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Fort Hood renamed after Korean, Vietnam war hero

It's official. Fort Hood, named for a high-ranking Confederate officer in the Civil War, has been renamed Fort Cavazos, in honor of native Texan Richard E. Cavazos, the country's first Hispanic four-star general.

Fort Cavazos is the Army's largest armored, active-duty military installation, according to a report in the Austin American-Statesman. It is one of nine that are being renamed around the country, based on recommendations from a naming committee commissioned by Congress to remove the names, symbols and displays that honor the Confederacy.

Cavazos was widely decorated for his service during the Korean and Vietnam wars, receiving two Distinguished Service Cross medals during his military career. He died in 2017 at 88.

State rep expelled from Texas House

The Texas House voted 147-0 to expel state Rep. Bryan Slaton after an investigating committee determined he engaged in inappropriate behavior with a 19-year-old legislative aide. Slaton, R-Royce City, was found to have had sexual intercourse with the aide, who works in his office, and to have supplied alcohol to an underaged person on at least three occasions, the Statesman reported.

Slaton resigned the day before the vote to expel him but would have remained an officeholder and been paid until a successor was elected through a special election.

"Expulsion of a member of this body is rare," House Speaker Dade Phelan said. "Mr. Slaton's predatory behavior merits such a consequence. I am proud of my colleagues for holding each of us accountable."

Slaton is the first House member to be expelled since 1927, according to the Statesman.

House considers modified voucher bill

An 80-page version of the Senate's school voucher proposal is now before the House education committee, the Texas Tribune reported. This version would cut the number of students eligible for the program, modify the state's standardized testing program, and eliminate the Senate bill's restriction on teaching about gender and sexual orientation.

A move to get the bill quickly out of committee failed after state Rep. Ernest Bailes, R-Shepherd, questioned why the committee wanted to move forward without holding a public hearing.



Eagles earn regional baseball berth

The Lindale High School Eagles continued their march through the Class 4A UIL baseball playoffs this past week with a sweep of the Nevada Community Braves in the area round.

Next up for the Eagles is the regional round against Texarkana Pleasant Grove, which defeated Ferris in two straight this past week. On Thursday, the Eagles took a 6-1 win and on Friday, Lindale shut down the Braves, 10-0.

LINDALE 6, COMMUNITY 1

Ryan Betts went the distance on the mound for the Eagles, spacing out five hits and fanning two, while allowing five walks.

Jake Curbow drove in a pair of runs for the Eagles with a triple, while Jake Powell also had two RBIs.

Lindale jumped out to a 5-0 lead in the first and were never seriously threatened.

Other hitters for the Eagles on Friday were Miles Keith, Hudson Legrow and Plunkett, with the latter two also adding RBIs.

LINDALE 10, COMMUNITY 0

On Saturday at a neutral site in Kennedale, the Eagles only needed five innings to subdue the Braves in a 10-0 victory.

Legrow was the winner on the mound, allowing just one hit while fanning four. He walked just two.

Luke Waggoner doubled and singled for the Eagles, while Kaden Fleming drove in a pair of runs.

Ryan Betts, Curbow, McCoy and Waggoner all had hits for the Eagles.

BI-DISTRICT ACTION

Prior to their meeting with Community, the Eagles took down Paris the week before, again completing a two-game sweep.

On Friday, May 5, Lindale dominated the Wildcats in Game 2 of their bi-district playoff, 13-2, at the Lindale High School Baseball and Softball Complex. The day before, in Paris, the Eagles took game one, 6-3.

The Eagles wasted little time in disposing of the Wildcats on Friday, plating 11 runs in the bottom of the first enroute to the win.



Recipe for drawing a crowd

On Tuesday, May 9, fans of Miranda Lambert lined up outside the Pink Pistol in downtown Lindale at a cookbook signing by the country music superstar. The event was limited to those who held tickets and all 200 of them were snapped up online in less than a minute, tourism officials said.

Photo by Terry Cannon

Son of commissioner handcuffed, removed from court meeting

A week after disrupting the Smith County Commissioner's Court meeting on May 2, Lance Phillips, the son of Precinct 3 Commissioner Terry Phillips and County Clerk Karen Phillips, was handcuffed and removed from the courtroom during the commissioner's meeting on May 9.

Lance Phillips was handcuffed and led out of the courtroom by sheriff's deputies after shouting "let her speak" when a woman, who had signed up to discuss the county jail operations instead began talking about Sheriff Larry Smith.

It was at this point County Judge Neal Franklin cut her off, saying she was violating the court's rules concerning the public forum.

Lance Phillips could be heard shouting from the gallery and at this point, Sheriff Smith ordered his deputies to escort him from the courtroom.

After being arrested, Phillips was charged with disrupting a meeting or procession. He was later released from jail on a \$500 surety bond.

The previous week, Lance Phillips appeared during the public speaking portion of the commissioners' meeting and after he went off topic, Franklin admonished him and ended the public forum session.

He indicated he wanted to speak on an agenda item dealing with replats in the county, but immediately went in another direction.

"This is what can happen to you when you're driving down Smith County roads. I just want to correct the slander against my family," he said.

Franklin then interrupted him.

"I'm going to stop you right there. If you are not going to speak on the replats you cannot speak," Franklin said.

Lance Phillips then returned to the gallery and began speaking from his seat.

"Mr. Phillips please do not call out from the crowd," Franklin said. "Thank you."

At this point, Lance Phillips was escorted out of

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Eagle track stars earn medals at state tournament

Lindale High School's track competitors captured several medals at the UIL Class 4A Track Meet in Austin this past week as the Maya brothers - Colter and Brett - sprinted to a first and third place, respectively, in their events while pole vaulter Justin Seekford won a second place for the Eagles.

The meet took place on Thursday, May 11 at Mike A. Myers Stadium.

Colter Maya raced to a first place time of 47.78 seconds in the 400 meters while brother Brett finished third in the 200 meters with a time of 21.7. He also took fourth in the 100 meters with a time of 10.66.

Seekford turned in an effort of 15 feet in the pole vault for his second place finish.

Lindale's 4 X 100 relay team of Michael Shannon, Colter Maya, Kaden Baze and Brett Maya turned in a time of 42.36 for fifth place. Gilmer's team of Tyson Wilson, Rohan Fluellen, Ta'Erik Tate and Will Henderson won the event with a time of 41.15.

Overall, Lindale's team finished fifth with 32 points. Gilmer's Buckeyes won the 4A boys crown with 58 points.

Gilmer's Will Henderson won the Class 4A boys 100-meter dash at 10.28.

Garrett Nuckolls of Bullard captured third place in the boys high jump in Class 4A with a height of 6-6. Cyrus Mahan of Van Alstyne was first with an effort of 6-10.

In the Class 4A boys discus, Gilmer's Lucas Cano was third (167-6), followed by Kilgore's Peyton Christian (165-9) at fourth and Kilgore's Braydon Nelson at fifth (165-1).



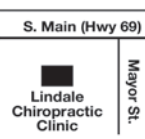
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OPINION/COMMENTARY

... Perspective

A sense of wonder is one of the greatest gifts we are given. I have worked hard to hold on to mine throughout my life. It was easy growing up in the country on a ranch to experience that wonder. In the spring the mounds of clover were the sweet smelling mattress of choice while cloud gazing.

Of course at night the absolute best place to be was the old backyard swing my dad had welded and attached to our old swing set's frame. You could stretch out on it with your leg pushing the chain and slowly swing and watch the stars travel the dark night sky. I could see the Milky Way and constellations and planes and satellites. It was awe inducing and faith inspiring.

This summer when my boss man sweetie takes me to the West Texas Press Association convention in Cloudcroft, New Mexico I hope to go in search of dark skies again because they have disappeared from our neck of the woods. I need, really need, a little more star shine in my life.

What moves you to wonder? My list is only limited by my imagination and the ability to see, really see.

The intelligence and unconditional love of a dog has got to be one of the greatest gifts given to us. Dogs inspire my faith in God because of the qualities of limitless love, loyalty and warmth they share with us.

I just don't understand folks who don't like dogs...or wildlife for that matter. I love them all, except maybe snakes. Although I do appreciate the round-eyed, non-venomous fellers that take care of the rampant East Texas rodent population. I am fascinated by insects, except for pestilent mosquitos and those gosh-awful fire ants.

Seeing a great cowboy or cowgirl manage a spirited horse is phenomenal. When a rider and horse become one it is a thing of great beauty. Frankly, I think that anyone doing any job with passion and dedication is a thing of beauty and power.

But, the ocean pounding the sand in the middle of the night or at sunrise never ceases to move me. The sheer

The Best of Suzanne Bardwell



power and majesty of our world should fill us with wonder and gratitude every single day of our lives.

Then there are the gifts of music, art, good food and relationships

that transcend the humdrum routine of days that we allow to become all too common.

Music is a gift I don't personally possess. I can play the piano and read music but I can not sing or play masterfully. But every day I listen to either Big Band, classic rock, outlaw country music or... it's all good. But when music is performed live with passion, oh man oh man, what a gift.

To read a book or article written by a truly good or great writer takes us places that planes, trains and cars never will. There isn't a day that goes by that there isn't a book in my hand that feeds some aspect of my mind or soul.

Here's the point friends and neighbors, the creation we have been gifted is filled with infinite variety. If we are bored we are dooming ourselves to mediocrity and "sense-less" days. Lift up your eyes to the night sky, to the butterfly resting on a flower, the red-breasted Robin on the low-hanging branch, and know deep down that our weary old world is really quite wonderful.

Then, share that insight. Share kindness and joy and appreciation. Share music and books and ideas. Live life with passion.

The stars will shine brighter, colors will be more vibrant and the music you hear will be sweeter.

Breathe...give thanks...share...

It doesn't get any better than this...

And THIS is pretty dog gone good.

After all, it really is just a matter of perspective.

Son of commissioner handcuffed, removed from court meeting

Continued from Page 1 the courtroom. He returned several minutes later.

Lance Phillips tried to address the arrest of his brother Derrick Phillips who 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.

Voss pulled into the Phillips' residence and Derrick Phillips got involved in the traffic stop. Sheriff's office

spokesman Larry Christian said Phillips became belligerent and another deputy came to assist with the arrest.

At that point, Christian said, Derrick Phillips ran into the house and deputies followed. It was at this

point Karen Phillips became involved in the incident.

She was jailed on a Class B Misdemeanor and was released the next day.

In other action on May 9, commissioners:

- Held a public hearing concerning an amendment for Smith County Reinvestment Zone No. 1. No one spoke about the amendment.
- Approved Smith County Community Hero Awards to Bullard residents Derek Bowers, Drue Bowers, Troy Bowers, Sheane Congo, Kyle Schneider and David Isabell for their lifesaving efforts involving a woman who was trapped in her car, which had landed upside down in a pond on March 13.

The rescuers managed to roll the car on its side which allowed the driver to breathe until first responders arrived.

Commissioner Pam Frederick said the fast actions by the group that night clearly helped save the woman's life.

"This court rarely gives out a Community Hero Award and we feel like it is very fitting for these six people that went beyond their character and went beyond what is expected of them and saved the life of another human," Commissioner Frederick said. "They are an example of the way families are raising their young people ... to love thy neighbor... I think that they give us hope."

-- Heard from Paul Jason and Jeff Golbus from Specialize Public Finance Inc., concerning the financing plan for the issuance of courthouse and parking structure bonds. Jason said the issuance of the bonds for the parking garage will be first, with rates set on June 12 and close on the sale in July. He said the decision on issuance of the courthouse bonds will be made in the next couple of months.

Judge Franklin said the construction of the parking garage will begin in September.

--Felicia Herndon with the Tyler Economic Development Council provided commissioners with an update on 10 abatement projects in the county.

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THE ECONOMIST

By Dr. M. Ray Perryman

Where the Money Flows ...

funds directly support individuals and businesses across Texas. In 2022, nearly \$277.6 billion was spent in the state by various agencies.



That's down from \$349.7 billion in 2021 and \$321.0 billion in 2020, when assorted COVID-19 stimulus packages were in place. The last year of pre-pandemic data indicates \$206.8 billion, with 2018 only slightly lower. Things are slowly getting back to more typical patterns. (Note that these totals are for fiscal years, from October 1 through September 30.)

Looking at 2019, which is representative of a more "normal" process, the most spending by far was from the Social Security Administration, with over \$72.0 billion. Next was the Department of Defense (\$43.8 billion), followed by the Departments of Health and Human Services (\$38.8 billion), Veterans Affairs (\$18.9 billion), Agriculture (\$9.7 billion),

Education (\$6.9 billion), and Transportation (\$5.2 billion). The Department of Homeland Security contributed nearly \$3.0 billion, followed by Housing and Urban Development (\$2.6 billion), National Aeronautics and Space Administration (\$1.3 billion), and the Railroad Retirement Board (\$902.7 million).

These inflows generate dynamic responses across the economy. Funds paid to individuals such as retirees in turn generate consumer spending and effects throughout the supply chain. Other money goes directly into the health care system through Medicare and Medicaid. Schools receive billions in federal funding, and critical infrastructure is developed and maintained.

Other payments go to private companies through contracts with government agencies. In 2019, there were almost 240,000 contracts in place. These agreements range from massive defense contracts (such as Lockheed Martin in Fort Worth, which is building next generation aircraft for the military) to relatively small construction and maintenance projects.



The Piney Woods Wine Festival returned to downtown Lindale this past weekend, featuring many varieties of wines from East Texas vineyards and wineries. Photo by Terry Cannon

Grape Expectations

Annual Piney Woods Wine Festival returns to downtown Lindale

The weather forecast this past weekend called for spotty showers in the East Texas area, but for those involved with the annual Piney Woods Wine Festival in downtown Lindale, the skies didn't open up.

But this doesn't mean it wasn't pouring inside and out of Picker's Pavilion.

Beginning at 1 p.m. on Friday, May 12 and continuing at 11 a.m.-7 p.m. on Saturday, wineries and vineyards from East Texas were well represented, showcasing their various offerings.

In addition to the wine tastings and wine sales, live music, arts and crafts and food vendors were in attendance making for another memorable weekend in downtown Lindale.

The event, as always, is free to attend but those wishing to sample the many varieties of wines from the region were required to purchase a wristband for \$15 per person, per day.

Each wristband came with a keepsake wine tasting glass and a tote bag. VIP wristbands were also available for \$25 which covered the entire weekend.

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Some good news that should perk you up

Are you ready for some good news? Especially for all the coffee-bean heads out there (a club of which I'm a proud member)?

I thought you might be.

It seems that drinking more coffee, at least according to those smart, well-read folks at Texas A&M University, is indeed a good thing.

Researchers at A&M recently penned "Health Benefits of Coffee Consumption for Cancer and Other Diseases and Mechanisms of Action" paper which was published in the International Journal of Molecular Sciences.

(I needed an extra cup just for the energy to type that above paragraph, but let's move on).

Some of this coffee research was conducted by scientists at A&M's College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Department who joined other smarties from the veterinary school and other departments.

One of the most consumed beverages on the planet, coffee's benefits include decreased rates of mortality and lower rates of neurological and metabolic afflictions, such as Parkinson's and Type 2 diabetes, according to the study.

"There is also evidence that higher coffee consumption is associated with lower rates of colon and rectal cancer, as well as breast, endometrial and other cancers, although



there are conflicting reports on its benefit for some of these cancers," said Stephen Safe, Ph.D., a coauthor of the review paper.

There's a whole lot more information in the report, most of it unintelligible for a goof such as I but suffice it to say that our favorite brown, eye-opener has earned its lofty place in our society.

The history of coffee is steeped in mystery because no one is quite sure how this berry (its original form) became a worldwide phenomenon.

One version dates to ancient Ethiopia where, the story goes, a goat herder noticed how his goats were kept up at night after eating berries from a certain bush in the forest.

He passed along this tidbit to a nearby monastery where the abbot made a drink out of the magic beans. Voila! He was able to stay awake during long nights of prayer.

Fast forward to the 17th century and after coffee became a highly prized trade commodity, Europeans were enjoying it immensely, although there were some

doubters. When it arrived in Venice in 1615, it was viewed as the "bitter invention of Satan" and a controversy was brewing.

Pope Clement VIII intervened (thankfully) and after trying and loving it, gave it his papal blessing.

In time, coffee houses sprang to life and became gathering places for stimulating conversations and social interactions. Some of these specialized coffee houses became, in time, various businesses on their own. One, Edward Lloyd's Coffee House turned into Lloyd's of London.

It also replaced beer and wine as the beverage of choice to begin the day because it provided just the right boost to get the day started.

As far as your bleary-eyed correspondent is concerned, I'm sure my coffee drinking began while still living at home while in junior college. My mom's talents in the kitchen were unmatched and she could concoct a wonderful pot of coffee. She used one of those glass percolators where the coffee was in a basket on top and the boiling water rose up a tube and

dripped on the grounds. I'll never know how she knew when the coffee was perfect. It just always turned out that way.

Automatic brewers, pitched by baseball's Joltin' Joe DiMaggio to name one, became popular in the 1970s and '80s and our family kitchen has had one since. For many years I could be pretty stubborn about my coffee preferences and didn't understand the attraction to such things as lattes or frappes.

That is until I tried my first latte.

Oh my. Talk about a revelation. Nothing is better on a road trip, on a cold winter's day, than one of those magical potions.

Aside from the Lovely Bride – who loves the aroma when it brews but doesn't care for the taste – our family is definitely coffee-centric. Our eldest son has one of those fancy contraptions that can brew one cup at a time after grinding the beans. Our youngest son literally depends on coffee for his livelihood – he's a sales rep for a well-known regional brand.

In the past few months I've taken this devotion to caffeine to another level by buying whole beans and grinding them fresh for each pot. It is an enticing indulgence.

So have another cup. It's good for your health. You can't argue with those smart Aggies.



Library gets signed copy of Miranda's cookbook

Country music superstar Miranda Lambert was in Lindale this past week signing copies of her new cookbook "Ya'll Eat Yet?" and she presented a copy of the book to the staff at the Lillie Russell Memorial Library. (Courtesy photo)



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ONE YEAR AGO, May 19, 2022

Lindale High School sophomore Casey Poe led the way for his school at the UIL Class 4A State Track and Field Championships this past week in Austin by winning a gold medal in the shot put with an effort of 57 feet, 4 3/4 inches in the boys shot put.

LHS was well represented in both the boys and girls divisions as Colter Maya took a silver medal in the boys 400-meter dash with a time of 48.57, Isaac Pollard was fifth in the boys pole vault with an effort of 14 feet, Brett Maya was sixth in the boys 200-meter dash with a time of 21.73, Baylee Daughtry finished seventh in the girls 300-meter hurdles with a time of 46.60.

FIVE YEARS AGO, May 17, 2018

For the fifth consecutive month Lindale merchants experienced a drop in sales tax revenue at 2.59 percent for April, which was an improvement from March when it stood at 4.21 percent. Across Smith County, Noonday was atop the list of sales tax receipts at 20.67 percent, followed by Tyler's 5.81 percent.

Lindale's numbers were based on sales of \$1,191,047 compared to \$1,222,088.

10 YEARS AGO, May 16, 2013

The Lindale ISD Board of Trustees paid tribute to the outgoing president, reorganized following the recent election and adopted a new school calendar for next year. Trustees elected Matt Watts as new board president and selected Jay Misenheimer, who won his election on May 11, as board vice president.

Mike Combs retained his position as board secretary. In Watts' absence, Misenheimer chaired the meeting.

Following an executive session, board members paid tribute to outgoing president James K. "Red" Brown, who chose not to run for re-election. His Place 1 seat on the board was taken by Lindale businessman Gary Camp, who ran unopposed.

The tribute began with several students from College Street Elementary presenting a brief skit which recognized Brown's many accomplishments away from the school board, including his association with a good number of local businesses, the LISD Education Foundation as well as his nine-year tenure on the LISD board.

A visibly moved Brown then was presented with a plaque from Superintendent Stan Surratt and Misenheimer, who each expressed their gratitude for the work Brown put in as a LISD trustee.

"It's really been a pleasure (to serve)," Brown said. "This district has a great leader (Surratt), great teachers and students as well as great people. I thank you very much."

Infected with gold fever: Part three

Now, here's what all of y'all've been waitin' for; the final episode of my annual fishin' trip.

If you remember from last week's excitin' episode, Glenn Bass and I had already figured out two different routes to the supposed hidden gold cave that did not work.

The first route took us up above the cave, and we couldn't figure out how to get down, and the second route ended basically the same as the first. This gold was supposed to be hidden somewhere by a bank robber many years ago. It was said that he was captured in a cave, but the gold was never recovered. This tale was told to us by Larry, the foreman of the ranch we were campin' on. Glenn and I decided to take it on ourselves to check out the cave, just in case he hid the gold in there.

The cave was located on the steep side of a bluff. Oh yeah, there was supposed to be a mountain lion livin' in the cave, too. Now, you should be up to speed.

"This looks like as good a place as any," said Glenn.

"Are you crazy? It's straight up," I replied.

"No it's not."

"It's almost."

"Well, you wait here, and I'll go up then," he said.

"No you won't," I replied.

"You'll git up there and find the gold, and tell me that there's not any gold, and then come back later and git the gold, so I'm goin', too."

Now, it had taken us a good half hour to get down from the second route we had taken. We were now at the bottom of the bluff lookin' up an old rock slide that Glenn had noticed while we were huggin' the side of the cliff. There were rocks from the size of gravel to the size of a Volkswagen Beetle strewn down from the big mesquite tree, behind which the cave was suppose to be located.

"Well, let's get going then," said Glenn.

"Me first," I said, and I took off climbin'.

Climbin' up a rock slide is not as difficult as you might think; especially if you are on your belly pullin' with your arms and pushin' with your legs. There are plenty of handholds and footholds,



and most of the cactus had washed down when the rocks had fallen.

"Be careful!" Glenn yelled. "You're causin' rocks to slide on me."

"Quit yer bellyachin'," I said. "I'm havin' to do all the hard work here."

Finally, I made my way up to a little shelf upon which the big mesquite tree was growin'. I started to reach up and grab the edge to pull myself up, when a thought hit me and I froze. I looked back down and there, twenty feet below, me was Glenn. Below him was another hundred feet of rocks and stuff. Glenn looked up at me.

"Why'd you stop?" he questioned.

"Well," I started. "Did you ever see one of those old cowboy movies where the cowboy stuck his head up over a rock ledge only to come face to face with a rattlesnake?"

"No," Glenn said. "Well, I have and I don't have a really good feelin' about this here ledge."

"How would a snake get up there? Go on. Quit being such a baby."

I looked up at the ledge again. I thought for a moment and looked around. I found a rock about the size of a baseball and lobbed it up over the edge. I heard the rock land, and then I heard what sounded like somethin' movin'. The sound started gettin' louder like it was comin' toward the edge. I looked up strainin' my neck to see if it was a snake, when the same rock I had thrown appeared at the edge and then rolled off and hit me between the eyes.

"Ow!" I hollered, as I grabbed my head.

"You okay?" asked Glenn.

"Yeah, I said as I rubbed the growin' goose egg between my eyes." It wasn't the first time I'd been hit in the head with a rock. I reached up and grabbed the edge of the ledge and slowly pulled myself up and peeked over.

Whew, no snake. I pushed with my feet and managed to get an elbow up on the ledge. Then I got the other one. Finally, I was able to pull my upper body up and over the edge. My bottom half was still over the ledge. I wiggled and squirmed and twisted around until I was sittin' on the ledge with my legs hangin' off. Man, I was breathin' hard. I looked down at Glenn, who was still a good ways below me.

"What'cha waitin' on?" I yelled.

"Man, you've been nearly covering me up with rocks!" he yelled back. "See any mountain lions?"

In the excitement of climbin', I'd just about forgotten about mountain lion. I jerked my head around expectin' to be face to face with a big cat, but he wasn't there. But there, six feet from me, was the big mesquite tree. I smiled. I eased myself up on my knees and slowly crawled toward it. There behind the tree was...the wall of the bluff. No cave; not even an indentation. Nothin'.

I crawled back to the edge and looked down at Glenn. "There ain't nothin' here," I said. "There's no cave."

"Are you kiddin'?" he asked.

"No, I'm not kiddin'," I replied. Then I heard a crack. "What was that?" Glenn asked.

I looked down at the rock ledge I had my hands on and there was a small crack formin' between the part I had my hands on and the part my knees were on. Then it gave way.

"AVALANCHE!" I yelled as the rocks gave way.

Somehow I managed to get my feet around under me as I started slidin' down the hill. If you're ever in this situation, you will notice that everything tends to slow down, as if you are in a slow motion movie. You are aware of everything around you, but are unable to do anything that might help your situation.

I noticed Glenn was lookin' up at me and had gotten down in what looked like a football crouch. I could tell he was either goin' to try to grab me as I flew by him, or jump on me and ride me down. Fortunately, he didn't have to do either. I was stopped suddenly by the only cactus that had survived the previous rock slide. It got me right in the rear end, and held me."

"Ow," said Glenn. "I bet that hurt."

I just lay there with my mouth open. Nothin', not even air was comin' out.

"Boy, you're lucky," he said.

"Lucky" was not the adjective I would have used, but I was in no condition to argue. I finally was able to dislodge myself from the pincushion, and eased myself back down the hill. When I finally made it to the bottom, I wanted to sit down, but thought better of it.

"No gold, huh?" said Glenn.

"No," I said. "No gold."

"Too bad."

"Yeah. Too bad," I said sarcastically, as I gingerly felt around behind me to see if there were any thorns stickin' out."

It was then I saw someone across the river. "Look," I said to Glenn.

"Who is it?" he asked.

"Somebody with a pair of binoculars watchin' us. He looks like he's slappin' his leg. It's Larry, the foreman. He's laughin'. Look he's fallin' down, but he's still laughin'. I wonder what he's laughin' about?"

"You idiot," said Glenn. "He's laughin' at us. That gold deal was a big scam. I can't believe you fell for it."

"Me? You're here with me!"

"You always do this to me. You always get me to go along with your stupid ideas."

"What can I say? I'm charismatic."

"More like psychotic."

"Hey, big deal. He got a couple of laughs off of us. Forget it. Here, help me pull these thorns out."

"Yeah right," said Glenn.

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“Run for the Wall” riders plan trip near Lindale on May 21

A large group of motorcyclists who will participate in the annual “Run For The Wall” cross country event which focuses on promoting healing among all veterans and those still missing in action, will ride near Lindale around 10 a.m., Sunday, May 21, said spokesman Cliff Brumels.

The ride, which will feature hundreds of riders and will begin in California, will stretch for several miles along Interstate 20 after stopping in Longview, said Brumels. It will pass through Lindale on I-20 on its way to Washington, D.C. where riders will eventually arrive at the Vietnam Veterans’ Memorial.

RFTW riders visit VA Medical Centers, Veterans’

Memorials, Veterans’ Outreach Facilities, VFW Posts, American Legion Posts, and Community Centers, as well as schools along the routes, Brumels said.

He added that he is looking forward to seeing supporters on highway overpasses as they ride along I-20.

Brumels said the RFTW wall mission is to promote healing among ALL veterans and their families and friends, to call for an accounting of all prisoners of war and those missing in action, to honor the memory of those killed in action from all wars and to support our military personnel all over the world.

The trip will conclude in Arlington, Va., on May 27.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Congress must keep Supreme Court in check

Dear Editor:

The recent news about Clarence Thomas’s financial entanglements with GOP megadonor Harlan Crow should be alarming to every American. This is what happens when the highest court in the land is given free rein to police itself. Clarence Thomas isn’t the first justice to be accused of engaging in unethical behavior. And if Congress continues to ignore the need for a Supreme Court code of ethics, he won’t be the last. Of the nine justices currently on the bench, four have been called out for unethical behavior and connections in the last year. Neil Gorsuch sold property to the head of a law firm with cases in front of the Supreme Court. Samuel Alito dined with anti-abortion activists and allegedly leaked decisions on reproductive health. John Roberts’ wife has earned millions of dollars from law firms with business before the Supreme Court. Congress has a constitutional duty to act as a check on the Supreme Court and restore faith in our judicial system. It’s time they act and pass a Supreme Court code of ethics.

Sincerely,
Linda Stegall
Lindale

Everyone wins when we support small businesses

Dear Editor:

Small businesses play a critical role in creating jobs, driving economic growth, and contributing to the overall well-being of rural communities. In many areas, they are the backbone of the local economy, providing essential goods and services.

Spring offers a good reminder of the importance of these entrepreneurs’ contributions, with National Small Business Week, Small Business Month, and other recognitions celebrated in May.

For consumers, it’s a great time to research what’s available in their community, instead of hitting the road to shop at larger chain stores. Directories and websites listing local businesses can be a good starting point, in addition to local newspapers and social media, as small businesses often use them to advertise their services. It’s important to be patient, as some local businesses do not have the same selection as larger chains and may need to make an order. But they almost always offer unique products not available elsewhere. Here are some examples:

Local farmers markets: Farmers markets are the place to find fresh produce, and artisanal food products like cheeses, baked goods, and jams.

Independent bookstores: These businesses offer a curated selection of books, often with a focus on local authors and topics.

Craft breweries and distilleries: Increasing in popularity, many of these businesses offer unique, locally made beers and spirits.

Clothing boutiques: Independent boutiques often offer unique, locally made clothing and accessories.

Home goods and decor shops: These shops can offer unique and interesting products that are locally made, often with a focus on sustainable and eco-friendly materials.

Locally-based services: Businesses such as local grocery and hardware stores, salons, restaurants, and other services keep small communities thriving.

When consumers shop locally, everyone wins, as the money stays in the community, supports other local businesses, and contributes to the overall economic health of the area.

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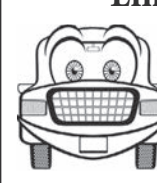
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SATURDAY, APRIL 29: 3:27:19 AM, Suspicious Circumstance, 13000 block Interstate 20; 3:45:23 AM, Suspicious Person, N. College St/ W Braziel St; 4:01:16 AM, Suspicious Vehicle, 13000 block CR 472; 4:45:35 AM, Welfare Concern, 12000 block Forest Trails Drive; 5:15:39 AM, Assist SCSO, 12000 block Interstate 20 E; 6:30:57 AM, Traffic Hazard, 15000 block Interstate 20 W; 7:45:19 AM, Hit and Run, 13000 block Interstate 20 W; 9:00:13 AM, Assist Another Agency, 200 block W. Valley Street; 12:27:08 PM, Traffic Complaint, S Main St/W Hubbard St; 2:31:56 PM, Reckless Driving S. Main St/Centennial Blvd; 3:57:21 PM, Traffic Hazard, 17000 block Interstate 20 E; 6:37:51 PM, Alarm Business, 400 block S. Main Street; 8:51:19 PM, Driving While Intoxicated, 11000 block Interstate 20 E; 9:03:41 PM, Public Service, 100 block E. Centennial Blvd.

SUNDAY, APRIL 30: 12:34:24 AM, 911 Hang Up Call, 300 block Hamrick Street; 6:20:02 AM, Motorist Assist, 13000 block Interstate 20 W; 7:11:13 AM, Assist SCSO, 20000 block Highway 69 North; 11:45:06 AM, Assist Another Agency, Highway 69 N/Loop 323; 1:02:59 PM, Parking Violation, 100 block E. Centennial Blvd; 1:28:35



PM, Traffic Hazard, 18000 block Highway 69 N; 2:18:29 PM, Marijuana Possession, 15000 block CR 463; 2:47:45 PM, Suspicious Vehicle, 200 block Cannery Row; 3:06:27 PM, Lockout, 3500 block S. Main Street; 3:38:59 PM, Welfare Concern, 15000 block Interstate 20 E; 4:00:26 PM, Animal Complaint, 21000 block Highway 69 N; 7:54:42 PM, Traffic, 2800 block S. Main Street; 8:14:24 PM, Welfare Concern, 17000 block Highway 69 N; 8:36:21 PM, Verbal Disturbance, 300 block Mount Sylvan Street; 8:47:47 PM, Driving While Intoxicated, Mount Sylvan St/W Hubbard St.

MONDAY, MAY 1: 2:17:23 AM, Suspicious Vehicle, 200 block Cannery Row; 3:09:02 AM, Assist EMS, 17000 block Stacy Street; 7:25:28 AM, Accident, 3500 block S. Main Street; 12:29:52 PM, Suspicious Circumstance, 100 block E. Centennial Blvd; 3:17:44 PM, Suspicious Circumstance, 200 block Cannery Row; 6:22:21 PM, Suspicious Circumstance, 300 block S. Industrial Street; 7:12:38 PM, Motorist Assist, 15000 block Interstate 20 E; 8:38:08 PM, Traffic Hazard, 13000 block Interstate 20 W; 9:18:33 PM, Welfare Concern, 700 block Donnaberry Court; 9:42:21 PM, Found Property, 3500 block S. Main Street; 10:59:54 PM, Suspicious Circumstance, 600 block E. Hubbard Street.

TUESDAY, MAY 2: 5:35:58 AM, Alarm Business, 400

block S. Main Street; 7:18:24 AM, Accident, Baker St/E South St; 9:19:10 AM, Traffic Hazard, S. Main St/Centennial Blvd; 10:32:15 AM, Public Service, 500 block S. Main Street; 1:24:03 PM, Harassment, 300 block S. Industrial Street; 7:18:20 PM, Welfare Concern, E. Hubbard St/FM 2710.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 3: 12:41:07 AM, Parking Violation, 500 block N. Main Street; 1:50:25 AM, Assist SCSO, 19000 block CR 4108; 2:31:39 AM, Loud Noise Complaint, 100 block Eagle Spirit Drive; 10:15:04 AM, Traffic Control/direct, 400 block Cannery Row; 12:55:37 PM, Public Service, 3200 block S. Main Street; 1:27:14 PM, Hit and Run, 13000 block Highway 69 N; 2:05:26 PM, Motorist Assist, 900 block Mount Sylvan Street; 4:42:45 PM, Animal Complaint, 100 block William Drive; 7:36:20 PM, Motorist Assist, 12000 block Interstate 20 W.

THURSDAY, MAY 4: 1:50:46 AM, Alarm Business, 3300 block S. Main Street; 2:33:32 AM, Check In Passing, 3200 block S. Main Street; 5:14:36 AM, Animal At Large, 400 block Hill Street; 9:11:48 AM, Accident, S. Main St/W Hubbard St; 10:24:58 AM, Theft Of Service, 400 block Eagle Spirit Drive; 10:47:03 AM, Suspicious Person, 3500 block S. Main Street; 11:55:32 AM, Disturbance, 400 block Blackberry Blvd; 1:43:51 PM, Accident, 100 block Ballard Drive; 2:51:18 PM, Public Service, 100 block Ballard Drive; 3:05:07 PM, Accident, 2800 block S. Main Street; 4:01:49 PM, Welfare Concern, 15000 block Interstate 20 W; 5:40:14 PM, Stolen Property, 100 block E. Centennial Blvd; 8:01:36 PM, Assist SCSO, 19000 block CR 4118; 8:32:41 PM, 911 Hang Up Call, 13000 block FM 2710; 8:37:42 PM, Civil Matter, 100 block Ballard Drive; 10:06:40 PM, Welfare Concern, 400 block Marchman Street; 10:30:52 PM, Suspicious Circumstance, 13000 block CR 472; 10:45:29 PM, Suspicious Circumstance, 100 block E. Centennial Blvd; 11:56:31 PM, Alarm Business, 2800 block S. Main Street.

Recent moisture helps state soil conditions

By Adam Russell
Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service

Soil moisture conditions around much of the state improved slightly over recent weeks, and there is hope that drought conditions might break in time to plant row crops and enough to sustain them to harvest, according to Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service experts.

Emi Kimura, Ph.D., AgriLife Extension agronomist and state peanut specialist in the Texas A&M Department of Soil and Crop Sciences, Vernon, said farmers who caught rain are thankful for the moisture.

Some surviving wheat fields looked better over recent weeks and may benefit from the timely rainfall during grain fill and see improved yields. The fresh topsoil moisture may also spur crop plantings that have been at a standstill due to drought. But conditions are still far from ideal.

"Last year, we didn't have any wheat to harvest, and this year is not good, but at least there will be a harvest," she said. "It's bad, but it's not as bad. Now we just need more rain to have a decent peanut and cotton season."

Rains improve soil moisture levels

Areas east of Interstate 35 are mostly free of drought and completely emerged from severe drought conditions. Drought levels in Travis and Guadalupe counties are a good indicator of the dividing line with the eastern edges of the counties showing no drought while their western edges continue to show extreme drought, according to the U.S. Drought Monitor map.

John Nielsen-Gammon, Ph.D., Texas state climatologist and Regents Professor in the Texas A&M Department of Atmospheric Sciences, Bryan-College Station, said so far spring storm systems have been more consistent in East Texas and also in high elevations of West Texas and along the Gulf Coast. Rain in other parts of the state has been more sporadic.

Weather has shifted toward an El Niño pattern that will likely strengthen as the year progresses into fall, he said. El Niño weather patterns tend to deliver above-average precipitation to Texas during the cooler parts of the year.

Fifty weather stations across Texas reported more than 10 inches of rainfall during April, while other parts of the state did not receive measurable precipitation, he said.

Recent rains have reduced the amount of the state dealing with drought, according to the latest U.S. Drought Monitor report for Texas. But improvement in some locations mirror worsening drought levels in other locations.

A year ago, less than 9 percent of the state was free from drought, according to the drought monitor. The latest report shows almost 32 percent of the state completely emerged from drought. The percentage of the state experiencing exceptional drought has also decreased from 23 percent this time last year to just over 3 percent.

Exceptional drought is indicative of exceptional and widespread crop and pasture losses and emergency-level water shortages in reservoirs, streams and wells.

East Texas counties received rainfall, and more was in the forecast. Subsoil and topsoil conditions were adequate to surplus. Wet field and pasture conditions continued to be a problem for some producers. Ryegrass and clovers were being cut and baled where possible.

Higher nighttime temperatures will be needed to promote warm-season forage growth. Row crops were doing fair to good. Pasture and rangeland conditions were good.

Livestock were in fair to good condition with some supplementation still taking place. Cattle markets were steadily higher. Houston County reported all weight classes ended \$4-\$7 higher per hundredweight.

Take-all root rot common with St. Augustine

By Greg Grant
Smith County Horticulturist

Take-all root rot is a fungal disease that causes bright yellow, weak, brown, and dead patches in turfgrass. This disease is mostly associated with St. Augustinegrass. Take-all root rot is caused by a fungus that lives in the soil.

The fungus is commonly found in both diseased-looking and apparently healthy-looking turfgrass. It lives in thatch, which is a layer of plant roots, stolons, and decaying plant matter. The fungus can produce spores but spreads mainly through the roots and stolons. The disease is not usually transported by mowers or foot traffic, as with brown patch ("large patch"). Take-all root rot (TARR) is more likely to be spread when infected grass, thatch, or soil is moved elsewhere.

The symptoms of take-all root rot often appear in spring or early summer when the turfgrass emerges from winter dormancy. However, they may appear anytime during the growing season when the grass is stressed by heat, drought, or shade.

The most obvious initial symptom is neon-yellowish foliage that eventually turns brown and wilts. The turf thins out, leaving brown, irregular patches from 1 foot to more than 20 feet in diameter. The roots of infected grass are usually short, black, and rotten, making it easy to lift the stolons from the soil. The nodes, or stem joints, may also be discolored.

To confirm a diagnosis, you can submit a sample to the Texas A&M Disease Diagnostic Lab in College Station. For information and instructions visit <https://plantclinic.tamu.edu/>.

On St. Augustinegrass, take-all root rot may be easily mistaken for brown patch or chinch bug injury. However, chinch bug damage generally occurs during hot dry summer in full sun only and brown patch is more common during cool, moist falls and early springs.

To prevent take-all root rot, the most effective approach is to take proper care of the grass.

The disease usually becomes a serious problem when the turfgrass is under stress because of unfavorable environmental conditions and improper management including excessive shade, herbicide injury, soil compaction, temperature



Take-all root rot disease on St. Augustine grass starts with neon yellow foliage.

extremes, imbalanced soil fertility, inappropriate irrigation scheduling, improper mowing height or frequency, or any other condition that weakens the turf. Encourage healthy root development as much as possible. Make sure that the area drains well at and below the soil surface. Turf areas that remain wet are prone to the disease. Improve the drainage and avoid watering too frequently. It is better to water infrequently but deeply (6 to 8 inches deep) than to give the grass frequent, shallow watering. My personal advice is to water once a week (one inch per application), minus rainfall, during June, July, and August only.

Unfortunately, diseases can't be easily cured. They have to be prevented. The healthy- new growth can be protected with one or more applications (spring and fall, when the disease is active) of a fungicide containing azoxystrobin, myclobutanol, or propiconazole. For more information on controlling this serious disease and how to tell it from chinch bugs and brown patch see the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service fact sheet titled Take-All Root Rot, under "publications" at <https://aggieturf.tamu.edu/>. A lawn that's already infected must be nursed back to health following best management practices. One that is totally dead will unfortunately have to be replanted.

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Lindale's Emma Grotemat ran photo booth at fan fest event

NACOGDOCHES — When the NCAA selected Houston as the location for its 2023 men's basketball Final Four, a request for volunteers was sent across Texas in January. Several Stephen F. Austin State University hospitality administration and sports business students answered the call for the tournament held March 31 through April 3.

Responsibilities included checking in guests, assisting with event activations, scanning tickets and helping fans meet basketball players at the fan fest.

"People were being sought in all areas to assist in putting on an unforgettable experience in Houston," said Dr. Robert McDermand, senior lecturer in the Nelson Rusche College of Business' sports business program. "We knew SFA students would be a great fit."

Students gained insight into managing one of the biggest sports events of the year, said Dr. Mary Olle, associate professor in the James I. Perkins College of Education's hospitality administration program.

"I am so proud of our students who participated in this event," she said.

"What a great opportunity for them to experience and learn more about what it takes to organize and execute a national sporting event, including the coordination of thousands of volunteers."

Kailey Leighty, a senior from Waco majoring in sports business, volunteered to help with logistics and operations.

"My role was to assist in fan fest activities and ensure that the event was running smoothly," she said.

Leighty said her career goal is to work in sports industry events.

"An event like the Final Four is exactly like something I want to be a part of," she said. "Plus, I got to see celebrity basketball players like Magic Johnson do meet-and-greets at the fan fest."

Emma Grotemat, a first-year student from Lindale majoring in hospitality administration, ran the photo booth at the fan fest event.

"I have always had a love and passion for sports and events; however, growing up in school, I thought working in sports just meant being a coach," she said. "But there are so many jobs

out there that are sports-related, and that's what I'm starting to dive in to."

Grotemat said she likes the game-time atmosphere.

"I love seeing people all excited for the games and just getting to welcome them in. For some of them, the Final Four is a once-in-a-lifetime event, so I wanted to help make their experience the best one."

Jake Walston, a senior from Cypress majoring in sports business and management, gave guests directions, kept people in designated areas and scanned tickets for entry at the Final Four. He also networked with sports business professionals and other college students who have similar interests and career goals.

"I met some awesome people already working in sports, and I was able to make some great connections," Walston said. "My volunteering experience showed me the different opportunities out there in the sports world."

For more information on SFA's hospitality administration and sports business programs, visit sfasu.edu/hospitality and sfasu.edu/mgmtmkt, respectively.



Emma Grotemat, a first-year student at Stephen F. Austin State University, majoring in hospitality administration, ran the SFA photo booth at the fan fest event in Houston during the Final Four basketball tournament. (Courtesy photo)

Lindale's Biney presents work at UD's research symposium

Lindale's Caleb Biney, a student of Art/Ceramics at the University of Dallas, recently presented research at UD's third annual Undergraduate Research Symposium, school officials said.

The symposium features the scholarly work of undergraduate students at UD. In conjunction with their professors, many students traveled to conduct their research, from the field in Sweden to laboratories at research institutions.

Biney's project was titled "Coevolution of Pseudomonas aeruginosa and Drosophila melanogaster in a Chronic Infection Model." After conducting the research for the project, Biney created a poster and presented it to symposium attendees.

"Pseudomonas aeruginosa is a ubiquitous, opportunistic pathogen and frequent cause of chronic infection in the immunocompromised. Additionally, it is also the leading cause of morbidity and mortality in people with the genetic disorder cystic fibrosis, where the growth of biofilms within the inner walls of the lungs gives it a greater resistance to antibiotics and the body's immune response," Biney said. "We developed a fly oral feeding model, in

which a sample of fruit flies was infected by feeding them with the pathogen pseudomonas. The flies were monitored for 9 days, with every fly death being recorded each day. At the end of the 9 day period, the surviving flies were taken out and allowed to mate and produce new offspring while the pseudomonas growing inside the dead flies was extracted and grown on a plate. The offspring will then be infected with the newly extracted pseudomonas. We are trying to continue this for 50 generations, which, ideally, would take about two years." Biney presented a poster at this Spring's American Society for Microbiology conference and plans to present at the next ASM Spring conference as well.

Initially focused on the sciences, Undergraduate Research Day at the University of Dallas has since expanded to include projects in the humanities and art exhibitions.

"I think the symposium is one of the most important events that we have on campus because it is a celebration of our students and the work they have generated as a result of their UD education," said Chemistry Department Chair Ellen M. P. Steinmiller, Ph.D., who helped establish the event.

Lindale native Mahomes elected Chairman of A&M Board of Regents

The Texas A&M University System Board of Regents has elected Lindale native William "Bill" Mahomes Jr. as its chairman, publicity officials announced.

Mahomes, an attorney in Dallas, was appointed to the Board of Regents in 2015 by Gov. Gregg Abbott and reappointed in 2021. He has served as vice chairman for the past two years. His election as chairman, on May 3, was unanimous by the nine-member governing board.

"I appreciate the confidence my colleagues on the Board of Regents placed in me today as well as the trust Governor Abbott has shown me," Mahomes said. "I am honored to lead this board as we strive to help advance teaching, research and service in every corner of Texas."

In Dallas, Mahomes is Of Counsel at Bracewell LLP, where his specialties include legal transactions involving public finance, real estate and public policy. He serves on the Vista Bank Board of Directors as well as the Advisory Board of Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Texas.

Mahomes grew up in Lindale as the oldest son of William P. and Lucy A. Mahomes. His brother, Johnny W. Mahomes, resides in Lindale.



Bill Mahomes graduated in 1965 from Bragg-Morris High School. At Texas A&M, he graduated with a bachelor's in business in 1969 before earning his law degree at the University of Texas in 1972.

He was the first black student to graduate after four years in the Texas A&M Corps of Cadets, and he has reached several such milestones during his legal career and service on numerous corporate and civic boards.

"I've never thought that being the first was especially important, even though I understand why others mark its significance," Mahomes said. "My perspective is always to stay focused on doing my best, making a positive impact and ensuring better opportunities for the next generation."

Mahomes is the second African-American to serve as chairman of the Board of Regents. Bill Jones '81 of Austin served as chairman 2007-2009.

How to treat for fire ants organically



By Trudy Haynes
Smith County Master Gardener

I remember times as a child when you could sit in the grass and not have to worry about being bitten by fire ants. As a young adult my first encounter was a shoulder purse covered in fire ants that all seemed to begin biting in a coordinated effort.

The result for me was a

trip to the hospital for an allergic reaction.

As all gardeners know, since their arrival it has been a constant battle to prevent fire ants from taking over our gardens.

There are many pesticides, baits and sprays on the market that help control these pests, but as organic vegetable gardeners, our choices are much more limited and very often ineffective.

Research and experimentation has resulted in a good organic treatment applied in the form of a drench. The limitation of this form of treatment is that it is only temporary and limited to each treated mound.

The primary benefits of this treatment are that the ingredients of this drench are not absorbed by the plants and will break down naturally over time.

In the proper ratios the following drench solution is safe for your plants and landscaping. It is however recommended that the solution be kept away from children and pets. What you

will need:

1. A gallon jug filled with tap water (There is no need for distilled or other types of water, tap water will do the job nicely.)

2. 3 Tablespoons (1.5 ounces of orange oil)

3. 6 Tablespoons (3.0 ounces of liquid "blue" dish soap)

It is important that you start with the jug filled with tap water and then add the orange oil and dish soap, this will prevent the formation of foam. A gentle stir will combine the ingredients, again limiting foam formation. The solution is now ready to be applied to the fire ant mounds.

You should not disturb the fire ant mound prior to applying the treatment. The drench is most effective on the ants beneath the surface. Pour the drench solution in a circular pattern starting in the center and rotating outwardly as you pour. A large mound will require the full gallon.

It should be noted that earthworms may also be

killed by this drench, so it is important to pour the drench solution directly on the mounds, avoiding the surrounding soil. This recommended solution ratio and application method has proven to be 70% effective on fire ant control on the above ground mounds.

It is not recommended that this solution be used in a spray bottle and sprayed directly on outdoor or indoor plants. Spraying the solution would leave a residue on household surfaces and the leaves themselves.

I hope that you find this treatment as helpful as I have found it. If you would like to do further research on fire ant control you may access it at: <https://fireant.tamu.edu>. The source of the drench recipe was provided by Nathan Riggs at <https://www.gardenstylesanaantonio.com>

The Smith County Master Gardener Program is a volunteer organization in connection with the Texas A&M Agrilife extension service.



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Charles Randal Mase, Independent Administrator
Estate of Kalee Anne Barfield, Deceased
c/o Ralph E. Allen
100 East Ferguson, Suite 901
Tyler, Texas 75702
Dated May 10, 2023.

By: /s/ Ralph Allen
RALPH E. ALLEN, Attorney

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TO: KRISTINA KLAWINSKI

On the 4th day of May, 2023, **THE TEXAS HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION ("HHSC")** filed an **APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT OF A PERMANENT GUARDIAN OF PERSON** in a proceeding styled in **THE GUARDIANSHIP OF KLEMENTE KLEIN, AN INCAPACITATED PERSON** and bearing the number 47402-G in the County Court at Law #3 of Smith County, Texas.

The Court will hear the aforesaid **APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT OF A PERMANENT GUARDIAN OF PERSON** on the Monday next after the expiration of ten (10) days from the date of publication of this citation, in the Courtroom in the County Courthouse Annex of Smith County, in Tyler, Texas.

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

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

In compliance with the law, this citation shall be served by publication once in a newspaper of general circulation in this, the County in which such proceeding is pending, not less than ten (10) days before the return date hereof, exclusive of the day of publication, and the date of publication said newspaper bears shall be the day of publication.

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Issued and given under my hand and seal of office, the 4th day of May, 2023, at the office in Tyler, Texas.

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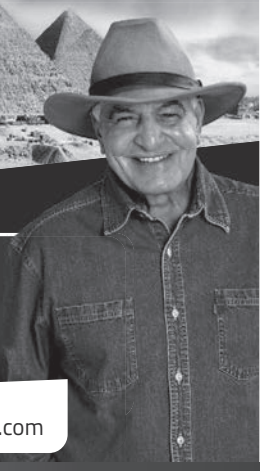
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