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Members, donors and other officials of the Lindale Education Foundation get ready to board the "Spirit Bus" and award grants to teachers across the district by the Lindale ISD Education Foundation.

## Lindale ISD Education Foundation awards more than \$25,000 in grants

The Lindale ISD Education Foundation has awarded \$25,020.19 to Lindale ISD teachers as the much anticipated Grant Patrol surprised teachers across the district with funds for their respective projects.

The money will be used to purchase new and innovative tools for classrooms. Funds provided will make a positive difference for them, said Gay Pyland, foundation president.

"The Lindale ISD is an outstanding school district with amazing, hard-working teachers," said Pyland. "The Education Foundation's goal is to support these teachers by funding their creative and innovative needs in the classroom. Together, with our individual donors, businesses and community, we support not only the teachers, but we also give our students an added advantage to their education."

The teachers are notified that they are awarded their grants and receive funds by a surprise Grant Patrol through school hallways. The Lindale High School Star Steppers, cheerleaders, donors, administrators and volunteers loudly parade through the campuses, giving away money for several innovative projects.

"This is the best time of the year for the Lindale Education Foundation," said Courtney Sanguinetti, Executive Director of the Foundation. "Our board members and volunteers work extremely hard throughout the year to raise enough funds to be able to give like we do. To see it all pay off with the excitement of the students and teachers is definitely our reward. We are so thankful for the teachers who applied for these new learning tools and we are excited to see them in action."

The Lindale ISD Education Foundation is a 501 (c)(3) organization that provides funds for classroom projects and programs not funded or under-funded by the district's operating budget.

The foundation is supported through donations from individuals, businesses and corporations.

The Education Foundation began awarding grants in November 2009. Since the first grant cycle, the Foundation has awarded \$435,171.52 to LISD classrooms for more than 100 projects.

Grant applications are submitted to the foundation by LISD teachers and aides for projects or programs that go above the day-to-day curriculum and offer students an enriched and unique learning experience.

Projects selected for funding are rated on a number of criteria including the innovation of the project.

"We are so thankful for our donors and the Lindale community who make all of this possible," said Sanguinetti. "These students deserve a chance to excel beyond the classroom and the projects funded by the Education Foundation help to do just that. Our teachers' dedication to our kids and school district is what makes LISD one of the best."

Projects receiving funds include:

-- Education Foundation grant for \$1,200 to fund "Cultivating Bookworms in the



Lindale High School teacher Christy Bateman is overjoyed when she was awarded \$4,658 to fund "Aim for Success With Outdoor Adventures" by the Lindale ISD Education Foundation during the annual Grant Patrol this past Thursday. Photo by Terry Cannon

### Reading Garden."

The reading garden will consist of 24 hammocks, available to 4th-6th grade students that fosters their love of reading while simultaneously growing their connection with nature and literature. E.J. Moss East has two outdoor courtyards by the library that are not currently being utilized. This grant will allow for 24 hammocks to be hung for students to sit and read or complete assignments comfortably.

Grant by Angela Heard-Lockwood and Kim Saunders

### -- Education Foundation grant for \$4,658 to fund "Aim for Success With Outdoor Adventures."

Outdoor Adventures is a new class that will be implemented in the 2023-2024 school year. Participants will earn their state and local PE credit needed for graduation. Outdoor Adventures- Archery Unit will provide students with physical skills such as balance, coordination, strength, and power. In addition, students will gain interpersonal skills such as trust, teamwork, cooperation, and effective communication skills. This grant will help fund the necessary equipment needed to implement the archery program.

Grant by Christy Bateman

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## Council approves proposal for all-inclusive playground

Lindale City Council members approved an ordinance to declare candidates for Place 1 and Place 3 as unopposed in the May 6 election during their regular meeting March 21 at city hall.

The approval of this ordinance was a follow up to the previous council meeting to clarify the places listed in the agenda.

Bob Tardiff and Bryan Summerville will assume the Place 1 and Place 3 seats on the council, respectively.

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.

The council also approved a proposal for all-inclusive playground equipment to be installed at Pool Park for special needs youngsters. A fundraiser will be held in the future

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## Smith County receives safety achievement award

Smith County received the 2022 Safety Achievement Award from the Texas Association of Counties Risk Management Pool, said Casey Murphy, county public information officer.

The award was earned for the County's record of maintaining a strong commitment to safety in the

workplace, as well as for controlling workers' compensation claims.

Smith County employees will be formally presented with the award at an upcoming County Management and Risk Conference.

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# OPINION/COMMENTARY

## Because I can ...

Sunday I was at Ellis Pottery with my 25 percent off coupon clutched in my hand looking for that little white PVC wicker table I so wanted to go with my new white lawn rockers.

Around a corner came a very thin, very lovely African-American woman in scrubs pushing a reclining wheelchair with a severely handicapped teenage boy whose eyes were darting everywhere, drinking in everything while he had the opportunity to do so.

The severe cerebral palsy had twisted his body, his legs, his hands and his neck just as it had my brother Donnie's body.

I spoke to the young man and his eyes connected with mine, locked for the moment. What he saw in mine I do not know. What I saw in his was a lifetime of watching without the ability to experience by doing.

I had seen that look before.

I told his caretaker that he reminded me of my brother.

She said, "He is my angel." I told her I knew what she meant. What she *really* meant.

I responded with, "we learn so much from them." And she said yes and blessed me and moved on with her treat of a trip around the paths and flowers for "her angel."

I was indeed blessed.

And moved.

And suddenly so overwhelmed with emotion that I could not hold back the tears. So I blindly pushed my cart around pots, plants and people while wiping tears away with my sleeve.

I don't know why I cried.

I don't know if I was overwhelmed with the struggle of the young man just to live or if it was his caretaker's gift of

## The Best of Suzanne Bardwell



joy and blessing.

Or, if I just missed my brother who passed away in 1994 along with my Nanny, and then my Pap'pa. Next my Daddy had his first stroke.

I was just shy of 40 and entering a couple of the worst years of my life.

You know how it is. You've been there.

As the years have passed I have carried the love of my brother with me through some pretty tough times. One Good Friday a couple of years after Donnie passed away I was sitting quietly in a pew unable to pray.

The only thoughts that I could process were the problems that were chasing one another through my mind as my body tensed, my chest tightened and my heart ached.

Suddenly I felt my brother's presence. Not as it had been in life.

I felt him sit beside me and stretch his arm around my shoulders and whisper in a voice I had never heard... "all prayers are answered in God's time."

And I realized in that moment that my brother who had been trapped in a broken body had taught me how to live life abundantly. To live with joy amid the chaos and pain of life. To live with passion.

Because I can.

**THE FIRST AMENDMENT:** Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of all the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances.

## THE ECONOMIST

By Dr. M. Ray Perryman

### Make that Eleven!

Texas continues its dominance in attracting major corporate locations and expansions, winning Site Selection magazine's "Governor's Cup" for an impressive eleventh consecutive year. The Cup is awarded to the state with the most projects involving a capital investment of at least \$1 million, 20 or more new jobs, or 20,000 square feet of new construction.



Texas landed 1,028 projects in 2022, down slightly from 2021's record-setting 1,123. Second place was Illinois with 487, followed by Ohio (479), California, (375), Georgia (312), New York (309), and North Carolina (256). In other words, Texas lapped the field. On a projects-per-capita basis, Kansas was the winner and Texas ranked seventh.

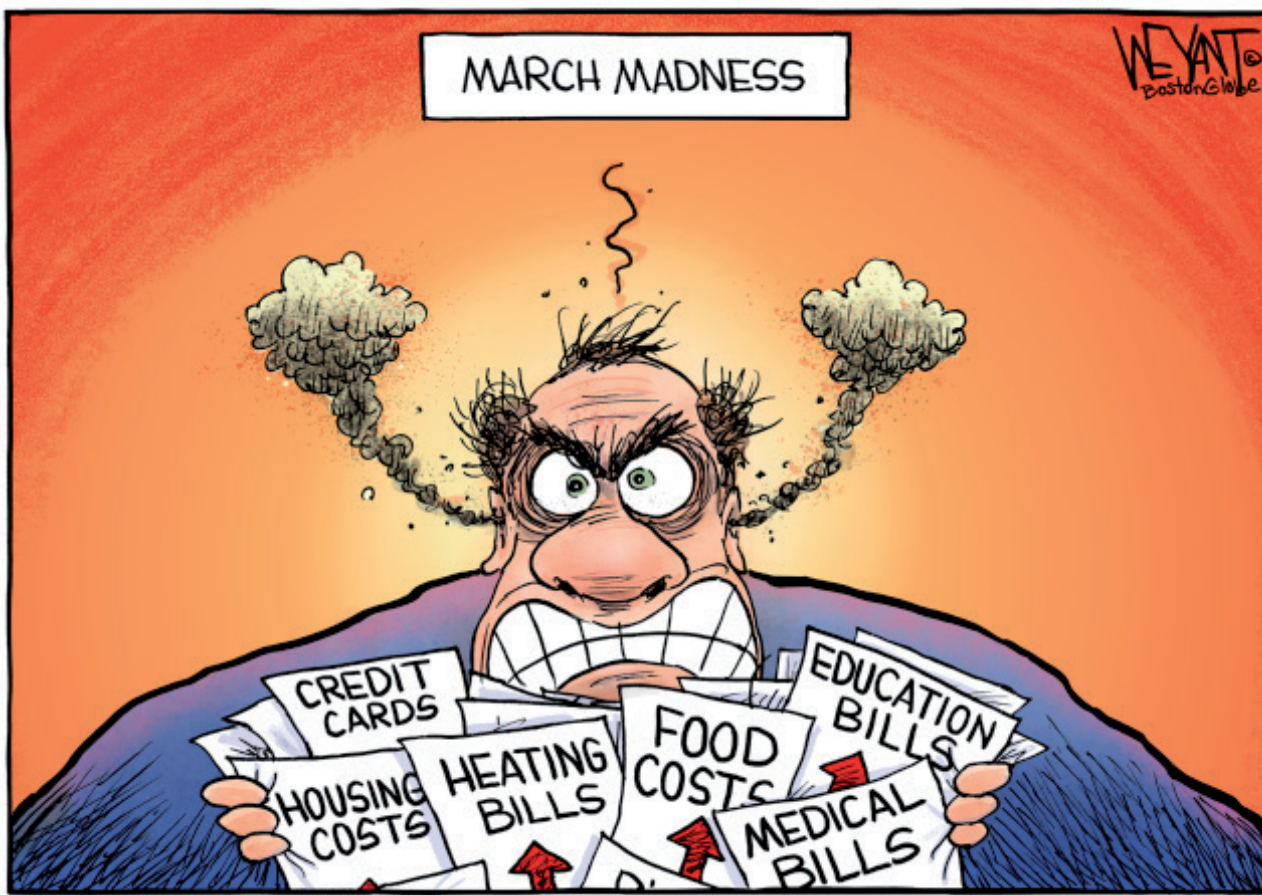
A variety of industries and regions of the state are represented on the list of Texas' 25 largest projects. Several are chemicals and plastics or energy investments along the coast, including five with capital investments exceeding \$4 billion each (two with over \$8 billion). Another Gulf Coast Energy project (\$1.7 billion), Electronics in Sherman (\$5 billion), IT and Communication in Abilene (\$2.4 billion), and Metals in Amarillo (\$1.5 billion) comprise other projects with over a billion-dollar capital investment.

Amarillo captured two additional major projects in Food and Beverage, and IT and Communication projects are underway in Temple, Pflugerville, Corsicana, and San Marcos (a film studio). Several other industries and areas are represented, including Odessa, Georgetown, Hutchins, Sulphur Springs, Midlothian, Cedar Hill, Denton, and Irving. The bottom line is that people and businesses in communities across Texas are seeing enhanced opportunities due to this recent infusion.

Texas has a number of advantages, from a young and growing population (including substantial in-migration) to a location with natural resources ranging from oil and gas reserves to ports. Taxes and many other types of costs are lower here, both for individuals and firms. While the state relies on a property tax which falls heavily on capital-intensive industries, there are economic development tools such as value limitation agreements which have been utilized (and will hopefully be extended by the Legislature). Local economic development professionals across the state work diligently to enhance prosperity, and their efforts are bearing fruit.

Despite the past success, corporate location and expansion decisions are always forward looking, and continual improvement and vigilance is necessary. Billions in funding are already committed to investments in highways, water supplies, and other infrastructure. Adequate education funding is also essential, as schools deal with pandemic fallout, large numbers of English learners, and rapid growth in some areas. While Texas has long dominated this particular ranking, there are others in which the state does not fare as well.

Texas is well positioned to keep the momentum going, but there is work to be done. Stay safe!



## Texas Senate passes property tax cut package

The Texas Senate last week unanimously approved a \$16.5 billion package to lower property taxes and inject billions of dollars into public schools.

As reported by the Texas Tribune, the three separate bills require the state to send at least \$5.38 billion to public schools while at the same time raising the state's homestead exemption from \$40,000 to \$70,000, with an additional \$20,000 exemption for homeowners 65 and older. According to the Tribune, the proposal would save an average homeowner \$341 on their annual tax bill. Seniors would save an additional \$227 annually.

In exchange for the increased state funding, local school property tax rates would be cut by 7 cents for every \$100 in appraised value. An owner of a \$300,000 home paying the state's average school tax rate would save \$210 annually in property taxes.

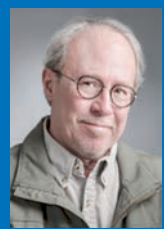
"This is off-the-charts, incredible property tax relief for millions of Texas homeowners," said state Sen. Paul Bettencourt, R-Houston.

### Paid parental leave for state workers?

For the first time, state employees could get 30 days of paid leave for childbirth or adoption. A bipartisan bill passed the Texas Senate last week with unanimous support.

The Austin American-Statesman reported that Senate Bill

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222, besides allowing the 30 days of paid leave, would apply to anyone paying into the Employee Retirement System of Texas; to employees working within the executive branch of state government; and give 10 days of paid leave to employees whose spouse gave birth.

"Paid parental leave will help the state attract and retain talent while combating the workforce shortage," the bill's main sponsor, state Sen. Robert Nichols, R-Jacksonville, said. A similar bill in the House would grant 60 days of paid leave under the same circumstances detailed in the Senate bill.

### Warning of dangerous drug combination

An animal tranquilizer called xylazine has been found mixed with illegal drugs distributed in the state, resulting in at least four deaths, the Texas Department of State Health Services reported.

The tranquilizer has been combined with fentanyl and other opioids, as well as Xanax and other drugs. It produces a strong sedative effect and can cause unconsciousness, low

blood pressure, a slowed heart rate and breathing. It can also cause organ damage due to loss of blood flow.

Since it is not an opioid, the effects of xylazine cannot be reversed by using Narcan, officials said.

### New foster care model launched

Community groups representing nearly 50 counties in North and East Texas are assuming oversight of foster care from the state of Texas in a groundbreaking attempt to boost capacity and essential services for children under the state's conservatorship.

Three contracts were signed by the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services and private groups. One serves Dallas County along with eight surrounding counties. Another serves 23 counties in Northeast Texas, while a third serves the Beaumont-Port Arthur area.

"This largest expansion to date for Community-Based Care is a real turning point in our state's intensive effort to move to local control, and a better system overall for the children and youth in our care," Stephanie Muth, DFPS commissioner, said.

"Those kids belong to their communities, and those communities want the opportunity to make every day better for a child in foster care."

The expansion means that community-based care is now in place in half of the state geographically, representing a third of the population.

## County animal shelter changes operating hours

The Smith County Commissioners Court voted to approve new hours of operation for the Animal Shelter during its regular weekly meeting on Tuesday, March 21,

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Smith County received a banner this week to announce the award and several departments took turns taking pictures with it.

To qualify for the award, the county must participate in Texas Association of Counties Risk Management Pool's Workers' Compensation Program, have a safety program or accident prevention plan and meet additional criteria.

Through its commitment to safe practices among county employees, Smith County works to reduce employee injuries and obtain substantial savings for taxpayers by minimizing workers' compensation costs.

said Public Information Officer Casey Murphy.

Starting immediately, the shelter will be open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, but it will continue to remain open during the lunch hour.

The shelter will also not be open every Saturday but will occasionally hold special adoption events on the weekends.

The Commissioners Court voted in October to extend the hours the shelter was open to the public, including opening during lunch and staying open until 6 p.m. Monday through Friday, and opening on Saturday.

Animal Control and Shelter Supervisor Amber Greene said they did not see an increase in people coming in to the shelter to adopt dogs during the extended hours and it resulted in compensatory time being worked by the employees.

For more information or to view the dogs available for adoption, visit: [www.smith-county.com/government/departments/animal-shelter](http://www.smith-county.com/government/departments/animal-shelter) or [www.facebook.com/smithcountyanimalcontrol](http://www.facebook.com/smithcountyanimalcontrol)

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Last day at Lillie Russell Memorial Library Friday, March 24 was the final day for longtime Lillie Russell Memorial Library employee Jennifer Cooley, who wants to "take a break from all things library" as she plans the next chapter in her life.

Friends of Lillie Russell Library looking toward spring events

Friends of the Russell Memorial Library are busy preparing for their 2023 fund raisers, publicity officials said. The Friends partner with the library to provide refreshments at the monthly Meet the Author as the public can get to know local people who have published books.

As the library prepares for East Texas Giving Day in April and the annual plant sale in May, the Friends are happy to lend their support.

The Friends next event will be a book sale at the side of the library on Saturday, May 13.

Adult, teen, and children's books and a few other items will be available at very low prices. Stop by and take a look and then shop at the library's plant sale.

This spider provides benefits for your garden

By Carol Koehler Smith County Master Gardener

Do you have an Argiope aurantia in your garden? If you do, consider yourself lucky! Garden spider, also known as zig-zag spider, garden orb weaving spider, corn spider, or writing spider can be an intimidating sight.

This large female spider has a black and gold body that can be up to 1 inch, with legs that can span 3 inches. Gardens in all 48 contiguous states get the benefit from this spider.

It spins a web that is 2-3 feet across, with a distinctive zig-zag, called a stabilimentum, down the center. This spider likes to build her web in protected spots in the garden, where she will trap and eat flies, grasshoppers, moths, and other flying insects.

No need to fear this beneficial garden helper, their venom is not poisonous. If you do, accidentally get bitten, it will feel like a bee sting. She just wants to catch and eat pests and protect her egg sac.

Other types of spiders that may be hiding in your garden are hunting spiders. Wolf spiders and Crab spiders move around your garden and consume large amounts of pests, including aphids, caterpillars, squash bugs, and many more. These helpful spiders are less obvious because they do not spin webs and they hunt and eat at night. You will not only benefit from the beauty of the garden spider's large intricate webs, but they will also reduce your insect population.

So, no matter your feelings about spiders, let them do their job in your garden.

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

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### Lindale Police Department call log for March 10-March 16:

**FRIDAY, MARCH 10:** 9:55:11 AM, Found Property, 200 blk Cannery Row; 10:36:44 AM, Public Service, 100 blk Ballard Dr; 11:14:01 AM, Alarm Business, 400 blk S Main St; 11:46:46 AM, Welfare Concern, 100 blk N College St; 11:59:32 AM, Suspicious Person, 700 blk E Hubbard St; 1:25:06 PM, Alarm Residence, 1500 blk Camden Ct; 2:30:27 PM, F Public Service, 100 blk Ballard Dr; 2:39:36 PM, Reckless Driving, FM 1804/HWY 69 N; 4:37:41 PM, Assist Another Agency, S College St/W Hubbard St; 5:13:02 PM, Soliciting, 100 blk E Centennial Blvd; 5:54:51 PM, Suspicious Circumstance, 900 blk Brad Circle; 8:19:06 PM, Suspicious Vehicle, 3500 blk S Main St; 9:53:18 PM, Suspicious Circumstance, 200 blk Cannery Row.

**SATURDAY, MARCH 11:** 12:07:21 AM, Welfare Concern, 50 blk Miranda Lambert Way; 4:22:38 AM, Animal At Large, 700 blk W South St; 9:14:25 AM, Escort, 15000 blk CR 467; 9:16:28 AM, Traffic Hazard, 200 blk Francis Dr; 9:47:27 AM, Welfare Concern, 400 blk S Industrial St; 11:33:34 AM, Animal At Large, 300 blk Washington St; 1:44:18 PM, Fraud, 100 blk Ballard Dr; 2:06:05 PM, Loitering, 100 blk E Centennial Blvd; 2:23:19 PM, Public Service, 600 blk Circle Dr; 3:44:24 PM, Suspicious Vehicle, 100 blk W Hubbard St; 5:37:09 PM, Suspicious Vehicle, 1700 blk S Main St; 6:48:05 PM, Animal Complaint, 1100 blk Woodlands Park Dr; 7:16:08 PM, Disturbance, 500 blk Circle Dr; 8:48:32 PM, Public Service, 300 blk Stewart St; 9:30:27 PM, Threats, 13000 blk CR 472; 9:59:04 PM, Assist SCSO, 13000 blk CR 46; 11:58:26 PM, Traffic Complaint, 3500 blk S Main St.

**SUNDAY, MARCH 12:** 1:17:06 AM, Public Service, 13000 blk Interstate 20 W; 7:57:08 AM, Assist EMS, 200 blk W Centennial Blvd; 12:58:38 PM, Disturbance, 300



blk Mt Sylvan St; 5:20:55 PM, Assist SCSO, 16000 blk CR 4183; 11:58:16 PM, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, 2800 blk S Main St.

**MONDAY, MARCH 13:** 6:03:59 AM, Alarm Business, 15000 blk CR 463; 7:31:53 AM, Public Service, 3500 blk S Main St; 8:14:43 AM, Public Service, 1100 blk Woodlands Park Dr; 8:24:08 AM, Alarm Business, 400 blk S Main St; 8:55:48 AM, Animal At Large, 15000 blk CR 467; 10:23:31 AM, Public Service, 15000 blk FM 16 W; 11:56:30 AM, Accident, 3500 blk S Main St; 2:57:46 PM, Theft, 2500 blk S Main St; 3:12:07 PM, Suspicious Circumstance, 500 blk Sunset Dr; 4:16:21 PM, Traffic Hazard, 15000 blk Interstate 20 E; 5:58:48 PM, Loud Noise Complaint, 300 blk Hamrick St; 11:03:54 PM, Assist SCSO, 14000 blk Interstate 20 W; 11:31:47 PM, Parking Violation, 500 blk N Main St.

**TUESDAY, MARCH 14:** 12:12:10 AM, Suspicious Vehicle, 13000 blk Interstate 20; 2:58:35 AM, Suspicious Circumstance, 700 blk Mt Sylvan St; 5:01:07 AM, Traffic Control/direct, 3500 blk S Main St; 5:28:52 AM, Welfare Concern, 300 blk S Main St; 9:17:59 AM, Welfare Concern, 400 blk Baker St; 9:48:29 AM, Deadly Conduct, 3500 blk S Main St; 9:57:34 AM, Found Property, 800 blk Lindale Industrial Pkwy; 10:14:47 AM, Suspicious Person, Camden

Court/Corrigan Trails Blvd; 11:16:02 AM, Escort, 100 blk S Main St; 12:13:42 PM, Damaged Property, 400 blk Eagle Spirit Drive; 12:16:11 PM, Public Service, 14000 blk Tucker St; 12:22:18 PM, Alarm Residence, 1300 blk Brad Circle; 2:36:13 PM, Fraud, 100 blk Ballard Dr; 3:56:14 PM, Accident, 100 blk S Main St; 4:48:27 PM, Welfare Concern, 100 blk E Centennial Blvd; 5:32:54 PM, Disturbance, 500 blk S Main St; 6:14:58 PM, Accident, 2800 blk S Main St; 7:28:21 PM, Assist SCSO, 16000 blk Interstate 20 W; 10:16:00 PM, Assist EMS, 100 blk Mission Crest Circle.

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15:** 12:28:17 AM, Welfare Concern, 16000 blk Ridgeview Lane; 1:01:49 AM, Damaged Property, Freedom Drive; 3:19:34 AM, Suspicious Circumstance, 3200 blk S Main St; 12:44:46 PM, Public Service, 200 blk Highland Dr; 1:03:50 PM, Public Service, 300 blk Kingdom Blvd; 1:37:17 PM, Transport Subject, 300 blk S Main St; 2:06:49 PM, Traffic Hazard, Eagle Spirit Dr/S Main St; 4:26:02 PM, Vagrant, 3200 blk S Main St; 7:35:30 PM, Assist SCSO, 18000 blk Hwy 69 N; 8:47:36 PM, Public Intoxication, 3200 blk S Main St; 9:49:01 PM, Suspicious Vehicle, 21000 blk Hwy 69 N; 10:10:27 PM, Possession of a Controlled Substance, 400 blk N College St; 11:02:01 PM, Welfare Concern, 200 blk E Hubbard St.

**THURSDAY, MARCH 16:** 2:51:11 AM, Suspicious Vehicle, 200 blk W Centennial Blvd; 3:45:21 AM, Animal At Large, Mt Sylvan St/W South St; 10:03:31 AM, Criminal Trespass, 3200 blk S Main St; 10:10:43 AM, Abandoned Vehicle, 1700 blk S Main St; 10:48:41 AM, Warrant Service, 3200 blk S Main St; 11:15:12 AM, Verbal Disturbance, 500 blk Oak Hill Lane; 1:07:25 PM, Accident, 2400 blk S Main St; 1:09:24 PM, Accident, 16000 blk Interstate 20 W; 1:29:25 PM, Accident, 16000 blk Interstate 20 W; 1:59:00 PM, Public Intoxication, 3500 blk S Main St; 2:19:07 PM, Accident, 17000 blk Interstate 20 W; 3:53:36 PM, Public Service, 100 blk Ballard Dr; 6:07:12 PM, Animal At Large, 15200 blk CR 467.

## Appraisal district reminds businesses of April 15 deadline

If you own tangible personal property that is used to produce income, you must file a rendition with the Smith County Appraisal District, publicity officials said.

A rendition is a report that lists all the taxable property you owned or controlled on Jan. 1 of this year. Property includes inventory and equipment used by a business.

Owners do not have to render exempt property, such as

church property or an agriculture producer's equipment used for farming.

"The appraisal district may use the information submitted in the rendition to set property values," said Chief Appraiser Carol Dixon. You can also file a report of decreased value to notify the appraisal district of significant depreciation of your property.

"For example, if your property

was damaged by a storm, flood, or fire last year, you should file a report of decreased value. The appraisal district will look at your property before assigning a value," she said.

In January, Smith County Appraisal District mailed out approximately 8,800 personal property renditions.

The last day to file a rendition or report of decreased value is April

15. You may file your rendition electronically for 2023 by visiting [www.smithcad.org](http://www.smithcad.org) and selecting Electronic Communications/BPP Online Rendition.

A 10 percent to 50 percent penalty may be imposed if a rendition is filed late, incomplete, or not at all.

Property owners who need more time to file their renditions may file a written request with the chief appraiser on or before April 15 to

receive an automatic extension to May 15.

The chief appraiser may also grant an additional 15 days after the postponed deadline, if necessary.

For more information about rendering property, deadline extensions, penalties and rendition forms, taxpayers may contact the Smith County Appraisal District, 245 SSE Loop 323, Tyler, 903-510-8600.

## Ophthalmology group pays federal fine in false claims act allegations

Ophthalmology provider group, Arlington Ophthalmology Association, P.L.L.C. d/b/a Kleiman Evangelista Eye Centers ("K&E"), with offices located in East Texas, has agreed to pay \$2,902,505 to resolve False Claims Act allegations said Davilyn Walston, publicity spokesperson for Brit Featherston, U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Texas.

East Texas offices are in Gun Barrel City and Mount Pleasant, Walston said. Other offices are in Arlington, Dallas, Plano and Southlake.

Allegations include the business offered and paid kickbacks to optometrists to induce referrals of patients who were candidates for cataract surgery.

"The Eastern District of Texas is committed to looking beyond labels and examining providers' actual conduct. Although co-management can be a legitimate practice, merely applying that label does not give providers carte blanche to remunerate referring providers in order to secure business," said Featherston.

"Paying kickbacks to providers incentivizes doctors to treat patients based on illegitimate financial gain, rather than the patient's needs and best interests," said Kirby Harshaw, acting Special Agent in Charge with the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Inspector General (HHS-OIG). "HHS-OIG will not tolerate kickback arrangements, which undermine medical responsibility, put patients at risk, and can waste taxpayer dollars."

The Anti-Kickback Statute prohibits offering, paying, soliciting, or receiving remuneration to induce referrals of items or services covered by Medicare, Medicaid, and other federally funded programs. The Anti-Kickback Statute is intended to ensure that medical providers' judgments are not compromised by improper financial incentives and are instead based on the best interests of their patients.

K&E routinely engaged in the practice of co-management of cataract surgery patients with optometrists who referred patients to K&E. Patients who undergo cataract surgery require post-operative monitoring and care. When post-operative care is rendered by another provider other than the surgeon, such as an optometrist outside the surgeon's practice, this practice is generally referred to as co-management.

The settlement announced today resolves certain allegations that K&E's remunerative arrangement with referring optometrists who co-managed patient care with K&E violated the Anti-Kickback Statute.

The United States contends K&E provided remuneration to referring optometrists when it paid referring optometrists money untethered to actual non-Medicare and non-Medicaid covered services for referring cataract patients who received premium intraocular lenses (IOLs) or laser-assisted

cataract surgery, guaranteed the automatic return of patients referred, provided optometrists free continuing education courses, rewarded top referring optometrists with expensive dinners, and invited referring optometrists, their family, and staff to Texas Rangers stadium games at the company suite. The fees paid to referring optometrists for patients who received premium lenses or laser-assisted cataract surgery were in addition to the reimbursement already received by the optometrists from Medicare and Medicaid for performing post-operative cataract care and were not tied to or commensurate with actual post-operative services specifically attributed to premium IOLs or laser-assisted cataract surgery rendered, and thus constituted unlawful remuneration under the Anti-Kickback Statute.

As part of the settlement, K&E has agreed to cooperate with the Department of Justice's investigations of and litigation against other parties involved in the alleged violations of law.

This investigation originated from a civil lawsuit filed by a Relator, or whistleblower, under the qui tam provisions of the False Claims Act, which allows private parties to bring suit on behalf of the government for false claims and to share in any recovery. The whistleblower in this matter will receive a percentage of this civil settlement.

The government's pursuit of these matters illustrates the government's emphasis on combating healthcare fraud. One of the most powerful tools in this effort is the False Claims Act.

### Orange resident draws fed prison time

An Orange, Texas man has been sentenced to federal prison for a firearms violation in the Eastern District of Texas, Walston said.

Michael Lawrence Geral, Jr., 35, pleaded guilty on Oct. 4, 2022, to being a felon in possession of a firearm and was sentenced to 50 months in federal prison today by U.S. District Judge Marcia A. Crone.

According to information presented in court, on Dec. 13, 2021, Geral was stopped for a traffic violation by officers with the Orange Police Department. As officers spoke with Geral, they smelled the odor of burnt marijuana coming from the vehicle. Officers searched the vehicle and found a firearm which Geral admitted was his. Geral is a previously convicted felon and prohibited from possessing firearms.

This case was prosecuted as part of the joint federal, state, and local Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN) Program, the centerpiece of the Department of Justice's violent crime reduction efforts. PSN is an evidence-based program proven to be effective at reducing violent crime. Through PSN, a broad spectrum of stakeholders work together to identify the most pressing

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

lasting reductions in crime.

This case was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and the Orange Police Department and prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Russell James.

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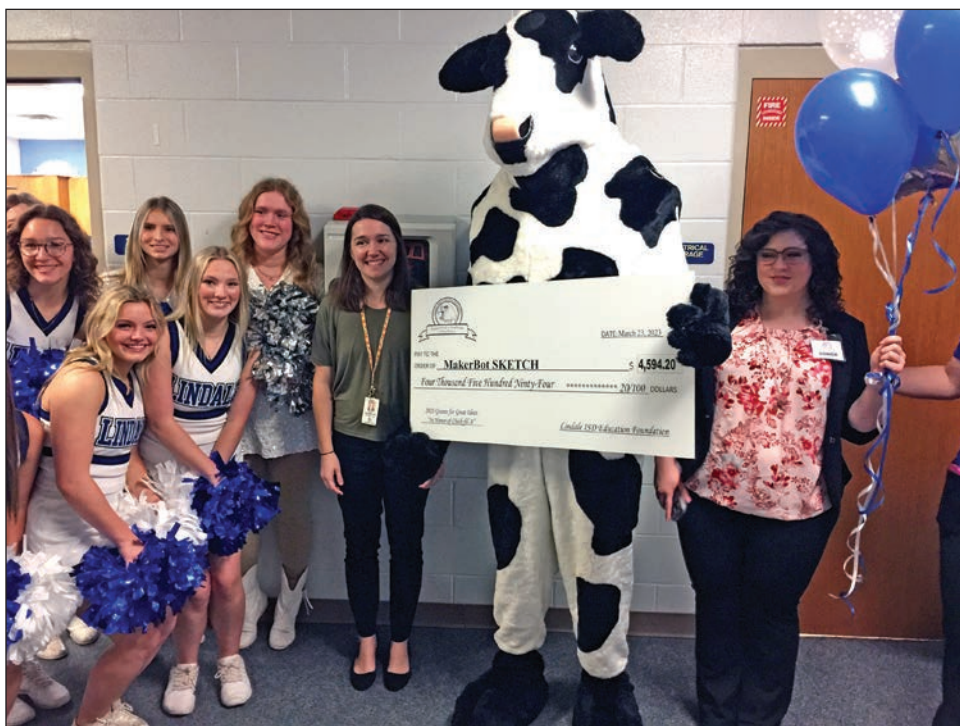
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The Lindale ISD Education Foundation awarded teachers Duane Walton and Emily Covington a grant for \$4,594.20 to fund "MakerBot SKETCH," which will help purchase two new 3D printers for the high school engineering and robotics classrooms. (Courtesy photo)



Teachers Rebecca Harrison and Jamie Mowery were presented with a grant of \$5,741.49 by the Lindale ISD Education Foundation this past week for "Clay: A Renewable Resource." (Courtesy photo)



Teachers Leslie Bloodworth and Candice Munoz were presented with a grant for \$2,607.93 by the Lindale ISD Education Foundation this past week for "Eagle Emotions Experts: Learning to Soar Beyond Life's Challenges," which will allow more than 100 students with an individualized education plan to provide skills needed to be successful in the school environment. (Courtesy photo)



The Lindale ISD Education Foundation presented a grant for \$1,200 to Angela Heard-Lockwood and Kim Saunders for "Cultivating Bookworms in the Reading Garden," which will consist of 24 hammocks available to 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> graders at E.J. Moss Intermediate School. (Courtesy photo)



#### Preview of new playground equipment

Bryan White, Paige Walters White and Rachel Maurine Johnson were the guest speakers at the weekly meeting of the Lindale Rotary Club and gave a preview of the new playground equipment at Pool Park for youngsters with special needs. The playground will be funded by private donations. (Courtesy photo)

## There are azaleas that appeal to virtually everyone

By Greg Grant  
Smith County Horticulturist

Many folks are still replacing dead azaleas from the big freeze event of 2021 and luckily, nurseries sell many kinds of azaleas.

From large to small, once blooming to repeat blooming, and deciduous or evergreen, most everyone can find an azalea which appeals to them.

The most common azaleas grown in East Texas are Southern Indicas. They come from Japan and have a mature height of 6 feet with an equal spread. Flowers are usually 2 to 3 1/2 inches across. The "big three" varieties of Southern Indicas are George Taber (lilac), G. G. Gerbing (white), and Formosa (magenta). Southern Indica azaleas are the easiest and the largest of the azaleas we can grow.

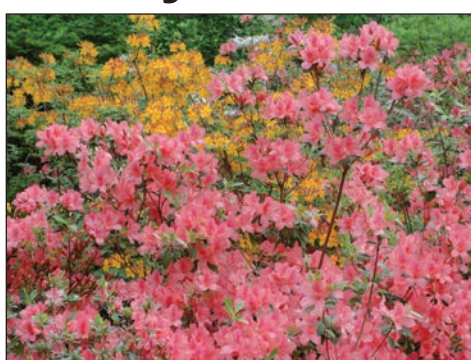
Kurume azaleas are typically referred to as dwarf. A normal size for these varieties in East Texas is 2 to 3 feet tall. Kurume azaleas grow slowly and have denser growth than Southern Indicas. Flowers are usually 1 1/2 to 2 inches across. Christmas Cheer (red), Coral Bells (pink), Hino Crimson (red), Hinodegiri (red), and Snow (white) are popular varieties.

Later-blooming varieties are the Satsuki hybrids. Satsuki means "fifth month" in Japanese. Satsuki hybrid azaleas flower later in the spring season, usually mid-April through May. They have larger flowers than Kurumes and a low, dense, mounding growth habit. The Gumpo (pink or white) and Macrantha (pink/orange) cultivars belong to this group.

Other popular azalea groups recommended for East Texas are Glenn Dale hybrids, Carla hybrids, Girard hybrids, and Robin Hill hybrids.

Glenn Dale hybrids include several hundred varieties developed as cold-hardy replacements for Southern Indica varieties. Popular Glenn Dale hybrids include Allure (rosy pink), Copperman (orange-red), and Fashion (salmon to orange-red). Some of these are good fall bloomers.

Another azalea group developed for improved cold hardiness is the Girard hybrids. These compact growers produce single or



Azaleas brighten many East Texas landscapes in the spring. (Courtesy photo)

double flowers in shades of white, red, pink, and lavender. Popular Girard hybrids are Hot Shot (orange-red), Sandra Ann (purple) and Unsurpassable (red).

The Robin Hill azaleas bloom heavily in fall and also flower in spring, commonly leading to the name of "re-blooming" azaleas. Sir Robert is a popular Robin Hill variety. Its flowers range from white to pink. The most popular Robin Hill variety is Watchet, which produces large 3 1/2-inch flowers that are clear pink and ruffled. Plants are compact and spreading. Conversation Piece is a bicolored Robin Hill variety.

Repeat blooming azaleas are all the rage now with brands such as Encore, Deja Bloom, and Bloom-A-Thons offering many different colors.

And the larger growing deciduous azaleas are bred from native azaleas but are a bit harder to find in the trade.

Retired Smith County Horticulturist Keith Hansen is our resident azalea expert.

"I have not met a deciduous azalea that I do not like," he said. "They are striking shrubs, most flowering before the leaves return with fragrant, honeysuckle-shaped blooms that come in startling colors that include yellow, orange, pink, and white."

Spring is a great time to pick out azaleas at garden centers since you can see exactly what colors you are getting. Just remember that they need well-drained organic soils, partial shade, mulch, and summer irrigation every two weeks during June, July, and August.

## Things that can happen when you stop dieting

By Claudann Jones  
Smith County Extension Agent  
Family, Community Health



For many older adults, dieting has been a lifelong companion. A November 2020 report from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention shows more Americans are actively trying to lose weight today than they were a decade ago.

And people 60 and older diet even more than other groups. Almost one in five middle-aged women has recently been on a weight loss diet, according to the report.

In spite of this constant dieting, obesity remains a serious public health issue and a personal health consideration for many. That's because weight loss diets don't work for most people.

Consider these things that can happen when you stop dieting:

1. You may discover intuitive eating
2. You might think about food less

3. You could get good at listening to your body

4. You may do less emotional eating
5. Your cravings might change.
6. You may gain control
7. Your weight may change
8. You might ditch the scale
9. Your self-esteem may get a boost
10. You may inspire others

The good news is that strict diets aren't the only path to a healthier, happier life.

During the past several years, a body-positive and anti-diet movement has gained traction in part because of the evidence that diets don't work.

In fact, there are plenty of possible benefits—in terms of both physical and mental health—from quitting diets cold turkey.

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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## East Texas unemployment at 4.9 percent

Texas added 58,200 positions in February 2023, leading the nation in jobs added over the month, Texas Workforce Commission officials said.

In East Texas, unemployment was at 4.9 percent out of a workforce of 113,000, with 108,800 having jobs.

In February, the state reached 13,831,900 total nonfarm jobs. February also marks two full years of uninterrupted monthly job growth in Texas. Since February 2022, 611,400 jobs have been added in Texas. The Texas seasonally adjusted unemployment rate increased by 0.1 percentage points to 4.0 percent. However, the civilian labor force increased by 64,800 people which marked the largest monthly increase since September 2020.

"The past 24 months of uninterrupted job growth show the strength of the Texas economy and ongoing economic opportunities for Texans," said TWC Chairman Bryan Daniel. "To sustain this growth, TWC supports initiatives to develop a skilled workforce to match employer needs and provide Texans with the skills necessary to succeed."

Professional and Business Services led job growth in February with 30,300 positions added, followed by Private Education and Health Services, which grew by 12,500 jobs. Trade, Transportation and Utilities employment added 5,800 jobs over the month.

"The extraordinary job growth we've seen

over the past year shows Texas is booming and continues to be the best state for business," said TWC Commissioner Representing Employers Aaron Demerson. "Our office is here to support Texas employers, large and small, as they grow and expand their operations utilizing resources including the Texas Conference for Employers, which helps businesses stay up-to-date on all things employer related."

The Midland Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) recorded the lowest unemployment rate among Texas MSAs with a not seasonally adjusted rate of 3.0 percent in February, followed by Amarillo at 3.5 percent, then Austin-Round Rock at 3.7 percent.

"If you're looking to begin a new career or improve your current employment, TWC is a resource for training and upskilling," observed TWC Commissioner Representing Labor Alberto Treviño III. "The continued addition of new jobs in February creates opportunities to be part of the great workforce in Texas."

Employment estimates released by TWC are produced in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics. All estimates are subject to revision. To access this and more employment data, visit [TexasLMI.com](https://www.texaslmi.com).

The Texas Labor Market & Career Information Data for March is scheduled to be released on Friday, April 21, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.

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**LEGAL NOTICE**

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of ALONZO M. HARRIS, Deceased, were issued on March 20, 2023, in Cause No. 47,225P, pending in the County Court-At-Law No: 3, Smith County, Texas, to: JUANITA HARRIS GARY. All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law. c/o: **H. CHUCK BAUMAN, Attorney at Law, 400 E Fifth St., Tyler, TX 75701.**

**Notice to Creditors**

Letters of Independent Administration for the Estate of Hazel Aurelia Gallaher, Deceased, were issued to Sherry Ann Hatcher March 27, 2023, in Cause No. 47271 P, by the County Court at Law #3 of Smith Co, Tx. All persons having claims against this Estate currently being administered are required to present them to Sherry Ann Hatcher, c/o Richard Patteson, Attorney, at 218 N. Broadway, Ste.304, Tyler, Texas 75702 within the time and manner prescribed by law.

**Notice to Creditors**

Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Johnnie Mae Pegues, Deceased, were issued to Tozz Lee Andrew Pegues March 27, 2023, in Cause No. 47250P, by the County Court at Law #3 of Smith Co, Tx. All persons having claims against this Estate currently being administered are required to present them to Tozz Lee Andrew Pegues, c/o Richard Patteson, Attorney, at 218 N. Broadway, Ste.304, Tyler, Texas 75702 within the time and manner prescribed by law.

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Notice of Public Sale of property to satisfy landlord's lien. Sale 9:00 AM-April 7th, 2023 – Legacy Storage, 14623 CR 463, Lindale, Tx. Property will be sold to the highest bidder for cash. Tenants : Britney Winn

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

**NO. 47235P**

Notice is hereby given that on the 13th day of March, 2023, Letters Testamentary upon the Estate of Paulette Kay Brewer Boshart, Deceased, were issued to Angela Gwen Boshart Bagert by the Honorable Court of Smith County, Texas, in Cause No. 47235P pending on the Probate Docket of said Court.

All persons having claims against said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time prescribed by law to the address being shown below:

Estate of Paulette Kay Brewer Boshart  
 c/o Randall J. Cook  
 Hardy Cook & Hardy, P.C.  
 2080 Three Lakes Parkway  
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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Jon Michael Lyons, Deceased, were issued on March 20, 2023, in Cause No. 47,140P, pending in the County Court of Smith County, Texas, to: JON LANE LYONS.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to Kyle G. Waggoner, Attorney at Law, at PO Box 1152, Mineola, Texas, 75773.

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There is a pre-bid site walk scheduled for Wednesday, March 29th at 3:00 p.m.

Construction Documents may be viewed online via SmartBid.net. For information on receiving plans, contact JD Hale at 214-998-9276 or [jhale@jacksonconstruction.com](mailto:jhale@jacksonconstruction.com).

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**NOTICE OF COMPLIANCE TARIFF FILING**

Southwestern Electric Power Company (SWEPCO) filed with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) on March 21, 2023, its Petition requesting approval of its proposed Military Base Surcharge Tariff.

Section 36.354(a) of the Public Utility Regulatory Act (PURA), at Texas Utilities Code § 36.354, provides that each electric utility in an area where implementation of full customer choice has been delayed by the Commission in accordance with PURA Section 39.103 shall discount charges for electric service provided to a military base. Section 36.354(b) of PURA establishes the discount to be provided to military installations as a 20 percent reduction of the base commercial rate that the electric utility would otherwise charge the installation.

Section 36.354(c) of PURA provides that the electric utility may assess a surcharge to all its Texas retail customers to recover the difference in revenue between the revenues from the discounted rate for military bases and the base commercial rate. SWEPCO's Tariff Sheet No. IV-16 provides the Military Base Adjustment Factor per billing kWh as reflected below:

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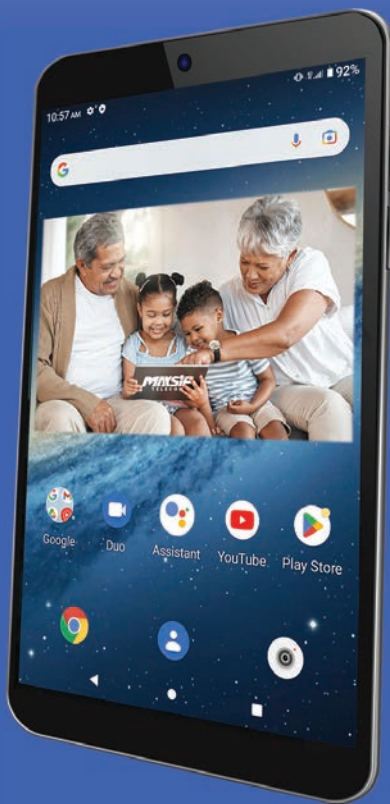
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SWEPCO has requested that the tariff become effective with the first billing cycle of June 2023. The Petition has been assigned Tariff Control No. 54778. Persons who wish to intervene in or comment upon this proceeding must notify the Commission within 21 days of SWEPCO's filing of the Petition. A request to intervene or for further information should be mailed to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, Texas 78711-3326. Further information may also be obtained by calling the Commission at (512) 936-7120 or (888) 782-8477. Hearing and speech-impaired individuals with text telephones (TTY) may contact the Commission at (800) 735-2988. The Company can be contacted at 428 Travis Street, Shreveport, LA 71101, or by calling (888) 216-3523 during normal business hours.

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## Lindale ISD Education Foundation awards more than \$25,000 in grants

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-- Education Foundation grant for \$5,741.49 to fund "Clay: A Renewable Resource."

The purchase of a pugmill through this grant will allow visual art students to participate in the recycling and reusing of clay for various projects. Students will learn safety, maintenance, and practical use of the machine for the purpose of renewing used clay into a reusable body of clay. The use of the mill will also allow students the opportunity to gain real world experience in reducing our carbon footprint and waste as well as save the district thousands of dollars in clay costs each year.

**Grant by Rebecca Harrison and Jamie Mowery**

-- Education Foundation grant for \$1,951.19 to fund "Hand Me a Piano Please."

The purpose of this grant is to put mini pianos in the hands of CSE and VPE students. Students will experience different types of music and how music is made. Instrumental music is an integral part of human life, and with these sets of mini pianos, students will be exposed to a different musical instrument than they currently have. The pianos will be used during learning stations.

**Grant by Wendi Hicks and Taylor Collins**

-- Education Foundation grant for \$4,594.20 to fund "MakerBot SKETCH."

The purpose of this grant is to purchase two new 3D printers for the high school engineering and robotics classrooms. These will replace the current, aging models with the capability to print larger and/or more pieces at once with an improved process and increased speed and accuracy.

**Grant by Duane Walton and Emily Covington**

-- Education Foundation grant for \$2,607.93 to fund "Eagle Emotions Expects: Learning to Soar Beyond Life's Challenges."

Lindale ISD serves more than 100 students who have an individualized education plan with direct services for social skills or counseling. This project will give these students access to a researched based curriculum that follows a scope and sequence of skills they need to be successful in the school environment.

**Grant by Leslie Bloodworth and Candice Munoz**

-- Education Foundation grant for \$4,267.38 to fund "Robotics Revamp."

These robots are part of a regional competition for 4th - 6th grade Gifted and Talented students at E.J. Moss. The current robots are now obsolete and cannot be used. With this project, the students will build new robots and will do simple programming and coding to have the robots complete the competition course. This gives our high achieving students the opportunity for creativity and growth.

**Grant by Melissa Crenshaw**



Teachers Wendi Hicks of Velma Penney Elementary and Taylor Collins of College Street Elementary hold their grant check from the Lindale ISD Education Foundation to fund "Hand Me a Piano Please."

Courtesy photo

## LHS advances in playoffs

Both the Lindale High School boys and girls soccer teams took care of business in the bi-district round of the UIL state playoffs this past Friday with the boys team downing Pittsburg, 4-0 and the girls winning over North Lamar, 3-0.

At Pine Tree High School, the Eagles jumped out to a 3-0 lead at the half and added another in the middle part of the second half to advance to the area round game against Center earlier this week.

For the Lady Eagles, they took a 1-0 lead into halftime before salting the game away in the second half with two more goals.

They were scheduled to take on Henderson (15-3-3) on Tuesday in the area round.

On the boys side, Center was second in District 15-4A with a 10-4 league record and a 16-5 overall mark.

Henderson was the first place squad from District 15-4A with a 12-1-1 league mark and a 15-3-3 season record.

The Lindale boys entered the playoffs as the District 14-4A champion with a 14-2 league record and a 17-6-

2 overall mark. Pittsburg entered the playoffs with an 11-10-2 overall record.

Meanwhile, the Lady Eagles finished second in district with a 12-2 mark, with the only district losses coming to district champion Bullard.

The next round of the state soccer playoffs is the regional quarterfinals scheduled for March 30-April 1.

### BOYS

Prior to the playoffs, the Eagles shut out Mineola, 9-0 on March 21.

Lindale got off to a slow start to the new year losing three of its first four games. The Eagles fell 5-1 to Jacksonville on Dec. 29 and 3-0 to Kilgore on Jan. 5 before rebounding at Carthage 1-0 on Jan. 6. A 1-0 loss to Palestine followed on Jan. 7.

The Eagles went 2-2-2 over their next six games before rattling off 14 wins in a row. Included in that streak were a 6-1 victory over Van on Feb. 4, a 4-3 win over Chapel Hill on Feb. 10 and an 8-0 domination of Grand Saline on Feb. 14.

The lone district setback

during that streak was a 1-0 loss to Cumberland Academy on Jan. 17, which was rectified with a 5-0 win on Feb. 24.

### GIRLS

Prior to finishing their bye week the Lady Eagles finished off their district schedule with a lopsided 14-0 win over Grand Saline on March 13.

Lindale was able to cruise through the 14-4A schedule this year, and 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 11<sup>th</sup> 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.

## Council approves proposal for all-inclusive playground

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to help pay for the new equipment.

In other action, the council:

-- Approved an on call officer for the Lindale Police Department;

-- Approved the renewal of the Lamar Billboard Contract for the south side of Interstate 20 and U.S. 69 west;

-- OK'd a request for qualification to Priest Nichols Construction for concept plans at Faulkner Park;

-- Donated a cemetery plot in the Lindale City Cemetery for an unidentified Jane Doe.

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