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Bardwell picked for newspaper Hall of Fame

Nominees may come from any facet of the newspaper business, including editorial, photojournalism, advertising, business, production, circulation, management or any combination of backgrounds.



BARDWELL

Phil Major, publisher of the Wood County Monitor, nominated Suzanne stating:

- Have made an outstanding contribution to Texas newspaper journalism or, through Texas journalism, to newspaper journalism generally, or
- Have made an extraordinary contribution to their communities, regions, the state of Texas or the nation through newspaper journalism, or
- Have advanced the legacy of a free and responsible press, and
- Have inspired others to improve the quality of the profession of journalism.

When Suzanne Bardwell passed away suddenly on Jan. 7, 2022, the breadth and depth of her contribution to community journalism was instantly brought into sharp focus.

She was my friend, so I did not think of her in Hall of Fame terms, but when the idea was suggested, my first thought was that she was one of the most Hall-of-Fame people I have ever known.

As I read through the description of those deserving nomination to the hall (above), she easily checks all those boxes.

Perhaps the greatest testament came in the days following her death when, thanks to social media, those offering accolades numbered well over 1,000. I'm sure she would have appreciated the irony that it came from a media she despised.

These poignant comments told many stories. What shone through was that she had accomplished her purpose. Many of those comments came from former journalism students, and it was clear that she had taught them to write well, and to do so with passion.

I won't print those comments but would invite you to view a sampling on the *Gladewater Mirror* Facebook page in the days following her death.

That alone is an incredible legacy to Texas journalism. I wish there were statistics that would show the contributions her students have made to society.

Then after 33 years in the classroom, all the while supporting community journalism through the scholarship committee of the North and East Texas Press Association, and being the backstop, supporter and cheerleader for her husband, Jim, a career community newspaper man, she "retired." More like jumping out of the frying pan.

Her work on the scholarship committee was actually just an extension of her life's work as a teacher, helping shepherd her students on to the next level. And beyond that she served as a contest judge numerous times (newspaper and high school

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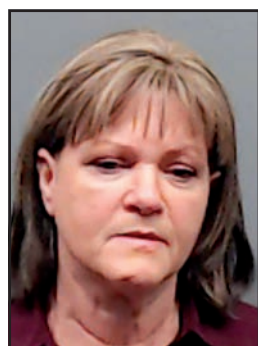
Downtown two-car wreck

No one was seriously injured from this two car wreck early Thursday morning during the usual busy time involving school traffic. Lindale police officers and emergency vehicles were quick on the scene and traffic flow continued in short order.

Photo by Terry Cannon

Wife of county commissioner faces charges after incidence at residence

Karen Phillips, 65, of Tyler and wife of Smith County Precinct 3 Commissioner Terry Phillips, was arrested Tuesday, April 4 on one count of interfering with public duties after she allegedly attempted to prevent the arrest of her son Derrick Phillips, court records show.



She was released from the Smith County Jail later that day after posting a \$1,000 bond. The charge is a Class B Misdemeanor.

Smith County District Attorney Jacob Putnam announced that under current law, his office cannot prosecute the case and will instead be turned over to an outside prosecutor.

"My office is committed to seeing justice done in every case and prosecuting every case equally, regardless of whom the defendant is," Putnam said. "There are circumstances under the law, however, that require my office to recuse and have

a visiting prosecutor appointed."

The district attorney added that while his office is duty bound to prosecute all cases within the county, all attorneys "are bound by the Texas Rule of Professional Conduct, which prohibit lawyers from having conflicts with their clients," and since Terry Phillips is a county commissioner, he is in fact a "client of the Smith County District Attorney's Office for certain matters."

Putnam said that "prosecuting the son and spouse of a current client could lead to potential legal conflicts of interest with Commissioner Phillips, especially if he is a witness to the events that transpired on March 28, 2023."

According to Smith County Sheriff's Office spokesman Larry Christian, deputies sought to arrest Derrick Phillips based on a March 28 incident during a traffic stop in the area of Farm to Market Road 14.

Derrick Phillips allegedly interfered with a traffic stop involving another

man, Cody Voss, who was being pulled over for having one of his tail lights out on his vehicle.

A deputy attempted to pull over Voss' vehicle for the tail lights issue while driving on FM 14, but instead of stopping, Voss pulled into the Phillips' residence, Christian said.

Derek Phillips was driving in front of Voss and he got involved with the traffic stop, Christian said, adding that Phillips soon became belligerent and another deputy came to assist with the arrest.

When a second deputy arrived to provide assistance, an attempt was made to arrest Derrick Phillips, who then ran into the residence.

Christian said deputies tried to restrain him and that Phillips then dropped himself to the ground and refused to move once he was brought outside, court documents show.

Phillips was ultimately charged with resisting arrest, interfering with public duties and evading arrest or detention. He was released from the Smith County Jail after posting a \$4,500 bond on March 29.

Voss was arrested on charges of failure to identify and held on a \$250 bond before being released on March 29.

Smith County Larry Smith said after reviewing bodycam and dashcam video of the incident, the decision was made to arrest Karen Phillips.

"Karen Phillips could be seen interrupting the traffic stop," Smith said. "She attempted to grab the deputy as he was running after the Phillips' son. And then tried to get between them as he (deputy) was getting the Phillips' son out of the house and into the marked unit."

Smith said Karen Phillips could be heard on multiple video clips of the incident using foul language directed at his deputies.

"I'm not going to say what she was saying," he said. "At some point in time, people will be able to see and hear for themselves what she was saying. I'm ashamed to say those things a public official would say towards my deputies."

County commissioners support rail service

A letter of support for a grant application to the Federal Railroad Administration's Corridor Identification and Development Program for continued funding for passenger rail service through East Texas was approved by the Smith County Commissioners during their weekly meeting on April 4.

The letter, written by Smith County Judge Neal Franklin, was unanimously approved by commissioners.

The grant application is from the I-20 Corridor Long-Distance Passenger Rail Connection and East Texas Council of Governments.

Using existing track, the route would begin in the Dallas-Fort Worth area, connect with Marshall and then to Meridian, Miss., before eventually winding up in New York City and connecting cities along the route.

In April, 2022, commissioners were briefed on the project by Christina Anderson of the I-20 Corridor Council, which is based in Marshall.

During that meeting Anderson pointed out as highway traffic numbers increase on I-20, a passenger rail line connecting two large metropolitan areas - D/FW and Atlanta and serving East Texas as well - would be a

"great return on investment" because the route is on an existing right-of-way.

"We believe with the work we've been doing (on the rail project) we can be in a place to push this very important transportation project over the goal line," she said.

She said her group began developing support for the project several years ago.

"We began to reach to the west as well as to the east in building grassroots support for the project and we've managed to sustain this support through the years," she added.

So far, \$16 billion has been earmarked for long distance rail by the federal government and by forming a multi-state coalition - Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi and Georgia - the railway would be economically viable.

"It would not get in the way of regular train service," she said. "And we are so proud to include Smith County in this initiative."

Anderson said Amtrak would choose the number of cars for each train running on the line with approximately 30 passengers per car.

Lindale's Will Hutchens named to THSCA Super Elite Class 4A team



Lindale High School senior offensive/defensive lineman Will Hutchens has been named to the Texas High School Coaches Association Super Elite Team in Class 4A, publicity officials announced this week.

Hutchens, who has signed to play with the Sam Houston State Bearkats in the fall, was named the District 9-4A Division I Offensive Lineman of the year for 2022.

He made 41 starts for the Eagles during his three-year varsity career and contributed to offenses that accumulated more than 17,000 total yards, including 10,123 yards on the ground and 142 touchdowns.

Hutchens only allowed two sacks during his three years with the LHS varsity and as a senior, he graded out at 89 percent with 61 knockdowns, 57 pancake blocks and no sacks allowed.

He was also named first team All-District in 2021.

"This is a very special young man," LHS Head Coach Chris Cochran said of Hutchens. "We are going to miss who he is as a player and a young man."

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These awards recognize high school athletes across Texas in all sports beginning in the Fall of the 2022-23 school year.

The THSCA Super Elite Teams consists of high school players

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OPINION/COMMENTARY

Oil is in the blood ...

Gladewater's East Texas Gusher Days is on the way this week with fun activities that run through next Saturday's fishing tourney. I can already smell the turkey legs and taste the lemonade. And maybe, if the rain will hold off, my sweetie will ride the ferris wheel with me and hold my hand. Well, it was a sweet thought anyway.

Oil Patch culture runs deep in my family and Jim's as well. His granddaddy Clyde came to East Texas with the cavalry when lawlessness was running as freely as oil. He met Jim's Piney Woods' Granny and that was it. Clyde was here to stay. In the '60s Granddaddy Clyde ran wells and Jimmy grew up running them with him, learning how to drive before his feet could reach the pedals of that old green Chevy truck.

My dad worked the oilfield at night and farmed during the day for years before he moved to the Sunoco office job where he got to use a slide rule which I still have. I have no idea how to use it, but I have it.

My grandmother's brother lost his life in an oil field accident. He was knocked unconscious and fell from near the top of a derrick. She grieved for her baby brother until she left this earth. There was danger. A great deal of it. There still is.

My grandfather was a wildcatter for a few years and two of my great-uncles helped bring in the West Texas oilfields and helped build the industry around the Permian Basin.

I really do have a little of that black gold in my blood, along with all that black dirt between my toes that I grew up on. Roughnecks and cowboys are as Texas as you can get and Gladewater has had its fair share of both. So has my family. I like that connection. Nope, I love that connection.

The Best of Suzanne Bardwell



Magnolia Oil was birthed in Corsicana, my as 'close as it gets' hometown. Of course, Magnolia evolved into Mobil Oil. When I was working on my graduate degree in history I did research on that part of Texas oil history. My dad's Mobil Pegasus belt buckle is missing and that makes me so sad. I loved that buckle with the flying horse. I still get that warm and fuzzy feeling when traveling through Dallas and there Pegasus sits atop a downtown building.

My curiosity about the industry led me to attend Kilgore College's Petroleum Institute in the '80s. We learned about geology, chemistry, engineering and the history of the Woodbine oilfield. We toured drilling and historical sites. I loved every minute and when we toured KC's new Oil Museum it was thrilling. No kidding, thrilling.

Gusher Days carries its own thrills too. From the nationally sanctioned chili cooks to the youngest kids clutching balloons this is small-town fun and charm.

I am excited to be a part of Gladewater's continuing heritage. And I always look forward to Gusher Days. It is family fun at its best and a community enjoying life as a family. It just doesn't get any better than that.

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THE ECONOMIST

By Dr. M. Ray Perryman

Short-Term Outlook for the US Economy

The US economy is currently enduring some major headwinds. High inflation persists even as the Federal Reserve raises interest rates. Fallout from the escalating interest rates is affecting a number of industries and individuals, with ripple effects throughout the economy. Geopolitical uncertainty is also a factor, with not only Russia-Ukraine, but several other areas showing signs of rising tensions. However, while there will almost certainly be some bumps along the way, I don't anticipate a major meltdown. In fact, our latest projections call for notable growth over the next five years.



Let's briefly explore a few key issues.

Inflation has proven difficult to manage. Many analysts underestimated the inflationary power of massive stimulus packages and what would happen when people started trying to spend that extra bonanza even as the supply chain was reeling from the pandemic. Added to that pressure were the disruptions in energy and agricultural markets stemming from the invasion of Ukraine, a fire in a major South Korean semiconductor facility, and other assorted calamities. Markets for various items continue to be constrained at times, pushing up prices.

Though we are saddled with some of these pressures for a while, others are lessening. Inventories of many items are rising, which should tame price increases. The housing market has cooled to some extent (see below), helping with costs to buy or rent. Wholesale prices are also moderating, which is often a harbinger of things to come. Looking over a five-year horizon, I think we'll see inflation at very manageable levels, though it will likely take a while to get there.

As the Federal Reserve has taken action to raise target interest rates, there has been significant fallout. The housing market is particularly sensitive to borrowing costs; in most areas, prices and new construction are down. Uncertainty about the economy is adding to real estate challenges, though there isn't a massive structural problem such as we saw during the Great Recession. High-profile bank failures (largely due to poor management of interest rate risk and institution-specific issues) have made headlines, but no major systemic issues appear to be present.

For these and other reasons (such as tensions in several regions of the globe), concerns regarding the future performance of the economy are causing some retrenchment. It's an unavoidable outcome of what the Fed is trying to do and the vagaries of the times. Growth in the near term will undoubtedly be curtailed, though I think the chatter greatly exaggerates the risk of a major downturn. Our latest forecast anticipates growth in real gross product at a 2.81% annual pace over the next five years, while employment rises by 1.73% per year. All things considered, that is not too bad.

Stay safe!



Controversial electric grid plan passes Senate

The Texas Senate has passed a controversial plan to build more natural gas-powered plants in the state, despite widespread opposition from critics who say the two bills could lead to billions in added costs to customers. The goal of the bills, according to its sponsors, is to avoid another massive power outage such as the one in the winter of 2021 that killed more than 200 people, the *Texas Tribune* reported.

Houston Chronicle columnist Chris Tomlinson reported that 22 out of 24 people who testified on Senate Bill 6 voiced opposition. The plants would sit idle at least 97% of the time.

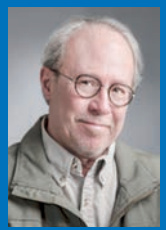
"The Association of Electric Companies of Texas found common ground with the Sierra Club. Texas Competitive Power Advocates agreed with the South Texas Electric Cooperative. Energy giant NRG joined the consumer advocacy group Public Citizen in declaring SB 6 a lousy idea," Tomlinson wrote.

Degrees can be revoked for misconduct

The Texas Supreme Court reversed lower-court rulings and ruled last week that Texas universities can revoke previously awarded degrees for academic misconduct, the Statesman reported. The University of Texas at Austin and Texas State University, in separate cases that were consolidated, argued they should be able to revoke doctorate degrees from students who committed academic misconduct to "protect their reputations and the value of degrees conferred upon their students."

Both cases involved students accused of fabricating data that was discovered after the degrees had been conferred. Both

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students sued their respective universities after their degrees were revoked.

"The only difference between expelling a current student for academic misconduct and revoking the degree of a former student for the exact same academic misconduct is one of timing," Justice Debra Lehmann wrote.

Temps topped 100 degrees in Texas prisons

The indoor temperature inside at least 15 state-operated jails and prisons exceeded 100 degrees last summer, according to a report by The Dallas Morning News. The data indicates that both inmates and staff are exposed to dangerous levels of heat in the state's facilities that do not have air conditioning.

A lack of climate control has contributed to the deaths of nearly two dozen inmates between 1998 and 2012, according to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, as well as the heat-related illnesses of dozens of prison guards.

The *News* reported that state standards say county jails and animal shelters should get no hotter than 85 degrees, but Texas prisons are not required to have air conditioning.

While previous attempts to fund air conditioning for the state's prisons have failed, the House budget passed last week sets aside more than a half-billion dollars for that purpose. In addition, two bills to install cooling systems in the prison system were approved in committee.

Texas General Land office awards \$6 million for coastal counties

The Texas General Land Office has awarded \$6 million for projects across seven coastal counties with a combination of

federal and state funding.

The projects are intended in part to improve amenities for greater beach access in a number of locations, as well as developing early warning systems for coastal flooding.

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nominated by members of the Texas High School Coaches Association.

The player must meet the THSCA award criteria to be nominated. The award recognizes student athletes across the state of Texas for their exemplary athletic achievement in their respective sport.

Earlier this month, THSCA members submitted a nomination form in their online profile to nominate themselves and potentially be selected to serve on the Super Elite Team (S.E.T.) Committee in their primary sport, UIL classification, and THSCA Region.

"This is a great opportunity for not only our coaches to be more involved in our association, but a great opportunity to recognize our coaches' kids who have excelled in all sports across the state of Texas", said Joe Martin, the Executive Director of THSCA.

The S.E.T. Committee for each respective sport will evaluate players and send ranked results to the advisory committee representative of that region and chairman of the advisory committee of that sport who will determine the finalists.

Super Elite teams will be honored after the state championships have been announced in each sport. Coaches at any level can serve on a S.E.T. committee, including both head coaches and sub varsity coaches.

Council OKs taking bids for city's sidewalks

Lindale council members voted to begin taking bids for the city sidewalk project in the northeast portion of downtown during their first meeting of the month on April 4 at city hall.

The city has \$350,000 in Community Block Development grant money and the use of these funds was approved in April, 2022. The grant was applied for in 2017 and 2020 before getting approved in 2022.

City officials hope the sidewalks will be completed by Thanksgiving, 2023.

The council also set rental fees for the new Kinzie Community Center and finalized the application process for use

of the facility.

The rental rate for those living in the Lindale city limits is \$450 and \$650 for those outside the city.

Also, the council:

- Approved a resolution to deny Centerpoint Energy's annual GRIP adjustment rate for a period of 45 days;
- Amended the city's subdivision ordinance to include sewer, water specifications and details;
- Approved an ordinance adopting the 2021 edition of the International Building Code and the International Fire Protection Code and amended the fees.

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Hamilton settled gun debate long time ago

Sadly, it's gotten to the point that we are not shocked by another school shooting, mall shooting, church shooting or countless other murderous rampages that have one thing in common: the use of semi-automatic weapons like the ones used by Audrey Hale to kill three 9 year-olds and three adults at the Covenant School in Nashville, Tenn., a few weeks ago.

Hale had legally purchased seven firearms from local gun stores despite being "under a doctor's care for an emotional disorder," Nashville police officials said, adding the department knew nothing about the treatment.

But as horrific as this was (and more will follow, you can count on it) it's not fully about the mental state of the shooter.

It's simply that these lunatics can legally purchase semi-automatic weapons and law enforcement is powerless to stop them.

AR-15's, (the name is from Armalite Rifle No. 15) were developed specifically for the military in the late 1950s by a man named Eugene Stoner, a World War II veteran.

Yet today, studies show 1 in every 20 adults in the U.S. own an AR-15, with 13.7 million having been manufactured since the Newtown (Mass.) school massacre in 2012.

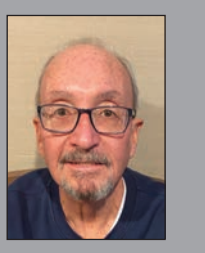
The National Rifle Association, as is its wont, has never considered a weapon designed solely for military use as a problem.

"This firearm is lawfully owned by millions of Americans," said NRA spokesman Andrew Arulanandam. (It's used in shooting competitions, for recreational purposes, hunting and home protection.)

No, despite what some NRA mouthpiece says, its main role has been to kill innocent human beings.

The crux of the NRA's argument for banning assault weapons always circles back to the 2nd Amendment to the Constitution: "A well-regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed."

Terry Cannon Editor



Gun zealots quote this a lot, but do not understand it's meaning. They focus on the "the right of the people to keep and bear arms, shall not be infringed" part and not the first 13 words, especially the word "militia."

This type of militia doesn't refer to a bunch of face-painted bubbas wandering the woods trying to play soldier.

Who says? Alexander Hamilton, that's who.

You may have heard of him. He was a Founding Father, first secretary of the treasury, has his face on the \$10 bill, but most importantly, was a driving force for the ratification of the U.S. Constitution.

Along with James Madison and John Jay (other Founding Father heavyweights, remember?) Hamilton helped write essays that became known as the Federalist Papers, considered one of the key documents for interpreting and understanding the original intent of the Constitution.

These essays appeared anonymously in New York newspapers in 1787 and 1788 under the pen name "Publius," and in Federal Paper No. 29 in 1788, Hamilton specifically points out what "well-regulated militia" means, why it's important and why the Founding Fathers thought there was a need.

At the time, the new United States had just defeated a country with a standing army and the Founding Fathers were wary of having one in America.

Under Hamilton's definition in Federalist Paper No. 29, a "well-regulated" militia is essentially what we have today in the National Guard, a "select corps," "well-trained" and able to perform all the "operations of an army." The militia needed "uniformity in ... organization and discipline," Hamilton wrote, so that it could operate like a proper army "in camp and field," and so that it could gain the "essential ... degree of proficiency in military functions."

And, although it was organized state by state, it needed to be under the ultimate control of the national government. The "well-regulated militia" was under the command of the president. It was "the military arm" of the government.

Remember, this was at a time when America had no standing army and the Founding Fathers didn't want one because they had just defeated a professional army (re: mercenaries) of King George.

The Founders knew there had to be a military force for defense, but it should be comprised of volunteers from the ranks of everyday citizens, who couldn't be used by a tyrant against the population.

Hamilton believed this well-regulated militia of part-time volunteers would help maintain freedom while making a full-time professional army unnecessary.

Obviously, as the country grew and its borders expanded and its place in the world became more precarious, a need for a standing army became necessary.

And, just as obvious is the fact that the National Guard still exists, comprised of volunteer soldiers helping protect the home front.

The entire 2nd Amendment needs to be in the discussion when it comes to modern weaponry and its place in society.

Making AR-15s unavailable wouldn't stop mass killings.

But it might just curtail these shootings enough so they would be shocking, not common place.

It's really not that hard to be nice to customers

I don't know about y'all, but I don't think people are as helpful as they used to be. I'm talkin' about in stores and such.

Oh there are a few stores out there that will go out of their way to help you, but a lot of them just don't seem to care. I really think it's probably the help they hire. They just don't get it. I mean, I'm the one payin' their salary, I ought to be treated nice.

Back when I was workin' what they call "retail," we would jump through hoops tryin' to help people. We'd be friendly, and smile, and such. Now-a-days they act like you're botherin' them even if you ask where some-thin' is.

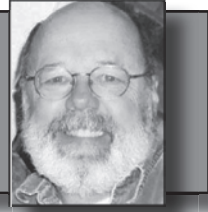
I've asked a simple question and had the person behind the counter roll their eyes and act like I'm stupid or somethin'. Heck, I don't have to leave home to be treated like that.

I've about decided that if they're gonna be rude to me, then I'll just give 'em a little taste of their own medicine. Heck, I'm too old to let people walk all over me.

The other day I went into a business (I'm not gonna mention any names) and walked up to the counter. Now, there were three people behind the counter talkin' to each other, and none of them asked me what I wanted. I stood patiently for a while, and finally cleared my throat.

"Excuse me," I said. "I was wonderin' if you could help me."

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They stopped talkin' and looked at me like I had burped at the table or somethin'.

All three of their ages probably wouldn't have added up to mine. Finally one of them spoke. "Have you put your name down?"

"Do what?" I asked. "Over there," he pointed to a stand with a clipboard on it. "You need to put your name down, so we can take you in the order that you came in."

I looked around and I was the only person in the place besides them.

"You're kiddin' right?"

"No," he informed me. "Just write your name down and one of us will be with you in a minute."

I looked at him. I thought about reachin' over, and grabbin' the squirt by his collar and draggin' him over the counter and clippin' his ear-ringed ear to the clipboard, but now-a-days you do that kind of thing and they put you in jail. Instead, I smiled. I walked over to the clipboard, and signed it.

Then I waited. The three continued talkin' and finally one of them pushed himself off the counter he was leanin' on, and walked over to the clipboard.

He looked at the name. "Mr. Mouse?" he said with a funny look on his face.

"You can call me Mickey," I said. He gave me one of those smart-alecky looks.

"Funny," he said. "No," I said. "What's funny is the way you're gonna look when I find out who owns this joint and tell him how you treat your customers. Now, do you want to help me or do you want to give me the name of the person who can?"

All of a sudden, he became really helpful. In fact, all three of them scabbled around tryin' to make sure I left happy. And I did. Later that same day, I went into a store and bought some stuff. I took it up and waited in line at the checkout counter. Finally, it was my turn.

"How are you doin' today," I said to the cashier. She looked at me and didn't say a word. She grabbed my stuff off of the counter scanned it and said: "Seven dollars and 14 cents."

I held my temper and started to hand her a 20 dollar bill. She grabbed it out of my hand, picked up one of those pen things that they mark on the bills to see if they're counterfeit or not, and drug it across the bill.

Then she held it up and looked at it hard. You know, cashiers do this all the time, and most of the time, they don't make a big deal out of it, but this one sure did. Then she placed it on the cash register, punched in some numbers and dug out my change.

She did not count back the change, but instead piled in into my out stretched hand. She didn't say thank you, come back to see us, or kiss my foot. Well, I reached over and grabbed her counterfeit checkin' pen and I proceeded to mark each and every one of the bills she gave back to me.

Then I held them up and looked at them hard. When I gave her pen back, she was sturin' a hole through me.

"What?" I said. "You didn't trust my money, so what makes you think I can trust yours?" Then I looked at the people in line behind me. "You can never be too sure," I said. They were all smilin'.

Naw, it didn't change anything. She'll still be the nasty ol' haint she already was, but man, I sure felt better.

Now for you out there who think I'm bein' a little too hard on these folks, let me tell you somethin'. If these people want my hard earned money, then they can at least try to be nice. Bein' nice never hurt anybody. I'm just too old to put up with rudeness, and if you don't like it, well tough toenails.

Texas Bank and Trust promotes two at Lindale branch

Texas Bank and Trust officials have announced Jeannie Tomlinson has been promoted to vice president and Laura Duncan is now a banking officer and mortgage loan originator, both in the bank's Lindale branch.

Tomlinson has been involved in the banking industry for 24 years, 12 of those with Texas Bank and Trust.

She has experience as a teller and in the areas of bookkeeping and new accounts, and she currently serves as

branch manager.

Tomlinson is an active member of the Hideaway Lake Kiwanis Club, and she and her family are members of Broadstreet Church of Christ in Mineola.

Laura Duncan has been employed with the bank since 2011. Beginning as a teller, she has also worked as a lending assistant, mortgage coordinator, mortgage processor and mortgage loan originator.

A Van native, Duncan graduated from Van High School and Tyler Junior College with an associate degree in general studies. She volunteers with the Lindale Chamber of Commerce, most recently serving on the silent auction committee for its annual banquet and auction.

Texas Bank and Trust Company operates 21 full-service branches throughout East Texas and the DFW Metroplex.

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ONE YEAR AGO, April 14, 2022

Lindale City Council members approved using \$350,000 in Community Development Block Grant money for sidewalks in the northeast portion of downtown during their regular meeting at city hall.

According to City Finance Director David Craft, the council had to approve using the grant money during their regularly scheduled meeting.

Council members also approved an ordinance concerning the city's Extra Territorial Jurisdiction, which was preceded by a mandated public hearing.

No one spoke during the public hearing time allotment and the council quickly approved the ordinance which will change certain designations within the city's ETJ to accommodate future subdivision requirements.

By state law, Lindale's ETJ can extend one mile past its city limits, which creates a buffer for the city from bigger cities such as Tyler, which can extend its ETJ up to five miles outside its boundaries.

FIVE YEARS AGO, April 12, 2018

The roster for the Azalea Orthopedics All Star high school basketball games were announced and a Lindale High School player, Alisha Kiser, was chosen to the West squad. Teams were divided by the Highway 69.

This was the 15th year of the tournament, which gives high school seniors in East Texas a chance to showcase their skills for colleges and hometown fans. All games were scheduled for Wagstaff Gymnasium on the TJC campus.

10 YEARS AGO, April 11, 2013

Representatives of Action Properties from Yazoo, Miss., along with Lindale Economic Development Corporation President John Clary, addressed Lindale City Council members about a possible economic development incentive agreement to bring a Beall's Department Store to the city.

The proposed location was on County Road 472, near the Raceway gas station, a Subway restaurant and residential areas on the north side and a Burger King restaurant on the south side.

The retail development, with Beall's as the main tenant, would be located on the north side of the road.

The incentive -- a sales tax rebate preferred by Action and the proposed tenants in the retail center -- remained the sticking point with council members who also acknowledged there are a number of questions that need to be answered, such as the amount of the rebate, what to do about the water line that runs from Walmart to the Subway parking lot and determining rights of way along the road.

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Easy to grow, peppers are delicious garden delight

By Greg Grant

Smith County Horticulturist

I love to cook with bell peppers and eat fresh banana peppers with every summertime meal.

Except for a few purple ones, most peppers begin their lives green and ripen to beautiful shades of gold, orange, and red. It takes time for this color change to happen and that's why they are more expensive at the grocery store.

Once they turn color, they are even sweeter, more flavorful, and better for you, as the vitamin C and Vitamin A goes up considerably.

Peppers are warm weather plants and should be planted from transplants between now and the end of April—the sooner the better.

They cannot tolerate a frost or a freeze and thrive with mild and moderately warm temperatures in spring and early summer.

Often summer heat and drought kill spring planted sweet peppers in Texas, but hot peppers tend to be more heat tolerant. Both, however, produce well again in the fall if irrigated and tended through the summer.

Pepper plants should be spaced 18-24 inches apart. They can be grown in large whiskey barrel (30 gallon) containers but do best planted in the ground.

Peppers require at least 8 hours of direct sun each day for maximum production. They require rich loamy soils that drain well. It is ideal to till in several inches of compost or organic matter and incorporate two pounds of lawn fertilizer (15-5-10, 18-6-12, etc.) per 100 square foot of bed or every 35 feet of row before planting.

For smaller plots use 2 teaspoons per square foot or foot of row. The ideal soil pH for growing peppers is 5.5-7.5.

Pepper transplants should be planted into well cultivated soil. Dig holes that are the same size as the existing pots they are growing in. Gently firm the soil around them. Do not bury the stems.

Water thoroughly with a water-soluble plant food (Miracle Grow, etc.) at the labeled rate.

Peppers grow and set fruit best when the temperatures are warm but below 90 degrees. About three weeks after transplanting, fertilize them with 1 cup of high nitrogen fertilizer (21-0-0, etc.) for each 35 feet of row.

Sprinkle half of the fertilizer down each side of the row. Lightly work it into the soil and then water. Repeat this fertilizing process every 3 weeks to keep the plants vigorous and producing.



Peppers are a delicious addition to many summer meals. (Courtesy photo)

The main pest problems on peppers are leaf miners, spider mites, nematodes, and foliage diseases. If they occur, treat with an appropriately labeled pesticide.

Depending on the variety you should pick peppers 65-80 days after transplanting them into the garden. Peppers can be harvested at any size but are the most flavorful when they reach full maturity.

Green peppers that turn red generally taste sweeter and are much higher in Vitamin A.

Be careful picking the peppers as the plants are brittle and prone to breaking. It's best to cut the peppers from the plant with hand pruners. Wash, prepare, or refrigerate the peppers immediately after picking. Peppers are native to Central America.

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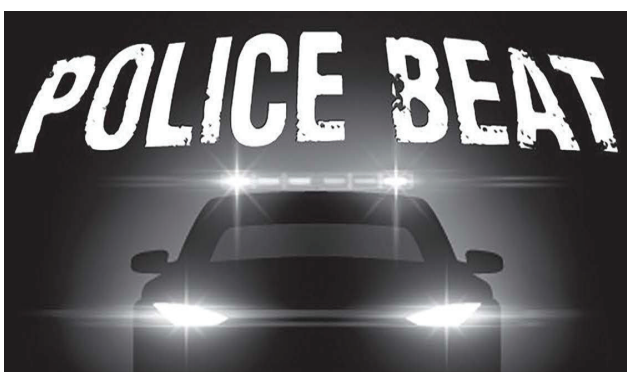
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Lindale Police Department call log for March 24-March 30:

FRIDAY, MARCH 24: 12:23:55 AM, Assist SCSO, 400 BLK S MAIN ST; 12:55:39 AM, Assist Another Agency, 3500 BLK S MAIN ST; 1:00:09 AM, Suspicious Vehicle, 700 BLK E South St; 9:59:47 AM, Criminal Mischief, 900 BLK S Main St; 11:07:28 AM, Assault-aggravated, 100 BLK E CENTENNIAL BLVD; 11:22:19 AM, Accident, E South St/Hamrick St; 3:28:58 PM, Criminal Mischief, 100 BLK E CENTENNIAL BLVD; 3:39:43 PM, Accident, 2500 BLK S MAIN ST; 4:18:01 PM, Accident, 300 BLK S MAIN ST; 5:30:20 PM, Assault-Simple, 19000 BLK CR 431; 8:27:37 PM, Hit and run, 100 BLK E CENTENNIAL BLVD; 10:38:28 PM, Disturbance, 13000 BLK Interstate 20 W.

SATURDAY, MARCH 25: 1:36:11 AM, Suspicious Circumstance, 15000 BLK FM 16 W; 8:00:50 AM, Disturbance, 700 BLK Half St; 8:02:46 AM, Assist Another Agency, 500 BLK Pierce St; 9:26:18 AM, Criminal Mischief, 1000BLK Stewart St; 9:41:35 AM, Public Service, 21000 BLK HWY 69 N; 10:26:04 AM, Dog Bite, 600 BLK Linus Lane; 10:55:32 AM, Accident, N Henry St/W Hubbard St; 2:16:06 PM, Suspicious Circumstance, 13000 BLK INTERSTATE 20 W; 8:03:09 PM, Suspicious Circumstance, 15000 BLK FM 16 W; 8:28:58 PM, Traffic Hazard, 13000 BLK INTERSTATE 20 W; 8:37:39 PM, Suspicious Vehicle, 15000 BLK CR 463.

SUNDAY, MARCH 26: 1:16:38 AM, Assist SCSO, Margaret St/N Main St; 9:23:26 AM, Welfare Concern, 300 BLK S Industrial St; 11:50:35 AM, Suspicious Person, 900 BLK Mt Sylvan St; 12:27:04 PM, Suspicious Circumstance, 21000 BLK HWY 69 N; 2:29:41 PM, Animal Complaint,



100 BLK E CENTENNIAL BLVD; 4:26:33 PM, Animal Complaint, 1000 BLK Stewart St; 6:16:46 PM, Stolen Vehicle, 100 BLK E CENTENNIAL BLVD; 7:36:22 PM, Child Custody Dispute, 17000 BLK Stacy St; 9:06:34 PM, Assist SCSO, 10000 BLK CR 497; 9:18:02 PM, Warrant Service, FM1804/HWY 69 N; 10:23:26 PM, Threats, 1000 BLK Stewart St.

MONDAY, MARCH 27: 12:37:55 AM, Criminal Mischief, 200 BLK Cannery Row; 1:00:16 AM, Loud Noise Complaint, 15000 BLK CR 467; 7:24:25 AM, Criminal Mischief, 50 BLK Miranda Lambert Way; 10:17:29 AM, Parking Violation, CR 472/Freedom Dr; 11:10:49 AM, Alarm Residence, 600 BLK Yesterday Dr; 1:39:43 PM, Suspicious Circumstance, 1600 BLK Courtland Lane; 3:55:31 PM, Reckless Driving, Perryman Rd/S Main St; 5:20:44 PM, Soliciting, 3500 BLK S MAIN ST; 5:49:43 PM, Accident, 13000 BLK FM 849; 9:26:37 PM, Reckless Driving, 900 BLK N Main St; 10:02:02 PM, Recover Missing/Runaway, 17000 BLK CR 4105.

TUESDAY, MARCH 28: 1:05:09 AM, Traffic Hazard,

CR 472/S Main St; 5:11:40 AM, Alarm Business, 500 BLK S MAIN ST; 9:22:48 AM, Assist Another Agency, 800 BLK Lindale Industrial Pkwy; 2:53:59 PM, Theft, 100 BLK N MAIN ST; 3:02:18 PM, Overdose, 1300 BLK Hamilton Dr; 6:53:32 PM, Animal Complaint, 700 BLK Circle Dr; 9:21:12 PM, Fraud, 2800 BLK S Main St; 11:10:33 PM, Suspicious Circumstance, 300 BLK Brazier St; 11:38:53 PM, Assist Another Agency, 2800 BLK S Main St.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29: 8:06:08 AM, Reckless Conduct, 200 BLK S MAIN ST; 12:25:09 PM, Public Service, 100 BLK E CENTENNIAL BLVD; 1:38:35 PM, Public Service, 100 BLK BALLARD DR; 2:11:43 PM, Assist Another Agency; 1000 BLK Stewart St; 2:32:02 PM, Inquest/unattended death, 18000 BLK Hwy 69 N; 3:45:52 PM, 911 Hang Up Call, 400 BLK EAGLE SPIRIT DR; 7:03:12 PM, Alarm Business, 17000 BLK Hwy 69 N; 7:11:49 PM, Alarm Business, 16000 BLK VILLAGE LAKE DR; 7:47:02 PM, Suspicious Vehicle, 3500 BLK S MAIN ST; 8:14:01 PM, Suspicious Vehicle, 600 BLK N Main St; 8:49:27 PM, Suspicious Circumstance, 3500 BLK S MAIN ST; 9:52:59 PM, Assist SCSO, 18000 BLK INTERSTATE 20 W.

THURSDAY, MARCH 30: 4:26:56 AM, Traffic Hazard, FM 16 W/CR 467; 1:25:26 PM, Assault-Simple, 200 BLK Hillside Circle; 2:06:15 PM, Suspicious Circumstance, 400 BLK Husky Dr; 5:12:51 PM, 911 Hang Up Call, 1000 BLK Stewart St; 5:21:19 PM, Public Service, 100 BLK Ballard Dr; 8:03:00 PM, Assault-Simple, 300 BLK Asher Lane; 8:51:17 PM, Stolen Vehicle, 100 BLK E CENTENNIAL BLVD; 9:06:40 PM, Stolen Vehicle, 3200 BLK S MAIN ST; 9:59:09 PM, Public Service, 200 BLK E Hubbard St; 11:58:38 PM, Alarm Business, 3200 BLK S MAIN ST; 12:10:12 AM, Alarm Business, 2500 BLK S MAIN ST; 3:50:12 AM, Welfare Concern, 13000 BLK FM 2710.

With hunting season under way, officials stressing gun safety

Now that spring turkey hunting season has begun, officials with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and Texas Department of Public Safety are reminding gun owners that safe gun storage saves lives.

Proper storage protects those you love and keeps firearms out of the hands of criminals.

The Pew Research Center estimates more than 45 percent of Texans own a gun. One-third of homes with children have a firearm, and many of these may be unlocked and loaded, according to DPS.

The "Keep 'Em Safe Texas" program was created three years ago to inform and educate gun owners about the importance of safely storing firearms when not in use.

"Education about home firearm storage and safety is paramount to keeping guns out of the wrong hands," said

Assistant Chief Jason Hester of DPS Regulatory Services. "We appreciate the efforts of our partners statewide, as they are diligently and consistently helping us to communicate this lifesaving message to protect Texas families and prevent accidents."

As the state's hunting authority, TPWD developed a Hunter Education program more than 50 years ago, teaching 1.5 million Texans how to safely handle and store guns. Hunting-related accidents in Texas are at an all-time low since the course became mandatory in 1988.

"We spend a lot of time teaching about safety in the field — it is equally as important to safely store your gun before and after the hunt," said TPWD Hunter Education Coordinator Steve Hall.

Three Simple Rules for Gun Safety
-- Store Firearms Properly. Store

guns unloaded and secured by a trigger lock, biometric lock, gun case, strong box, gun cabinet or gun safe.

-- Lock Up Ammunition. Store ammunition safely, always locked away separately from firearms.

-- Restrict Access. Keep others from access to stored firearms 24/7; this includes family, friends, children or other visitors.

Partner participation is key in educating the public about safe gun storage and reducing the risks of gun-related incidents.

"Keep 'Em Safe Texas" provides a [partner toolkit](#) that includes training presentations, informative videos, posters, coloring pages, infographics and other resources.

The associated [social media resources page](#) includes turnkey posts for partner use. Contact info@safegunstorage.texas.com with questions.



Rotary Club speaker

Smith County Extension Agent Skyler Shively was the guest speaker at the weekly meeting of the Lindale Rotary Club and along with discussing the various aspects of his job as county agent, Shively discussed the 4-A Club and what it provides the youngsters and adults in the county, including the Smith County Junior Livestock Show which was held at Cross Brand Cowboy Church recently. (Photo courtesy of Alice Ann Brown)



Smith County Master Gardeners' Class 29 members include: Dana Bass, Mary Bonrepos, Tom Cox, Veronica Deason, Bill Faber, Gary Gardner, Gavin Greib, Susan Hatley, Holly Hollenshead, Ann Hooks, Carol Koehler, Sam Lackey, Vicki Lewis, Sylvia Masters, Mary Ann Post, Jan Purcell, Libby Sanson, Richard Seaton, Alleyson Shealey, Maggie Taliaferro, Robert Taliaferro, Dale Wade, Stephanie Wadowsky, and Ruth York. Also pictured Greg Grant, Smith County Agrilife Horticultural Agent and Amanda Southard, Agrilife Administrative Assistant. Class 30 members elevated to Intern status are: Cynthia Adams, Alice Bailey, Kaylee Browning, Stephen Childs, Sandy Ellis, Diane Everhart, David & Judy Googins, Richard Harvey, Yvonne Hogan, GG Martin, James & Dora McClain, Barbara Nelson, Julie O'Brien, Chris Pruett, Kimberly Smith, Steven and Terry Strecker, Stacie Stults, Lynn Sylvester, Linda Thomas, Jackie Thomason, Marlyn Waddleton, Sharon Walhoo, and Karen Walker.

Smith County Master Gardeners honor grads at awards meeting

The Smith County Master Gardeners celebrated the latest graduating class of master gardeners during their annual Awards Meeting held April 6, publicity officials announced.

All 29 interns completed the comprehensive classroom training and required volunteer fulfillments to obtain their Master Gardener certification.

In addition to the certifications, Milestone Awards were presented to Harvey Colleen, Deborah Golden, Cindy Harrington and Jan Moch for 15 years; Lindale Scoggin for 25 years and Jack Quisenberry for 29 years.

Lifetime Membership status was awarded to Ann Smith, David Gary and Kathy Ballow.

Other awards included:

Project of the Year - Nature Detective Camp - Katy Barone

Public Awareness Award - Lynn McGinnis

Social Media Award - Stephanie Osborn for heading the Development Committee

No Problem Award - Laurie Graham

Helping Hand Award - Lyn Benson for assuming the role of videographer

Friend of SCMG - CBS 19 in Tyler for instituting the weekly "Master Your Garden" TV segment, and Amanda Southard for her assistance in all of SCMG's activi-

ties
New Initiative Award - Andie Rathbone for the Channel 19 "Master Your Garden" TV spots

Golden Glove Award - Debbie Taylor
Certificates of Appreciation - Jeff Brown for sprinkler maintenance in the gardens of the Tyler Botanical Garden; Martha Fowler for her dedication to the IDEA Garden; Terri Gerber for her work on the Texas Superstars training and the SCMG website and Janie Fowler for her work with the SCMG Interns

Intern with the most hours - Dale Wade, 153 hours

Intern of the Year - Maggie Taliaferro
Master Gardener with the most hours - Mary Jo Madden, 1041 hours

President's Award - Mary Hamlin
Master Gardener of the Year - Elizabeth Waldrop

Greg Grant, Smith County Horticultural Agent for Texas A&M Agrilife Extension Service presented the Agent's Award to Belinda Kromer.

If you are interested in becoming a Master Gardener, call 903-590-2994 or <https://txmg.org/smith/contact>.

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

Homestead exemptions can lower tax bills

Smith County homeowners can reduce their tax bill simply by filing for a homestead exemption, said Carol Dixon, chief appraiser for the Smith County Appraisal District.

"One of the easiest ways a homeowner can lower his or her property tax bill in 2023 is to file a homestead exemption," Dixon said.

"A homestead is generally the house and land used as the owner's principal residence on Jan. 1 of the tax year."

A person who acquires property after Jan. 1 may receive the residence homestead exemption for the applicable portion of that tax year immediately on qualification for the exemption if the preceding owner did not receive the same exemption for that tax year.

Homestead exemptions reduce the appraised value of your home and, as a result, lower your property taxes.

"Taxpayers who received a homestead exemption on their present home in 2022 do not need to reapply for 2023. Homeowners who have never received a homestead exemption on the home they owned and in which they were living on Jan. 1, 2023, can apply to receive an exemption for 2023," Dixon said.

To apply for an exemption on your residence homestead, contact the Smith County Appraisal District.

Available homestead exemptions include:

School taxes: All homeowners may receive a \$40,000 homestead exemption for school taxes.

Age and disability exemptions: Individuals 65 or older or disabled as defined by law may qualify for a \$10,000 homestead exemption for school taxes, in addition to

the \$40,000 exemption available to all homeowners. Also, any taxing unit may offer a local optional exemption of at least \$3,000 for taxpayers age 65 or older and/or disabled. Older or disabled homeowners do not need to own their homes on Jan. 1 to qualify for the \$10,000 homestead exemption. They qualify as soon as they turn age 65 or become disabled.

Taxing units may offer a local option exemption based on a percentage of a home's appraised value. Any taxing unit can exempt up to 20 percent of the value of each qualified homestead.

Various optional homestead exemptions are offered by taxing units in Smith County. No matter what percentage of value the taxing unit adopts, the dollar value of the exemption must be at least \$5,000.

Donated Residence Homestead of Partially Disabled Veterans: Texas law provides partial exemptions for any property owned by veterans who are disabled, surviving spouses, and surviving children of deceased disabled veterans. This includes homesteads donated to disabled veterans by charitable organizations at no cost or not more than 50 percent of the good faith estimate of the homestead's market value to the disabled veterans and their surviving spouses. The exemption amount is determined according to the percentage of service-connected disability.

100 Percent Residence Homestead Exemption for Disabled Veterans: A disabled veteran awarded 100 percent disability compensation due to a service-connected disability and a rating of 100

percent disabled or of individual unemployment from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs is entitled to an exemption from taxation of the total appraised value of the veteran's residence homestead. Surviving spouses of veterans who qualified for this exemption or who would have qualified for this exemption if it had been in effect at the time of the veteran's death are also eligible with certain restrictions. The residence homestead application must be filed if this exemption is claimed.

Surviving Spouses of Members of the U.S. Armed Services Killed in the Line of Duty: The surviving spouse of a member of the U.S. armed services who is killed or fatally injured in the line of duty is allowed a total (100 percent) property tax exemption on his or her residence homestead if the surviving spouse has not remarried since the death of the armed services member.

Surviving Spouses of First Responders Killed in the Line of Duty: The eligible surviving spouse of a first responder killed or fatally injured in the line of duty is allowed a total (100 percent) property tax exemption on his or her residence homestead if the surviving spouse has not remarried since the death of the first responder.

For more information, contact the Smith County Appraisal District, 245 SSE Loop 323, Tyler, Texas 75702, 903-510-8600.

Homestead applications are available at www.smithcad.org. The homestead exemption application is also available online at <https://comptroller.texas.gov/forms/50-114.pdf>.

Junior high girls track teams win district

Both the 7th and 8th girls track teams from Lindale Junior High School claimed top honors at the district track meet held on Monday, April 3 in Van.

Additionally, new records were set in the 7th grade 200 meter run, the

8th grade 2400 meter run, the 8th grade 1600 meter run, the 8th grade 800 and 400 meter relay and in the 8th grade 300 meter hurdles.

Brooklyn Wiggins' time of 28.33 in the 200 meters eclipsed her previous record set on March 27 of this year.

Madison Devisscher set a new standards in the 2400 meter run with a time of 9:29.79, topping her previous mark, also set on March 27. She also broke her previous record in the 1600 meter run – which she set on March 27 as well – with a time of 5:56.09.

The 8th grade 400 meter relay team of Tori Cooper, Ma'Kaylin Smith, Brooke Gissell and Kaidance Smith set a new record of 51.92, besting the previous record set in 2009 by Joshlyn Harp, Tara Moore, Kierra Goss and Hannah Malone of 52.10.

In the 8th grade 800 meter relay, the team of Tori Cooper, Ma'Kaylin Smith, Brooke Gissell and Kaidance Smith set the new

mark with a time of 1:50.91, which eclipsed their previous record set on March 27.

In the 8th grade 300 meter hurdles, Kyndal Thurmon set the new standard with a time of 48.25, which beat the time of Gracie Tucker of 49.09 in 2010.

The 7th graders finished with a first place total of 234 points, while the 8th graders were first with 216.5 points.

Leading scorers for the 7th graders were:

- Brooklyn Wiggins, 30 points
- Breelynn Gordon, 28 points
- Madison Hopson, 25 points
- Baylee Brooks, 23 Points
- Rachel Kelley, 19 points
- MaKynli Zemer, 18 points
- Alayna Ogden, 17 points

Leading scorers for the 8th graders were:

- Ella Hutchens 32 points
- Kyndal Thurmon, 31 points
- Madison Devisscher, 20 points
- Tori Cooper, 18 points

7TH GRADE RESULTS

(Lindale participants only)

Triple Jump – Breelynn Gordon – 1st Place (30'0 1/4); Tiana Silva – 3rd Place (28'0); Baylee Brooks – 6th Place (27'6 3/4)

Long Jump – Breelynn Gordon – 2nd Place (15'0); Brooklyn Wig-

gins – 3rd Place (13'9 1/2); Rachel Kelley – 6th Place (13'1)

High Jump – Rachel Kelley – 1st Place (4'4); Brooklyn Wiggins, 3rd Place (tie) (4'3) and Baylee Brooks, (4'3)

Pole Vault – Dylan Grace – 1st Place (6'6); Baylee Brooks – 2nd Place (6'0); Bella Bunton – 3rd Place (tie) (6'0)

Discus – Harper Kinney – 3rd Place – (65'10 1/2)

Shot Put – Zaidyn Chamberlain – 5th Place – (28'5 1/2); Harper Kinney – 6th Place – (27'8 1/2)

2400 Run – Lucy Michels – 6th Place – (11:43.45)

400 Relay – Makynli Zemer, Breelynn Gordon, Baylee Brooks, Brooklyn Wiggins – 1st Place (54.36)

800 Run – Madison Hopson – 1st Place (2:37.80); Harper Lewis – 4th Place (2:50.56)

100 Hurdles – Rachel Kelley – 1st Place (17.92)

100 Dash – Breelynn Gordon – 1st Place (13.42); MaKynli Zemer – 2nd Place (13.77)

800 Relay – Alayna Ogden, Tiana Silva, Baylee Brooks, Brooklyn Wiggins – 2nd Place (2:00.34)

400 Run -- Madison Hopson – 1st Place (1:06.79); Alayna Ogden – 2nd Place (1:08.85); Addyson Hance – 6th Place (1:12.98)

300 Hurdles – Rachel Kelley – 2nd Place (53.65)

200 Dash – Brooklyn Wiggins – 1ST Place (28.33); Tiana Silva – 4th Place (29.46)

1600 Run – Bailey Parsons – 1st Place (6:35.14)

1600 Relay – Makynli Zemer, Breelynn Gordon, Madison Hopson, Alayna Ogden – 1st Place (4:37.31)

8TH GRADE RESULTS

(Lindale participants only)

Triple Jump – Kyndal Thurmon – 3rd Place (32'1 3/4); Ella Hutchens – 5th Place (30'3)

Long Jump – Ella Hutchens – 4th Place (14'9); Jordyn Weesner – 6th Place (14'4)

High Jump – Brooke Gissell – 5th Place (4'4); Lilly Johnson – 6th Place (4'4)

Pole Vault – Julianne Schlenker – 1st Place (7'6); Kimber Simpson – 2nd Place (7'6)

Discus – Ella Hutchens – 2nd Place (81'10); Tessa Dennis – 5th Place (69'11);

Emma Watkins – 6th Place (69'2)

Shot Put – Ella Hutchens – 1st Place (37'9); Lexi Pinson – 5th Place (32'2)

2400 Run – Madison Devisscher – 1st Place (9:29.79); Bella

Van Dyke – 4th Place (10:45.41); Bernadette Malmgren – 5th Place (10:48.12)

400 Relay – Tori Cooper, Ma'Kaylin Smith, Brooke Gissell, Kaidance Smith – 1st Place (51.92)

800 Run – Brooke Lewis – 4th Place (2:53.53); Emory Schmidt – 5th Place (2:57.54)

100 Hurdles – Kyndal Thurmon – 1st Place (16.65); Lilly Johnson – 3rd Place (17.26); Caydence Thompson – 4th Place (17.88)

800 Relay – Tori Cooper, Ma'Kaylin Smith, Brooke Gissell, Kaidance Smith – 1st Place (1:50.91)

400 Run – Ahlyvia Luwizhi – 1st Place (1:06.23); Ella Hutchens – 2nd Place (1:09.07)

300 Hurdles – Kyndal Thurmon – 1st Place (48.25); Lilly Johnson – 4th Place (52.34)

200 Dash – Tori Cooper – 2nd Place (27.27); Brooke Gissell – 4th Place (27.92); Kaidance Smith – 6th Place (28.06)

1600 Run – Madison Devisscher – 1st Place (5:56.09); Bernadette Malmgren – 5th Place (6:36.14); Bella Van Dyke – 6th Place (6:38.51)

1600 Relay – Ahlyvia Luwizhi, Brooke Lewis, Kyndal, Thurmon, Ma'Kaylin Smith – 1st Place (4:32.29)



Yard of the Month
The Lindale Garden Club presented its Yard of the Month award for April to Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Carter at 705 Linus Lane in Lindale. (Courtesy photo)

Lindale's DeArmond initiated into Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi

Wesley DeArmond of Lindale was recently initiated into The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, the nation's oldest and most selective all-discipline collegiate honor society at Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center, publicity officials announced.

DeArmond is among approximately 25,000 students, faculty, professional staff and alumni to be initiated into Phi Kappa Phi each year.

Membership is by invitation only and requires nomination and approval by a chapter. Only the top 10 percent of seniors and 7.5 percent of juniors are eligible for membership.

Graduate students in the top 10 percent of the number of candidates for graduate degrees may also qualify, as do faculty, professional staff and alumni who have achieved

scholarly distinction.

Phi Kappa Phi was founded in 1897 under the leadership of undergraduate student Marcus L. Urann who had a desire to create a different kind of honor society: one that recognized excellence in all academic disciplines. Today, the Society has chapters on more than 325 campuses in the United States, its territories and the Philippines.

Its mission is "To recognize and promote academic excellence in all fields of higher education and to engage the community of scholars in service to others."

Since its founding, more than 1.5 million members have been initiated into Phi Kappa Phi. Some of the organization's notable members include former President Jimmy Carter, NASA astronaut Wendy Lawrence, novelist John Grisham and YouTube co-founder Chad Hurley.

Bluebirds can always make you smile

By Carol Koehler
Smith County Master Gardener

The beautiful bluebird is often seen in my yard and brings a smile to my face. This small bird in the thrush family has a beautiful royal blue back and warm red-brown breast.

They are a little bit bigger than a sparrow, but smaller than a robin. They remind me of my mom. When I was in middle school, my family was looking for a place to build a home in East Texas. While looking at lots, my mom saw several bluebirds flying in and out of a stand of trees.

Well, that was it, the lot was chosen!

Through the building of the house those three trees were preserved with special care. Luckily, the bluebirds stayed and were a joy to watch. Unfortunately, we lost my mom too soon. Then the trees, too, were gone.

This, however, has encouraged my delight in seeing these birds! When they show up in my yard, I am so excited and filled with warm memories. I have several nest boxes in my yard and make sure to clean them out as soon as the babies leave, as they can have more than one brood in a year.

When they do have a second brood, these young



birds typically stay with the parents throughout the winter.

When you put a box in your yard, be sure to have the opening facing east, and preferably to an open area. They eat mostly insects so I put out mealworms for them as a treat.

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

Health problems prevalent with sugary drinks

By Claudann Jones
Smith County Extension Agent
Family and Community Health



People who often drink sugary drinks are more likely to face health problems, such as weight gain, obesity, type 2 diabetes, heart disease, cavities, and gout, a type of arthritis.

The latest guidelines recommend that people 2 years and older keep their intake of added sugars to less than 10 percent of their total daily calories. For example, in a 2,000 calorie diet, no more than 200 calories should come from added sugars.

Two hundred calories is about 12 teaspoons of added sugar in food and beverages combined. A 12-ounce regular soda has more than 10 teaspoons of added sugar, adding up to about total 150 calories.

CDC research found about 30 percent of Americans ages two and older eat and drink high amounts of added sugar each day. Cutting out 2 regular sodas per day would reduce total calories by 2,100 in a week.

Tricks to Rethink Your Drink

- A glass of water
- Choose water (tap or unsweetened, bottled, or sparkling) over sugary drinks.
- Need more flavor? Add berries or slices of lime, lemon, or cucumber to water.
- Missing fizzy drinks? Add a splash of 100% juice to plain sparkling water for a refreshing, low-calorie drink.
- Need help breaking the habit?

Don't stock up on sugary drinks. Instead, keep a jug or bottles of cold water in the fridge.

-- Water just won't do? Reach for drinks that contain important nutrients such as low fat or fat free milk; unsweetened, fortified milk alternatives; or 100 percent fruit or vegetable juice first. (NOTE: Before infants are 12 months old, do not give fruit or vegetable juice. Juice after 12 months old is not necessary, but 4 ounces or less a day of 100 percent juice can be provided.)

-- At the coffee shop? Skip the flavored syrups or whipped cream. Ask for a drink with low fat or fat free milk, an unsweetened milk alternative such as soy or almond, or get back to basics with black coffee.

-- At the store? Read the Nutrition Facts label to choose drinks that are low in calories, added sugars, and saturated fat.

-- On the go? Carry a reusable water bottle with you and refill it throughout the day.

-- Still thirsty? Learn how to drink more water.

Remember that you can be a role model for your friends and family by choosing water and other healthy, low-calorie beverages.

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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DECEASED § SMITH COUNTY, TEXAS

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of B.C. Trammell, Jr. Deceased, were issued on March 20, 2023 in Docket No. 47244P pending in the County Court at Law No. 3 of Smith County, Texas, to Sherry Mead.

The residence of the Independent Executrix is in Smith County, Texas and the post office address is:

Sherry Mead
c/o Charles H. Clark
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All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

DATED the 6th of April, 2023.

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ATTORNEY FOR SHERRY MEAD,
EXECUTRIX OF THE ESTATE OF B.J.
TRAMMELL, JR., deceased

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of JOSIE ALVAREZ WARCHUS, Deceased, were issued on March 13, 2023, in Cause No. 47228P, pending in the County Court at Law 3 of Smith County, Texas, to WARREN LEROY WARCHUS, JR.. The address for the Independent Executor is:

c/o: LEIGH HUNT GOODSON
The Goodson Firm, P.C.
115 W. Ferguson Street
Tyler, Texas 75702

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

Date: March 28, 2023.

THE GOODSON FIRM, P.C.
Attorneys for Warren Leroy Warchus, Jr.

LEGAL NOTICE**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Independent Administration for the Estate of DAMON MARK DOTSON, Deceased, were issued on February 27, 2023, in Cause No. 47124P, pending in the County Court at Law 3 of Smith County, Texas, to DERRICK MAURICE DOTSON.

The address for the Independent Administrator is:

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The Goodson Firm, P.C.
115 W. Ferguson Street
Tyler, Texas 75702

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

Date: March 28, 2023.

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Attorneys for Derrick Maurice Dotson

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A Pre-Bid Conference will be held on Thursday, April 27, 2023, at 10:00 a.m., at The Brannon Corporation. It is highly recommended that companies submitting proposals attend.

All quantities are estimated and subject to change.

Bid Sets are available on Dropbox. Email request to Angela at Stout@brannoncorp.com

A cashier's check payable to the order of the City of Lindale, in the amount of five percent (5%) of bid, or, Bid Bond issued by a surety licensed to do business in Texas in the amount of five percent (5%) of the bid shall be submitted with each bid.

The City of Lindale reserves the right to reject any and all bids or to waive any informalities in the bidding.

Bids may be held by the City of Lindale for a period not to exceed 60 days from the date of the bid opening for the purpose of reviewing bids and investigating the bidder's qualifications prior to the contract award.

In order to assure that all potential bidders receive any corrections or addendums to the specifications, an official "Bidder's List" will be maintained in the Engineer's office for the project. Any notices of changes in the specifications will be sent to those on the "Bidder's List" and the Engineer will not be held responsible for those not on the list.

Bardwell picked for newspaper Hall of Fame

Continued from Page 1

journalism), contributed in various ways to local newspapers, and in the early days of Jim's career, assisted with publishing a regional high school sports tabloid.

They purchased the Gladewater Mirror, where Jim had worked for many years, in 2012, along with the Big Sandy-Hawkins Journal. They eventually sold the Journal, and then in 2018 took over the operation of the nearby White Oak Independent – in the same community where Suzanne had spent the last 18 years of her teaching career – and also the Lindale News and Times.

They didn't buy the Independent to make money, they bought it to preserve the community's voice and outlet. Suzanne did most of the work keeping it going, as only a good Texan could, with baling wire and duct tape. I learned that one of her last acts on earth was to text the superintendent and let him know his column was due.

As these papers were, and are, typical small town, mom-and-pop operations, her contributions were too numerous to recount, from selling ads to shooting photos (including the pothole of the week). Among those tasks was an award-winning column that pulled few punches when it came to setting the record straight. It could make you laugh or cry, cajole you or flat out tell you what's what. (one sample is included)

She supported causes, most notably saving the Gladewater Library from closing after the 2021 Texas winter storm severely damaged the facility. Call any community leader in Gladewater.

They will likely tell you it wouldn't have happened if not for Suzanne and her threat to chain herself to the building when

the bulldozers arrived. She rallied the community, sought out grants for repairs and reported on the progress. She also supported the local food bank, and frankly, every other worthy cause in the community – hands on as well as editorially.

She was a fierce advocate for the First Amendment, writing about it frequently and contacting lawmakers about issues that threatened those rights. I would have paid good money to be a fly on the wall this spring when she was supposed to make her first sojourn to Washington to advocate for newspapers in the halls of Congress.

Her advocacy went far beyond newspapers, students, freedom of the press and her community. When Texas teachers faced a battle with the state legislature for adequate retirement funding, she was on the front lines, speaking and organizing. And when the high-speed rail project between Dallas and Houston threatened her family's ranch, she jumped directly into the fray. Chains and bulldozers could well have been on the horizon.

Here's what the founder and former director of the Texas Center for Community Journalism, and a Hall of Fame inductee, had to say:

Tommy Thomason - The real mark of greatness in a life is not people who build great cathedrals or design great art or discover unknown truths -- all that stuff, as wonderful as it is, will someday pass away. The mark of greatness is people who pour their lives into other people. And that is what Suzanne did. There are thousands of people whose lives are forever different because they encountered Suzanne.

"I can't find the proper words to express my joy and appreciation for this honor that will be bestowed on Suzanne



at this summer's press convention," said her husband Jim. "I do know Suzanne would never have considered herself worthy of such a high honor. But that was the type of person she was and still is - always placing others ahead of herself. I hear from her former students regularly and I am still amazed at the influence she made in their lives.

"As many of you know, one of her favorite movies was 'It's a Wonderful Life,' starring Jimmy Stewart as George Bailey. His character reaches a critical emotional crossroads and he questions if his life really made a difference. He soon learns his life was important and due to him many others had better lives.

"Well, all I can say is - George Bailey hasn't got anything on Suzanne. And I appreciate her peers recognizing that she really did have a wonderful life and so did we thanks to her."

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BRYNN BORDEN is the daughter of Jennifer and Brandon Borden. She is the social officer of the drill team and a member of the National Honor Society. She is also a recipient of the Helen S. Boylan Writing Contest Scholarship and a member of the student council, Chick-fil-A Leadership Academy, varsity soccer team, speech and debate team, and the catalyst leadership program at her church. Brynn believes she is impacting the world by seeking opportunities to serve her community. She plans to attend The University of Texas at Austin and study psychology. Brynn's future goals include working as a lawyer.

BOWMAN GRACE is the son of Heather and Jeremy Grace. He is a member of the National Honor Society, National Society of High School Scholars, Model United Nations, and the track team. He is also an area, district, and regional champion and state qualifier for pole vaulting. Bowman believes he is impacting the world by attempting to maintain a light-hearted atmosphere in his interactions with others. He plans to attend Texas A&M University and study finance. Bowman's future goals include working as an investment banker. Bowman was elected by his peers to serve as the vice chairman of the Lindale Student Board of Directors.

LIAM RICKETTS is the son of Sabrina and William Ricketts. He is a member of the National Honor Society, International Thespian Society, marching band, and theater club. Liam believes he is impacting the world by seeking opportunities to serve others in his community. He plans to attend Tyler Junior College and study applied sciences. Liam's future goals include earning a master's degree and working as a videogame developer.

Texas Bank and Trust celebrates the thirteenth anniversary of the Lindale Student Board of Directors, recognizing outstanding seniors from Lindale High School who have demonstrated academic excellence, leadership, and a commitment to community service. We are proud to introduce the following members of the 2022-2023 Student Board.

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