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Happy INDEPENDENCE DAY 2023

BOOM! 4TH OF JULY CELEBRATIONS IN TEXAS!

There's no better way to celebrate the 4th of July than by spending time outdoors with family and friends. Whether you're hosting a party or skipping it this year to enjoy the festivities at one of these many events we have listed here, Texas will light up the sky! Check out some of these 4th of July Celebrations in Texas, and enjoy the festivities in our Lone Star State.

• **TYLER FREEDOM FIGHTER 5K** - 6th Annual Freedom Fighter 5K & Lil' Firecracker Kid's Dash - Tyler, TX - July 4-5, 2023.

• **LONGVIEW FIREWORKS & FREEDOM** - Longview's annual Fireworks and Freedom Celebration will be held on July 4th at the Longview Convention Complex, opens at 4 pm, and starts at 6:30 pm. FREE.

• **LAKE JACKSONVILLE FIREWORKS** - Lake Jacksonville July 4th Fireworks - on July 4th from 11 am to 10 pm.

• **WAXAHACHIE 4TH FESTIVAL** - Waxahachie has

been designated the Crape Myrtle Capital of Texas. And during July, you can experience this phenomenal flower that blooms in the most oppressive climates. Nothing like combining the Waxahachie Crape Myrtle Festival and Parade with the Fourth of July! Festivities include a tailgate party, concert, fireworks display, kids' zone, and lots of pretty crape myrtles.

• **DALLAS FAIR PARK 4TH** - In Dallas, expect a parade, live music from local bands and DJs, food vendors, and more.; Fair Park Fourth - FREE; Klyde Warren Park Independence Day Celebration - FREE

• **FORT WORTH FOURTH** - Fort Worth Fourth at Panther Island Pavilion July 4th - Gates open at 5 pm. FREE!

Fort Worth Stockyards' Red, White & Boots Music Festival features live Texas music, beer, food trucks, yard games, local vendors, armadillo races, and more for four fun days!

Council votes to update ordinance concerning produce stands in city

Now that spring's harvest of fresh fruits and vegetables are being sold by local vendors, the Lindale City Council addressed rules and regulations for selling the produce during its regular meeting Tuesday, June 20 at city hall.

City Manager Carolyn Caldwell discussed the situation after some questions have arisen concerning any ordinances or rules which govern the produce stands under the city's Cottage Law as long as they are on private property. Each vendor must receive a permit from the city in order to sell produce.

Council members passed an ordinance to amend the current city ordinance.

"I don't want the city to lose its heritage of having fresh fruit and vegetables and I want the public to know how important this is to the city," Mayor Jeff Daugherty said.

Council members also revisited the proposed a land navigation project for Faulkner Park developed by Faith Leach Rose City Marines from Tyler.

The group provided council members with a map detailing the different courses that would be located in the park. The group's representative said there would be no charge for participants.

The item was approved unanimously by the council.

The issue was tabled at the June 6 meeting after Daugherty asked the group to provide an outline detailing specifics of the project.

This would be the first such project for the Faith Leach Rose City Marines.

In other action, the council:

● Approved a Texas Municipal League employee benefits pool rerate notice for health, dental and vision coverage. Caldwell recommended the city maintain the proposed rate and shop again next year for a lower rate.

● Approved a one-year contract with Texas Media Properties for a digital billboard at Interstate 20 and FM 849. Caldwell said the city has been pleased with the electronic billboard and the proposed rate was a "good deal" at \$4,800 per year.

● Discussed the use of the new Kinzie Community Center by civic groups and adjusted the user fees. Caldwell noted the Lindale Rotary Club has been the primary user of the facility but she suggested any group wanting to use the facility do so Monday through Thursday to leave the weekends open for other events.

● Discussed the installation of decorative street lights for downtown. A Brannon Corp. representative made a presentation for the lights, which would allow Christmas lights for approximately \$78,000. Place 3 Councilman Bryan Summerville made a motion to approve the purchase of the lights and Place 5 Councilman Gavin Rasco provided the second. It passed unanimously.

● Discussed the purchase of parking lot lights for the new community center's parking lot. The price for the lights is approximately \$35,000 with city staff performing the installation. The item passed unanimously.



Pool Park's playground has received a nifty new upgrade thanks to the partnership between the city of Lindale and the Helen S. Boylan Foundation. A dedication ceremony was held this past week and was attended by city officials, Boylan Foundation officials and Lindale Park Board officials. On hand were, back row from left, Darcey Harris, Sallie Black, Hank Hering, Carolyn Caldwell, Ron Bunch, Gavin Rasco and Mark Cox. Front row, Jennifer Boylan Hering, Yvette Aguirri Martin, Rachel Johnson and Kristy Smith.



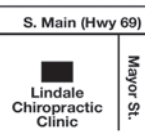
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OPINION/COMMENTARY

Make it sparkle...

Remember the July 4ths of childhood? St. Augustine grass freshly mown and soft as a carpet on tiny bare feet scampering through a sprinkler while shrieking with glee. I thought it couldn't get any better but of course it did.

Daddy came in from the field and four generations filled the front yard of the ranch house that was sheltered by a grove of Post Oak trees whose canopies shaded the huge yard, the picnic table and the smoking barbecue pit.

Pap' paw would be cranking the old wooden ice cream bucket while the kids took turns either sitting on the towel covered top or 'helping' with the cranking. Mam'maw, of course, brought the cooked banana pudding. None of this instant Jello pudding business for her.

My stars, no!

My cousins, little brother and I waited impatiently for twilight as the adults sat on the porch swing, or the green and white striped lawn chairs and lazily recalled memories from their own childhood and laughed. Their laughter was the background of my childhood.

At twilight, as soon as we saw the lightning bugs flashing it was time to bring out the sparklers. Daddy would light them for us and we would whirl away ignoring the tiny sparks that hit our arms. As we got older, bottle rockets and

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Roman candles were just dangerous enough to get us in trouble, but not too much because our parents remembered their own childhood fireworks.

Hopefully our son recalls the July 4 fireworks of his youth.

When our neighbors Belle and Mr. Marion would sit in their swing across the road and pray that Josh and his Dad's firework shenanigans wouldn't catch their roof on fire while clapping loudly for the little boy who had the same glee his Momma did when it came to July 4.

Frankly, a sprinkler and sparklers may be more fun than the grandest of fireworks displays. After all, when you add in homemade ice cream and love, it just doesn't get any better than that.

Happy Independence Day friends and neighbors! May your holiday sparkle with memories.

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.



Lindale native, Smith Co. employee adopts five, 'now feels like real father'

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"We wanted to offer siblings the chance to stay together and have each other to not feel alone in a new place," she said.

They soon had a 2 1/2 year-old girl and 11-month-old boy. During the 13 months they fostered them, they learned a lot about the children, and about themselves.

"When they were reunified with their parents, Erica and I thought long and hard about our desire to foster to adopt rather than traditional foster care," Fauss said. "We were longing for something more permanent so we reached out to our foster care licensing agency and inquired about adopting."

In May of 2022, they were presented with the five siblings -- three boys and two girls, ages 2, 3, 4, 7 and 8 -- who they would ultimately adopt.

"After praying about it, talking about it, and discussing it with friends and family, we decided to proceed," he said.

In June of 2022, they met with CPS, CASA and the kids' foster parents at the time. The two older boys were with different foster parents than the three little ones and were located in different towns. They only saw each other once a month during supervised visits.

"The kids had been separated from each other since October of 2020, and coming to us was their last chance at finding a forever home where they could all be together," Fauss said.

After several weekend visits with the kids in their home, they were placed with them in August of 2022, and finally adopted them in May of 2023.

"Having a strong relationship with each other and knowing we would have tough times, but nothing we couldn't handle together -- that is what helped us make a decision to adopt," Mrs. Fauss said. "We are always told that we make a great team."

Fauss has three sisters and his wife came from a family of five.

"Having five kids is pretty much the way I grew up -- the more, the merrier," she said.

Having five young children at home, Fauss said, "they keep life very interesting."

The kids have had trouble adapting at times and they don't always get along since the older boys weren't used to living with their younger siblings. But the couple reminds them that when they are older, they will have siblings by their side who will always have their back.

Fauss said working at Juvenile Services has helped him understand the effects that trauma can have on a child, including behavioral issues. He uses approaches that have helped him at work, such as using more positive wording to redirect bad behavior and being able to tune out negative, attention-seeking behavior.

"There is a lot of bickering but that is just what kids do," Mrs. Fauss said, adding that it brings them joy to see the children bonding.

To celebrate the adoption, they recently took a vacation to South Padre, where Mrs. Fauss has family.

"It feels like we're a true family" now that the adoption is final, she said. "Now they're our kids and we have a complete say on how we raise them ... It's a really good feeling to have that confirmation that we are your mom and dad."

Conservation urged as searing heat wave sweeps state

Texas' power grid reported record electricity use early last week. Both the Public Utility Commission of Texas and the Electric Reliability Council of Texas are urging residents and businesses to voluntarily reduce electricity use as temperatures soar above 100 degrees over much of the state. So far the grid, which administers 90% of the state's power load, has been able to keep up with demand.

Temperatures set record highs for June in several Texas cities: 111 degrees in Junction, 115 in Laredo, and 113 in Del Rio. The heat wave stretches from the Pecos River Valley in the west to the Rio Grande in the south to the Pineywoods in the east. State Climatologist John Nielsen-Gammon pointed to several factors, including near-record temperatures in the Gulf of Mexico, a high-pressure system trapping the heat over the state, and climate change.

"Texas is running about 2 degrees Fahrenheit warmer than it did during the 20th century," Nielsen-Gammon told the Texas Tribune. "So if you're close to a temperature record, that will put it over the edge."

ERCOT has implemented a voluntary curtailment program for so-called flexible customers -- such as bitcoin mining facilities -- to reduce power use during periods of high demand.

"These customers are large power users but have the flexibility and willingness to reduce their energy use quickly, if needed. By working with these large loads during peak demand periods, we will better serve all Texans while keeping the grid reliable and resilient," said Woody Rickerson of ERCOT.

Storms spur declarations

Storm systems have caused widespread damage across the state and prompted Gov. Greg Abbott to issue disaster declarations for Ochiltree, Cass, Franklin, Harrison, Marion, Upshur, Wood, Camp, Gregg, Hopkins, Panola, Smith and Titus counties. The storms caused loss of life, severe damage to power lines and structures, and flash flooding.

A subsequent declaration came after a tornado hit Matador in West Texas and killed four people. That declaration covers Motley, Nolan, Fisher, Jones, Kent, and Stonewall counties. Just days earlier a tornado killed three and injured dozens in Perryton in the Texas Panhandle.

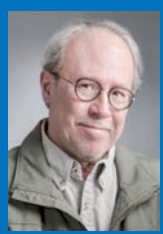
"What Texans in Perryton have gone through over the past couple of days have been nothing short of horrific," Abbott said. "At the same time, it's encouraging and inspiring to see the way the community has come together to rebuild."

Hope rises for legislative impasse

An impasse over property tax relief appears to be near an end after the Senate unanimously passed a package that would cut both homeowners' property taxes and taxes on thousands of businesses by a record \$18 billion, the Austin American-Statesman reported. At the same time, House Speaker Dade Phelan appointed a select committee to provide "recommendations for long-term, sustainable" relief.

The first special session called by Abbott ends this week, making it likely a second session will follow. The Senate bill would raise the homestead exemption to \$100,000, with an additional \$40,000 exemption for homeowners 65 and older. The franchise tax on businesses would further exempt an estimated 67,000 small businesses.

Gary Borders Capital Highlights



Abbott and Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick have feuded over which version of the property tax bills should ultimately prevail, with Abbott backing a House plan passed on the first day of the special session.

AG's office tries to defy comptroller

The Texas attorney general's office attempted to continue paying impeached Attorney General Ken Paxton, who was suspended pending a Senate trial set for Sept. 5. The Dallas Morning News obtained communications between the attorney general's chief of staff and the Texas comptroller's office, regarding Paxton's paycheck for June.

"Simply put, it is unclear that the CPA (Comptroller of Public Accounts) has authority to withhold AG Paxton's salary under these circumstances," Lesley French, office chief of staff wrote in an email to the director of the comptroller's fiscal management division on Wednesday, The News reported.

Paxton is accused of bribery, obstruction of justice and abuse of office -- allegations he has denied.

The comptroller's office has oversight over the state's expenditures, and officials there noted money is appropriated for only one attorney general. After Paxton's suspension, former Secretary of State John Scott was appointed the interim attorney general and is now leading the office.

The attorney general's position pays \$153,700 annually.

Latinos now make up biggest share of state's population

In new population estimates released last week by the U.S. Census Bureau, Latinos now make up the largest share of the state's population and have since at least July 2022. The bureau reported Hispanic Texans made up 40.2% of the total, edging out non-Hispanic white Texans, who made up 39.8%, the Texas Tribune reported.

Hispanic Texans are expected to make up a majority of the state's population in the decades to come. Recent census estimates indicate 49.3% of the state's residents under 18 are Hispanic.

ERCOT can't be sued, court rules

The Texas Supreme Court on Friday ruled that ERCOT, which operates the state's power grid, is a government entity and is immune to lawsuits resulting from Winter Storm Uri in February 2021. The 5-4 ruling reversed a previous judgment from a Dallas appeals court, The Dallas Morning News reported.

Chief Justice Nathan Hecht, writing for the majority, said it should be immune to suits because "it prevents the disruption of key governmental services, protects public funds, and respects separation of powers principles."

ERCOT is the nation's only power grid contained wholly within a single state.

THE ECONOMIST

By Dr. M. Ray Perryman



Stuff on Shelves ...

Prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, the relatively smooth functioning of the supply chain was something most people rarely thought of and took for granted. In fact, few could even tell you what the phrase meant. The global health crisis, which shut down large segments of the economy for an extended period, severely disrupted the vast array of resources, firms, workers, technology, and transportation that forms the complex web of activity essential to the creation and distribution of products. The Russian invasion of Ukraine and various other events (including a fire in a massive South Korean chip plant) only made things worse.

As the saga unfolded, a domino effect ensued, with shortfalls in one aspect of the supply chain (such as production of semiconductors/chips) causing stoppages in others (manufacturing of cars, refrigerators, and other complex products). When production came back online, there was then overcrowd-

ing in the logistics system, including cargo ships and ports. We also faced labor issues, both due to shutdowns and ongoing shortages. Store shelves and stores were thus often sparsely filled, with various products completely unavailable. The snarls which developed have taken years to work through; knitting the web back together was not a simple task.

After some extraordinarily difficult times, the supply chain situation in the United States is now much improved. We've largely overcome the issues associated with COVID-19 and the other displacements, and statistics are indicating that the worst of the supply chain problems are behind us.

At this point, about 92% of all goods are regularly stocked in adequate quantities at grocery stores, pharmacies, and other outlets. Ports are also running at 100% capacity and have set cargo volume records in each of the past two years. Shipping costs are back to near pre-pandemic levels after spiking in 2021 as the world opened up and a flood of goods needed to get to market.



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Make sure you respect the Texas summer heat

As proof that wisdom doesn't necessarily come with age, I offer myself as a living example of someone who knows better than to test the blast furnace conditions of a Texas summer, yet — much like mad dogs and Englishmen — will still venture out in the midday sun from time to time.

A couple of Fridays ago I wanted to have my yard chores accomplished before a forecasted downpour the next day.

The temperature wasn't all that hot, upper 80s if I recall, so I figured what the hey, I'll mow and trim after leaving work. Not a good idea, after all.

As my mom used to say to me quite frequently: "What on earth were you thinking?"

Normally, I'll do the yard work earlier in the day, say around 9 a.m. There's still heat to deal with but the sun hasn't reached its full potential for harm so the work is done without too much stress.

But on this particular Friday, well, let's just say the endeavor reminded me of why afternoon yard work on a Texas summer day isn't a good idea.

About halfway through I was feeling more tired than usual so I went inside to cool off. But another few minutes in the heat forced another break, then another.

Eventually I was able to push through to the finish



Terry Cannon
Editor

but I paid an uncomfortable price the rest of the weekend. More than likely, I had been afflicted with heat exhaustion.

(After that, I'm sure my mom was looking down from heaven shaking her head and tsking the way she used to.)

And it's not just us geezers who get cuffed around by the heat. Young people are susceptible as well.

About 15 years ago my youngest son and I were in northeast Arkansas for a Little League playoff tournament and Arkansas' summer heat is just as brutal as it is in Texas.

In this particular game, he was pitching and was in his fifth inning of work. He delivered a ball that was rocketed to center field, but after the pitch, he wound up face down on the mound.

He came out of the game, his legs were cramping and he was dizzy. Thankfully, his coaches took good care of him and made sure he cooled down.

Heat exhaustion and worse, heat stroke, aren't to be trifled with and those smart folks at the Mayo

Clinic offer these tips for treating heat exhaustion and heat stroke:

HEAT EXHAUSTION

In most cases, you can treat heat exhaustion yourself by doing the following:

Rest in a cool place. Getting into an air-conditioned building is best. If that's not an option, find a shady spot or sit in front of a fan. Rest on your back with your legs raised higher than your heart level.

Drink cool fluids. Stick to water or sports drinks. Don't drink any alcoholic beverages, which can add to dehydration.

Try cooling measures. If possible, take a cool shower, soak in a cool bath or put towels soaked in cool water on your skin. If you're outdoors and not near shelter, soaking in a cool pond or stream can help bring your temperature down.

Loosen clothing. Remove any unnecessary clothing and make sure your clothes are lightweight and non-binding.

If you don't begin to feel better within one hour of using these treatment mea-

asures, seek prompt medical attention.

HEAT STROKE

To cool your body to a normal temperature, your health care team may use these heatstroke treatment techniques:

Immerse you in cold water. A bath of cold or ice water has proven to be the most effective way of quickly lowering the core body temperature. The quicker you can receive cold water immersion, the less risk of organ damage and death.

Use evaporation cooling techniques. If cold water immersion is not an option, health care professionals may try to lower your body temperature using an evaporation method. Cool water is misted on your body while warm air is fanned over you. This causes the water to evaporate and cool your skin.

Pack you with ice and cooling blankets. Another method to lower your temperature is to wrap you in a special cooling blanket and apply ice packs to your groin, neck, back and armpits.

Give you medications to stop your shivering. If treatments to lower your body temperature make you shiver, your doctor may give you a muscle relaxant, such as a benzodiazepine. Shivering increases your body temperature, making treatment less effective.

Carter BloodCare drive in Lindale on July 5

CHRISTUS Trinity Mother Frances is scheduled to host a blood drive for Carter BloodCare at its Lindale facility on Wednesday, July 7, publicity officials announced.

The Carter BloodCare bus will be in the parking lot of the Lindale facility from 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

The address is 3203 South Main Street.

To sign up, visit: https://ww3.greatpartners.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/142300



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ONE YEAR AGO, June 30, 2022

Sallie Black defeated Owen Scott in a recent runoff election for the Place 4 seat on the Lindale City Council with 68 votes to 39 votes.

The runoff was needed following the May election when Black tallied 36.6 percent of the vote for 31.8 percent for Scott.

Jeretta Nance Pate was third in that race with 31.5 percent of the vote.

Black will now join Rick Thelan (Place 1), Yvette Martin (Place 2), Mayor Pro Tem Ginger Sims (Place 3) and Gavin Rasco, elected in May to Place 5.

Rasco won the Place 5 seat on the council with 60.7 percent of the vote over Brandon Whitham's 39.2 percent.

The two Lindale council seats came open this election cycle due to term limits mandated by the city charter.

Bryan Summerville (Place 5) and Bob Tardiff (Place 4) had served on the council since 2012 but were limited to three consecutive, three-year terms or nine consecutive years.

The charter also allows for former council members to run for re-election after being out of office for a year.

FIVE YEARS AGO, June 28, 2018

The Lindale Rotary Club honored club member and past president Jim Parks on his 93rd birthday during the club's weekly meeting.

In addition to his Rotary Club service, Parks is a World War II veteran and a retired developer.

He is also the senior active member of the Lindale Rotary Club.

10 YEARS AGO, June 27, 2013

Texas Rose Horse Park once again hosted the United State Equestrian Drill Championship — Super Ride XI.

Sponsored by the city of Lindale, the Super Ride International Championship Competition was established to support continued equestrian heritage and promote rider development as well as education, skills, safety and family friendly competition.

The Super Ride brings together the nation's top mounted drill teams and color guard units in competition, producing champions from all regions of the United States.

This year's Super Ride included the International Quadrille Championship and the World Escaramuza Challenge, a competitive division which showcases the all-female, sidesaddle riders with deep roots in culture of Mexico.

The International Quadrille Championship featured teams of four horses and riders, competing in a "free-style-to-music" competition.

In the end, there was no trip to Branson

Man, just when you think those phone creatures had taken me off their list, the sprout up again, just like weeds.

I haven't talked to one in a few weeks. Believe it or not, I sort of missed them. Phone Creatures, for you out there that haven't ever read this junk I write, is what I call those telemarketers who call, buggin' you to buy something. Well, one finally called the other day.

"Yellow," I said, answering the phone. Nobody said anything. "Yellow!" I said louder, and then I heard that click that tells you it's a phone creature.

"Mr. Mitchum, please," the female creature said.

"Speak up!" I said in my old man voice. "I'm a hard of hearin'! My hearin' aid is on the blink. The battery ran down, and I tried to jump it off. Don't ever try that when you're still wearin' the blame things. I did. It blowed a mucus plug the size of my thumb out of my sinus cavity. I smelled things I ain't smelled in years. That's when I decided to start wearin' deodorant, you know."

"Is this Mr. Mitchum?" the creature asked a little louder.

"You got 'em," I said.

"Mr. Mitchum, how would you like to spend a weekend in Branson?" asked the creature.

"What's that," I said. "You think my rear end is handsome?"

"Oh no sir!" the creature exclaimed. "Branson, Missouri!"

"You don't have to yell.



Rusty Mitchum
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I heard you the first time. Who is this anyway? Is this Maureen? Heh, heh. It is you, ain't it Maureen. I knew it. I saw you checkin' me out at that last covered dish supper."

"Sir! This is not Maureen!"

"Ha! You can't fool me. It's you all right. You ought to be ashamed of yourself. A woman your age, checkin' out an old man's rear end."

"No sir! I'm calling you about a free trip to Branson!"

"Hold on a minute," I said to the creature, and then I moved my mouth away from the phone.

"Hey Maw!" I yelled.

"Come git this dog. He's a gnawin' on Daddy's leg again!"

"I swear," I said to the creature. "You can't set Daddy down anywhere anymore then that blame dog don't start gnawin' on him. I guess I'm gonna have to break down and buy him one of them chew toys. Uh, where were we? Oh yeah, you was tellin' me how handsome my rear end is."

"The dog chews on your father?" the creature asked.

"What!"

"Did you say the dog chews on your father?!"

"Well, it ain't as bad as it sounds. Both of 'em are purdy old. And neither one of them's got no teeth. The

dog gnaws on daddy, and then daddy'll gnaw on the dog. Sometimes it's down right entertainin'."

"Uh... oh, I see," said the creature.

"What!" I yell.

"Sir! May I talk to your wife?" asked the creature.

"My wife? Well, OK Maureen, but don't tell her what you think of my rear end. She's the jealous sort."

I then move my mouth away from the phone and yelled, "Maw! Maureen wants to talk to you!"

"I wait a few moments and then talk back to the creature in my old woman's voice.

"Hello Maureen," I said sweetly. "It's so nice of you to call."

"Mrs. Mitchum, this is not Maureen." I could hear the tension in her voice.

"It's not?" I said.

"No ma'am. I'm calling to see if you and your husband would like a free trip to Branson."

"A free trip?"

"Yes ma'am, a free trip."

"Oh that would be nice. Can we bring my father-in-law along? We're scared to leave him alone with the dog. Ol' blue might gum him to death."

"Uh, well, the trip is only for two," she said.

Then I held the phone far enough away so I'd sound like I was across the room,

and in my old man's voice yelled, "Don't believe her if she says anything about my rear end!"

"Be quiet paw," I said sweetly. "You'll have to excuse him. He's a little hard of hearing, you know."

"No kidding," said the creature.

"What's that?" I asked.

"Oh nothing," she said. "Now if you are interested in the free trip to Branson..."

I cut her off.

"You'll have to talk to paw about that," I said. "I'll get him."

"NO!" yelled the creature.

"Yellow!" I said, back in my old man's voice. "Maureen, you still there?"

"Yeah," sighed the creature. "I'm here."

"Look," I said. "You're just gonna have to forget about me. I know it'll be hard, me with these buns of steel and all, but I just think it'll be for the best."

"You know," said the creature. "I think you're right."

"What'd you say?"

"Nothing!" she yelled. "Have a good day," and she hung up.

"Heh, heh," I laughed as I hung up the phone and turned around.

Yep, you guessed it. There was my wife Janet, standing in the doorway with her arms crossed. She had that look on her face. You know that look. It's the one wives develop, usually on the second day of marriage.

"What?" I asked.

"Buns of steel?" she questioned. "Give me a break. It's more like a brain of mush. Idiot."

Smith County plans auction of surplus vehicles other items

An online auction of Smith County surplus vehicles and other items, which opened to bidders on June 22 will continue through July 6, said county public information officer Casey Murphy.

The auction can be found at www.renebates.com.

In-person viewing of the items is available by appointment only, from 2-5 p.m. Friday, June 30, at 302 E.

Line St. Call 903-590-4726 to make an appointment.

Surplus items in the auction include:

- Five GMC Sierras
- Ford Van
- Chevrolet Van
- Ford F-150
- Nine Chevrolet Tahoes
- Five Chevrolet Silverados
- Chevrolet Impala

- Two Pontiac G6
- Harley Davidson Motorcycle
- Cadillac Escalade
- Conex Container
- Safe
- Law Books
- Office Furniture and Equipment
- Emergency Vehicle Accessories and Emergency Equipment
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Proper lawn watering helps conserve resource

By Greg Grant

Smith County Horticulturist

It's officially summertime...hot and dry.

Water is a limited resource in Texas, and it will become more limited as the population grows. Homeowners can conserve a significant amount of water with no loss in grass quality by learning to water their lawns properly.

Most homeowners (and businesses as well) water their lawns far too frequently, leading to shallow roots and increased disease.

The type of turfgrass you have determines how drought tolerant it is. Being from Africa, Bermudagrass is the most drought-tolerant, followed by zoysiagrass, then centipede and St. Augustine which require the most water.

The time of year also influences irrigation needs. During the summer, when temperatures are high and days are long, lawns generally need supplemental watering.

As a rule, lawns in East Texas need one inch of water, applied once a week during the months of June, July, and August only. That's a total of only 12 applications a year. The rest of the year when it's not so hot, our normal rainfall generally

sustains them.

Rather than watering on the same schedule each week (or while it's raining), adjust your watering schedule manually, according to the weather.

Irrigate deeply. Then wait until the grass begins to show signs of drought stress before watering again. If it doesn't show marginal drought stress, it should not be irrigated.

Symptoms of drought stress include grass leaves turning a dull, gray-green color, leaf blades rolling or folding, and footprints that remain in the grass after walking across the lawn.

To properly time lawn watering, look for the area of the lawn that shows water stress first. Water the entire lawn when that area begins to show symptoms.

A lawn that is watered deeply should generally be able to go a week between watering (or rainfall). Established lawns with deep, extensive root systems can be watered less often. Some years I don't irrigate my lawn at all.

Early morning is the best time to water. Wind and temperatures are usually the lowest of the day, and water pressure is generally good.



Most East Texas homeowners with automatic sprinkler systems water too often leading to increased disease and wasted water. (Courtesy photo)

That allows water to be applied evenly and with little loss from evaporation.

Watering late in the evening, or at night, causes leaves to remain wet for an extended period, which increases the chance for disease, especially brown patch (large patch) and gray leaf spot on St. Augustine and dollar spot on Bermuda and zoysia.

Thoroughly wet the soil to a depth of 6 inches with each watering. Shallow watering produces weak, shallow-rooted grass that is more susceptible to drought stress. Soil type, sprinkler heads, and water pressure determine how much water is needed to wet the soil to a depth of 6 inches and how long a sprinkler must run. Baby food jars, tuna fish/cat food cans, or similar

containers can be spaced around the lawn to see how much water is being applied and a hole dug with a sharpshooter shovel will expose how deep the water is penetrating. From personal observation, most homeowner water too frequently (encouraging disease) and don't apply near enough water with each application resulting in shallow rooted lawns prone to drought stress.

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Lindale Police Department call log for June 9-16:

FRIDAY, JUNE 9: 8:55:15 AM, Alarm Business, 100 block East Centennial Blvd; 10:13:48 AM, Assist Another Agency, 13800 block Highway 69 North; 10:16:25 AM, Suspicious Circumstance, 300 block Marchman Street; 10:53:19 AM, Public Service, Hillcrest Street/Mount Sylvan Street; 11:21:28 AM, Assist Another Agency, 100 block South Main Street; 1:49:31 PM, Suspicious Vehicle, 16000 block Village Lake Drive; 2:08:47 PM, Accident, 13000 block Interstate 20 West; 4:31:05 PM, Motorist Assist, 300 block South Main Street; 6:43:03 PM, Alarm Business, 15000 block County Road 463; 7:20:34 PM, Child Exchange, 100 block Ballard Drive; 8:13:46 PM, Suspicious Circumstance, Charles Drive/East Hubbard Street; 8:59:39 PM, Possession Drug Paraphernalia, 200 block West Centennial Blvd; 9:23:02 PM Suspicious Circumstance, 15000 block FM 16 West; 9:50:58 PM, 911 Hang Up Call, 13000 block CR 472; 10:02:11 PM, Disturbance, 17000 block CR 4112; 10:48:37 PM, Suspicious Vehicle, 200 block Cannery Row.

SATURDAY, JUNE 10: 11:08:44 AM, Found Property, 18000 block CR 4104; 11:41:44 AM, Vagrant, 3500 block South Main Street; 11:48:51 AM, Accident, 3500 block South Main Street; 12:01:32 PM, Harassment, 15000 block FM 16 West; 12:43:50 PM, Public Service, 15000 block Interstate 20 West; 2:54:28 PM, Welfare Concern, 2600 block South Main Street; 5:53:14 PM, Parking Violation, 100 block East Centennial Blvd; 7:24:49 PM, Suspicious Person, 13000 block Highway 69 North; 9:17:25 PM, Assist SCSO, North Main Street/West Valley Street; 9:20:53 PM, Hit and Run, 13000 block CR 472; 9:23:10 PM, Welfare Concern, 15000 block Country Acres Drive; 9:38:34 PM, Motorist Assist, 13000 block Highway 69 North; 11:15:16 PM, Suspicious Circumstance, 100 block West North Street; 11:38:14 PM, Suspicious Person, 3400 block South Main Street.

SUNDAY, JUNE 11: 9:25:08 AM, Assist EMS, 900 block South Main Street; 1:00:28 PM, Vagrant, 3500 block South Main Street; 1:06:33 PM, Vagrant 3500 block South Main Street; 1:16:49 PM, Alarm Business, 15000 block CR 463; 1:26:17 PM, Accident, 15000 block Interstate 20 East; 2:09:36 PM Reckless Driving, 3500 block South Main Street; 2:20:38 PM, Suspicious Person, FM 849/Cooper Street; 2:22:20 PM, Loud Noise Complaint, 1500 block



Pearl Street; 2:43:43 PM, Suspicious Vehicle, 40 block Grace Avenue; 2:56:15 PM, Welfare Concern, 3300 block South Main Street; 3:08:50 PM, Suspicious Vehicle, 200 block Cannery Row; 7:30:18 PM, Public Service, 200 block Jeffries; 11:07:46 PM, Assist Another Agency 16000 block Meadow Crest Drive.

MONDAY, JUNE 12: 12:17:22 AM, Loud Noise Complaint, 300 block Helen Drive; 3:05:55 AM, Welfare Concern, 500 block North Main Street; 7:14:37 AM, Accident, 1700 block South Main Street; 9:16:43 AM, Motorist Assist, 2300 block South Main Street; 12:15:00 PM, Traffic Hazard, 300 block South Main Street; 1:33:28 PM, Public Service, 100 block Ballard Drive; 3:52:47 PM, 911 Hang Up Call, 1100 block Woodlands Park Drive; 5:33:59 PM, Alarm Business, 3300 block South Main Street; 9:48:08 PM, Disturbance, 17000 block CR 4112; 11:22:29 PM, Loud Noise Complaint, 300 block Helen Drive.

TUESDAY, JUNE 13: 1:13:36 AM, Assist Another Agency, 19000 block CR 431; 1:48:44 AM, Suspicious Vehicle, 300 block Bowers Street; 2:21:57 AM, Suspicious Circumstance, 500 block South Boyd Street; 5:47:11 AM, Suspicious Person, 17000 block Interstate 20 West; 6:34:00 AM, Suspicious Circumstance, 15000 block Spring Oaks Drive; 7:53:16 AM, Public Service, 13000 block Birchwood Circle; 8:57:43 AM, Loud Noise Complaint, 15000 block FM 16; 12:14:54 PM, Alarm Residence, 1500 block White Bear Trail; 1:40:13 PM, Assist SCSO, 17900 block Highway 69 North; 2:17:44 PM, Accident, 3500 block South Main Street; 4:14:40 PM, Welfare Concern, 15000 block Interstate 20 West; 4:27:59 PM, Found Property, 500 block South Main Street; 4:44:06 PM, Verbal Disturbance,

17000 block CR 4112; 5:32:03 PM, Abandoned Vehicle, 15000 block Interstate 20 East; 5:56:29 PM, Suspicious Circumstance, 1500 block Courtland Lane; 8:43:51 PM, Reckless Driving, 16000 Interstate 20 West; 9:44:55 PM, Welfare Concern, 200 block Hillside Circle.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14: 5:12:02 AM, Peace Officer's Warrant, 200 block Hillside Circle; 8:59:45 AM, Traffic Hazard, 200 block North Main Street; 9:43:38 AM, Welfare Concern, 800 block East Hubbard Street; 10:39:47 AM, Animal Complaint, 3200 block South Main Street; 10:57:27 AM, Suspicious Vehicle, 500 block Abbey Road; 11:39:06 AM, Suspicious Person, 300 block South Main Street; 12:43:06 PM, Threats, 100 block East Centennial; 1:11:35 PM, Suspicious Circumstance, 300 block Noah Lane; 2:02:37 PM, Motorist Assist, 15000 Interstate 20 West; 4:33:39 PM, Harassment, 300 block Helen Drive; 5:12:02 AM, Peace Officer's Warrant, 200 block Hillside Circle; 7:12:34 PM, Assist EMS, 15200 block CR 467; 9:09:46 PM, Suspicious Vehicle, 700 block White Bear Trail.

THURSDAY, JUNE 15: 2:39:02 AM, Alarm Business, 3400 block South Main Street; 4:30:01 AM, Alarm Business, 3300 block South Main Street; 5:20:13 AM, Welfare Concern, 3500 block South Main Street; 5:51:41 AM, Public Service, 3500 block South Main Street; 7:45:25 AM, Suspicious Person, 500 block Mount Sylvan Street; 1:11:58 PM, Public Service, 1200 block Forest Trails Drive; 3:02:27 PM, Accident, 3200 block South Main Street; 5:04:03 PM, Accident, 3400 block South Main Street; 5:22:40 PM, Public Service, 100 block Ballard Drive; 5:49:44 PM, Accident, 3500 block South Main Street; 7:15:59 PM, Suspicious Person, 600 block East Hubbard Street.

FRIDAY, JUNE 16: 12:25:28 AM, Alarm Business, 16000 block Village Lake Drive; 12:29:19 AM, Alarm Business, 3400 block South Main Street; 1:16:45 AM, Suspicious Person, 13000 block Interstate 20 West; 7:44:52 AM, Parking Violation, CR 472/Freedom Drive; 7:49:46 AM, Traffic Hazard, 13000 block CR 472; 11:14:37 AM, Suspicious Circumstance, Ballard Drive/South Main Street; 12:44:27 PM, Accident 3200 block South Main Street; 12:50:48 PM, Welfare Concern, Eagle Spirit Drive/South Main Street; 1:26:45 PM, Fraud, 400 block North College Street; 1:58:29 PM, Assist Another Agency, CR 431/CR 474; 3:54:11 PM, Reckless Driving, 3500 block South Main Street.

Lubbock man sentenced on federal drug charges

A Lubbock man has been sentenced to federal prison for drug trafficking violations, announced Eastern District of Texas, said Davilyn Walston, spokesperson for U.S. Attorney Damien M. Diggs.

Michael Calzadias, 42, pleaded guilty to conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute more than five kilograms of cocaine and money

laundering and was sentenced to 320 months in federal prison by U.S. District Judge Amos L. Mazzant on June 20.

According to information presented in court, between 2017 and 2018, Calzadias, along with Mark Anthony and Thomas Calzadias, were the main sources of supply for over 450 kilograms of cocaine, which was imported from

Mexico, and transported from the Rio Grande Valley, Texas, to St. Louis, Missouri; Danville, Va.; Greenville, S.C.; Atlanta, Ga.; Fort Meyers, Fla. and other areas.

Mark Anthony Calzadias, Michael Calzadias, and Thomas Calzadias were also responsible for bulk currency smuggling throughout the United States.

Mark Calzadias and Thomas

Calzadias were previously sentenced to 420 and 235 months in federal prison respectively.

This effort is part of an Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force operation, which identifies, disrupts, and dismantles the highest-level criminal organizations that threaten the United States using a prosecutor-led, intelligence-driven, multi-agency

approach.

This is part of the Tres Toros OCDETF investigation. A joint investigation by DEA Dallas and DEA Lubbock. Additional information about the OCDETF Program can be found at <https://www.justice.gov/OCDETF>.

These cases were prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Ernest Gonzalez.



"Paw-some" visitors to Rotary Club

Therapy dogs Jozie and Lily were the special guests at last week's Lindale Rotary Club meeting, brought by Doyle and Sissy Lawhorn of the Alliance of Therapy Dogs, which is an international registry of certified therapy dog teams. The Lawhorns travel with Jozie and Lily to schools, nursing homes and other places where they provide smiles to people of all ages. (Courtesy photo)

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Take care of our bodies by taking care of our fruits and vegetables

By Claudann Jones
Smith County Extension
Agent Family and
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Since childhood we've been encouraged to eat more fruits and veggies, yet as adults many of us still don't get the recommended 5-9 daily servings.

Years of research has shown that only about 10 percent of Americans meet the recommended daily intake of fruits and vegetables, so, we have a lot of room for improvement.

Fruits and vegetables are packed with nutrients that benefit our health in many ways, and the more variety of colors we eat, the more nutrients we will be feeding our body with.

Try to support your grocery store's local produce selection when available and learn about the farm it came from. Learning about the growing process helps to develop an appreciation for all the food we can purchase.

Or a fun family activity is to go to a local farm and pick your own produce or visit a local farmers market and hear about their growing process and harvesting process.

We spend a large amount of money throughout the year on food to nourish our own bodies, but many of us end up throwing away a huge portion of food because we forget about it or buy too much of it and it starts to spoil.

This not only wastes our hard-earned money, but it also wastes the efforts of the farmers and supply chains that got us that food to buy.

Have too many herbs growing in your garden or leftover from the store that you don't know what to do with? Harvest them, wash them, chop them, and freeze them into ice cube trays with some olive oil or vegetable broth or stock. This not only stretches the lifespan of your

herbs, but it also saves you time when preparing a future recipe.

Keep a "scraps" bag in your freezer. Whenever I'm prepping my meals, I toss my fruit and veggie scraps, tops, and peels into a gallon zip top bag and keep it in my freezer.

Another idea is to keep only vegetable scraps in their own bag in the freezer and make a tasty soup stock by adding them to a pot with boiling water for tasty homemade soup on a cold winter day.

Don't wash your produce until you are about to eat it! It can be tempting to wash all your produce as soon as you get it home. Pre-washed produce tends to get eaten faster than unwashed, but you can make your produce last longer by waiting to wash until you are ready to eat.

If you wash your produce and don't let it dry completely, you will speed up the ripening process or even mold growth and need to use your items much quicker than you may want.

Transfer your produce to a tightly sealed container to extend the freshness- bonus points if it is clear!

Instead, opt for a clear container so you can see what fruits or veggies are waiting to be eaten.

Let's care for our bodies by feeding ourselves with fruits and veggies, but let's also use them to their greatest potentials by not wasting the hard-working efforts of our nation's farmers and supply chains to get it to our homes.

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.



"Light the Night" celebration set for Rose Heights Church

The "Light the Night" celebration will return to Rose Heights Church of Lindale from 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. on Friday, June 30, organizers

announced. There will be entertainment for children, food trucks and fellowship followed by a fireworks show.

Rose Heights Church is located at 12465 FM 16, east of downtown. The phone number is 903-881-5260.

Friends of Lillie Russell Library schedule meeting for July 9

The Friends of the Lillie Russell Memorial Library are ready to get back to work and will meet at 2 p.m., Sunday, July 9 at the library, officials said.

The Friends will be planning events that support the library.

Also, there will be a Ladies Game Day scheduled by the Friends on Friday, Sept. 29 at Hideaway Country Club. Sign up forms will be available at the library.

Seating is limited so early registration is recommended.

The Friends' book sale in May in conjunction with the library's plant sale was successful, with a lot of books being made available to many in the community.

Another book sale is scheduled during Countryfest in October.

BBB says be wary of seasonal "storm chasers"

A tornado measuring a half-mile wide caused severe damage and left more than 160,000 homes without power in East Texas and Louisiana recently and while East Texans are no strangers to storm damage, it does make us targets for fly by night contractors looking to take advantage of storm victims.

Officials with the Better Business Bureau advises residents to be on the lookout for storm chasers who show up unannounced, offer to repair storm damage for a low price, require advance payment and make big promises on which they have no intention of delivering.

BBB reminds consumers to be on the lookout for shady contractors looking to take advantage of storm victims.

"Encountering high winds, thunderstorms and the occasional tornado are a part of living in East Texas," said Mechele Agbayani Mills, President & CEO of BBB Serving Central East Texas. "That means it is important to be cognizant of fly-by-night repair businesses who are ready to pounce on storm victims as soon as the weather breaks."

BBB offers the following advice to homeowners before hiring a contractor:

Check with your insurance company about policy coverage and specific filing requirements. Save all receipts if temporary repairs are necessary.

Although you may be anxious to get things back to normal, avoid letting your emotions get the better of you. Don't be pressured into making an immediate decision with a long-term impact. Be proactive in selecting a business and not re-active to sales solicitations.

Take time to shop around and get at least three estimates based on the same specifications and materials. Check out references that are at least one year-old and verify licensing with local agencies.

Be wary of door-to-door workers who claim to have

left-over materials from a job "down the street" or who do not have a permanent place of business. If sales people go door-to-door, check to see if your community requires them to have solicitation permits.

Require a written contract agreement with anyone you hire. Be sure their name, address, license number, if applicable, and phone number is included in the contract. Read and understand the contract in its entirety, and never sign a blank contract. A copy of the signed contract is to be given to you at the time of signature.

If one estimate seems much lower than the others and it sounds too good to be true, it probably is. Many fly-by-night contractors' below-cost bids seem attractive, but these contracts often are uninsured and perform substantial cancellation fees or liquidation damages are required if the homeowner decides not to use the contractor after insurance approval of the claim.

Never pay for work in full in advance. The Better Business Bureau recommends a consumer never pay more than half before the contractor starts repairs and don't pay the remaining balance until you are satisfied with the work. A good guideline is to pay by the rule of thirds: pay one-third deposit, one-third when the job is 50% complete, and one-third once the job is completed.

Hire locally whenever possible. Chances are, if the company is not from the area, they are less likely to come back and make a repair should you find something they missed.

Remember, great businesses are out there. Always look for the BBB seal; it's the Sign of a Better BusinessSM. Start with companies you can trust by going to bbb.org. To report fraudulent activity or unscrupulous business practices, please call BBB at (903)581-5704 or use BBB Scam Tracker.

Know difference in centipedes, millipedes

By Smith County Master
Gardeners

While centipedes and millipedes are not insects they occur often enough in our gardens and homes to merit some attention.

Both centipedes and millipedes are arthropods and distant relatives of lobsters, crayfish and shrimp but are terrestrial, living in almost all sub-arctic areas.

These critters do not carry diseases to humans, animals or plants.

Millipedes and centipedes can be found in cool, moist areas, under rocks, rotted logs, leaves and bark, in compost piles and some can even survive in desert conditions.

Knowing the difference between centipedes and millipedes is important before handling these arthropods. The name centipede means "hundred feet" and each trunk segment has two legs.

The last legs extend backward and may be modified for sensory, defensive modes or used to capture prey. Centipedes



will and can bite, injecting venom that can cause distress in people who have allergies to insect bites. It is best not to handle centipedes with bare hands.

Some species use coloration or camouflage for defense and can even detach some body parts when held by predators, then make their escape.

Centipedes are carnivores, feeding on small insects. One centipede in Texas lives and reproduces in houses. This centipede feeds at night on cockroaches, moths,

house flies and other house insects.

Millipedes are referred to as thousand-leggers but none of them really have a thousand legs.

What they do have are four legs on each trunk segment, and two body parts, a head and trunk. Millipedes feed on decaying plant material and can damage seedlings by feeding on stems and leaves.

Millipedes fill an important function in soil by burrowing into the soil and aiding microbial decomposition and soil nutrient cycles. Millipedes are harmless if handled correctly. Their primary defense is a toxic fluid secreted to repel predators, but these fluids can cause allergic reactions and an odor that can last days.

Be sure to wash hands with soap and water until

the odor is gone. They also (like centipedes) use coloration to warn predators.

If these creepy crawlies are bothersome, removing trash and/or compost piles, rocks and other living spaces will help keep them away. Sprays or dusts with diazinon, Malathion, carbaryl and pyrethrin applied around foundations can help with control while granules work best in turf areas.

Information compiled from American Tarantula Society, Rowland M. Shelley, Ph. D. and Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, J. W. Stewart, Extension Entomologist

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**CAUSE NO. 23-1242-A
THE STATE OF TEXAS
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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 first Monday after the expiration of forty-two (42) days from the date of issuance of this citation, a default judgment may be taken against you. In addition to filing a written answer with the Clerk, you may be required to make initial disclosures to the other parties of this suit. These disclosures generally must be made no later than thirty (30) days after you file your answer with the Clerk. Find out more at TexasLawHelp.org."

**TO: THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES OR ASSIGNS
OF MANUEL ESPARZA, DECEASED, DEFENDANT**

GREETINGS: YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear by filing a written answer to the **ORIGINAL PETITION** at or before 10 o'clock a.m. of the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two(42) days from and after the date of issuance of this citation, same being the 24TH day of JULY, 2023, in the 7th Judicial District Court of Smith County, Texas, at the Courthouse of said County located at 100 N. Broadway, Tyler, Texas, 75702. Said ORIGINAL PETITION was filed in said Court on May 24, 2023, in this case, numbered. 23-1242-A, and styled:

**ANA H. GONZALEZ VS. ANTONY JAMES
ESPARZA, JOSE MANUEL ESPARZA, AND
THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES OR ASSIGNS
OF MANUEL ESPARZA, DECEASED**

The Plaintiff is ANA H. GONZALEZ. The Defendants are ANTONY JAMES ESPARZA, JOSE MANUEL ESPARZA, and the UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, OR ASSIGNS OF MANUEL ESPARZA, Deceased. The attorney for the Plaintiff is Ralph E. Allen, whose address is 100 East Ferguson Avenue, Suite 901, Tyler, TX 75701.

The nature of the suit of said suit being substantially as follows: This is a suit to determine the balance due, if any, on a promissory note from Ana Gonzalez to Manuel Esparza and for a judgment releasing a lien against property located at 1308 N. Ross Avenue, Tyler, Texas.

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ATTEST:
CLERK OF THE COURT
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By: /s/ Penny Clarkston
Penny Clarkston, District Clerk

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TO: WILLIAM BOWSER, PEGGY DANIELS, DOROTHY FOWLER, MCCLINTON WINKFIELD, CANIS TILLMAN, DOROTHY RANDLE, CARRIE BOOKER, FREDDIE JACKSON, BYRON MCKINNON, PHILIP MCKINNON, EILEEN MCKINNON, MICHELLE BURKES, PHYLLIS KELLEY, PAMELA WHIPPLE, DARRELL KELLEY, KARL KELLEY, LATOYA KELLEY, LAUREN KELLEY, TIFFANY COPELAND, QUINTON BROWN, CAROLYN BROWN, KEVIN WESTERFELD, LORIE WESTERFIELD, ANGELENE WESTERFIELD, ANITHEA DORCH, LATANYA WHITE; YALONDA BOOKER, YAVONDA CAMPBELL, CARLA YOUNG, TAWANA BROWN, AND JOE BROWN, WHEREVER THEY MAY BE FOUND:

On the 7th day of June, 2023, **DEPENDENT ADMINISTRATOR, BYRON MCKINNON, BY AND THROUGH HIS ATTORNEY OF RECORD, STEPHEN HUBBARD** filed a **MOTION FOR INSTRUCTIONS, FINAL ACCOUNT AND APPLICATION TO CLOSE ESTATE** in a proceeding styled **IN THE ESTATE OF BENNETT TYRONE BROWN, DECEASED** and bearing the number 42815P in the County Court at Law #3 of Smith County, Texas.

The Court will hear the aforesaid **MOTION FOR INSTRUCTIONS, FINAL ACCOUNT AND APPLICATION TO CLOSE ESTATE** on the Monday next after the expiration of ten (10) days from the date of publication of this citation, in the Courtroom in the County Courthouse Annex of Smith County, in Tyler, Texas.

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

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

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

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Issued and given under my hand and seal of office, the 22nd day of June, 2023, at the office in Tyler.

KAREN PHILLIPS, COUNTY CLERK
Smith County, Texas
By: Katherine Beard, Deputy Clerk

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of ANNIE MARIE BICKERDIKE, Deceased, were issued on June 20, 2023, in Docket No. 47473P, pending in the County Court at Law 3, Smith County, Texas, to Raymond Dean Bickerdike.

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

LEGAL NOTICE**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

Notice is hereby given that Letters of Independent Administration for the **ESTATE OF MARCUS LEON CARNEY, DECEASED**, were issued on **JUNE 20, 2023**, in Cause Number **47,337P**, pending in the County Court at Law No. 3 of Smith County, Texas to **KACEE NIKOLE GREEN**, Independent Administrator.

The address of record for **Kacee Nikole Green** is: **c/o Thomas M. Alleman, Attorney at Law, 100 E. Ferguson, Suite 901, Tyler, Texas 75702.**

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TO: BILLY HARVEY, ZELTON HARVEY, JUSTINA GOODWYN, LAUREN GOODWYN, AND TYLER GOODWYN, WHEREVER THEY MAY BE FOUND:

On the 23rd day of May, 2023, **STEPHEN HUBBARD** filed an **AMENDED MOTION FOR INSTRUCTIONS, FINAL ACCOUNT, AND APPLICATION TO CLOSE ESTATE** in a proceeding styled **IN THE ESTATE OF MYRTLE BROWN, DECEASED** and bearing the number **45756P** in the County Court at Law #3 of Smith County, Texas.

The Court will hear the aforesaid **AMENDED MOTION FOR INSTRUCTIONS, FINAL ACCOUNT, AND APPLICATION TO CLOSE ESTATE** on the **Monday next after the expiration of ten (10) days from the date of publication of this citation**, in the Courtroom in the County Courthouse Annex of Smith County, in Tyler, Texas.

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Lindale native, Smith County employee adopts five, 'now feels like real father'

By Casey Murphy
Smith County Public Information Officer

Lindale native Tim Fauss has a long history of helping children, from assisting his father in a children's ministry, to working with at-risk youth at the Smith County Juvenile Services Department.

These experiences have helped him foster and adopt five young siblings.

Celebrating his first Father's Day after adopting the children in May, Fauss said he now feels more like a real father.

"This is permanent now," he said. "They have our last names so it feels more real."

Fauss and his wife Erica have been married for seven years and began fostering children in their home in 2020. Before they married, they talked about fostering but planned on having children of their own first.

"But God had a different plan," Fauss said. "He told us that families can get started in different ways, so we felt that it was our calling as a couple to care for children in need and started the process to become foster parents."

Mrs. Fauss said during the early days of quarantine during the COVID-19 pandemic, they began to look at the option to foster to adopt.

"Maybe it was us being tired of putting together 1,000-piece puzzles or tired of sitting on our couch and hearing the same news over and over again," she said. "But I like to think our lives slowed down enough for us to hear God's calling to open our home to children in need."

She said they have always wanted children of their own and that may not be out of



the question, "but the voice in our hearts was telling us why not now?"

She said her husband has so much experience working with children that she knew he would be a good role model and provide structure to foster children.

Fauss is a probation/supervision officer for Smith County Juvenile Services. For its H.O.P.E. Academy, a residential program for male juvenile offenders, Fauss teaches an array of life skills. He is also certified in teaching and certifying the kids in food handling licenses and cooking classes.

Fauss said he enjoys working with youths, trying to help make a difference in their lives and to help break the cycle that is often generational. That is part of the reason why they were willing to foster and adopt older children.

Working with kids began long before he started his career.

When he was a youngster, Fauss was in the Royal Rangers, a religious organization for boys. When he was in

college, he helped lead a group of middle school-aged boys and now that he has sons of his own, he is involved in the organization once again.

Mrs. Fauss didn't know if she could compete with her husband's experience, but she believed her mother provided her with a great foundation of discipline, good values and a serving heart. She works in human resources, knew of several people who fostered or adopted children and felt it was something she wanted to do.

"So in the midst of the stay-at-home orders, we anxiously prepared for the new chapter in our lives, by completing several training courses in the evenings and had all sorts of people digging into our family history, backgrounds and personal lives," Mrs. Fauss said. "Looking back, that was the easy part."

They were licensed in November 2020, and quickly began getting calls about several siblings who needed foster parents.

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