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City council cancels May 6 election, certifies Place 1, Place 3 candidates

City council members approved an ordinance to cancel the May 6, 2023 General Election after declaring unopposed candidates Bob Tardiff and Bryan Summerville were to be seated on the council during their regular meeting Tuesday night (March 7) at city hall.

Tardiff will assume the Place 1 seat on the council while Summerville will take the Place 3 seat.

Both men served previously on the council but resigned in April, 2022, because the term limits clause in the city charter states council members must wait a year before running again.

By resigning a month before their term ended, both men were able to run this year.

Currently Rick Thelen holds the place 1 seat but didn't seek reelection. He has been on the council since 2016. Ginger Sims, who is also the Mayor Pro Tem, termed out after having served since 2007.

Summerville and Tardiff joined the council in 2012. The city charter specifies council members can serve three, three-year terms before stepping down.

In other action, council members:

- Voted to go out for bids for the lift station at Lindale Business Park. The project will be funded by ARPA funds granted to the city by Smith County Commissioners, said City Manager Carolyn Caldwell;
- Voted to go out for bid for the West Lindale Crossing Phase 1 water line looping project, which began in March of 2020, but was put on hold until ARPA funds became available from the county;
- Approved \$330,000 for the engineering project on East Centennial Drive;
- Purchased a vacuum trailer for \$23,622 with funds from the Water Capital Fund;
- Purchased a dump trailer for \$7,627 with funds from the Water Capital Fund;
- Renewed the contract of Victor Martinez at \$28,000 per year for maintenance at the Lindale City Cemetery. Caldwell recommended Martinez remain as the maintenance person.



Highway 16 work continues

Road construction continues on Highway 16 in Lindale as crews install drainage pipes and widen the roadway. This past Friday, a gas main was broken, which was taken care of by gas company workers. Traffic was briefly rerouted to South Street. Photo by Terry Cannon

Thelen proud of helping position Lindale for its future growth

By Terry Cannon Editor

For the past seven years, Rick Thelen has been a consistent presence on the Lindale City Council, a position he was well prepared for because he and his wife Linda were familiar figures during council meetings.

And in fact, the Thelens were also familiar faces at city hall before he joined the council by attending virtually every meeting for several months before Rick was approached by former Mayor Jim Mallory to take an open spot on the council.

When current Mayor Jeff Daugherty decided to pursue the mayor's position on the council it left the Place 1 seat vacant.

"(Mallory) was really the main reason I decided to join the council," Thelen said. "He urged me to go to the meetings."

That was in 2016 and even though he would have been able to seek another term in May, he felt this was an opportune time to step away, especially since former council members Bob Tardiff and Bryan Summerville will return in May when Thelen's and Ginger Sims' terms are complete.

"I just thought it was time (to step down)," he said. "With these two guys coming back we'll have a lot of stability."

That type of continuity and cooperation has marked Thelen's time on the council. Each member has been a diligent steward of the taxpayer's money and continue to

seek ways to plan for the growth of the city.

In addition to new businesses providing economic boosts for the city, Thelen and his fellow council members have overseen a drastic transformation of a downtown area that was strikingly different 10 years ago.

At one time, the Cannery District was nothing more than that – an old, abandoned cannery. City officials managed to purchase the land for a virtual pittance and today, downtown is a vibrant place with boutiques, restaurants and a nifty park area.

Thelen listed Darden Harvest Park as one of the top achievements during his time on the council, but also recognized other positive things as well.

In addition to the Springhill Suites hotel, located on the northern edge of the district, Thelen cited the Tyler Junior College North Campus as well as the other amenities –

such as the splash pad at Darden Harvest Park – as things Lindale citizens can be proud of.

And not just downtown, either.

Pool Park is being revamped with a new playground and a spiffy new Kinzie Community Center.

Housing developments are springing up to fulfill the needs of the families looking take advantage of one of the premier school districts in the state, Thelen said.

"Lindale is such a great place," he said. "We've got a tremendous school district and they and the county have been so cooperative with us."

He and his wife moved from Houston upon retirement in 2005. Prior to that, they lived in Chicago and Springfield, Ill.

"I've been very fortunate to be part of a council that was dedicated in doing the right thing," he said. "Everyone is always looking to head in the right direction."

East Texas job numbers mirror state figures

East Texas followed the state trend with a 4.5 increase in employment numbers for the period ending in January, according to figures from the Texas Workforce Commission. Texas added 48,600 positions in January 2023, reaching 13,782,300 total nonfarm jobs, marking the 16th consecutive record employment high based on a revision to the December 2022 report.

In the Tyler-East Texas region, the TWC reported an estimated 108,000 people were employed out of an estimated 113,000 in the combined labor force. The unemployment rate for the period was 4.5 percent. Since January 2022, 654,100 jobs have been added in Texas, marking an annual growth rate of 5.0 percent. The Texas seasonally adjusted unemployment rate increased by 0.1 percent to 3.9 percent from a revised rate of 3.8 percent in December 2022, remaining below 4.0 percent since March 2022.

"The Texas economy continues to grow, and Texas has more people working than ever before," said TWC Chairman Bryan Daniel. "The growth we're seeing in the Lone Star State leads the nation, and TWC will continue to support efforts for continued growth."

Leisure and Hospitality led job growth in January with 8,300 positions added, followed by Professional and Business Services, which grew by 8,100 jobs. Construction and Manufacturing employment added 5,900 jobs each over the month. For the second consecutive month, every major industry had positive over the month employment growth.

County	City	Rate	Net Payment This Period	Comparable Payment Prior Year	% Change	Payment YTD	Prior Year Payment YTD	% Change
Smith	Arp	1.500%	\$20,844.65	\$17,975.29	15.96%	\$60,961.41	\$59,973.24	1.64%
Smith	Bullard	1.500%	\$69,259.91	\$61,777.67	12.11%	\$236,170.95	\$210,223.61	12.34%
Smith	Lindale	1.500%	\$356,727.10	\$362,540.10	-1.60%	\$1,187,680.90	\$1,130,989.62	5.01%
Smith	New Chapel Hill	1.000%	\$1,592.27	\$1,727.25	-7.81%	\$8,214.20	\$5,729.27	43.37%
Smith	Noonday	1.000%	\$17,660.50	\$19,189.97	-7.97%	\$62,157.35	\$63,991.33	-2.86%
Smith	Troup	1.500%	\$44,725.74	\$70,863.54	-36.88%	\$151,546.99	\$180,019.08	-15.81%
Smith	Tyler	1.500%	\$4,756,454.89	\$4,185,356.79	13.64%	\$16,002,422.59	\$15,245,737.53	4.96%
Smith	Whitehouse	1.500%	\$123,350.82	\$105,256.06	17.19%	\$400,653.73	\$350,952.58	14.16%
Smith	Winnona	1.250%	\$14,601.92	\$15,295.62	-4.53%	\$55,758.28	\$56,796.79	-1.82%

Local sales tax revenue slips slightly

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar recently announced he will send cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose districts \$1 billion in local sales tax allocations for March, 9.9 percent more than in March 2022.

Lindale slipped slightly -1.60-percent (\$356,727.10 compared to 2022's \$362,540.10), but for the year remains steady at 5.01-percent over 2022.

These allocations are based on sales made in January by businesses that report tax monthly.

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OPINION/COMMENTARY

... do you 'dig' it?

How about the 'luck o' the Irish'? Do you have it? I know that I do. I have been showered with blessings that include a handsome hubby, a loving family, good health, a gorgeous rescue Collie, and a dash of optimism that usually keeps a twinkle in my smiling green 'Irish' eyes. I don't want to mislead you, I am an American mutt with dashes of Irish, Scot, English, French, German and Cherokee ancestors. But on St. Paddy's Day I am celebrating the Irish.

I bet you didn't know that the phrase 'the luck of the Irish' is American in origin. During the Gold Rush and the big silver strikes of the 19th century many of the most famous and successful miners were of Irish or Irish-American descent. Now that's some luck I wish I did have.

I have sat in the clover on many occasions looking for that lucky 4-leaf clover. The three-leaf clover was called the "seamy" by the Celts and was considered a sacred plant that symbolized spring's arrival. According to legend, St. Patrick used the plant when explaining the Holy Trinity. By the 1600s, the shamrock had become the symbol of emerging Irish nationalism. By the way, the odds of finding a 4-leaf clover is about 1 in 10,000.

The 34.7 million Americans who have Irish ancestry outnumber the population of Ireland itself which is a little under five million. It's easy to see why, when as early as the 1630s Irish immigrants began a steady stream, which grew to waves of immigration and they brought with them a culture that impacted America greatly. Perhaps one of the most profound was in their music which laid the foundation for American bluegrass, folk and country music. Of course, the Irish brought their love for dancing as well. The Virginia Reel, the Haymaker's Jig and even square dancing are Irish influenced.

One of my favorite classes in college was linguistics which studied the origin of language. It's fun to trace where our words come from and a whole 'slew' come from our Irish ancestors. Words like: trousers, galore, whiskey*, boycott, smitherens, buddy, slogan, brogues, clock, dig (as in you 'dig' it—like it), gob, hooligan and phoney, Oh, and then

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there is shanty and smidgen and hubbub.

What about 'Gee Whizz' or 'Gee Whilikers' which actually means the 'will of God'. Gee is the approximate pronunciation of Dia, the Irish word for God. Darn, pet, ballyhoo, pal, swank, bailiff, racketeer, cop, goon...

are you having fun yet? One thing the Irish know how to do is have fun.

I think the Irish invented slang. Here's some more: banshee, bog, bother, brat, drum, keening, kibosh, Leprechaun, limerick, slob...well I could just keep going. One word I must clarify is whiskey* before my readers of Scottish descent pound me with their shillelaghs. The word whiskey came from Uisce beatha meaning "water of life". Both the Irish and the Scots claim to have invented the potent potable.

Like my hubby, I am just an humble 'Bard' (Irish for vagabond story teller) and thus the origin of our Bardwell moniker. And speaking of real storytellers, there is the Irish Bram Stoker who brought us "Dracula", Jonathan Swift who wrote "Gulliver's Travels" and my personal favorite C.S. Lewis who was the great Christian apologist and author of many books including the "Narnia Chronicles". Goodness, there is an endless list of wonders the Irish have brought to our culture. Do you 'dig' it? I sure do and I bet you do too.

So, blessings on St. Patrick's Day my friends. May the road rise up to meet you.

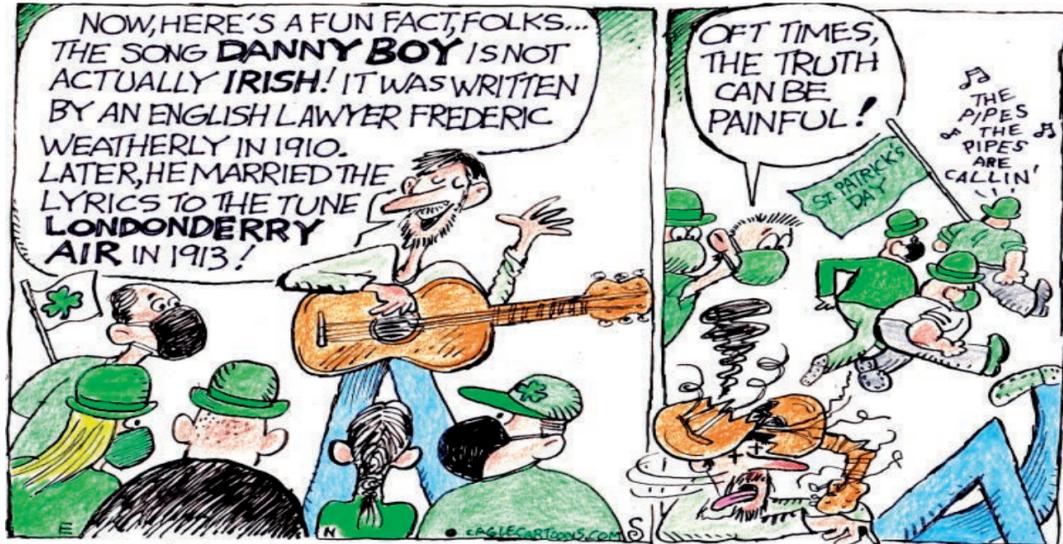
May the wind be always at your back.

May the sun shine warm upon your face,

The rains fall soft upon your fields,

And, until we meet again,

May God hold you in the palm of His hand.



House pushes armed officer at all schools

Under legislation prioritized by House Speaker Dade Phelan, every Texas school would have an armed police officer, and aspiring teachers would receive extra support.

The Dallas Morning News reported the bill would also provide \$15,000 in annual funding for safety measures for each school in the state. Another bill would increase the annual allotment per student for safety measures from \$10 to \$100.

Another House measure is aimed at improving teacher retention and recruitment, The Morning News reported. The measure, sponsored by state Rep. Harold Dutton, D-Houston, would create a new grant to help prospective teachers pursuing special education or bilingual certification, and would increase funding for educator mentoring. Special education and bilingual teacher positions are especially hard to fill in Texas.

Rising car insurance causing sticker shock

Average statewide auto insurance rates are up nearly 24% over last year, according to a report by the Texas Standard. That is the highest increase in at least 20 years, according to the Texas Department of Insurance. That comes on top of increased costs for vehicles both new and used, and higher fuel costs.

Michael Schnurman, a business columnist with The Morning News, was interviewed on the Standard and had this to say, in part:

"There are several elements that play into it. One... is the higher values of cars and used cars in particular – they really shot up during the pandemic," he said. "But the claims are also up a lot... When driving resumed, the number of accidents

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and the severity of accidents has really been a lot higher. If you look at fatalities, I think they were up 18%."

Schnurman suggested consumers shop around for auto insurance and look for discounts for bundling it with homeowners' insurance or multiple vehicles on the same account.

PUC wants hefty fine for power company

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By Dr. M. Ray Perryman

The best investment ...

It goes without saying that education is extremely beneficial to individuals, the economy, and society. It brings lower unemployment and higher earnings. Options and opportunities are much more plentiful for those with high school diplomas and post-high school training. Available jobs are not only better paying, but often more personally satisfying. From the perspective of the economy, education is crucial to workforce preparedness and, therefore, prosperity. Long-term demographic trends are not working in our favor, and worker shortages will persist for decades. Texas is better positioned than many states due to our younger population and in-migration, but only if students are well prepared. Excellent public education is the single most important factor in securing our future prosperity.

Adequate resources are essential to quality public education, and State funding for schools yields unparalleled economic benefits. We recently estimated the magnitude of returns on incremental State investment in public schools, including spinoff and productivity gains (see www.perrymangroup.com for more detail).

We estimated that every incremental \$1 the State invests in public education yields a total lifetime economic benefit of \$56.76. The major channels of impact include direct private-sector benefits from student productivity and earnings (\$17.24) and multiplier effects on incremental production (\$31.38). Each dollar yields \$26.21 in gross product and \$16.12 in personal income.

There are also benefits in the form of additional long-term tax revenues (\$6.99 for each \$1 invested) and reduced costs from lower outlays for health care and various social services (\$1.15). Thus, governmental entities receive more than \$8 for every \$1 expended. That's some return!

These benefits dwarf other types of public outlays. For example, transportation infrastructure, which is both highly beneficial and essential to the economy, yields an estimated economic return per dollar invested of \$8.01. They're also well above those for any private-sector industry, where the maximum is \$17.81 (less than one-third of the public education return).

This timing is particularly crucial to fund public schools, as students are still recovering from the pandemic. As was true throughout the country, Texas students lost significant ground, and it will take time and resources to bridge the gaps. The state's large proportion of students who are English learners or are economically disadvantaged also brings additional challenges. Given the funds available to the State at present, there is no excuse for deficiencies or delays.

The primary reason to provide sufficient resources to Texas public schools is for the students, both now and when they enter the workforce. They deserve nothing less than the opportunity for success and wellbeing. Beyond that, investment in education is the ultimate key to sustainable prosperity, not to mention the best investment by far in our economic portfolio. It's a "no brainer." Stay safe!



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provider but failed to produce a plan until halfway through that timeframe. It also failed to have a backup plan in case its vendor could not provide the 170,000 new meters on schedule, according to the PUC.

Texas Senate passes first bill of session

The Texas Senate last week passed a bill that would close a loophole in state law that allowed gun sales to people between the ages of 16 and 18 who have been involuntarily hospitalized for mental illness. The Texas Tribune reported it was the first bill passed by the Senate this session.

Courts are supposed to report all involuntary mental health hospitalizations to the Texas Department of Public Safety, which then sends them to the FBI's national background check system. However, problems with how existing state law was written led to those hospitalizations not being reported by courts.

The measure comes after an 18-year-old shooter in Uvalde with a history of mental health problems killed 19 students and two teachers at Robb Elementary last year. However, since that shooter was never hospitalized, closing the loophole would not have prevented him from legally buying two assault rifles.

Women sue state over abortion ban

Five women are suing the state, saying its near-total abortion ban resulted in them being denied abortions despite complications in their pregnancies that put their lives and fetuses at risk. The Austin American-Statesman reported the Center for Reproductive Rights filed the suit, which asks the courts to clarify what qualifies as a "medical emergency" exception in the law.

"Politicians in Texas are prohibiting health care that they don't understand; they could do something but they're not, and it's killing us," Lauren Miller, one of the plaintiffs, said. "It shouldn't be controversial for an individual to make health care decisions for themselves in consultation with their doctor. But you can't get that in Texas anymore."

The Statesman reported that Miller was pregnant with twins when doctors told her one of the babies had a severe genetic condition and was not going to survive, which threatened her life and the life of the other baby. She ended up traveling to Colorado to have an abortion and is scheduled to give birth to the healthy remaining twin this month.

Drought map spreads in parts of state

Drought conditions by the end of February covered 62% of the state, up nine percentage points from a month earlier, according to Dr. Mark Wentzel, hydrologist with the Texas Water Development Board. Drought-free areas include all of East Texas up to Dallas County to the west and Jefferson County to the south. The most severe drought conditions are in the far northern edge of the Panhandle, the counties surrounding San Antonio, and nearly all of South Texas.

"The latest seasonal drought outlook from the National Weather Service is optimistic for East and North Central Texas," Wentzel wrote. "Through the end of May, that part of the state is expected to remain drought-free. Unfortunately, drought is expected to expand in the rest of the state."



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Can we just stop with this nonsense?

There's a dusty old saying that goes something like this: Keep banging your head against the wall because when it feels so good when you stop.

Which brings us to the topic of today's essay: When will some lawmakers in Austin stop pushing for Texas to secede from the union (i.e. banging their head against the wall) and face reality?

There have been times in the past when we've discussed the pure folly of this "Texit" notion championed by some elected officials. So with this in mind, let's revisit the latest attempt to sever our state from the greatest country the planet has ever seen.

House Bill 3596, filed recently by Texas State Rep. Bryan Slaton of Roysse City, would place a referendum for Texas' secession from the United States on the 2024 ballot, allowing Texans "investigate whether or not the state should investigate the possibility of Texas independence and present potential

plans to the Legislature."

Rep. Slaton also issued a statement on social media regarding the referendum: "After decades of continuous abuse of our rights and liberties by the federal government, it is time to let the people of Texas make their voices heard."

If such a referendum was approved by voters, a committee would then be formed to determine "the feasibility of independence from the Union and propose options and potential plans for independence to the Texas legislature."

So once again we feel compelled to say: The law of the U.S. clearly states Texas cannot—CAN'T—withdraw from the Union. No amount of teeth gnashing, fists shaking at the sky or temper tantrums will change this fact.

This cheese-slipping-off-the-cracker theory is the product of some far, far right conservative minds who either (1) actually believe this is a good thing for all Texans



or (2) they are pandering to that segment of the willfully ignorant to secure more votes in the next election.

Much like the hullabaloo over illegal voting, miscounted ballots and other 2020 election lies, none of this nonsense would have surfaced if TDP was still throwing plates in the White House.

Whenever a Democrat is the leader of the free world, Texas lawmakers from the far right fringe pull out their "Texit" buttons and bellow platitudes about the "wrong-headed" policies and edicts from Washington.

In 2021, Republican Rep. Kyle Biederman from Fredericksburg, filed a bill to

create a referendum election on whether Texans should create a joint legislative committee which would then develop a formula for Texas' independence from the U.S.

"It is now time that the People of Texas are allowed the right to decide their own future," Biederman said when he announced the legislation.

And during the Republican State Convention in 2022, delegates adopted a platform to put this referendum before the state's voters in November, 2023.

Yet – and here's where an inconvenient reality for Texit people comes into play – putting such a referendum on the ballot wouldn't be

legally valid.

"The Civil War played a very big role in establishing the power of the federal government and cementing that the federal government has the final say in these issues," said U.T. Austin government professor Eric McDaniel in 2016 article in the Texas Tribune.

After the Civil War, Texas was readmitted to the Union in 1870 during Reconstruction but before that, in 1869, the Supreme Court ruled in Texas v. White that a state could not unilaterally secede from the nation.

Perhaps Texas' history plays a role in all this. After winning its independence from Mexico in 1836, Texas remained a separate nation until December, 1845 when it was officially annexed by the U.S.

Mexico never recognized Texas' independence and it took the Mexican-American War (1846-48) to finally settle the matter. So, in essence, Texans owe their al-

legiance to the U.S. because without that victory, it's likely we would still be part of Mexico.

Even if you discount the illegality of Texas' secession, there are more other important issues at play for Texans.

Such as:
-- Loss of Social Security benefits;

-- No Medicare or Medicaid benefits;

-- No federal money for things such as infrastructure, highways and military bases;

-- Loss of subsidies after catastrophic weather events or natural disasters;

-- And perhaps most of all, taxes that would be so high that another revolution would be assured.

For sure, the U.S. has a myriad of problems but since 1776, it's the best and most admired government on earth.

We should be proud to call ourselves Texans, but even more proud to be called an American.

Spanning the generation gap, one hair at a time

I don't know what it is about me, but I attract some of the strangest people. Now, I don't mean crazy people, although some might be considered borderline, but just strange individuals.

I'm not complainin' by any means. They are definitely interestin'. Anywho, the reason I'm tellin' y'all this is because of what happened to me the other day.

I was out of town and went into an eatin' establishment that I had never been before. I went in because, well, I was hungry. It was sort of a laid back place. You know the kind of place I mean; you grab any table that's open, sit where you want; that kind of place.

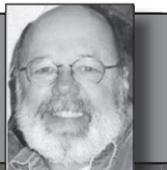
I found a little corner table, sat down, and it wasn't long before a young lady came over with a menu and a glass of water. I looked the menu over and before long she was back and took my order.

I leaned back in my chair tippin' it against the wall and looked around at the other people in the place. I was by far the oldest person in there by several decades.

At one table sat a group of what I call kids, although they were probably in the early twenties. I noticed that they were all starin' at me. They were all about as big around as a Q-tip and dressed somewhat alike in that they all had on plaid shirts and what looked like painted on jeans.

A couple of them had on those little flat caps. I smiled at them and nodded my head. They smiled and all turned back and started talkin' to one another. Then one of them stood up and started walkin' toward me. The

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others were watchin' him as he came.

When he reached my table I was lookin' up at him. He was sheepishly smilin' and then he spoke.

"Your beard," he said pointin' at my face.

"Yes," I replied. "It is my beard."

"No," he said. "It's a nice beard."

"Thanks," I said. "If you think this one's nice, you should have seen my mother's."

"Really?" he said. I chuckled and shook my head.

"May I question you about your beard?" he asked.

"You want to question me about my beard?"

"Yeah, if you don't mind."

I pointed at the other chair at my table. "Sure," I said and pointed at the other chair. "Take a load off."

"Pardon me?"

"Sit down," I said. "No use you havin' to stand up."

"Oh! OK. Thanks," he said and he sat down.

After he got settled in, I said, "Shoot."

"I beg your pardon?"

"You said you had questions, let me have 'em."

"Oh, yeah! Uh, you see, uh, we, my friends and I, were wonderin' what kind of oil you use on your beard?"

"Oil?"

"Yeah. You know, beard oil."

"Well," I said. "I used to use Valvoline, but I switched over to Pennzoil. I seemed to be able to go longer be-

tween changes."

This kid pulled out his phone and started typin' on it. "Uh," he said. "How do you spell Pennzoil, and where do you get it?"

I just looked at him. "Are you pullin' my leg, kid?" I asked.

He leaned back and looked under the table at my legs and said, "No."

I chuckled. "I mean, are you kiddin' me?"

"No. Why would I kid you?"

I finally figured out the kid was semi-clueless.

"Look," I said. "I was kiddin' you. Those were motor oils, I was tellin' you about."

"You put motor oil on you beard?"

I chuckled again.

"No. Look, why do you want to know about my beard?"

"Well, my friends and I noticed it when you walked in and agreed that it really looked nice, and we are all growing beards and thought you might could give us some pointers."

I looked over at his friends and they were all lookin' at us. I also noticed that what they called beards was looked more like the last stages of the mange. All of them together wouldn't have made up a good goatee. I looked back at him. "How old are you?" I asked.

"Twenty," he replied.

"And you want a good beard?"

"And thick, like yours?"

he said.

"And white like mine?" I asked.

He smiled, "Well no."

"Look," I said. "When I was your age, I had about three hairs on my chin. I couldn't grow a good beard until I was nearly 30, and then it still had a few holes in it. And as for oil, the only oil I have on my beard is probably bacon grease, and that's not on purpose. I trim it when I start gnawin' on hair, and I brush it before I go to church, and that's it. You young fellows get caught up in all this foo foo stuff when you ought to be thinkin' about girls."

"That's why we want to grow a good beard," he said.

"You think a beard is goin' to attract a girl?" I asked.

"Boy, I don't know this for a fact, but I'd be willin' to bet that if you'd shave that mess you have there off, buy you a pair of Wranglers instead of those, those, whatever they are, you'd have a better chance of gettin' a girl. What kind of britches do you have on there anyway? And how in the devil did you even get those things on? Boy, they're so tight, if you poot you'll probably blow those funny little boots off."

He looked at me and laughed. "Would you like to come over and eat with us?" he asked.

I looked at him for a minute. "You want me to eat with y'all? Why?"

"You're funny and remind me of my grandfather."

I chuckled again. "Well, what the heck?" I said and grabbed my glass of water and stood up. "Let's go."

And that, my friends, is how you bridge the generation gap.

Times of Lindale



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ONE YEAR AGO, March 17, 2022

The District 16-4A champion Lindale High School Lady Eagles were well represented on the all-district team for 2021-22 with sophomore Marley Keith being named the league's Most Valuable Player and junior Brooke Everest selected co-Defensive Player of the Year.

The Lady Eagles finished the season with a 20-12 overall record and a district-best 11-1 mark. The team was selected recently by the district's coaches.

Marley Keith, Brooke Everest, Kaylie Vickery, Madison Luster, Makenna Burks, Landri Laing, Maggie Spearman, Allie Davenport, Madison Plunkett, Desirae Pennington, Brenley Philen, Felicity Thiem and Jillian Ortiz were all named to the district's All-Academic team as well.

Lindale placed two on the first team, three on the second team and four on the honorable mention squad.

FIVE YEARS AGO, March 15, 2018

Smith County Precinct 5 voters chose Lindale's Jon W. Johnson as its newest Justice of the Peace following the tabulation of primary election votes. Johnson totaled 2,087 votes to 857 for Danny Brown and 564 votes for Darin W. Grissom. With no Democrat in the race and since Johnson tallied more than 50 percent of the vote a runoff wouldn't be necessary.

Longtime JP James Cowart announced he wasn't going to run again.

10 YEARS AGO, March 14, 2013

Lindale ISD trustees covered a variety of topics during a board meeting held in the administration building.

Among the agenda items were renewing administrator contracts such as the assistant superintendent, athletic director and principals.

Those having contracts renewed on a 12-month basis include Superintendent Stan Surratt; Director of Special Education, Peggy Alexander; Director of Curriculum Tasha Barker; LISD Athletic Director Mike Meador; Assistant Superintendent Belinda Neal and Deputy Superintendent Jamie Holder.

Principals having contracts renewed on a 12-month basis include: Jodie Albritton, Lori Anderson, Monica Moore, Casey Neal, Dana Sustaire and Vicki Thrasher.

Director of Business Finance Michelle Tate also had her contract renewed on a 12-month basis.

Assistant principals' contracts renewed for an 11.5-month basis included: Jeremy Chilek, Susan Finch, Mike Moore, Stephanie Richard and Kevin Blain.

LISD Band Director Steven Moore also had his contract renewed for an 11.5-month basis.



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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Lawmakers work to enhance open government laws

Dear Editor,

To witness bipartisanship at the Texas Capitol, look to the lawmakers who are working to improve open government laws.

Legislators from both political parties are igniting interest in transparency and creating the opportunity for all lawmakers to protect the people's right to know. They're carrying on our state's legacy of openness.

When the reform-minded 1973 Legislature enacted the Texas Public Information Act, known then as the Open Records Act, it established one of the nation's strongest

transparency laws.

This year marks its 50th anniversary. Court rulings and other actions have weakened the law since its passage, but as we celebrate open government during Sunshine Month throughout March let's rally around the bills Texas legislators have filed this session to fortify the landmark act:

Contracting transparency: Access to government contracts allows taxpayers to see how their money is spent. A bipartisan proposal would enhance a law passed in 2019, ensuring the release of "super public" information, including the overall contract price and description of items and services. Senate Bill 680 by Sen. Nathan Johnson, D-Dallas, and House Bill 2492 by Rep. Giovanni Capriglione, R-Southlake, are the bills addressing contracting transparency.

Public records business days: A definition of "business day" in the Public Information Act is needed to provide consistency for everyone seeking public records. Currently, governments declare on their own which days they are open or closed for handling TPIA requests. Sometimes they don't respond to requests. Proposals to correct this are contained in Senate Bill 618 by Johnson; House Bill 2135 by Rep. Terry Canales, D-Edinburg; and Senate Bills 43 and 44 by Sen. Judith Zaffirini, D-Laredo.

Dates of birth: Birthdates in criminal justice documents, such as police reports and incarceration records, and in candidates' applications for public office allow the public to accurately identify a person. Correctly identifying someone charged with a crime protects the reputation of those who have the same name but aren't facing charges. A date of birth also helps with thorough vetting of political candidates. Senate Bill 46 by Zaffirini and House Bill 2309 by Rep. Todd Hunter, R-Corpus Christi, allow access to birthdates in these records.

Public records and attorneys' fees: If a records requestor runs into roadblocks and must sue to obtain public documents, the ability to recover legal fees levels the playing field between that individual and the government, especially if a government hands over records at the last minute after

months of costly litigation. This legislation is House Bill 2874 by Rep. John Smith, R-Amarillo.

Searchable-sortable records: While some governments provide data in searchable-sortable spreadsheet form, often making it easier to analyze, others do not. Senate Bill 965 by Johnson, Senate Bill 45 by Zaffirini and House Bill 2493 by Capriglione would codify the ability to obtain searchable-sortable records if such a format is available.

These measures are supported by the Texas Sunshine Coalition, made up of more than 15 diverse organizations united around the principle that access to information is essential in advocating for public policy and participating in our democracy.

Other proposed transparency measures deal with public meetings, police accountability and other timely subjects.

For example, when someone dies in police custody, the public needs to know what happened. Some law enforcement agencies use a loophole in the Public Information Act to withhold records. Rep. Joe Moody, D-El Paso, filed House Bill 30 to remedy the problem.

Addressing public notices, Senate Bill 943 by Sen. Lois Kolkhorst, R-Brenham, and House Bill 2178 by Hunter would require government notices that by law must be published in a newspaper to also be posted at no extra cost on the newspaper's website and on a Texas Press Association statewide public notice website. This posting through a neutral third party provides an easy, reliable source for viewing public notices.

Transparency advocates will be speaking out until the legislative session ends May 29 to urge passage of these proposals that shine light on government, enabling us to hold it accountable.

Simply put, open government is good government.

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SATURDAY, FEB. 26: 5:05:55 AM, Accident, 2400 blk S Main St; 11:24:36 AM, Disturbance, 15000 blk Lindsay Lane; 1:00:35 PM, Animal At Large, 200 blk Perryman Rd; 3:50:52 PM, Verbal Disturbance, 13000 blk Harvey Rd; 3:55:09 PM, Motorist Assist, CR 474/S Main St; 4:36:10 PM, Suspicious Person, CR 474/S Main St; 4:57:55 PM, Stolen Vehicle, S Main St/W Hubbard St; 5:20:27 PM, Motorist Assist, 3200 blk S Main St; 7:27:00 PM, Reckless Conduct, 15000 blk CR 463; 8:26:09 PM, Assist SCSO, 13000 blk Hwy 69 N; 9:59:22 PM, Suspicious Circumstance, 800 blk Pineland Ln; 10:08:30 PM, Assist Another Agency, 17000 blk Interstate 20 E; 10:59:58 PM, Suspicious Circumstance, 13000 blk Interstate 20.

SUNDAY, FEB. 27: 3:03:14 AM, Disturbance, 200 blk W Centennial Blvd; 7:57:15 AM, Accident, 3300 blk S Main St; 8:06:56 AM, Public Service, 200blk N Industrial; 10:17:29 AM, Criminal Mischief, 800 blk Lindale Industrial Pkwy; 10:45:49 AM, Public Service, 100 blk Ballard Dr; 1:27:28



PM, Public Service, 3500 blk S Main St; 3:23:36 PM, Civil Matter, 100 blk Ballard Dr; 6:09:27 PM, Dog Bite, 500 blk Blackberry Blvd; 6:54:35 PM, Reckless Driving, 13000 blk Interstate 20 E.

MONDAY, FEB. 28: 1:30:59 AM, Loud Noise Complaint, 15000 blk FM 16 W; 6:07:03 AM, Animal Complaint, 700 blk S Main St; 7:51:00 AM, Accident, 400 blk Eagle Spirit Dr; 8:02:29 AM, Alarm Business, 1400 blk S Main St; 8:09:46 AM, Accident, 300 blk S Main St; 9:27:45 AM, Assist SCSO, 300 blk Bonnie St; 10:02:41 AM, Suspicious Person, 100 blk E Centennial Blvd; 11:38:17 AM, Assist LISD PD, 15000 blk CR 463; 12:40:42 PM, Motorist Assist, 3500 blk S Main St; 1:10:00 PM, Animal Complaint, 3200 blk S Main St; 1:28:06 PM, City Ordinance Violation, 100 blk E Centennial Blvd; 1:41:10 PM, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, 3400 blk S Main St; 3:14:48 PM, Found Property, 100 blk Ballard Dr; 5:39:19 PM, Suspicious Circumstance, 3400 blk S Main St; 8:29:02 PM, Parking Violation, 100 blk E Centennial Blvd; 10:16:52 PM, Suspicious Circumstance, 200 blk W Centennial Blvd.

TUESDAY, MARCH 1: 5:30:45 AM, Alarm Business, 500 blk S Main St; 9:38:42 AM, Accident, 500 blk S Main St; 11:00:37 AM, Criminal Trespass, 13000 blk CR 4200; 11:54:17 AM, Accident, Cooper St/S Main St; 12:29:31 PM,

Traffic Hazard, 3200 blk S Main St; 12:39:37 PM, Verbal Disturbance, 1200 blk S Main St; 12:43:55 PM, Loitering, 3200 blk S Main St; 1:03:23 PM, Loitering, 3200 blk S Main St; 3:13:52 PM, Sexual Abuse Of Child, 100 blk N College St; 4:07:01 PM, Welfare Concern, 500 blk E South St; 4:10:37 PM, Suspicious Circumstance, 300 blk Helen Dr; 5:49:35 PM, Alarm Business, 3200 blk S Main St; 6:28:23 PM, Disturbance, 900 blk S Main St; 6:34:16 PM, Accident, 1200 blk Forest Trails Dr; 8:13:48 PM, Warrant Service, 900 blk S Main St; 8:23:29 PM, Missing Juvenile/runaway, 1000 blk Wood Springs Rd; 8:36:50 PM, Loitering, 3300 blk S Main St; 10:26:17 PM, Suspicious Circumstance, 200 blk Cannery Row.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2: 12:27:35 AM, Alarm Business, 3400 blk S Main St; 4:03:34 AM, 911 Hang Up Call, 2700 blk S Main St; 6:26:46 AM, Suspicious Person, 3500 blk S Main St; 7:24:45 AM, Animal Complaint, 15000 blk CR 463; 9:17:08 AM, Disturbance, 400 blk S Industrial St; 9:39:20 AM, Criminal Trespass, 3200 blk S Main St; 1:24:18 PM, Alarm Business, 3200 blk S Main St; 1:27:20 PM, Shots Fired, 100 blk E Centennial Blvd; 1:59:01 PM, Open Container, 17000 blk Interstate 20 W; 2:59:55 PM, Motorist Assist S Main St/W Hubbard St; 3:12:07 PM, Suspicious Person, 800 blk N Main St; 4:06:38 PM, Welfare Concern, 500 blk E South St; 5:01:36 PM, Suspicious Person, 400 blk S Main St; 5:33:16 PM, Threats, 100 blk N Main St; 5:40:53 PM, Suspicious Circumstance, 500 blk S Main St; 5:55:46 PM, Welfare Concern, 500 blk E South St; 6:46:31 PM, Disturbance, 706 blk E North St; 7:40:15 PM, Theft 100 blk E Centennial Blvd; 8:53:02 PM, Suspicious Circumstance, 2600 blk S Main St; 10:47:24 PM, Suspicious Person, 300 blk Braziel St; 10:53:09 PM, Suspicious Circumstance, 900 blk S Main St.

THURSDAY, MARCH 3: 12:09:34 AM, Shoplifting, 300 blk S Main St; 12:33:19 AM, Suspicious Circumstance, 300 blk S Industrial St; 3:22:38 AM, Animal Complaint, 200 blk Highland Dr.

Lindale man allegedly assaults officer, sets fire to own apartment

Lindale resident Michael Gilmore, 60, was arrested and booked into the Smith County Jail this past week after authorities said he assaulted a police officer and set fire to his own apartment.

He has been charged with arson, resisting arrest and two counts of assault on a public servant.

Gilmore was arrested at approximately 4:30 a.m. on Friday (March 10) after neighbors had spotted smoke coming from his apartment. Units from the Lindale PD and Lindale Volunteer Fire Department responded, officials said.

Authorities said Gilmore barricaded himself inside his apartment after setting

fire to the facility. Police forced their way into the apartment, where Gilmore allegedly assaulted a fireman and a police officer.

Police officials said Gilmore had gone missing from a hospital after checking himself into the facility because he felt he was unstable.



Latravion Dewberry



Eric Duran

Authorities still searching for two missing teenagers

Smith County authorities continue to search for two juveniles reported missing for the past several weeks, said spokesman Larry Christian.

Eric Duran, reportedly last seen on Feb. 24, is a Hispanic male, 5-feet, 4 inches with brown hair, brown eyes and approximately 110 pounds.

Latravion Dewberry was reportedly last seen on Feb. 19 and is a Black male, black hair, brown eyes, 5 feet, 9 inches and approximately 145 pounds.

Authorities said Dewberry was involved in an incident where he was shot multiple times in December and is still healing from his injuries.

His mother is clearly concerned for her son's welfare and safety and worries that he is around further situations where he's at risk of death or further bodily harm.

Dewberry reportedly has ties to the immediate Tyler area. If you have any information as to his or Duran's whereabouts call the Smith County Sheriff's Office at 903-566-6600 or Det. Jennifer Stockwell 903-533-1880 ext 26.

Anyone harboring a child and is criminally negligent about whether the child is younger than 18 years of age and has voluntarily left home without the consent of a parent or guardian, can be charged with Harboring a Runaway, a Class A Misdemeanor.

For more information on the Smith County Sheriff's Office visit www.smithcounty.com or jstockwell2@smith-county.com

East Texas law agencies meet, discuss need for more security in schools

Sheriffs and other high-level law enforcement leaders representing 18 Counties across East Texas met recently in Kilgore and discussed their growing concern related to school safety, publicity officials said.

Smith County Sheriff Larry Smith and Chief Deputy Gary Pinkerton were in attendance at the meeting.

These law enforcement officials noted the urgent need for a technology system that would allow all first responders to immediately communicate with one another and to see real-time video inside the school in the event of an emergency, giving them the exact location of a perpetrator as well as the layout of the building. "Unfortunately, we know there are bad guys out there who will seek to harm our children," Gregg County Sheriff Maxey Cerliano said. "Some great efforts are being made to add additional physical layers of protection and arm our teachers and school officials, but the best way to save lives is to make sure we, as first responders, can all immediately and effectively communicate with one another when it matters most," Cerliano continued. Reports detailing devastating failures in response to school shootings going back as far as the Columbine massacre point to communication problems that cost lives. Because multiple agencies respond to the emergency, each with its own communications system, it is almost impossible to get all first responders on the same page.

In the case of the Uvalde shooting at Robb Elementary, 376 law enforcement officers were on the scene, but it took 82 minutes to neutralize the shooter, in large part due to communication failures, a lack of real-time information, and overall confusion. "We are very fortunate in East Texas that we haven't had any active shooter situations in our schools, but we've seen where other jurisdictions have had some real challenges," Rusk County Sheriff Johnwayne Valdez said. "For us, it's especially concerning because of the rural nature of much of our region. We have few resources spread over a large geographic region, so if something happens we need to be able to get looped in from wherever we are so we are prepared to respond before we even arrive. Seconds literally save lives," he continued. Gov. Greg Abbott recently included school safety and specifically technology upgrades on his list of emergency items. East Texas sheriffs are hoping automated emergency response will be included in the legislation and budget that is finally passed.

"I've had the opportunity to work with Governor Abbott and our other elected officials down in Austin on everything from our Anti-Gang Unit to the Financial Crimes Center. I know they take public safety seriously, especially when it's about our kids," Smith County Sheriff Larry Smith said. "I truly hope that we can get some targeted support for a system that will

allow all our radios to work together and that gives us real-time video inside the schools so we can see exactly where the perpetrator is and how we can neutralize him," he concluded. The law enforcement leaders who attended the meeting and support a solution include:

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Second man arrested, charged in Tyler murder

Christian Navon Whitney-Polk, 20 of Tyler, was arrested and jailed in on Friday, March 10 in connection with the March 2022 murder of Anthony Wilson, 53, also of Tyler, according to county law enforcement officials.

Polk is being held on a \$2.5 million bond. Wilson's body was found in a

wooded area of northeast Tyler.

Before Polk's arrest another suspect, Timothy Jones, 27 of Tyler, was arrested in Dallas and booked into the Smith County Jail and is being held on a \$2 million bond.

Jones' girlfriend, Edna Jones, was also arrested and charged with tam-

pering with or fabricating evidence and failing to report a felony. She was booked into the county jail and is being held on a \$275,000 bond.

Arrest affidavits state that in the early evening hours of March 26, 2022, police were called to investigate suspicious property conditions in the

3000 block of W. Gentry Parkway in Tyler.

Upon arrival, police found blood on the floor of Wilson's room as well as a bullet fragment. Wilson's vehicle was also missing.

A short time later, detectives interviewed Edna Jones who said she was

at the West Gentry residence when she saw Timothy Jones and another person move a body from the apartment into an SUV. Police then located Timothy Jones in the 1800 block of Alice Street in Tyler.

Police also identified the SUV as belonging to the victim.

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Lindale Junior High 7th, 8th graders win Chapel Hill meet

Both the 7th grade and 8th grade girls track teams from Lindale Junior High took top honors at the Chapel Hill Junior High meet on Monday, March 6.

Also, 8th grader Madison Devisscher set a new school record in the 2400 meter run with a first place time of 9:35.88.

The 7th grade accumulated 249.5 points for first place while the 8th grade won with 185 points.

Leading scorers for the 7th grade included Breelynn Gordon, 36; Baylee Brooks, 32; Rachel Kelley, 30; Brooklyn Wiggins, 25.5 and Madison Hopson, 25.

For the 8th grade, leading scorers included Kyndal Thurmon, 27; Ella Hutchens, 24; Lilly Johnson, 22 and Madison Devisscher, 20.

CHAPEL HILL JUNIOR HIGH TRACK MEET

(7th grade Lindale results)

TRIPLE JUMP – Breelynn Gordon – 1st Place (29'7); Baylee Brooks – 2nd Place (29' ½)

LONG JUMP – Breelynn Gordon – 2nd Place (13'11 3/4); Brooklyn Wiggins – 3rd Place (13'10); Rachel Kelley – 5th Place (13'2)

HIGH JUMP – Rachel Kelley – 2nd Place (4'4); Baylee Brooks – 4th Place (4'2);

Brooklyn Wiggins – 5th Place (4'0)

POLE VAULT – Baylee Brooks – 1st Place (6'0); Dylan Grace – 2nd Place (6'0); Bella Bunton – 3rd Place (5'6)

DISCUS – Harper Kinney – 1st Place – (63'7); Maci Gateley – 4th (57'5)

SHOT PUT – Harper Kinney – 2nd Place – (33'3) weight shot less ; Zaidyn Chamberlain – 4th Place – (31'6 1/2)weight shot less; KayLea Williams – 6th Place – (30'4) weight shot less

2400 RUN – Kyleigh Harrison – 4th Place – (11:13.78); Lucy Michels – 5th Place – (11:25.03); Jesse Chandler – 6th Place – (11:26.81)

400 RELAY – Bella Bunton, Breelynn Gordon, Baylee Brooks, Brooklyn Wiggins – 1st Place (55.85)

800 RUN – Madison Hopson – 1st Place (2:45.03); Harper Lewis – 4th Place (2:48.77); Jade Bastida – 6th Place (2:52.50)

100 HURDLES – Rachel Kelley – 1st Place (18.90); Joclyn Grogan – 3rd Place (19.99)

100 DASH – Breelynn Gordon – 2nd Place (13.52)

800 RELAY – Alayna Ogden, Breelynn Gordon, Baylee Brooks, Brooklyn Wiggins – 1st Place (2:00.38)

400 RUN – Madison Hopson – 1st Place

(1:07.51); Alayna Ogden – 3rd Place (1:10.86); Addyson Hance – 5th Place (1:11.81)

300 HURDLES – Rachel Kelley – 1st Place (54.47); Joclyn Grogan – 6th Place (1:01.94)

200 DASH – Brooklyn Wiggins – 2nd Place (28.56)

1600 RUN – Bailey Parsons – 2nd Place (6:41.45)

1600 RELAY – Addyson Hance, Breelynn Gordon, Madison Hopson, Alayna Ogden – 1st Place (4:45.79)

(8th grade Lindale results)

TRIPLE JUMP – Kyndal Thurmon – 4th Place (31'6 1/2)

LONG JUMP – Ella Hutchens – 5th Place (14'5 3/4)

HIGH JUMP – Lilly Johnson – 1st Place (4'4); Ma'Kaylin Smith – 2nd Place (4'2)

POLE VAULT – Caydence Thompson – 1st Place (7'0); Julianne Schlensker – 4th Place (6'6); Kimber Simpson – 6th Place (6'6)

DISCUS – Ella Hutchens – 1st Place (84'3)

SHOT PUT – Ella Hutchens – 1st Place (39'2); Tessa Dennis – 4th Place (35'10 3/4)

2400 RUN – Madison Devisscher – 1st Place (9:35.88); Bella Van Dyke – 3rd Place

(10:29.88); Bernadette Malmgren – 4th Place (10:32.38)

400 RELAY – Tori Cooper, Ma'Kaylin Smith, Brooke Gissell, Kaidance Smith – 3rd Place (53.90)

800 RUN – Brooke Lewis – 5th Place (2:49.55)

100 HURDLES – Kyndal Thurmon – 1st Place (16.52); Lilly Johnson – 2nd Place (17.18); Caydence Thompson – 6th Place (17.96)

800 RELAY – Tori Cooper, Ma'Kaylin Smith, Brooke Gissell, Kaidance Smith – 3rd Place (1:55.26)

400 RUN – Ahlyvia Luwizhi – 3rd Place (1:09.71); Ella Hutchens – 5th Place (1:11.06)

300 HURDLES – Kyndal Thurmon – 1st Place (52.26); Lilly Johnson – 4th Place (56.16); Caydence Thompson – 5th Place (56.19)

200 DASH – Brooke Gissell – 2nd Place (28.24); Kaidance Smith – 5th Place (28.94)

1600 RUN – Madison Devisscher – 1st Place (6:09.81); Bella Van Dyke – 5th Place (6:29.92); Bernadette Malmgren – 6th Place (6:34.38)

1600 RELAY – Ahlyvia Luwizhi, Brooke Lewis, Kyndal Thurmon, Ma'Kaylin Smith – 3rd Place (4:33.27)



RYLA campers discuss experience

During a recent Lindale Rotary Club meeting, Lindale residents Moriah Hart and Morgan Lee discussed their recent trip to the Rotary Youth Leadership Award camp in Athens. Rotary Clubs send high school juniors to this camp each year. The girls discussed their experiences at the camp and what the trip meant to them, saying they learned about teamwork, determination, encouragement, leadership skills and more. Rotarian Darla Strickland coordinated the camp for these youngsters. (Courtesy photo)

AgriLife Extension urges drivers to check for vehicle recalls

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

More than one in five vehicles have an open safety recall, eligible for free repairs, government officials said.

In the United States, over 50 million vehicles have unrepaired safety recalls and many of those recalls involve defective parts that can pose life-threatening risks to drivers or passengers, including those young passengers in child restraints and boosters. All vehicle recall repairs are free at authorized local dealerships.

Any vehicle owner can check for open safety recalls by visiting CheckToProtect.org and uploading a picture of the vehicle license plate or entering the license plate number and state.

Owners may also enter their 17-digit Vehicle Identification Number, or VIN. The VIN may be found on the driver's side dash, inside the driver's door, on your registration documents, or on your insurance card.

All recalls are free to have repaired at authorized dealerships, regardless of whether you purchased

your vehicle from the dealership or take it there for regular service.

For more information on vehicle safety recalls, visit CheckToProtect.org.

Did you know there are also child restraint recalls?

Yes! If you have young kids riding in child restraints, it important to register the child restraint so that you are notified of any recalls that may occur with that restraint.

If you have not registered your child restraint, you can go to the manufacturers website and register it there or contact your manufacturer via phone to register it.

Double check on the national child restraint recall list, made available by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) at [nhtsa.gov/recalls](https://www.nhtsa.gov/recalls)

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.

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Right plant for the right place

By Ivy Greening
Smith County Master Gardener

Have you looked at your landscape and asked yourself what is the right plant for this place?

This question can be asked for everything plantable: grass, shrubs, trees, vines, flowers (annuals or perennials).

You have to look ahead and ask yourself what your long term goals are for this area of landscape. Is this short term or long term? Does this area have full sun, part sun, or is it shaded or filtered?

Think whether this area is well irrigated or in an area that will need to be manually maintained. Does this area drain well or does it hold water longer than other areas.

What is the PH of the soil in the area you want to plant in and what PH do growers or nurseries recommend for the plants you have selected. (A soil test kit can be picked up at the Smith County Extension Office) will provide that information for you.

You should also check a variety of conditions. First, carefully check the different heights

of the plants so you don't plant the tall plants in front, and the low growing plants in the rear. You want to stairstep plants from small, medium to the largest in the rear.

So, if you are like me and have planted something; then after watering, fertilizing, pampering, and even praying over it, the plant still isn't doing well i.e., not looking like the pictures in garden books, it may be time to move it to another spot.

If possible, if it gets a lot of sun, find a spot with afternoon shade. Or it may just need the opposite, and require more sun.

Someone may have given you a plant and you have planted it in the back corner of your yard, and you just love it but you can really see it from your porch. Perhaps during the winter months it would be a good time to move it to a spot where you could enjoy it more.

Spring is coming, what are your landscape plans for the coming year?

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

It's tomato time in East Texas

By Greg Grant
Smith County Horticulturist

I'm embarrassed to admit that I'm not a rabid tomato eater. Sure, I eat them on hamburgers and in spaghetti sauce but with the exception of Romas for making homemade Aggie hot sauce, I rarely purchase them at the grocery store.

The biggest reason is that those from the grocery store are barely edible! The only time of the year that I eat fresh tomatoes is when I grow them in the garden.

And I grow plenty of them. Although I'm not a tomato lover, I come from a family who is in love with tomatoes. It's always been my job to keep the relationship healthy. I'm happy eating easy-to-grow cherry, plum, and other small, fruited tomatoes, but my family wants big slicing types.

Tomatoes are planted from transplants after all danger of frost in the spring (no later than April). They cannot tolerate frosts or freezes and thrive with mild and moderately warm temperatures in spring and early summer. Tomatoes do not set fruit in the heat of Texas summers (above 92 degrees), which leaves only a small window of opportunity in the spring to form fruit. This makes planting time very critical. If you plant too soon, frost will kill them. However, if you plant too late, you severely reduce your production. Therefore, as soon as the last frost occurs in your area, plan on getting your tomato transplants in the ground.

The ideal transplant is 6 to 8 inches tall, dark green, and has six to eight healthy leaves. Avoid those that are yellow-green, purple-green, or tough and woody.

These are stunted and will not produce a bountiful harvest. To avoid unexpected late frosts, many Texas gardeners have buckets, hot caps, or row cover ready for protecting their plants. Generally summer heat and drought kill spring-planted tomatoes in Texas.

Tomatoes require at least eight hours of direct sun each day for maximum yields. If you can't sunbathe there, you can't grow tomatoes, or many other vegetables for that matter.

Tomatoes do best in rich, loamy soils. Due to a problem with root-infecting microscopic nematodes, it is best to avoid areas where this has been a problem or where tomatoes have grown the previous year. Ideally, till in several inches of compost or organic matter and incorporate 2 pounds of a complete lawn fertilizer (15-5-10, 18-6-12, and so forth) per 100 square feet of bed or every 35 feet of row before planting.

In small plantings incorporate 2 teaspoons per square foot or foot of row. Many rabid tomato growers add a little extra something below the planting hole, including animal manures, cottonseed meal, slow-release fertilizer, and Epsom salt. The ideal soil pH for growing tomatoes



Tomatoes in East Texas are best planted between mid-March and early April.

is 6.0 to 7.0.

Tomato transplants should be planted in well-cultivated soil. Dig holes twice as wide and at least as deep as the existing pots the tomatoes are growing in. Tomatoes can form roots along their stem so tall plants should have the lower several inches of their stems buried beneath the soil.

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

Many successful organic gardeners use manure tea for this.

Tomatoes grow and set fruit only when the temperatures are warm but below 92 degrees. About three weeks after transplanting, fertilize them with 1 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. Repeat this fertilizing process every two to three weeks to keep the plants vigorous. If you only have a few plants, use 2 to 3 teaspoons sprinkled around (but not on) each plant. Be sure to work it lightly into the soil and water the plants well afterward.

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Possum Kingdom produces Legacy Luncker

ATHENS – Possum Kingdom west of Fort Worth recorded its first Legacy Class Luncker of the 2023 Toyota ShareLuncker collection season on Sunday, March 3, publicity officials announced.

Tony Lozipone of Iowa Park reeled in 13.14-pound ShareLuncker 647, the 15th overall Legacy Class fish this season.

Possum Kingdom joins O.H. Ivie, Lake Nacogdoches and Alan Henry on the list of ShareLuncker lakes in 2023.

“Having Legacy Class ShareLunkers being produced at Possum Kingdom in back-to-back years is so rewarding after the reservoir rebounded from drought and golden alga blooms,” said Natalie

Goldstroh, Toyota ShareLuncker program coordinator. “It is the relationship between the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD), the anglers of Texas and our partners that help make these bigger, better bass in Texas.”

Lozipone began fishing as a youngster and had a lifetime goal of catching a ShareLuncker. The dream became a reality for him Sunday, recording a new personal best along with a tournament championship. Ironically, his previous personal best was a 10-plus pounder at Possum Kingdom last year.

“I was in about 40 feet of water and the fish was on a 15- to 18-foot ledge,” said Lozipone. “I made

a perfect cast, which brought her off that ledge. I saw her come and eat the swimbait and it was just amazing. I called my dad to let him know.”

Lozipone couldn't believe his eyes when he read the scale: more than 13 pounds.

“I started whooping and hollering because I accomplished a lifetime quest to catch a Legacy Luncker,” he said. “It was all a blur after that because I was so excited.”

Lozipone made a second call — to the ShareLuncker program — to officially submit his catch.

“My experience with the ShareLuncker program was great,” said Lozipone. “They immediately answered when I called and were

there to get the fish within 30 minutes. TPWD staff weighed the fish and took really good care of it. There isn't a better feeling than to know if you catch a fish that big it goes through this process. The whole ShareLuncker program is awesome.”

Possum Kingdom is now back on the board after producing three Legacy Class fish during the historic run of 2022. Stephen Davis of Burkburnett and Randy Palmer of Arlington caught 13.20-pound ShareLuncker 615 and 13.38-pound ShareLuncker 616 on the same day, Feb. 12, 2022. Montana Hand of Weatherford landed 13.06-pound ShareLuncker 617 a few days later on Feb. 18.

Lozipone's fish is the sixth all-time Legacy Class entry from this lake; Scott Tongate's ShareLuncker 44 from Oct. 13, 1989, still holds the water body record at 16.02 pounds. Don Allison owns Possum Kingdom's other Legacy Luncker, thanks to 15.38-pound ShareLuncker 80 on Feb. 14, 1991.

During the first three months of the season (January through March), anglers who reel in a 13-plus pound bass can loan it to TPWD for the ShareLuncker selective breeding and stocking program. These anglers can call the ShareLuncker hotline at 903-681-0550 to report their catch 24/7 through March 31.

Dallas felon convicted on four charges, sentenced to more than 100 years in prison

A Smith County jury sentenced Jeremy Moffitt, 29, of Dallas to more than 100 years in prison after convicting him on four charges this past week in 114th District Court, said Emily Starkey, spokesperson for the county district attorney's office.

Moffitt was convicted for unlawful possession of a firearm by a felon, evading arrest causing serious bodily injury, assault on a peace officer and aggravated assault on a public servant.

Jury members assessed terms of 9, 20, 30 and 57 years in prison, respectively. Prosecutors Emil Mikkelsen and Elizabeth Anderson proved that Moffitt, a convicted felon, was arrested for unlawfully possessing a firearm while he was passing through Smith County in 2019.

Following his arrest, he was placed on pre-trial supervision. Due to a pretrial

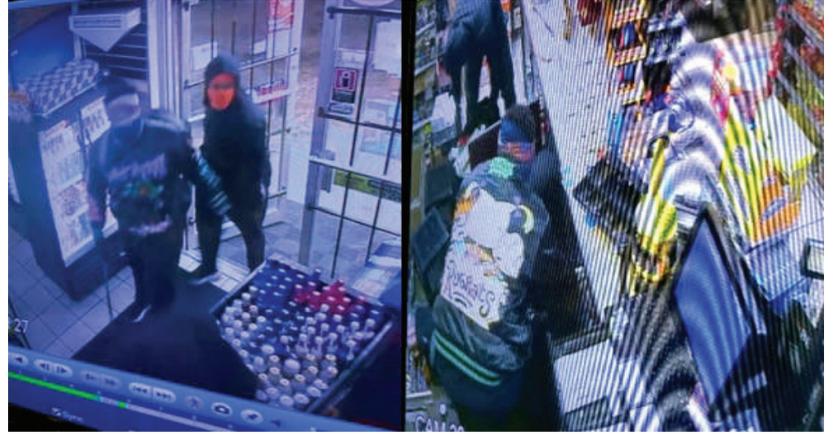
bond violation, a female officer attempted to arrest Moffitt at the Smith County Pre-trial offices. Moffitt responded by pushing her into the door frame and running away.

He was met in the hallway by a Smith County Sheriff's Deputy, and an altercation took place. During the struggle, the deputy suffered a complete patellar ligament tear, and Moffitt escaped.

A local orthopedic surgeon testified that the ligament tear was a serious bodily injury, and that in spite of surgical intervention, the deputy's knee would never be the same again.

The jury also heard evidence that Moffitt had been continuously involved with the criminal justice system for the past 10 years, and had a pending gun charge out of Dallas County.

By law, Moffitt will serve his four sentences concurrently.



2 men wanted for burglary of Tyler convenience store

On February 25, 2023 at approximately 4:06 am, two black male suspects broke into the Indian Creek Mart Convenience Store located at 13687 Spur 364 Tyler, Texas (Smith County). The suspects took cash as well as a large quantity of cigarettes and e-cigarettes.

The suspects used large bolt cutters to break in and were seen wearing gloves with their faces covered by ski masks. One suspect was wearing

a very distinguishable Nickelodeon Rugrats jacket and another suspect had a bright orange face covering ski mask.

We need help in identifying these suspects off these photos from the security video system.

Contact Investigator Jason Hampton at (903) 590-2629 or the Smith County Sheriff's Office at (903) 566-6600 if you have any information related to this case



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The address for the Independent Administrator is:

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

Date: March 13, 2023.

SINCLAIR LAW OFFICE, PC
Attorney for LA'MIA PRYMUS

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Lindale varsity boys claim first place

Lindale High School was well represented this past week (March 9) at the Bulldog Relays held at Chapel Hill High School, with the varsity boys taking first place honors and the varsity girls earning a third place standing.

The junior varsity boys finished second and the junior varsity girls were third.

The varsity boys accumulated 166 points to top Whitehouse's 147 points and Chapel Hill's 129 points.

Whitehouse won the varsity girls division with 170.5 points, while Chapel Hill was next with 136.6, followed by Lindale's 129 points.

For the junior varsity boys, Whitehouse led the way with 180 points, followed by Lindale's 132 points and Chapel Hill's 102 points.

Chapel Hill's 174 points was good enough for first in the girls junior varsity division, followed by Whitehouse with 171 and Lindale's 146.5.

Colter Maya was the individual points leader for the varsity boys with 21, while Brett Maya was third with 20 points.

For the girls varsity, Abigail Kelley and Kennedy Miller both tallied 18 points. Shyla Starks was the leader with 30 points.

On the junior varsity side, Lindale's Chad Ward had 26 points which was second behind leader Coleman LeMarion from Henderson with 28 points.

For the junior varsity girls, Cadyn Haisten was third with 20 points while Elexia Calico from Chapel Hill was first with 28 points. Lauren Stanton posted 18 points for the Lady Eagles for 9th place.

BULLDOG RELAYS Chapel Hill High School - Thursday, March 9 (Lindale results only) VARSITY BOYS

- 100 METER DASH** – Brett Maya, 1st, 10.76; Michael Shannon, 8th, 11.45; Nashad Lee, 14th, 11.82.
- 200 METER DASH** – Brett Maya, 1st, 20.99; Dylan Wehr, 4th, 22.85; Kam Nugent, 16th, 25.16.
- 400 METER DASH** – Colter Maya, 1st, 50.09; Hayes Brooks, 4th, 54.72; Alejandro Gutierrez, 5th, 55.32.
- 800 METER RUN** – Alejandro Gutierrez, 4th, 2:15.48; Colton Stone, 5th, 2:17.51.
- 1600 METER RUN** – Dax Allen, 4th, 5:06.31; David Kelly, 6th, 5:13.25.
- 3200 METER RUN** – Dax Allen, 3rd, 11:07.00; David Kelly, 4th, 11:36.77; Cyrus Dawson, 7th, 13:14.55.
- 110 METER HURDLES** – Matthew Kenney, 2nd, 15.98.
- 300 METER HURDLES** – Matthew Kenney, 3rd, 42.64.
- 4 X 200 METER RELAY** – Wyatt Parker, Layne Lewis, Henrique Arantes, Nathan Bradford, 3rd, 1:34.93.
- 4 X 400 METER RELAY** – Colter Maya, Hayes Brooks, Ryder Dennis, Clint Thurman, 1st, 3:31.65.
- LONG JUMP** – Colter Maya, 3rd, 19 feet, 11 inches.
- SHOT PUT** – Casey Poe, 1st, 53 feet, 3 inches.
- DISCUS** – Gabe Hart, 2nd, 130 feet, 2 inches; Casey Poe, 6th, 114 feet, 6 inches.
- HIGH JUMP** – Marcus Field, 2nd, 6 feet.
- POLE VAULT** – Justin Seekford, 1st, 14 feet, 3 inches; Bowman Grace, 2nd, 13 feet, 6 inches; Lucas Harbour, 3rd, 13 feet.

VARSITY GIRLS

- 100 METER DASH** – Kaelyn Kincaid, 5th, 13.24.
- 200 METER DASH** – Kaelyn Kincaid, 6th, 27.54.
- 400 METER DASH** – Whitney Dao, 5th, 1:08.10; Kylie Carleton, 11th, 1:11.47; Marisol Vela, 12th, 1:16.09.
- 800 METER RUN** – Abigail Kelley, 2nd, 2:35.06.
- 1600 METER RUN** – Abigail Kelley, 2nd, 5:55.35; Adalyn Kobs, 3rd, 5:59.44; Abbigail Hanley, 4th, 6:13.55.
- 3200 METER RUN** – Adalyn Kobs, 2nd, 12:37.63; Abbigail Hanley, 3rd, 13:50.72; Alexis DeDios, 4th, 13:57.58.
- 100 METER HURDLES** – Kennedy Miller, 3rd, 16.91; Kortlen Pierce, 8th, 19.97.

- 300 METER HURDLES** – Kennedy Miller, 1st, 49.78; Kaylee Brousseau, 2nd, 50.09; Christiana Ussery, 8th, 57.96.
- 4 X 200 METER RELAY** – Reagan Cates, Kaylee Brousseau, Laniya Daniels, Kaelyn Kincaid, 4th, 1:52.55.
- 4 X 400 METER RELAY** – Reagan Cates, Whitney Dao, Laniya Daniels, Kyle Carleton, 3rd, 4:28.99.
- LONG JUMP** – Lydia Payne, 10th, 13 feet, 4 ¼ inches.
- SHOT PUT** – Kaniya Pierce, 5th, 30 feet, 1 inch; Christiana Ussery, 6th, 29 feet, 2 ½ inches; Gabriella Cabrera, 7th, 27 feet.
- DISCUS** – Christiana Ussery, 3rd, 79 feet, 1 inch; Maddie Luster, 4th, 78 feet, 4 ½ inches; Makayla Bosmond, 6th, 73 feet, 5 inches.
- TRIPLE JUMP** – Lydia Payne, 8th, 30 feet, 8 inches; Whitney Dao, 9th, 29 feet, 7 ¾ inches.
- HIGH JUMP** – Reagan Cates, 2nd, 5 feet; Madelyn Little, 4th, 4 feet, 10 inches.
- POLE VAULT** – Kortlen Pierce, 1st, 9 feet.

JUNIOR VARSITY BOYS

- 100 METER DASH** – Pat Weldon, 8th, 12.15; Ryker Rambatt, 9th, 12.50; Noah Surber, 11th, 12.53.
- 200 METER DASH** – Carson Shipman, 4th, 24.38; Jayden Hagen, 9th, 25.16; Ryker Rambatt, 10th, 25.28.
- 400 METER DASH** – Carson Shipman, 2nd, 56.62; Cade Hodde, 3rd, 57.58; Garrett Hance, 12th, 1:06.43.
- 800 METER DASH** – Chris Brown, 3rd, 2:23.02.
- 1600 METER RUN** – Zach Sheppa, 5th, 5:47.56; Eric Reyes, 6th, 5:48.19.
- 3200 METER RUN** – Zach Sheppa, 3rd, 12:06.93; Eric Reyes, 6th, 12:53.11.
- 110 METER HURDLES** – Chad Ward, 2nd, 16.74; Cole Shamburger, 8th, 19.23; Jayrn Eagans, 9th, 20.03.
- 300 METER HURDLES** – Chad Ward, 1st, 43.69; Cole Shamburger, 11th, 49.06; Hayden Nations, 12th, 49.44.
- 4 X 100 METER RELAY** – Amillion Johnson, Pat Weldon, Kayden Spears, Jayden Hagen, 6th, 46.83.
- 4 X 200 METER RELAY** – Jayden Hagen, Amillion Johnson, Pat Weldon, Kayden Spears, 2nd, 1:38.72.
- 4 X 400 METER RELAY** – Amillion Johnson, Chris Brown, Ryker Rambatt, Kayden Spears, 2nd, 3:48.49.
- LONG JUMP** – Pat Weldon, 4th, 18 feet, 2 inches.
- SHOT PUT** – Trey Rozell, 3rd, 36 feet, 2 inches; Kaleb Walker, 4th, 35 feet, 5 inches.
- DISCUS** – Gunner Johnson, 2nd, 100 feet, 7 inches; Christian Pettway, 3rd, 98 feet, 3 ½ inches.
- HIGH JUMP** – Chad Ward, 5 feet, 8 inches.
- POLE VAULT** – Charlie Yarbrough, 2nd, 10 feet; Reid Campbell, Jack Partlow, 5th (tie), 8 feet.

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- 100 METER DASH** – Payton Speerly, 12th, 16.03.
- 200 METER DASH** – Summer Ishmael, 1st, 28.37; Emalee McKeever, 12th, 31.43; Serenity Fuller, 13th, 32.07.
- 400 METER DASH** – Alena Garza, 6th, 1:12.81; Kaylyn Bieltz, 7th, 1:13.12; Carly Shultz, 11th, 1:17.80.
- 800 METER RUN** – Emma Blackburn, 4th, 3:01.48; Mary Blackburn, 5th, 3:04.03.
- 1600 METER RUN** – Cadyn Haisten, 1st, 6:28.62; Natalee DeDios, 6th, 6:55.84.
- 3200 METER RUN** – Cadyn Haisten, 1st, 14:24.00; Natalee DeDios, 3rd, 14:45.00.
- 100 METER HURDLES** – Lauren Stanton, 3rd, 17.84; Joelene McKinney, 4th, 18.97; Ava Meier, 7th, 20.00.
- 300 METER HURDLES** – Lauren Stanton, 3rd, 54.93; Joelene McKinney, 4th, 55.30; Ava Meier, 10th, 1:02.91.
- 4 X 100 METER RELAY** – Macy Luster, Abigail Lee, Kayden King, Brinley Wehr, 3rd, 55.20.
- 4 X 200 METER RELAY** – Macy Luster, Kayden King, Brinley Wehr, Abigail Lee, 3rd, 1:58.17.
- 4 X 400 METER RELAY** – Joelene McKinney, Summer Ishmael, Lauren Stanton, Ava Burns, 2nd, 4:41.12.
- LONG JUMP** – Macy Luster, 4th, 14 feet, 2 ¼ inches; Abigail Lee, 8th, 12 feet, 11 ¾ inches; Brinley Wehr, 9th, 12 feet, 9 ¼ inches.
- SHOT PUT** – Serenity Fuller, 1st, 27 feet, 8 inches; Felicity Thiem, 5th, 25 feet, 3 inches; Jalyann Gateley, 7th, 22 feet, 8 inches.
- DISCUS** – Haylee Crawford, 2nd, 74 feet, 10 inches.
- TRIPLE JUMP** – Macy Luster, 3rd, 30 feet, 11 inches; Carly Shultz, 8th, 27 feet, 8 ¼ inches; Emalee McKeever, 24 feet, 10 ½ inches.
- HIGH JUMP** – Lauren Stanton, 5th, 4 feet, 6 inches; Madalynn Fowble, 6th, 4 feet, 4 inches.
- POLE VAULT** – Ava Burns, 1st, 7 feet.



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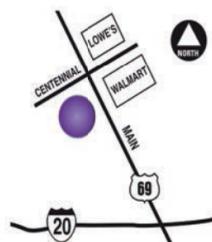
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