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ABOVE - City officials who were instrumental in the completion of the new Kinzie Community Center were honored prior to the officials ribbon cutting this past Thursday. BELOW - With city officials watching, Lindale Mayor Jeff Daugherty cut the ribbon to officially open the new Kinzie Community Center this past Thursday. Photo by Terry Cannon

## Ribbon cutting opens doors to Kinzie Center

By Terry Cannon

A shiny new Kinzie Community Center is officially open following a ribbon cutting and open house held this past Thursday at the facility located at Pool Park.

With temperatures reaching dangerous proportions outside, it was wisely decided to hold the ceremony in the air conditioned comfort of the new facility.

City officials, including the city council, staff as well as representatives from the community, were on hand to watch Mayor Jeff Daugherty cut the ceremonial blue ribbon.

"I know Dr. Kinzie would be proud of this facility we've built in his name," said Daugherty.

Refreshments were served until 7 p.m. as those on hand mingled and enjoyed the new facility.

The grand opening is a satisfying conclusion for the council following several months of working with construction firms and trying

to make sure the final cost was in keeping with the city's budget.

Rental fees for the new center were set this past April by the city council.

The new fees are \$450 for those living inside the Lindale city limits and \$650 for those living outside the city limits.

The Lindale Rotary Club, which met in the previous version of the center, has expressed interest in returning to the center, city officials noted.

The center is named for Dr. Earl Christian Kinzie, a longtime Lindale medical professional who moved with his family to the city

in 1941 after graduating from the Kansas City College of Osteopathy. He practiced family medicine for half a century and delivered more than 2,000 babies, including his namesake, Earl Christian Campbell, an NFL Hall of Fame running back who won the 1977 Heisman Trophy.



## Lindale's Poe chooses Crimson Tide

Casey Poe, one of the most sought after Lindale High School football players in recent memory, announced via social media he will attend the University of Alabama this fall.

Poe, a four-star offensive lineman, had offers from Auburn and LSU of the Southeastern Conference, Texas Tech and Oklahoma from the Big 12 and Clemson of the Atlantic Coast Conference. He made the announcement this past week on his 18<sup>th</sup> birthday.

The Crimson Tide, under the direction of legendary coach Nick Saban, have won 18 national championships with six of those coming with Saban at the helm.

"After a long process, which I would like to thank all of the coaches and different fan bases and everyone that has supported me, thank you," Poe said via social media. "Now is the time I would like to let you know I will be furthering my athletic and academic career at the University of Alabama. Roll Tide."

He is ranked No. 68 in the country by On3 Industry Ranking which has him as the No. 1 interior offensive lineman and the No. 13 recruit in Texas.

A three-year starter with the Eagles, Poe had 71 knockdowns his junior season while grading out at 89 percent. He allowed just one sack.

"Throughout my entire life, I've watched Alabama," Poe said. "I've been a fan since I was young, and I've gotten to watch where Coach (Nick) Saban has taken this program, from its highs to its lows to its best moments to kind of the gray areas."

"Through his leadership and his ability to coach guys and get them into the best position they could possibly be in and be able to see that my entire life and be able to communicate with him and talk to him and build a relationship with him and really get to know his thought process on things. That was a thing I could not walk away from," Poe said.

LHS Head Coach Chris Cochran is happy for one of his all-time great players.

"What they are going to get is a young man who will work hard at his craft," said Cochran. "He's a really good kid, a hard worker and I think he's a guy who will love his teammates and be a very good teammate. I also think he's going to benefit from coming from such a good culture that has instilled the right things in him."

## ANOTHER NEW SEASON AWAITS, LHS, COCHRAN ...

### Eagles ready to hit practice field July 31

By Terry Cannon  
Editor

Now that the end of another scorching July has arrived, high school football coaches around the state are preparing to greet their teams on the practice field.

Lindale High School Head Coach Chris Cochran, in his sixth season, will welcome the 2023 version of his club for the first day of practice on Monday, July 31.

Ever respectful of Texas' blast furnace conditions, Cochran and his Eagles will get under way beginning at 6:30 a.m. with the varsity and junior varsity hitting the field. Daily workouts will conclude at 12 noon. Freshmen will work from 10:15 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.

The Eagles will be working to improve on their 8-5 mark from a year ago, which included a third-place, 4-2 mark in the uber competitive District 9-4A.

Each of the past six seasons, Cochran has led his club to the playoffs and he feels this group will continue that streak.

Led by an experienced group of 17 seniors, the Eagles will have four offensive and seven defensive starters returning this season, which includes 26 lettermen.

"Our seniors are a solid group," Cochran said. "They do things the right way and we've developed several leaders from that core."

Specifically, Cochran pointed to quarterback Clint Thurman, lineman/tight end Carson Plunkett and wide receiver Marcus Field.

Cochran acknowledges that his offense will be ignited by the play of Thurman, a first team all-district selection in 2022.

"(Thurman) is one of the top players in the district and I wouldn't think other teams are going to overlook him this year," the coach said. "You start looking at his yards (passing and running) and the way he is able to help us win games ... he's really, really important to our success."

His leadership abilities, Cochran said, will be another factor in Lindale's success this season.

"He brings a sense of confidence to the offense and that will help our

offensive line grow up faster," said Cochran.

The Eagles averaged just over 40 points a game and while that is a healthy number, Cochran understands that this type of output is necessary in order to win games.

"You aren't going to be very successful scoring around 30 points a game," he said. "If you are going to be a good team, you have to score more than that."

Defensively, Cochran wants to see improvement from the 439 points

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## Commissioners OK settlement offers concerning opioid litigation

Smith County Commissioners approved settlement offers from three pharmacy outlets concerning the state's opioid multi-district litigation against Purdue Pharma, L.P., et al during their meeting on July 11.

The settlement with Walgreens, CVS and Walmart pharmacies totaled \$535,937, with Walgreen's amount approximately \$220,000, CVS \$202,000 and Walmart, \$113,000.

This action came following an executive session by the commissioners and was approved unanimously.

In other action, the county approved applying for a grant for the American Kennel Club Pet Disaster Relief Trailer.

The trailer, which would be approximately 16 to 20 feet in length, is hooked up to a full-size pickup and would be available to be at any location it is needed.

Federal law requires shelters for humans and their pets during weather or other related disasters. The trailer would be assigned to Smith County and the county would have to use it or return it to AKC.

"I am for us pursuing this grant," said County Judge Neal Franklin, "with the knowledge that they have to come back with more information on just much the grant is for."

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# OPINION/COMMENTARY

## We need a leap of faith...

The world was on fire. Or at least it felt that way. In 1968 the gates of chaos were flung open with the assassination of Martin Luther King Jr. and Robert Kennedy. The Tet Offensive body bags and reports of the My Lai massacre were a part of the dinner hour evening news.

The 1968 Democratic National Convention in Chicago saw an anti-establishment riot in the streets. Our daily vocabulary was filled with references to the Ho Chi Minh Trail, Black Panthers, SDS, Weathermen, domestic terrorism and hijackings. There were serial killers, the Cold War was icy and the future looked grim indeed.

Then 1969 rolled around and the New York Jets under a cocky Joe Namath took what was thought to be a sure Super Bowl championship from the Baltimore Colts. Elvis Presley made a successful comeback, "Peanuts" debuted as a television series and murderers James Earl Ray and Sirhan Sirhan saw justice.

And then the world seemed to stop. Still. On July 16, Apollo 11 with Neil Armstrong, Buzz Aldrin and Michael Collins were shot into space on top of a missile headed to the moon. The trio of adventurers fulfilled President John F. Kennedy's 1961 promise of putting a man on the moon by the end of the decade. NASA and a whole lot of people made that mandate fact.

From all the men we saw on television to the brilliant women in tucked away rooms who did the math or meticulously sewed the spacesuits, history was made. Not just for America but for mankind. The Eagle may have landed on the lunar surface July 20, 1969 because of American 'want to' and ingenuity, BUT, when Neil Armstrong took that step it was for everyone on Planet Earth.

"That's one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind."

And it was. Beyond our reckoning or imagining.

## Abbott aide named interim attorney general

A longtime aide to Abbott was named as the second interim attorney general, replacing John Scott, who served in the role a little over a month. Angela Colmenero has been serving as Abbott's deputy chief of staff. Previously she worked in the attorney general's office for nearly a decade.

"John Scott faithfully executed his duties as the interim Attorney General of Texas, and I thank him for his leadership in stepping up to serve his fellow Texans in this role," Abbott said.

Ken Paxton was suspended from that position after being impeached on 20 counts by the House and awaits a trial in the Senate on Sept. 5.

Scott told the Texas Tribune that he will "return to working as a consultant, attorney and board member for a broad variety of companies." He previously served as Abbott's secretary of state before returning to the private sector.

### Second heat wave means record demand on grid

The second heat wave of the summer means the state's power grid is breaking records for demand almost daily, the Houston Chronicle reported. The Electric Reliability Council of Texas is forecasting several thousand megawatts of excess supply, with demand late last week exceeding 84,000 megawatts. ERCOT manages the power grid serving about 90% of the state, except for part of East Texas and the El Paso area.

Excessive heat warnings have been issued for much of the state, with heat index values topping 117 degrees around the Houston area. Much of the state is also experiencing triple-digit temperatures with high humidity.

The latest heat wave is baking much of the Southwest, with all-time record highs expected in Phoenix, Las Vegas and Palm Springs, California.

### Drought conditions expected to expand

A hotter and drier June for much of the state means 45% of the state may slip back into drought conditions, according to Mark Wentzel, hydrologist with the Texas Water Development Board. At the end of June, about a fourth of the state was in drought, a marked reduction from winter conditions, thanks to ample rainfall.

"The latest seasonal drought outlook from the National Weather Service anticipates that drought will expand to cover most of central, southern, and West Texas by the end of September," Wentzel wrote.

However, the recent switch to El Niño weather conditions typically bring cooler and wetter-than-normal conditions this fall and winter.

## The Best of Suzanne Bardwell



Buzz Aldrin's words to the world two and a half hours after landing on the moon were:

"This is the LM pilot. I'd like to take this opportunity to ask every person listening in, whoever and wherever they may be, to pause for a moment and contemplate the events of the past few hours and to give thanks in his or her own way." Aldrin then took communion privately.

A plaque was mounted on the LM descent stage left on the moon that reads: "Here men from the Planet Earth first set foot upon the Moon, July 1969 A.D. We came in peace for all mankind."

Fifty years ago this week the world changed. It became smaller. The universe bigger. Our dreams possible. And, maybe, just maybe, the family of man for one shining moment realized that we were indeed a family. That the astronauts' lunar landing site was called Tranquility Base was a stroke of genius. Tranquility was what we needed in the violent, unstable late 1960s. Tranquility is what we need now as we move into the tech chaos of the 21st century.

So, here's to the men and women of NASA's space program who fueled my youth with possibility and whose technology created the world we live in today. It is time again to look beyond our world to the universe of possibility. The results will be astounding right here on Planet Earth while the future of mankind may once again be written among the stars.

## Gary Borders Capital Highlights



### First case of West Nile virus reported this year

Public health officials have confirmed the state's first case of West Nile virus, occurring in Dallas County, according to the Texas Department of State Health Services.

The virus is transmitted through mosquito bites. Most people do not get sick, but about 20% develop symptoms such as headaches, fever, muscle and joint aches, nausea and fatigue. Less than 1% of those infected develop more serious symptoms, including death.

"It's important for people to be aware that there are many diseases transmitted by mosquitoes found in Texas," said DSHS Commissioner Jennifer Shuford. "Most of these diseases cause mild illness but in rare instances diseases like dengue or Zika can cause severe illness. We've even had a locally acquired case of malaria in Texas this year, which underscores the importance of taking precautions to prevent mosquito bites."

DSHS urges people when outdoors to wear long sleeves and pants, apply insect repellent, remove standing water in yards, such as in plant pots, and buckets. The state had 41 cases of West Nile disease last year with seven deaths.

### State slips in business-friendly rankings

An annual ranking of the most business-friendly states in America has always included Texas among the top five, but not this year, the Texas Standard reported. The latest rankings in CNBC's report had the state coming in sixth, behind North Carolina, Virginia, Tennessee, Georgia and Minnesota.

The study has been undertaken since 2007. Business reporter Erica Greider with the Houston Chronicle cites several factors, including the electric grid, which averages about 20 hours a year without power on average in the state — third worst in the country. Other possible factors are quality of life issues, such as the environment and crime.

"It could be that maybe there's an element of, you know, the state's been coasting on its laurels because we've been so used to this growth and success that it's become a little bit less of the top line issue," Greider told the Standard.

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## THE ECONOMIST

By Dr. M. Ray Perryman

### Working ...

The number of prime working age persons (those aged 25 to 54) in the United States has never been higher. Simultaneously, there are labor shortages and about 9.8 million job openings. Various factors have been blamed, including the "Great Resignation" and low labor force participation rates. Not exactly!

The phrase Great Resignation originated to describe the perception that an unusually high number of people were leaving their jobs during the pandemic. In 2021, a record number of Americans voluntarily quit their jobs (47.8 million, excluding those who retired or transferred within a company). However, most individuals who quit were actually just changing jobs; the size of the workforce reached pre-pandemic levels by the spring of 2022 and has continued to rise. As I wrote a while back, what we really saw was a Great Reshuffling.

For the labor force participation rate, which is simply the number of people working or seeking work divided by the working-age population, it's important to look beyond the top-line number. In February 2020, just before the pandemic, the labor force participation rate stood at 63.3%. It had been generally falling for about 20 years from a peak of 67.3%, though it did flatten out through the mid-2010s and had even risen modestly prior to COVID-19.

Currently, the overall participation rate remains slightly below its pre-pandemic level. For prime working age ranges (25-54), however, it is now well above where it was in February 2020, with the highest rate among men aged 35-44 (90.3%). Importantly, the prime working age group of females is at an all-time high, thus overcoming the COVID challenges stemming from massive shutdowns in the service sector and school-age children being at home (both of which disproportionately affected this segment of the workforce).

The participation rate for those 55 and over remains below pre-COVID-19 levels, and workers in this age cohort number about 524,000 fewer than before. However, that's only 0.3% of the US civilian labor force. The pandemic accelerated trends already in place for this age group, and many have likely permanently retired (some earlier than they had originally planned).

It's important not to read too much into the overall participation rate. By definition, lower rates of labor force participation are likely as the younger segments of the baby boomer generation continue to retire but remain in the denominator of the participation rate calculation. It's just arithmetic.

As the economy slows, immediate labor shortages may become less noticeable (although the long-term pattern will be tight due to lower population growth). Moreover, it's probable that some additional people will be attracted back into jobs. Nonetheless, while Texas has less of an issue, demographics are not moving in our favor. Stay safe!

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# This Penny is worth her weight in gold

A few weeks ago, our oldest son asked us to watch after Penny, an adorable Miniature Schnauzer, while he and his brood were in Nashville.

Matt knew it was going to be a labor of love for us because both the Lovely Bride and I simply love our little tail-waggers. (Lotsa love, don't you think?)

Anyway, the plan was to go to their house in Dallas, watch over the place for a couple of days and tote Penny home with us for a week or so until we could return her to her Dallas digs.

Now, what's that saying about the best laid plans?

As it turned out, Penny is now a permanent resident of Tyler because, well, we just couldn't let her go.

(Just look at that face accompanying this essay. Could you say no to that?)

Anyway this isn't a case of our son being heartless. Far from it. He and his wife have three little ones to shelter and feed, and the youngest, Emma, is just six-months old.

So it was our suggestion that it would be best for Penny and all the humans involved if she moved east. After plenty of begging from me and the Lovely Bride, he agreed.

A few years ago after bringing Penny home, Matt adopted a shelter dog to give her a playmate. Sally, a big ol' sweet lug of a Plott hound is now in the care of our youngest son which turned



**Terry Cannon**  
Editor



out to be another perfect match.

Matt knew Penny would be living with a family who has always been all about dogs. He should know. He grew up around plenty of them, several dachshunds and a crazy Beagle named Daisy.

Since the late 1970s, our dogs have mostly been pure-breds but we've also loved several of, shall we say, blended heritage.

The first, mixed breed Martini, can't be technically labeled a "rescue," because she was actually "liberated" from the city dog pound many decades ago. The fu-

ture Lovely Bride paid a visit to the pound, coaxed this little ball of fur to the back fence and somehow smuggled her out.

I can still remember her glee in (1) showing me this adorable pup and (2) relating her skills as a bandit.

Martini supplied us with great joy but also with my favorite mutt of all time, Radar – so named because his too-big-for-his-body ears looked like a pair of radar dishes.

He was literally the town dog when we lived in Commerce. Radar followed us everywhere and waited for me outside of the bar each night

when I got off work. The dog catcher, a high school friend of the Lovely Bride, liked Radar and wouldn't throw him in the hoosegow despite seeing him wander all over town.

Radar was so ugly he was beautiful. In addition to the aforementioned ears, he had an underbite that made him appear vicious, but the only danger from him was getting licked too much. His resilience was amazing. He survived snakebite, being hit by a car and arthritic hips. He lived to a ripe old age and wound up with a good friend's parents who cared for him until he passed away in the mid-1980s.

Our doxie roll call includes Woody, Hilde Jean (who along with Woody provided us with four cute puppies we hated to part with), Heidi, Scout and now Jake and Abbey.

Jake has been with us 17-plus years and has never met a stranger. He simply loves everyone, especially kids.

Abbey, well, she's got some serious Stranger Danger and is prone to many dachshund tendencies. She barks at anything and everything, loves treats and feels slighted when I leave the house without taking her along.

Now, we're happy to have a Penny in our pocket. She loves belly rubs, going for a walk and sleeping on the couch.

Hmm, come to think of it, I share those same sentiments.

# Expressing himself led to trouble of Biblical proportions

You know, growing up I didn't have any really good talents, not that I have any now either.

I wasn't really athletic, I couldn't sing, play an instrument, or junk like that. I did, however, have one talent. Although it wasn't what you would call a "good" talent, it did get a few laughs, and laughs are what it's all about.

In fact, I don't know if you would really call it a talent. I mean, every boy I knew could do it, but not every one of those boys took the time to develop it into an art form.

I'm talkin' about burpin'. Now, I'm not talkin' about just regular burpin', like after you drink a soda or somethin'. I mean, burpin' on purpose. Now, to do this, you have to swallow air, and then burp it back up, which is not hard.

What's difficult is usin' the burp to form letters, if you are trying to burp out the alphabet, or to form words. Now, if you don't think this is funny, then you might be a girl.

I know this, because I've never met a girl that thought burpin' was funny, but I've also never met a boy who didn't think it was funny. By the way, teachers do not really think its funny either, at least the lady teachers. I know this first hand.

Once, back when I was in grade school, I was sittin' in class, lookin' out the window wishin' I was anywhere but where I was, when the teacher called my name.

"Rusty," she said. "What would you say about that?" "Ma'am?" I asked. You were required to say "ma'am" and stuff like that back then. I think it was the law.

"I asked what you would say about the question Sally asked," she said.

"What'd Sally say?" I asked.

"Weren't you paying attention?"

"Ma'am?"

Her eyes narrowed and



**Rusty Mitchum**  
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gave me one of "those looks" that women learn the day after they are born.

"Pay attention," she said, and then she started asking someone else something.

I was bored, so I swallowed a little air and then leaned up over my desk top to where my head was right behind the head of the boy who was in the desk in front of me. I burped out one word. "Sally".

Mark, the boy, dropped his head and snickered. I swallowed some more air, and then the teacher looked over at me. I leaned back in an upright position. When she turned back, the air I had swallowed decided to go down instead of up, and it caused my stomach to growl.

This caused Mark to snort, trying to suppress a laugh. Well, I swallowed some more air, and my stomach growled again. Mark was shakin'. I was tryin' not to laugh myself. There's nothin' that draws the ire of a teacher than to see someone smilin'.

They think you're up to somethin', which is usually right. I swallowed some more air. This time, the growl was drawn out in a long agonizin' rumble. Mark laid his head on the desk and looked like he was havin' a fit.

It was at this time, that the teacher decided it was time for the class to recite Bible verses.

Yes, back then, we recited Bible verses in school. This was back before God had been kicked out of public schools. Every day she'd have us stand up and recite a Bible verse. The girls were better at this than the boys. They would recite long ones which would get an approving nod from the teacher.

The boys, on the other hand, would hem haw and finally somethin' that sounded somewhat Biblical would come out.

Most of the time, the boys would just stand up and say "Jesus wept", which is the shortest verse in the Bible. Usually only two or three boys could get away with recitin' this verse before the teacher got mad and put a stop to it.

"OK," said the teacher, "let's hear some Bible verses. Who wants to be first?"

Every girl in class threw up their hand. Every boy slumped down in his desk.

"How about you Rusty," she said. She had a little smile on her face, but it wasn't a happy smile. It had a little evil tint to it.

I stood up. I decided since I was the first boy to recite, I could get away with the shortest verse of the Bible, so I opened my mouth to say it, but somethin' strange happened.

You know all that air I swallowed? Well, it decided that this was the time it would make its reentry into the world. Oh, I got Jesus out alright, but the word wept came out in a loud long drawn out burp.

My hand shot up to my mouth. This was bad. Even I knew that. Mark had fallen onto the floor. Every boy in class was laughin'. Every girl had a look of horror on their face. The teacher had the same look as the girls, but it was multiplied a million times.

The next thing I knew I was bein' dragged down the hall by my ear. I was thrown into a chair outside the principal's office, and the teacher disappeared through his door, enterin' without even knockin'.

Through the door, I could

hear her tellin' the principal what had happened. Then I heard words like heathen, and blasphemous, but I didn't know what they meant. Then I heard her say somethin' about me endin' up in the bad place, only she didn't say the bad place, she said the word. Up until then, I'd never heard anybody say that word except preachers. They were the only ones that were legally able to say that word and not end up in that place.

Finally, she emerged from the office, looked at me like I was the lowest slime on earth, huffed, and then walked away.

As I watched her walk away, I was aware of someone lookin' at me. I turned my head and there was the principal, Mr. Hanson. I swallowed hard.

"It was an accident," I said. "I didn't do it on purpose. Honest."

He smiled at me and asked me into his office. I didn't know if I would be goin' to the bad place in the future, but I was pretty sure it couldn't be any worse than where I was fixin' to be.

Fortunately, Mr. Hanson and I were pretty good friends because I was a regular visitor. Sometimes I'd go by to see him even when I wasn't in trouble. We talked for a while, and pretty soon he turned me loose. He did ask me that when I walked back into class, if I'd put a sad look on my face, so the teacher would think he had done his job. I said, "Yes sir," and I left.

I tried to work up some tears before I walked back into class, but I couldn't, so I did the next best thing which was rubbin' my eyes when I went in. I walked up to the teacher, and without lookin' at her I told her I was sorry. I turned and walked back to my desk and put my head down on it. I could feel Mark lookin' at me. I swallowed some air and lifted my head, and burped, "Sally".

It's all about the laughs, Man.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

After being hospitalized for several months at a Lindale Specialty Care Center, I am now at home.

Sincerely,

Gary D. Jackson  
Attorney at Law  
Lindale



### Lindale Rotary Club's new president

Jason Beard was sworn in this past week as the incoming president of the Lindale Rotary Club, taking over from Charlene Burton who presided this past year. On hand for the ceremony were Karen Maines, Rotary District Governor and Diana Kavanaugh, Assistant District Governor. (Courtesy photo)

## Times of Lindale



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### ONE YEAR AGO, July 21, 2022

Officials with the city of Lindale attended a workshop held by Smith County Commissioners seeking funding from the American Rescue Plan Act for water and sewer projects.

The city of Lindale's requests included ARPA funds for a lift station, force main, and related improvements for its Business Park on Interstate 20 to open up commercial and residential development in and around that area in northern Smith County.

Lindale Economic Development Corporation President Susan Gill and City Manager Carolyn Caldwell made the request on behalf of the city.

Gill's presentation included requests for a looped water line at West Lindale Crossing as well as the lift station for the Lindale Business Park.

The cost for that project is \$1,128,455, Gill said

For the lift station, the preliminary engineering work has been completed, Gill said, and all easements have been acquired.

The \$897,325 would expand the commercial entities for regional growth.

The lift station would open up 200 acres for commercial growth, 370 acres for residential use (just over 1,100 lots) and 300 more acres for residential estates, she said.

### FIVE YEARS AGO, July 19, 2018

Continuing a trend from the past few months, Lindale's sales tax revenue inched closer to the plus side of the ledger, according to figures released by the Texas Comptroller's Office. Lindale's sales tax return was minus .94 percent compared to the previous month's minus 1.42 percent.

These figures are based on comparisons from June 2018 (\$1,687,576.17) to June 2017 (\$1,703,739.13).

Noonday had the largest increase among Smith County entities at 38.9 percent while Bullard showed a deficit of 4.51 percent.

### 10 YEARS AGO, July 18, 2013

A 12U all-star girls softball team from Lindale captured the district championship at New London by going undefeated in tournament play and earned the right to play at the state tournament in Bonham.

The team is a combination of the Fireworks, which compiled an 11-1 record and the Dynasty, which compiled a 9-3 season.

The team is coached by Pam Day, David Bryant and Mark Thornton.

Players include Allie Anderson, Lexi Anderson (who replaced Allie Anderson, who broke her hand on a slide into home), Brooke Bates, Bailey Brown, Lillie Brown, Sarah Day, Haylee Haxton, Lindsey Hudspeth, Gracie Spearman, Christian Patterson, DeAnna Saunders, Jozie Taylor and Mackenzie Martin.

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# Texas State Parks finalist for Gold Medal status

The National Recreation and Park Association along with the American Academy for Park and Recreation Administration have selected Texas State Parks as a finalist for the 2023 National Gold Medal Award for Excellence in Park and Recreation Management, publicity officials said.

"I'm proud to have the hard work of our Texas State Park staff recognized for building one of the best state park systems in the country," said Rodney Franklin, director of Texas State Parks. "It is an honor for Texas State Parks to be nationally recognized for our efforts to welcome all Texans and preserve the gems of Texas for all generations."

Texas State Parks is competing against three other state park systems for the top

award: Missouri State Parks, Ohio State Parks and Watercraft; and Wyoming State Parks, Historic Sites and Trails. The winner will be announced in October at the NRPA conference in Dallas.

Founded in 1965, the Gold Medal Awards program honors communities in the United States that demonstrate excellence in parks and recreation through long-range planning, resource management, volunteerism, environmental stewardship, program development, professional development and agency recognition. Applications are separated into seven classes, with five classes based on population, one class for armed forces recreation and one class, awarded on odd numbered years, for state park systems.

## Friends of Lillie Russell Library plan for Hideaway Game Day

The Friends of the Lillie Russell Memorial Library have scheduled a Ladies Game Day for Friday, Sept. 29 at the Hideaway Lake Country Clubhouse, officials said.

Sign up forms will be available in at the library.

Also, the Friends will meet at 2 p.m., Sunday, Aug. 13 at the Library for their monthly meeting.

# OBITUARIES

## RONALD SLATER



Graveside services for Ronald Slater, age 68, from Lindale, were held Friday, July 14, 2023 at the Lindale City Cemetery under the direction of

Caudle-Rutledge-Daugherty Funeral Home in Lindale.

Ronald passed away on Saturday, July 8, 2023, in Tyler. He was born Oct. 3, 1954, in Peoria, Ill., to the late William and Agnes (Pfeiffer) Slater. Ronald lived in Peoria, Illinois and Lindale, Texas most of his life. He volunteered his time at the soup kitchen.

Ronald was a member of the Knights of Columbus organization. By trade, Ronald was a carpenter. He helped build the Caudle-

Rutledge-Daugherty Funeral Home in 1986.

Ronald was preceded in death by his father and mother, William and Agnes (Pfeiffer) Slater of Peoria, Ill. and sister, Jill Slater.

He is survived by his wife, Liz (Wallace) Slater; brothers, Mike Slater of Peoria, Illinois, Tom and Jodi Slater of Canton, Illinois; sister, Polly Lawson and husband John of Bartonville, Illinois; daughters, Hannah Slater of Tyler, Lilith Long of Tyler; stepdaughter, Sarah Blanton of Van; step-sons, Allen Snider of Gilmer, Anthony Snider of Hawkins, Jason Snider of Mineola, Aaron Snider of Mineola, Jamie Snider of Mineola, Adam Blanton of Bay City, as well as many grandchildren and great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews and great-nieces and great-nephews.

Visitation was Thursday, July 13, 2023 at Caudle-Rutledge-Daugherty Funeral Home.

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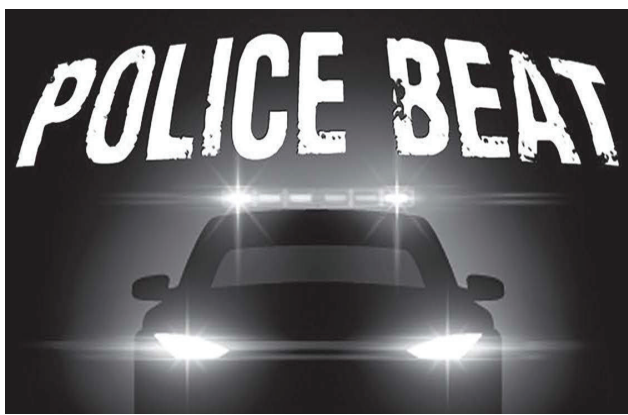
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**FRIDAY, JULY 7:** Business Alarm, 14100 block FM 79; Verbal Disturbance, 200 block West Centennial Blvd.; Theft, 13300 block Interstate 20; Disturbance, 3500 block South Main Street; Welfare Concern, 1100 block Woodlands Park Drive; Stolen Vehicle, 3500 block South Main Street; Public Service, 500 block South Main Street; Public Service, 100 East Centennial Blvd.; Warrant Service, 500 block South Main Street; Suspicious Person, 3500 block South Main Street; Suspicious Person, 300 block South Main Street; Welfare Concern, 200 block Joyce Street; Reckless Driving, 15300 block FM 849; Aggravated Assault, 50 block Miranda Lambert Way.

**SATURDAY, JULY 8:** Public Service, 553 Interstate 20 West; Residential Alarm, 500 block White Bear Trail; Suspicious Person, 3200 block South Main Street; Disturbance, 1100 Woodlands Park Drive; Suspicious Vehicle, 12800 block CR 472; Motorist Assist, 13800 block Highway 69 north; Disturbance, 13900 block FM 849; Suspicious Circumstance, 800 block East North Street; Assist Other Agency, 14000 block FM 849; Suspicious Circumstance, 200 block Cannery Row; Suspicious Person, 300 block Rita Drive; Assist Other Agency, 15300 block FM 849.

**SUNDAY, JULY 9:** Suspicious Vehicle, 900 block Mount Sylvan Street; Suspicious Person, 300 Helen Drive; Public Service, 13700 block Harvey Road; Theft, 700 block Stewart Street; Motorist Assist, 13900 block FM 849.

**MONDAY, JULY 10:** Parking Violation, 13200 block



Freedom Drive; Business Alarm, 400 block South Main Street; Public Service, 3200 block South Main Street; Public Service, 200 block East Hubbard Street; Public Service, 100 block Ballard Drive; Public Service, 13800 block Highway 69 North; Suspicious Circumstance, 900 block East Hubbard Street; Accident, 3500 block South Main Street; Parking Violation, 100 block East Centennial Blvd.; Stolen Plate, 100 block East Centennial Blvd.; Public Service, 1500 block Woodsprings Road; Assist EMS, 200 block Helen Drive; Criminal Trespass, 200 block West South Street; Theft, 100 block East Centennial; Threats, 100 block Hamrick Street; Public Service, 400 block Marchman Street.

**TUESDAY, JULY 11:** Theft, 3200 block South Main Street; Suspicious Circumstance, 15800 block CR 4191; Business Alarm, 200 block South Main Street; Stolen Vehicle, 3500 block South Main Street; Suspicious Person, 500b block South Boyd Street; Stolen License Plate, 1600 block South Main Street; Welfare Concern, 500 block North

Main Street; Criminal Mischief, 13600 block CR 4200.

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 12:** Suspicious Circumstance, 200 block Summer Tree Circle; Assist Another Agency, 100 block East Centennial Blvd.; Accident, 15400 block CR 431; Verbal Disturbance, 3300 block South Main Street; Mental Health, 100 block North College Street; Parking Violation, 3500 block South Main Street; Lockout, 100 block East Centennial.

**THURSDAY, JULY 13:** Public Service, 600 block North Main Street; Welfare Concern, 17000 block Interstate 20 West; Suspicious Vehicle, 12800 block CR 472; Welfare Concern, 300 block South Main Street; Suspicious Person, 600 block South Main Street; Suspicious Person, 3200 block South Main Street; Criminal Mischief, 15500 block Garden Lane; Welfare Concern, 600 block North College Street.

**FRIDAY, JULY 14:** Abandoned Vehicle, 554 Interstate 20 East; Suspicious Circumstance, 700 block South Main Street; Public Service, 200 block East Hubbard Street; Accident, 3500 block South Main Street; Reckless Conduct, 100 block East Centennial Blvd.; Peace Officer Warrant, 600 block North College Street; Accident, 3500 block South Main Street; Reckless Driving, 17000 block Interstate 20 West; Suspicious Circumstance, 3300 block South Main Street; Welfare Concern, 300 block South Industrial Street; Warrant Service, 13400 block Interstate 20; Welfare Concern, 554 Interstate 20 East; Warrant Service, 13700 block Harvey Road; Assist Other Agency, 3200 block South Main Street; Fireworks, 1200 block Forest Trails Drive; Welfare Concern, 200 block Summer Tree Circle; Assist Smith County, 15300 block FM 849.



For glorious pumpkins such as these, seeds need to be sown soon. (Courtesy photo)

## It's hot, but it's also pumpkin planting time

By Greg Grant  
Smith County Horticulturist

Despite heat and drought, the "fall" vegetable season begins in July, with the planting of tomato transplants (if you can find them) and pumpkin seeds. Growing pumpkins here is not for the faint of heart, but what would Halloween be without them?

There are several obstacles in your way, including powdery mildew, viruses, and squash vine borers.

Pumpkins require warm soils to germinate. They cannot tolerate frost or freezes. To produce a fall crop of Jack-o'-lanterns, plant the seed approximately four months (mid-July) before the first killing frost. Different varieties have different number of days to reach maturity, so be sure to check the variety description and add about 25 days for slower maturity in the fall. The seeds should be planted in hills 4 to 6 feet apart and thinned to the strongest two plants seven to 10 days after sprouting.

Pumpkins require at least eight hours of direct sun each day for maximum production. They are not choosy about soils as long as it drains well. Ideally, till in several inches of compost and incorporate two pounds of a complete lawn fertilizer (15-5-10, 18-6-12, etc.) per 100 square feet of bed or every thirty-five feet of row before planting. The ideal soil pH for growing pumpkins is 6.0 to 7.5.

Directly seeded into the garden pumpkins make exceptionally large plants around 6 or more feet in diameter. Create a raised row about six inches high and twelve inches wide.

Multiple rows should be around eight feet apart. Pumpkin seed should be planted in groups of seed every six feet. This is known as planting in hills. Open a shallow depression about one inch deep and four inches wide with a hoe. Drop four to five

seeds evenly spaced apart in the hole and cover lightly with loose soil using a hoe or garden rake.

Reliable irrigation is essential as they will need about 1 to 1.5 inches of water per week until fall rains arrive.

About three weeks after thinning your pumpkins, apply an additional application of fertilizer. This is known as side-dressing. Sprinkle two tablespoons of a high-nitrogen fertilizer (21-0-0, etc.) around each hill, being careful to keep it off the plants.

Work the fertilizer into the soil lightly with a hoe or rake and water thoroughly. After side-dressing, it is ideal to apply a layer of organic mulch (hay, straw, grass clippings, etc.) to conserve water and prevent weeds. The most common pest problems on pumpkins are cucumber beetles, squash bugs, white flies, squash vine borers, powdery mildew, and viruses.

Control the insects as they occur with appropriately labeled insecticides following all label directions. There is no cure for a virus but controlling the insects spreading it will help lessen its occurrence.

Pumpkins should be ready to harvest 90 to 120 days after planting the seed, depending on the variety. The pumpkins are ripe when they are fully colored and have a hard rind and a woody stem.

Cut the pumpkin from the plant with a pair of hand pruners leaving a 3 to 4-inch stem on the fruit. Fall pumpkins can tolerate frosts without damaging the fruit but should be harvested and protected if the temperatures are going to dip below 30 degrees.

Recommended pumpkin varieties in Texas include "Big Max," "Connecticut Field," "Funny Face," "Jack-B-Little," "Jack O'Lantern," "Jackpot," "Small Sugar," and "Spirit Hybrid."

Pumpkins are native to Central and South America.

## New Orleans man pleads guilty to carjacking

Aubrey Young, 36 of New Orleans, pleaded guilty to carjacking before U.S. District Judge Marcia Crone on July 14, 2023, officials announced.

According to information presented in court, on Oct. 26, 2022, law enforcement officers responded to a call regarding a stolen car, taken at gunpoint.

The suspect allegedly approached two individuals in Vidor, pulled a gun from his backpack and demanded the keys to their vehicle. The vehicle was spotted near Anahuac and a high-speed chase ensued involving officers from the Chambers County Sheriff's Office and the Texas Department of Public Safety. Young, the sole occupant of the vehicle, was arrested and a firearm was located in the vehicle.

Further investigation revealed Young is a convicted felon and prohibited by a federal law from owning or possessing firearms or ammunition.

Young was indicted by a federal grand jury on May 3, 2023. Young faces up to 15 years in federal prison upon 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 is being prosecuted as part of the joint federal, state, and local Project Safe Neighborhoods Program, the centerpiece of the Department of Justice's violent crime reduction efforts.

PSN is an evidence-based program proven to be effective at reducing violent crime. Through PSN, a broad spectrum of stakeholders work together to identify the most pressing violent crime problems in the community and develop comprehensive solutions to address them.

As part of this strategy, PSN focuses enforcement efforts on the most violent offenders and partners with locally based prevention and re-entry programs for lasting reductions in crime.

This case is being investigated by the Vidor Police Department, Chambers County Sheriff's Office, Texas Department of Public Safety and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Rachel Grove.

## Houston attorney found guilty on money laundering charges

A Houston lawyer has been found guilty of federal violations in the Eastern District of Texas, said Davilyn Walston, spokesperson for U.S. Attorney Damien M. Diggs.

Peter J. Bennett, 48, was found guilty by a jury of money laundering conspiracy, money transmitting conspiracy, and perjury. The verdict was reached on July 14, following a week-long trial before U.S. District Judge Jeremy D. Kernodle.

"Lawyers swear an oath to support and uphold the Constitution and the laws of the United States," said Diggs. "This defendant abandoned his oath and used his bar license to launder and transmit the proceeds of a healthcare kickback conspiracy. Let this case serve as a cautionary tale to those who think they can hide criminal conduct behind professional licenses."

"By facilitating kickbacks, this defendant knowingly enabled theft from Medicare and Medicaid, putting personal profit before legitimate patient needs and ultimately costing taxpayers millions of dollars," said Jason E. Meadows, Special Agent in Charge at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Inspector General (HHS-OIG). "Thanks to the strong partnership between federal and state law enforcement agencies, those who attempt to defraud federal health care programs will be held accountable."

"The Department of Defense Inspector General, Defense Criminal Inves-

tigative Service (DCIS) is committed to protecting the integrity of TRICARE, the healthcare system for military members and their families," said Special Agent-in-Charge Michael C. Mentavlos, DCIS. "Today's guilty verdict demonstrates our commitment to partner with the United States Attorney's Office and investigate fraudulent schemes that impact TRICARE and put its beneficiaries at risk."

According to information presented in court, Bennett created sham trusts and shell corporations through which he laundered at least \$2,724,080.41 in healthcare kickback proceeds.

Bennett used his law firm's Interest on Lawyers Trust Account, operating account, and a personal bank account to launder and transmit the kickback proceeds.

The perjury charges arose out of false statements Bennett made in response to interrogatories propounded in Civil Investigative Demands issued by the Department of Justice as part of a False Claims Act (FCA) investigation. Bennett was indicted by a federal grand jury in February 2022.

### Beaumont man gets 18 months for animal cruelty

A Beaumont man has been sentenced to federal prison for animal cruelty violations in the Eastern District of Texas, Walston said.

Decorius Mire, 24, pleaded guilty to animal crushing and aiding and abetting and was sentenced to 18 months in federal prison this past week by U.S. District Judge Marcia A. Crone.

Animal crushing is defined under federal criminal law as, "actual conduct in which one or more living non-human mammals, birds, reptiles, or amphibians, is purposely crushed, burned, drowned, suffocated, impaled, or otherwise subjected to serious bodily injury."

According to information presented in court, on October 15, 2021, Mire and a co-defendant encountered a live domestic cat in the parking lot of a Beaumont apartment complex. The co-defendant, encouraged by Mire, kicked the cat as if kicking a football field goal, propelling the cat approximately 15 to 20 feet through the air. Mire filmed the event with his cellular telephone and posted the video on his social media accounts where it was commented on and shared with others.

Mire was indicted by a federal grand jury Sept. 28, 2022, and prosecuted under the Preventing Animal Cruelty and Torture Act. Signed into law in November 2019, the PACT Act bans the intentional crushing, burning, drowning, suffocating, impalement or other serious harm to "living non-human mammals, birds, reptiles, or amphibians."

The law also bans "animal crush videos," meaning any photograph, motion picture film, video or digital recording or electronic image that depicts animal cruelty.

This case was investigated by the Beaumont Police Department and the Federal Bureau of Investigation and prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Joseph R. Batte.



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# Mixing medications, supplements can be dangerous

By Claudann Jones  
Smith County Extension Agent  
Family and Community Health

When you take prescription or over-the-counter medications, do you also take a vitamin, mineral, or other dietary supplement?

Have you considered whether there is any danger in mixing medications and dietary supplements? There could be.

Certain dietary supplements can change absorption, metabolism, or excretion of a medication. If that happens, it can affect the potency of your medication, which means you may get either too much or too little of the medication you need.

Dietary supplements are widely used and include vitamins, minerals, and other less familiar substances -- such as amino acids, botanicals, and botanical-derived ingredients.

Tens of millions of people in the U.S. take some kind of dietary supplement along with a prescription medication.

Combining dietary supplements and medications could have dangerous and even life-threatening effects.

For example, drugs for HIV/AIDS, heart disease, depression, treatments for organ transplants, and birth control pills are less effective when taken with St. John's wort, an herbal supplement. Depending on the medication involved, the results can be serious.

In addition, warfarin (a prescription blood thinner), ginkgo biloba (an herbal supplement), aspirin, and vitamin E (a supplement) can each thin the blood. Taking any of these products together may increase the potential for internal bleeding or stroke.

Some consumers may believe that a so-called "natural" product, such as an herbal supplement or fish oil, can't hurt them. Natural does not always mean safe.

For example, many weight loss products claim to be "all-natural" or "herbal," but their ingredients may interact with medications or may be dangerous for people with certain medical conditions.

If you're planning a surgery, be aware that some dietary supplements can interact in a harmful way with medications you need to take before, after, or during that surgery.

Although the FDA has oversight of the dietary supplement industry, the supplement manufacturers and distributors are responsible for making sure their products are safe before they're marketed.

The FDA does not review supplements for effectiveness (as it does for OTC and prescription medications) before they enter the market.

If the dietary supplement contains certain new dietary ingredients, the manufacturer must submit data on that ingredient's safety—but not its effectiveness -- for the FDA's review before the manufacturer markets a dietary supplement containing the ingredient.

Before you take any dietary supplement or medication—over-the-counter or prescription -- it is important to discuss it with your health care professional. 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.



## Digging for fossils at LRML

Local youngsters were able to get "dirty" this past week by hunting for fossils during the Lillie Russell Memorial Library's Summer Reading Program. The program was presented by the East Texas Gem and Mineral Society. (Courtesy photo)

# Jarvis announces Hester promotion to university interim provost post



Jarvis Christian University President Dr. Glenn M. Lee-Pruitt has promoted former Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Cynthia Hester to the role of the university interim provost and vice president for Academic Affairs, publicity officials announced.

Dr. Hester has more than 30

years of university management experience in both administration and academics: introducing strategic marketing, developing financial and operational plans for expanding corporate partnerships, enhancing the student experience, and strengthening the university's competitive market position.

"I am excited to have Dr. Hester become a part of the executive cabinet," JCU President Dr. Pruitt said. "Her experience in higher education will help us move forward in providing a cutting-edge

curriculum and experiences for our students that will prepare them for their careers and life."

At Jarvis, Dr. Hester developed a digital badge program to prepare students to transition from classroom to workplace in measurable skill areas including character development, communication skills, interpersonal soft skills and social skills, leadership, and other functional life skills. Hester also has established partnerships with Wells Fargo, Our Money Matters, Handshake, and others.

At Wiley College, she served for three years as assistant vice president for Academic Affairs, dean of the School of Business and Social Sciences, assistant professor, and interim vice president for Academic Affairs.

At Southern University at Shreveport, she developed its first accredited online associate degree business management program as chairperson of the Division of Business Studies.

At Grambling State University Dr. Hester served her alma mater

for 20 years in several capacities, including special assistant to the president, interim vice president of finance, Bayou Classic coordinator, and director of career services.

Dr. Hester graduated from GSU summa cum laude with her accounting degree before completing an MBA in finance from Louisiana Tech University. She returned to GSU to complete her Doctor of Education degree in Higher Education Administration.

# Junior Master Gardeners' program engaging activity for youngsters

By Laura Muntean  
Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service

For teachers and community leaders looking for a youth summer education program or a fun, engaging youth education activity for the fall, the Junior Master Gardener program's Learn, Grow, Eat and Go! curriculum may just fit the bill.

The Learn, Grow, Eat and Go!, or LGEG, youth gardening curricula is the cornerstone of the Junior Master Gardener programming, said Lisa Whittlesey, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service program specialist and international JMG program coordinator in the Department of Horticultural Sciences at the Texas A&M College of Agriculture and Life Sciences.

"Learn, Grow, Eat and Go! is an interdisciplinary curricula that integrates academics, gardening, nutrient-dense food experiences, physical activity, and school and family engagement," Whittlesey said. "The target audience is kids in third to fifth grade, but the curricula can be modified to suit various grade levels."

She said there is also an Early Childhood LGEG curriculum especially suited for children ages 4 and 5.



"The Early Childhood LGEG curriculum is a four-week unit that combines plant and garden learning, food exposure, brain- and body-boosting physical activities, and novel parental engagement built around plant part themes," Whittlesey said.

About Learn, Grow, Eat and Go!  
The curriculum for elementary school-age youth includes two lessons a week. Students learn about plant nutrient requirements, as well as nutrients required for the human body to function properly. They maintain and harvest vegetables from their own learning garden, plus take part in cooking activities in which they help prepare dishes using the vegetables they grow and harvest.

"This curriculum gives young people the opportunity to explore their world through meaningful activities that help develop useful life skills," Whittlesey said. "It teaches them to become smarter food consumers, along with getting them outdoors and engaging them as responsible members of our

food system."

The LGEG curriculum is available on the AgriLife Learn site, and the cost is \$56. The site also hosts additional LGEG materials, including a Spanish-language version of the curriculum and teacher video lesson library.

About the Junior Master Gardener program  
The Junior Master Gardener program is an international youth gardening program of the land-grant university Co-operative Extension Network. Both in the U.S. and internationally, the JMG program is administered by AgriLife Extension, an educational outreach agency of the Texas A&M University System.

The JMG program works in collaboration with teachers, school administrators, school districts, community groups, youth organizations and youth leaders to bring its programs to youth throughout the state, she said.

Junior Master Gardener group activities take place in schools around the country and are taught by teachers as a part of their classroom instruction. There are also JMG groups that learn in informal settings such as afterschool programs, 4-H clubs, scouting and summer camps.

A variety of materials, including curricula and resources for teachers and other leaders interested in garden-related content, are available through the program. These include core comprehensive JMG curricula for elementary and middle school programs as well as thematic curricula such as LGEG, Wildlife Gardening and Literature in the Garden.

More information on the Junior Master Gardener program can be found at <https://jmgkids.us/>.



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## Creating your first garden is easier than you think

By David Googins  
Smith County Master Gardener

Planning your first garden might seem like a daunting task, but, with a little research and planning, you can be raising and sharing fresh vegetables pretty quickly.

It will take some work, but the taste of fresh tomatoes is worth the effort.

According to the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service article "Planning a Garden" the first step is to make a plan.

Your plan should include what you will plant, when you will plant, where the garden will be and the size of your garden.

Most people plant the vegetables they like to eat, so that part is easy, unless you want to try to raise plants that don't do well where you live.

Personal experience is that some of the plants which do well here are tomatoes, peppers, eggplant, cucumbers, okra, and herbs like fennel, cilantro, basil and sage.

The garden needs to be located where the plants get at least 6-8 hours of full sun. Full sun means just that - FULL sun.



Dappled shade from a nearby tree will not provide the necessary energy for the plant to convert sun and nutrients into the vegetables you crave. The garden soil needs to be rich, level and well drained.

If your location doesn't have these qualities, raised beds may be your answer.

To determine how much sun your garden will get, go outside and look at the area at different times of the day, and note how many hours the area receives direct sun.

Or you can use a website like <http://www.suncalc.org>, which shows the exact hours of sun an area receives on any given day. The website includes an aerial view, so you may zero in on the exact place you intend to site the garden. There is an arc that the sun follows which de-

pends on the season. The closer to June 21, the Summer Solstice, the higher the sun will be in the sky. Conversely, the closer to the Winter Solstice, December 21, the lower the sun will be in the sky.

The planting times for each plant might vary, so always check the label. Each plant has its own characteristics.

For instance, as a rule of thumb, NEVER plant tomatoes before Easter, because the rogue last freeze will damage your plants.

Water needs to be readily available either though manually watering with a hose or using automatic irrigation. Low priced, battery-powered sprinkler controllers are readily available at home improvement stores. Also, consider how big to make your garden.

It's easier to just start small, figure out what you like and then expand as necessary. Make tending your garden a joy, not a second job, and, above all, have fun!

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

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### TO: THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AND ASSIGNS OF ARTHUR G. REX and LIDDIE WORREAN REX, DEFENDANT

**GREETINGS: YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED** to appear by filing a written answer to the **PLAINTIFF'S 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 18th day of August, 2023, in the 241st Judicial District Court of Smith County, Texas, at the Courthouse of said County located at 100 N. Broadway, Tyler, Texas, 75702. Said **PLAINTIFF'S ORIGINAL PETITION** was filed in said Court on May 11, 2023, in this case, numbered. 23-1119-C, and styled: **MATTHEW ADAM TURNER VS THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AND ASSIGNS OF ARTHUR G. REX AND LIDDIE WORREAN REX**

The Plaintiff is MATTHEW ADAM TURNER. The Defendants are THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AND ASSIGNS OF ARTHUR G. REX AND LIDDIE WORREAN REX. The attorney for the Plaintiff is Anthony J. King whose address is 115 East 6th Street/P.O. Box 537, Rusk, Texas 75785.

This action seeks Declaratory Relief under Chapter 37 of the Civil Practices and Remedies Code and is an a Trespass to Try Title action under Chapter 22 of the Texas Property Code and Rules 783 et seq., of the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure, and concerns title to the real estate described hereinafter referred to as "the Property," said property being property described in Volume 978, page 614, more particularly described as follows:

A tract of land in the Aaron Vickery Survey, A-1007, Smith County, Texas, and being a portion of that certain 61 acre tract conveyed by T.B. Lukenbill to Gibraltar Development Company by Deed dated October 9, 1958, and recorded in Volume 923, Page 128-132, Deed Records of said County. Said tract of land being more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at the Southeast corner of said 61 Acre Tract; Thence North 0° 15' 54" West with the East line of said 61 Acre Tract 1175.21'; Thence South 89° 44' 06" West 186.00' to the beginning corner of the tract herein described; Thence South 89° 44' 06" West 126.00' to a point for corner; Thence North 0° 15' 54" West 70.00' to a point for corner; Thence North 89° 44' 06" East 126.00' to a point for corner; Thence South 0° 15' 54" East 70.00' to the PLACE OF BEGINNING Title to this property is clouded and negatively affected by the record rights of the Defendants.

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Representative  
Gloria Peterson Jones  
Estate of Jerry Duard Jones  
c/o Charles G. Morton, Jr.  
P.O. Box 166  
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Dated July 17th 2023

CHARLES G. MORTON JR.  
Attorney for Executor of  
the Estate of Jerry Duard Jones

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Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Charles A. Christopher, Deceased, were issued to Amber Christopher Thornton, July 10, 2023, in Cause No. 47536P, by the County Court at Law #3 of Smith Co, Tx. All persons having claims against this Estate currently being administered are required to present them to Amber Christopher Thornton, 7411 Lake Front Trail, Arlington, TX 76002, within the time and manner prescribed by law.

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\* District 9-4A games # Homecoming \$ Senior Night

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 allowed. Granted, 191 of those points came in games against Kilgore and Chapel Hill, two teams that went deep in the state Class 4A playoffs.

"We weren't really fired up about that," the coach said of the points allowed last year. "We know we have to defend better and it starts with stopping the run. In critical games you have to stop the run, make the other team one-dimensional then you can get to the quarterback."

Once again, it appears the top three teams in 9-4A – Kilgore, Chapel Hill and Lindale – will be fighting it out for playoff positioning.

Chapel Hill won the district title a year ago with a 6-0 mark, while Kilgore finished second at 5-1.

The regional quarterfinals was an all-Bulldogs affair with Chapel Hill outlasting Kilgore, 24-21 to advance

to the state semifinals. Chapel Hill then fell to Boerne, 35-0.

But before Lindale begins to look at the district competition, the Eagles will once again try to navigate the gauntlet of some serious pre-district competition

including Gilmer, Van and Kaufman.

"It's always been our belief that our non-district schedule is important to building momentum for the district schedule," Cochran said. "Anyone who has watched us play knows we use our non-district games to prepare for the district schedule. You have to bring your 'A' game each week in our district."

The Eagles will be on the road for their first league contest, at Henderson on Sept. 22.

Homecoming against Athens will be Sept. 29 at Eagle Stadium then Lindale takes on Kilgore on the road on Oct. 6.

But the head coach knows that the rest of the league will provide stiff competition as well.

"Palestine's speed is always concerning," he said. "Jacksonville is always athletic and Henderson has a new coach this year who will bring a lot of excitement so it's going to be super competitive."

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