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## Hideaway Kiwanis award scholarships to LHS students

The Hideaway Lake Kiwanis Club has presented scholarships totaling \$34,000 to five Lindale High School students, club officials announced.

Taylor Walters, Christian King, Makenna Burks, Olivia Harwell and Kathleen Goodwin were selected for the scholarships.

Goodwin was awarded the Emery Crane Memorial Scholarship in the amount of \$12,000, plus an additional \$1,000 from the Crane family. She is the daughter of Kelley and Michelle Goodwin.

Harwell was presented with the Kiwanis Senior Scholarship worth \$12,000. She is the daughter of Florence Harwell.

Walters received the Key Club Scholarship worth \$4,000, based on her hours of service and leadership in the Key Club, a Kiwanis-sponsored youth organization. She is the daughter of Liza Moody.

King and Burks each received Career and Technology Scholarships in the amount of \$2,000 each. King is the son of Jennifer Tremblay and Burks is the daughter of Florence Harwell.

Funds for these scholarships are earned by various projects undertaken by the Kiwanis each year and the sponsors of these projects have generously donated to the scholarship program each year.

## County Veteran Services Office CampV reopens at new location

The Smith County Veteran Services Office held a ribbon cutting ceremony at CampV Tuesday, June 6, to celebrate the opening of its relocated office to that location, said Public Information Officer Casey Murphy.

The office opened its new CampV office, located at 3212 W. Front St. in Tyler, on Monday, June 5.

The Smith County's Veteran Services Officers have been rotating, with one officer stationed out at a satellite office at CampV each week for more than a year, but now the entire office will be located at CampV permanently to better provide services to veterans in one location.

Smith County paid for the renovations of an existing building there with its American Rescue Plan Act funding to house the Smith County employees.

CampV Executive Director Travis Gladhill said since CampV started three years ago, it has become the pinnacle for services for veterans in East Texas, thanks in large part to the support of Smith County and its leadership. CampV assists about 380 veterans per month, he added.

Gladhill said CampV and Smith County Veteran Services have established a cohesive relationship to serve East Texas veterans and their needs.

"The goal out here is to take care of veterans, the well-deserved care that they need" Smith County Judge Neal Franklin said. "The goal of the Smith County Veteran Services Office is to do the same."

"I think this is going to be a great collaboration between Smith County and CampV," Smith County Veteran Services Officer Michael Roark said.

"I'm excited to be partners with you all, to be teammates and for the future," Franklin said.

The Smith County Veteran Services Office will have new hours at CampV – from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday (closed for lunch 12-1 p.m.).

The purpose of the Smith County Veteran Services Office is to assist veterans and their survivors and help them deal with the often confusing and overwhelming task of completing the correct forms/applications and collecting the appropriate documentation to support a claim for benefits. For more information, call 903-590-2950 or visit: [www.smith-county.com/government/departments/veterans](http://www.smith-county.com/government/departments/veterans)

CampV's mission is to integrate military and civilian resources through one central location providing efficient and effective support and fellowship for veterans, active duty, reserves, guards and their families. For more information, visit: [www.campvtyler.org/](http://www.campvtyler.org/)



Josh Bardwell holds a crystal pyramid honoring the induction of his mother, Suzanne, into the Texas Newspaper Hall of Fame, standing alongside wife Jennifer and Gladewater Mirror Publisher Jim Bardwell, who received the Texas Press Association's Golden 50 Award June 2, honored for five decades in journalism during TPA's annual convention and trade show in Round Rock.

## Texas journalists induct Bardwells into state's top press circles

Following Friday afternoon's Texas Press Association luncheon in Round Rock, Gladewater Mirror Publisher Jim Bardwell (right) poses with son Josh, and daughter-in-law Jennifer – the late Suzanne Bardwell was inducted into the Texas Newspaper Hall of Fame and Jim Bardwell

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The Lindale Area Chamber of Commerce welcomed area health care providers and other officials to their weekly luncheon at Hideaway Lake Clubhouse. Those in attendance included Smith County Assistant District Attorney Thomas Wilson, CHRISTUS Health professional Mary Elizabeth Jackson, UT Health East Texas Physicians CEO Todd Hill, UT Tyler School of Medicine Founding Dean Dr. Brigham C. Willis and SoulFULL Pursuit Career Academy Founder and Burnout Coach Tara Odell. LACC President Sallie Black introduced the speakers.

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# OPINION/COMMENTARY

## My heroes have always been cowboys...

My heroes have always been cowboys.

The best cowboy I ever knew raised me. Before ranch accidents and crippling arthritis he rode like the wind. He and a horse in motion were breathtaking.

When the Round Up Rodeo rolls around every year I get a little homesick for a way of life that is mostly precious memories for me. Later in life my Dad was more likely to rope cattle while riding the hood of a beat-up pickup with Mom driving, than from a horse. I am still amazed he didn't get run over. I don't know if that speaks to his athleticism or her driving. I have also seen Dad foolishly try to separate two fighting bulls while his border collie bit the neck of one and shook until that Brangus beast moved away from Dad a few cracked ribs too late.

This old girl can corral cattle on foot or by truck, vaccinate, heat brands and more. And so can Jim Bardwell because my Daddy said that working cattle came with marrying me. But that is an entirely different story.

When I was a kid the ranch across from ours had a private rodeo arena, the 4G-O and all I had to do was walk across FM 709 to get a taste of rodeo.

When the 84th Round Up Rodeo begins this week it will be a full course banquet of Professional Rodeo Cowboy Association world class competition. We have a lot to love about Round Up. If you haven't attended in awhile, or ever, you are missing one of, it not the best, entertainment offered anywhere.

The sport is one of the most dangerous in America. Rodeo requires a level of skill that no other sport does. Barrel racing and team calf roping are precision events. And, check out the bull fighters, they may be dressed like clowns, but there is nothing funny about the fact their very dangerous job is to make sure the cowboys get out of the arena in one piece.

Now those bull and bronc riders, those tough old boys are a different breed altogether. I always try to visit just a minute with the young cowboys while they get ready for their events. They are wrapping ribs, knees and elbows.

### The Best of Suzanne Bardwell



They usually limp, have a boatload of bruises and share tape to hold those ribs in place. The cowboys are passionate about their sport, their way of life and supportive of each other despite their seriously competitive sport.

What a parable for the rest of us. Passion, commitment, friendship and encouragement. Sounds like a recipe for living life well. Something we should all strive to imitate and share with others.

Then there are the folks who make up the rodeo association who work all year long to bring a world class event to Gladewater, Texas.

This dedicated team not only puts Gladewater on the national rodeo radar every year, their event brings nationally ranked cowboys and cowgirls, as well as thousands of dollars to Gladewater in visitor money spent here. Then, to top it all off, all the proceeds from the rodeo go to college scholarships for area students. Scholarships that give kids a hand up and puts them on the road to success. That is pretty dog gone impressive.

Yep, like I said, my heroes have always been cowboys and that is never going to change.

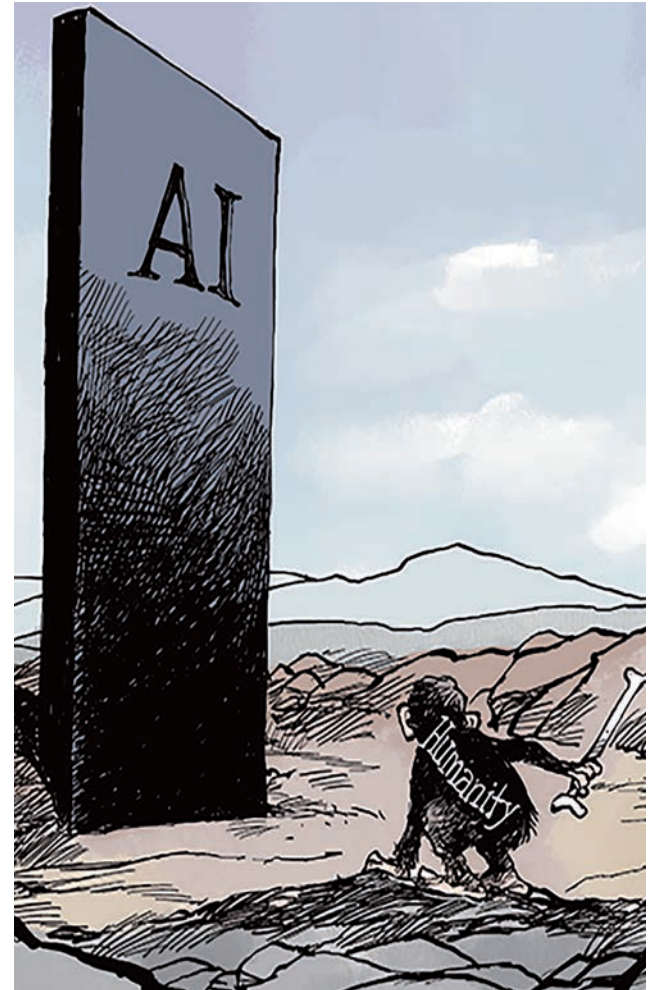
Well done Round Up Rodeo directors, wranglers and sponsors, you give a great gift to this community and continue a legacy that has stretched across eight decades.

Imagine, Gladewater is a part of our national rodeo history and it is still making history. Come and share that history this week. You won't be sorry.

I promise.

And cowboys, thanks for the memories. Past and present.

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## Abbott, Patrick spar over tax relief

Gov. Greg Abbott late last week warned lawmakers to be prepared for several special sessions to pass a tax reform bill that he will accept, as well as a school voucher plan that failed to pass during the regular session.

Abbott and Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick are at odds over how to deliver more than \$17 billion in property tax relief, the Austin American-Statesman reported.

During the first special session, called immediately after the regular session ended May 29, the House of Representatives quickly passed a tax relief bill that Abbott supports, then adjourned. The governor said the measure could result in eventually eliminating property taxes. The Senate has not taken action. Patrick, who presides over the Senate, countered that eliminating all property taxes would result in local sales taxes more than doubling to 19%.

"Whenever sales taxes underperform, property taxes will immediately go back up," Patrick tweeted.

Speaking before the Texas Public Policy Foundation last Friday, Abbott proposed reducing the overall tax burden through population growth and an expanded business market paying taxes.

"Texans want to own their own property, not rent it from government," Abbott said.

### Final COVID-19 workers' comp report

The workers' compensation division of the Texas Department of Insurance has issued its final update of COVID-19 worker's comp claims. By April 30, insurance carriers reported nearly 100,000 COVID-19 claims and 472 fatalities. A little more than half of the overall claims and of the fatalities involved first responders and correctional officers.

Because of the low number of new claims, no further updates are anticipated.

### Scott named interim attorney general

John Scott, who most recently served as Texas Secretary of State under Abbott, has been appointed the short-term interim Texas attorney general after Ken Paxton was forced to step aside while awaiting trial in the Senate. Paxton was impeached by the Texas House on May 27.

"John Scott has the background and experience needed to step in as a short-term interim Attorney General during the time the

Attorney General has been suspended from duty," Abbott said.

Scott also worked as a deputy attorney general under Abbott, overseeing all civil litigation undertaken by that office, then served as chief operating officer of the Health and Human Services Commission. Paxton's trial in the Senate is slated to begin no later than Aug. 28, according to the Texas Tribune.

### Legal heavyweights to prosecute Paxton

Two well-known Houston attorneys have been hired to prosecute the impeachment case against Paxton. Dick DeGuerin and Rusty Hardin have more than 100 combined years of courtroom experience, the Statesman reported.

"The people of the state of Texas are entitled to know whether their top cop is a crook," DeGuerin said. For his part, Hardin implored the Senate to make the proceedings public. That body plans to adopt rules of engagement for the trial on June 20.

Paxton, a three-term Republican, was impeached by a lopsided margin in the House. Impeachment is the rough equivalent of a grand jury indictment. The Senate will act as a court to determine his guilt or innocence of the 20 articles of impeachment. It requires a two-thirds majority to convict Paxton, whose wife, Angela Paxton, is a state senator.

DeGuerin has defended a number of high-profile clients, including former U.S. Rep. Tom DeLay and singer/songwriter Billy Joe Shaver.

### PUC chairman resigns from panel

Peter Lake has resigned as chairman of the Texas Public Utility Commission, effective July 1. Appointed in the aftermath of the widespread outages caused by Winter Storm Uri in February 2021, Lake oversaw the overhaul of the embattled commission, including adopting weatherization standards for power plants and rebuilding the beleaguered Texas power grid, according to The Dallas Morning News.

"Together we've overcome sometimes seemingly insurmountable challenges and delivered on our promise to Texans that we'd keep the lights on," Lake said in a statement.

Meanwhile, another PUC commissioner appointed last August to the five-member board was unanimously confirmed by the Senate in the closing days of the regular ses-

sion. Kathleen Jackson of Beaumont previously served on a number of boards and commissions, including the Texas Water Development Board.

### Investments made in higher education

Texas higher education leaders appear pleased with funding allocated by the Legislature during the regular session, with a record \$5 billion allocated for the next two years.

"The 88th Legislature showed Texas' commitment to expanding opportunity through higher education and our determination to be at the forefront of higher education research, development, and innovation," said Commissioner Harrison Keller of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

Several bills overhauled and increased state funding for community colleges and established the Texas University Fund to increase the state's investment in research at the state's public universities. Several other programs should expand access to higher education, including the Texas Leadership Scholars Program, as well as increased funding for student financial aid.

### Texans, beware of poison hemlock

Students of philosophy and history may recall the Greek philosopher Socrates was forced to drink a concoction made of hemlock, resulting in his death. The beautiful but deadly plant has been spotted in Texas, according to a story in the Houston Chronicle. A Dallas-area woman has taken to social media to warn about some weeds she pulled up and the severe adverse reaction that quickly occurred. Only a quick shower and a trip to the emergency room saved her life.

Poison hemlock has a smooth, green stem and an umbrella-shaped cluster of white flowers. All parts of the plant are extremely toxic to both humans and livestock, according to Texas A&M Agrilife. It can grow up to 10 feet tall. It is reportedly especially common in the Edwards Plateau region of the state west of San Antonio and Austin along creeks and bottomlands.



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# Add another chapter to “Scoundrels Of Texas Politics”

It stands to reason that a state as big and glorious as Texas would also have its share of characters, scalawags and reprobates.

Unfortunately for taxpayers and anyone interested in honesty in government, a lot of these miscreants have occupied high-paying jobs in Austin.

Ken Paxton, step to the front of the line.

My oh my, where do we begin with this newest chapter to “Scoundrels in Texas Politics,” which is a book someone probably has already penned under some other title.

Perhaps a starting point should be 2015, not long after he took the Attorney General’s oath for the first time. He was indicted on felony securities fraud charges that have yet to come to trial. In 2017, he was investigated and eventually cleared of bribery allegations.

Yet Texas voters, perhaps enthralled with his boot-licking of TDP and his continued insistence that the 2020 presidential election was stolen (spoiler alert: it wasn’t) have re-elected him time and again.

But on May 27, the decidedly Republican Texas House of Representatives overwhelmingly voted against one of their own – the Republican Paxton – and impeached the Attorney General by a vote of 121 to 23.

There were 20 articles listed in the impeachment, including bribery, obstruction of justice and abuse of public trust for several years.

“Paxton engaged in misconduct, private or public, of such character as to indicate his unfitness for office,” the impeachment articles said, adding his actions brought the agency into “scandal and disrepute.”

The articles were filed on Thursday, May 25 after investigators conducted a lengthy probe and reported Paxton broke



the law to help campaign donor Nate Paul, an Austin real estate developer. Allegedly Paxton directed employees to intervene in a lawsuit between Paul and the nonprofit Mitte Foundation.

In addition, Paxton is accused of ordering employees to perform services for his benefit and Paul’s which allegedly cost the taxpayers \$72,000.

And he is accused of misuse of official powers in issuing legal opinions that helped Paul to avoid foreclosures and sales. He allegedly concealed his actions by involving Sen. Bryan Hughes, R-Mineola, as a “straw requestor” as well as directing employees to reverse legal conclusions that would help Paul.

Article 6 of the impeachment document accuses Paxton of “firing or retaliating against employees in violation of the Texas Whistleblowers Act, which protects public employees who make good-faith reports of potentially illegal action to law enforcement,” which could be the linchpin in this whole mess for Paxton, because the whistleblowers were awarded \$3.3 million in an out of court settlement, but Paxton wants taxpayers – you, me and virtually everyone you know – to pay that tab.

## Falling lawnmowers and running out of luck

Not long ago, I had a scary flashback to something that really happened to me a few years ago.

I’ve told this story before but to help keep the voices away I thought I’d better repeat it this week.

It happened way back in 2007 and it involves a lawnmower, my Daddy and being in a rather “uncomfortable” position.

Anywho, here goes.

Have you ever dropped a lawnmower on your head? I know I have. Let me stop here and say that the week in question week was not what you would call one of the best weeks of my life. I caught one skunk in my skunk trap. Shot another one in my garage, and, like I said, I dropped a lawnmower on my head.

Any of y’all out there who’ve been readin’ this junk I write for very long, know I have had my share of troubles with skunks and lawn mowers. Both of them have it in for me, and I’m pretty sure, one or the other, or both will probably appear in my obituary.

All this took place on July 7, 2007. It was a Saturday and was supposed to be the luckiest day of the century, or somethin’ like that.

Well, 7 is my lucky number, if you believe in that sort of stuff. Oh, I’m not superstitious or nothin’. Well, except for buckeyes. Every time I’ve had a buckeye in my pocket, I’ve run afoul of the law, so I shy away from buckeyes.

Anywho, I was over at my dad’s house on that lucky Saturday. He had asked me to help him sharpen the blades on his lawn tractor. His old knees have been givin’ him trouble for awhile and it is sort of hard for him to do some of the stuff he used to do. But heck, that’s what kids are for, right?



Plus, Daddy and I enjoy each other’s company.

Now, my dad has changed and sharpened blades on lawnmowers for so long, he has it down to an art. Right outside his shop, he has a chain hoist specifically for that purpose. He takes a fan belt, puts it under the front axle of a lawn tractor, and clips the two loops of the fan belt onto the hook of the chain hoist, and then hoists the front end up.

He gets it up at about a 45 degree angle, sits down under the tractor, and takes the blades off to sharpen, or change. It takes just a few minutes. But, like I said, he can’t get down there like he used to, so he gets me to help him.

Well, I got down under the tractor, pulled the blades off, and handed them to Daddy. He took them into the shop and put them on the grinder and sharpened them.

I stood behind him and watched. I would have sharpened them for him, but he does a better job than me. When he finished, he handed them back to me and I went outside to put them back on.

Now, I wasn’t lying down under it. I was sitting under it. Since he had it raised up, I was able to sit cross legged, Indian style, under the motor part. I was sort of hunched with both legs under the mower deck.

My head was bent down and to the side, so I could see what I was doin’. I had one blade on when all of a sudden; I heard a pop, followed by a crashin’ sound.

Then next thing I knew, I had a bird’s eye view of

my crotch. Now, I’m pretty sharp, so it didn’t take me long to figure out I had a lawnmower on my head. I tried to move my arms, but they were trapped under the mower deck, as were my legs. Have you ever seen that guy on TV that gets in that little glass cube? Well, I have a lot more respect for that guy now.

I couldn’t move. “Hey Daddy!” I hollered. My dad and I share an interestin’ problem. We’re both nearly deaf. “HEY DADDY!” I hollered louder. “What!” he hollered back. “Come get this lawnmower off of me!”

“What?” he said, as he walked out of his shop. “Get this lawnmower off of me!” “What’d you do?” “I didn’t do nothin’. The belt broke.”

“It did? Well, it was pretty old. You know, I believe that’s the only belt I’ve ever used. I bet it was rotten.”

“Daddy, you’ve got to get this thing off of me!” “Well, hold your horses. Let’s see now. Can you hand me that other belt over there?”

Well, my view was pretty much limited and since my arms were trapped, I was not going to be much help.

“No sir,” I said. “I’m trapped.”

Sittin’ cross legged, starin’ at your crotch with a lawnmower on your head is really not as much fun as you would think it would be. You start thinkin’ about stuff; all sorts of stuff.

I was thinkin’ about how they were goin’ to straighten

me out to get me in my casket. It was then I noticed that I could move my left shoulder. I raised it up, and the tractor moved. I grunted and raised it some more and was able to move my head up and onto my right shoulder.

I grunted and raised it some more, and then moved my head further back until it popped back and the mower was now on my chest, but my head was stickin’ out. Of course my arms and legs were still trapped, but at least I could see.

In his younger days, my dad could have picked the mower up with his bare hands, but as they say, time takes its toll.

“There you are,” said my dad. “Now, can you hand me that belt?”

I turned my head to look where he was pointin’. The belt was in a place that he was unable to get to because the lawnmower and I were in the way. I grunted again and was able to pull my right arm out from under the deck and was able to get the belt.

I handed it to Daddy, and he swiftly wrapped it around the axle, and within seconds had the behemoth off of me. I scooted out from underneath the mower, and slowly stood up. Besides bein’ a lot more limber, I was no worse for the wear.

Oh, I had a scratch on the top of my bald head, a scrape on the back of my neck, and what felt like heck of a bruise between my shoulder blades, but heck; if you ain’t bleedin’, you ain’t hurt, right?

“Sorry about that?” said Daddy.

“Wudn’t your fault,” I said.

“You alright?”

“I’ll live.”

“Good, now get back down there and get those blades on. I’ve got to mow.”

“Yes sir,” I said.

But it appears the Texas House, even though it is heavily Republican, pushed back. Cole Hefner, R-Mount Pleasant, voted to impeach.

On June 20 a committee of seven senators will meet to adopt rules for the impeachment proceedings, which is the first time in almost 50 years this has taken place.

House Speaker Dade Phelan, R-Beaumont, has selected seven Republicans and five Democrats to present their case as to why Paxton should be removed from office. The Senate trial begins Aug. 28.

Rep. Andrew Murr, R-Junction, said “This is a solemn process that all of us take very seriously. This is about facts and the evidence. It is not about politics.”

In rebuttal, Paxton accused the “liberal House leadership” of seeking to “sabotage” his office and his work.

“They have demonstrated nothing but contempt for the traditional values of conservative Texans,” he tweeted recently.

Phelan spokesman Cait Wittman said: “(Paxton’s) statement amounts to little more than a last ditch effort to save face.”

Any hopes that Paxton will be removed from office must be tempered by the fact that the senate trial will be under the gavel of Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick, who is in lockstep with Paxton.

“I don’t cast a vote,” he said. “All 31 senators will have a vote and we’ll set the rules for that trial as we go forward.”

Perhaps the Texas Senate will indeed vote to remove this stain from our great state. But with Patrick involved, cynicism is well placed.

And lurking in the background is another Paxton ally, Gov. Greg Abbott, who recently expressed a desire to pardon a convicted murderer because a talk show host told him to do so.



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### ONE YEAR AGO, June 9, 2022

Judge Robert Wilson, who presides over the majority of Smith County family law cases in the 321st District Court, moved into his new office on the fifth floor of the Annex Building, located at 200 E. Ferguson St.

“We are beyond excited to make the move to our new courtroom,” Judge Wilson said. “We have intentionally designed it with state-of-the art audio-visual equipment to enable us to offer our litigants the best experience possible for their day in court. This technology will enable us to offer cutting edge remote appearances for some parties and witnesses. This will be especially helpful in allowing parents in CPS (Child Protective Services) cases expanded access to their kids’ hearings when they cannot appear in person due to challenges with geography, transportation, incarceration or other circumstances. I am grateful to Judge Nathaniel Moran and the Commissioners for making this a reality and for believing in our mission at the 321st to help children and families find hope and stability.”

### FIVE YEARS AGO, June 7, 2018

Lindale High School Bass Club members Mark Harris and Reece Martin landed a two-day total of 40.28 pounds of fish to win the state fishing tournament held on Lake Sam Rayburn. Each of the anglers earned a \$10,000 scholarship. More than 230 teams competed in the tournament.

“I am very proud of Mark and Reece,” said LHS Eagles Bass Club advisor Joey King. “These young men fought hard and stayed consistent all season.”

### 10 YEARS AGO, June 6, 2013

Council members gave their approval for expenditures to improve Lindale’s web site, its brand and the many promotional banners which hang around the city during its regular meeting at city hall.

Holly Rand of Project Progress was on hand to discuss the request. The city hired Rand’s company in January – and its sister company Lindale Link – to handle promotional services and implement improvements to the city’s web site.

Other items undertaken by the council included receiving an update from a representative of Gary Traylor and Associates of Tyler concerning an application for a Community Development Block Grant and funding for water line materials for the city’s new water tower, to be located in the Lindale Industrial Park.

Rand’s presentation included three main points: (1) to research the cost and implementation of the city’s promotional banners; (2) research the cost of and procedures involved with implementation of the city’s brand identity on all city owned vehicles and (3) the implementation of a five-year plan/budget to redesign the city’s web site.

## How to add “found art” to the garden

Ann Hooks  
Smith County Master Gardener

From formal parterres, sculpture, or trellises to a simple arrangement of potted plants, art brings interest to the garden.

I tend to gravitate to art made from “found” objects (that I don’t have to pay for!) such as old tools mounted singly or in a group on a fence or secured among plants in a flowerbed.

Almost anything that can hold soil can be planted in an attractive or whimsical way. Garages, attics, or even old farm or ranch garbage dumps can hold a wealth of yard art objects. One of my best “scores” was at a friend’s ranch in Wyoming where several generations of well-used items were discarded in a long forgotten ditch in a far pasture. One of my favorites from this cache (that I am still using 30+ years later) is a large, well-patinaed copper pot that



was disfigured from years of use and no longer good for cooking, but great for my angel wing begonia. Another is an old enamel milk bucket suffering from a rusted-out hole in the bottom that has, over the years, held kindling, pinecones, and now, a favorite coleus on the back patio. I also came across some old glass canning jars that are great for vases of garden flower cuttings. You get the idea.

It’s just recycling and repurposing found objects. Thrift stores can also spark your imagination if you think “outside the box” when browsing

through their merchandise.

I also keep an eye out for interestingly shaped (small) branches that can serve a double purpose of natural art, as well as support for fragile young stems of flowering plants. Sturdier, straight limbs can be bound with twine or wire to create a tent-like trellis for tall plants or vines, and, also provide a visual, artistic break in the flowerbed.

Some other ideas for Found-Object Yard Art are old ladders, old wooden chairs without a seat that could hold a flower pot, screen doors, or old birdhouses that could be mounted on a post or fence to hold small pots of ivy. It just takes a little imagination to repurpose common objects and bring a touch of whimsy and interest to your yard, garden, or flowerbed.

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

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## June Friends of Library meeting canceled

Publicity officials with the Friends of the Lillie Russell Memorial Library have announced there will not be a June meeting of the group.

The next meeting of the Friends will be at 2 p.m., Sunday, July 9 at the library.

Plans for the Ladies Game Day in September will continue.

## OBITUARY

### SHARON BARRINGTON

Sharon Barrington, age 78 passed away Monday, May 22 in Lindale. She was born Nov. 5, 1944, in Lebanon, Ore.

A funeral service was held on Saturday, May 27

at Crossroads Community Church following her burial at Lindale City Cemetery.

Pastor Tim Letsch officiated the service. Sharon loved crocheting, gardening, fishing, and loved children. She is preceded by her parents, John Edward and Anna Helen (Bak-



er) Thurston; husband, Roy Leon Barrington; brother, John (Butch) Thurston; granddaughter, Brigette Munson.

She is survived by her sons, Leon and wife, Monica Barrington of Brownsboro, Johnny Barrington of Lindale, Blue and Regina Barrington of Lindale, Dwayne Barrington of Lindale; daughter, Brenda Ogaz of Lindale; sister, Shirley Jean Thurston of Lindale; 19 grandchildren, 15 great grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

## Encouraging kids to be physically active

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



ity per day?

Participation in all types of physical activity drops dramatically as a child's age and grade in school increase. It's important that physical activity be a regular part of family life. Here is some information to help you keep your children healthy and active.

Parents can play a key role in helping their child become more physically active. Some suggestions:

-- Talk with your child's doctor. Your child's doctor can help your child understand why physical activity is important.

-- Emphasize fun. Help your

child find a sport that they enjoy. Get the entire family involved. It is a great way to spend time together.

-- Choose an activity that is developmentally appropriate.

-- Plan ahead. Make sure your child has a convenient time and place to exercise.

-- Provide a safe environment. Make sure your child's equipment and where they practice or play is safe. Make sure your child's clothing is comfortable and appropriate for the activity.

-- Provide active toys. Young children especially need easy access to balls, jump ropes, and other active toys.

-- Be a role model. Children who regularly see their parents enjoying sports and physical activity are more likely to do so themselves. Play with your children or just have fun together by going for a walk, hike, or bike ride.

-- Set limits. Limit screen time, including time spent on TV, videos, computers, and video games, each day. Use the free time for

more physical activities.

-- Make time for exercise. Some children are so overscheduled with homework, music lessons, and other planned activities that they do not have time for exercise.

-- Do not overdo activity. Exercise and physical activity should not hurt. If it becomes painful, your child should slow down or try a less vigorous activity.

Exercise along with a balanced diet provides the foundation for a healthy, active life.

One of the most important things parents can do is encourage healthy habits in their children early in life. It is not too late to start.

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**Lindale Police Department call log for May 19-26**

**FRIDAY, MAY 19:** 7:33:25 AM, Welfare Concern, 3200 block South Main Street; 8:20:58 AM, Alarm Business, 3200 block South Main Street; 8:52:27 AM, Welfare Concern, 200 block Perryman Road; 11:22:52 AM, Civil Matter, 400 block North College Street; 3:43:40 PM, Assist SCSO, Eagle Spirit Drive/South Main Street; 4:16:52 PM, Violation of Protective Order, 200 block Freeman Street; 5:30:35 PM, Welfare Concern, 13000 block FM 2710; 5:43:26 PM, Stolen Vehicle, 16000 block Interstate 20 East; 5:59:08 PM, Assist EMS, 3400 block South Main Street; 11:29:26 PM, Accident, 2000 block South Main Street.

**SATURDAY, MAY 20:** 12:25:51 AM, Public Service, 13000 block CR 433; 4:21:59 AM, Suspicious Vehicle, 200 block W. Centennial Blvd; 4:57:10 AM, Reckless Driving, 17000 block Interstate 20 East; 9:54:20 AM, Assist Another Agency, 13000 block FM 2710; 12:40:44 PM, Alarm Residence, 1300 block Lakeside Court; 12:58:31 PM, Accident, 17000 block Interstate 20 East; 1:24:03 PM, Stolen Property, 600 block Yesterday Drive; 4:09:55 PM, City Ordinance Violation, 3500 block South Main Street; 4:58:57 PM, Harassment, 13000 block CR 4200; 5:38:23 PM, Suspicious Vehicle, 400 block North College Avenue; 5:52:53 PM, Disturbance, 3200 block South Main Street; 6:05:51 PM, Welfare Concern, 17000 block Interstate 20 West; 6:22:48 PM, Welfare Concern, 13000 block CR 472; 7:44:36 PM, Assist SCSO, 12000 block Interstate 20 West; 8:43:14 PM, Reckless Driving, 1500 block South Main Street; 9:20:07 PM, Alarm Business, 14000 block FM 849.

**SUNDAY, MAY 21:** 12:05:50 AM, Suspicious Vehicle, 200 block Cannery Row; 1:03:33 AM, Suspicious Person, 700 block Mallory Street; 1:54:02 AM, Welfare Concern, 400 block West South Street; 12:03:24 PM, Scam, 700 block Kennedy Street; 12:45:57 PM, Found Property, 3200 block South Main Street; 4:27:51 PM, Welfare Concern, 500 block Pierce Street; 5:53:11 PM, Overdose, 200 block Robyn Lane; 7:45:15 PM, Accident, Baker Street/East Hubbard Street; 7:53:00 PM, Public Service, 100 block Ballard Drive; 10:15:18 PM, Missing Juvenile/Runaway, 300 block South Main Street; 11:43:23 PM, Welfare Concern, 400 block East Hubbard Street.



**MONDAY, MAY 22:** 12:12:04 AM, Welfare Concern, 18000 block Highway 69 North; 2:11:48 AM, Suspicious Person, 300 block South Main Street; 4:28:14 AM, Suspicious Vehicle, 13000 block Highway 69 North; 8:54:24 AM, Public Service, 500 block Pierce Street; 10:18:59 AM, Assist LISD PD, 900 block East Hubbard; 12:32:58 PM, Stolen Vehicle, 3500 block South Main Street; 3:55:43 PM, Warrant Service, 500 block South Main Street; 7:31:08 PM, Alarm Business, 300 block Eagle Spirit Drive; 7:37:27 PM, Welfare Concern, 300 block South Main Street; 8:17:54 PM, Suspicious Circumstance, 200 block Betts Drive; 10:14:56 PM, Alarm Residence, 1500 block Camden Court.

**TUESDAY, MAY 23:** 4:29:54 AM, Welfare Concern, 13000 block Interstate 20 West; 5:54:28 AM, Traffic, Pearl Street/South Main Street; 6:32:07 AM, 911 Hang Up Call, 15000 block Brittain Court; 7:44:55 AM, Accident, 300 block North Main Street; 9:34:18 AM, Warrant Service, 17900 block Highway 69 North; 9:48:23 AM, Assist LISD PD, 900 block East Hubbard Street; 11:00:35 AM, Hit and Run, 13000 block Interstate 20 West; 2:46:59 PM, Suspicious Person, 100 block Mount Sylvan Street; 5:28:28 PM, Criminal Mischief, CR 474/South Main Street; 8:52:48 PM, Alarm Business, 300 block Eagle Spirit Drive; 9:27:49 PM, Welfare Concern, 400 block Crosby Street; 11:55:26 PM, Public Intoxication, 300 block South Main Street.

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 24:** 1:09:57 AM, Assist EMS, 13000 block Interstate 20 West; 3:54:17 AM, Public Service, Highway 110 North/FM 724; 5:28:50 AM, Alarm Business, 14000 block FM 849; 8:10:24 AM, Suspicious

Circumstance, 500 block Pierce Street; 8:40:34 AM Assist SCSO, FM 849/Interstate 20 West; 10:49:29 AM, City Ordinance Violation, 3200 block South Main Street; 12:39:40 PM, Failure To Identify, 3500 block South Main Street; 12:50:51 PM, Motorist Assist, 13000 block Interstate 20 West; 1:08:00 PM, Alarm Residence, 40 block Corrigan Trails Blvd; 2:05:57 PM, Theft 3500 block South Main Street; 2:13:29 PM, Criminal Mischief, 200 block Cannery Row; 2:25:14 PM, Welfare Concern, 13000 block Interstate 20 West; 2:38:10 PM, Accident, 200 block Hillside Circle; 4:01:37 PM, 911 Hang Up Call, 1100 block Woodlands Park Drive; 5:00:12 PM, Suspicious Person, 300 block South Main Street; 6:00:37 PM, Traffic Hazard, FM1804/Highway 69 North; 7:47:29 PM, Suspicious Person, 100 block East Centennial Blvd; 8:40:53 PM, Public Service, 100 block East Centennial Blvd; 9:01:28 PM, Public Service, 3400 block South Main Street; 9:20:48 PM, Public Service, 100 block East Van Street; 9:54:03 PM, Reckless Driving, 3300 block South Main Street; 11:34:24 PM, Assist SCSO, 18000 block CR 4116

**THURSDAY, MAY 25:** 12:34:00 PM, Check In Passing, 400 block Corrigan Trails Blvd; 1:00:00 AM Alarm Business, 14000 block FM 849.

**FRIDAY, MAY 26:** 2:49:57 AM, Motorist Assist, 13000 block Interstate 20 West; 8:50:28 AM, Public Service, 200 block Heritage Court; 9:10:24 AM, Welfare Concern, 13000 block Highway 69 North; 9:54:21 AM, Abandoned Vehicle, 14000 block Interstate 20 East; 10:37:47 AM, Welfare Concern, 900 block Mount Sylvan Street; 11:54:26 AM, Hit and Run, 17000 block Interstate 20 West; 12:05:17 PM, Welfare Concern, 13000 block FM 2710; 12:30:43 PM, Public Service, 100 block Ballard Drive; 1:35:06 PM, Public Service, 100 block East Centennial, 1:58:34 PM, Suspicious Person, 300 block Rita Drive; 2:26:40 PM, Welfare Concern, 400 block Elm Lane; 2:45:17 PM, Traffic Complaint, 17000 block Interstate 20 East; 3:10:11 PM, Accident, Mount Sylvan Street/W Hubbard Street; 4:11:55 PM, Traffic Control/Direct, South Main Street/East South Street; 4:58:58 PM, Theft From Motor Vehicle, 400 block North College Street; 5:30:28 PM, Suspicious Circumstance, 700 block West South Street; 5:38:31 PM, Suspicious Circumstance, 100 block Ballard Drive; 6:57:11 PM, Motorist Assist, CR 472/Liberty Crossing; 7:01:45 PM, Stolen Vehicle, East Centennial Blvd.

## GRAND JURY INDICTMENTS

**County Grand Jury indicts 12 from Lindale**

Smith County Grand Juries returned 243 indictments from March 30 through April 27 with 12 of those being Lindale residents, said Grand Jury Coordinator Marieliza Martineez.

Those indicted from Lindale include:  
--Connie Broom, two counts of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon from

Oct. 30, 2022;  
-- Shane Fleming, two counts of indecency with a child from Nov. 11, 2021;  
-- Edward Jones, driving while intoxicated with child under 15, from July 29, 2022; Possession of controlled substance, from July 29, 2022; two counts of endangering a child/criminal negligence from July 29, 2022;  
-- Miguel Ortega, evading arrest with a

vehicle, from July 1, 2022;  
-- Daniel Smith, accident involving injury, from July 24, 2022;  
-- Raymone Jones, possession of a controlled substance, from Jan. 28, 2023;  
-- Christopher Kuydendall, three counts of sexual assault of a child, Nov. 26, 2022, Dec. 9, 2022 and Dec. 28, 2022;  
-- Griffin Shanks, possession of a controlled substance, from Jan. 26, 2023;

-- Paul Cohen, continuous violence against family, from Feb. 26, 2023;  
-- Jessie Melton, fraudulent use/possession of identifying information, from April 6, 2022;  
-- Jacob Owens, driving while intoxicated, third or more offense, from July 5, 2022;  
-- Eulogio Briceno, driving while intoxicated, third or more offense, from Feb. 12, 2023.

## TxDOT urges Texans to give driving their full attention

Distracted driving is on the rise in Texas and the Texas Department of Transportation is urging all drivers to pay attention on the road, publicity officials said.

In an instant, Karin Zaltsman lost her teenage daughter Emily when a driver made the decision to take his eyes off the road to text while driving.

This story should be a reminder to Texans to keep their eyes up and phones down while driving.

Described as kind, funny, smart and driven, Emily had her whole life ahead of her, but one driver's decision to text and drive cut her life short.

"Emily didn't die in an accident," said Karin Zaltsman of her late daughter. "Emily died in a crash that could have been prevented."

Emily is one of more than 2,000 people killed on Texas roadways due to distracted drivers since 2017.

Disturbingly, distracted driving deaths increased by 10 percent in the Lone Star State in 2022. Approximately one of every six crashes on Texas roadways last year was attributed to distracted driving.

"Distracted driving is a choice, and it has devastating consequences for communities," said TxDOT Executive Director Marc Williams. "Texting, adjusting audio or scrolling on a social media site can wait until you're safely parked. We're urging

Texans to make the right choice and put the phone away."

Texting while driving is not only incredibly dangerous, it's a crime. Since Sept. 1, 2017, it has been illegal to read, write or send a text while driving in Texas, and violators can face a fine of up to \$200.

Distracted driving crashes are 100 percent preventable.

TxDOT offers these tips to help drivers steer clear of a potentially deadly situation:

- Always give driving your full attention—any distraction is dangerous.
- Put your phone away, turn it off or use an app or phone settings to block texts and calls while driving.
- Pull off the road entirely and come to a complete stop before you use your phone.
- Tell friends, family and coworkers you won't respond to texts or calls while driving.
- Avoid eating or drinking until you are parked.

TxDOT's "Talk. Text. Crash." distracted driving awareness campaign is a key component of #EndTheStreakTX, a broader social media and word-of-mouth effort that encourages drivers to make safer choices while behind the wheel to help end the streak of daily deaths.

Nov. 7, 2000 was the last deathless day on Texas roadways.

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### Yard of the Month for June

The yard belonging to Sybil Kleam of Lindale has been chosen by members of the Lindale Garden Club as Yard of the Month for June. The yard is at 15165 County Road 431. (Courtesy photo)

## Local students named to UT Tyler Dean's List

Students from the University of Texas at Tyler Ben and Maytee Fisch College of Pharmacy have been named to the spring 2023 Dean's List.

Alanna Kologey and Mase E. Snoubar from Lindale were among nine students named to the Dean's

List.

To qualify for the Fisch College of Pharmacy Dean's List, a student must have completed six or more credit hours in the awarding semester with a grade point average of at least 3.75. This recognition is made in fall and spring semesters.



## Smith County honors IT chief

Smith County's Chief Information Officer Don Bell was honored during Commissioners Court Tuesday for 10 years of service, said Public Information Officer Casey Murphy.

Bell leads the County's Information Technology Department, which serves Smith County's 900 employees.

"All of our departments in the county work together; they're all very important. If you think of them as gears, all of them are turning and doing their own thing but IT is the handle that keeps them turning," Precinct 1 Commissioner Pam Frederick said. "We are very, very dependent on what you do in your department Don, and we really appreciate you."

Before joining Smith County, Bell worked for Mobil Oil Corporation in Global Operations and Nortel Networks in Product Development and Engineering. He has an undergraduate degree in Computer Science and Mathematics and a Master's Degree from the School of Engineering at SMU.

He is a Certified Government Chief Information Officer through the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and has served on the National Association of Counties Telecommunications and Technology Policy Steering Committee for the last four years, working on technology matters at the federal level regarding county government.

Bell's wife is a teacher in the Canton ISD and they have four children and two grandchildren.

"I have an incredible staff and together we prioritize customer service in maintaining all technology at the County," Bell said.

Commissioner Frederick said Bell does a great job keeping up with the County's current needs and challenges. "Smith County is very blessed to have you in your position," she added.

10 Years Suni Whittaker was recognized for 10 years of service in the Smith County Clerk's Office, where she works as the Official Public Records Department manager.



Smith County Chief Information Officer Don Bell was honored by the Smith County Commissioner's court and Precinct 1 Commissioner Pam Frederick. (Courtesy photo)

County Clerk Karen Phillips said Whitaker has a constant thirst for knowledge, is very dedicated and gives 110 percent in whatever she does.

"Suni has an 'I can do it' attitude ... She is a team leader," Phillips said.

5 Years Kim Carter, executive assistant to Smith County Judge Neal Franklin, was recognized for five years of service to the county.

"She's my radar, she's always a step ahead," Franklin said. "Kim, you're simply the best and I appreciate you so much, everything you do."

Other Smith County employees who celebrated a work anniversary in May but who were not in court on Tuesday include:

20 Years: Floriberto Arroyo, Sheriff's Office

15 Years: Jacob Hart and Dean Sanderson, Sheriff's Office

10 Years: Reginald Frost, Road and Bridge Department; Noel Martin, Sheriff's Office; Brandi White, District Attorney's Office

5 Years: Adam Chambless, Sheriff's Office; Anthony Glass, Facilities Services; Zachary Gilmore, District Attorney's Office; Tommy Smith, Road and Bridge

## Texas Game Wardens help keep public safe during Memorial Day

Texas Game Wardens patrolled Texas lakes and rivers during the Memorial Day weekend, ensuring visitors were recreating responsibly.

Wardens cited a decrease in accidents this year but noted an increase in citations issued, warnings and arrests.

Between Friday, May 26 and Monday May 29, 358 game wardens conducted 12,141 vessel checks across Texas — 19 percent more than in 2022. They responded to 13 accidents, two boating fatalities and two drownings.

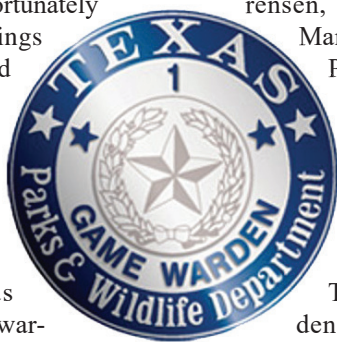
The two boating fatalities occurred at Choke Canyon and the Neches River and the two drown-

ings occurred at Toledo Bend and Lake Halbert.

"Although the weekend was relatively safe, unfortunately deaths and drownings still occurred," said Texas Game Warden Colonel Chad Jones "Our sorrow and sympathy are with the family and friends of the victims as well as the game wardens who assisted in their rescue and recovery. We are proud that more people are aware of and practicing safe boating techniques, but we must continue

to educate the public so everyone returns home safely."

At Lewisville Lake, Kim Sorensen, Boating Education Manager for the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD), hosted an educational outreach program for visitors. She was joined by Texas Game Wardens and Army Corps of Engineers Rangers who completed vessel safety checks and assisted boaters by loaning them missing safety equipment. Other partners, [LV Project](#) and



[Powerline Safety Initiative](#), joined TPWD and assisted with safety outreach and life jacket distribution.

"We had a successful event over the weekend," said Sorensen. "Along with our partners, we reminded boaters to carry the appropriate boating safety equipment including life jackets for all passengers on board, a fire extinguisher, a throwable device, a certificate of number and their boater education card if they born on or after September 1, 1993. Furthermore, we stressed that children under 12 years of age must wear life jackets while on board." In addition to vessel and safety

checks on the water, game wardens assisted with many other incidents across the state including Driving While Intoxicated violations, trespassing, pursuing a stolen vehicle, recovering a missing vehicle, assault and recovering and transporting a small alligator.

Summer is the busiest time for Texas lakes and rivers, and it's important for everyone to continue practicing safe water and boating practices every time they hit the water. A complete list of safety equipment required is found in the [Texas Water Safety Act](#). For more information about water safety, visit [Water Safety — Texas Parks & Wildlife Department](#).



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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of MICHAEL MARCELLUS COLLIER, Deceased, were issued on May 30, 2023, in Cause No. 47,388P, pending in the County Court at Law No: 3, Smith County, Texas, to: PRISCILLA B. COLLIER. All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law. c/o: H. CHUCK BAUMAN, Attorney at Law at 400 E. Fifth St., Tyler, Texas 75701.

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of GERALD D. DENE, Deceased, were issued on May 30, 2023, in Docket No. 47399P, pending in the County Court at Law No. 3, Smith County, Texas, to MARY LOU DENE.

Claims may be presented to the following address:  
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Independent Executor  
Estate of GERALD D. DENE  
10785 Harvestwood Dr.  
Tyler, Texas 75703

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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of RAYMOND RICHARD ODOM, Deceased, were issued on May 30, 2023, in Docket No. 47381P, pending in the County Court at Law No. 3, Smith County, Texas, to RICHARD DUANE ODOM.

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Richard Duane Odom  
Independent Executor of the Estate of  
RAYMOND RICHARD ODOM  
4911 Richmond Road  
Tyler, Texas 75703

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**LEGAL NOTICE****CLERK OF THE COURT ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF**

**PENNY CLARKSTON SMITH COUNTY DISTRICT CLERK**  
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**CAUSE NO. 22-1025-C  
THE STATE OF TEXAS  
CITATION BY PUBLICATION**

**NOTICE TO DEFENDANT:** "You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by Ten O'clock (10:00) A.M. on the Monday next following the expiration of forty-two (42) days after you were served this citation and petition, a default judgment may be taken against you."

**TO: G.C. DUNCAN AND THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF G.C. DUNCAN - DEFENDANT - NO KNOWN ADDRESS**

**GREETINGS:** You are hereby commanded to appear before the 241st Judicial District Court of Smith County, Texas, to be held at the Courthouse of said County in the City of Tyler, Smith County, Texas, by filing a written answer to Plaintiff's Original Petition at or before Ten o'clock (10:00) A.M. on the Monday next after the expiration of forty two (42) days after the date of service hereof, a copy of Plaintiff's Original Petition which accompanies this citation in Cause Number 22-1025-C, filed on the docket of said Court on this the 17th day of May, 2022, and styled: **DOLLIE TUCKER AND JESSIE EARL TUCKER VS G. C. DUNCAN AND THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF G. C. DUNCAN**

**Mrs. Tucker is claiming adverse possession of the real property commonly referred to as 1206 S. Butler Ave., Tyler, Texas 75701, more particularly described as Lot 79, Block 661A, in the official map of Butler College Addition to the City of Tyler, Texas as shown by plat thereof, and recorded in Volume 1, Page 146 of the Deed Records of Smith County, Texas.**

**Mrs. Tucker has occupied the property for more than 25 years. been paying taxes and and taking care of the property adjacent to hers, located at 1206 Butler, Tyler, Texas for more than 20 years. Mrs. Tucker has lived next door for more than 53 years. No one else has ever tried to claim the land or paid any of the taxes. The Smith County Appraisal District shows that the property belongs to G.C. Duncan. Mrs. Tucker is petitioning the Court to get Deed to this property.**

The officer executing this writ shall serve the same according to the requirements of law, and the mandates thereof, and make due return as the law directs.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of said Court at Tyler, Texas, this date: **May 25, 2023.**

**ATTEST:**  
**CLERK OF THE COURT**  
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Smith County District Clerk  
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By: /s/ Gina McClung, Deputy

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Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Franklin Delano Rusnell, Deceased, were issued to Pamela Rusnell Mccasland June 5, 2023, in Cause No. 47437P, by the County Court at Law #3 of Smith Co, Tx. All persons having claims against this Estate currently being administered are required to present them to Pamela Rusnell Mccasland c/o Richard B. Pattenon, Attorney 218 N. Broadway, Ste. 304, Tyler, TX 75702 within the time and manner prescribed by law.

**Notice to Creditors**

Letters of Administration for the Estate of Peggy Joyce Clark, Deceased, were issued to Royce Couch May 30, 2023, in Cause No. 47411P, by the County Court at Law #3 of Smith Co, Tx. All persons having claims against this Estate currently being administered are required to present them to Royce Couch, at 401 Miller St., Frankston, TX 75763 within the time and manner prescribed by law.

**Notice to Creditors**

Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Harriet Jean Dudley, Deceased, were issued to Kristin Renee Faye Featherston, June 5, 2023, in Cause No. 47442P, by the County Court at Law #3 of Smith Co, Tx. All persons having claims against this Estate currently being administered are required to present them to Kristin Renee Faye Featherston c/o Richard B. Pattenon, Attorney 218 N. Broadway, Ste. 304, Tyler, TX 75702 within the time and manner prescribed by law.

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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.

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The City of Lindale reserves the right to reject any or 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 the bids and investigating the bidder's qualifications prior to the contract award.

The City of Lindale Carolyn Caldwell, City Manager 05-26-2023  
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## VARIOUS EVENTS KICK OFF SUMMER

### *Summer events under way in city*

School is out and youngsters will be able to take part in various activities in Lindale, including fishing, movies in the park and story time sessions at the Lillie Russell Memorial Library.

#### Free Movie in the Park

The city of Lindale has scheduled another free Movie in the Park – “Puss in Boots, The Last Wish” -- beginning at 8:30 p.m., Friday, June 9 at Darden Harvest Park.

The PG-rated animated feature from 2022 stars Antonio Banderas as Puss in Boots and Salma Hayek as Kitty Softpaws. A decade after the original Puss in Boots, the titular character is now down to the last of his nine lives. He is being pursued by bounty hunter The Big Bad Wolf and takes off on a quest into the Dark Forest to find the legendary Wishing Star.

#### Rotary Club's Kid's Fishing event scheduled June 10

The Lindale Rotary Club will be holding its annual Kid's Fishing Event from 8 a.m.-11 a.m., Saturday, June 10 at the American Legion Post 15 at 18251 County Road 498 in Lindale.

The first 100 youngsters will receive a rod and reel combo. Hot dogs and chips will be served as well.

Anglers do not need a license.

For more information, call Todd Froebe at 817-781-8383 or Amanda Froebe at 903-882-5333.

#### Library's Story Times, Therapet visits, magic show

In addition to its weekly story time offerings, the Lillie Russell Memorial Library has scheduled Therapet visits and a magic show.

On Friday, June 9 at 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m., “All Together Now: Animals” story time will get under way.

On Saturday, June 10 beginning at 10:30 a.m., the first Therapet visit of the month is scheduled.

Magician John O'Bryant will appear on Thursday, June 15 beginning at 10:30 a.m. and on Friday, June 16, a “Kindness” story time will begin at 9 a.m. and again at 10:30 a.m.

On Friday, June 23, the “Family” story time is scheduled at 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. and on Saturday, June 24 another Therapet visit is scheduled.

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## Texas journalists induct Bardwells into state's top press circles

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was honored for his 50 years in the newspaper industry.

To her students, to her readers and to her colleagues in the newspaper industry, Suzanne Bardwell was a dynamic presence, a driving force and advocate for journalism – one who earned a place in the Texas Newspaper Hall of Fame.

“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,” according to her colleagues in the Texas Press Association who inducted the longtime teacher and journalist into the ranks of decades of honorees Friday afternoon.

In the same June 2 ceremony, the journalists from across the state gathered in Round Rock also honored Gladewater Mirror Publisher Jim Bardwell with the association's Golden 50 Award during their annual TPA Convention & Trade Show.

The Texas Newspaper Foundation's annual hall of fame ceremonies honor inductees for exemplary service to their communities and to the whole of the newspaper industry.

Suzanne Bardwell worked at Gilmer, Spring Hill and White Oak ISDs during her 33 years in the classroom and, in 2013, was named the Max R. Haddick Teacher of the Year by the University Interscholastic League. “The award is presented annually to the best high school journalism instructor in Texas,” according to TPA, an organization in which she was a multiple award winner for columns, photography, news writing and community service. “She supported a number of

causes, most notably saving the Gladewater Library from closing after the 2021 Texas winter storm severely damaged the facility. She was a fierce advocate for the First Amendment, writing about it frequently and contacting lawmakers about issues that threatened those rights.

For Tommy Thomason, founder and former director of the Texas Center of Community Journalism, a legacy like Suzanne Bardwell's towers over cathedrals and outlasts works of art.

“The mark of greatness is people who pour their lives into other people,” he praised. “And that is what Suzanne did.”

“There are thousands of people whose lives are forever different because they encountered Suzanne.”

Throughout their 47 years of marriage until her death early last year, Suzanne was in the trenches alongside her husband across multiple publications and organizations.

An East Texas native born in Longview, Jim Bardwell's journalism career officially began in the early 1970s – he cut his teeth working on newspaper staffs at Longview High School, Kilgore College and East Texas State University. Technically, the longtime writer, photographer and publisher (who also owns Lindale News and Times) had his first foray into journalism at “The Daily Planet,” a self-published 3 cent-per-week news-sheet published with two fellow fifth graders.

Decades on, Bardwell persists in his craft, ever-supported by his son, Josh, and daughter-in-law Jennifer, who attended Friday's Hall of Fame induction and Golden 50 honors.

“For 50 years Jim has tried to be the watchdog for the people when it came to local government,” according



Jim Bardwell, owner and publisher of The Gladewater Mirror and Lindale News and Times, speaks at the Texas Press Association Convention & Trade Show in Round Rock Friday after the induction ceremony of his late-wife, Suzanne Bardwell, into the Texas Newspaper Hall of Fame and his own inclusion among TPA's Golden 50 Award recognizing his five decade in journalism.

to Texas Press. Among an array of volunteer endeavors with Gladewater Round-Up Rodeo, Gusher Days, and numerous other projects, “He has always reminded government officials that the budget – whether it be city, county or state – is the people's money. Sometimes they forget that – and need to be reminded.”

Other Texas Newspaper

Hall of Fame inductees June 2 include Dave Campbell of Texas Football Magazine who died in 2021 and retired newspaper veteran Larry C. Jackson. Three additional Golden 50 Award honorees included Donnis Baggett (Dallas Morning News), Budd Kennedy (Fort Worth Star-Telegram) and Mary Judson (Port Aransas South Jetty).

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