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## Council members hear about plans to experience solar eclipse in Lindale

Lindale City Council members heard a presentation regarding the upcoming solar eclipse and how the rare celestial event will affect the tourism and economic impact to the city during the council's regular meeting at city hall on Tuesday, July 18.

Beau Hartweg from the Tyler Junior College science department said his department has received considerable interest concerning the total eclipse, which is to occur Monday, April 8.

He said on Oct. 14 there will be a partial eclipse but "the big event" in April will be the first in East Texas since 1878.

"This is the last chance for Lindale to experience this," he said.

The city, he said, will have the opportunity to experience this influx of tourists and visitors. City officials noted the partial eclipse will take place on the same day as the annual Countryfest in downtown Lindale.

Hartweg said the totality of the April 8 eclipse will begin at 1:24 p.m. and conclude at 1:43 p.m.

His presentation included how to make sure "this great city shows what it has to offer. People are looking forward to coming to Lindale," he said.

Lindale Tourism Director Seong McLaren said "no one provides the entertainment value that Lindale does and there will discussions on the money aspects" in the future concerning the solar event.

In other action, council members:

- OK'd an addendum to the contract for services from the Lindale Area Chamber of Commerce. City Manager Carolyn Caldwell said there would be no changes to the contract.
- Discussed the Lindale Baseball and Softball Association's financial statement and discussed future projects for the fields used by the LBSA;
- Approved a facilities agreement with the Smith County Election Administration for use of the Kinzie Community Center for elections. Caldwell said the county was quick to check on the availability of the new center and this would be a good way for the community to get a close up look at the center;
- Approved a 30-day ordinance to the city charter to sell water on an emergency basis to Lindale Rural Water for a set number of days. Caldwell said a letter from the city was sent to Lindale Rural Water outlining what is needed for the city.

## LIBRARY SCHEDULE

### August is romance month at Lillie Russell Memorial Library

Now that summer is winding down families are gearing up for a return to school and the folks at the Lillie Russell Memorial Library are celebrating August in a "heartfelt" manner.

August is Read a Romance Book month at LRML and the staff is encouraging patrons to stop by and make a selection from the many available.

Also this month, the Friends of the Library's traveling book club is scheduled to host their event at the library at 2 p.m. on Aug. 13. This month's selection is "The Searcher" by Tana French.

The LRML is looking for teenagers to help staff suggest books for the library to purchase as well as help plan teen activities, help at special library events and earn service hours.

Young people can join the Teen Advisory Board. Applications are being accepted until Aug. 9.

For the younger set, Fridays are dedicated to story times at 9 a.m. and

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Lindale's Hannah Evans was welcomed home this past week from Colorado by hundreds of supporters on Highway 69, following treatment for a skiing injury.

Courtesy photo

## Community members welcome one of their own back home

Lindale residents once again showed their compassion and heart this past week by welcoming home Hannah Evans, a teenager who was seriously injured in a skiing accident in March in Colorado.

Hundreds gathered on Highway 69 to greet Hannah and her family as they made their way to downtown on Wednesday, July 19.

Evans, who has lost the use of her legs because of the accident, has undergone several surgeries and rehab since the accident.

Fundraisers to help benefit the Evans family ranged from raffling off their Taylor Swift tickets to raising \$83,000 through the "Cheering for Hannah Bingo Night."

Hannah's parents and friends were by her side in Colorado as she went from the intensive care unit, through her surgeries and undergoing therapy.

Ranked in the top 10 of her 2023 class at Lindale High School, she managed to complete her high school education while in the hospital.

## Lindale PD arrest robbery suspect at local motel

A suspect in the robbery of the Exxon convenience store on Interstate 20 and Highway 110 north near Lindale was apprehended this past Friday by a Lindale Police Officer and taken to the Smith County Jail, said Smith County Sheriff's Office spokesman Larry Christian.

Dayton Grant Sherfield, 22 of Tyler, was arrested a shortly after the robbery hiding in the backseat of the suspect's vehicle in the parking lot of the Appletree Inn at U.S. Highway 69 and I-20, Christian said.

Units from the Lindale PD, Smith County Sheriff's Office, Precinct 5 Constable's Office and Texas Department of Public Safety troopers were on the scene shortly after the robbery was reported at approximately 12 noon on Friday, July 21.

According to reports taken, the suspect went into the store and forcibly attempted to remove money from the cash register and was met with resistance from the cashier.

He then fled the scene in a white Chevy Impala and headed west on IH-20.

Deputies transported Sherfield to the Smith County Sheriff's Office where he met with investigators.

He was charged with robbery and was transported to the Smith County Jail.

## Burn bans coming

Multiple East Texas counties and municipalities are enacting burn bans in response to recent dry weather. Smith County has not issued a burn ban, yet.

Sabine County Commissioners Court has enacted a 90-day burn ban as of Monday, July 24.

Anderson County Judge Carey McKinney has enacted a burn ban effective immediately. This burn ban has been extended for 90 days as of Monday, July 24.

Angelina County has banned burning effective Thursday, July 20. According to a release, the ban will remain in effect for seven days unless extended by the Angelina County Commissioner's Court.



## Officials seize large amount of narcotics at Tyler address

Smith County law enforcement agencies seized several contraband items this past week following the execution of a search warrant at a Tyler address, said Smith County Sheriff's Office spokesman Larry Christian.

The warrant was issued on July 18 and served at 509 E. Cedar Street in north Tyler where suspected gang members were allegedly selling large quantities of narcotics, Christian said.

Items seized included:

- Approximately two pounds of Cocaine
- 13 Grams of Crack Cocaine
- One Pound of Marijuana
- One handgun
- More than \$10,000 in U.S. Currency

The raid also netted two felony arrests.

This was a joint operation involving the Smith County Sheriff's Office, the East Texas Anti-Gang Center, the Tyler Police Department and the city of Canton Police Department.

Two traffic stops were conducted by officers with the Tyler PD within the city limits and the Canton PD on Interstate 20.

Additional law enforcement agencies participating in this investigation were the Smith County District Attorney's Office, the Texas DPS Criminal Investigations and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF).



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# OPINION/COMMENTARY

## Life Skills 101:

### Where did they go?...

Our 'kids' from tweens to 30-somethings are having a harder time than previous generations coping with stress, demands of responsibility, dealing with the daily slings and arrows of being a human, much less the grand catastrophes that are a part of being alive.

I am afraid that as a career high school teacher I may have contributed to the problem as a part of the culture of the last 30 years that has given out blue ribbons, stars and kudos for kids doing what they are supposed to be doing. Then there are those sports trophies for being part of team instead of awards earned through performance.

Do we not know how to lose anymore? Do we not know how to deal with the stress of life? Do we not know how to pick ourselves up, dust ourselves off, and go again? In the environment of celebrity culture and 24/7 social media platforms, our kids and young adult 'kids' are spending their time with their cell phones in their hands either 'following' others' activities instead of doing them or posting the minutiae of their lives ad nauseam.

And who the heck cares how you look with an animal face or what you will look like when you are 80? Other than face recognition scam artists who want access to your media use devices that is.

Americans are wasting so much time on Twitter, Instagram, Facebook etc. ENOUGH! Read a dad gum book or newspaper and quit digital navel gazing and self absorption. People, there is a world out there for YOU. And it is going to be YOURS before you know it.

So how do we fix what is broken?

Jim Bardwell has said, "you can't be a winner unless you have lost." We have got to quit cushioning the losses during the growing up years so our kids can handle the more serious ones of their adult years. Most of the wisdom I have, which I must admit is a great deal, was hard won. Wisdom that came from mistakes, occasionally embarrassing and even humiliating experiences, sometimes wringed from heartbreaking events.

That is just life.

You gain wisdom, perseverance, the ability to endure, toughness, empathy and compassion from overcoming. That is what makes one a winner in life. Living it day-to-day well. Better or bitter is a choice.

I grew up hearing certain phrases over and over and over from my 5' little Mom who overcame a world of hurt and trouble with a severely handicapped son among a host of other problems, and my heroic rancher Daddy who could handle absolutely anything life threw his way. Their voices are in my head every single day telling me to "roll with the punches", "pull yourself up by your bootstraps", "put one foot in front of the other and keep going", "we do NOT quit, EVER" and "learn from your mistakes".

My parents also insisted on manners and taught me how to communicate with all kinds of people on all kinds of levels.

## The Best of Suzanne Bardwell



I was expected to acknowledge every person who entered a room or I met on the street. I was taught that every human being has value. They might not be living up to it but they have value and I was to be respectful. And that approach has smoothed my journey many, many times.

They also told me when bullied or intimidated, "stand up for yourself, if you don't do it no one will". And that was a perfect lesson. They never ran to school and intervened. There were those times when I really wished they had because I thought I was in over my head. But they didn't. And I wasn't.

And yes, I got in trouble for everything from talking (2nd grade through graduation—no kidding) all the way to skipping school to go to a neighboring town that had been hit by a tornado. Only two of us out of seven who skipped got in trouble. The other 'in trouble' girl's parents threw a fit. Mine said, "we don't care what everyone else did. Did you skip? Yes. Then you have to pay the consequences".

In other words kids, friends and neighbors here's one of the MOST important life lessons of all...LIFE IS NOT FAIR! Get over it. It never will be.

In a world where kids pick up guns or social media to destroy lives we are going to have to start teaching them the lessons that the Greatest Generation taught their kids. Get over yourself. You are not the center of the universe even if it feels like you are. Do the best you can and move on. Fix what you mess up. Apologize when you can't. Hold your head up and grow up so you can take over this crazy, wonderful, frightening, amazing, messy world we live in.

The time is coming when it will be our kids' and grandkids' world. Help them wrap their minds around the fact that a person can't be successful without failing. That anyone can get over almost anything. And the people who truly love you really are the most important people in your lives. Not your job, not your honors, not your wealth. Not your status. Not the number of followers you have on social media.

Parents, please teach your kids to stand on their own two feet, to roll with the punches and to remember, "it doesn't matter how many times you get knocked down...what matters is how many times you get up."

So, maybe we need to start changing the culture back to ribbons and trophies going to extraordinary not ordinary effort. Parents shut down the screen time, please! The healthiest kids physically AND emotionally know what sunshine and grass look like. Sometimes tough love is the love that's needed.

If you don't know how to do that find some folks in their 80s and 90s while they are still with us and ask them. They have lived through the worst of times to build the best of times that we don't even have the sense to recognize.

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## THE ECONOMIST

By Dr. M. Ray Perryman

### Canary in the Coal Mine ...

Canaries were historically used in coal mines to provide an early warning of dangerous gases. The CNBC rankings, where Texas continues to fall, should be viewed in a similar light. Two years ago, I referred to Texas falling to fourth as "eerily disturbing," a remark that received considerably more attention than I anticipated. Last year, the state dropped to fifth, and in the newest rankings fell out of the top five, trailing North Carolina, Virginia, Tennessee, Georgia, and Minnesota.

CNBC evaluated 86 criteria within 10 categories, assigning weights based on factors identified as "most important to business each year." The heaviest-weighted category is Workforce (where Texas ranks 2), followed by Infrastructure, Economy, and Life, Health & Inclusion. Other categories include

Cost of Doing Business, Technology and Innovation, Business Friendliness, Education, Access to Capital, and Cost of Living.

Texas performs well in Workforce (2) and Economy (2), also comparing relatively favorably in Technology and Innovation (8) and Cost of Doing Business (16). Lower rankings were Infrastructure (24 – particularly given recent issues with the power grid), Business Friendliness (25), and Education (35, a sizable drop which doesn't bode well for future Workforce rankings). Regrettably, the state is dead last in Life, Health, & Inclusion.

The specific reasons mentioned for this abysmal ranking were the high percentage of people without health insurance (by far the most in the country) and the low numbers of primary care physicians and licensed childcare facilities per capita. Various actions that are "hacking away at inclusiveness," such as laws related to the LGBTQ+ population, voting rights, and reproductive rights, were also significantly highlighted.

Texas is presently attracting hundreds of thousands of workers every year, and Chief Executive Magazine has ranked it as the "Best State for Business" for 19 consecutive years. Texas also has had the most major corporate locations and expansions for the past 11 years. All of that to say that these concerns are unlikely to diminish economic performance in the immediate future, but they serve as critical harbingers of things to come if key issues are not addressed.

Texas must assure that there are adequate water supplies and transportation capacity and that – when the switch is flipped – the lights come on. Proactive efforts in improving access to health care are similarly imperative. Inclusivity is becoming increasingly essential to competing for high-growth companies and in-demand workers. I've measured the potential effects of numerous discriminatory social policies (including impairing voting rights and gender identity), and their potential negative effects are substantial and very real.

The consistent drop in the CNBC rankings is not likely to derail short-term economic success, but it is a canary in the coal mine that we had best heed. Stay safe!

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# Volunteers needed for worthy Achieving Dreams program

## Three for the price of one:

A call for volunteers has been issued to help a worthy cause in Lindale, Achieving Dreams, which provides a day program, individualized skill and socialization for adults with special needs.

Executive Director Betty Freeman contacted the Lindale News and Times this past week and asked if we could put the word out she is seeking volunteers to help these adults learn invaluable work and communication skills and become comfortable in social settings.

Achieving Dreams has a location in Tyler and the one in Lindale is at the Rose Heights Church at 12465 FM 16, just east of downtown. Hours of the local facility are 9 a.m.-2 p.m. on Monday and Thursday.

Center based activities are available at the two locations while the Achievers also take part in daily, off-site opportunities.

In addition, the program includes addressing health and well-being with exercise and/or recreational games as well as brain teasers.

Freeman noted that the goal and mission of Achieving Dreams is to "enrich the lives of adults with special needs by providing opportunities and support within the community."

"We look beyond disabilities," she said. "We focus on capabilities and expand possibilities."

Freeman said that families have faced the question of what path should be available for those adults with special needs after high school graduation. Achieving Dreams officials looked around the area at the offerings in the area and another path was possible.



**Terry Cannon**  
Editor



An East Texas brown bat.

A volunteer group of parents and educators traveled to Dallas to visit day habitation programs and came away impressed with one in particular which concentrated on participation in prevocational training in the community coupled with working on social skills. Afternoons were dedicated to exercise, games and other activities.

This program was brought to East Texas in March, 2014.

"Our personnel have a heart for service and are committed to making Achieving Dreams a welcoming place of acceptance," Freeman said.

Staff members oversee, plan and coordinate daily activities at the centers and in the community for multiple teams of Achievers. They teach goal setting, the value of teamwork and proper behavior in all settings.

"As a non-profit, our active board of directors and other regular volun-

teers make the program possible," Freeman said. "Personally fulfilling and uplifting, volunteering with us enhances the life of Achievers as it will yours."

For more information on Achieving Dreams and to volunteer, log onto [www.achievingdreams.org](http://www.achievingdreams.org) or via email at [achievingdreamsoftyler@gmail.com](mailto:achievingdreamsoftyler@gmail.com).

The phone number in Tyler is 903-630-7724.

## Shiny new community center

On a recent broiling hot day a good-sized gathering made its way to the new Kinzie Community Center at Pool Park to officially open the facility with Mayor Jeff Daugherty snipping the ceremonial ribbon.

Common sense prevailed and unlike other ribbon cuttings, this one was moved indoors where the air conditioning was working just fine, thank you very much.

Shelbie Glover of the Lindale Area Chamber of Commerce made introduc-

tions and brought different groups to the front of the room for photos. City staff, council members, law enforcement representatives, construction company officials and others were honored for their part in bringing this sparkling new addition to Lindale to fruition.

The old facility had simply outlived its usefulness. Someone suggested it had been in place since the 1960s and for many years was a fine gathering place for service club meetings, benefits and the like.

The new center is extremely nice and taxpayers should be happy with the result.

## There's something you don't see everyday

A few days ago while walking the pooch at Tyler's Rose Rudman Trail, I happened upon something I didn't expect to see ... at least in East Texas.

Little Penny, as is her habit, had her nose to the ground searching for heaven knows what.

She stopped suddenly and was pawing what I at first thought was a dried, brown leaf. However, on closer examination I saw it was a bat, on its back and definitely expired.

This piqued my curiosity to such an extent I did some research.

As it turns out, what I saw was either a brown bat or its smaller cousin, the evening bat. Both are indigenous to East Texas and live in deciduous tree crevices.

A good portion of the Rudman trail is carved out of a heavily wooded area, home to all types of rodents, squirrels and snakes. Those I've seen on our walks but this was the first time to encounter a bat.

Nature is an amazing thing.

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## ONE YEAR AGO, July 28, 2022

Approximately 40 acres in the city of Lindale were annexed into the city limits by the city council Tuesday night during its regular meeting at city hall.

The annexations were approved following a required public hearing called by the council before the vote. No one spoke during the public hearing.

Just over 38 acres of that total is located just north of Highway 16 and near Eagle's Peak subdivision.

The other two areas are .59 acres at 17361 Cory Lane and .60 acres in Eagle's Peak and the other is .60 acres at 13397 Choice Circle.

In other action, the council:

—Approved the Smith County 911 2022-23 budget;  
—Approved the final replat of the lot at 15038 FM 849 and County Road 472 in Lindale;

—OK'd the purchase of 12 lights for Pickers Pavilion;  
—Tabled the action concerning infrastructure matters with Kingdom Builders. Several residents of the subdivision spoke to the council, which prompted Mayor Jeff Daugherty to ask City Manager to check with the builder before taking final action on the agenda item.

## FIVE YEARS AGO, July 26, 2018

Lindale High School debate, oral interpretation and professional communications teacher, was one of 30 educators from across the country selected to attend a C-SPAN Educators Conference. Participants were selected by a panel of C-SPAN representatives and evaluated based on their commitment to learning new educational resources, applying them in the classroom environment and sharing their professional development experiences in their academic communities.

## 10 YEARS AGO, July 25, 2013

Sales tax revenue for the city of Lindale continued to hold steady as the summer season is at its midpoint, according to figures released from the Texas Comptroller's office.

Lindale's share of the sales tax pie was 7.74 percent higher from June, 2012 to June 2013, or \$183,023.94 compared to \$169,867.22.

In comparing the full year – from June 2012 to June 2013 – another increase is seen as collections were \$1,186,396 in 2012 to \$1,264,130 this year.

These numbers seem to confirm what Lindale city and business officials have cited during the past several months: Lindale residents and visitors have been comfortable spending their money at home.

The only other county entity with a higher figure than Lindale's was Bullard, where a 42.33 percent hike was reported from June, 2012 to June 2013 and a 17.84 jump was reported in the yearly comparisons.

At the bottom of the list, Winona dropped 41.89 percent from June, 2012 to June 2013 and 35.70 percent for the past year.

As a whole, Smith County was essentially the same in these two reporting categories. County figures showed a 4.57 percent increase from June, 2012 to June, 2013 and a 4.41 percent increase in the past year.

# Grilled cheese adventure went hilariously sideways

I was told a long time ago, "Don't believe anything you read and only half of what you see."

This is probably pretty good advice, especially now-a-days with the internet and all. Of course that statement doesn't stop me when I see a good idea and believe me; I know a good idea when I see one.

I saw somethin' on Facebook the other day that was pure genius. Somebody had posted something called "How to Make Grilled Cheese in your Toaster," or somethin' like that.

No, I'm not talkin' about a toaster oven; I'm talkin' about a drop in the top toaster. The picture showed a toaster layin' on its side and inside each of the bread slots of the toaster, was a slice of bread with a slice of cheese layin' on top of it.

Well, this looked like a pretty good idea to me, so I decided to try it.

Now when I do somethin' I've never done before, I refrain from tellin' my wife Janet.

She is one of those types that will tell you why somethin' will not work, or tell you how stupid the idea is. A real kill joy if you know what I mean. I've always figured that it is easier to get forgiveness than to get permission and most of the time that has worked out pretty well for me. Anywho, back to the grilled cheese.

I pulled our toaster out of the cabinet, plugged it in, and laid it on its side. I grabbed a couple of slices of bread, and a couple of slices of cheese. I arranged the cheese on the bread so that it was not hangin' over the edge. I didn't want melted cheese drippin' into the toaster. That would be hard to explain to Janet.

I then slid the bread and cheese slices into the toaster. I pushed the lever down, or should I say horizontally, while I



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pushed the ends of the bread further into the toaster.

Now, all I had to do was wait for the magic to happen.

I stood there watchin' the process when smoke started coming out of the toaster. I looked inside and could see the cheese was bubblin' nicely, and the toast was brownin' rather quickly; too quickly.

In fact, it was black. I reached up and pushed the override button to eject the toast early and eject it did.

Did I say eject? I should have said regurgitate. That toaster not only spit out the toast, but shot it across the counter and into the space between the counter and myself.

As if in slow motion, the toast slowly lost speed and started fallin'. Then, in midair, the toast flipped and headed for the floor. The first slice hit the floor and stuck. The second one landed on the top of my bare foot, molten cheese side down.

To say the pain was bad would be an understatement. I heard a scream that sounded like some wild animal caught in a trap, and then realized the scream came from me.

I tried to kick the thing off my foot, but it was stuck like a booger on a finger. I started hoppin' on my good foot and stepped on the other piece of toast. It slid causin' my good foot to slide out from underneath me.

I hit the floor. I hit the floor hard.

Still screamin', I scrambled to my feet, or foot I should say, and hopped the best I could to the sink. If I had been a younger man, I probably would have been able to get my burnin' foot up into that sink to quench the fire with cold water from the faucet.

I am not a young man. I lifted my leg, pulled a groin muscle, and fell back onto the floor. This did not stop me.

I bounced back up, hobbled out of the kitchen, down the hall, and into the bathroom where I proceeded to plunge my food into the commode (that's the toilet bowl for you Yankees out there).

Janet, who had been at the other end of the house had obviously heard the commotion and was comin' to investigate. As she walked through the kitchen I heard her gasp "Gracious!" What happened?"

Then she proceeded out of the kitchen, down the hall, and into the bathroom. There I was, doubled over, holdin' my crotch, while my foot soaked in the commode.

"What on earth are you doin'?" she asked.

I looked up. "Makin' grilled cheese," I grunted.

She gave me one of those half-eyelid looks, sighed, and mumbled, "Why didn't I listen to my parents?"



## Wild times at Lillie Russell Library

Youngsters and their parents were treated to a glimpse of the "wild life" this past week as a representative of Window to the Wild brought some birds and other exotic creatures to the Lillie Russell Memorial Library. Dedicated to promoting wildlife conservation through educational shows and fundraising, WTTW supports conservation projects and organizations around the world. (Courtesy photo)

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# East Texas unemployment figures remain unchanged at 3.8 percent

Unemployment figures for the East Texas area remained on the positive side of the ledger according to June figures released by the Texas Workforce Commission this past week.

Out of a combined labor force of 113,400 in the region, 3.8 percent or 4,300, were unemployed.

This mirrored the numbers from the May report from the TWC.

Around the state, Texas broke three records again with number of jobs, number employed, and the size of the state's civilian labor force.

Total nonfarm employment increased by 31,100 positions over the month to reach a 21st consecutive series-high level at 13,944,600 jobs and achieved 28 consecutive months of growth.

Since June 2022, Lone Star State employment grew by 542,500 positions—the largest annual increase in the nation. Texas' employment growth rate continued to outperform with 4.0 percent annual growth from June

2022 to June 2023—outpacing any other state as well as the nation's more modest 2.5 percent.

The Texas seasonally adjusted civilian labor force grew over the month by 30,500 people to reach 15,039,800 in June. The number of employed also reached a new record high at more than 14,429,900. The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate remained at 4.1 percent.

"More than 350,000 people have joined the Texas workforce since June 2022, making the Lone Star State a national leader as the best place to work and to live," said TWC Chairman Bryan Daniel. "As a resource for this growing job market, TWC is committed to provide a range of services for employers and job seekers alike."

Private Education and Health Services added the most jobs of all the major industries at 11,900—closely followed by Construction with 11,000 positions. Manufacturing gained 6,100 jobs over the



month. Texas' annual employment growth through June 2023 was stronger than the national rate in all but one of the 11 industries, Leisure and Hospitality.

"Texas employers are helping Texas stay robust and growing as the state approaches the 14 million mark for nonfarm jobs," said TWC Commissioner Representing Employers Aaron Demerson. "From initiatives like the Texas Conference for Employers and programs like the Skills Development Fund, TWC will continue to encourage that forward drive

by providing resources for our Texas employers that include the best employment law education information and the best customized training for current and future workers."

The Midland Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) reached the lowest unemployment rate among Texas MSAs with a not seasonally adjusted rate of 2.6 percent in June, followed by Amarillo 3.3 percent, then Odessa at 3.4 percent. The Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington MSA had the second largest over-the-year increase in

number of jobs in the nation, not seasonally adjusted. Meanwhile, Midland had the largest percentage increase, followed by Odessa with the second highest increase in the nation among all MSAs.

"Texas continues to expand the labor force with skilled workers, at more than 15 million strong, as we boost careers through opportunities with our apprenticeship, internship, and vocational rehabilitation programs," said TWC Commissioner Representing Labor Alberto Treviño III. "TWC and our 28 Workforce Solution Boards help Texans navigate employment services that include career exploration, support services, job fairs, and job training programs."

Employment estimates released by TWC are produced in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics. All estimates are subject to revision. To access this and more employment data, visit [TexasLMI.com](https://www.texaslmi.com).

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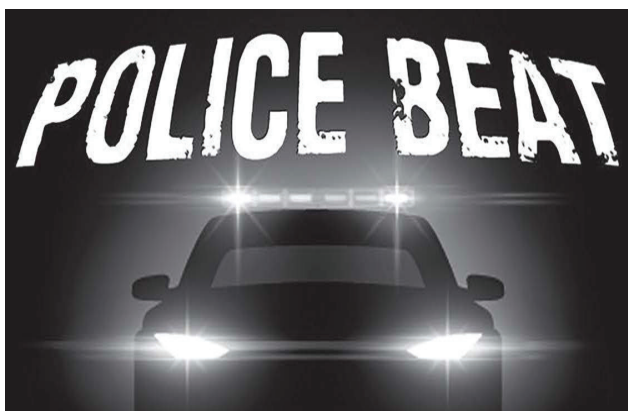


### Lindale Police Department call log for July 15-21:

**SATURDAY, JULY 15:** Welfare Concern, 3500 Block South Main Street; Welfare Concern, 13300 block CR 472; Assist Other Agency, 800 block Stewart Street; Reckless Driving, 200 block Hamrick Street; Warrant Service, 13400 block Interstate 20; Suspicious Vehicle, 21200 block Highway 69 North; Disturbance, 200 block Bonnie Street; Damaged Property, 100 block William Drive.

**SUNDAY, JULY 16:** Damaged Property, 2800 block South Main Street; Stolen License Plate, 3400 block South Main Street; Public Service, 300 block Linda Lane; Accident, 553 Interstate 20 West; Accident, 3500 block South Main Street; Driving While Intoxicated, 13300 block Interstate 20 West; Civil Matter, 800 block Sweetgum Lane; Verbal Disturbance, 700 block Stewart Street.

**MONDAY, JULY 17:** Business Alarm, 3400 block South Main Street; Suspicious Vehicle, 15700 block Brittain Court; Welfare Concern, 200 block East Hubbard Street; Verbal Disturbance, 700 block Stewart Street; Assist Smith



County, 800 block North Main Street.

**TUESDAY, JULY 18:** Stolen License Plate, 3500 block South Main Street; Stolen Vehicle, 3500 block South Main Street; Accident, 16000 block Interstate 20 West; Assist Other Agency, 1600 block South Main Street; Suspicious Vehicle, 200 block West North Street; Assist Smith County, 1100 block Fairway Drive; Stolen Property, 100 block East Centennial Blvd.; Criminal Trespass, 13400 block Interstate

20 West; Disturbance, 500 block North Main Street; Assist Other Agency, 3200 block South Main Street; Business Alarm, 3400 block South Main Street.

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 19:** Public Service, 100 block East Centennial Blvd.; Public Service, 100 block Ballard Drive; Reckless Driving, 900 block Mount Sylvan Street; Public Service, 100 block Baker Street; Assist Other Agency, 100 block Ballard Drive; Public Service, 600 block Mount Sylvan Street; Traffic Hazard, 3500 block South Main Street; Assist Smith County, 12500 block FM 16 West; Theft, 100 block Ballard Drive.

**THURSDAY, JULY 20:** Accident, 3500 block South Main Street; Reckless Driving, 556 Interstate 20 West; Welfare Concern, 3200 block South Main Street; Suspicious Vehicle, 800 block Industrial Parkway; Reckless Driving, 100 block South Main Street; Reckless Driving, 300 block South Main Street; Welfare Concern, 500 block Pierce Street.

**FRIDAY, JULY 21:** Criminal Trespass, 3300 block South Main Street; Parking Violation, 3500 block South Main Street; Loitering, 3500 block South Main Street.

## Avinger man gets 24 years for fed drug trafficking

An Avinger man has been sentenced to more than 24 years in federal prison for drug trafficking violations in the Eastern District of Texas, said Davilyn Walston, spokesperson for U.S. Attorney Damien M. Diggs.

Joshua Adam Tolar, 41, pleaded guilty on Jan. 26, 2023, to conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute and distribution of methamphetamine and was sentenced to 292 months in federal prison by Chief U.S. District Judge J. Rodney Gilstrap on July 17, 2023.

According to information presented in court, Tolar was part of a drug trafficking organization responsible for distributing large quantities of methamphetamine in the Marshall area. On Jan. 12, 2021, law enforcement officers intercepted a package of almost 3 kilograms of methamphetamine that was shipped through the postal service and intended for Tolar. On May 8, 2021, Tolar was stopped by law enforcement officers and found in possession of 505 grams of methamphetamine and 110 grams of marijuana. As the importer and distributor of methamphetamine, Tolar was held responsible for conspiring to possess with intent to distribute and distributing multiple kilos of methamphetamine. Tolar was indicted by a federal grand jury on June 15, 2022, and charged with drug trafficking violations.

This case was investigated by U.S. Department of Homeland Security (Homeland Security Investigations), Texas Department of Public Safety-Criminal Investigations

Division, Harrison County Sheriff's Office, and the U.S. Customs and Border Patrol. The case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Ryan Locker.

### Aryan Circle man sentenced to 20 years in RICO case

A Missouri man was sentenced today to 20 years in prison for racketeer influenced and corrupt organizations (RICO) charges stemming from his membership in the Aryan Circle, a white supremacy prison gang, said Walston.

According to court documents, Timothy Long, aka Timmy, of Mountain Grove, was a member of the AC, a violent, race-based, and prison-based gang with hundreds of members operating inside and outside of state and federal prisons throughout the country.

The AC enforces its rules and promotes discipline among its members, prospects, and associates through threats, intimidation, and acts of violence including murder, kidnapping, and narcotics trafficking. Members are required to follow the orders of higher-ranking members without question.

"This is the final sentencing in a multi-jurisdictional, multi-agency effort to dismantle the Aryan Circle, which terrorized local communities and perpetuated a cycle of gang violence in federal prisons for far too long," said Assistant Attorney General Kenneth A. Polite, Jr. of the Justice Department's Criminal Division. "This case represents the Justice Department's continued dedication to

working with our partners across the country to pursue and eradicate criminal enterprises like the AC."

In 2018, as part of his membership in the AC, Long stabbed two separate victims while all were housed at U.S. Penitentiary Lee, a federal prison in Lee County, Va.

Long stabbed each victim at the direction of AC leadership as retaliation for an attack on a higher-ranking member of the AC by a rival white supremacist gang.

"Violent gangs like the Aryan Circle present a growing threat to our communities in the Eastern District of Texas and the type of violence associated with these organizations is alarming," said U.S. Attorney Damien M. Diggs for the Eastern District of Texas. "The Eastern District of Texas will continue to investigate and prosecute those who do harm to others. And we'll specifically target the leaders of these violent gangs."

### Terrell man pleads guilty to fed wire fraud charges

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

Michael Disman, 41, pleaded guilty to wire fraud charges before U.S. Magistrate Judge Aileen Goldman Durrett on July 19, 2023.

According to information presented in court, between January 2018 and March

2022, Disman operated an investment fraud scheme using various companies he controlled, including "Dexter Development" and "Disman Energy."

Disman solicited funds from victim investors for purported lucrative land development projects, when in reality, those projects were non-existent and the investor funds were spent elsewhere. To execute his scheme, Disman made various material misrepresentations about investor payouts and the use of investor money, executing sham contracts and sharing real estate paperwork to add legitimacy.

Disman actually used the investor funds for various non-business purposes, including on ATM cash withdrawals and drug purchases. In total, Disman defrauded at least 20 victim investors and caused at least \$3.2 million in losses.

Disman faces up to 20 years in federal prison. The maximum statutory sentence prescribed by Congress is provided here for information purposes, as the sentencing will be determined by the court based on the advisory sentencing guidelines and other statutory factors.

A sentencing hearing will be scheduled after the completion of a presentence investigation by the U.S. Probation Office.

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

## A&M Forest Service grant helps rural volunteer fire departments

The Plantersville-Stoneham Volunteer Fire Department sits across from the town's Baptist church on FM 1774 and is otherwise surrounded mostly by pastureland.

The community, a quiet railroad town in southern Grimes County, measures its population in the hundreds.

But Plantersville isn't isolated. The nearby Texas Renaissance Festival draws thousands of people each fall. Sprawling Conroe is only a 30-minute drive away, and urbanization is just down the road in other parts of neighboring Montgomery County.

Fire Chief Jessica Bomar believes the growth may be moving toward the community faster than many people realize, and she is working to position her department to be prepared for the additional calls for service the future holds.

Staffing the rural department hasn't always been easy.

When Bomar became chief in December, there were eight volunteers. In just a few months, the department has added five new members through a community outreach campaign that included recruitment information at community events.

"We would love to be able to respond to medical calls," Bomar said. "We just need more members."

A shortage of volunteers is a challenge facing rural fire departments across the state. To help combat the issue, Texas A&M Forest Service recently introduced a new grant to help departments bolster staffing and enhance community fire protection.

The [Volunteer Recruitment Resources grant](#) is available through the Rural Volunteer Fire Department Assistance Program to certain volunteer fire departments that serve rural communities or areas with a population of 10,000 or less and meet other basic federal requirements.

The \$3,000 grants can be used to purchase banners, signs, billboards, flyers, postcards and other approved items.

The grants are available on a first-come, first-served basis and nearly \$300,000 has been awarded to more than 100 departments so far. Funding for the program is provided by the U.S. Forest Service.

Jason Keiningham, Texas A&M Forest Service Capacity Building Department Head, said the pilot project is an attempt to help departments attract people dedicated to serving their communities and he anticipates additional funding to become available next fiscal year.

"Volunteer fire departments are the front line of defense for many communities, and we recognize the challenges they face in recruiting new members," he said. "Through these grants, we hope to inspire individuals to step forward and make a meaningful difference in their community."

Bomar said she's including all the Grimes County fire departments in her plans for the recruitment grant her department received.

"We're hoping to work in unison with the other departments to coordinate recruitment efforts, so we all get the benefits," she said. "We want to blast it everywhere between all the departments."

Bomar, who joined the department in 2019, said she could use the grant funding to help battle misconceptions about serving in the department, including the myth that you have to respond to fires.

"You don't have to run into burning buildings to be a firefighter," she said. "That's not all that we do. There are a lot of things you can do to help — public service, community events, school visits, teaching about fire safety."

There is almost always something happening at the fire station, Bomar said, and all it takes is a willingness to help the community.

"If you want to be involved, show up and be involved," she said. "We could use the help."

Keiningham said the grant program was not meant to be a one-time solution, but a step toward sustained recruitment efforts.

"We understand the need for rural fire departments to have a strong volunteer base," he said. "We want to help empower residents to participate in the well-being of their communities."

Applications for the Volunteer Recruitment Resources grant are available at <http://TexasFD.com/RuralVFDAssistanceProgram>.

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## Making the most of your fresh produce

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

Consumers can play an active role in keeping themselves safe by practicing safe food handling—especially with fruit and vegetable consumption.

This time of year, many of us are enjoying the variety of fruits and vegetables warm weather brings and being sure to consume plentiful fruits and vegetables every day helps promote good health throughout our entire lifespan.

While all produce you buy in the U.S. should be safe from a pesticide standpoint, there are some further guidelines to consider when purchasing fruits and vegetables.

Advice out of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention includes choosing produce that isn't bruised or damaged. Bruised produce can often be on the verge of spoiling or may already be spoiled.

Additionally, broken skin or peels on produce can allow the fruit to be contaminated with microbial pests.

The CDC also advises that when choosing pre-cut fruits and vegetables, it's best to pick ones that have been kept cold by being refrigerated or placed on ice.

What should you do to your fresh produce when you get home before you eat it? Simple: Just rinse it with clean running water (unless you have pre-packed produce that says the contents

have already been washed).

Accessing clean water is the first step in safely eliminating any contaminants—including dirt, microbes or lingering pesticide residues. You should also be sure to wash produce that has a peel, even if you plan to discard it. Recommendations from the CDC on how to wash your produce include:

Avoid washing fruits and vegetables with soap, detergent, or a commercial produce wash. This is not recommended. Also, never use bleach solutions or other disinfecting products on food (these chemicals can make you very ill if ingested).

Remove damaged or bruised areas of produce before preparing or eating them.

Dry fruits and vegetables with a clean paper towel after you are finished washing them.

Prepare your fruits and vegetables with clean hands and utensils.

We hope these guidelines and tips help you get well on your way to building healthy plates packed with produce.

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.

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Stay well and stay safe.



## Acting president named at A&M after resignation of Katherine Banks

Chancellor John Sharp announced Dean Mark A. Welsh III as acting President after Texas A&M University this past week after President M. Katherine Banks submitted a letter of resignation late Thursday, school officials announced.

Banks' resignation came after the Faculty Senate passed a resolution on Wednesday, July 19 to create a fact-finding committee into the mishandling of the hiring of Dr. Kathleen McElroy, a University of Texas professor, former New York Times journalist and graduate of Texas A&M University, class of 1981.

In June, the university announced the hiring of McElroy to revive the school's journalism program, but that fell apart as the details of the job offer changed from a position with the possibility of tenure to a one-year professor of practice appointment, with the option to renew.

At the Faculty Senate meeting Wednesday, Banks denied knowing about the changes in the job offer but took responsibility for a flawed hiring process after a wave of national publicity suggesting McElroy, who has done research on diversity and inclusion, was a victim of "anti-woke" hysteria and outside interference in the faculty hiring process.

Public universities in Texas are in the middle of eliminating offices of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion to comply with recent state legislation.

In her resignation letter to Chancellor Sharp, President Banks wrote, "The recent challenges regarding Dr. McElroy have made it clear to me that I must retire immediately. The negative press is a distraction from the wonderful work being done here."

Banks became the 26th President of Texas A&M University in 2021 after 10 years as Vice Chancellor and Dean of Engineering at the university. She led efforts for the Texas A&M System to become the only university in Texas to help manage a national weapons lab, the Los Alamos National Laboratory; created EnMed, a program training engineers to become medical doctors and oversaw dramatic enrollment growth at the nation's largest engineering school.

Chancellor Sharp thanked Dr. Banks for her years of service and named Welsh as acting president until a national search can find Dr. Banks' successor.

Welsh, a retired Air Force general, is the Dean of the Bush School of Government and Public Service.

## How to clean your gardening tools

By Susan Buntz  
Smith County  
Master Gardener

It is always a good idea to keep your gardening tools clean, sharp, and ready for whenever they are needed.

The simple act of shoving your clippers, trowel, and other tools into oiled sand is enough to scrape off bits of soil, sharpen them a bit and lubricate them from rust.

Let's get started on this easy tool cleaner that also acts as storage.

Items needed are a medium sized terracotta (clay) pot, play sand, mineral oil and spray paint (optional).

First spray paint your pot. This step is not necessary but it does give your holder a bit of pizzazz and who doesn't like a bit of flair and color. It also acts as a protectant for the pot.

Two coats will cover both the inside and outside of the pot completely then let dry. Mix together the mineral oil (baby oil works as well) and sand in a large bucket. Stir the sand until the oil is incorporated

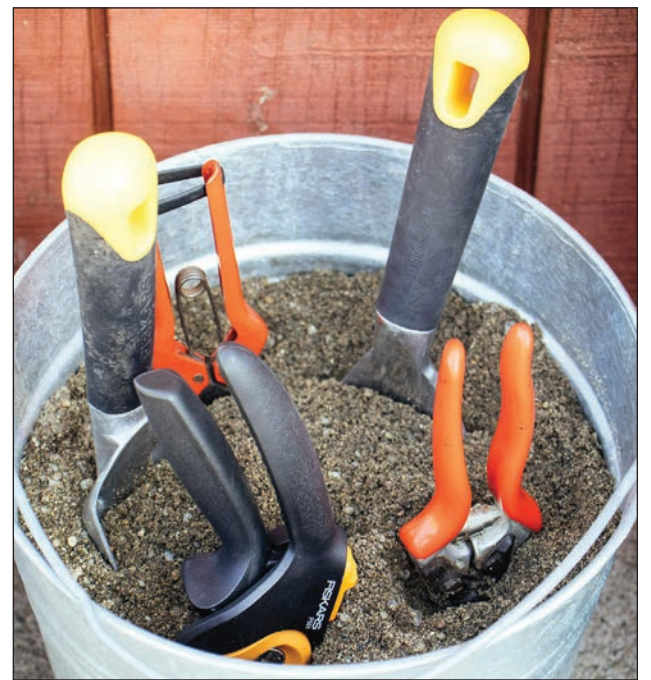
throughout.

Plug the hole in the bottom of the pot and pour the sand in. Place your tools in the sand. This can also work for large tools such as shovels that may need that extra care.

Just use the same recipe in a five gallon bucket. Bring the chores on, you are ready.

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



## Marking or health concerns: How to determine

By Texas A&M School  
of Veterinary Medicine

Once pets have learned to urinate where it is appropriate, whether it is outdoors or in their litter box, it can be frustrating for owners when their pet urinates elsewhere in the house.

While your first instinct may be to reprimand them for the unwanted behavior, you should first consider if they are simply marking or if there is a bigger health concern at play.

Urine marking, a natural behavior for dogs and cats, is when pets release small amounts of urine in multiple places, whether it is on new objects in the home or their favorite spot.

Marking typically occurs when pets are relieving stress or signaling ownership of their territory to other animals.

Urinary diseases, on the other hand, are an unwanted and often painful experience for pets that will most likely require veterinary attention. But because urinary diseases result in increased urination, similar to urine marking, it can be difficult for owners to spot the difference between the two.

Dr. Genna Atiee, a clinical assistant professor in small

animal internal medicine at the Texas A&M School of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences, says owners can differentiate between urine marking or urinary diseases by keeping a watchful eye on their pet's bathroom habits.

"There are some easy things to tip an owner off that something is medically wrong, such as blood in the urine, visible pushing or straining to urinate, crying out in pain when peeing, unpleasant-smelling urine, or urinating near the door or around the litter box," Atiee explained.

"Increased drinking can also indicate that there is a kidney problem," Atiee continued. "Kidneys are responsible for maintaining water balance by pulling water out of what they filter from the blood, leaving waste in the urine behind. But when the kidneys lose function, they can no longer pull water effectively, so pets have to drink more to avoid dehydration and urinate more as a result."

Additionally, the amount of urine a pet releases at one time can help differentiate the type of urinary disease.

"Dogs and cats with inflammation in the lower urinary tract, such as the bladder or urethra, may urinate frequently in small amounts," Atiee said. "On the other hand, dogs and cats with kidney disease may urinate large volumes of urine because they cannot filter urine appropriately."

If an owner notices symptoms of a urinary problem or is concerned about their pet's peeing habits, Atiee encourages them to take their pet to their veterinarian because a urine test can reveal whether there is a health concern.

"A urinalysis can show us many things," Atiee said. "For example, how concentrated the urine is, as a low concentration can indicate the kidneys are not working well; if there is evidence of infection or inflammation; what the pH of the urine is because a high pH can indicate a urinary condition

like UTIs or kidney stones; if there is protein in the urine; and sometimes even show us evidence of cancer."

Once the vet has ruled out any medical conditions causing a pet to urinate more frequently, owners can consider behavioral training for marking, as this can help them spot abnormal bathroom behavior in the future that may be the result of a medical issue. Atiee specifically suggests that owners work with a veterinary behaviorist or reputable trainer in order to change marking behavior.

"Marking is a very disruptive behavior that can lead to resentment and unnecessary expenses if marking ruins furniture, carpet, or hardwood floors, which may result in an owner altering the living situation of their pet, either moving them outside or by rehoming them," Atiee said. "A behaviorist or trainer may be able to help alter this behavior, preserving the human-animal bond. Veterinary behaviorists have achieved board-certification in the specialty of veterinary behavior, so an owner can look for a veterinarian who is specialized in that field."

Another way to prevent dogs or cats from marking include using products that are intended to smell unappealing to pets, typically containing scents such as citrus or mint. Atiee recommends owners carefully use these products as they may be irritating to animals who are sensitive.

Understanding the difference between marking and urinary health concerns when pets pee more than usual can prevent any urinary diseases from worsening. Nevertheless, both urine marking and urinary problems should be treated so that your pet can live a stress-free and healthy lifestyle.

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## Police units arrest Tyler man for aggravated assault with vehicle

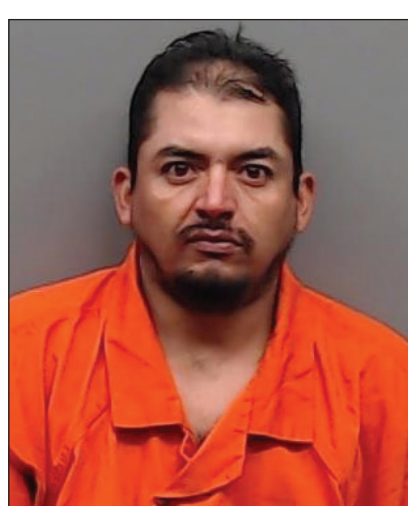
Jesus Mora, 38 of Tyler, was arrested early Monday morning by Smith County Sheriff's Office deputies following an auto versus pedestrian incident which took place on State Highway 64 West and County Road 1125, spokesman Larry Christian said.

At approximately 12:15 am, deputies responded to a 911 call – made by the suspect Mora – in which he said he had run over the victim on purpose before fleeing the scene.

Christian said the victim is Rogelio Flores, 45 of Tyler and is recuperating at UT Health Tyler.

A witness also called 911 and corroborated Mora's statement.

Upon the arrival of deputies, a witness flagged them over to the location of the victim who was in a ditch adja-



cent to the intersection of County Road 1125 and Greenland Blvd.

The victim sustained serious injuries and was fading in and out of conscious-

ness.

UT Health EMS and Dixie Fire Department arrived on location and began administering first aid to the victim who was subsequently transported to the UT Health Emergency Room.

Officers with the Tyler Police Department made contact with Mora at 1005 Fields Street in Tyler. Mora's vehicle was also on location and matched the description given by witnesses.

A Smith County Deputy detained Mora and transported him to the Sheriff's Office where he was interviewed by investigators.

Mora was then transported to the Smith County Jail where he was booked in for Aggravated Assault with a Deadly Weapon with a bond set at \$200,000.



# TxDOT, law agencies want Texas drivers to slow down

Drivers continue to choose to go too fast on Texas roads, making speed the number one contributing factor in traffic crashes.

That's why the Texas Department of Transportation is partnering with law enforcement on the "Be Safe. Drive Smart." campaign to urge motorists to slow down.

Last year, a third of the people killed on the road were in a crash that involved speed. This translates to 1,469 lives that were lost

on Texas roads in speed-related crashes.

"Getting to your destination two or three minutes faster just isn't worth the risk of a crash and causing harm to yourself or others," said TxDOT Executive Director Marc Williams. "Motorists who observe the speed limit and match their driving to road and weather conditions can help prevent crashes."

TxDOT's speeding awareness campaign coincides with Op-

eration Slowdown, a statewide, high-visibility speed enforcement period. From July 14 through July 30, Texas law enforcement agencies are stepping up efforts to get drivers to slow down or pay up.

Smart, safe driving means more than following the speed limit. TxDOT has these safety tips for motorists:

- Match your speed to road conditions if there's bad weather or you're driving through a work zone.

- Slow down and allow for more distance to stop when traffic is heavy or roads are slick.

- Watch for road signs alerting you of reduced speed limits ahead.

This month TxDOT is delivering the campaign's safe speed messages on TV, radio, billboards, gas pumps, theater screens and social media. Community events featuring an interactive exhibit of safety quizzes and video displays will be held at Buc-ee's locations along major travel corridors. TxDOT's HERO trucks, which assist motorists in need and clear minor crashes, will also display campaign signage to encourage drivers to slow down.

"Be Safe. Drive Smart." is a key component of #EndTheStreakTX, a broader social media and word-of-mouth effort that encourages drivers to make safer choices while behind the wheel to help end the streak of daily deaths. Nov. 7, 2000, was the last deathless day on Texas roadways.



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**ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF**  
**Anthony J. King**  
 115 East 6th Street  
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 Rusk, Texas 75785  
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**CAUSE NO. 23-1119-C**  
**THE STATE OF TEXAS**  
**CITATION BY PUBLICATION**

**NOTICE TO DEFENDANT:** "You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by Ten O'clock (10:00) A.M. on the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two (42) days from the date of issuance of this citation, a default judgment may be taken against you. In addition to filing a written answer with the Clerk, you may be required to make initial disclosures to the other parties of this suit. These disclosures generally must be made no later than thirty (30) days after you file your answer with the Clerk. Find out more at TexasLawHelp.org."

**TO: THE UNKNOWN HEIRS 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 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.

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: July 7, 2023.

**ATTENT:**  
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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
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Notice is hereby given that on the 17th day of July, 2023, Letters Testamentary upon the Estate of Marilyn Parsons Budde, Deceased, were issued to John M. Hardy by the Honorable Court of Smith County, Texas, in Cause No. 47556P pending on the Probate Docket of said Court.

All persons having claims against said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time prescribed by law to the address being shown below:

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Proposals for the Lindale ISD ECC HVAC RENOS will be received until Wednesday, August 2nd at 2:00 p.m., by email to [bids@jacksonconstruction.com](mailto:bids@jacksonconstruction.com). There is a pre-bid site walk scheduled for Monday, July 24th at 10am.

Construction Documents may be viewed online via SmartBid.net. For information on receiving plans, contact JD Hale at 214-998-9276 or [jhale@jacksonconstruction.com](mailto:jhale@jacksonconstruction.com).

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### Patrick issues gag order

Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick last week issued a sweeping gag order ahead of the impeachment trial of suspended Attorney General Ken Paxton, the Houston Chronicle reported, saying "out-of-court statements" by both sides threaten to jeopardize the trial.

The trial is set to begin Sept. 5.

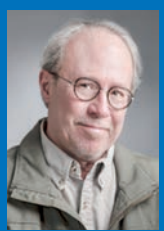
The gag order prohibits members of the Senate and House, their staffs, witnesses and attorneys from making statements that could have a "substantial likelihood of materially prejudicing the trial." Violators could be found in contempt of court and face up to six months in jail and up to \$500 in fines.

Patrick is acting as the judge in the impeachment trial. The gag order was required under the impeachment rules established by the Senate in June.

Meanwhile, Paxton has asked that three Democratic state senators be disqualified, saying their public statements prove they cannot be impartial, *The Dallas Morning News* reported. Paxton is targeting Sen. Nathan Johnson, D-Dallas, and Sens. Roland Gutierrez and José Menéndez, D-San Antonio.

"Senators Menendez, Gutierrez, and Johnson's own public

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statements convincingly establish bias and prejudice against the Attorney General," the motion states. "That cannot be cured."

#### A&M president resigns after botched hiring

Texas A&M University President M. Katherine Banks resigned last week after the faculty senate moved to investigate the botched hiring of journalist Kathleen McElroy to revive the university's journalism program, *The News* reported.

"The recent challenges regarding Dr. McElroy have made it clear to me that I must retire immediately," Banks wrote in her resignation letter submitted late Thursday. "The negative press is a distraction from the wonderful work being done here."

### August is romance month at Lillie Russell Library

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10:30 a.m. Themes for August include camping on Aug. 4; back to school on Aug. 11; libraries on Aug. 18 and dinosaurs on Aug. 25. In addition, therapy dogs will be at the library on Aug. 12 and Aug. 26 to enjoy the reading skills of the youngsters. Other events include:

- On Aug. 1 at 3:30 p.m., the diabetes support group for adults will resume.
- On Aug. 9 at 10 a.m., a reunion blood pressure group will meet.
- Tuesdays in August will feature Adult Game Days.
- Yarn Club meets each Thursday at 4 p.m. and all ages are welcome. A how-to session on hand quilting is scheduled for Aug. 8 at 10:30 a.m. for ages 10 and older.

For more information on events at the LRML, call 903-882-1900. Library hours are 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday and 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Friday-Saturday. Closed on Mondays.

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