first career was as a master plumber, but his love and passion are being on the water casting for crappie.

He stepped into the crappie fishing spotlight in 1987 when he won the first-ever National Crappie Tournament at Cedar Creek Lake. That tournament victory opened the door for him to promote and teach crappie fishing through seminars at tackle dealers, tackle shows and boat shows, and on radio and television across the state.

Marshall signed his first sponsorship agreement with Joe Hall, owner of Blakemore Lures, maker of the "Roadrunner" jig. Marshall launched a crappie fishing guide service in 1989 that operated until 1994 on Lake Fork, Lake Lewisville and Lake Ray Hubbard on weekends and days off.

He was the first "crappie only" fishing guide to set up shop on Lake Fork.

Marshall teamed up with Bass Pro Shops to design crappie fishing products in 1997 and trademarked the name "Mr. Crappie" in 1998. Marshall retired as a master plumber in 2002 and pursued his passion of crappie fishing full time, designing "Mr. Crappie" products and promoting the sport of crappie fishing.

Marshall joined forces with Lew's to design "Mr. Crappie" and Wally Marshall Signature Series rods and reels along with a "Mr. Crappie" fishing line in 2010. Marshall partnered with Strike King the following year to design a wide variety of specialized crappie lures under the "Mr. Crappie by Strike King" brand. As a result, "Mr. Crappie" is one of the most recognized and popular brands in the country.

In 2004, Marshall created the "Mr. Crappie Big Crappie Classic Tournament" with adult and youth divisions



to encourage families to spend time together on the water. Marshall had a vision to create a show like the Bassmaster Classic for the crappie industry. Four years ago, the vision became a reality with the inception of the "Crappie Expo." It consists of the "Mr. Crappie" \$300,000 Invitational Tournament, the world's largest crappie fry and a three-day consumer show featuring over 100 exhibitors, including lure and tackle companies, boat manufacturers and tackle dealers.

Marshall has garnered numerous honors and awards throughout his career:

First-ever National Crappie Tournament Champion at Cedar Creek Lake in 1987

Multiple crappie tournament titles on Texas lakes that include Texoma, Ray Hubbard, Lavon, Ray Roberts, Lewisville, Fork, Livingston and Tawakoni

26-time National Crappie Classic Qualifier

2002 National Crappie Angler of the Year

2003 National Crappie Classic Champion

Seven-time National Crappie Classic Runner-Up

Inducted into the Legends of the Outdoors Hall of Fame in 2008

Name an "American Icon" in the 2018 February-March issue of *Field & Stream* magazine

Numerous articles and TV appearances

In addition to his professional accomplishments, Marshall is committed to introducing kids to the sport of crappie fishing. He has donated numerous fishing trips to youth

organizations over the years and took youth fishing from the Buckner's Children's Home in Dallas.

Marshall has donated thousands of dollars of "Mr. Crappie" rods, reels and lures to youth organizations, schools, churches and the Boy Scouts. He was involved with the Garland Police Departments' Mad Dog Fishing tournament that raises money for fallen officers' families. He also donates products and his time to police and fire department functions and fundraisers.

"When I was approached to be nominated, it was a surprise and an honor," said Marshall. "I look at the years gone by and all the things I've been blessed to do in Texas and abroad. I think about all the people I have met who helped me get to where I am today as the 2023 inductee. You don't really know how many people you actually touch through your work and I'm grateful that I get to represent Texas in the Hall of Fame. My motto in life and in business is 'Whatever It Takes To Get It Done.' I wasn't looking for success but I worked hard at it — the reward is having the honor to be included in the Hall of Fame with my peers."

The Texas Freshwater Fishing Hall of Fame is housed at the Texas Freshwater Fisheries Center in Athens. Its mission is to "recognize and honor those who have made a lasting contribution to freshwater fishing in Texas, and to foster a sense of appreciation, awareness and participation in the sport of fishing."

Since 1997, the Hall of Fame has inducted 37 individuals and organizations, including Gary Klein in 2022. Marshall will be inducted as the 38th member during a ceremony at the Texas Freshwater Fisheries Center on Oct. 6.

Nomination forms and instructions are available online or by calling (903) 676-2277.

## Three Lindale students earn SNHU academic honors

MANCHESTER, N.H. — Three Lindale High School graduates have earned academic honors from Southern New Hampshire University, publicity officials announced.

Steven Walsh and Morgan Perry have been named to the Fall 2022 President's List and Blake Burton has been named to the Dean's List.

Full-time undergraduate students who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.700 and above for the reporting term are named to the President's List.

Full-time status is achieved by earning 12 credits over each 16-week term or paired 8-week terms grouped in fall, winter/spring, and summer.

Full-time undergraduate students who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.500 to 3.699 for the reporting term are named to the Dean's List. Full-time status is achieved by earning 12 credits over each 16-week term or paired 8-week terms grouped in fall, winter/spring, and summer.

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Patricia Tompkins

## LEGAL NOTICE

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of RUTH MARIE WAGNER, Deceased, were issued on May 25, 2022, in Cause No. 46,316P, pending in the County Court of Smith County, Texas, to: Dallas M. Wagner. All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law. c/o: H. CHUCK BAUMAN, Attorney at Law, Bauman & Smith, PLLC, 400 E. Fifth St., Tyler, TX 75701

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## Wildfire potential increases possible

A cold front that moved through the state this past week brought with it the potential for increased wildfire activity and Texas A&M Forest Service officials said they are prepared for the possibilities.

"Dry, dormant grasses will be exposed to elevated or critical fire weather and well above normal temperatures ahead of an approaching cold front," said Luke Kandlerz, Texas A&M Forest Service Fire Analyst. "The risk of significant fires that are highly resistant to control is expected to be limited due to the lack of critically dry fuel and less grass observed across the West Texas landscape."

Last year, grass production was limited during the growing season as a result of the drought and from livestock grazing. Below normal grass production may limit wildfire growth and aid firefighters in keeping wildfires small.

On Thursday, the potential for wildfire activity is expected to shift south and east as the cold front exits the state.

Elevated fire weather fol-



lowing the front, combined with dry, dormant grasses

may support increased wildfire potential for communities near Waco, San Antonio, Austin, Victoria, Kingsville and Brownsville/McAllen. The threat of large, significant fires will remain low for these areas.

In Texas, the dormant fire season, occurring during winter and spring, is generally characterized by freeze-cured grasses across the landscape and increased wind speeds surrounding dry cold fronts. Freeze-cured

grasses are the catalyst for the dormant fire season, requiring less drying and moderate fire weather for wildfire activity.

After a hard freeze Dec. 23-24, 2022, freeze-cured, dormant grasses are present across the entire state.

Texas A&M Forest Service is monitoring the situation and working with state and local partners to prepare and respond to any wildfire incident.

"When the forecast indicates an increased potential for wildfire activity, our

agency strategically positions personnel and equipment in areas of concern to quickly respond to requests for assistance from local fire departments who are our first line of defense," said Wes Moorehead, Texas A&M Forest Service Fire Chief. "Personnel and equipment, including fully staffed task forces, dozers and engines, are prepared for a quick and effective response to any new wildfire ignition in these areas."

Since Jan. 1, 2023, state and local firefighters have

responded to 27 wildfires burning 97 acres across the state.

Texas A&M Forest Service encourages the public to avoid outdoor activities that may cause a spark while dry and windy conditions are present.

Stay wildfire aware. If a wildfire is spotted, immediately contact local authorities. A quick response can help save lives and property.

For current conditions and wildfire outlook, visit the Texas Fire Potential Outlook

<https://bit.ly/3kemhbG>.

## Smith County taxes due by Jan. 31

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only added to the balance due.

Once delinquent, 7 percent penalties and interest are added to what is due. Those fees increase by 2 percent for each month payments are late.

If the property taxes are not paid by July 1, 2023, there is a total of 33 percent in penalty, interest and collection fees added to the account.

For those who have paid off their mortgage company within the last year, and who have not received a property tax bill directly, Barber asks them to call his office as soon as possible.

The Tax Office in the Cotton Belt Building is open 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Property tax payments can also be made in person at the Tax Office Substations, at 2616 S. Main St. in Lindale; and in Noonday, at 15405 Highway 155 South.

For more information, call 903-590-2920 or visit [www.smith-county.com/government/elected-officials/tax-assessor/property-taxes](http://www.smith-county.com/government/elected-officials/tax-assessor/property-taxes)

## Texas farmers, ranchers help set national farm policy for 2023

Texas Farm Bureau (TFB) voting delegates at the American Farm Bureau Federation (AFBF) annual meeting in Puerto Rico successfully supported nearly 20 policy resolutions from the Lone Star State into new AFBF national policy.

The 28 TFB voting delegates were among the 341 voting delegates from 50 Farm Bureaus and the Puerto Rico Farm Bureau at the annual meeting's Jan. 10 business session.

"We had a really good day on our resolutions. It was good discussion," TFB President Russell Boening said. "The ideas that passed today go into our national policy book,

and it gives us leaders and staff of American Farm Bureau a roadmap to work on the next farm bill, to work on policies that affect us on the regulatory issues."

TFB policy resolutions adopted by AFBF voting delegates included support for a limited irrigation category in the RMA crop insurance program, support for a stock tank/farm pond clean out program and support for efforts to allow livestock market owners to invest in ownership of small, very small and regional meat packing and processing facilities.

Other TFB policy resolutions adopted at the meeting included support for increased funding for feral hog control programs and pilot projects in the farm bill; opposition to any foreign entity or persons receiving tax credits, abatements, incentives or any other in-kind contribution that affects the taking of agricultural land in the U.S.; and opposition to any form of a Securities and Exchange Commission ruling that would require emissions reporting that could directly or indirectly impact farmers and ranchers.



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