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**"Wildlife on the Move" arrived at the Lillie Russell Memorial Library this past week, giving youngsters and adults a glimpse into all the critters and creatures that are all around us, including slithery snakes, reptiles and invertebrates. Next week, wild times will continue with the popular "Creature Teacher" feature, scheduled for the Christ Point Methodist Church in Lindale. Courtesy photo**



**These local youngsters take advantage of the cooling elements of the splash pad at Darden Harvest Park in downtown Lindale. Photo by Terry Cannon**

## Cool ways to beat summer's heat

This summer seems to have all the markings of one of the hottest on record.

If you happen to venture out into the heat of the afternoon, whether it be for your job, chores or simply to get out of the house, these 100-degree days seem to melt your shoes to the sidewalk and grill your brain.

One way to keep your cool is to take in the splash pad at the city of Lindale's Darden Harvest Park, which is a great way to dissipate the heat.

Each day, youngsters and their parents take advantage of one of the most popular spots in the area.

But there are other nearby areas that allow you to beat the heat, such as Faulkner Park just north of Lindale and Tyler State Park, a few miles to the east.

Faulkner Park has wonderful, shaded walking trails and some nifty fishing piers.

Tyler State Park offers, for a small fee, the same thing but on a larger scale.

With this in mind, the helpful folks with the Texas State Parks system have shared some tips to help

Texans enjoy time outdoors safely.

Last year, 47 state parks reported 141 heat-related illnesses in humans and pets. Since January 1, 77 heat-related incidents have already been reported, compared to 64 reported by this time last year.

Here are some of the top heat hacks recommended for park visitors:

**Hydrate:** It's important to drink at least 16 ounces of water every hour in the heat to replenish your body and prevent dehydration. Don't forget to bring enough for your four-legged family members too.

**Block the Rays:** Apply a generous amount of sunscreen or sunblock before heading outdoors. Be sure to reapply every couple of hours, and after swimming or sweating.

**Dress Smart:** Wear light, loose-fitting, breathable clothing; a hat, correct shoes, sunscreen and wet bandanas to keep you cool while in the sun. For pets, protect paws against blistering by hitting the trails during cooler times of the day when the ground isn't hot or

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## "Creature Teacher" returns to Library next week

Happy Independence Day from Lillie Russell Memorial Library!

The library will be closed on Tuesday, July 4 for the holiday, but will open up on Wednesday with a special "Creature Teacher" feature.

Since last year's event proved very popular with young and old alike, this year's event will take place in Lindale's Christ Point Methodist Church's gymnasium to accommodate the expected big crowd.

This fun event will begin at 10:30 a.m. The church is located at 402 West Hubbard Street.

Storytime will continue through the summer with two sessions, 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. on Fridays.

The theme for July is "All Together Now."

- On July 7, Storytime will feature author Wendy Lanier with "The Dog That Gave My Brother Words" in the "All Together Now - Helpers;"

- On July 14, the "All Together Now - Community" will feature interpreters from Tyler Deaf and Hard of Hearing; Dr. Kristin Hailey from Hideaway Small Animal Clinic will examine youngsters' "injured and sick" stuffed animals and representatives from Craig's Dirt Services;

- On July 21, "All Together Now - Nature" is scheduled;

- On July 28, story time will feature the East Texas Theater Academy.

**Other library events for the month include:**

- The East Texas Gem and Mineral Society at 10:30 a.m. on July 12. Society members will return with their polished rocks for youngsters and a presentation.

- At 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, July 20, "Window to the Wild" will provide a bird's eye view of nature. This program uses birds to teach about nature, animals in the wild, and how to conserve the environment.

- For all of you crafty people, a painting class for kids ages 6 through 10 is scheduled for 1:15 p.m. on Tuesday, July 11.

- At 1 p.m. on Thursday, July 20 staff member Haven Osteen will be teaching her very popular origami class for ages 7 and up. Call the library at 903-882-1900 to register for these classes.

- At 4 p.m. on each Thursday in July, the Yarn Club continues throughout the summer.

- Each Tuesday of the month, Adult Game Days will take place from 10 a.m. -12:30 p.m.

The summer reading program will conclude with the annual "Summer Bash," with snow cones, Best Day Bubbles and lots and lots of water provided by the Lindale Volunteer Fire Department, unless of course there's an emergency for the fire fighters. Swimwear is definitely recommended.



## Rotary Club's flag duty

**The Lindale Rotary Club supplies a good number of U.S. flags that Lindale citizens see waving around town and during last week's meeting, club members replaced worn out ones with new flags which were ordered by club member Don Hines. To order a flag, contact the Lindale Rotary Club. Courtesy photo**

## Former Lindale ranch hand indicted in Smith County cattle theft case

FORT WORTH – Former Lindale ranch manager, Jesus Sergio Perez-Sanchez, was indicted by the Smith County Grand Jury on 12 counts of theft of livestock. The indictment is a result of a lengthy investigation by Texas & Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association Special Rangers Larry Hand, Bo Fox and Darrel Bobbitt.

Perez-Sanchez was arrested in March 2022 for two counts of theft after an absentee landowner noticed discrepancies in cattle sales and called Texas & Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association Special Rangers. After a lengthy investigation, Special Ranger Hand presented evidence alleging 10 additional counts of theft that occurred from

May 2018 to November 2021.

The grand jury indicted Perez-Sanchez in April 2023 for all 12 charges, each a third-degree felony with a \$25,000 bond. Perez-Sanchez faces a possible confinement of 10 years with the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, as well as a fine up to \$10,000 for each felony.

Texas & Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association would like to thank the Smith County Criminal District Attorney's Office for their assistance, and the grand jury for fulfilling their civic duties during this case.

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# OPINION/COMMENTARY

## ... everything

The meaning of life is something I have never had to search for. It was always just 'there', sure as the black dirt beneath my feet. The rock solid truth is that the ultimate reason for being is simply to love and be loved. Harder to do for some than others. I was taught that love was a choice. Love is not a feeling, or not just a feeling, love has to be an action regardless of how you feel. That kind of love enables you to survive just about anything, do just about anything.

I learned early that life is not fair. It is never going to be fair and the sooner that fact of life is grasped the smoother the road you trod can be simply by not wasting your energy and emotion on what you have been denied, what has been taken from you, what you did that was credited to someone else, or cruelty that is undeserved and unearned. It just is. So the power one has is when you have done all you can do, "just stand"...until you find your way to step forward.

I know that we all can be very small-minded creatures. We often preach the Golden Rule and the importance of not judging others and then we spend most of our time breaking the former and doing the latter. What a waste of time. I have found that when people's conception of what is right or wrong, or even their perception of God is rattled they have a tendency to attack, often viciously. If someone is indeed convinced they are right, why do they feel threatened? Why do they feel the need to angrily attack someone they disagree with? If you are right rest in your confidence. Also, why drive the other guy further from what you believe to be the truth with anger?

If you know you are right, why are you not at peace letting your light illuminate a better path. You can not be heard when you are screaming. Sometimes only actions can be

## Senate passes tax bill as second special session begins

The Texas Senate on the first day of the Legislature's second special session unanimously passed a tax bill last Wednesday that increases the homestead exemption and includes a pay hike for teachers, the Austin American-Statesman reported. The first special session ended with the Senate and House unable to agree on how to provide property tax relief.

The Senate bill provides a \$2,000 pay increase for teachers in urban districts over the next two years, and a \$6,000 hike for teachers in rural areas. It increases the homestead exemption from \$40,000 to \$100,000.

Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick and House Speaker Dade Phelan are set to meet in an attempt to come to agreement on the property tax issue, after Patrick texted the best way to resolve debt differences between House and Senate versions would be to meet face-to-face.

"They have responded; we're looking forward to a meeting. ... Whenever that is, I believe we can get this resolved quickly," Patrick told the Statesman.

During the first special session, the House passed its version of a property tax package on the first day and immediately adjourned for the remainder of the 30-day session.

## 3 die daily in state due to drunk driving

Officials with the Texas Department of Transportation are again urging Texans to drive sober, as drunk driving deaths increased again

last year to 1,162 — an average of more than three people a day. The agency is spearheading a Faces of Drunk Driving campaign, highlighting families whose lives have been adversely affected by a drunk driver, such as Monse Montoya, who lost her mother and father when a drunk driver ran a stop sign and T-boned her parents' car.

Last year, 26% of all traffic deaths in Texas involved a drunk driver.

"Numbers can sometimes feel abstract," said TxDOT Executive Director Marc Williams. "But these are real people whose lives were either lost or forever altered by someone's decision to drink and drive."

## Weevils making positive impact on giant salvinia

Giant salvinia presents a major threat to Texas lakes, forming dense carpets of foliage on water surfaces that can expand very rapidly and make boating, fishing and swimming nearly impossible. Now, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department biologists say there are encouraging signs that giant salvinia weevils are effective in controlling the invasive species.

Giant salvinia invaded Texas waters in 1998 in the Houston area. It was found in Toledo Bend Reservoir later that year.

It is now found on 36 Texas lakes and numerous rivers, creeks and marshes. With the spread to more lakes in recent years, TPWD

## The Best of Suzanne Bardwell



'heard'. So, how do we

find purpose and peace? Maybe it is time for a diet of the soul. One that requires a little less screen time, a lot less social media and a whopping helping of kindness.

My wise mother taught me that we make the life we live. We choose how we will respond to the anger, injustice, cruelty and harshness of life. We decide if it will make us bitter or better, and it is a choice. A choice that we make over and over again. A choice that makes our lives, and our corner of the world a much better place to be when we choose better.

Anger and grudges can be the acid that burns away our soul and damages those we love. Choosing forgiveness, choosing kindness and compassion even when it is undeserved is my idea of peace on earth. At least in this tiny corner of mine.

I am surrounded by people who make this corner better every single day by their hard work, their commitment, generosity and sheer goodness. The magic to their success is not that they walk on water but that they start anew when they fail...time after time. They don't give up, or in, to the frailties of being human. They know the secret too. I bet that most of you dear readers know it as well.

When we forget we just need someone to remind us that love is the greatest gift of all.

If we have that gift we have everything.

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has worked to attempt to establish weevil populations in colder portions of the state while continuing stockings to augment or rebuild existing populations in areas more hospitable to weevils.

The weevils are more tolerant of low temperatures than previously believed, according to TPWD, and continue to be effective at reducing the spread of giant salvinia.

Boaters are urged to clean, drain and dry boats and gear before traveling from lake to lake in order to prevent the spread of all invasive plant species.

## SNAP benefits for storm victims

Victims of the mid-June storms that caused numerous power outages and subsequent food losses can apply for replacement benefits through the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program in a dozen Texas counties.

Those counties include Camp, Cass, Franklin, Gregg, Harrison, Marion, Morris, Ochiltree, Panola, Titus, Upshur, and Wood.

"For families that have been impacted by the recent storms, these replacement food benefits will help provide some peace of mind," said Michelle Alletto, with the Texas Health and Human Services Commission.

SNAP recipients with food lost or destroyed dur-

ing the storms can apply by July 14 by dialing 2-1-1 and selecting option 8.

## New law could boost math skills

A new Texas law recently signed by Gov. Greg Abbott requires school districts and charter schools to automatically enroll fifth graders who score in the top 40% on state math tests to be placed in advanced math classes, KUT reported. The result could be more equitable access to advance math classes, advocates say.

"This will have a huge impact," Kristen Hengtgen, a senior policy analyst with The Education Trust, said. "The sheer numbers of students who will be identified for advanced math in Texas and in the country is so exciting."

# THE ECONOMIST

By Dr. M. Ray Perryman



## Back to the Office ...

Although remote work was a notable and growing segment of overall employment before the pandemic, COVID-19 dramatically ramped up the process. During the worst of the shutdowns, it was often either that or nothing (unless one was an "essential" worker). While many have since returned to offices, the way we work has fundamentally changed.

In some areas, only about half as many people are working in office buildings as prior to the pandemic. Office vacancy rates are rising in many areas, as firms downsize their square footage. In very large cities such as New York, Los Angeles, and Chicago, 20-30% of downtown space is empty. In Texas, the Dallas and Houston central business districts are also about 30% empty, with somewhat lower vacancies in San Antonio, Austin, and Fort Worth. Although certain types of space and some specific buildings are flourishing, the overall pattern has shifted.

As things evolve, however, some companies are pushing employees to return to the office, citing various reasons for wanting workers on site. Many indicate that they think collaboration will be easier and synergies greater. Others feel that if employees are remote, they're less productive. Hundreds of thousands of individuals have recently been faced with mandates to return to the office to at least some degree.

Research generally indicates that remote employees are actually at least as productive, which may be due in part to a tendency to work more hours from home. While there are quality tools to facilitate collaboration, there are obvious benefits to

being in person. Conversely, in some offices, open floorplans can impede concentration. Some people want more connection with coworkers and separation of work and home. By contrast, there are others who object to commutes or challenges associated with family responsibilities. The bottom line is that the countless variables in personality, type of work, setting, corporate culture, management style, and other factors impact the best approach.

There was a time when CEOs felt they couldn't compel workers to do much of anything (particularly in technology fields) because jobs were so plentiful that employees could easily switch. As the economy slows, the balance is shifting to some extent (although the long-term trend will see perpetual labor shortages).

The most likely outcome for many is a hybrid situation, working in an office a few days a week. Simultaneously, many fully remote jobs have been proven effective and will remain with us. Some office areas will likely be converted to urban living spaces, and the square footage per employee will typically increase (reversing a long-term trend). Additional amenities in the workplace will similarly become more commonplace. In essence, we'll see an ongoing adjustment, with efficiency being a driving market force. Stay safe!

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# Half-century later, cautionary tale still resonates

An anniversary of sorts occurred about a week ago involving a baseball player, a Major League organization desperate for fans and the dream-come-true for an 18-year-old Texas kid from Houston.

On June 27, 1973 David Clyde, three weeks removed from walking the graduation stage at Westchester High School in Houston and the first pick of the 1973 draft of the Texas Rangers, was staring down hitters from the Minnesota Twins in Arlington.

For a franchise that had been in Texas just a little over a year – and one that hadn't exactly enamored itself to the sporting public in the Metroplex – Clyde was more than a youngster with a bright future. He was, in a way, a savior for the franchise.

And yours truly was there to witness his unveiling, a year after watching him dispatch our very good high school team in the state playoffs.

Clyde's tale is bittersweet, but Clyde – 50 years later – isn't overly bitter.

"The Rangers have been good to me over the years," he said recently. "But, based on the history of the Rangers, it might've been the worst decision to have Texas draft me."

Very, very few teenagers have been able to arrive in a Major League baseball clubhouse and remain there without spending time in the minors. Robin Yount of the



Milwaukee Brewers did and built a Hall of Fame career in the process.

But he was definitely an outlier. Clyde had been on MLB teams' radar since his junior year at Westchester.

My good friend and later best man at my wedding, played second base for Bryan Adams that June day in 1972 when our school took on Westchester.

Clyde, hurling lightning bolts with his left arm, eliminated our Cougars that day and he left an indelible impression on my buddy.

I went to try and console him after the game. He had the look of someone who had just gotten slapped.

"You just couldn't see it," he said. "He threw so hard and then he'd break off a curve you couldn't hit. You just didn't stand a chance."

Clyde was just as dominant his senior year and there's was little doubt he'd be the first pick of the '73 draft. The sad-sack Rangers, struggling to win games had the smarts to grab him with the first pick.

Bob Short, the notoriously cheap owner of the Rangers, knew he needed an attendance boost and he also knew that putting his 18-year-old teenager on the mound that June day would

fill the house. More than 35,000 fans – including me and my friend Charlie – were there sitting along the first base line.

Clyde walked the first two Twins – including Hall of Famer Rod Carew -- then struck out the next three to end the inning unscathed. It brought down the house.

One person who knew a teenager had no place in a clubhouse of grown men was Rangers' Manager Whitey Herzog. He told Short the kid needed to be sent to the minors after this game, which Clyde won, 4-3.

Short wouldn't hear of it. Clyde's sad future was sealed because he stayed with the big club pitching in 18 games and fashioning a 4-8 record that season.

It got worse the next year when he went 3-9. After one start in 1975, Clyde hurt his shoulder and was traded to Cleveland in 1978. Two years later he was out of baseball.

Perhaps as a way of making amends for derailing Clyde's dreams a half-century ago, the Rangers marked the anniversary last week by inviting Clyde, now 68 years old, back to Arlington for a first-pitch ceremony.

Yet in an ironic twist of

fate, another shoulder surgery kept him from actually throwing out the first pitch. He had Bill Gogolewski – who relieved him in that game in 1973 -- do it for him.

Afterwards, Clyde was asked what was going through his mind when he climbed the mound at old Arlington Stadium.

"I was oblivious to what was going around me," he said. "But it didn't take long to realize this wasn't high school anymore."

Nope, sure wasn't.

In the second inning, after two more walks and a caught stealing, Mike Adams planted a Clyde fastball in the left field seats to give the Twins a 2-0 lead. It was also the only hit the teenager allowed in his five innings of work.

Of the thousands upon thousands of baseball games I've watched over the years, this one has a special place in my memory bank because of its uniqueness but also because of the cautionary tale it told.

The shame lies in there's no way of knowing how good Clyde could have been had he been given the chance to mature, at least as a baseball talent. As a man, however, he's proven he is a grown up.

"One positive that came out of my career," he said, "is that to this very day, every now and then when a very special talent comes along, I hear them say, 'We are not going to do this young man what was done to David Clyde.'"



## Birthday no longer a secret

Chad Gulley, branch manager/loan officer of Shelby Savings Bank in Lindale was surprised by his employees this past week with a 50<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration, featuring balloons, a "walker" as shown in the photo and plenty of food and fellowship. The employees were asked to keep the celebration a secret until the big reveal took place last Tuesday. (Photo by Darla Strickland)



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### ONE YEAR AGO, July 7, 2022

Three Lindale Police Officers were honored recently by the East Texas Chapter of Mothers Against Drunk Driving during the Smith and Henderson County Law Enforcement Recognition event held at Hollytree Country Club in Tyler. Officers Brooke Wedgeworth, Robert Trombley and Jerrod Shurley were presented with MADD Leadership Awards during the June 29 event.

The officers were singled out for their dedicated service in keeping impaired drivers off the roadways in Lindale, officials said.

Keynote speaker for the event was former Tyler Mayor Barbara Bass.

Awards were presented by MADD Program Specialist Kathy Davidson and Texas Department of Transportation Traffic Safety Specialist Heather Singleton.

### FIVE YEARS AGO, July 5, 2018

Ashlie Thompson, a 2018 graduate of Lindale High School, was awarded a \$1,000 scholarship by the National FFA Organization. The scholarship is sponsored by Dean Foods, Co. and is one of 1,829 awarded by the FFA's national scholarship program. Recipients were chosen from 8,831 applicants from across the U.S. and were based on academics, leadership and school and community activities.

### 10 YEARS AGO, July 4, 2013

The Lindale City Council accepted two resignations – one from Barham Fulmer from the Lindale Economic Development Corporation and John Yarbrough from the Lindale City Parks and Recreation Board during the council's weekly meeting at city hall.

Mayor Robert Nelson offered his appreciation to Fulmer for his service time on the LEDC board while also expressing his regret that Fulmer was stepping down.

"I am really sad to see Mr. Fulmer leave (the LEDC board)," the mayor said. "He's been a valuable resource to the city, but I understand that there are times when we have to move on."

"I know (the board) will miss his business knowledge and I want to thank him for his service."

Fulmer sent a letter of resignation to Lindale City Manager Owen Scott prior to Tuesday's council meeting.

Yarbrough, who has served as chairman of the local parks board, was also praised for his service to the city.

"He will definitely be dearly missed," said council member Bryan Summerville.

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# Rolling adventures from yesteryear

The other day, I saw a kid ridin' down a hill in a homemade car-like thing. Boy howdy, you talk about bringin' back memories. This kid's car was just like the ones we used to make.

It consisted of three 2x4's and four wheels. To operate it, you sat on the back axle, had your feet on the front axle that had a rope tied to both ends. Someone would push you down a big hill. You would have the rope in your hands and you would steer usin' a combination of foot and rope power. To stop, you had to pull back on a stick that you had nailed to the frame. The other end of the stick would drag the ground, and theoretically, would stop your car.

This braking system never worked very well, so you'd end up droppin' your feet onto the road in hopes of a Flintstone-type stop. In reality, your feet would hit the road and immediately be propelled backward under the back axle.

At this time, your upper body would slam down; face first, on the front axle. But since your knees were now draggin' on the road, you would finally come to a stop, providin', of course, that your flesh held out. This was the only ride that no one ever yelled, "Me next!" afterward

My cousin Coy and I had made several of these death traps, but none proved to be any good. Then one day, while rummagin' around my dad's workshop, we found some stuff to make the ultimate vehicle. Actually, it was a two-piece vehicle, and we designed it ourselves.

The front part was an old



push lawn mower with a busted engine and the back part was a garden cart; the kind that is pulled behind a lawn tractor. We attached the tongue of the cart to a crossbar on the handle of the mower. To operate it, you kneeled in the cart and put your hands on the handle of the lawn mower. This way you could steer. To stop it, all you had to do was pull up on a rope that was attached to a latch, and the back of the cart dumped backwards and dragged on the road.

"You go first," I said to Coy.

"No way," he replied. "I went first on the last car we built and I'm still missin' my knee caps."

"OK 'fraidy cat," I said. "I'll go first."

Coy pushed me off at the top of the road. The contraption rolled steadily down the oil-topped road, pickin' up speed as it went. Finally, as I approached the bottom of the road, I held my breath, and pulled the rope. The cart dumped backwards, and I came to a textbook stop. I checked myself out. Yep, still in one piece.

"It worked!" I yelled at Coy, who was already racin' down to where I was.

"Me next!" he yelled as he ran.

Well, it wasn't long before we were taking other kids for rides, for a nominal fee, of course. We were havin' a great time.

Back in those days, just

before nightfall, all the neighbors would gather in someone's front yard to sit around and talk, and this night was no exception. They were all in my folk's front yard.

"Hey," I said. "Let's all give the grownups a show."

"How?" asked Coy.

"Let's all pile in the Horseless Road Chariot (a name we stole from a show we had seen on TV) and ride down in front of my house. Then we'll pull the rope and drag to a stop. I can just hear them clappin' now."

"I don't know," said Coy. "We ain't never tried more'n two people in it at the same time."

"Quit bein' such a worry wart," I said. "It'll be OK." We all started gettin' into the cart. There was Coy and me, Greg Hunt, Little Rusty, his little brother Wee Whoa, and of course Bones, Wee Whoa's stupid dog.

We decided since Greg was the strongest he would push us off and then jump in. I was steerin' and everyone else was just sitting there gettin' ready to enjoy the ride.

After Greg gave a big push, and jumped in, we were off. It was a pretty good way down to my house, so by the time we got there; we were clippin' along pretty good. Just as we passed in front of my house, I could see all of our folks lookin' and pointin'. It was time to hit the brakes.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Legislature assists food banks with new laws

Dear Editor,

With support of the Feeding Texas network of food banks, the Texas Legislature passed several new laws that will prevent hunger for Texans experiencing food insecurity.

"This year's legislative session was our most successful since Texas food banks came together as a network over 20 years ago to engage state lawmakers in the fight against hunger," said Celia Cole, CEO of Feeding Texas. "We were honored to have overwhelming bipartisan support for these anti-hunger policies. Regardless of political affiliation, we can agree that food should not be an impossible choice."

"We enjoyed being part of the process this year and taking a team from the East Texas Food Bank to visit with our East Texas legislators in Austin to impact the successful passage of these bills," said Dennis Cullinane, CEO of the East Texas Food Bank. "The passage of these bills will help more East Texans access the food they need."

Three bills passed this legislative session along with increased funding for food distribution.

**Update the SNAP Vehicle Asset Test (HB 1287):** Texas uses a vehicle asset test to determine SNAP eligibility, placing limits on the value of the vehicles a household may own and still qualify for the program. HB 1287 makes a one-time inflationary adjustment to the Vehicle Asset Test to better reflect today's car values, increasing limits from \$15,000 to \$22,500 for the first car and from \$4650 to \$8700 for additional vehicles. The bill was authored by Rep. Ryan Guillen and sponsored by Sen. Cesar Blanco.

**Implementing pre-release SNAP registration (HB 1743):** Early access to SNAP benefits ensures formerly incarcerated Texans have immediate resources for food so they can begin rebuilding their lives and reduce recidivism. HB 1743 supports people exiting the criminal justice system by allowing eligible individuals to apply for SNAP before their release so they have access to food upon release. The bill was authored by Rep. Jeff Leach and sponsored by

Sen. Royce West.

**Increasing funds for produce rescue:** The Surplus Agricultural Products Grant helps food banks rescue surplus or unsellable produce from Texas farmers for distribution to hungry Texans. One hundred percent of program funds go to farmers and transportation providers to offset the cost of harvesting, storage, packaging and freight. The network achieved a \$10.2 million increase in funding for the Surplus Agricultural Products Grant, doubling funds to \$20.4 million for the biennium. This is a win-win-win for hungry Texans, farmers, and the environment.

**Exempting state transportation-related taxes and fees for food banks (HB 3599):** State transportation-related fees are significant food bank expenses. HB 3599 will give food banks an exemption from fuel taxes and registration for their fleets, meaning food banks can reinvest those costs into feeding their communities. The bill was authored by Rep. Shawn Thierry and sponsored by Sen. Chuy Hinojosa.

"These legislative victories

represent the hard work of many different stakeholders and are responsive to the needs expressed by our communities," Cole said. "We are grateful to our bill authors, anti-hunger advocates, and all of the organizations that came together to help get these priorities across the finish line. From small, rural communities to major metropolitan areas, these new laws will help feed Texas families and support food banks across the state. While the fight for food security continues, we're one step closer to a hunger-free Texas."

Gov. Gregg Abbott signed HB 1287, HB 1743, and HB 3599 into law this month. The new laws take effect Sept. 1, 2023.

Sincerely,  
Rebecca Berkley  
East Texas Food Bank

### High Court out of control

To the Editor:

The Supreme Court is running amok, and it's past time we got it under control.

In the year since the Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization decision, abortion has been

effectively banned (with extremely limited exceptions) in fourteen states.

Nearly 1 in 3 Americans have lost access to abortion care.

On top of that, the ethical crises keep piling up. We've seen Republican mega donors footing the bill for Clarence Thomas's vacations, mortgage payments, and family tuition; Samuel Alito taking dinners with conservative anti-abortion activists, accepting a lavish vacation from someone with business before the Court, and allegedly leaking reproductive health decisions; and Neil Gorsuch selling property to an executive that has business before the Court just days after his lifetime appointment was finalized.

We can't let this continue. Congress must stop the out-of-control, right-wing majority on the Supreme Court.

The only way to do that is to restore ideological balance to the Court by adding four more seats. I'm urging our legislators to stand up as a governmental body and rein in this illegitimate Court by passing the Judiciary Act.

Sincerely,  
Linda Stegall  
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### Lindale Police Department call log for June 16-23

**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; 4:29:15 PM, Public Service, 3500 block South Main Street; 7:19:00 PM, Hit and Run, 900 block South Main Street; 7:22:23 PM, Accident, 3200 block South Main Street; 7:38:25 PM, Welfare Concern, 300 block South Main Street; 7:47:20 PM, Suspicious Person, 13000 block CR 472; 9:09:25 PM, Deadly Conduct, 3500 block South Main Street; 10:27:40 PM, Driving While Intoxicated, 18000 block Highway 69 North.

**SATURDAY, JUNE 17:** 12:11:42 AM, Loud Noise Complaint, 400 block North College Street; 5:47:07 AM, Traffic Complaint, 18000 block Highway 69 North; 7:00:00 AM, Administrative Detail, 100 block Ballard Drive; 7:59:13 AM, Suspicious Vehicle, 14000 block Interstate 20 West; 8:31:06 AM, Escort, 200 block West South Street; 10:39:17 AM, Public Service, East South Street/Pierce Street; 11:49:56 AM, Suspicious Person, 200 block East Hubbard Street; 1:59:18 PM, Welfare Concern, 100 block East Centennial Blvd.; 2:24:53 PM, City Ordinance, 300 block Rita Drive; 6:13:37 PM, Suspicious Person, 13000 block CR 472; 7:26:18 PM, Warrant Service, 200 block Hillside Circle.

**SUNDAY, JUNE 18:** 12:55:28 AM, Suspicious Person, 3500 block South Main Street; 1:54:32 AM, Reckless Driv-



ing, 3400 block South Main Street; 7:04:08 AM, Welfare Concern, 1500 block Pearl Street; 10:32:35 AM, Counterfeit, 3500 block South Main Street; 10:50:22 AM, Motorist Assist, 16000 block Interstate 20 East; 11:16:11 AM, Reckless Driving, 13600 block Highway 69 North; 1:23:05 PM, Sexual Abuse, 100 block Ballard Drive; 2:12:51 PM, Traffic Hazard, 400 block Marchman Street; 7:22:12 PM, Reckless Driving, 200 block South Main Street.

**MONDAY, JUNE 19:** 11:44:26 AM, Motorist Assist, 2200 block South Main Street; 12:15:20 PM, Injury To A Child, 300 block South Main Street; 12:20:59 PM, Assist SCSO, 17000 block Stacy Street; 5:27:50 PM, Disturbance, 600 block Jack Drive; 6:10:19 PM, Suspicious Person, 13000 block FM 2710; 7:06:14 PM, Welfare Concern, 3200 block South Main Street; 11:22:56 PM, Assist SCSO, 900 block Stewart Street; 11:47:22 PM, Assist SCSO, 8400 block Military Drive.

**MONDAY, JUNE 20:** 12:33:51 AM, Assault-Simple, 400 block West South Street; 1:33:29 AM, Animal At Large, 300 block South Main Street; 2:17:49 AM, Assist SCSO, 15000 block CR 431; 2:34:01 AM, Suspicious Person, 300 block South Main Street; 4:23:26 AM, Accident, 1400 block South Main Street; 11:01:31 AM, Theft, 100 block Ballard Drive; 11:26:03 AM, Assist Another Agency, 3200 block South

Main Street; 12:18:17 PM, Accident, 300 block South Main Street; 1:54:52 PM, Accident, 300 block South Main Street; 3:31:23 PM, Welfare Concern, 100 block East Centennial Blvd.; 11:17:54 PM, Suspicious Vehicle, 300 block North Main Street.

**TUESDAY, JUNE 21:** 12:31:45 AM, Suspicious Person, 2700 block South Main Street; 12:53:04 AM, Suspicious Person, 100 block Stadium Street; 1:46:20 AM, Assist SCSO, 15000 block CR 434; 1:54:22 AM, Public Service, 3500 block South Main Street; 2:34:15 AM, Suspicious Vehicle, 100 block East Centennial Blvd.; 5:39:27 AM, Illegally Parked, CR 472/Freedom Drive; 8:09:42 AM, Criminal Mischief, 900 block Mount Sylvan Street; 9:05:46 AM, Suspicious Person, 200 block Mission Crest Circle; 9:36:58 AM, Found Property, 100 block Ballard Drive; 10:00:38 AM, 911 Hang Up Call, 13000 block FM 2710; 10:45:28 AM, Suspicious Person, 300 block South Main Street; 12:35:26 PM, Accident, Perryman Road/South Main Street; 1:00:47 PM, Public Service, 100 block Ballard Drive; 4:42:01 PM, Suspicious Person, Highland Drive; 5:09:04 PM, Accident, Perryman Road/South Main Street; 8:25:13 PM, Criminal Trespass, 3500 block South Main Street.

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22:** 9:08:10 AM, Stolen License Plate, 3200 block South Main Street; 9:19:25 AM, Found Property, 500 block Blackberry Blvd.; 10:42:33 AM, Public Service, 3500 block South Main Street; 12:03:39 PM, Assist SCSO, 12000 block Interstate 20 West; 2:59:44 PM, Assault-aggravated, 200 block Jeffries Street; 4:29:14 PM, Motorist Assist, 1800 block South Main Street; 4:36:45 PM, Suspicious Person, 200 block Cannery Row; 7:56:06 PM, Drug Possession, 3200 block South Main Street; 10:57:51 PM, Suspicious Vehicle, 3500 block South Main Street.

**THURSDAY, JUNE 23:** 4:14:49 AM, Welfare Concern, 15000 block Brittain Court; 5:39:27 AM, Alarm Business, 500 block South Main Street; 6:04:42 AM, Traffic Hazard, 17000 block Interstate 20 East.

## Lindale resident arrested for indecency with child

Smith County law enforcement agencies listed their jail bookings for the past week and a Lindale resident was among those taken to the county jail, publicity officials announced.

Shane Eugene Fleming, 46, of Lindale, was arrested and charged with indecency with child sexual contact by Smith County Sheriff's Deputies. Fleming was released on Friday, June 23 after posting a \$10,000 bond.

### SMITH COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Deputies charged Jake Earnest Bryant, 23, of Alba, with possession controlled substance penalty grade 2 between 1 gram

and 4 grams. Bryant was in the Smith County Jail on Friday on a \$150,000 bond.

Deputies charged Wilson Javier Chicas-Bonilla, 29, of Tyler, with driving while intoxicated. Chicas-Bonilla was in the Smith County Jail on Sunday and released the same day on a \$25,000 bond.

Deputies charged Michael David Hollar, 43, of Tyler, with aggravated sexual assault child. Hollar was in the Smith County Jail on Friday and released to another agency on Monday.

Deputies charged Jacob McDougal, 31, of Troup, with continuous violence against the family. McDougal was in the Smith County

Jail on Friday on a \$50,000 bond.

Deputies charged Michael Crossley Sims, Jr., 24, of Jackson, Mississippi, with possession controlled substance penalty grade 1/1-B between 1 gram and 4 grams. Sims was in the Smith County Jail on Friday on a \$200,000 bond.

### TYLER POLICE DEPARTMENT

Officers charged Cecilia Camacho, 23, of Tyler, with burglary of habitation and aggravated assault with deadly weapon. Camacho was in the Smith County Jail on Friday on bonds totaling \$240,000.

Officers charged Jaitrion Jelun Crowder, 26, of Tyler, with possession marijuana less than 2 ounces,

unlawful possession firearm by felon, and evading arrest detention. Crowder was in the Smith County Jail on Saturday on bonds totaling \$162,500.

Officers charged Sherah Jeanette Donaldson, 36, of Tyler, with burglary habitation intend other felony. Donaldson was in the Smith County Jail on Friday

without bond.

Friday and released the same day on a \$10,000 bond.

### SMITH COUNTY ADULT PROBATION

Officer charged Shakaria Lanae Burt, 35, of Gladewater, with driving while intoxicated with child under 15 years of age. Burt was in

the Smith County Jail on Friday and released the same day on a \$50,000 bond.

Officers charged Scott McDonald Redding, 46, of Tyler, with two counts injury child/elderly/disable reckless serious bodily injury. Redding was in the Smith County Jail on Friday and released Monday on bonds totaling \$100,000

### WHITEHOUSE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Officers charged Jacob Thomas Vandecarr, 29, of Whitehouse, with assault family/house member impede breath/circulation. Vandecarr was in the Smith County Jail on Saturday and released Monday on a \$45,000 bond

## Federal inmate gets 10 years for threatening U.S. Judge

A 58-year-old federal inmate has been sentenced for threatening a federal prosecutor and United States district judge, said Davilyn Walston, spokesperson for Damien M. Diggs, Eastern District of Texas U.S. Attorney.

Kevin Dean Riedle was sentenced to an additional 120 months in federal prison for retaliating against a United States judge and a federal law enforcement officer.

According to information presented in court, Riedle was previously convicted and sentenced in the Northern District of Texas for transporting and shipping child pornography.

In 2022, while serving time in federal prison in Loretto, Pa., Riedle mailed multiple letters to the Assistant United States Attorney who prosecuted him and to the United States district judge who sentenced him.

In these letters, Riedle threatened, in gruesome detail, to violently murder the prosecutor, the judge, and their families in retaliation for his previous conviction and sentence.

This case was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the U.S. Marshals Service and prosecuted by Eastern District of Texas Assistant U.S. Attorney Sean J. Taylor.

### Lumberton little league coach pleads guilty to child exploitation charges

A Lumberton man has pleaded guilty to federal child exploitation charges in the Eastern District of Texas, Walston said.

Adam Dale Isaacks, 40, pleaded guilty to four counts of transporting a minor for purposes of sexual activity today before U.S. District Judge Marcia A. Crone.

According to information presented in court, on Dec. 13, 2021, the Jasper County Sheriff's Office responded to an Evadale home in reference to a report of several sexual assaults.

As the investigation progressed, Isaacks was identified as the assailant. Isaacks, a

youth baseball coach and president of the Evadale Little League Baseball organization and a trusted member of the community, was reported to have sexually assaulted eight minor members of his baseball team. The boys were between 9 and 11 years old at the time of the offenses. The investigation revealed instances where several minor victims were transported by Isaacks from the Eastern District of Texas outside the state.

While outside the state of Texas, Isaacks engaged in illicit sexual conduct with the minor victims. The trips were verified with records from airlines, credit card information, photos, and witnesses.

Under federal statutes, Isaacks faces a minimum of 10 years and up to life in federal prison at sentencing. 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 was brought as part of Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative to combat the growing epidemic of child sexual exploitation and abuse launched in May 2006 by the Department of Justice. Led by United States Attorneys' Offices and the Criminal Division's Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section (CEOS), Project Safe Childhood marshals federal, state and local resources to better locate, apprehend and prosecute individuals who exploit children via the Internet, as well as to identify and rescue victims. For more information about Project Safe Childhood, please visit [www.projectsafchildhood.gov](http://www.projectsafchildhood.gov).

This case is being investigated by the FBI, the Sabine County Sheriff's Office, the Jasper County Sheriff's Office, and the San Augustine County Sheriff's Office. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Rachel Grove.

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# Essential foods to include in shopping cart

By Claudann Jones  
Smith County Extension Agent  
Family and Community Health



It's helpful to have a mix of fresh, frozen, canned and packaged foods in your kitchen for all of your cooking and eating needs.

Today we're spotlighting nutrient-dense, shelf-stable foods to include on your shopping list. These foods in particular can aid in reducing the frequency of your grocery trips and can translate to less food being wasted. Read on to see our list of foods that will keep you stocked and ready for several weeks to months.

Potatoes contain vitamin C, potassium, folate and vitamin B6 and come in many shapes, sizes and colors. Choose from red, white, fingerling, sweet potatoes and more. Depending on the type, potatoes should last 2-5 weeks if stored in a cool, dry, dark place.

Onions contain vitamin C, potassium and vitamin B and come in a few different varieties. They will last 1-2 months if stored properly in a cool, dark, place. But don't store them in the same place you store your potatoes; the gases these foods give off can cause one another to spoil more quickly.

Apples contain vitamin C and potassium, offer a wide variety of flavor profiles and can be used in all kinds of dishes—from breakfasts to lunches, dinners and snacks.

Fresh apples will keep well at room temperature on the counter for 5-7 days or will last up to six months if stored at 30-40°F.

Oats are a whole grain, a source of (soluble and insoluble) fiber and contain many vitamins and minerals, including manganese, phosphorus, copper, vitamin B1, iron, selenium and magnesium. This heart-healthy option will last in your pantry for up to two years.

Canned fruits and vegetables will last 1-3 years in your pantry and contain a mix of vitamins and minerals. These options can come in handy if you're looking for a wallet-friendly option.

Be mindful of the added sugar content.

There are many different cooking oils, and each has a slightly different shelf life. Rest assured, almost all cooking oils will last you at least 4-6 months.

Rice is another great option when it comes to shelf-stable foods.

Brown rice is a whole grain and thus contains more fiber than white rice. Additionally, brown rice is higher in manganese, magnesium, and selenium, while white rice is often enriched with folate.

Pasta (both whole wheat and enriched) will last you 1-3 years. Whole wheat pasta contains more fiber, manganese, copper, phosphorus and magnesium than enriched pasta, while enriched pasta contains more thiamin, niacin, riboflavin and folate.

Easily portable, tasty and shelf-stable, nut butter is a great option. With all the different varieties, you'll likely be able to find one you like.

Dried beans are the hidden gem of shelf-stable foods. Despite the different types of beans, most contain a rich array of nutrients, including fiber and protein.

We hope this list is helpful as you grocery shop with longevity in mind. 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.

# Junior Master Gardener program holding teacher training July 20

By Susan Himes  
Texas A&M AgriLife  
Extension Service

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service's Junior Master Gardener program will hold a Learn, Grow, Eat and Go! teacher training on July 20 in Fort Worth.

Onsite check-in will begin at 8:30 a.m., and the training will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Tarrant County Plaza Building, 200 Taylor St., Kornfield Room. Lunch, snacks and beverages will be provided.

Advance registration is required at <https://tx.ag/JMGTeacherTraining>. The cost is \$50.

The program provides eight Texas Education Agency continuing professional education hours and Texas Environmental Education Advisory Committee credit.

Learn, Grow, Eat and Go!, LGE, uses research- and evidence-based curriculum developed by teachers for teachers. Participants will



Teachers can learn about the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service's Junior Master Gardener program on July 20 in Fort Worth. (Courtesy photo)

receive all lesson plans and activity how-to instructions related to the LGE program.

The training will cover teaching LGE, which is a Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills aligned program. Teachers will learn the 10-week LGE program, which

combines academic achievement, gardening, fresh vegetable exposure, physical activity, and school and family engagement.

Hands-on lesson demonstrations will be led by the AgriLife Extension Junior Master Gardener team.

Participants will learn

how to:

-- Effectively and confidently lead a class with the LGE curriculum.

-- Build and maintain a student-led garden.

-- Encourage students to try new and healthy foods.

-- Inspire students beyond the classroom.

# Plenty of things to do in your summer garden

By Andie Rathbone  
Smith County Master Gardener

We're now into high summer and by now you should have everything planted except for the most heat-loving annuals to fill in bare spots.

I'd like to say that for the most part you could be in maintenance mode this month, but July is when you need to start putting in your fall vegetable garden, so if you want tomatoes in October, you cannot relax just yet.

When you work out in the garden, do it early in the morning when the temperatures are at their coolest. Wear sunscreen and a wide-brimmed hat and remember to drink plenty of water to stay hydrated. Know the signs of heat exhaustion.

If you feel dizzy, nauseous, have sudden cramps or rapid heartbeat stop what you are doing. Get inside out of the heat, remove tight clothing, take a cool bath or shower and drink plenty of non-alcoholic fluids.

Here is a to-do list for this month:

#### Plant Care and Bed Preparation

Keep fall blooming perennials like asters, chrysanthemums and Mexican mint marigold pinched back through mid-month. Then allow the flower buds to form.

Keep nandina, yaupon holly, and other berry producing shrubs watered during drought periods to ensure a good

show of berries in the fall.

Proper watering is very important. Water infrequently, but deeply. Use soaker hoses or drip irrigation and leave on long enough to water 4-6 inches into the soil. Water early in the morning (5 a.m.-9 a.m.) to keep evaporation to a minimum. It's best not to water at night as it promotes fungal diseases. Do not set watering systems to automatic unless you are going to be away from home.

#### Fertilize

Fertilize plants in containers regularly with water soluble fertilizer.

Fertilize roses through August

Side dress tomatoes, peppers, beans and squash.

Apply a -1-2 or 4-1-2 fertilizer to Bermuda grass

#### Pests/Diseases/Weed Control

If spider mites and aphids appear, use a strong blast of water sprayed on the underside of the infested plants. For extreme infestations, use insecticidal soap

Check St. Augustine grass for chinch bugs. Spot treat affected areas with a liquid insecticide that lists treatment for chinch bugs on its label.

If St. Augustine grass is yellowish and listless, check blades for grey leaf fungus - diamond-shaped gray/brown spots. Apply a fungicide and withhold fertilizer until fall.

Never leave rotten or diseased vegetables in the vegetable garden. They will be a source of disease infection.

Keep beds mulched to a depth of 3-4" to keep the soil cool, preserve moisture and control weeds.

#### Time to Plant

Plant heat-loving annuals like periwinkle, cleome, pentas, portulaca and copper plants to fill in bare spots in your beds. Before planting, soak transplants in a solution of root stimulator and gently loosen roots. Keep well watered until established. Hand watering may be best for new transplants

For great fall color, plant copper plants in July.

It's hard to think about when our temperatures are nearing or topping 100-degrees, but it's time to start planting fall vegetable gardens. From now until the beginning of September, it's time to plant vegetables to harvest in the cooler months of fall. Plant tomatoes, lima beans, peppers, melons, cucumbers, southern peas, pumpkins (varieties that mature in 90 days), summer squash and eggplant. Use a shade cloth to protect young plants from the harsh Texas summer sun.

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

# Over watering causes periwinkle blight to spread

By Greg Grant  
Smith County Horticulturist

Periwinkle blight (aerial phytophthora) is caused by the fungus *Phytophthora parasitica*. It's the number one disease problem for annual vinca or periwinkle (*Catharanthus roseus*) and can persist in the soil for several years.

Sadly, it's almost always caused by folks not understanding something known as the disease triangle which includes a host, a pathogen, and environmental conditions.

Under conditions of frequent overhead irrigation or rainfall, this disease spreads rapidly. The fungus is often introduced into the landscape by infected plant material. Aerial phytophthora can be a recurring problem for periwinkles once the disease has been established in residential or commercial plantings.

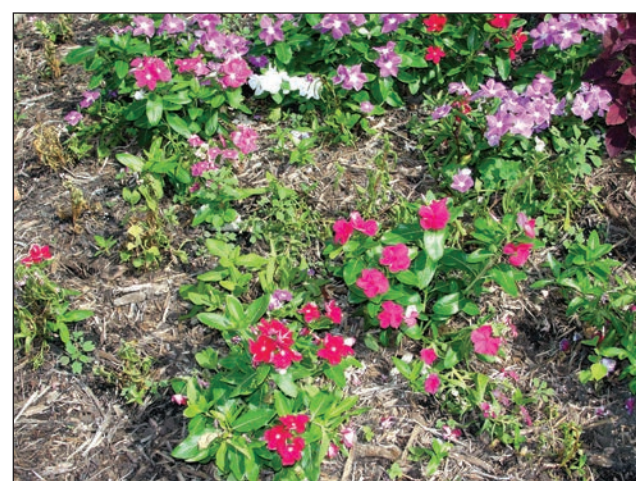
The initial symptoms of this fungus are the presence of water-soaked, gray green, "greasy" areas on the shoots and leaves. This symptom is quickly followed by a sudden wilting of shoots. As the disease advances within the plant tissue, dark brown lesions develop on the stems. These lesions result in death of the stem or entire plants. Under wet conditions the microorganism can move from one plant to another merely by leaf-to-leaf contact or splashing water. When the foliage remains wet, the disease progresses very rapidly. Plants may be killed within one to two weeks after symptoms appear.

There are some simple rules for growing periwinkles. Ignore them at your own peril.

-- Do not plant periwinkles until after Mother's Day (or even Memorial Day) each year. They are essentially from Africa and are a summer bedding plant, not a spring bedding plant. They like it hot and dry.

-- Choose only pristine transplants with no dead shoots or brown lesions on the stems.

-- Do not use overhead irrigation on periwinkles, always keep the stems and foliage dry, and do not water them at night. Aerial phytophthora is spread by water. If you repeatedly water periwinkles, they will get this disease and die. After being initially watered in, periwinkles rarely need supplemental irrigation in East Texas, certainly no more than



Periwinkle blight is caused by watering too often. (Courtesy photo)

once every few weeks during June, July, and August only.

-- Always plant periwinkles in full sun in well drained soils. In addition to more blooms, this ensures that the plants and soil do not stay too moist.

-- Do not over-fertilize periwinkles, as new succulent shoots are more prone to the disease.

-- Remove dead shoots or dying plants immediately and discard them in plastic trash bags with your garbage to minimize the disease in the future. Sanitation is critical in plant disease prevention.

-- Do not plant periwinkles in beds with a history of aerial phytophthora.

-- Plant periwinkles in the "Cora" series, if you can find them, as they have some genetic resistance to the disease.

Chlorothalonil (Daconil) fungicide can be used to protect healthy plants from the disease but will not cure infected plants.

Plant periwinkles in raised beds and containers which provide extra aeration and drainage.

Successfully growing periwinkles is all about sanitation and minimizing water contact with the plants. Keeping them hot, sunny, and on the dry side is the key to success.



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# Highway 16 road work continues this week

Maintenance crews with the Texas Department of Transportation will be in the Lindale area again this week working on a section of Highway 16 east of the city, TxDOT spokesman Jeff Williford said.

Work will consist of grading, laying asphalt bases and putting down 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. Crews will be working to install detours with hot mix at a few locations. Lane closures will be present in the area. Motorists should drive with caution and expect delays.

The work will be from four miles west of FM 849, east to U.S. 69 in downtown Lindale.

The cost is \$44.4 million and is under contract to Highway 19 Construction LLC. Williford said the project is due to be completed in August, 2025.

## Other Smith County projects include:

Tyler Maintenance will have an overlay crew on the I-20 service road at FM 2015 on the eastbound side. This will be under a road closure. Once complete, this crew will move to the I-20 service road at FM 14 on the eastbound side. This will also be under a road closure.

A second crew will be performing bridge work on FM 15, one mile from SH 64. Expect lane closures with flaggers controlling traffic. There will also be a sweeper unit on various roadways throughout the county.

## 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 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

No work is scheduled this week. 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



## Yard of the Month

The Lindale Garden Club has selected the yard of Jim and Marie Price as Yard of the Month for July. The yard is located at 13336 Hickory Oak Drive in Lindale. (Courtesy photo)



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### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that Letters Testamentary for the **ESTATE OF MARY W. POARCH, DECEASED**, were issued on **JUNE 26, 2023**, in Cause Number **47,510P**, pending in the County Court at Law No. 3 of Smith County, Texas to **JACQUELINE GRACE LANIER**, Independent Executor.

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

All persons having claims against this Estate are required to present their claims within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Administration for the Estate of Eugene Edward Davis, Deceased, were issued on June 26, 2023, in Docket No. 46980P, pending in the County Court at Law No. 3, Smith County, Texas, to Jordan Scott West.

Claims may be presented to the following address:  
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Independent Administrator  
Estate of Eugene Edward Davis  
12053 FM 1391  
Kemp, Texas 75143

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.

Cellco Partnership and its controlled affiliates doing business as Verizon Wireless (Verizon Wireless) is proposing to collocate radio units within an existing equipment cabinet with a bottom height of 15ft on a 33ft (including apertures) structure within the vicinity of 589 S Main St, Lindale, Smith Co., TX 75771. Public comments regarding potential effects from this site on historic properties may be submitted within 30 days from the date of this publication to: Project 6123004877- ENB c/o EBI Consulting, 6876 Susquehanna Trail South, York, PA 17403, [ebellersen@ebiconsulting.com](mailto:ebellersen@ebiconsulting.com), or at (407)792-9506.

## LEGAL NOTICE

### CLERK OF THE COURT

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### CAUSE NO. 23-1242-A THE STATE OF TEXAS CITATION BY PUBLICATION

NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: "You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by Ten O'clock (10:00) A.M. on the 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](http://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.

The Officer executing this process shall promptly serve the same according to the requirements of law, and the mandates thereof. If this citation is not served within ninety (90) days after it sued, it must be returned unserved.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of said Court at Tyler, Texas, this date: June 8, 2023.

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**CLERK OF THE COURT**  
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# Cool ways to beat summer's heat

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by putting booties on pets to help shield paws from the hot ground. Touch the pavement or ground with the back of your hand. If you cannot hold it there for five seconds, the surface is too hot for your dog's paws.

**Stay Salty:** Food helps keep up energy and replace salt lost from sweating. Eating snacks such as jerky, granola, trail mix, tuna and dried fruit is a fantastic way to nourish your body while on the trails.

**Buddy System:** Two brains are better than one.

It's beneficial to have someone with you in hot conditions so you can look after each other on the trail. With high temperatures hitting Texas, heat-related illnesses are common and having a friend around to help recognize the early symptoms can save you from getting sick.

**Plan Ahead:** Study the map and have it with you, avoid relying on your phone for maps since service may be unavailable in back-country areas. Average hikers move at 2 miles per hour, so allow yourself plenty of time to avoid hik-

ing in the heat of the day. Make sure to rest in a cool or shaded area to recover from the heat if necessary. It is also a good idea to let someone know your plan before you hit the trails and what time you should be back. That way, if you become lost, people know where to look.

**Pup-Safety:** Dogs are as susceptible to heat as their humans are, so it is good practice to ensure that you bring enough water and snacks for four-legged hiking buddies to last the entirety of the trip.

Additionally, visitors should heed notices posted at trailheads about site specific conditions before setting out for the day. Park staff are also a valuable resource for folks wanting to know about trail and forecasted conditions before starting their walk.

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