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Council votes to extend Centennial to Jim Hogg

Lindale City Council members approved the extension of Centennial Blvd. to connect with Jim Hogg Road following an executive session during their regular meeting on Tuesday (Feb. 21) at city hall.

The council voted in open session after the executive session.

By extending this roadway, the first steps of the Centennial Development project can begin. Smith County will fund a portion of the project with bond money.

City officials are hopeful that by connecting the two roadways north and south traffic will move at an improved pace.

In other action, the council:

- Approved the preliminary and final subdivision of Bigfoot Pursuits LLC consisting of 3.6 acres into two lots in the 700 block of South Main near the Auto Zone store.

- Approved an emergency expenditure of an extra \$25,970 to repair belt press at the wastewater treatment plant.

- Approved \$50,000 to purchase furniture for the new Kinzie Community Center at Pool Park. Council members also discussed design changes, rental fees and received an update on construction.

- Approved moving the location of hole No. 1 on the disc golf course at Darden Harvest Park to alleviate discs landing in adjacent homeowners' property. The Lindale Parks Board is to determine the new location of the hole.



Lindale High School hosted its annual Blackberry Relays at Eagle Stadium this past Thursday. One of the events in the afternoon was the 100 meter varsity girls hurdles. Photo by Terry Cannon

Lindale boys, girls earn high finishes at Blackberry Relays

Lindale High School's girls and boys track teams presented a formidable obstacle for other East Texas squads after the results were finalized in the annual Blackberry Relays this past week at Eagle Stadium.

The varsity boys picked up first place honors with 178 points to 131 for Gilmer while the varsity girls finished fourth with 79 points, which trailed Bullard's first place finish of 146 points.

The junior varsity girls also came in first with 146.5 points to 145 points for second place Whitehouse while the junior varsity boys took second place with 117 points. Whitehouse won first with 142 points.

BLACKBERRY RELAYS VARSITY BOYS

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| 1. Lindale, 178 | 5. Sulphur Springs, 45 |
| 2. Gilmer, 131 | 6. Pittsburg, 44 |
| 3. Whitehouse, 90 | 7. Chapel Hill, 29 |
| 4. Bullard, 79 | 8. Brownsboro, 24 |

EVENTS

(Lindale competitors only)

100 METER DASH: Brett Maya, 1st, 10.85

200 METER DASH: Brett Maya, 1st, 21.9

400 METER DASH: Colter Maya, 1st, 49.6; Hayes Brooks, 2nd, 54.7; Clint Thurman, 3rd, 55.1

800 METER RUN: Alejandro Gutierrez, 3rd, 2:15.9

1600 METER RUN: David Kelly, 4th, 5:11.144

3200 METER RUN: David Kelly, 4th, 11:10.0; Dax Allen, 5th, 11:16.4

110 METER HURDLES: Matthew Kenney, 4th, 16.7; Trevor Smith, 6th, 17.6

300 METER HURDLES: Trevor Smith, 3rd, 44.19

4 X 100 METER RELAY: Michael Shannon, Colter Maya, Kaden Baze, Brett Maya, 1st, 42.8

4 X 200 METER RELAY: Dylan Wehr, Henrique Arantes, Layne Lewis, Clint Thurman, 5th, 1:35.44

LONG JUMP: Jalin Hines, 3rd, 19 feet, 2 inches

SHOT PUT: Casey Poe, 1st, 55 feet, 1 inch

DISCUS: Casey Poe, 2nd, 131 feet, 10 ¼ inches; Gabe Hart, 3rd, 125 feet, 6 ½ inches

TRIPLE JUMP: Jalin Hines, 1st, 41 feet, 3 inches

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CASA volunteers provide important service for youngsters in crisis

By Terry Cannon
Editor

There is nothing more important than the well-being of a child and thanks to groups such as Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA), comprised of dedicated volunteers youngsters in crisis have someone who is dedicated to making sure they are safe.

CASA for Kids of East Texas is a member of the National and Texas CASA Associations, which total more than 1,000 across the nation and 72 in Texas.

Each CASA volunteer is assigned by courts to represent foster children as they try to navigate their journey from a home in crisis to their foster family.

Since 1990, CASA for Kids of East Texas has served the needs of foster kids in Smith, Van Zandt and Wood Counties.

During the next several weeks, a pair of fundraisers are scheduled to help with funds for CASA.

The Coins for Kids Campaign will run from March 1 to May 1, when students collect coins to donate to CASA for a two-week period. Each school can choose when they want to hold the fundraiser and those collecting the most coins will receive a trophy.

Additionally, the Caught Doing Good for Kids 2023 in April is another fundraiser where donors choose teams and those team members seek out donations from community members. Teams will then compete for prizes to be awarded at the conclusion of the contest.

This particular contest takes place at the CASA office in Tyler, 3616 West Way.

Community Engagement Coordinator Kaley Sullenger has been working for CASA since January, 2022 and was introduced to the program's importance by her mother, who was a CASA volunteer.

"I have a heart and a mind for non-profits and after my mother became a volunteer it was the first time I saw her being proud of herself," Sullenger said, who was the guest speaker recently at the Lindale Rotary Club. "It gave her a deeper meaning of how important service can be."

As the Community Engagement Coordinator, Sullenger recruits and trains volunteers and spends a good portion of her time speaking to church groups, service clubs and other places where adults are gathered.



And the message she delivers is consistent: There is always going to be a critical need for volunteers to help these youngsters in East Texas.

"Currently, we have 118 kids that need a volunteer

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Library celebrating St. Patrick's Day, March 17

Lillie Russell Memorial Library patrons and staff will be seeing "green" this month in recognition of St. Patrick's Day on Friday, March 17.

In addition to the St. Patrick's themed story times that day, the library will be hosting a Leprechaun Gold Hunt March 16-18. Those attending the story times on March

17 are encouraged to wear green.

Other events this month include the "Heels Against Hunger" food drive which began March 1 and will conclude March 31. Non-perishable food items can be brought to the library which will then be donated to the David Powell Food Pantry in Lindale as well as the Lindale ISD and Mineola ISD

Backpack programs.

Dr. Seuss' birthday, March 4, will be celebrated with a special story time and Wacky Cup Stacking in the Community Room on Saturday, March 4.

Bullard author Emma Hill of Bullard will be on hand on March 14 for a "Meet the Authors" event and she will have copies of her

"And Maybe They Fall in Love" book.

On March 25 at 10 a.m., the Teen Advisory Board will sponsor a self-defense class at TST Martial Arts Academy, 15656 FM 849 in Lindale. The class is for teens 13 and older and no registration is required.

Events for March include:

THURSDAY, MARCH 2: Yarn Club, 4 p.m.-5 p.m.

FRIDAY, MARCH 3: Dr. Seuss Story Time, 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.; AARP meeting, 12:30 p.m.-4 p.m.

SATURDAY, MARCH 4: Dr. Seuss Wacky Stacks Game, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., all ages invited.

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OPINION/COMMENTARY

Please, please ...

Last week's "Politically Incorrect" column has apparently hit a nerve. I have had visitors to the office, phone calls, Facebook messages and mailed thank you notes for last week's column. All positive.

Since then we have been criticized on Facebook for posting a Politico.com article with the headline: "Republicans pressure Trump to back down on border emergency". No political point of view from reporter in story, just WHY some Republicans were pressuring the President to back down on border emergency and why it is a dangerous precedent.

Just a part of a poster's critical comment read: "Fake news we all know the gladewater mirror is Dems and left supporting media outlets".

Fake news?

First, tired old Jim Bardwell and I are hardly a leftist media conglomerate. I am a third generation Texan from a farming/ranching background and Jim traces his Texan roots all the way to the Battle of San Jacinto. You can't get anymore Texan or hardworking than that.

I am fairly open minded and have friends from varied political and religious viewpoints. Imagine that? I have friends I don't fully agree with. The further this country moves right or left, and the angrier the rhetoric, it just pushes me toward center (except on a select few issues based on conviction).

The fury occasionally directed at us comes most often with posting Texas Tribune stories on our newspapers' Facebook pages about politics at the state level. Seldom have the posters actually read the article. Often they are only reacting to the headline.

Anyone who follows our newspapers or Facebook pages knows that we support property rights, close study of how our taxes are spent, government transparency, government efficiency, and any-thing else that ensures that the average citizen's interests are served by government officials.

I messaged my Facebook critic to try and reassure them that we were a small Mom and Pop business and not a corporate entity with little investment in the community. I shared that we covered the local city government, school board meetings, county government and as many aspects of the schools and community that we have room for.

The response I received and I quote verbatim: "I do not lesson (sic) to the news, watch the news, nor read it. An I will continue to judge for myself who lies and who's honest. Have a blessed day."

That would be the heart of last week's column. How in the world can you have an informed opinion when your opinion is based on opinion?

And NO, not everything is relative. There ARE facts.

The teacher in me is dying inside. An informed, participating citizenry with the ability to compromise is essential to the health of our democracy. When enough uninformed people are politically active and easily led history tips toward fascism. When enough uneducated people are hungry



and desperate it tips toward socialism or communism. That is not my opinion. That is the history of the 20th century.

As Fake News is screamed at stories people disagree with or simply dislike the topic, people begin to forget the importance of the First Amendment and the role journalism plays in our democracy. What the heck happens when we only read or watch what we agree with? How will we function in an uninformed society?

It is time to regain our balance and work for the good of the nation and each other. And please, please remember, just because you disagree with something doesn't make it untrue. And please, please remember, that political talk shows are NOT journalism. And please, please remember that journalism at its best is doing just what Clark Kent did: "Fighting for truth, justice and the American Way".

It's a truly unappreciated calling.

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THE ECONOMIST

By Dr. M. Ray Perryman

This is NOT 2008!

Recent data regarding the state of the housing market is negative, with sales of existing homes falling to levels not seen since the aftermath of the Great Recession. According to the National Association of Realtors®, January existing-home sales across the country were down for the twelfth consecutive month to an annual rate of four million, though some regions (including the south) saw modest improvement. Nationally, sales were 36.9% lower than a year prior.



Having said that, the current cycle is nothing like the situation that emerged during the Great Recession – which is a very good thing! Although drilling down into all of the complications of the 2007 to 2009 economic and financial crisis is a task requiring more verbosity than a column permits, a quick rundown for context is worthwhile.

The economy had been growing for a number of years thanks in part to low interest rates (by the standards of the time) as the Federal Reserve took action after the dot-com downturn of the early 2000s. Home prices rose while underwriting standards decreased dramatically in an attempt to enable more people to qualify. A vibrant market for securities backed by subprime mortgages developed, even though many of the underlying loans were sketchy at best. The SEC encouraged risk-taking by large firms by lowering capital requirements. Even derivatives (side bets) on mortgage debt were all the rage.

It was a house of cards – and somebody sneezed! Interest rates began to rise, and the housing market was saturated. The subprime mortgage market collapsed, and some of the most prominent financial institutions in the world were eliminated. It took several years for total US employment to recover, and the housing market and construction were slow to recover.

This time, it's very different. During the pandemic, the Fed dropped interest rates close to zero and trillions in stimulus money flowed into households across the nation. The housing market spiraled upward for these and other reasons. Once the Fed began escalating rates to slow inflation, the housing market's reaction was an unavoidable consequence given its sensitivity to interest rates and their effects on affordability. Unlike 2008, this one is pretty much a garden variety housing correction.

Even with the slowdown, however, housing inventories remain very low. It is only recently that buyers had any negotiating power at all, and some backing off of sky-high prices is not all bad (they are higher than they were two years ago in most markets). The main point, however, is that this time around we should see a much more rapid and orderly return to more normal conditions than we endured following the Great Recession. The circumstances are as different as apples and elephants.

Stay safe!

Street takeover spurs governor's action

Gov. Greg Abbott has created a statewide task force after several "street takeovers" recently took place in Austin in which motorists obstructed intersections, shot off fireworks and drove recklessly.

Videos posted after the events showed vehicles doing donuts, crowds gathering around intersections, and people setting off fireworks, according to the Austin American-Statesman.

Seven people were arrested in the incidents, which occurred at four Austin intersections.

Abbott directed the Texas Department of Public Safety to investigate the events and "target the organized crime aspect" of the events, according to The Dallas Morning News.

"We are seeing fireworks fired at officers in crowds, lasers pointed at aircraft, drivers driving upwards of 130 miles per hour with no lights on in the dark of night — all of it is reckless, and it needs to be stopped," DPS Director Steve McCraw said.

Additional arrests are expected, law enforcement officials said.

Bills would ban COVID restrictions

A trio of bills by state Rep. Lois Kolkhorst, R-Brenham, would address Gov. Greg Abbott's calls to end COVID-related restrictions put in place as the pandemic began in 2020.

"This legislation is aimed at preventing future repeats of these controversial public health measures, which did little to slow the



spread of the virus and did serious damage to the economy and education systems," Kolkhorst said in a statement, as reported by the Statesman.

The measures, if passed, would codify executive measures issued by Abbott in 2021 that prohibited employer or governmental COVID-19 mandates requiring people to wear masks or to be vaccinated.

Since Abbott has made the COVID-19 package an emergency measure, it bypasses many of the rules put in place by the state constitution to slow passage of legislation, the Statesman reported.

Senate revives effort to make illegal voting a felony

After lowering the penalty for illegal voting to a misdemeanor in 2021, leaders in the Texas Senate appear poised to again raise the penalty to a second-degree felony, the Texas Tribune reported. Legislation filed by state Sen. Bryan Hughes, R-Mineola, would also modify the standard for determining a person's intent to vote illegally.

Current law says a person commits a crime if they "knowingly

or intentionally" vote or attempt to vote and know they are not eligible. Under Hughes' bill, the language changes that to say anyone who votes or attempts to vote in an election in which "the person knows of a particular circumstance that makes the person not eligible to vote" could be charged.

That means, for example, that someone who knows they are not a U.S. citizen but did not know they were ineligible to vote could still be prosecuted. An attorney with the Texas Civil Rights Project criticized the proposed change as a "very nasty and very potentially consequential provision."

"That is why this intent requirement exists, because it's not fair for people to go to jail for good-faith mistakes," attorney James Slattery said.

State could foot AG office's legal bill

A \$3.3 million settlement of a whistleblower complaint filed against the Texas attorney general's office should be paid by the state and not personally by Attorney General Ken Paxton, an agency attorney said. The AG's chief of general litigation told lawmakers that the agency, not Paxton personally, is the defendant under the Texas Whistleblower Act, and that taking the case to trial would cost even more.

"The agreement itself is contingent on legislative funding," he said. "It's a settlement that we made in order to save money for the state of Texas. It was the prudent thing to do to minimize litigation risk," Chris Hilton of the AG's office said, according to kut.org.

However, House Speaker Dade Phelan has said he does not support using taxpayer dollars for the settlement. Abbott has said "this is an issue that the attorney general is going to have to fully explain to both the House and the Senate."

CASA volunteers provide important service for youngsters in crisis

advocate," she said. "Volunteers don't need special training, we supply all that. Our volunteers are there to be a consistent adult in the child's life. They are not there to investigate and are not there as therapists. They are to be their advocate in

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court."

CASA volunteers protect abused and neglected youngsters until they can find a permanent foster home and speaks for the child in court as a voice that makes a difference at a critical point in that child's life.

After becoming a CASA advocate, each volunteer commits to at least a year of advocacy, must be able to communicate effectively, complete a 32-hour training program, pass a background check and be at least 21 years old.

Advocates build relationships with the child and meets others involved in their lives. After that, the volunteer advocates for the youngster's needs and best interests.

Judges appoint specific CASA volunteers to certain youngsters and once in court, advocates are only concerned with what is best for that particular child.

"Our goal is to make sure every child has an advocate," Sullenger said. "You could be that one person the child can trust."

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Dirty political business continues to “reek” havoc

There is this guy who has been under indictment for seven-plus years for all sorts of malfeasance ranging from accusations of state securities fraud, bribery and abuse of his office and other assorted criminal behavior.

Oh, he happens to be the top lawyer in the state of Texas. It's Teflon Ken Paxton, three-term attorney general of our great state, in case you were unaware.

Since 2015, he's been under indictment for state securities fraud before he took office and hasn't spent a day in court related to these charges. He's continued to plead not guilty, but recently, he worked out a \$3.3 million settlement to a whistleblower lawsuit brought about by four former staff members who accused him of the bribery and abuse of his office matter.

The settlement hasn't been paid, yet, because state lawmakers have to approve it, which if they do means that as is usually the case, the taxpayer gets stuck with the bill.

It would seem that Texas taxpayers would bristle at the thought of paying \$3.3 million for such a but if you go by the 2020 election results, it wouldn't seem so. Teflon Ken bounded back into office in 2022 without so much as a slight stumble.

The political landscape in Texas has historically been littered with office holders with – shall we say – questionable ethics and accusations of all types of egregious behavior.

Lyndon Johnson, perhaps the most effective arm-twister in the U.S. Senate in the past 150 years, was also branded with the derisive moniker “Landslide Lyndon” because of the notorious Democratic primary election runoff of 1948 against Coke Stevenson.

Miraculously, Johnson secured the primary win and the eventual Senate seat by a whopping 87 votes after Jim Wells County officials said, hey, wait here's Box 13 we haven't



counted. The extra Box 13 names were in alphabetical order and were in the same handwriting. (Robert Caro's excellent four volume biography of Johnson goes into great detail of LBJ and his political machinations.)

Anyway, the point is Teflon Ken isn't alone in being accused of shady political operations in the Lone Star State. But as reprehensible as our state's lawmakers have been in the past, we must pause and thank the Almighty we don't live in Georgia.

Yep, that's the state that sent Marjorie Taylor Greene to the U.S. House, where she is – depending on your viewpoint – a firebrand of conservatism or just a goofball who's liable to say anything to get attention.

To wit:

--This past President's Day, she called for America's “red” states to secede from the union because, well, if it happened the federal government would “shrink.” What? I lost you? Let her explain: “We need to separate by red states and blue states and shrink the federal government. Everyone I talk to says this.” After having 24 hours to ponder this, she then said she would like to see a “legal document” to separate states that differ in political and ideological areas. It would allow Americans where and how to live and “we don't have

to argue with one another anymore.”

-- In 2017, she reportedly said QAnon – the way, way out lunatic fringe group – provided “a once-in-a-lifetime” opportunity “to take this global cabal of Satan-worshipping pedophiles out,” meaning Democrats and others not aligned with her extreme views.

-- In 2018, she supported the conspiracy theory that a plane didn't hit the Pentagon on Sept. 11, 2001.

-- And apparently she posted on social media her support for messages advocating the execution of prominent Democrats, including House Speaker Nancy Pelosi.

She walked back most of these statements in 2021 when she was facing being kicked off two committees in the House. She insisted she regrets having supported these ridiculous claims as well as her support of QAnon.

--In 2022, in a speech in North Carolina, she said the Jan. 6 insurrection was “meaningless,” insisted that COVID-19 was developed in a lab with funds from Dr. Anthony Fauci and that The Defeated President really did win re-election in 2020.

-- In February, 2022 she lashed out at Pelosi's “gaspacho police” squad following the arrests of the insurrectionists. “So everything is completely out of control. Not only do we have the D.C. jail which is the D.C. gulag, but now we have Nancy Pelosi's gaspacho police spying on members of Congress.

Perhaps she meant the “Gestapo,” not a cold soup.

--In October, 2022, she tweeted photos of herself at a Civil War monument of the Wilder Brigade at the site of the Battle of Chickamauga, Ga., which she said “honored Confederate soldiers. I will always defend our nation's history!”

Oops, the Wilder Brigade fought on the Union side during that 1863 battle.

The mystery in all of this is how in the world do these people keep getting elected?

The case of the shellshocked husband

Now, I'm fixin' to get into this week's junk, but first I'm gonna have to do some explainin'.

The reason I'm explainin' is because it has to do with the story. This explainin' may be borin' but hang with me because the story at the end is worth it.

There are a lot of you out there that already know about what I'm fixin' to explain, but some of you won't, and I want those that don't know, to know. Man, I may have to do some explainin' just to explain what I just explained.

Anywho, here's the explainin'.

As some of you know, I was in the sporting trade and dealt with goods that deal with huntin', shootin', and stuff like that. Well, sometimes part of my job was showin' people how the firearms I represent operate. This was my favorite part of my job, especially when I was out at a gun range and the people I'm workin' with have the opportunity to shoot the guns.

Now, when a firearm is fired, and the bullet has left the barrel, the shell casing is still in the gun. If the gun is, say a semi-auto, the shell is just in the chamber for a millisecond or so, but until it is ejected, it is still in there.

If it is a bolt action rifle, it is in there until you work the bolt, to eject the shell, but until you do that, it is still in the rifle. I know, any idiot knows that, but some of you might not know what is takin' place with the spent shell.

Simply, when you fire the gun the propellant (powder) is ignited, which in turn burns rapidly, causing gases to expand and then they take the path of least resistance, which, of course is out the end of the barrel. Well, there's an obstacle in its way, and this obstacle is called a bullet. The gases, being more



powerful than the bullet, push it out of the case into, down, and out of the barrel. Boom! Now, back to the spent case.

The case has just received a lot of heat, and being usually made of brass, which is a good conductor of heat, this heat is transferred rather quickly from the brass to the surrounding chamber of the gun. But if the gun is a semi-auto, the case is ejected a millisecond after the gun is fired and a lot of that heat does not get transferred and it is still with the case. That is why spent cases from a semi-auto are hotter than manually operated firearms. Now, the reason I told you all of this.

One time while I was working a “shoot”, I was showing a lady how one of our semi-auto pistols operated. By the way, I like workin' with women better than men, because when it comes to firearms, men's egos sometimes get in their way.

Men don't want anyone to think that they don't know about guns, especially if they have someone with them. It's a man thing. Women, on the other hand, whether they know about guns or not, will pay attention, and I have found out, are usually better shots than men.

Anywho, I was showing this lady how the pistol operated and after she felt comfortable with it, we grabbed some ammo and headed to the firing line.

This particular woman had never fired a pistol before, and so I was in the process of showing her how to hold it, line up the sights, and so on. Well, I was standin' behind her with both of my

arms around her gettin' her in position when her husband walked up. Fortunately, he realized what I was doin' and it didn't disturb him that I had his wife in an awkward embrace.

Well, it didn't seem like it disturbed him. He watched for a minute and then moved off to look at some of the other firearms that we were showing.

Well, it wasn't long before the lady was firing the pistol like a pro. I was loadin' magazines and she was firin' away, and was not only hittin' the target, but was groupin' the bullets better than most people. Oh, did I mention this lady had on a low cut shirt?

Let me stop here for a minute and explain a couple of safety rules that you should always take heed of. One is ear protection, and another is shooting glasses. Ladies, a third is no low cut shirts.

Anywho, what happened next is my story, and I'm stickin' with it.

I was loadin' a magazine, and the lady was firin' the pistol. Bein' a semi-auto, the spent cases were bein' ejected out of the pistol and to the right of where she was standin'. There, beside the lady, was a post that had a safety sign on it. Well, one of her spent cases, which as I explained was really hot, hit the post and bounced back and landed right down this lady's low cut shirt.

Let me stop here again. Before I took this lady to the firin' line, I explained that in no uncertain terms that she was not to point the pistol anywhere but down range. I reemphasized this several

times, until I was sure she understood. Well, she understood alright.

When the spent case fell down her shirt, she screamed. She kept, as instructed, the pistol pointed down range. She had the pistol in one hand, and with the other hand she pulled down the front of her shirt, bent over and was tryin' to shake the shell out. Then she looked at me.

“Get it out!” she yelled.

I could see the little case and it was wedged down in there pretty tight. Quickly, I ramm'd my hand down the front of her shirt, grabbed the case and just as I pulled my hand out, I felt the presence of another person. There, standin' beside me was her husband. This time he did look disturbed, and thinkin' about it, I don't blame him.

I opened my hand and dropped the spent case into his hand. “It's still warm,” I said.

“I bet,” he said, his eyes narrowin'.

“Thank you,” the lady said, and then looked at her husband. “He just saved my life,” she said. I smiled at him.

“Oh,” I said. “I don't think it was life threaten'.” He didn't smile back.

“You want to bet,” he said.

“Thanks again for all your help,” she said as she handed the pistol back to me.

“My pleasure,” I said smilin'. Lookin' back, that was probably not the best choice of words.

“Come on honey,” she said to her husband, and then she took his hand a led him away. He kept lookin' back at me. I turned and obviously the lady's screams had got the attention of everyone within earshot range. Most of them were other reps. They were grinnin' and some were givin' me the “thumbs up”. I grinned back.

Like I said, that's my story and I'm stickin' with it.



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ONE YEAR AGO, March 3, 2022

A pair of Lindale High School athletes signed college letters of intent to continue their careers, one close to home and the other quite a few miles from East Texas.

LHS softball standout Ellie Watkins signed with East Texas Baptist University while soccer star Emma Bosworth signed with the University of Southern Maine, located in Portland.

A strong Christian atmosphere drew Watkins to ETBU, she said, adding she was also enticed by the school's nursing program and the coaching staff.

A third baseman, shortstop and catcher Watkins said she should play lot at third base for ETBU.

Bosworth was the district Most Valuable Player as a junior and will be a midfielder for the Huskies.

She cited the family atmosphere she experienced when she visited the campus and how comfortable she felt around other players and students.

Bosworth said she plans to major in business or marketing.

FIVE YEARS AGO, March 1, 2018

The Lindale Garden Club hosted Lindale High School Fine Arts teacher Morgan Walker who brought 10 of her students involved in her floral design class. A 2008 graduate of Lindale High School, Walker began teaching at LHS in 2015.

During the garden club meeting, her students presented “How to Design a Valentine Tea Cup” arrangement.

10 YEARS AGO, March 1, 2013

Lindale led the league in wins on the court and superlatives at season's end after the Lady Eagles captured three of the top honors on the All-District 16-4A girls' basketball team.

Lindale junior Zhanelle Geathers was named Offensive Player of the Year, while fellow junior teammate Natasha Malone was selected Defensive player of the Year.

Brandon Walters, who guided Lindale to the district title and the regional quarterfinals, was tabbed Coach of the Year.

Nacogdoches senior post Charity Page was named the Most Valuable Player of District 16-4A after leading the Lady Dragons to a playoff berth.

Lindale's Hannah Malone, Neeley Doss and Makenna Allen gained spots, as did E.J. Johnson, Justice Lockett and Ki'Audra Hayter of Nacogdoches.

Joh Tyler's Tiaka Lee and Quaneshia Johnson, who helped the Lady Lions finish second behind Lindale and ahead of Nacogdoches in district play, made the first team.

Keys to socializing your pet cat

Whether they are a purring housecat or a prowling neighborhood cat, felines react differently to new experiences depending on how they were socialized. Owners can choose to increase their cat's comfort level in new experiences but should first consider different socialization strategies.

Dr. Stacy Eckman, a clinical associate professor and the associate dean of hospital operations for the Texas A&M School of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences' Veterinary Medical Teaching Hospital, advises owners to adjust how they socialize their cat because each cat will respond differently to a specific approach.

“Just like some humans are introverts or extroverts, cats have different personalities also, so how owners socialize cats depends on the individual cat more than anything else,” Eckman explained.

The key to successful socialization experiences is for owners to gradually expose their cat to new environments, sounds, and situations to determine what works best for them. This will ensure a more positive experience for cats

and owners alike.

One of the best ways to socialize cats, according to Eckman, is to allow cats to explore indoor and outdoor spaces; listen to common noises such as vacuums, cars, and dogs barking; and experience small gatherings with a variety of people, animals and objects.

“Owners should watch their cat's responses to make sure they feel safe and not overwhelmed,” Eckman said. “If their cat responds negatively to socializing, owners should slow down or stop.”

Eckman encourages owners to visit their veterinarian to help identify their cat's body language when relaxed. Once they've identified this, owners should pay attention to their cat's body language to determine their comfort level with different socialization methods and adjust the method if needed.

For example, an owner can socialize their cat by bringing them in direct contact with a new person or animal, but their cat may respond negatively. An alternative to this method

of socializing is for the owner to present their cat with the new person's or animal's scent.

“Offer smells of the particular human or animal that the cat is socializing with by rubbing a towel on the new human or pet and presenting it to the cat,” Eckman explained. “The cat can then grow accustomed to their presence by scent first.”

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Take your diet to the Mediterranean

By Claudann Jones
Smith County Extension Agent
Family and Community Health

Fish instead of fried chicken. Brown rice instead of a white-flour roll. A handful of nuts instead of chips. Olive oil instead of butter. And plenty of vegetables and fruit.

Easy food swaps like these put the heart-healthy, life-extending power of the Mediterranean diet on your plate -- simply and deliciously.

Just how much impact can diet have? A Mediterranean style of eating reduced heart disease risk by 28 to 30 percent according to a 2013 conducted in Spain.

But you don't have to live near the Mediterranean to get the benefits. In a 2013 study that tracked a diverse group of 6,229 American women and men, ages 44 to 84, for eight years, Johns Hopkins Institute researchers and others found that a Mediterranean-style diet combined with regular exercise, a healthy weight, and not smoking protected against early heart disease, slowed the build-up of plaque in artery walls, and reduced risk for an early death by 80 percent.

Mediterranean-style eating aids your heart in four ways:

- It helps keep cholesterol levels healthy.
- It enhances your body's ability to absorb blood sugar (diabetes and prediabetes threaten your heart's health).
- It cools off damaging inflammation, an immune system response triggered when the body fights perceived intruders. Acute, or one-time, inflammation is helpful in fighting viruses and bacteria, but people who are overweight, consume high levels of refined foods,

and lead a sedentary lifestyle have chronic, or ongoing, inflammation, which may lead to diabetes and liver and heart disease.

-- It helps arteries stay flexible and resist plaque buildups.

Nutrients in this plan work as a team to produce these benefits. These include "good" monounsaturated fat from nuts and olive oil; beneficial omega-3 fatty acids from fatty fish like salmon; and fiber, vitamins, minerals, and protective phytochemicals from whole grains and produce.

What you don't eat is also important. Large amounts of refined carbohydrates (such as sweets and white bread) can cause blood sugar spikes, which prompt the body to store fat in a different way and can lead to obesity and diabetes. Saturated fats (found in whole milk, cheese, butter, ice cream, fatty meats and poultry skin) can affect your cholesterol. All these harmful effects increase your risk of heart disease tremendously.

Take your diet to the Mediterranean with a few simple changes. Try oatmeal with fresh fruit and a splash of fat-free milk for breakfast instead of bacon and eggs or pancakes.

Start lunch with a vegetable salad, dressed with a drizzle of olive oil. Have fruit for dessert after dinner.

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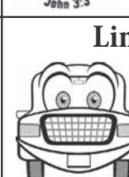
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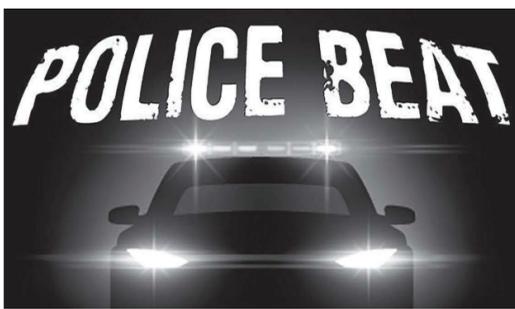
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SATURDAY, FEB. 18: 2:32:54 AM, Suspicious Circumstance, 15000 blk Country Acres Dr; 2:53:50 AM, Building Open, 70 blk Miranda Lambert Way; 5:57:47 AM, Disturbance, 400 blk S Industrial St; 7:53:18 AM, Public Service, 300 blk Arlene St; 9:27:25 AM, Suspicious Vehicle, 200 blk Cannery Row; 9:53:02 AM, Public Service, 100 blk Ballard Dr; 10:24:32 AM, Public Service, 400 blk S Industrial St; 10:29:05 AM, Animal Complaint, 15000 blk Brittain Ct; 11:08:26 AM, Criminal Trespass, 300 blk S Main St; 11:12:52 AM, Suspicious Circumstance, 300 blk S Main St; 11:42:14 AM, Escort, 200 blk W South St; 12:30:04 PM, Accident, Mt Sylvan St/W Hubbard St; 1:12:45 PM, Accident, 13000 blk CR 411; 1:18:15 PM, Suspicious Circumstance, 17000 blk Interstate 20 E; 2:51:25 PM, Suspicious Person, 200 blk Heritage Ct; 3:42:46 PM, Assist SCSO, 15000 blk CR 433; 4:20:01 PM, Warrant Service, 100 blk E Centennial Blvd; 4:44:13 PM, Welfare Concern, 300 blk S Industrial St; 5:51:06 PM, Animal Complaint, 700 blk Jack Dr; 6:02:34 PM, Welfare Concern, 13000 blk FM 2710; 7:44:42 PM, Alarm Business, 1500 blk S Main St; 8:30:54 PM, Assist Another Agency, CHRISTUS TYLER; 10:02:07 PM, Suspicious Vehicle, 200blk Cannery Row; 10:28:02 PM, Suspicious Vehicle, 200 blk Cannery Row.

SUNDAY, FEB. 19: 1:03:00 AM, Accident, 13000 blk Interstate 20 E; 2:05:05 AM, Suspicious Vehicle, 13000 blk Hwy 69 N; 7:51:12 AM, Inquest/unattended Death, 200 blk Heritage Ct; 9:53:56 AM, Disorderly Conduct, 300 blk S Main St; 11:03:02 AM, Suspicious Circumstance, 900 blk Mt Sylvan St; 11:36:23 AM, Welfare Concern, 3500 blk S Main St; 12:29:24 PM, Reckless Driving, 100 blk E Centennial Blvd; 1:19:27 PM, Suspicious Person, 1600 blk S Main St; 1:43:22 PM, Alarm Business, 1800 blk S Main St; 2:25:13 PM, Hit & Run, 100 blk Ballard Dr; 3:13:35 PM, Suspicious Person, 100 blk E Centennial Blvd; 3:56:14 PM, Welfare



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MONDAY, FEB. 20: 12:21:55 AM, Suspicious Person, 900 blk S Main St; 12:47:53 AM, Suspicious Vehicle, 1600 blk S Main St; 7:23:18 AM, Suspicious Person, 400 blk Eagle Spirit Dr; 9:26:06 AM, Animal Complaint, 15000 blk Brittain Ct; 9:38:40 AM, Dog Bite, 15000 blk Lindsay Ln; 10:44:29 AM, Accident, 3500 blk S Main St; 1:28:19 PM, Theft, 1200 blk Lindale Summit Dr; 1:36:20 PM, Suspicious Circumstance, 400 blk S Industrial St; 2:31:51 PM, Accident, 14000 blk Interstate 20 W; 3:43:11 PM, Public Service, 1200 blk Lindale Summit Dr; 4:14:45 PM, Cruelty To Animals, 100 blk E Centennial Blvd; 5:44:43 PM, Public Service, 15000 blk FM 849; 6:39:09 PM, Disturbance, 100 blk E Centennial Blvd; 7:05:44 PM, Welfare Concern, 2900 blk S Main St; 10:42:55 PM, Disturbance, 700 blk E North St; 11:34:51 PM, Suspicious Person, 200 blk Cannery Row.

TUESDAY, FEB. 21: 2:50:42 AM, Accident, 17000 blk Interstate 20 W; 7:34:10 AM, Accident, 500 blk N Main St; 10:23:47 AM, Welfare Concern, 13000 blk CR 472; 2:17:10 PM, Criminal Trespass, 3500 blk S Main St; 2:29:58 PM, Assist LISD PD, 15000 blk CR 463; 2:42:27 PM, Accident, 1300 blk S Main St; 2:49:12 PM, Loitering, 3200 blk S Main St; 3:12:29 PM, Identity Theft, 100 blk Ballard Dr; 3:21:12

PM, Miscellaneous, 900 blk S Main St; 3:48:02 PM, Accident, 13000 blk Interstate 20 W; 4:32:49 PM, Animal At Large, 300 blk E South St; 5:58:26 PM, Assist SCSO, CR 4116 / CR 4117; 7:07:44 PM, Accident, 900 blk S Main St; 7:44:45 PM, Reckless Driving, 500 blk N Main St; 8:06:12 PM, Motorist Assist, 1600 blk S Main St; 8:52:10 PM, 911 Hang Up Call, 100 blk Stadium St; 9:02:41 PM, Suspicious Vehicle, 100 blk W Van St; 9:30:17 PM, Suspicious Person, 200 blk Cannery Row.

WEDNESDAY, FEB 22: 5:31:52 AM, Public Service, 500 blk Hamrick St; 7:54:30 AM, Accident, 3500 blk S Main St; 8:23:38 AM, Accident, 3500 blk S Main St; 11:30:05 AM, Welfare Concern, 500 blk S Main St; 2:26:05 PM, Welfare Concern, 1400 blk Hillside Cir; 3:28:44 PM, Welfare Concern, 15000 blk FM 16 W; 3:33:44 PM, Disturbance, 1800 blk S Main St; 3:38:03 PM, Suspicious Person, 1400 blk Lakeside Ct; 3:53:06 PM, Welfare Concern, 13000 blk Interstate 20 W; 4:51:03 PM, Accident 3200 blk S Main St; 5:21:08 PM, Reckless Driving, 1400 blk S Main St; 5:45:01 PM, Accident, Eagle Spirit Dr / S Main St; 6:44:44 PM, Loud Noise Complaint, 15000 blk FM 16 W; 7:11:03 PM, Public Intoxication, 100 blk E Centennial Blvd; 8:56:47 PM, Suspicious Vehicle, E Hubbard St / Waters St; 10:43:15 PM, Suspicious Vehicle, 3200 blk S Main St.

THURSDAY, FEB 23: 1:32:57 AM, Miscellaneous, 100 blk Ballard Dr; 1:47:09 AM, Welfare Concern, 15000 blk Country Acres Dr; 2:14:44 AM, Miscellaneous, 100 blk Ballard Dr; 2:20:02 AM, Suspicious Vehicle, 13000 blk CR 472; 10:04:15 AM, City Ordinance Violation, 3200 blk S Main St; 11:25:31 AM, Welfare Concern, 13000 blk Interstate 20 W; 11:30:25 AM, Suspicious Person, 18000 blk Hwy 69 N; 11:51:38 AM, Suspicious Vehicle, Baker St / Pierce St; 12:43:43 PM, Stolen Property, 400 blk Oak Hill Ln; 1:09:00 PM, Accident, 3500 blk S Main St; 1:29:59 PM, Missing Person, S College St / W Hubbard St; 1:45:27 PM, Escort, 200 blk W South St; 2:33:38 PM, Assist Another Agency, CR 474 / S Main St; 3:04:25 PM, Suspicious Person, 200blk Mission Crest Cir; 3:22:49 PM Hit & Run, 70 blk Miranda Lambert Way; 3:23:08 PM, Found Property, 400 blk S Industrial St; 6:16:10 PM, Assist SCSO, 13000 blk Interstate 20 W; 7:42:55 PM, Burglary In Progress, 1200 blk Summit St; 8:26:33 PM, Alarm Residence, 800 blk Pineland Ln; 9:18:36 PM, Alarm Business, 14000 blk FM 849; 11:15:29 PM, Motorist Assist, 1900blk S Main St.

Virginia woman, 76, sentenced for crypto money laundering

A Virginia woman has been sentenced to federal prison for her role in a cryptocurrency money laundering conspiracy in the Eastern District of Texas, said Davilyn Walston, publicity spokesperson for U.S. Attorney Brit Featherston.

Lois Boyd, 76, of Amelia Court House, Virginia, pleaded guilty on June 14, 2022, to interstate travel in aid of racketeering enterprises and was sentenced to 37 months in federal prison today by U.S. District Judge Jeremy D. Kernodle.

According to information presented in court, Boyd was involved in a transnational money laundering network involved in the laundering of criminal proceeds derived from various fraud schemes. Boyd and her co-conspirators exchanged criminal proceeds for cryptocurrency and directed the cryptocurrency to wallets under the control of their foreign co-conspirators. In August 2020, Boyd and her co-conspirators traveled to Longview, Texas, where they attempted to exchange approximately \$450,000 in criminal proceeds for Bitcoin.

On June 16, 2021, Boyd was named in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury, charging her with interstate travel in aid of racketeering enterprises and money laundering.

On April 6, 2022, Boyd's co-conspirator, Deependra Bhusal, 47, of Irving, Texas, was sentenced to 46 months in federal prison for his role in the cryptocurrency money laundering conspiracy.

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

The investigations arising from the operation are being conducted by the U.S. Secret Service and the U.S. Postal Inspection Service and are being led and prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorneys Nathaniel C. Kummerfeld and L. Frank Coan, Jr., with assistance from the Criminal Division's Fraud Section and Computer Crime and Intellectual Property Section and the Department's Office of International Affairs.

Beaumont man pleads guilty to animal cruelty

A Beaumont man has pleaded guilty to federal violations in the Eastern District of Texas, said Walston.

Decorius Mire, 23, pleaded guilty to animal crushing before U.S. District Judge Marcia A. Crone.

Animal crushing is defined under federal criminal law as, "actual conduct in which one or more living non-human mammals, birds, reptiles, or amphibians, is purposely crushed, burned, drowned, suffocated, impaled, or otherwise subjected to serious bodily injury."

According to information presented in court, on Oct. 15, 2021, Mire and a co-defendant encountered a live domestic cat in the parking lot of a Beaumont apartment complex.

The co-defendant, encouraged by Mire, kicked the cat as if kicking a football field goal, propelling the cat approximately 15 to 20 feet through the air. Mire filmed the event with his cellular telephone and posted the video on his social media accounts where it was commented on and shared with others.

Mire was indicted by a federal grand jury on Sep. 28, 2022 and faces up to seven years in federal prison at sentencing.

The maximum statutory sentence 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 is being investigated by the Beaumont Police Department and the Federal Bureau of Investigation and is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Joseph R. Batte.

It's broccoli planting time

By Greg Grant
Smith County Horticulturist

Nice broccoli is easy to grow if you remember that it needs cool weather and high fertility. Many children will eat raw broccoli with assorted tasty dips like ranch dressing.

Broccoli is a cool-weather plant that bolts or flowers and forms seed when the weather is hot. Broccoli can tolerate frosts but not hard freezes, so it should be planted in late winter or early spring (February) for an initial crop.

A second fall crop can be planted around September in the northern half of Texas and in October in the southern half of Texas. Broccoli is generally planted as transplants, which are often available from garden centers and feed stores.

The transplants should be spaced 12 inches apart. Broccoli requires at least eight hours of direct sun each day to perform well. It should be planted in a rich, well-drained soil. Ideally, till several inches of organic matter into the soil and apply 2 pounds of a complete lawn fertilizer (15-5-10, 18-6-12, etc.) per 100 square foot of bed or every 35 feet of row. In small plots or raised beds sprinkle 2 teaspoons per square foot or feet of row. The ideal soil pH for broccoli is 6.0 to 7.0.

Broccoli is almost always transplanted into the garden. Transplants should be placed 12 inches apart in well-cultivated soil. Dig holes that are the same size as the existing pots the broccoli is growing in.

Remove from the pots and place the roots into the freshly dug holes. Gently firm the soil around the plants, being careful not to plant them any deeper than they were growing in their pots. Water them thoroughly with a water-soluble plant food at half the labeled recommendation.

Water and fertility are the most critical issues in growing nice heads of broccoli. Never let them get dry. Two weeks after transplanting, fertilize them with ½ cup of high-nitrogen fertilizer (21-0-0, etc.) for each 35 feet of row. Sprinkle half of the fertilizer down each side of the row.



Lightly work it into the soil and then water. Do this again, using 1 cup of high-nitrogen fertilizer immediately when you notice heads beginning to form. Repeat the same fertilization procedure immediately after the first harvest to stimulate numerous edible side shoots.

The main pest problems on broccoli are assorted caterpillars that destroy the foliage. Treat with organic *Bacillus thuringiensis* (Bt, Dipel, Thuricide, Organic Worm Killer) following all label directions as soon as you notice (or before) the first damage.

Be on the lookout for aphids as well. Depending on the variety, broccoli is generally ready to pick in 60 to 80 days from transplants. Harvest the heads with a sharp knife or hand pruners when they are tight and compact and around 6 to 8 inches in diameter.

As soon as the first buds begin to expand, pick them immediately regardless of the size. Cut the stems 6 to 8 inches below the head. Do not wait until the yellow flowers begin to open.

After harvesting the larger head, smaller heads will form from the cut stem of the plant. They are just as tasty and are often easier to prepare.

It's also time to plant transplants of broccoli's cool season cousins including Brussels sprouts, cabbage, cauliflower, collards, kale, and kohlrabi using the same method.

TxDOT crews working Smith County this week

Road crews with the Texas Department of Transportation will be working on several projects in Smith County this week, said TxDOT spokesman Jeff Williford.

Tyler maintenance will have a crew performing base failure repairs on FM 15 about two miles south of SH 64. The crew will then move near Sadler St. on FM 15. Expect lane closures with flaggers controlling traffic.

A second crew will be performing ditch work, removing high shoulders, and filing low shoulders on Loop 323, just east of North Broadway Avenue. Expect lane closures which will change daily. Also, a sweeper unit will be in various locations throughout the county.

Other construction projects include:
FM 344, etc., Safety Improvements
Limits: FM 344 – From FM 756 east to SH 110; FM 768 – from Loop 456, S to FM 22
Contractor: A R Brothers Construction Services, Inc.
Cost: \$1.8 million
Anticipated Completion Date: Spring 2023
Project is awaiting final punch list. The project consists of improving drainage, culvert work, and guardrail upgrades.

SH 155 Resurfacing Project
Limits: From Loop 323 in Tyler, southwest to the Anderson County line
Contractor: Madden Contracting Company, LLC
Cost: \$17 million
Anticipated Completion Date: Summer 2023
The contractor is scheduled to sweep lanes out. Lane closures are anticipated. Work will be done during the day. Expect delays on this corridor when construction is in progress. The project will resurface the roadway, upgrade

drainage structures, and repair bridge joints.

Tyler State Park Bridge and Resurfacing Project

Limits: Park Maintenance Road in Tyler State Park SW to Cedar Point Camping Area Exit
Contractor: Encino Landscape
Cost: \$2.4 Million
Anticipated Completion Date: Summer 2023
No work is scheduled this week. The project consists of bridge and pavement resurfacing.

SH 110 & FM 346 Landscape Project

Limits: Various locations on SH 110 & FM 346
Contractor: Tight Line Construction, LLC
Cost: \$157,495
The contractor will continue maintenance of various landscape beds. The project consists of landscape development.

Whittle Street, CR 2110, and CR 289 Bridge Replacement Project

Limits: Whittle Street, CR 2110, CR 289
Contractor: THK Construction, LLC
Cost: \$1.25 million
Anticipated Completion Date: Spring 2023
No work is scheduled this week on Whittle Street at West Mud Creek Tributary. The road is closed to through traffic. The project replaces the existing bridge with a new structure.

No work is scheduled this week on the CR 289 bridge at Prairie Creek. The road is open to traffic. The project replaces the existing bridge with a new structure. The contractor will complete one bridge at a time.

Thurmon sets new Blackberry meet record in hurdles

Bolstered by a new meet record from Kyndal Thurmon in the 100 meter hurdles, the Lindale Junior High School girls 7th and 8th grade track teams took first places in the annual Blackberry Relays held this past week at Eagle Stadium.

Thurmon, an 8th grader, raced to a time of 16.53 in the hurdles, which eclipsed the previous record of 16.86 set by Makayla Marshall of Tyler Three Lakes in 2018.

The 8th graders posted 157.5 points in winning their meet while the 7th graders won with 170.3 points.

Thurmon led the 8th graders with 29 points, followed by Ella Hutchens with 21, Madison Devisscher with 18, Kaidance Smith with 15, Ma'Kaylin Smith with 14 and Tori Cooper with 12.

For the 7th graders, Rachel Kelley led the



The field was crowded for the Junior Varsity boys 400 meter run this past Thursday during the Lindale High School Blackberry Relays held at Eagle Stadium. (Photo by Terry Cannon)

way with 33 points followed by Brooklyn Wiggins with 20.3 points, Breelyn Gordon with 19, Baylee Brooks with 15 and Harper Kinney with 14.

BLACKBERRY RELAYS RESULTS

8TH GRADE

Triple Jump – Kyndal Thurmon – 3rd Place (30'11 ¼); Tori Cooper – 4th Place (30'8 ¾)

Long Jump – Ella Hutchens – 3rd Place (14'6)

High Jump – Ma'Kaylin Smith – 4th Place (4'4); Jordyn Weesner – 6th Place (tie) (4'0) and Lilly Johnson

Pole Vault – Caydence Thompson – 1st Place (7'6); Julianne Schlensker – 3rd Place (7'0); Kimber Simpson – 5th Place (tie) (6'6)

Discus – Ella Hutchens – 2nd Place (79'7)

Shot Put – Ella Hutchens – 4th Place (34'3 ½)

2400 Run – Madison Devisscher – 2nd Place (9:55.77); Bella Van Dyke – 4th Place (10:28.32)

400 Relay – Tori Cooper, Ma'Kaylin Smith, Brooke Gissell, Kaidance Smith – 3rd Place (52.27)

100 Hurdles – Kyndal Thurmon – 1st Place (16.53); Lilly Johnson – 5th Place (17.40)

800 Relay – Tori Cooper, Ma'Kaylin Smith, Brooke Gissell, Kaidance Smith – 2nd Place (1:53.12)

300 Hurdles – Kyndal Thurmon – 1st Place (51.69); Lilly Johnson – 5th Place (55.61)

200 Dash – Kaidance Smith – 2nd Place (28.62); Brooke Gissell – 5th Place (30.03); Tori Cooper – 6th Place (30.21)

1600 Run – Madison Devisscher – 1st Place (6:17.80); Bella Van Dyke – 4th Place (6:37.96); Bernadette Malmgren – 5th Place (6:51.45)



Competitors in the Junior Varsity girls 400 meter run round the turn during afternoon action at the Lindale High School Blackberry Relays at Eagle Stadium. (Photo by Terry Cannon)

1600 Relay – Ahlyvia Luwizhi, Ella Hutchens, Kyndal Thurmon, Ma'Kaylin Smith – 3rd Place (4:39.82)

7TH GRADE

Triple Jump – Breelynn Gordon – 2nd Place (28' 3 ½); Tiana Silva – 4th Place (26'2 ½)

Long Jump – Rachel Kelley – 2nd Place (tie) (13'9); Brooklyn Wiggins – 5th Place (13'2 ¾); Breelynn Gordon – 6th Place (13'2)

High Jump – Rachel Kelley – 2nd Place (4'2); Brooklyn Wiggins – 4th Place (tie) (4'0)

Pole Vault – Dylan Grace – 1st Place (6'0); Bella Bunton – 2nd Place (tie) (5'6) and Baylee Brooks

Discus – Harper Kinney – 3rd Place – (66'2); Maci Gateley – 6th Place – (52'4)

Shot Put – Harper Kinney – 2nd Place – (28'0); KayLea Williams – 6th Place – (24'6 ½)

2400 Run – Kyleigh Harrison – 5th Place – (11:45.04)

400 Relay – MaKynli Zemer, Breelynn Gordon, Baylee Brooks, Brooklyn Wiggins – 3rd Place (56.52)

800 Run – Madison Hopson – 2nd Place (2:49.21); Harper Lewis – 4th Place (2:58.81)

100 Hurdles – Rachel Kelley – 2nd Place (19.21); Dylan Grace – 6th Place (20.87)

100 Dash – Bella Bunton – 5th Place (14.21)

800 Relay – MaKynli Zemer, Breelynn Gordon, Baylee Brooks, Brooklyn Wiggins – 3rd Place (1:59.77)

400 Run – Madison Hopson – 2nd Place (1:11.504); Alayna Ogden – 3rd Place (1:11.514); Addyson Hance – 4th Place (1:12.474)

300 Hurdles – Rachel Kelley – 1st Place (55.26); Joclyn Grogan – 4th Place (1:02.69)

200 Dash – Brooklyn Wiggins – 1st Place (28.42); Tiana Silva – 5th Place (31.13); Bella Bunton – 6th Place (32.66)

1600 Relay – MaKynli Zemer, Breelynn Gordon, Baylee Brooks, Alayna Ogden – 2nd Place (4:58.28)

Lady Eagles ranked No. 23 in state

The Lindale High School Lady Eagles soccer team, currently in second place in District 14-4A, is ranked No. 23 in the state by the Texas High School Girls Coaches Association by virtue of its 14-3-2 season record.

The Lady Eagles sport a 7-1 mark in district and trail only Bullard's Lady Panthers who are 8-0.

Lindale has scored 47 goals this season and allowed just eight.

Celina leads the state rankings with a 17-0 record, followed by Bullard at 14-0-2. Jacksonville is No. 8 at 14-1-1.

The lone district blemish for Lindale came in a 5-3 setback to Bullard on Jan. 31 in Lindale. The Lady Eagles get a chance on Friday (March 3) to even things with the Lady Panthers when they travel to Bullard for another key district match.

On Tuesday, March 7, Lindale will travel to Van for another league encounter. Two home games, March 10 against Chapel Hill and March 13 against Grand Saline will finish up the season.

The bi-district playoffs get under way on March 25.

This past week, the Lady Eagles lost, 3-1, to Sulphur Springs after trouncing Cumberland, 8-0 in a district match on Feb. 17.

On Feb. 10, the Lady Eagles drilled Grand Saline, 14-0 and on Feb. 7, defeated Chapel Hill, 5-0, while on Feb. 3, the Lady Eagles disposed of Van, 6-1, after scoring five times in the first half.

In the non-district match against Sulphur Springs, Lindale trailed 2-1 at the half before the Lady Wildcats posted another goal in the second half to secure the win.

Against Cumberland, the Lady Eagles raced to a 3-0 lead at the half and put things away in the second half with five more goals. This was Lindale's second win over the Lady Knights after taking a 3-0 victory in January.

In the Grand Saline win, the Lady Eagles rattled the net eight times in the first half to coast to the win.

Celebrating Texas Independence with trivia

By Mary Bonrepos
Smith County Master Gardener

Most everyone knows our nation claimed its independence from Great Britain on July 4, 1776. And we've been celebrating July 4 since then with fireworks, cookouts, parades, and more.

But quick -- when did Texas claim its independence from Mexico? On March 2, 1836, Texas officially declared independence from Mexico and the Republic of Texas was created.

Whether you were born in Texas like me, or got here as soon as you could, you probably know that Texas has a rich history and unique culture. With more than 268,596 square miles and about 30 million residents, Texas is the second largest state in the nation. Texas also has the second largest Gross National Product in the nation at \$1.83 trillion in 2021 and is ranked the 9th largest economy among nations of the world.

Just for the record, I am not a history buff, but I was intrigued to learn that Texas also has many state symbols. With Texas Independence Day fast approaching, perhaps we should all be familiar with some of these symbols that make Texas -- well--Texas!

A state that has the catchphrase "Don't Mess With Texas," bluebonnets as the state flower, and a longhorn as the state large mammal. Oh, and

did you know we have a state vegetable, tree, fruit and even a flying mammal?

Here's some handy information concerning Texas trivia that will impress friends or win a fun competition:

(Information provided by Texas State Library and Archives Commission.)

- State bird, Mockingbird
- State Capital, Austin
- State Cobbler, Peach
- State Crustacean, Texas Gulf Shrimp
- State Dog, Blue Lacy
- State Drink, no official state beverage but sweet iced tea and margaritas are often mentioned
- State Fiber and Fabric, Cotton
- State Fish, Guadalupe Bass
- State Flower, Bluebonnet (Lupinus texensis and any other variety of bluebonnet)
- State Folk Dance, Square Dance
- State Food/Dish, Chili
- State Footwear, Cowboy Boots
- State Fruit, Texas Red Grapefruit
- State Gemstone, Texas Blue Topaz
- State Handgun, 1847 Colt Walker Pistol
- State Hat, Cowboy Hat
- State Horse, American Quarter Horse
- State Insect, Monarch Butterfly (Danaus plexippus)

- State Knife, Bowie Knife
 - State Mammal – Small, Armadillo
 - State Mammal – Large, Longhorn
 - State Mammal – Flying, Mexican Free-Tailed Bat
 - State Motto, Friendship
 - State Musical Instrument, Guitar
 - State Native Shrub, Texas Purple Sage (Leurophyllum frutescens)
 - State Nickname, "The Lone Star State"
 - State Nut, Pecan
 - State Pepper, Jalapeno
 - State Pie, Pecan
 - State Plant, Prickly Pear Cactus
 - State Pollinator Western Honey Bee
 - State Reptile, Texas Horned Lizard
 - State Snack, Tortilla Chips and Salsa
 - State Shrub, Crape Myrtle (Lagerstroemia indica)
 - State Soil, Houston Black
 - State Song, Texas, Our Texas
 - State Sport, Rodeo
 - State Tree, Pecan (Carya illinoensis)
 - State Vegetable, Sweet Onion
 - State Vehicle, Chuck Wagon
 - State Waterlily, Nymphaea Texas Dawn
- The Smith County Master Gardener program is a volunteer organization in connection with the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service.

State grain producers see improved conditions

By Adam Russell
Texas A&M Extension Service

Circumstances are improving for Texas grain producers as spring plantings get underway in southern parts of the state, according to a Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service expert.

Mark Welch, Ph.D., AgriLife Extension grain market economist, Bryan-College Station, said strong grain prices, improving planting conditions and lower input costs are likely to encourage producers going into the season.

Welch said soil moisture conditions have improved across much of the state. Some areas in Central Texas, the South Plains, Rolling Plains and Panhandle remained severely to exceptionally dry, but widespread rains have improved conditions for two-thirds of the state, according to the U.S. Drought Monitor.

Some parts of East Texas and South Texas are dealing with excessive rain. Welch said AgriLife Extension agents in the Coastal Bend reported growers were eager to plant corn but that soggy fields are delaying equipment access.

"I do think the moisture improvement favors grain production," he said. "Some areas need more rain before planting, but most producers are going to plant grain or

cotton depending on their rotation schedule. It's good for growers to have options and moderated input costs creates more room for potential profit."

Options, outlook improves for Texas grain producers

The U.S. Department of Agriculture will release its early corn acreage estimate soon, Welch said. The expected acres report is based on modeling and limited survey information from growers and economists.

Welch suspects Texas corn acres could increase but said overall market and growing conditions give growers other options. Budgets will be tight, but lower costs for inputs like fuel and fertilizer have increased optimism among growers.

Welch said the cost for 130 pounds of nitrogen fertilizer is \$20-\$30 lower than this time last year. There are also fewer concerns about fertilizer availability.

The improved circumstances also give producers who planted winter wheat a number of options, he said. Texas farmers have planted the most wheat acres in 30 years. Parts of the state have remained dry and some acres may have failed due to poor germination, but those that emerged and hung on may begin flourishing with warmer temperatures on the horizon.

Producers planted wheat for various reasons – as a winter forage, cover crop,

for grain or a combination of those reasons, Welch said. Wheat's forage value is extremely high due to a short hay supply across the state. Fields could be grazed, baled or chopped for wheatlage and followed with crops like corn or cotton.

Another multi-cropping option is to produce or provide forage for cattle until mid-March and then take the crop to grain harvest in June or July. They could then follow wheat with a short-season sorghum or soybeans, he said.

"There was a lot of wheat planted in areas that don't typically plant wheat, so they probably won't go to grain," he said. "But they may get some income or benefits from it as a forage."

Grain prices incentivize increased production

Grain prices remain historically strong despite declining from record highs in 2022, Welch said.

Wheat cash prices are still over \$8 per bushel – \$8.84 per bushel for the northern Panhandle this week. Cash prices peaked over \$12 per bushel after Russia invaded Ukraine last spring. In late summer 2020, the cash price of wheat in Texas was below \$4 per bushel.

Corn prices are also relatively strong – right around \$8 per bushel – compared to just below \$3.50 in summer 2020. Cash corn

was just below \$9 per bushel last summer.

Welch's only concern for all grains is that better growing conditions and price incentives could translate into more planted acres and higher yields that push supplies beyond demand. A slowing global economy could also tamp demand for grains.

Some mid-western grain-producing areas, especially western Kansas, continue to experience drought that could impact overall U.S. grain production. Production in Brazil, which is expected to be the world's largest exporter of corn, could also impact prices. Harvest time of Brazil's second season corn crop coincides with much of Central Texas.

"It's a big old world, and the competition is growing," he said. "Weather will be the big factor for everyone and determine supply, but record yields and an economic slowdown could dampen pricing opportunities."

The East Texas district has received heavy amounts of rain over recent weeks. Subsoil and topsoil conditions were adequate to surplus. Some parts of the district were completely soaked. Pasture and rangeland conditions were poor to good. Ponds and creeks were full. Plants and trees began to green up and bloom. Temperature fluctuations have been tough on crops and livestock. Hay supplies continued to run short for many producers. Livestock were in fair to good condition with supplementation taking place.

TPWD seeks input on Texas freshwater fishing regulation proposals for 2023-24

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's (TPWD) 2023-24 proposed freshwater fishing regulation changes focus on simplifying and clarifying fishing-related rules on waters within public parks, particularly Community Fishing Lakes, publicity officials announced.

Additional changes could remove unnecessary exceptions and clarify water-body boundaries.

"We aim to make those angling experiences as easy and enjoyable as possible," said Craig Bonds, TPWD's Inland Fisheries Division Director. "Our staff has been intentional about coordinating with city, county and state parks authorities to provide quality fishing opportunities in these waters, most of which reside within safe and convenient locations for families to enjoy time spent outdoors."

The proposed changes also include modified largemouth bass and catfish regulations on select waterbodies and the removal of fishing regulations for Gibbons Creek Reservoir due to the closure of public access to the fishery.

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) is taking public

comment on the following proposed changes to the 2023-24 Statewide Recreational and Commercial Fishing Proclamation, with input to be considered before any action by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission at its March 23 public hearing.

Modify the definition of and fishing regulations for Community Fishing Lakes as follows:

Clarify that CFLs include all public impoundments 75 acres or smaller that are located totally within incorporated city limits or a public park, including municipal, city, county, or state parks. The new definition will exclude impoundments greater than 75 acres that are totally within the boundaries of state parks.

Remove special exceptions for blue and channel catfish and remove statewide daily bag, possession, and length limits for other species of fish to implement a daily bag limit of five (all species combined) with one black bass greater than 14 inches.

Continue largemouth bass special exceptions for five CFLs.

Clarify the pole-and-line restrictions for CFLs, state park lakes and Deputy Darren Goforth Park Lake.

Changes to CFL regulations require modifications to catfish regulations for three state park lakes: Abilene (Taylor County), Raven (Walker County) and Sheldon (Harris County) to remove special exceptions for blue and channel catfish to implement a daily bag limit of 15 and 14-inch minimum length limit.

Apply the CFL fishing regulations to seven water bodies for management consistency with CFLs to remove special exceptions for blue and channel catfish and remove statewide daily bag, possession, and length limits for other species of fish to implement a daily bag limit of five (all species combined) with one black bass greater than 14 inches.

Modify largemouth bass harvest regulations for Lake Nasworthy (Tom Green County) to eliminate special exceptions (14- to 18-inch slot length limit) to statewide daily bag, possession and length limits and return to statewide regulations.

Implement a largemouth bass catch-and-release regulation for the newly renovated Lake Forest Park (Denton County, City of Denton).

Remove fishing regulations for

Gibbons Creek Reservoir. This reservoir is privately owned and no longer open to the public.

Modify catfish harvest regulations for Dixieland Lake (Cameron County) to remove special exceptions for blue and channel catfish and remove statewide daily bag, possession, and length limits for other species of fish to implement a daily bag limit of five (all species combined) with one black bass greater than 14 inches. Dixieland Lake's size has been reassessed, and it is classified as a CFL.

Modify catfish harvest regulations for Bellwood (Smith County) and Tankersley (Titus County) lakes to eliminate special exceptions to statewide daily bag, possession, and length limits for blue and channel catfish and return to statewide regulations.

Delineate the upstream reservoir boundaries for Choke Canyon Reservoir (Live Oak and McMullen counties) and O.H. Ivie Reservoir (Coleman, Concho and Runnels counties) to differentiate between the inflowing river and the reservoir where special exceptions to statewide daily bag, possession and length limits are in place.

Correct the upstream reservoir

boundary road name for Lake Conroe (Montgomery and Walker counties).

Additional details on the proposed regulation changes, including narrated presentations on the proposed changes, can be found on the [public comment page](#) and in the [Texas Register](#).

Opportunities to provide comments for or against these proposals include:

Online: At [TPWD public comment page](#) until March 22.

Phone or email: Comments on the proposed changes may be submitted to Michael Tennant at (512) 389-8754, email: Michael.Tennant@tpwd.texas.gov.

Online webinar: TPWD staff will present proposed fishing regulation changes and answer questions in an [online webinar](#) at 6 p.m. on March 7. The webinar will also be posted on the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's [YouTube channel](#) and [Facebook page](#).

In person: The TPW Commission will take public comment on the proposed changes at their meeting on Thursday, March 23, in Austin. Public testimony will normally be limited to three minutes per person.



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Karen Lea Williams Rosson, Independent Executor
Estate of Yvonne Smith Corbin
c/o Gregory A. Fraser
P.O. Box 2562
Lindale, TX 75771

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Lindale boys, girls earn high finishes at Blackberry Relays

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POLE VAULT: Bowman Grace, 1st, 13 feet, 9 inches; Justin Seekford, 2nd, 13 feet, 6 inches; Lucas Harbour, 12 feet

VARSITY GIRLS

1. Bullard, 146
2. Gilmer, 142
3. Chapel Hill, 112
4. Lindale, 79
5. Sulphur Springs, 70
6. Whitehouse, 53
7. Brownsboro, 12
8. Pittsburg, 0

EVENTS

(Lindale competitors only)

800 METER RUN: Abigail Kelley, 3rd, 2:36.7

1600 METER RUN: Abigail Kelley, 4th, 6:00.28; Abigail Hanley, 6:00.99

100 METER HURDLES: Kenney Miller, 3rd, 17.5

300 METER HURDLES: Kaylee Brousseau, 3rd, 52.2

4 X 200 METER RELAY: Kaley Kincaid, Addison Ridge, Whitney Dao, Laniya Daniels, 5th, 1:55.04

4 X 400 METER RELAY: Lydia Payne, Laniya Daniels, Kaylee Brousseau, Whitney Dao, 6th, 4:36.4

SHOT PUT: Kaniya Pierce, 5th, 31 feet, 1 inch

DISCUS: Makayla Bosmond, 1st, 82 feet, 11 ½ inches

HIGH JUMP: Kayli Vickery, 1st, 5 feet, 2 inches; Brooke Everest, 3rd, 4 feet, 8 inches

POLE VAULT: Kortlen Pierce, 9 feet; Kenney Miller, 7 feet

JUNIOR VARSITY GIRLS

1. Lindale, 146.5
2. Whitehouse, 145
3. Chapel Hill, 143.5
4. Bullard, 56
5. Sulphur Springs, 49
6. Gilmer, 44
7. Brownsboro, 29
8. Pittsburg, 0

EVENTS

(Lindale competitors only)

200 METER DASH: Alyssa Potts, 2nd, 29.09; Summer Ishamel, 3rd, 29.1

400 METER DASH: Ireland Cornejo, 3rd, 1:15.26; Kayln Bielitz, 6th, 1:16.3

800 METER DASH: Mary Blackburn, 5th, 3:13.30

1600 METER RUN: Cadyn Haisten, 1st, 6:31.26; Natalee De-

Dios, 2nd, 6:39.85

3200 METER RUN: Cadyn Haisten, 3rd, 14:22.34; Natalee DeDios, 4th, 14:22.89

100 METER HURDLES: Joelene McKinney, 2nd, 19.3

300 METER HURDLES: Joelene McKinney, 1st, 55.24; Lauren Stanton, 3rd, 56.61

4 X 100 METER RELAY: Madalynn Fowble, Brinley Wehr, Kayden King, Macy Luster, 4th, 56.48

4 X 200 METER RELAY: Madalynn Fowble, Brinley Wehr, Kayden King, Macy Luster, 3rd, 1:59.90

4 X 400 METER RELAY: Ireland Cornejo, Ava Burns, Summer Ishamel, Alyssa Potts, 3rd, 4:53.10

SHOT PUT: Serenity Fuller, 5th, 25 feet, 11 ¼ inches; Felicity Thiem, 6th, 25 feet, 2 inches

DISCUS: Maddie Luster, 1st, 86 feet, 5 inches

TRIPLE JUMP: Macy Luster, 5th, 30 feet, 4 ¼ inches

HIGH JUMP: Lauren Stanton, 2nd, 4 feet, 6 inches; Madalynn Fowble, 3rd, 4 feet, 6 inches

POLE VAULT: Ava Burns, 2nd, 7 feet; Emalee McKeever, 5th, 6 feet

JUNIOR VARSITY BOYS

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EVENTS

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200 METER DASH: Ryker Rambatt, 4th, 25.7

400 METER DASH: Carson Shipman, 5th, 59.4

800 METER RUN: Chris Brown, 4th, 2:25.12

1600 METER RUN: Eric Reyes, 6th, 6:42.49

3200 METER RUN: Eric Reyes, 5th, 13:01.55

110 METER HURDLES: Chad Ward, 3rd, 18.73

300 METER HURDLES: Chad Ward, 1st, 44.8

4 X 100 METER RELAY: Jayden Hagen, A'Million Johnson, Pat Weldon, Kayden Spears, 6th, 47.66

4 X 200 METER RELAY: Kayden Spears, Pat Weldon, Nathan Bradford, Aiden Warnell, 4th, 1:40.10

4 X 400 METER RELAY: Kayden Spears, A'Million Johnson, Ryker Rambatt, Carson Shipman, 2nd, 3:53.60

LONG JUMP: Nathan Bradford, 1st, 19 feet, 2 ¾ inches; Chad Ward, 5th, 18 feet, 1 ½ inches

SHOT PUT: Drew Ragland, 1st, 36 feet, 8 ¾ inches

DISCUS: Gunner Johnson, 1st, 96 feet, 9 ¾ inches; Christian Pettway, 2nd, 94 feet, 11 ½ inches

HIGH JUMP: A'Million Johnson, 3rd, 5 feet, 4 inches

POLE VAULT: Jack Partlow, 2nd, 10 feet

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TxDOT eyes \$100 billion for transportation

The Texas Department of Transportation is proposing a record \$100 billion, 10-year transportation plan to improve congestion, increase safety and maintain the state's roadways. That's a \$15 billion increase over the original plan and comes after record projected revenue for the state, generated by oil and gas fees that are dedicated to highways.

The latest plan would increase funding in a number of areas, including "safety, energy sector, rural and urban connectivity, border infrastructure, maintenance and preservation," according to a TxDOT statement.

"Safety is a top priority for TxDOT, and these funding levels reflect that," TxDOT Exec. Dir. Marc Williams said.

kids' corner

HEALTH FACT:

TRUE OR FALSE?
 FROZEN VEGETABLES ARE LESS NUTRITIOUS THAN FRESH OR CANNED ONES.

ANSWER: FALSE

Math Blocks

Fill in the missing blocks with numbers between 0-10. The numbers in each row add up to the totals to the right. The numbers in each column add up to the totals on the bottom.

	2	5	10
7	10		23
	4		13
10	16	20	

6	4	0
6	10	7
5	2	3

Solution

Get Scrambled

Unscramble the words to determine the phrase.

Z F E R E R E R B N U

ANSWER: FReezer Burn

THIS DAY IN...



HISTORY

• 1845: FLORIDA IS ADMITTED AS THE 27TH U.S. STATE.

• 1910: JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER JR. RETIRES FROM BUSINESS TO DEVOTE ALL OF HIS TIME TO PHILANTHROPY.

• 1986: THE AUSTRALIA ACT 1986 COMMENCES, RESULTING IN THE COUNTRY'S FULL INDEPENDENCE FROM THE UNITED KINGDOM.



REFRIGERATE

to subject food to cold in order to chill or preserve it

Library to celebrate St. Patrick's Day, March 17

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TUESDAY, MARCH 7: Adult Game Day, 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8: UT Tyler Lifestyle Change Class, 10 a.m.-11 a.m.; TAB meeting, 3:45 p.m.

THURSDAY, MARCH 9: AARP, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.; Yarn Club, 4 p.m.-5 p.m.

FRIDAY, MARCH 10: Story Time, "Birds," 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

SATURDAY, MARCH 11: Therapet, by appointment.

SUNDAY, MARCH 12: Friends of the Library meeting, 2 p.m.

TUESDAY, MARCH 14: Meet the Author, Emma Hill, 12 noon-1 p.m.; Adult Game Day, 10 a.m.-noon.

THURSDAY, MARCH 16: AARP, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.; Yarn Club, 4 p.m.-5 p.m.; Leprechaun Gold Hunt.

FRIDAY, MARCH 17: Story Time "St. Patrick's Day," 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m., wear green! Leprechaun Gold Hunt.

SATURDAY, MARCH 18: Leprechaun Gold Hunt.

TUESDAY, MARCH 21: Adult Game Day, 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22: UT Tyler Lifestyle Change Class, 10 a.m.-11 a.m.

THURSDAY, MARCH 23: AARP, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.; Yarn Club, 4 p.m.-5 p.m.

FRIDAY, MARCH 24: Story Time, "Spring," 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

SATURDAY, MARCH 25: Therapet, by appointment; TAB sponsored teen self-defense class, 10 a.m., 15656 FM 849.

TUESDAY, MARCH 28: Adult Game Day, 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, MARCH 30: AARP, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.; Yarn Club, 4 p.m.-5 p.m.

FRIDAY, MARCH 31: Story Time, "Weather," 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

How they SAY that in...

ENGLISH: Ice
SPANISH: Hielo
ITALIAN: Ghiaccio
FRENCH: Glace
GERMAN: Eis

Did you know?

DESSERTS LIKE ICE CREAM AND ICE POPS ARE POPULAR FROZEN FOODS.

GET THE PICTURE?

Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

ANSWER: FROZEN (TV) DINNER