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Karen Phillips files \$10 million lawsuit against Smith County

Alleging that Smith County Sheriff's Office deputies made false statements and violated several of her Constitutional rights, Smith County Clerk Karen Phillips has filed a \$10 million lawsuit against Smith County, its sheriff and multiple Smith County Sheriff's Office deputies.

Phillips is the wife of Precinct 3 Commissioner Terry Phillips and the mother of Derrick Phillips.

In her lawsuit, Karen Phillips asserts her arrest on April 4 for allegedly interfering with her son's arrest is erroneous and that she committed no crime and her Fourth, Fifth and Eighth Amendment rights were violated.

She said after video of that night released by Smith County Sheriff Larry Smith she has been harassed by drivers outside her home, threatening phone calls and vulgar emails, which have resulted in mental distress, depression and headaches.

The suit was filed on May 30 and stems from an incident that occurred on March 28 at the Phillips' home off FM 14 when Derrick Phillips allegedly interfered with a traffic stop involving another man Cody Voss, who was being pulled over for having one of his tail lights out on his vehicle.

A deputy attempted to pull over Voss' vehicle for a tail light issue while driving on FM 14, but instead of stopping, Voss pulled into the Phillips' residence, Sheriff's Office spokesman Larry Christian said.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



A ribbon cutting for the new Kinzie Community Center has been set for Thursday, July 13. The center is located at Pool Park.

Photo by Terry Cannon

New Kinzie Center grand opening scheduled for Thursday, July 13

Lindale City Council members decided on an opening date for the revamped Kinzie Community Center at Pool Park during their regular meeting Tuesday (June 6) night meeting at city hall.

The center's official opening date will be Thursday, July 13 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. with a ribbon cutting also planned.

Council members also discussed the parameters for use of the facility by civic organizations. The Lindale Rotary Club is interested in using the facility again, City Manager Carolyn Caldwell said.

The council also approved budget amendments for the 2022-23 city budget year as well as discussing budget workshops and the city's tax rate calendar.

In other action, the council:

-- Heard about a project from Faith Leach Rose City Marines for Faulkner Park. It is a land naviga-

tion project, which utilizes a compass to develop skills in navigating certain areas. The plans will include 15 signs to chart the course at no cost to the city, a spokesperson said. Caldwell said she would prefer this be an interim project to see if it is feasible.

Mayor Jeff Daugherty suggested the group provide an outline for the council to get a better idea of the project. This would be the first such project for the Faith Leach Rose City Marines. The council tabled the item to be presented at the June 20 council meeting.

-- Approved the Freese Nichols scope of services cost for the Faulkner Park master plan, which is \$74,900, Caldwell said, with funds coming out of the city's general fund. The length of time for the completion of the project is estimated to be six months, Caldwell added.

— Cancelled the council meeting, which was scheduled for Tuesday, July 4.



Lindale High School seniors Robert Johnson and Reeci Morgan recently were awarded scholarships by the Lindale Freemasons Lodge No. 848.

Courtesy photo

LHS seniors receive scholarships from local Freemasons Lodge

Lindale High School seniors Reeci Morgan and Robert Johnson recently received \$1,000 scholarships from the Lindale Freemasons Lodge No. 848, publicity officials announced.

These scholarships were from the Norman Quaas Memorial Scholarship Fund established by the local Freemasons.

Morgan is planning to attend Texas A&M University in the fall of 2023 with a business major and Johnson is scheduled to attend Tyler Junior College this fall and major in nursing.

The scholarships were made possible by a raffle the lodge held two years ago.

The lodge is planning to have annual scholarships for deserving LHS students.

In addition to the Quaas Memorial Fund – named after a respected past member of the lodge -- these scholarships have been made available by the Texas Masonic Charity Foundation.

Heed warning signs of heat exhaustion, stroke

Ah, summer time when the living is easy.

The problem is the season can also be dangerous if you don't take precautions against heat related illnesses as you spend more time outdoors.

This extended time spent outside can lead to a higher risk of a heat-related illness, such as heat exhaustion or heat stroke.

The American College of Emergency Physicians reports that each year there are hundreds of fatalities and countless emergency department visits due to heat-related illnesses. Older adults, babies and young children, as well as those with medical conditions like diabetes, high blood pressure, heart disease or obesity, are particularly susceptible to the heat.

"We recommend everyone, especially if they are at a high-risk for heat-related illness, to be aware of the symptoms of heat stress, especially heat exhaustion and heat stroke," said Mike Lopez, DrPH, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service health program specialist in the agency's Family and Community Health Unit.

"However, anyone can succumb to heat, especially in humid conditions and in combination with outdoor activity," Lopez said. "Plus, you have to consider other factors that may be at play such as drinking alcohol, inadequate hydration and possible reactions from medication."

AgriLife Extension specialist Debra Kellstedt, DrPH,



said the body naturally heats up during physical activity but normally keeps itself cool by sweating.

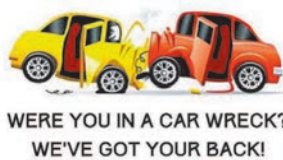
"However, in cases of extreme heat and high humidity, the body heats up faster than it can sufficiently sweat in order to maintain a temperature in the normal range," she said.



The Lindale Rotary Club's annual Kid's Fishing Event took place this past weekend at the fishing pond at the American Legion Jordan-Duncan Post 15 in Lindale with more than 100 youngsters getting a chance to haul in some fish. More than 100 rods and reels were given away to the youngsters, who enjoyed eating hot dogs and catching fish.



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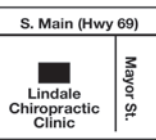


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THE FIRST AMENDMENT: Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of all the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition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

Newspapers matter...

This has been an exciting week for the Gladewater Mirror. We have won some 'major awards'. Sadly, none came with a leg lamp. (Watch the movie "A Christmas Story" if you don't get that reference. You will laugh until you cry.)

Jim and I attended the Texas Press Association's Leadership Retreat to fellowship with folks who care about public information, transparency and the future of their communities. Some are at large daily newspapers, some at papers much smaller than ours. Some are from far West Texas with sand in their hair, some are from the border and fluently bilingual.

Some are from the blown away coast and working their hearts out to rebuild. A lot of laughing, lamenting and exchanging of ideas happened in the course of those three days.

For most of the retreat I was just a tad nervous because I had agreed to lead a session entitled "High Time for Full Immersion". I told the group of journalists that my translated title was: "Time to Go to the River Journalism and Get Washed".

Baptized.

Not sprinkled. Not doused. Dunked!

Journalism, as a profession, and sometimes with good reason, is taking a beating right now. But folks, the one thing that represents and protects the interests of citizens, taxpayers and individuals from the federal level to the local level is the press. Transparency, open government and where tax money is going is a 'right to know' privilege that is usually only ensured by the press.

Today, there are groups, many associated with government, many with BIG business or special interests that are chipping away at journalist rights. That means YOUR access to information. Sometimes it means a powerful interest group, lobby or piece of legislation is going to wipe out the little guy if somebody doesn't investigate. So, whose job is that?

Our Founding Fathers had that answer down pat. Thomas Jefferson once said, and I paraphrase, 'given a choice between government and no newspapers; or newspapers and no government; I'll take the newspapers'.

No kidding! The author of the Declaration of Independence wanted American citizens to understand the importance of the press in our form of government.

The Founding Fathers even wrote it into the Constitution of

The Best of Suzanne Bardwell



the United States. It is right there in the First Amendment which holds our most sacred protections and are grouped together of equal importance...for a reason...to protect YOUR rights.

Take a breath and absorb these words:

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

One of the columns we won first place with at the state press contest was the Sept. 20 one which addressed Facebook opinions versus credible reporting of information in the local paper.

Our City Council at that time was being accused of holding 'secret meetings' which were written about in our paper, often on the front page, posted on our website, Facebook and e-edition. You see, dear readers, and well-informed citizens, sources matter. As does reading the newspaper.

Part of being an informed citizen, voter and taxpayer is reading the local paper. Heck, part of being a grownup is reading newspapers.

Journalism just happens to be our calling, and it is our joy to get that information to you so that your opinions are informed and together we can work toward having the very best community possible.

Man, this is a heavy job. One of great importance.

So my friends, here is one lasting lesson from this old journalism/history teacher: never forget that journalism is the ONLY privately owned business specifically protected in the Constitution of the United States of America for a reason. And that reason is the protection of YOUR rights.

Jackson named interim chair of PUC

Kathleen Jackson, recently confirmed to the Public Utility Commission by the Texas Senate, has been named interim chair by Gov. Abbott. That follows the resignation of chair Peter Lake, who will remain on the PUC until July 1. He joined the PUC in April 2021 in the wake of the major failure of the electric service after Winter Storm Uri the previous February.

State fights to seize former state park land

Commissioners with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department voted unanimously Saturday to pursue eminent domain claims to acquire property that once was Fairfield Lake State Park. The move came amid increasing acrimony between state officials and Todd Interests, the new owners of the land in Freestone County. Todd Interests recently purchased the land that had been leased to the state for the past half-century.

Shawn Todd, the company's founder and

CEO, told The Dallas Morning News the state had engaged in "intimidation" in an attempt to block his family's company from acquiring the 5,000-acre tract from energy company Vistra. The state made a \$25 million offer to buy Todd Interests out of its contract in mid-May, according to The News. Arch "Beaver" Aplin III, chair of the nine-member commission, said the legal maneuver is an effort to save and expand a "beloved state park."

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Miles and miles of memories from road trips

Ever since I was just a sprout, one of my great pleasures in life has been the road trip. As a family we would sometimes take relatively short trips to Deport to spend a weekend with Mammaw, our aunts, uncles and cousins. As I grew older, we would head to Bossier City to visit my Air Force brother and his wife, or maybe to Oklahoma and spend an afternoon with my dad's great aunt.

Then there was the time when we headed to California to visit my dad's sisters and their families.

Time has tempered my memories of these trips because I'm sure at the time I was thinking "are we ever going to get there" and "man why do I have to share the backseat with my irritating sister?"

But despite those annoyances, hitting the highway in our old car was a great way to pass the time, particularly in the summer and especially after my parents spent a few more bucks on air conditioning in the Ford.

Today, I still love a good road trip, whether it's just to Dallas to visit the kids and grandkids or other points north, south, east or west.

The Lovely Bride shares my delight in getting behind the wheel and heading off to



places known and unknown. When our oldest was six, we spent a couple of weeks seeing places such as Washington D.C., Williamsburg, Va., and Monticello. Yep, we were beat to the socks when we got home but the memories are still fantastic.

When the kids were much younger, we would head to Corpus Christi a couple of times a year to see the grandparents. Going to the beach and staying free at the Meyers was a cheap vacay.

Another fun trip came in the summer of 1998 when we headed for northern Colorado and stayed in the Roosevelt National Forest. My wife's aunt and uncle had 90 acres up there and we had the time of our lives.

Not only did we experience the splendor of the Rocky Mountains, but found New Mexico to be, well, enchanting. Hint: book some time in Santa Fe. It's beautiful.

A few years ago when our youngest son was play-

ing on travel baseball teams he and I packed our gear in my F-150 and wound up in places such as Boerne, Texas, San Antonio, Weatherford, Fort Worth, Paris and closer to home in Mineola.

He called a couple of days ago and we reminisced about those jaunts because his son Wyatt is trying out for a couple of travel baseball teams. Pops was quick to note that despite the expense and travel demands, should Wyatt find a place on one of those teams the experience of traveling to play baseball will be something he keeps in him memory banks the rest of his life.

Zach knows this now because he and I shared more than just miles and miles of roads when he began playing on travel teams.

The ultimate road trip came in 2007 when he and his team earned a trip to the Senior League World Series in Bangor, Maine.

This journey started in Tyler, moved to Brenham,

came back to Tyler then to Blytheville, Ark., which it should be noted isn't necessarily a garden spot but is home to some of the nicest folks on earth.

This tournament featured teams from the southwest region and the championship game came against a great team from Laredo. Despite having to spend 14 hours on a bus from their home in Laredo, those were the most gracious players we encountered on the whole trip.

Winning that tournament punched our ticket to Bangor, but a few details – such as how my wife and I would pay for the trip – needed to be ironed out.

After a few bills were sorted and schedules shifted, the Lovely Bride and I boarded a plane at D/FW Airport bound for Boston, where we would rent a car and drive to Bangor.

Maine is one spectacular place and we saw a great deal of it from our rental car. We dined on lots of lobster and other seafood delicacies. Visited the shopping mecca that is Freeport and enjoyed the beauty of Acadia National Park and Bar Harbor.

Memories made from another great road trip.

Hopefully, our grandson will be able to experience some of his own.



Lindale Rotary Club speaker

Erica Vakis, Director of The Journey Center, a non-profit Christian Ministry in Lindale. She discussed the history of the organization and how it provides a platform for the surrounding churches to come together to serve the community in a practical way. The center is located at 215 West Margaret Street in Lindale, formerly the Lindale Health Care center. LifeSource Community Church of Lindale is one of the many ministries affiliated with The Journey Center. (Courtesy photo)

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ONE YEAR AGO, June 16, 2022

Lindale City Council members gave their approval to adding another full time municipal clerk to the city's court and adjusted the municipal judge's pay during their regularly scheduled meeting at city hall. City Manager Carolyn Caldwell said the court is busier than in years past and in need of another clerk. City Municipal Judge James Cowart also discussed the increase in business which has caused a backlog in the court. Council members unanimously approved increasing Cowart's salary from \$14,000 to \$20,000. Grace Community Church donated \$5,000 to be used for the city's park department. The check was delivered to Caldwell who informed the council of the donation. The council also approved a playground design for a grant application for Pool Park. Caldwell said the grant would allow for a replacement of the equipment which she said was nearly 40 years old.

FIVE YEARS AGO, June 14, 2018

Three Lindale students were named to the Dean's List at Baylor University. Kelsi Kilgore, Brandon Alec Ramsey and Brandon Rogers earned this distinction.

To be named to the Dean's List, students must maintain a minimum grade point average of 3.7 while enrolled in at least 12 semester hours.

10 YEARS AGO, June 13, 2013

The Lindale High School Eagles baseball team placed three players on the first team and five to the second team as league coaches have selected the 16-4A All District team.

Lindale junior pitcher Sam Sitton was a first team selection, as was junior shortstop Kyle Bond and junior outfielder Kris Bond.

On the second team, sophomore pitcher Chase Brown was selected as was sophomore first baseman Nash Walters, sophomore second baseman Micah Walker, junior third baseman Jesse Valdez Jr. and sophomore outfielder Ryan Dudley.

League co-champions Whitehouse and Corsicana also shared some of the superlative honors on the all district squad.

Junior pitcher Patrick Mahomes of Whitehouse was chosen to the first team as well.

A great – and funny -- memory for Father's Day

There were so many things I learned from my Daddy and now that he and momma are both in Heaven and Father's Day is getting close, this seems like a good time to recall one of my favorite stories about him. And her.

You know, I can still remember when my dad taught me how to ride a bike. He was a good teacher, too. That's because he was a good bike rider himself. Heck, he could even sit on the handlebars and ride backwards, something I never did master.

Well, once upon a time long ago, my dad got himself a bike. Before that I hadn't seen him on one in years. This was not a new bike, oh no. This one was pretty old.

It wasn't just an ordinary bike either, but one with an engine on it. No, not a motorcycle, just a plain ol' bike, but it had an old putt-putt engine about the size of a basketball mounted on the front wheel just under the handlebars. Who knows where he got the thing.

Heck, who knows where he gets half the junk he came up with. Anywho, when he got it, the engine was in about a thousand pieces. He put it all together, mounted it on the bike and, VOILA'. He had the weirdest looking contraption you've ever seen.

To work this oddity, you have to peddle the bicycle and get it going at a pretty good clip. Then you pull a handle on the engine, which engages a wheel that comes in contact with the front tire on the bike.

This causes the engine to turn over and, if all goes ac-



ording to plan, the engine sputters to life and off you go, riding around the country side, enjoying nature, waving at passers-by, and generally looking dumb. Like I said, that's what was supposed to happen.

What really happened was this.

After checking the tires for air, Dad rolled the bike to the front of the house. Mom was on the front porch to watch the maiden voyage. She was also close to the phone ready to dial 911 if needed. Dad looked up and down the street both ways for traffic. This was something that you didn't have to do when I was a kid, because back then this place was in the country, and the street was just an old oil-topped road.

Since then the city had grown to encompass the place and now the house was located on one of the busier streets in the city.

Like I said, he looked both ways. No traffic, good. Dad pushed the bike out into the street, walking beside it. He rolled it uphill so he could coast down to get the engine started (his knees aren't what they used to be). He turned the bike back downhill and after a couple of hops he made it onto the bike. So far, so good. As he passed in front of the house, he pulled up on the handle to engage the engine.

It sputtered to life. He looked over at Mom, smiled, and then the engine popped.

A dirt dauber's nest about the size of your fist blew out of the exhaust, and the bike took off. There was my dad, a cloud of smoke, and a hardy "Hi Ho... HH-HEEEELLLLLPPP!"

Down the street the bike went, Dad hanging on for dear life. He had a death grip on the handlebars, but his feet had come loose from the pedals and were flying out behind the bike. He managed to get back on the seat and was trying to figure out how to stop the thing, when he looked up and saw a car approaching. He cut across the street, jumped the curb, blazed a path through a neighbor's rose bushes, and into some shrubs. He then disappeared from sight.

Now, I know you might think Mom was upset by this time, but you have to remember, she's been married to this man for 50 some-odd years. She did, however, move off of the porch to get a better view. She was just about to go down and see if he was still in one piece, when the bike shot out of the shrubs and headed back up the street. Yep, Dad was still on the bike.

He passed Mom doing what he said was about 90. Mom told me that she thought he was smiling. Dad told her later that he wasn't smiling, but that the wind in his face was pulling the skin back toward his ears making him look that way. As he passed Mom, she waved at him.

"Lookin' good!" she yelled.

"He yelled something back," she told me, "but with his mouth flared out like that, I couldn't understand what it was."

By this time Dad was standing up on the brakes. Unfortunately, this did not slow the bike down, but it did leave a rather impressive skid mark in the street that smoked for several minutes.

Dad finally got one hand pried loose from the handlebar so he could push the handle to disengage the engine. But before he could do it, a large garbage truck turned onto the street and headed straight for him. Thinking quickly, he turned the bike onto a fast food restaurant parking lot that is located at the top of the street.

He circled the restaurant several times. Mom said that the people inside had their faces pressed to the windows watching the fiasco.

Finally Dad shot out of the parking lot and back onto the street. He passed Mom one more time then steered it onto the vacant lot beside their house. As he bounced across the uneven ground he finally managed to disengage the engine. It sputtered to a stop. Dad crawled off the bike, let it drop, and started limping back to the house.

"Well," he said as he approached Mom. "It goes a little faster than I figured."

"I'd say so," said Mom.

"Whatever you do," said Dad. "Don't tell Rusty about this or it'll end up in that blame paper."

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How to avoid sitting too much

By Claudann Jones
Smith County Extension Agent
Family and Community Health

If you spend most days sitting at a desk or most evenings parked on your couch, you're not alone. A recent study estimates that American adults now spend an average of 6.5 hours a day sitting.

While no one is denying the importance of rest, too much rest isn't a good thing. In fact, research has shown that the more time a person spends sitting, the higher the risk of cardiovascular disease, diabetes, obesity, certain cancers and earlier death.

What can you do to minimize your sitting time? Here are a few ideas:

-- Take a break from sitting every 30 minutes. Get up to get a glass of water, take out the trash, or do some squats or simple stretches. These breaks are also important during long car rides and plane trips. Set an alarm if this helps you stay aware of the time.

-- Stand during routine tasks. Take a walk while talking on the phone or stand during your favorite television show.

-- Try a standing desk. If you use a desk at home or work, consider switching to a version that allows you to change between standing and sitting. You can also improvise with a high table or counter. Treadmill desks, which add in physical activity, are another option.

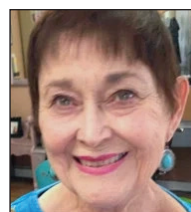
-- Take your meetings on the go. Whether chatting with co-workers or meeting friends for a coffee date, suggest taking a walk while you talk.

-- Invest in a fitness monitor. These devices can alert you when you've spent too much time without moving. Setting a daily step count goal can also motivate you to get up and move.

Work more movement into your day and your body will thank you for it. For more information about Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Family and Community Health programs, contact the Smith County Extension Agent for Family and Community Health at 903-590-2980 or email at cmjones@ag.tamu.edu. Like our Facebook page: Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service Smith County. Stay well and stay safe.

OBITUARIES

MARIAN ANN (MEADOR) DOTY



Marian Ann (Meador) Doty, age 82 passed away May 29, 2023, in Tyler.

A memorial service was held on Monday, June 12, 2023, at Caudle-Rutledge-Daugherty Funeral Home in Lindale.

Marian was born in Shreveport on May 5, 1941, to the late Jim and Juanita (Rutledge) Meador. She was a graduate of Northwestern State University in Natchitoches, La. where she was a member of Delta Zeta Sorority.

She spent her career touching many lives as a special education teacher and retired from Lindale ISD after 43 years.

Marian lived many places in her life, Shreveport, Bedford, Marshall, Buna Vista, Colo.; Eureka Springs, Heidelberg, Germany; Tyler, and Hideaway.

She has many hobbies that include being a member of the Retired Teacher Association of Louisiana, supporting the Special Olympics, cooking, painting, supporting Mercy Ships, gardening, and reading. Marian was a member of Mt. Sylvan Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Jim and Juanita (Rutledge) Meador and husband, Charles E. Doty.

Survived by daughters, Deanna Bottoms and husband, David, Kristin Martin and husband, Clay; grandchildren Paden Sisterhen, Kylie Martin, Caroline Martin; sister and best friend, Robbie Jones.

The family requests those who wish to express sympathy to consider making a donation to the Wings

of Eagles-Lindale ISD (parent group that coordinates special events for life skills) or Special Olympics of Texas (Tyler Rose Delegation).

Wences "Rod" Rodriguez



Services for Wences "Rod" Rodriguez, age 81, of Tyler are scheduled for 2 p.m. Thursday, June 15 at Caudle-Rutledge-Daugherty Funeral Home in Lindale.

Interment will be at the Hopewell Cemetery in Lindale. Wences passed away Saturday June 10 at home surrounded by his family.

He was born in Rivera, Texas on Dec. 16, 1941, to the late C. C. Rodriguez and Hermina (Pachecho) Rodriguez. Wences was a member of The Holy Family Catholic Church in Lindale and was formerly of Rivera, Vanderbilt, and Palestine before moving to Tyler in 1966. He worked as an electrician for Tyler Pipe for 17 years and then went on to work for Trane for 24 years until his retirement.

Wences was preceded in death by his parents; wife of 53 years, Marjorie Ann (Manville) Rodriguez, in October, 2014; brothers, Jose Rodriguez, Rudy Rodriguez and Cenovio Rodriguez and daughter, Elisa Downey.

He is survived by his sister, Mary Jane and husband John Hill; daughters, Pam and husband Tom Sides and Cheryl Musick; grandsons, Michael Loving, Chris Dean and wife Carmen Dean; granddaughters, Misty Reeves, Kari Reeves, Jamie Musick and Randi Munoz and numerous great grandchildren.

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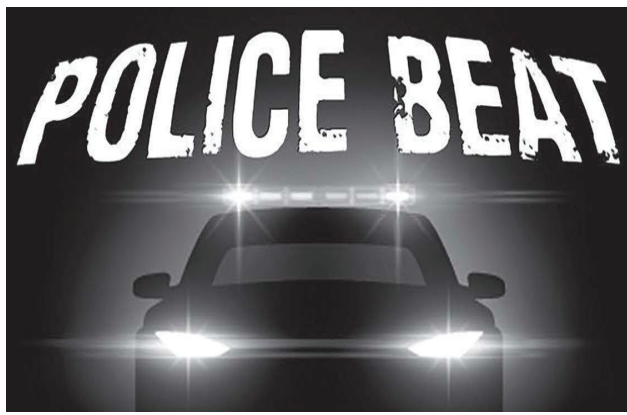
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Lindale Police Department call log for May 27-June 2:

SATURDAY, MAY 27: 1:39:56 AM, Suspicious Vehicle, 300 block South Main Street; 8:54:38 AM, Escort, 20000 block Highway 69 North; 9:05:01 AM, Motorist Assist, 13000 block Interstate 20 West; 9:34:03 AM, Public Service, 100 block Ballard Drive; 12:56:31 PM, Traffic Hazard, 100 block South Main Street; 1:49:33 PM, Public Service, 200 block East Hubbard Street; 1:53:34 PM, Theft, 200 block Mount Sylvan Street; 5:48:35 PM, Disturbance, 13000 block CR 472; 6:02:52 PM, Accident, 3400 block South Main Street; 6:04:46 PM, Reckless Driving, 14000 block FM 849; 8:39:36 PM, Disturbance, 300 block South Main Street; 9:16:58 PM, Welfare Concern, 1500 block Woodsprings Road; 9:26:14 PM, Counterfeit, 13000 block Interstate 20 West; 10:09:53 PM, Public Intoxication, Eagle Spirit Drive/South Main Street.

SUNDAY, MAY 28: 9:08:23 AM, Assist SCSO, 19000 block Highway 69 North; 10:47:37 AM, Lockout 300 block Cooper Street; 12:31:32 PM, Suspicious Vehicle, 2900 block South Main Street; 12:34:35 PM, Theft 13000 block Interstate 20 West; 3:12:27 PM, Traffic Hazard, 2000 block South Main Street; 4:45:34 PM, Disturbance, 13000 block Interstate 20; 6:26:24 PM, Suspicious, Person, 500 block North Main Street; 7:32:10 PM, Suspicious Circumstance, 100 block North Main Street; 8:48:42 PM, Reckless Driving, 3500 block South Main Street; 9:40:27 PM, Accident, 2300 block South Main Street; 10:47:19 PM, Reckless Driving, CR 472/Liberty Crossing.

MONDAY, MAY 29: 1:00:00 AM, Alarm Business, 800 block Lindale Industrial Parkway; 2:30:17 AM, Assist SCSO, 100 block Legends Court; 5:15:31 AM, Welfare Concern, 17000 block Interstate 20 West; 6:34:43 AM, Public



Service, 100 block Ballard Drive; 8:50:33 AM, Assist SCSO, 1700 block Leisure Lane; 12:58:52 PM, Lockout, 3500 block South Main Street; 1:00:00 PM, Recovered Stolen Vehicle, 3200 block South Main Street; 1:36:08 PM, Accident, Ballard Drive/South Main Street; 2:24:17 PM, Accident, 3500 block South Main Street; 6:11:54 PM, Welfare Concern, 16000 block Interstate 20 West; 6:52:29 PM, Assist SCSO, 10000 block FM 16; 9:15:23 PM, Suspicious Circumstance, 1200 block Forest Trails Drive.

TUESDAY, MAY 30: 12:53:39 AM, Assist SCSO, 13000 block Interstate 20 West; 2:47:08 AM, Public Service, 900 block East South Street; 9:48:46 AM, Alarm Business, 400 block South Main Street; 11:24:34 AM, Accident, 15000 block Interstate 20 East; 11:53:00 AM, Criminal Trespass, 100 block East Centennial Blvd; 12:28:15 PM, Criminal Mischief, 100 block East Centennial Blvd; 4:36:03 PM, Accident, 3400 block South Main Street; 6:32:03 PM, Accident, South Main Street/West Hubbard Street.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 31: 12:41:28 AM, Parking Violation, 90 block Miranda Lambert Way; 12:46:01 AM, Crimi-

nal Mischief, 500 block North College Street; 1:29:55 AM, Suspicious Vehicle, 300 block South Main Street; 10:40:01 AM, Information, Interstate 20 West/Highway 69; 11:16:44 AM, Public Service, 1500 block Sugar Hill; 11:21:13 AM, Motorist Assist, Ballard Drive/South Main Street; 11:50:39 AM, Information, Interstate 20 West/Highway 69; 12:24:38 PM, Traffic Hazard, 1400 block South Main Street; 2:09:06 PM, Suspicious Circumstance, 3200 block South Main Street; 3:32:53 PM, Assist SCSO, 19000 block Highway 69 North; 4:58:09 PM, Suspicious Circumstance, 3500 block South Main Street; 5:40:09 PM, Assist EMS, 600 block Abbey Road; 10:43:24 PM, Welfare Concern, 200 block West Hubbard Street; 11:19:51 PM, Motorist Assist, 13000 block CR 472.

THURSDAY, JUNE 1: 12:08:11 AM, Suspicious Person, 600 block Mallory Street; 12:16:54 AM, 911 Hang Up Call, 3500 block South Main Street; 1:10:00 AM, Harassment, 13000 block CR 472; 2:16:34 AM, Suspicious Person, CR 467/Legacy Trail; 7:18:17 AM, Warrant Service, 900 block South Main Street; 1:14:10 PM, Harassment, 3200 block South Main Street; 3:05:23 PM, Suspicious Person, North College Street/Stewart Street; 2:25:48 PM, Traffic Hazard, East Hubbard Street/South Commerce Street; 3:44:19 PM, Reckless Driving, Highway 69 North; 3:55:48 PM, Welfare Concern, 3500 block South Main Street; 5:12:11 PM, Traffic Complaint, 13000 block Interstate 20 West; 5:19:52 PM, Traffic Hazard, 3500 block South Main Street; 6:12:03 PM, Reckless Driving, 13800 block Highway 69; 7:26:28 PM, Harassment, 400 block Hill Street; 11:24:55 PM, Pursuit, CR 471/Highway 69.

FRIDAY, JUNE 2: 12:36:54 AM, Suspicious Person, 300 block South Main Street; 1:01:21 AM, Suspicious Vehicle, 3500 block South Main Street; 1:21:01 AM, Suspicious Vehicle, 400 block North College Street.

Hefner to hold town hall meeting in Lindale June 19

Texas State Representative Cole Hefner, R-Mount Pleasant, will hold a legislative town hall meeting at 6 p.m., Monday, June 19 at the Lillie Russell Memorial Library in downtown Lindale, said Hefner's District Director Melady Thompson.

The library is located at 200 East Hubbard Street.

Cozad Insurance Group holds annual Flag Day Exchange

In recognition of Flag Day, the Cozad Insurance Group is holding its 8th annual Flag Exchange this week at its Lindale and Tyler offices, publicity officials said.

The event will continue through June 16 at both offices and is open to the public.

Since 2016, Cozad has handed out more than 900 flags to the community. Community members are welcome



to drop by the Cozad office in Lindale at 1428 South Main Street with their worn American flags to

be exchanged for new ones.

Office hours are 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

New flags are limited to one per household but officials said they will accept all worn flags.

These worn flags will be retired at our Flag Retirement Ceremony performed by the Lindale Boy Scouts this fall.

Cozad officials said this is their way of saying "Thank you" to the community and they are looking forward to seeing all who want to donate worn flags and receive new ones.

The Tyler office is located at 617 Chase Drive.

Plano dentist sentenced to 18 months for COVID violations

A Plano dentist has been sentenced to federal prison for COVID-19 relief related violations in the Eastern District of Texas, said Davilyn Walston, spokesperson for U.S. Attorney Damien M. Digs.

Brian Bui, 43, pleaded guilty to wire fraud and was sentenced to 18 months in federal prison today by U.S. District Judge Sean D. Jordan.

According to court documents, Bui used his dentistry business to obtain at least two Paycheck Protection Program loans by submitting materially false application paperwork, including fabricating supporting documentation and lying about the number of employees and monthly payroll expenses.

As a result of his conduct, he obtained approximately \$1.89 million in forgivable loans guaranteed by the Small Business Administration (SBA) under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act.

Bui used the funds in a manner not au-

thorized by the program, including for non-business, personal investments. Bui was also ordered to pay restitution in the amount of \$1,491,305.97.

This case was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Anand Varadarajan. On May 17, 2021, the Attorney General established the COVID-19 Fraud Enforcement Task Force to marshal the resources of the Department of Justice in partnership with agencies across government to enhance efforts to combat and prevent pandemic-related fraud.

The Task Force bolsters efforts to investigate and prosecute the most culpable domestic and international criminal actors and assists agencies tasked with administering relief programs to prevent fraud by, among other methods, augmenting and incorporating existing coordination mechanisms, identifying resources and techniques to uncover fraudulent actors and their schemes, and

sharing and harnessing information and insights gained from prior enforcement efforts. For more information on the Department's response to the pandemic, please visit <https://www.justice.gov/coronavirus>.

Anyone with information about allegations of attempted fraud involving COVID-19 can report it by calling the Department of Justice's National Center for Disaster Fraud (NCFD) Hotline at 866-720-5721 or via the NCFD Web Complaint Form at: <https://www.justice.gov/disaster-fraud/ncdf-disaster-complaint-form>.

Trophy Club man pleads guilty to money laundering

A Trophy Club man has pleaded guilty to federal violations in the Eastern District of Texas, Walston said.

Doug McElvey, 58, pleaded guilty to money laundering charges before U.S. Magistrate Judge Kimberly C. Priest Johnson on June 6, 2023.

According to information presented in

court, from 2009 to 2022, McKelvey, a vice-president and financial advisor at Morgan Stanley, misappropriated at least \$1.5 million of investor funds held in brokerage accounts.

The funds were supposed to be invested on behalf of his clients. Instead, McKelvey used the funds to pay for personal trips, cruises, restaurants, salons, and other personal expenses.

McKelvey faces up to 10 years in federal prison. The maximum statutory sentence prescribed by Congress is provided here for information purposes, as the sentencing will be determined by the court based on the advisory sentencing guidelines and other statutory factors. A sentencing hearing will be scheduled after the completion of a presentence investigation by the U.S. Probation Office.

This case is being investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Anand Varadarajan

Highway 16 just west of Lindale work continues

A good deal of dirt is being moved along Highway 16 just west of Lindale as Texas Department of Transportation crews are widening and realigning the roadway from FM 849 to U.S. Highway 69 near downtown, said TxDOT spokesman Jeff Williford.

The project is four miles west of FM 849 east to U.S. 69.

Contractor is Highway 19 Construction LLC and the project's estimated cost will be \$44.4 million.

The company has projected a completion date of August, 2025.

The project consists of grading, asphalt base, asphalt surface overlay paving, storm drain, bridge, and culvert structures, signing, pavement markings, and signals. Crews will be preparing the right-of-way by removing trees and grading embankment.

There will be a crew working to install a detour for a traffic switch near Lindale Cemetery Road. Lane closures will be present in the area. Motorists should drive with caution and expect delays.

Also, an overlay crew will be working along FM 757 this week.

The project will start just south of FM 2767 and head north for two miles. Monday at this location, we will be working in the intersection of FM 757 and FM 2767. There will be flaggers controlling traffic in all four directions. Expect delays.

A second crew will be working on the I-20 service road at FM 2015 on the eastbound side. Crews will be performing edge work and level up work. Once complete, this crew will move to the I-20 service road at FM 14 on the eastbound side performing the same work. Both of locations will use barricades to divert traffic. Motorists are encouraged to use an alternate route.

Smith County construction projects updates:

Sidewalks at Various Locations in Smith County

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

Contractor: Highway 19 Construction, LLC

Cost: \$3.5 million

Project is in final cleanup. No work is scheduled this



Dirt continues to be moved along Highway 16 west of Lindale as Texas Department of Transportation crews continue work this week. (Photo by Terry Cannon)

week. No lane closures are anticipated. The project consists of sidewalk construction along SH 64 west in Tyler, SH 110 west in Troup and SH 135 north in Troup.

FM 344, ETC. Safety Improvements

Limits: FM 344 – From FM 756, E to SH 110; FM 768 – From SL 456, S to FM 22

Contractor: A R Brothers Construction Services, Inc.

Cost: \$1.8 million

Anticipated Completion Date: Spring 2023

Project is awaiting final punch list. The project consists of improving drainage, culvert work, and guard rail upgrades.

SH 155 Resurfacing Project

Limits: From Loop 323 in Tyler, southwest to the Anderson County line

Contractor: Madden Contracting Company, LLC

Cost: \$17 million

Anticipated Completion Date: Summer 2023

The contractor is scheduled to begin laying PFC surface to the shoulders and turn lane at FM 2868. Expect delays and lane closures on this corridor when construction is in progress. Motorists should expect work during the day and night. The project will resurface the roadway, upgrade drainage structures, and repair bridge joints.

Tyler State Park Bridge and Resurfacing Project

Limits: Park Maintenance Road in Tyler State Park SW to Cedar Point Camping Area Exit

Contractor: Encino Landscape

Cost: \$2.4 Million

Anticipated Completion Date: Summer 2023

The project is no longer under time suspension and contractor is expecting to resume work soon. The project consists of bridge and pavement resurfacing.

Tyler State Park Rehabilitation Project

Limits: Park Maintenance roads, camp areas 5-8, additional parking in camp area 10, day use parking area curb and gutter repair

Contractor: East Texas Bridge, Inc.

Cost: \$851,000

Anticipated Completion Date: Summer 2023

The contractor is scheduled to conduct hot mix placement on Milestone 4 (Area 10 Creekside Camping) location. Park areas will be closed as operations are in progress. This project is the rehabilitation of parking areas at camp site and maintenance roadways.

SH 110 & FM 346 Landscape Project

Limits: Various locations on SH 110 & FM 346

Contractor: Tight Line Construction, LLC

Cost: \$157,495

Anticipated Completion Date: Winter 2022

The project is suspended and awaiting punch list inspection for the Whitehouse landscape project. The project consists of landscape development.

Whittle Street, CR 2110, and CR 289 Bridge Replacement Project

Limits: Whittle Street, CR 2110, CR 289

Contractor: THK Construction, LLC

Cost: \$1.25 million

Anticipated Completion Date: Spring 2023

The project is in suspension and pending change order operations at the Whittle Street Bridge site. The road is open to through traffic. The project consists of replacing the existing bridge with a new structure.

The road is open to through traffic. The project replaces the existing bridge with a new structure.

Camp V officially opens with ribbon cutting

By Casey Murphy

Smith County Public Information Officer

The Smith County Veteran Services Office held a ribbon cutting ceremony at CampV Tuesday, June 6, to celebrate the opening of its relocated office there.

"This was a vision before it became a reality," Smith County Judge Neal Franklin said. "I'm thrilled that the County could contribute and be a part of this."

Local officials joined veterans in attending the ribbon cutting ceremony.

Judge Franklin thanked all of the veterans for the freedom he enjoys every day in this wonderful community he lives in.

The Smith County Veteran Services Office, formerly located at 210 E. Ferguson St. in Tyler, is now located at the CampV campus, at 3212 W. Front St. in Tyler.

"This is outstanding," CampV Executive Director Travis Gladhill said of the crowd. "It seems like just yesterday we had this idea for CampV ... Now here we are, opening our fifth building in a little over three years."

Gladhill said CampV 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.

Together, with Smith County, CampV has been able to establish a cohesive relationship to meet the needs of East Texas veterans, Gladhill said.

Smith County Veteran Services Officer Michael Roark said his office saw a record number – 280 veterans – come through their doors last month for help.

"I'm really glad to be out here at CampV,"

he said.

Tyler Mayor Don Warren thanked all of the people who made the new Veteran Services Office happen, but especially the County Judge and Commissioners for "this investment for our veterans."

Together, the city of Tyler, Smith County and CampV are showing the world that when they join forces, there will never be a veteran left behind, Gladhill said.

U.S. Congressman and former County Judge Nathaniel Moran's deputy chief of staff read a letter of congratulations from Moran to the crowd.

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

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

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

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.campv-tyler.org/



Wild and Wacky Science Show

Professor Brainius brought his wild and wacky science show to the youngsters in the Lillie Russell Memorial Library Summer Reading program this past week. His appearances are always a much anticipated event. (Courtesy photo)

TxDOT officials put focus on distracted driving

Distracted driving is on the rise in Texas and officials with the Texas Department of Transportation are urging all Texans to pay attention on the road.

In an instant, Karin Zaltsman of San Antonio lost her teenaged daughter in a 2017 crash when a driver made the decision to take his eyes off the road to text while driving.

TxDOT is sharing the Zaltsman family's story of losing 13-year-old Emily as part of its "Talk. Text. Crash." distracted driving awareness campaign this month, to remind 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 Wil-

liams. "Texting, adjusting audio or navigation systems, 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, but also 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.



Texas lawns victimized by harsh winter weather, drought conditions

By Laura Muntean

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service

Drought and harsh winter weather has taken a toll on lawns throughout Texas leaving many homeowners wondering what can be done to restore turfgrass this summer.

"Last year we experienced severe drought conditions across the state and then winter featured some harsh freezes, particularly in North Texas and down through Central and South Central Texas," said Young-Ki Jo, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service plant pathologist in the Department of Plant Pathology and Microbiology, Bryan-College Station.

"Water restrictions during the drought also prevented lawns from getting sufficient moisture to sustain growth. Homeowners can take advantage during the spring by re-sodding or plugging turfgrass. This is the perfect time before it gets too hot."

Above-normal turf losses to disease

Following last summer's drought, Jo said precipitation returned to create a different type of stress – turfgrass diseases.

"This late-season precipitation promoted large patch disease caused by *Rhizoctonia solani*, a common fall disease that infects and decimates turf until plants go completely to winter dormancy," he said. "During the past summer and fall, turf damage was more than usual."

Jo said this dead turfgrass is likely visible this spring, and turfgrass some-



times never recovers even with sufficient fertilizer and water.

"Fertilizer and water may promote dormant grass to grow but will not make dead plants revive," he said.

Take-all root rot disease

Take-all root rot, a fungal disease by *Gaeumannomyces* species, has also been appearing in Texas lawns among St. Augustine grass, Bermuda grass and zoysia grass varieties. Jo said the fungus survives in soil, roots and stolons for extended periods and infects turfgrass during warm weather and wet soil conditions.

"The fungus can be found in unhealthy grasses in damaged turf," he said. "However, it can also be found in healthy-looking grasses near the same damaged turf area. Drought

stress can exacerbate the symptoms of the disease. When turfgrass is already infected with the fungus, drought stress can cause infected plants to rapidly decline, leading to death."

Fortunately, there are many fungicides available to control take-all root rot disease for homeowners. Many of these products labeled for the disease are available at lawn and garden retailers. The best time for application is the spring.

Jo said homeowners need to realize that dead areas of the lawn will not return to normal unless the dead plant material is removed and plugged with new turfgrass and a soil amender.

"Also, make sure these newly established areas are well watered," he said.

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