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Lindale City Manager Carolyn Caldwell, right, presented Jill Childs with the City of Lindale's Employee of the Year award at last year's LACC Membership Banquet and Auction. Photo by Terry Cannon

Chamber banquet coming up April 3

The 39th Lindale Area Chamber of Commerce Membership Banquet and Auction is planned for Monday, April 3 at Texas Rose Horse Park, officials announced.

This year's theme is "Deep in the Heart of East Texas" and the festivities will begin at 5 p.m. with the silent auction and networking. From 5:30 p.m. to 6:30, dinner will be available from a selection of several restaurants.

Tickets are \$30 for general admission.

The Texas Rose Horse Park is located at 14078 Highway 110 North in Tyler and will be hosting the event for the fourth consecutive year.

Suggested attire for the "Deep in the Heart of East Texas" is business or work casual, cowboy or red, white and blue. High heels are not recommended because of the dirt floor on the horse arena.

Highlights of the evening include Citizen of the Year, the Lindale Rotary Club's Merchant of the Year, the Lindale Independent School District's Educator of the Year, the city of Lindale's Employee of the Year, the Lindale High School's Students of the Year and the LACC's Chairman of the Year award.

Last year, Lindale ISD Board President Mike Combs Being was selected as Citizen of the Year. LISD Superintendent Stan Surratt introduced Combs.

The Lindale Rotary Club named Joshua Johnson, manager of the Chick Fil A restaurant on Highway 69 as Merchant of the Year. Carroll Anderson of the Rotary Club introduced Johnson.

Jill Childs was named the city of Lindale's Employee of the Year. Childs is City Manager Carolyn Caldwell's assistant.

The LISD, and Surratt, honored Cindy Baldwin, a Kindergarten teacher at the Early Childhood Center, as Educator of the Year.

Lindale High School Principal Jeremy Chilek introduced the district's Students of the Year, seniors Ellie Watkins and Cody Peters.

Longtime Precinct 5 Justice of the Peace James Cowart was honored with the Chairman's Award for his service to the chamber and community by the LACC's R.J. Collins.

- Past Citizen of the Year honorees include:**
- 2022 - Mike Combs
 - 2021 - Don Hines
 - 2020 - Jimmy Hawley
 - 2019 - John Williams
 - 2018 - Larry Wilson
 - 2017 - Nina Rodriguez Bryan
 - 2016 - Jerry Alexander
 - 2015 - Charlene Burton
 - 2014 - Jim Mallory
 - 2013 - Jerry Garner
 - 2012 - Lindale Community Theater
 - 2011 - Debbie Wortmann
 - 2010 - Stan Surratt
 - 2009 - Perry Mac Hutchens
 - 2008 - Annie Baldwin
 - 2007 - Bill Parrott
 - 2006 - Helen Boylan Foundation
 - 2005 - Gen. James "Red" Brown
 - 2004 - Drs. Wendall and Donna Hand
 - 2003 - John Becker
 - 2002 - James Cowart
 - 2001 - Dennis Taylor
 - 2000 - Ed Neely
 - 1999 - Bobby McClenny
 - 1998 - Carolyn Todd
 - 1997 - Barham Fulmer
 - 1996 - Carroll Anderson
 - 1995 - Pat Rogers
 - 1994 - Herschel Duncan
 - 1993 - Mary Ann McClenny
 - 1992 - Clifford Bartley
 - 1991 - Earl Baldwin
 - 1990 - Eugene McClenny
 - 1989 - Dr. Joe Roach
- Past Merchant of the Year winners include:**
- 2022 - Joshua Johnson
 - 2021 - Jerry Terry
 - 2020 - Dave Wilson
 - 2019 - R.J. Collins
 - 2018 - Nancy McIntyre
 - 2017 - Octavio De La Cruz
 - 2016 - James Simmons
 - 2015 - Medder's Brake and Alignment
 - 2014 - Eagle Pharmacy
 - 2013 - Dr. Karen Gott
 - 2012 - Dale Kile, Medicine Chest Pharmacy
 - 2011 - Zackie Gutzke
 - 2010 - Carla Boyette
 - 2009 - John Pittman
 - 2008 - Amanda Froebe
 - 2007 - Don Hines
 - 2006 - Moe Snoubar
 - 2005 - Debbie Wortmann
 - 2004 - John Roberts
 - 2003 - Delores Goodman
 - 2002 - Scott Cassel
 - 2001 - Polly Smith
 - 2000 - Glenda Dintelman
 - 1999 - Ruth Voyles
 - 1998 - C. James Rutledge
 - 1997 - Jim Withrow
 - 1996 - Jean Compton
 - 1995 - Larry Camp
 - 1994 - Mark Hatfield
 - 1993 - Wilbur Terry
 - 1992 - Jerry Fleming
 - 1991 - Perry Mac Hutchens

Valerie Smith appointed county health authority by commissioners

Dr. Valerie B. Smith was appointed by the Commissioners Court on Tuesday, March 14, to be the new Smith County Local Health Authority, publicity officials announced.



She was sworn in by County Judge Neal Franklin and will replace the retiring Dr. Paul McGaha. Dr. Smith is assistant professor of pediatrics with the University of Texas of Tyler School of Medicine. She received her medical degree from the University of Texas Southwestern Medical School and completed her pediatric residency at Arkansas Children's Hospital in Little Rock.

She received her master of public health from the University of

Texas Science Center School of Community and Rural Health. For almost 20 years, Dr. Smith served the children of East Texas as a pediatrician at St. Paul's Children's Foundation.

Established during the 79th Legislative Session, Health Authorities are physicians appointed to administer state and local laws relating to public health within an appointing body's jurisdiction, according to the Texas Department of State Health Services.

Their duties include establishing, maintaining and enforcing jurisdictional quarantine orders; aiding local health boards or departments in quarantine inspections, disease prevention and suppression efforts; and reporting the presence of contagious or infectious diseases to local and state authorities, among other things.

Dr. Smith serves multiple leadership roles with the Texas Pediatric Society, of which she serves as secretary/treasurer and co-chairs its executive legislative committee; Texas Medical Association, for which she serves as the chairwoman of its Council of Science and Public Health; and the American Academy of Pediatrics, for which she serves as its district facilitator for the Community to Access to Child Health Program and on serves on its Committee on Federal Government Affairs.

She also serves on the board of the East Texas Food Bank, Northeast Texas Public Health District (NET Health) and Texans Care for Children.

She was recommended to the Commissioners Court by the NET Health Board of Directors.



Lindale police quickly responded to an accident involving a truck which ran into Bonnie's Salon in downtown Lindale Tuesday morning. Initial reports were that no one was hurt.

Photo by Terry Cannon

State officials continue to focus on safety for bikers, motorists

At just 14 years old, Alexei Bauereis was struck and killed while walking his bike across a crosswalk in Austin, cutting short his young life and promising ballet career.

Alexei is just one of many tragic deaths on Texas roads every year. Each one takes someone special from their family, friends and community. This spring, as warm weather brings out pedestrians and cyclists, TxDOT and the Bauereis family are reminding drivers why it's important to follow traffic safety laws, including stopping for pedestrians in crosswalks.

"We have a shared responsibility to every member of our community - to every family and every individual - to help reverse these trends and reduce traffic fatalities in Texas," said TxDOT Executive Director Marc Williams. "We're asking all Texans to watch out for one another whether you're behind the wheel, on foot, or on a bike. Obeying traffic safety laws is a critical first step."

In 2021, 935 people died in pedestrian and bicy-

clist-related traffic crashes in Texas, accounting for one out of every five of the 4,496 fatalities on state roadways. In the five-year period from 2017 to 2021, pedestrian fatalities resulting from traffic crashes increased 34 percent and bicyclist fatalities increased 58 percent.

TxDOT's "Be Safe. Drive Smart." campaign urges all Texans to know and follow the laws for safe driving, walking and biking. That includes the Lisa Torry Smith Act, which went into effect in 2021.

Named after a Texas mom who was struck and killed in a crosswalk while walking her six-year-old son to school, the law requires drivers to stop and yield the right of way to people in crosswalks. Motorists who fail to stop and yield and cause serious injury to someone in a crosswalk can face criminal penalties.

Texas law states if you're driving:

- Stop and yield for pedestrians, bicyclists, and

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OPINION/COMMENTARY

Stress and sunshine ...

I am working on deadline and thinking ahead to tomorrow's newspaper deadline, a tax appraisal protest in Corsicana and my Mom's taxes to her CPA, also BOTH tomorrow. AND, I need to find four more documents in her morass of a white expandable file folder that somehow screams "Moby Dick" at me. That makes me Ahab... fighting to conquer that whale of a job.

Today is Jimmy's birthday and the sun is shining and we should be on our Harley Electra-Glide riding the backroads with the spring sunshine rejuvenating us. Instead I am playing John Denver's "Sunshine on My Shoulders" and we are gazing longingly out the plate glass windows of our office as our hardworking little fingers type away. At 4 p.m. Jack goes to the Vet. We are working to see if he has more good days ahead of him or not. And that is all I am going to say about that. Jim has a Gusher Days meeting after business hours and I will go and make sure Mom has a nutritious dinner. Okay, to tell the truth, just make sure she has dinner. Jim will be lucky if he gets a dinner much less a 'birthday' dinner.

I need to be making ad calls because that is what allows you to read about your city council, school board, school sports and news, my meandering columns and everything else. But there aren't enough hours in this day.

The cherry on the top of all this is that we are also dog sitting our son and daughter-in-heart's Mort and Dozer who are about the size of miniature horses and are deeply afraid of storms. Last night they jumped in the middle of our bed during that heck of a storm and refused to budge. Poor 6'3" hubby was the middle of a nervous, shaking doggy sandwich. I was on the floor trying to get Jack's heart to quit racing.

The Best of Suzanne Bardwell



Mom's hearing aids were out and she and her Shi-Tzu Miss Muffin slept right through the hail, thunder and driving rain. The fun just never stops does it?

Last fall I committed to judge district UIL this Wednesday and I am looking forward to those hours that allow me to see the talent our area kids have...or don't.

But here is the kicker. What would I get rid of? All I can do is check the immediate heavy tasks off and move forward. And give thanks that I have the opportunity to do what I do. I know that I am preaching to the choir. Your little wagons are just as full as mine. So if you are trapped looking out at the sunshine while reading this let's count our blessings together.

At the top of mine is the Birthday Boy...mine for 43 years and counting. How much better can it get than to work for and with the person you love most in this world. (Even when you want to throw your stapler across the room at his handsome head.)

Life makes me smile so much more than it makes me cry. So here you go my dear friends and neighbors, John Denver's lyrics just for you on this gloriously bright day:

"If I had a day that I could give you
I'd give to you the day just like today
If I had a song that I could sing for you
I'd sing a song to make you feel this way..."

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THE ECONOMIST

By Dr. M. Ray Perryman

Banking Boobos!

The recent shenanigans in several banks stoked fears of another financial crisis similar to the Great Recession in 2008 or the meltdown of the 1980s (I wrote a book about that one). Not to worry! The basic problems for each of the affected banks boiled down to inadequate risk management and issues specific to their situations rather than any systemwide weakness.



Quick action by the Federal Reserve, Treasury Department, and FDIC have calmed markets and depositors sufficiently to contain the fallout. There will no doubt be some jitters and gyrations around the globe for a while, but the system is sound.

Banks are the arteries of modern economies, taking in deposits from some customers and lending them to others. Usually, when numerous banks have problems on a broad scale, it's due to high-risk practices (such as the subpar mortgage origination and securitization prior to the Great Recession), changes in the regulatory environment (such as the schizophrenic tax and financial policies which first incentivized syndications and then tanked them in the 1980s), or similar systematic issues.

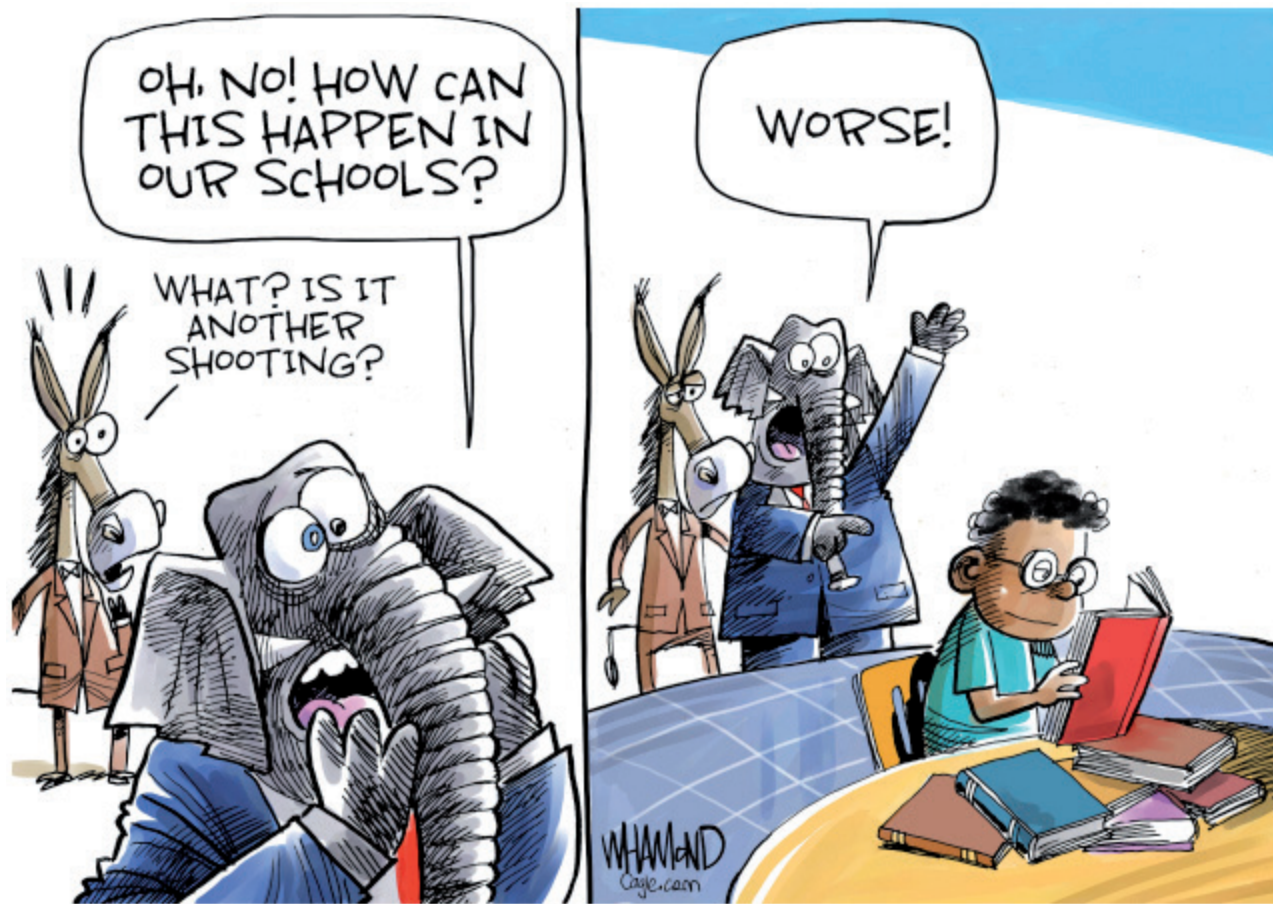
Silicon Valley Bank (SVB) customers were highly concentrated in technology sectors (start-ups, in particular). As these firms came under pressure, they needed additional cash to fund operations. However, SVB had invested its assets into US Treasury and similar bonds with values sensitive to interest rates. These vehicles are risk-free if held to maturity, but subject to fluctuations when they are liquidated unexpectedly. As rates rose, the value of SVB's portfolio fell. The bank raced to sell them at a loss or raise equity in other ways to manage the spate of withdrawals, but social media musings created and amplified a major run on deposits.

Clearly, SVB's risk management was inadequate. Excess funds were too concentrated, and a hedge against interest rate risk should have been implemented. Greater diversification of its loan portfolio would have also been wise. In essence, bad choices took down SVB. The other two failures were basically generated by bets on the cryptocurrency market that did not pan out.

Fear can be contagious, and it will take a bit of time and a bit of data to fully restore confidence. The response by regulators (which does not reward shareholders, management, or bondholders) was appropriate given the situation and the need to maintain smooth functioning of the economy.

One result of this debacle is that the Federal Reserve now has yet another concern to deal with in its ongoing quest to promote both economic growth and modest inflation. The important point, however, is that neither tech dominance nor crypto concentration is the norm among US banks. This is neither 2008 nor the 1980s, and our financial infrastructure is fundamentally strong.

Stay safe!



Texas House bill would require fentanyl education

The death of a Leander High School graduate from a fentanyl overdose has prompted state Rep. Terry Wilson, R-Georgetown, to file a bill that would require 10 hours of education annually concerning the dangers of the drug to students in sixth grade and up, the Austin American-Statesman reported.

Tucker Roe, 19, bought what he thought was a Percocet pill on Instagram, according to his mother, Stefanie Turner. It turned out to be laced with a deadly amount of fentanyl, a powerful opioid responsible for more than 5,000 deaths in Texas last year, according to the Centers for Disease Control.

"He was struggling with sleeping and stress, and he purchased a pill to help him sleep, and that pill took his life," Turner told the Statesman. Wilson's bill would allow a number of different types of organizations to provide the education, including public health agencies.

Adjuster indicted after TDI investigation

A Texas public insurance adjuster has been indicted by a Kimble County grand jury after being accused of stealing more than \$268,000 in insurance claims. An investigation by the Texas Department of Insurance alleges Andrew Joseph Mitchell signed the names of clients on their insurance claim checks and kept the money.

Mitchell, based in Clear Lake Shores, Texas, solicited clients across the country using the internet, according to authorities.

"We have other victims here in Texas we're referring to prosecutors, but Mitchell is currently in jail in Louisiana, and we know of investigations in at least two other states," TDI fraud investigator Mark Pardaen said.

More arrests made in Austin 'street takeover'

More than three dozen charges against 17 people were made last week in the takeover of several Austin intersections on Feb. 18 and 19. The Statesman reported those arrested face charges including evading arrest, obstructing a highway, reckless driving and engaging in organized criminal activity.

Video footage shot during the incidents showed cars spin-

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ning through intersections, fireworks exploding, and dozens of people running through the streets.

"The events that occurred disrupted our community, they garnered much of our attention, and they were clearly not good for our community," Austin Police Chief Joe Chacon said.

Nelson confirmed as Texas Secretary of State

Former state Sen. Jane Nelson was confirmed last week by the Texas Senate as secretary of state. Gov. Greg Abbott appointed her to the position two months ago.

Nelson served in that chamber for 30 years.

"I will work to safeguard honest and accurate elections in all 254 counties across our great state, while continuing to support business owners by ensuring that government moves at the speed of Texas business, not the other way around," Nelson said in a statement after her confirmation.

TPWD seeks input on land and water plan

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department is seeking public input to help the agency make future management decisions.

"In fulfilling our mission, TPWD is committed to delivering effective natural resources stewardship and outdoor recreation programs that exemplify the highest standards of quality, service and professionalism," said David Yoskowitz, executive director of TPWD.

Public input can be made through April 14 by completing a survey being conducted by Texas A&M University. The survey can be found at: <https://tinyurl.com/nhkcwmw>.

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other vulnerable road users in crosswalks.

- When turning, yield the right of way to pedestrians and bicyclists.

- Pass bikes at a safe distance and give bicyclists room to ride.

If you're riding:

- Cross the street only at intersections and crosswalks.
- Obey all traffic signs and signals, including at crosswalks.

- Use sidewalks. If there's no sidewalk, walk on the left side of the road, facing oncoming traffic.

If you're riding a bike:

- Always stop at red lights and stop signs.
- Ride in the same direction as traffic and use bike lanes or ride as near as possible to the right-hand curb.
- Use hand signals when turning or stopping.
- At night, make sure your bike has a white light on the front and a red light or reflector on the back.

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What in the world was I thinking? Part 1

EDITOR'S NOTE: Once upon a time in the halcyon days of youth, kids were entertained not by television and video games, but by being with friends and doing things they'd just as soon not tell their parents about. Here's part one of this type of adventure, which is mostly true.

It was one of those glorious, early summer nights and the four of us were sitting cross-legged in a circle, bathed in the glow of an oil-fired smudge pot.

The city of Dallas had recently paved the alleys in our Casa View neighborhood, and smudge pots marked the man holes in the alley.

The four of us – Randy, Shawn, Danny and my burr-headed self – held regular meetings around those smudge pots and discussed important topics of the day, such as whose backyard garden had the best tomatoes for throwing, who had the best baseball card collection and which of our teachers was the worst.

This night's topic, however, was a lot more serious. We were discussing the Motley Mansion.

The thing about a nine-year-old mind is it doesn't have the ability to fully discern truth from fiction, exaggeration from fact. We were sure the little girl down the street ate bugs because, well, her brother said she did.

If an older couple in our neighborhood kept to themselves we were sure they had dead bodies under the house because, well, a neighbor might have said something that sounded like that.

But we were absolutely, positively sure the Motley Mansion was haunted because we heard things that were so scary they just had to be true.

So the question we posed to one another was who would visit Motley Mansion in the dark? Who would be brave enough?

The stories were almost always the same: Anyone who dared venture to Motley Mansion at night was never seen



again. Creaking walls, moaning ghosts, strange objects floating in the air.

And the graveyard. We knew that to be true because we all saw it – but only during the daytime. Headstones of fathers, mothers, daughters and sons.

But two of the markers were especially creepy. One reads "Here lies the foot of Grover Cleveland Motley" and another reads "Here lies the arm of John S. Motley."

Yep, no doubt about it. This place was crawling with spirits, ghosts and scary things, including a buried foot and an arm.

The mansion was about two miles from our house, not that far by bicycle.

My brother David and I had been there several times, but just during the day. (Years later he even wrote a couple of fictionalized children's books about it. You can look them

up on Google.)

Anyway, while we sat around the smudge pot and nervously pondered our next move, someone blurted out: "I'll go! I'll go right up on that porch and look inside!"

That voice sounded familiar. It should have. It was mine.

As you can see by the photo accompanying today's tale Motley Mansion really existed. And the graveyard is still there today, tucked in between Motley Drive and Eastfield Parkway at Eastfield College.

The mansion was once the home of Zachariah and Mary Lynn Motley, who moved their family and their slaves from Kentucky to Texas in the 1850s. Zachariah began building the mansion in 1857 after he purchased some 300 acres of land.

Eventually, the mansion and the surrounding land were managed by Grover Cleveland ("Cleve") Motley, he of the amputated-then-buried-foot.

In its heyday, the mansion must have been a sight to see, with 10 rooms and a fancy wrap-around porch. But by the 1960s, the house was in serious disrepair. A fire brought it down in 1967.

Around 1966, the Dallas County Community College District bought the land for just less than \$1 million which would eventually become Eastfield Junior College.

On that night when I opened my big mouth and made that fateful declaration about standing on the Motley's porch and looking inside, three sets of eyes bugged out in my direction.

There's always one dunderhead in the crowd and they were looking at one.

I had no choice. I had sealed my fate with that silly "I'll do it" statement.

We boarded our bikes and took off. But only one of us had a sick feeling in their stomach. **NEXT WEEK:** Living to tell the tale.

Maybe she could buy insurance on credit

My wife Janet and I were fixin' to go out to eat the other night and I wasn't really too keen on goin, but sometimes you have to bite the bullet, so you don't get shot with one.

Well, just as we were walkin' out the door, the phone rang.

"Grab that," said Janet. "It might be Michelle." Michelle, who I call Gator, is our daughter and she and her mom talk just about every day.

"Yellow," I said. Then I heard a click.

Ahhhh, a phone creature. Phone creatures are what I call those pesky phone solicitors.

"Yellow," I said again louder, this time in my old man voice.

"Mr. Mitchum?" the voice said.

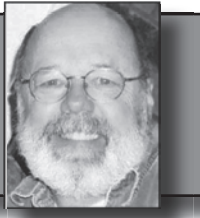
"Speak up!" I yelled. "This blasted hearin'aid battery is shot!" Janet shot me a look that said, "We don't have time for this?"

It's a look that I'm used to.

"Mr. Mitchum, this is Stephanie Sims with Master Card."

"Lester Lard? I hadn't thought of you in years.

**Rusty Mitchum
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Heck, I thought you wuz killed when we stormed that hill back in 42 when you got shot."

"No Mr. Mitchum...!" "You weren't killed? Well I'll be. And all these years I thought you wuz dead."

"Mr. Mitchum! I'm not...!"

"Of course you're not," I said. "You wouldn't be talkin' to me if'n you wuz, har har. Unless, of course, you's a ghost. You ain't no ghost is you, Lester?"

"No, you don't understand...," the creature whined.

"Good," I said. "I'm not stupidstitious or anything, but I don't want to be talkin' to no ghost."

"Please Mr. Mitchum," the creature cried.

"Lester, would you quit callin' me mister. Call me Rusty. For Pete's sake man, we shared a foxhole for three nights that time. Remember that? It wuz

kinda cozy."

"Look!" said the phone creature. "Let me start over!"

"Lester," I interrupted. "What happened to your voice? You sound like a girl. Where did they shoot you, anyway? Well, it don't matter. It's just nice to talk to you."

"Mr. Mitchum!" yelled the phone creature.

"I'm here Lester. Sounds like you're havin' trouble with your hearin' too. I think it wuz them tanks that was shootin' over our heads that done it. I ain't heard good since."

About that time Janet yelled for me to come on. "Lester," I said. "Do you know who that is? Did you recognize the voice?" Janet rolled her eyes.

"No," the creature sighed sarcastically. "Who is that?"

"That is that pretty little USO girl you met at that Bob Hope show, remem-

ber? Oh, I know you wuz in love with her and promised to marry her when you got out. But heck Lester, I thought you wuz dead, so I married her instead."

"I said, come on!" yelled Janet.

"Did you hear that Lester?" I said into the phone while lookin' at Janet. "Yep, she's a feisty one alright. Come to think of it, now that you're back, if you still want her, she's all yours." I smiled at Janet.

"If you don't come on," said Janet. "Lester's not the only one who'll be talkin' like a girl."

"Well, Lester," I said quickly. "I gotta go. Let me know if'n you want to take me up on my offer. Call me back sometime."

"You bet," said the phone creature sarcastically, and she hung up.

I hung up the phone and looked at Janet. She was standin' there with her teeth clenched tight.

"It wudn't Gator," I said. She just looked at me.

"What?" I said.

"I was just wondering," she said. "How much life insurance do you have, and if I could get away with it? I'm pretty sure I can."

Lindale ISD names Tracie Rand elementary curriculum director

Tracie Rand, currently principal of Lindale Junior High School, has been named as the new elementary curriculum director for the Lindale ISD, publicity officials announced.

Rand has served in the Lindale ISD for 17 years and has been the Junior High principal for the past three years. "One of my favorite parts of my



job now is working with teachers in regards to curriculum and instruction," said Rand. "I feel blessed to have the opportunity to work with teachers and administrators across the district to help support student learning."

Rand earned her Bachelor of Arts degree with a minor in Spanish from the University of Texas at Arlington. Rand also has a

master's degree in educational leadership from Lamar University and a teaching certification for 7-12 grade secondary English.

"I am so pleased that Mrs. Tracie Rand will be joining our central office team," said Lindale ISD Superintendent, Stan Surratt. "She is an amazing leader and her campus has been the highest performing campus in East Texas under her leadership. I expect that she will continue to do great things across the entire Lindale ISD."

Sheriff's office investigating series of burglaries in county

The Smith County Sheriff's Office is seeking the public's help in locating a suspect in a recent rash of burglaries taking place in the western portion of county, said spokesman Larry Christian.

Christian said there have also been similar incidents reported near Chandler and a person and vehicle of interest

have been established through ongoing investigations, he added.

The suspect is a white male driving an older model Dodge pickup, possibly white in color with black wheels, no grill and with three dents in the front part of the truck.

If anyone knows the whereabouts of this suspect and/or suspect vehicle they

are asked to notify the Smith County Sheriff's Office at 903-566-6600 or Investigator Jason Hampton at 903-590-2629.

For more information on the Smith County Sheriff's Office visit www.smithcountysheriff.com. The Sheriff's Office also has a FB page and can be followed on Twitter at @SmithCSO.



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ONE YEAR AGO, March 24, 2022

Lindale's Walter Smith and Ryder Johnson were first team selections as the 16-4A All District boys basketball team was chosen by the league's coaches.

Second team honorees from Lindale included Taegan Terry, Colby Wood, Cole Collinsworth while Justin Farris, Colton Wideman, Amare Baptiste and Aiden Pierson were honorable mention selections.

The Eagles also landed Walter Smith, Logan Dixon, Ryder Johnson, Taegan Terry, Cole Collinsworth, Colby Wood, Justin Farris, Amare Baptiste, Will Hutchens and Colton Wideman to the All-Academic team.

FIVE YEARS AGO, March 22, 2018

Jacob Koeshall was named Newcomer of the Year for District 17-5A as the league's basketball coaches selected the All-District teams for the year.

Other Lindale players honored included Connery Churchill, first team and Gray Pittman and Teigan Edwards to the second team. Kale Walters was selected to the honorable mention team.

10 YEARS AGO, March 21, 2013

Lindale Economic Development Corporation President John Clary announced global courier and delivery giant Fed Ex would be located in a 163,000 square foot distribution center in the Industrial Park on 17.7 acres.

FedEx officials said the new distribution center will replace the company's two Tyler locations.

The transaction was completed after the LEDC sold the land to Tyler FXG LLC, a subsidiary of Jones Development of Kansas City, Mo.

In a release, FedEx officials said the new facility will help the company serve its regional customer base.

"When the new facility opens, positions will transfer from the existing stations, and we will add to the workforce as necessary to support increased demand for service in the area," officials said.

The site was chosen, officials said, because of its ease of access to major highways, its proximity to customers' distribution centers and a strong, local community workforce for recruiting employees.

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LINDA RUTH (ROWE) ANDERSON



Linda Ruth (Rowe) Anderson, age 77 passed away Sunday, March 5, 2023 in Lindale. Memorial services were held Thursday, March 16, 2023, in Lindale, at the Caudle-Rutledge-Daugherty Funeral Home with Pastor Roger Ratcliff

officiating.

She was born March 10, 1945 in Henderson to the late Franklin Rowe and Flonnie Estelle Follis.

Linda graduated from Sherman High School and spent her career as a teacher in Greenville, Roysse City and Irving. She loved listening to music, especially, the "oldies."

Linda enjoyed shopping for bargains but most of all she loved spending her time with family and friends.

Linda was preceded in death by her parents; and Jack Charles

Anderson. She is survived by two sons, Jack Charles Anderson, Jr. and wife, Jennifer of Greenville; Michael Paul Anderson and wife, Lee Ann of Roysse City; sister, Lou Brown of Tyler; five grandchildren, Haylee Vann and husband, Dakota of Greenville, Blake Anderson of Roysse City, McKenna Anderson of Roysse City,

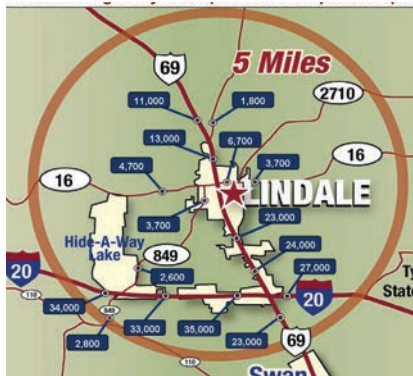
Isabella Anderson of Roysse City and Julianna Anderson of Roysse City; great-granddaughter, Kaidynce Vann of Greenville; and dog, Sidekick Bentley.

TxDOT plans traffic counts in region

The Transportation Planning and Programming Division of the Texas Department of Public Transportation will be collecting short-term traffic counts at 6,000 locations in the Tyler District until April 6, TxDOT officials announced.

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SATURDAY, MARCH 4: 5:43:45 AM, Animal Complaint, 200 blk Highland Dr.; 6:03:56 AM, Assist EMS, 13000 blk FM 2710; 11:14:57 AM, Assist SCSO, FM 1804/CR 4112; 1:59:17 PM, Suspicious Circumstance, 17000 blk Interstate 20 W.; 4:03:25 PM, Accident, 3200 blk S Main St.; 4:12:46 PM, Verbal Disturbance, 1400 blk Allison Lane; 4:24:08 PM, Animal Complaint, 1000 blk N Park Dr.; 4:50:10 PM, Public Service, 13000 blk Interstate 20 W.; 5:03:14 PM, Disturbance, 300 blk N Henry St.; 6:35:03 PM, Public Service, 1100 blk Woodlands Park Dr.; 9:23:33 PM, Suspicious Person, 400 blk Hill St.; 9:45:29 PM, Suspicious Circumstance, 500 blk N Main St.; 10:20:21 PM,



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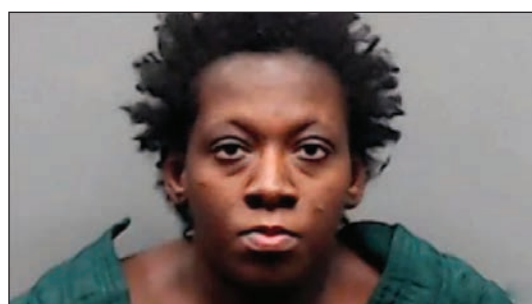
SUNDAY, MARCH 5: 1:18:55 AM, Public Service, 3500 blk S Main St.; 2:12:53 AM, Assist SCSO, 800 blk Stewart St.; 11:21:38 AM, Alarm Business, 200 blk S Main St.; 11:36:15 AM, Assault- Simple, 13000 blk Interstate 20 W.; 3:28:23 PM, Soliciting, 3200 blk S Main St.; 3:58:56 PM, Accident, 100 blk E Van St.; 5:20:43 PM, Theft, 700 blk Jack Drive; 6:14:59 PM, Welfare Concern, 100 blk E Centennial Blvd.; 6:17:57 PM, Inquest/Unattended Death, 100 blk Teresa St.; 7:16:01 PM, Child Exchange, 100 blk Ballard Dr.; 8:10:58 PM, Assist EMS, 13000 blk CR 472; 8:30:36 PM, Welfare Concern, 300 blk S Main St.; 10:05:08 PM, Assist EMS, 13000 blk Hwy 69 N.; 10:26:34 PM, Assist SCSO, 800 blk Stewart St.; 11:31:40 PM, Suspicious Person, 13000 blk Interstate 20 W.

MONDAY, MARCH 6: 12:07:27 AM, Suspicious Circumstance, 3300 blk S Main St.; 1:04:37 AM, Welfare Concern, 3500 blk S Main St.; 7:44:35 AM, Accident, 900 blk S Main St.; 7:51:20 AM, Traffic Hazard, Eagle Spirit Dr/S. Main St.; 8:18:09 AM, Terroristic Threats, 400 blk Eagle

Spirit Dr.; 11:32:54 AM, Accident, 17000 blk Interstate 20 W.; 12:06:42 PM, Accident, 3200 blk S Main St.; 1:04:10 PM, Stolen License Plate, 100 blk E. Centennial Blvd.; 2:32:27 PM, Theft, 100 blk E Centennial Blvd.; 7:16:03 PM, Criminal Trespass, 900 blk S. Main St.; 9:33:30 PM, Suspicious Vehicle, 1400 blk S Main St.

TUESDAY, MARCH 7: 1:29:21 AM, Suspicious Vehicle, 900 blk E. Hubbard St.; 3:00:24 AM, Assist SCSO, 15000 blk FM 849; 6:13:23 AM, Disturbance, 200 blk Jeffries St.; 9:09:27 AM, Public Service, 200 blk S Main St.; 11:10:08 AM, Criminal Trespass, 400 blk S. Industrial St.; 12:20:34 PM, Criminal Trespass, 300 blk S. Industrial St.; 12:31:37 PM, Assist Another Agency, 13000 blk Hwy 69 N.; 12:59:00 PM, Accident, 13000 blk Interstate 20 W.; 1:57:40 PM, Public Service, 500 blk E. South St.; 3:40:05 PM, Accident, 3500 blk S. Main St.; 5:32:49 PM, Suspicious Circumstance, 900 blk S. Boyd St.; 5:57:52 PM, Suspicious Circumstance, 13000 blk FM 2710; 8:40:45 PM, Suspicious Circumstance, 200 blk W. South St.; 9:28:54 PM, Suspicious Vehicle, 900 blk Mt Sylvan St.; 9:48:17 PM, Alarm Business, 16000 blk Village Lake Drive.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8: 1:16:44 AM, Loud Noise Complaint, 200blk Cooper St.; 3:11:16 AM, Assist SCSO, 17000 blk Interstate 20 W.; 4:46:17 AM, Suspicious Vehicle, 3400 blk S. Main St.; 5:47:48 AM, Suspicious Circumstance, 13000 blk Harvey Road; 8:56:25 AM, Accident, 14000 blk CR 411; 10:18:29 AM, Public Service, 100 blk Ballard Dr.; 10:31:30 AM, Accident, 15000 blk Interstate 20 E.; 1:08:09 PM, Accident, 15000 blk Interstate 20 E.; 7:09:57 PM, Disturbance, Toll 49/16000 blk Interstate 20 E.; 9:34:29 PM, Accident, 16000 blk, Interstate 20 E.; 11:27:41 PM, Suspicious Circumstance, 1000 blk Stewart St.



Jazzlyn Cooper-Holmes

Tyler woman remains jailed in connection with infant death

Smith County Sheriff's Deputies arrested Jazzlyn Cooper-Holmes this past Saturday and charged her with Abuse of a Corpse without Legal Authority in the matter of a dead infant found in the backyard of her north Tyler home, said spokesman Larry Christian.

District Court Judge Taylor Heaton issued the arrest warrant on March 16, Christian said.

Cooper-Holmes remains in the Smith County Jail on a \$1 million bond.

Christian said at approximately 7:20 p.m. on March 15, deputies responded to 18957 US Hwy 69 North near Tyler regarding a deceased newborn baby at this location.

Upon arrival to the location, deputies were directed to the back yard where they observed an overturned mop bucket covering a lifeless newborn infant that was wrapped in a towel.

Deputies secured the area and requested the assistance of Investigators and the crime scene unit.

During this investigation Cooper-Holmes admitted to having the infant on March 12, wrapping the infant in a brown towel, placing the infant in a red bucket and placing the bucket outside behind the residence.

Smith County Pct. 2 Justice of the Peace Andy Dunklin arrived on scene for the inquest and subsequently ordered an autopsy. The deceased infant was then transported to Forensic Medical in Tyler for the autopsy.

Tomato growth recommendations

By Greg Grant
Smith County Horticulturist

Tomato cultivars are ranked into two different categories, depending on their growth habits.

Determinant tomatoes ("BHN 589", "Florida 91", etc.) form a bush about 36 inches high and set a lot of fruit at the same time. They do well in Texas because, if planted early enough, they set and ripen plenty of tomatoes before the heat of summer causes them to suffer or die.

Determinant varieties still need to be staked but don't have to be picked from a ladder. Indeterminate varieties ("Better Boy", most cherry tomatoes, etc.) continue growing taller all summer and have to be staked or caged to keep them from lying on the ground.

They set a few fruit, then grow, and then set a few more fruit and grow some more. Production is usually less on indeterminate varieties, especially if planted late, because like all varieties, they stop setting fruit when it's hot. Some varieties deemed semi-determinant (such as "Celebrity") grow at heights in between.

Caged tomatoes produce more higher-quality fruit, and they have fewer disease problems. The best of all supports for tomatoes are sturdy homemade circular cages made from concrete reinforcing wire.

They should be 60 inches high and 20 inches in diameter. It is best to tie them to two stakes hammered into the ground to prevent tall plants from toppling over.

Cattle panels formed into squares also work well. With caging, suckers do not need to be removed from the base of the plants. All foliage is necessary in Texas to keep the tomato fruit from sunburning.

Tomatoes have a host of insect and disease problems, so be prepared. The abbreviations behind the name on the



It won't be long until gardeners enjoy a tomato harvest such as this. (Courtesy photo)

tag tell you what diseases the variety is resistant to.

The more you see listed, the better. They include V (verticillium wilt), F (fusarium wilt), N (nematodes), T (tobacco mosaic virus), A (alternaria stem canker), St (stemphylium gray leaf spot), TSWV (tobacco spotted wilt virus), and TYLC (tomato yellow leaf curl).

The worst pest problem on tomatoes is spider mites. They are tiny spider relatives that feed on the underside of the foliage during hot weather and suck the life out of the plants. Severely infested plants will be covered with fine webbing.

Spider mites are very serious and should be sprayed with an appropriately labeled miticide as soon as they appear following all label directions. Seriously infested plants should be removed and destroyed to protect other plants nearby.

Damaging insects to watch out for are white flies, leaf-footed plant bugs, and tomato hornworms.

Depending on the variety, tomatoes are

generally ready to harvest about 70 to 80 days after transplanting. For eating fresh, harvest the fruit when it is fully colored but still firm.

For cooking and canning, you might want to leave them on a bit longer until they're deep red and give a little when you squeeze them. If critters, cracking, or sunburning is a problem, you can pick them when they first start to turn pink and ripen them at room temperature in a shady location. Of course, green tomatoes can be eaten fried or made into relish.

Some recommended tomato varieties for Texas are Better Boy, BHN 589, Bobcat, Celebrity (an All-American selection and the best for beginners), Florida 91, Harris-Moran 8849, Phoenix, Red Duce, Red Snapper, Sunbright, Tycoon, and Valley Cat.

Most cherry and small fruited varieties do well, and most patio types do not. Unfortunately, heirloom tomatoes and other indeterminate types don't produce very well in East Texas.

TPWD reminding hunters of mandatory harvest reporting ahead of turkey season

As the Texas spring turkey season rapidly approaches, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department officials are reminding hunters that all counties with a one-bird bag limit have mandatory harvest reporting requirements.

Hunters must report their harvest within 24 hours through the [My Texas Hunt Harvest app](#) or the [TPWD website](#).

Counties with a one-bird limit for Rio Grande wild turkeys include Bastrop, Caldwell, Colorado, Fayette, Jackson, Lavaca, Lee, Matagorda, Milam and Wharton counties.

The season for these counties runs April 1-30. For Eastern Wild Turkeys, the season runs April 22 – May 14 and includes Bowie, Cass, Fannin, Greyson, Jasper, Lamar, Marion,

Nacogdoches, Newton, Polk, Red River, and Sabine Counties and has a one-bird limit.

In addition, all hunters who selected a digital tag this year also are required to perform mandatory harvest reporting on all harvested wild turkeys.

All hunters must properly tag their turkeys as well as have the confirmation number from the app or website.

Additional turkey hunting regulations, bag limits, [zone maps](#), and proof of sex requirements can be found in the [Texas Outdoor Annual](#).

Mandatory harvest reporting will allow TPWD to better manage the wild turkey population by allowing for more accurate population estimates, which can be used to assess the long-term survivability of the species.

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Smith County Habitat for Humanity names new chief executive officer

Mary Alice Guidry has been named new chief executive officer for Smith County Habitat for Humanity following a unanimous vote of the board of directors, publicity officials said.

Guidry, who served six years on the board of directors, will replace CEO Jack Wilson, who announced his intentions to step down last week.

She will begin her duties in early July, HFHSC officials said.

Guidry served six terms as board secretary and also served as board president. She is a licensed archi-

tect with nine years of experience as a Senior Project Manager with Fitzpatrick Architects, Inc.

Wilson, says he's excited for the future of the affiliate under the leadership of his successor.

"It's time for new blood and fresh ideas, and for us to reach other demographics," he said. "I think Mary Alice's community involvement will be a great asset for the affiliate, and her background in design, construction, and business is a good foundation to move our affiliate to another level."

Having served as CEO for the

past 15 years, Wilson began working with Habitat for Humanity in Sarasota, Fla., in 2001 and in 2007 was chief executive officer for that affiliate.

"I'm a dreamer, focused on possibilities of innovation and creativity," Guidry said. "As a licensed architect, I'm educated in current design and construction trends, as well as sustainability and affordable housing issues. I think this knowledge, paired with my imaginative outlook, will be beneficial in HFHSC moving forward. My goal is for Smith County Habitat to

set precedents in our programs, making affiliates nationwide seek out our team's direction and expertise."

Guidry's passion for the mission of Habitat for Humanity was ignited while finishing her undergraduate degree with the opportunity to design and build a Habitat home from start to finish, and her love of the mission has only grown since.

Guidry is a graduate

of Louisiana Tech University, where she earned her Master of Architecture degree. She has served as Project Manager and Designer for 10 projects during her time at Fitzpatrick Architects, Inc., equating to over 288,000 square feet and over \$54 million, specializing in renovations and additions for non-profit organizations and multi-family housing.



Raised bed gardening is viable option

By Susan Haltley
Smith County Master Gardener

I grew up with parents that found gardening a form of both therapy and gratification.

My mom's prized tomato plants were almost as tall as our fence. Well, at least that is how I remember them and this made a valuable impression on me at an early age.

I can remember my mother and my father preparing a space in our back yard to create the perfect bed in which to plant the vegetables. They chose a spot down at the bottom of our property where there would be plenty of sunshine and out of busy traffic areas.

The garden was raised several inches off the ground with compost added from the compost pile my dad made. I never understood the reason of why they did their garden that way, but it worked.

Fast forward to adulthood and enjoying gardening myself, I have learned the ben-

eficial reasons behind having a raised bed and confirmed my parents knew what they were doing. There is no tilling needed (for which your back will thank you). Compost, mulch and manure can be added directly on the top few inches of the soil. Let the worms and plant roots do the tilling for you. Raised beds also tend to have much better drainage avoiding flooding during the heavy rains we have.

My favorite benefit is the soil warms sooner than the ground which means I can plant my garden earlier in the season allowing my vegetables to get a head start on growing. Maybe this season my tomatoes will be as tall as my mom's! Happy harvest!

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

Journey Center hosts social event March 28

A "Sweets and Sips" social event is scheduled by the Charis CommUNITY at 1 p.m. Tuesday, March 28 at the Journey Center, 215 Margaret Street in Lindale, of-

officials said.

For more information, contact Cindee Tinnen at 903-312-8938 or Sheree O'Pry at 214-801-4797.

Another lunker bass pulled from O.H. Ivie

O.H. Ivie continued adding to its record run of massive largemouth bass on Wednesday, March 15 with its 14th Legacy Class fish of the 2023 Toyota ShareLunker collection season, Texas Parks and Wildlife officials announced.

Ryan Muhlig of Colby, Kan., landed 13.64-pound ShareLunker 649, powering O.H. Ivie's historic run forward while bumping the overall season total to 17 Legacy Class fish.

Muhlig is the 17th angler to reel in a Legacy Class Lunker in 2023; anglers from seven states (including Texas) have etched their name into the program record books during this year alone.

Anglers from Colorado, Kansas, Kentucky, Minnesota, New Mexico and Washington have made their way to Texas and brought in a catch of a lifetime. The current three-year run of Legacy Lunkers at O.H. Ivie has helped make it a destination lake for anglers across the nation and the world.

"It was no surprise when O.H. Ivie had an impressive run of ShareLunkers caught in February and into March," said Natalie Goldstrohm, Toyota ShareLunker program coordinator. "What is remarkable is that Legacy Class Lunkers are being caught in numbers higher than any other collection season in program history and there are still a few weeks left in the season."

Muhlig and his friend headed out Wednesday knowing they would be battling the wind, but had some points planned out in advance. His friend reeled in a fish and then, not long after that, Muhlig enticed the Legacy Lunker to bite.

"We were fishing in about 10 feet of water and casting into the little stick-ups," said Muhlig. "I was using a plastic worm and noticed a bigger fish out there. I cast, and the fish turned and looked at it, but didn't act on

it before swimming off. The fish stayed in the area, and this time I had a weedless swimbait lure tied on, so I flipped back out there. I reeled a couple of times and felt the tiniest little tap. It opened its mouth and danced almost all the way into the net from 20 feet out. It was pretty spectacular after that."

Muhlig quickly weighed the fish, put it in the livewell and immediately headed to the boat ramp. The official weight was registered at Elm Creek and the call was made to the Toyota ShareLunker program.

Since January 2021, O.H. Ivie has been on an unprecedented run, thanks to a combined total of 38 Legacy fish. The lake produced 12 Legacy fish in both the 2021 and 2022 collection seasons and shows no signs of slowing down thanks to Wednesday's Lunker. ShareLunker 644 is the only fish of the 38 that has been determined to be a recapture from previous seasons; some genetics data are still being analyzed.

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 ShareLunker selective breeding and stocking program. These anglers can call the ShareLunker hotline at 903-681-0550 to report their catch 24/7 through March 31.

Anglers who catch and donate a 13-plus pound Lunker earn Legacy Class status, a catch kit filled with merchandise, a 13-plus pound Legacy decal for their vehicle or boat, VIP access to the Toyota ShareLunker Annual Awards event and a high-quality replica mount of their Lunker from Lake Fork Taxidermy.

These anglers will also receive entries into two separate contests — a Legacy Class drawing and the year-end Grand Prize drawing. First place in either wins a \$5,000 Bass Pro Shops shopping spree and a resident (or non-resident) annual fishing license.

TxDOT crews working Smith County this week

Texas Department of Transportation work crews are scheduled to be in several areas in Smith County this week, said publicity spokesman Jeff Williford.

Tyler Maintenance will have a ditch maintenance crew on FM 2964 at various locations. Expect lane closures with flaggers controlling traffic.

A second crew will be on FM 14 performing bridge maintenance. Expect lane closures and flaggers con-

trolling traffic. There will also be an herbicide unit at various locations throughout the county.

Smith County construction projects updates:

Sidewalks at Various Locations in Smith County

Limits: SH 64 in Tyler (Entrada Lane to Parkdale Dr.); SH 110 in Troup (CR 2138 to FM 347); SH 135 in Troup (FM 13 to Tiger Drive)

Contractor: Highway 19 Construction, LLC

Cost: \$3.5 million

Project is in final clean-up. No work is scheduled this week. No lane closures are anticipated. The project consists of sidewalk construction along SH 64 west in Tyler, SH 110 west in Troup and SH 135 north in Troup.

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

The project is complete and will be removed in next week's report. 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 continue sweeping the lanes during the day and are scheduled to begin work on the final surface. Work on the final surface will be performed at night. Lane closures are anticipated. Expect delays on this corridor when construction is in progress. The project will resurface the roadway, upgrade drainage structures, and repair bridge joints.

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Inside or out, vaccines needed for dogs

Spring's warmer weather signals the time for more outdoor adventures, especially for dogs who tend to be curious while outside. It also signals a time when owners should begin thinking about protecting their dogs from outdoor dangers by vaccinating them.

Dr. Lori Teller, a clinical associate professor at the Texas A&M School of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences, says there are vaccines that dogs require regardless of going outside.

These include vaccines against parvovirus — a viral disease that causes vomiting, bloody diarrhea, and the shedding of the intestinal tract lining — and distemper — a viral disease that can lead to disorders that affect the nervous system and sometimes even death.

"Parvovirus and distemper can be vaccinated against with one vaccine that also includes protection against canine adenovirus, which is a cause of hepatitis in dogs," Teller said. "When parvovirus is caught early enough, veterinarians can potentially save the dog's life, but it can be challenging and expensive to treat. This is definitely an instance where an ounce of prevention is better than a pound of cure."

Teller explained that vaccinations against parvovirus, distemper and adenovirus should initially be given by veterinarians when puppies are 6-8 weeks old, followed by boosters until they are 16-20 weeks old. For animals adopted as adults, Teller recommends owners visit their veterinarians as soon as possible so that their dog can receive any missing vaccinations.

Additionally, dogs should be vaccinated against rabies, which is mandated by law, and receive preventives to protect against diseases spread by fleas, ticks and mosquitoes.

"Rabies is almost always fatal, and dogs can contract it from

wildlife, such as bats, raccoons, skunks and coyotes," Teller said. "Also, keep your pets on year-round preventives that kill fleas and ticks and prevent the development of heartworm disease. Heartworms are spread by mosquitoes, so have your pet tested for heartworms every 12 months."

There also are activity-dependent diseases that owners should consider vaccinating their dogs against this spring.

For pets who spend any time outside, Teller advises owners to vaccinate them against leptospirosis, a bacterial disease that can lead to liver and kidney failure.

"Leptospira is a bacteria that is spread in the urine of mice, rats, raccoons, deer and many other animals that inhabit urban, suburban and rural areas," Teller said. "The bacteria can live a long time in dirt, as well as in lakes and ponds, so dogs across Texas, whether those that live in the middle of a city or that wander open fields, are susceptible to the disease."

Teller also recommends certain vaccinations for dogs who travel with their owners.

"Owners traveling with their dogs to areas where ticks carrying Lyme disease are common may want to vaccinate against this disease," Teller said. "Also, owners who take their dogs to areas where rattlesnakes are common should talk to their veterinarian about the rattlesnake vaccine, which can lessen the impacts of rattlesnake venom and may lead to a better chance of recovery."

Teller explained that vaccines for Lyme disease and rattlesnake venom are initially given as a series followed by annual boosters.

If owners place their furry companions in doggy day care or visit dog parks, Teller suggests vaccinating their dogs against parainfluenza and the bacteria *Bordetella*, which are leading causes of kennel cough, a common respiratory infection that is rarely fatal but frequently makes dogs sick.

"It's a good idea for dogs to be vaccinated against kennel cough if they go to areas where dogs congregate," Teller said. "Kennel cough vaccinations should ideally be given a week before the dog will board or visit a dog park and then repeated yearly."

Finally, Teller recommends owners discuss with their veterinarian their dog's need for a flu vaccine given the recent outbreaks of canine influenza, a respiratory virus, around Texas and the rest of the country.

Ultimately, Teller encourages owners to discuss their pet's age, current health status, and lifestyle with their veterinarian to determine what vaccinations a pet needs, as vaccinating pets appropriately can protect both pets and their owners.

"Some of the diseases that we vaccinate our pets against are diseases that are also contagious to humans, such as rabies and leptospirosis," Teller said. "So by protecting our pets, we are also protecting public health."

Before you and your dog go on your next adventure, make sure to visit your veterinarian to determine the best vaccinations for your pet. Protecting your furry friend from illness can keep both of you healthy and ready for the next springtime activity.

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On the 8th day of March, 2023, **LORRIE ANN NYBRO** filed an APPLICATION TO DETERMINE HEIRSHIP in a proceeding styled IN THE ESTATE OF **JARED KEITH BLOCH, DECEASED** and bearing the number **47257P** in the County Court at Law #3 of Smith County, Texas.

The Court will hear the aforesaid APPLICATION TO DETERMINE HEIRSHIP on the **Monday next after the expiration of ten (10) days from the date of publication of this citation**, in the Courtroom in the County Courthouse Annex of Smith County, in Tyler, Texas.

All persons interested in the aforesaid Estate are commanded to appear at or before the time set for said hearing by filing a written contest or answer to said Application.

Said written contest or answer shall be filed in the office of the County Clerk of Smith County, "Texas in Tyler, Texas.

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Lady Eagles await state soccer playoffs

With a second place finish in District 14-4A with a 12-2 record and a 19-4-2 overall mark secured, the Lindale High School Lady Eagles will begin the UIL state playoffs March 25 against either Paris High School or Paris North Lamar from District 13-4A.

Both Paris and North Lamar are currently tied for third place in that district with 3-5 records. The Lady Eagles just completed their bye week and prior to that finished off their district schedule with a lopsided 14-0 win over Grand Saline on March 13.

Lindale has been crushing league opponents virtually all season and in its final district game against Grand Saline, raced to an 11-0 lead at the half before tacking on three more in the second half.

On March 10, Lindale whipped Chapel Hill, 8-1 for its 11th league win. On March 6 in Van, the Lady Eagles cruised to a 5-0 victory after taking a 3-0 lead at the half.

The only two district losses of the season for the Lady Eagles were at the hands of district leader Bullard. The Lady Panthers edged out Lindale on March 3, 1-0, in Lindale and on Jan. 31, Bullard claimed a 5-3 win in Bullard.

The Lady Eagles were one of the top ranked Class 4A teams in Texas, rising to No. 19 earlier this month, up four places from the previous week's rankings.

Bullard, meanwhile, has maintained a top 10 state ranking most of the season.

Lindale has scored 86 goals this season and allowed just 10.

Other recent district wins for the Lady Eagles include an 8-0 thrashing of Brownsboro (Feb. 28) and a 4-0 shutout of Athens on Feb. 25.

Against Brownsboro in Lindale, the Lady Eagles put the game away in the first half by booting in six goals. Against Athens, Lindale took a 2-0 lead into halftime then posted two more scores in the second half.

The lone district blemish for Lindale came in a 5-3 setback to Bullard on Jan. 31 in Lindale.

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.

In other recent action for Lindale, 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.

"Fishing Fools Day" Kicks Off April at the Fisheries Center

ATHENS – The Texas Freshwater Fisheries Center (TFFC) is welcoming in the month of April with its annual "Fishing Fools Day" on Saturday, April 1. The event is designed to celebrate all things fishing, with activities scheduled from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The event begins with the annual "Spawning Run," a one-mile family fun run on a special route past the hatchery ponds and down the wetland trail, followed by a day packed with fishing-related activities. There is a cost of \$15 to register for the run, with proceeds going to the Friends of the Texas Freshwater Fisheries Center, who supports outreach efforts of the TFFC.

Admission is included in the race fee. However, for those choosing not to participate in the race, the normal TFFC admission fee applies in order to attend the event and enjoy all the other activities.

"Whether you are a seasoned angler or just beginning, we'll have something new for you to learn or experience," said Katie Birk, TFFC event coordinator. "It's fun for the whole family!"

The center operates from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Wednesday through Saturday, and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday. For additional information about TFFC and to plan your visit, check out the TFFC website and Facebook page.

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