## Council orders May 4 election

The Lindale City Council ordered the city's Municipal Election to be held May 4 during its regular meeting Tuesday (Feb. 6) in city hall.

Calling of the election is required by law, said City Secretary Michelle Wiese.

Candidates will vie for the mayor's seat and the Place 2 seat on the council. The filing deadline is 5 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 16.

McLaren, city tourism director concerning the Total Eclipse of the Park event, scheduled for Saturday, April 6, at the end cap stage at Darden Harvest Park.

Greer.

The event is free and will commemorate the total solar eclipse which will occur on Monday, April 8.

Opening ceremonies are scheduled to take place on

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Saturday April 6, followed by various events, including musical entertainment, throughout the weekend.

Council members approved the music lineup and other planned activities for the event.

In other action, council members:

- Approved an emergency replacement for the North Side Sewer Plant Aerators which were damaged during the recent ice storm. One aerator partially tipped over which necessitated gear repairs, and the other was damaged beyond repair, at a cost of \$38,000, said City Manager Carolyn Caldwell. Gear box repairs should be less than \$20,000, Caldwell said.
- Approved a resolution for continued participation with the Steering Committee for Cities served by Oncor and authorized payment of 10 cents per capita to the committee to fund regulatory and related activities of Oncor.
- Authorized a resolution denying Centerpoint Energy a rate change filing within the city.

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### **LHS Band Director honored**

Lindale High School Band Director Steven Moore was honored by the Texas Bandmasters Association's Board of Directors as one of three band directors in the state to receive the Meritorious Achievement Award for his significant contributions to music education for Texas students.

**Courtesy photo** 

## Commissioners approve taking bids for remodeling of FCIC area

Smith County Commissioners approved the taking of sealed bids to the remodeling of the county's Financial Crimes Intelligence Center during their weekly meeting held Feb. 6.

The FCIC coordinates law enforcement investigations into various

It is staffed by law enforcement officers experienced in financial crimes investigations including organized crime, credit card skimming and shimming.

Skimmers are devices used by thieves which are attached to the inside or outside of the cabinet of a gas pump or an ATM for the purpose of intercepting and recording payment card information when a customer

The center also develops and provides training to law enforcement

County Assistant District Attorney Thomas Wilson discussed the matter with the court.

He said there is a need for more space for the FCIC and these funds

rage area by the jail to allow (the FCIC) to grown and work in a more streamlined fashion," he said.

Commissioners also approved taking bids for asbestos abatement for

these properties need to have asbestos abatement before we can begin demolition," she said.



types of financial crimes.

initiates a card transaction.

and industry partners on identifying and combating credit card fraud.

"(The FCIC) is a growing entity," Wilson said. "It is doing great things in fighting financial crimes."

would help alleviate this problem. "It is my understanding these funds would convert an area in the ga-

Wilson added that all funds for this project would come from the state.

properties purchased for the new county courthouse. Purchasing Director Jave Latch presented the proposal to the com-

missioners. "We have found there are five properties that have asbestos issues and

The commissioners also unanimously approved this measure.

#### Council members also approved adding sidewalks to the north side of the Memorial Drive parking lot downtown. This was an issue that was tabled at previous council meeting.

Also, the council heard a presentation from Seong

She discussed musical acts including headliner Joey



Region 7 Education Service Center in Kilgore.

**Courtesy photo** 

### Lindale ISD teacher honored by Region 7

Region 7 Education Service Center in Kilgore celebrated five exceptional educators – including one from Lindale High School -- across the region at a pinning ceremony on Tuesday, Feb. 6, officials announced.

LHS English and U.S. History teacher Renee Ramsey was honored along with four other educators across the

"I learned a lot about myself as a teacher because every lesson that you create has to be looked at from several different lenses," Ramsey said. "I think the whole experience will change your teaching forever. You will never approach your classroom the same way ever again."

LHS Principal Jeremy Chilek praised Ramsey on her dedication to teaching Lindale youngsters.

"Mrs. Ramsey is a phenomenal educator," Chilek said. "She is very passionate about education."

Others honored included Damaris Nunez Correa of Center ISD, Bailee Smith of Joaquin ISD, Rachel McGinnis of Laneville ISD and Sandi Bristow of Palestine ISD.

The educators completed the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards coursework and became nationally recognized and certified in December, 2023. Damaris Nunez Correa is a bilingual kindergarten teacher at Center ISD. "I chose the certification to improve my skills and serve my bilingual community," says Nunez Correa. "You learn a lot, you

grow a lot, and your students will appreciate it." "She's a hard worker! Very organized and very detail oriented; when she sets her mind on something, she does it wholly and completely," said F.L. Moffett Primary School Principal Brandy Bennefield.

Bailee Smith is a kindergarten – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade reading interventionist at Joaquin ISD.

"I chose National Board Certification because I heard how hard it was, and I am one of those people that if you tell me something is impossible, I'm going to try it," Smith said. "This was probably one of the hardest things I've ever done, but it was probably also one of the biggest rewards I'll ever get."

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## Lindale's local monthly sales tax revenue slips a little

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar announced last week he will send cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose districts \$1.3 billion in local sales tax allocations for February, 1.6 percent more than in February 2023.

Lindale's sales tax revenue slipped below 2023 numbers (-0.09%), but its yearly totals remained ahead of the prior year by 0.77%.

County	City	Rate \$	Net Payment This Period	Comparable Payment Prior Year	% Change <sup>‡</sup>	Payment YTD <sup>‡</sup>	Prior Year Payment \$\phi\$	% Change
Smith	Arp	1.500%	\$27,262.19	\$21,816.30	24.96%	\$50,636.59	\$40,116.76	26.22%
Smith	Bullard	1.500%	\$98,120.03	\$95,470.90	2.77%	\$188,344.75	\$166,911.04	12.84%
Smith	Lindale	1.500%	\$444,242.15	\$444,676.85	-0.09%	\$837,375.79	\$830,953.80	0.77%
Smith	New Chapel Hill	1.000%	\$3,324.95	\$3,972.13	-16.29%	\$5,037.61	\$6,621.93	-23.92%
Smith	Noonday	1.000%	\$23,460.80	\$21,032.87	11.54%	\$49,978.00	\$44,496.85	12.31%
Smith	Troup	1.500%	\$57,814.98	\$58,068.28	-0.43%	\$107,903.22	\$106,821.25	1.01%
Smith	Tyler	1.500%	\$5,810,730.11	\$6,280,139.65	-7.47%	\$10,573,255.48	\$11,245,967.70	-5.98%
Smith	Whitehouse	1.500%	\$159,652.41	\$147,038.49	8.57%	\$296,642.15	\$277,302.91	6.97%
Smith	Winona	1.250%	\$23,783.74	\$23,366.69	1.78%	\$42,751.65	\$41,156.36	3.87%





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### **Gary Borders Capital Highlights**



### Pitch made for new power plants

Lt. Gov Dan Patrick joined with the world's largest investment firm to pitch investors on building natural gas power plants in Texas at a summit held last week in Houston.

Patrick and BlackRock CEO Larry Fink shared the stage as they attempted to persuade investors to take advantage of \$10 billion in incentives and bonuses provaided by the state after voters approved a constitutional amendment last November, kut.org reported.

"We estimate in this room there's \$2.2 trillion," Fink told the crowd. "We only have to put \$10 billion to work, so can we get it done? Can we start raising hands?"

While Patrick remained optimistic the plan would attract investors interested in building new power plants, others aren't so sure.

Ed Hirs, an energy economist at the University of Houston, told kut.org that the way the Texas power market is structured won't necessarily provide a steady return to power

"If you've got \$2 trillion worth of investors and they're looking for a deal ... they wouldn't have had this summit; there would already be power plants being built," he said. "All of these guys are sharks. They're not going to miss an opportunity to make a profit."

### New law cracks down on human smugglers

A state law that increases the minimum sentence from two years to 10 years for people convicted of smuggling immigrants or harboring them illegally went into effect last wee.

The Texas Tribune reported SB4 was one of three immigration-related bills signed into law late last year. Other measures provide state money for construction of barriers along the Texas-Mexico border and make it a state crime to illegally cross the border from Mexico.

The latter measure is being challenged in court by the U.S. Department of Justice, El Paso County and immigrant rights groups.

"This increase in policing and increased criminalization is going to further exacerbate the overcrowding of our jails," said David Stout, an El Paso County commissioner.

### Paxton attorneys seek dismissal of securities fraud charges

Ahead of a pretrial hearing this week, attorneys for Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton are seeking to have state securities charges dismissed, saying nine years of delay have denied his constitutional right to a speedy trial, the Texas Standard reported.

Paxton was indicted in July 2015 with a trial in Houston now set for April 15. Factors delaying that trial include repeated changes of venue and judges, disputes over pay for special prosecutors and the COVID-19 pandemic, among other factors.

One of the special prosecutors downplayed the motion.

"I don't think there's much to it," Kent Schaffer said. "Many of the delays were caused by things that they did, whether it was appeals, working in conjunction with Collin County to cut off funding, which necessitated numerous court hearings, motions, and appeals. So, they kind of brought it on themselves."

Meanwhile, the state is on the hook for more than \$700,000 in legal bills in Paxton's whistleblower case. He is being sued by four former top aides for wrongful termination. Paxton has denied all wrongdoing in that case.

### Bitcoin mine prompts noise complaints

A 300-megawatt Bitcoin mine near Granbury is prompting a spate of noise complaints from the fans used to cool the huge network of computer servers used in the crypto currency process, the Texas Standard reported. Since the plant began operating last year, residents have complained about an "incessant din," Time magazine reported.

"My citizens are suffering," says Hood County Constable John Shirley.

According to earthjustice.org, five of the largest Bitcoin mines in the country are located in Texas. The largest is Riot Platforms in Rockdale, which has garnered attention for receiving multi-million-dollar refunds from the state for voluntarily reducing energy use during times of peak consumption.

### Words can be the best gift of all

The jewelry store ads have been telling the guys that the best way to show their love is with a nice hunk of ice, for a very hefty price of course. Hallmark says to 'say it with a card'. Those cards can now cost \$5 and up. Roses exceed some utility bills.

Words however are priceless. And they can last a very long time tucked away in a special place or in our hearts.

A few weeks ago when I was at the family ranch, my childhood home, I was sitting in the living room when I picked up a Bible our son had given his grandparents for Easter in 1996. Josh inscribed it with "Love y'all a lot. God Bless!" And he had drawn a tractor beside those words.

Inside that Bible I found a late-in-life love note from my ailing father to his sweetheart.

In part it read: "You my Darling are my life, wife and Sweetheart. I miss you so much. I could not live without you. Yours forever...Daddy"

Written in pencil on yellow legal pad the gift of these words are worth more to my Mom, and now me, than any expensive necklace or ring. So much more.

Of course, Mom had to learn to live without her sweetheart. She misses him every single day. And those words of love still Also inside this Bible I found a recipe card with my name

on it and a list of scriptures my Mother had apparently prayed over me. Another love letter of a different sort. What a gift to find in a quiet moment alone. Priceless gifts.

Gifts for a lifetime. Love can write the story of our lives. If we let it. If we live it If we mean it

In between those two pieces of paper is a lifetime of troubles,

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trials, illnesses and heartbreak. In between those two pieces of paper is a lifetime of joy, celebration, accomplishment and wisdom. In between those two pieces of paper are lives lived in love. In ways that mattered.

On this Valentine's Day take the time to write the loves of your life words that matter. Sometimes, often, those words, and certainly those actions will long outlive you.

And to my sweetheart, my partner and my best friend, no words can improve upon our wedding vows, "I love you as I love no other. All that I am I give to you. Now and forever."

To my precious son and daughter-in-heart, you are blessings who bring me the greatest joy.

To my Daddy in heaven and my prayer warrior Mother, thank you for the rock solid ground I stand on.

To my sweet baby brother, darlin' thanks for being the perfect brother. Always.

To my Mother- and Father-in-heart thank you for always being there. And of course, happiest of Valentine birthdays to Jim's Mom Carol, the most talented woman I know.

To you Valentine readers, thank you for your loyalty, your support and your encouragement.

And finally, Happy Valentine's Day to all the loving sweethearts out there.

Share your love with words. It can be the best gift of all.

### 60th Anniversary of Beatles invasion



## THE ECONOMIST

By Dr. M. Ray Perryman

### Mexican Trade ...

As the migrant crisis engulfs the border and the politics become increasingly complex and counterproductive, it is useful to remember the economic significance of our relationship with our southern neighbor. Let's briefly explore.

Trade between the United States and Mexico is crucial to both nations, and Texas has been the leading state for exports



and imports between the two countries for decades. Through November, 2023 exports from Texas to Mexico totaled more than \$120 billion, with over \$132 billion in imports. Top exports include petroleum and coal products, computer and electronic products, chemicals, and transportation equipment. The largest import categories are transportation equipment, computer and electronic products, electrical equipment and appliances, and oil and gas.

In addition, complex supply chains are well developed, and components in numerous industries cross the border multiple times during the production process. Trade is beneficial to both countries, as comparative advantages with regard to costs, infrastructure, and workforce can be tapped to improve overall efficiencies, competitiveness, and growth. Consequently, prosperity both north and south of the border is enhanced.

We have analyzed US-Mexico trade for many years (I built the first model even before NAFTA) and have developed comprehensive systems to quantify the total economic benefits. Briefly and transport the various goods. Imports generate downstream effects as they are transported and sold in retail outlets or used in additional production in Texas. There are also indirect effects throughout the supply chain and consumer impacts as wages earned across the production process are spent.

The Perryman Group estimates that trade with Mexico generates business activity across the United States of about \$998.7 billion in gross domestic product annually and more than 8.1 million jobs (including multiplier effects and based on 2023 trade levels). For Texas, the total benefits include an estimated \$471.4 billion in gross product and over 3.6 million jobs (again based on 2023 trade levels), with the border region comprising \$28.9 billion in gross product and more than 301,000 jobs of the state totals. About 25% of all activity in the vast Texas economy is thus tied to interactions with Mexico.

With the current situation at the border and the State policy response, inefficiencies in the flow of imports and exports have arisen, causing notable economic losses. We found that the slowdowns arising during 2023 led to aggregate losses in the border region alone of an estimated \$1.6 billion in output and about 16,750 jobs.

Mexico is now the top trading partner for the United States and has been perennially for Texas. By capitalizing on relative strengths, trade creates jobs and opportunities for both nations. The economic benefits are both enormous and expanding. Stay



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## Pain of the past erased by one magical season

We begin today's essay with a quiz: When someone says "pitchers and catchers report" do you:

(A) Continue to look down, scrolling on your phone.

(B) Look up and say "huh?"

(C) Mumble "sports, something, something, something..."

(D) Acquire a thousand-yard stare, followed by a broad smile and plenty of hand rubbing.

The correct answer, as all seam heads know, is "D."

Yesterday, according to my trusty calendar, was the day the World Champion Texas Rangers' pitchers and catchers reported to spring training in Surprise, Ariz.

Meaning, of course, that the planets are fully aligned and all is right with at least one corner of my universe. (Anything outside of baseball loses a degree of importance from now until October.)

Just typing the phrase "world champion" in front of the Texas Rangers is something, quite frankly, I didn't think was possible – at least in my lifetime.

The 2023 season provided an added bonus: the Rangers took down that despicable band of cheaters in Houston, on their home field no less.

Cheaters? Houston? Yep, it's been documented. The 2017 version of the Astros concocted an illegal scheme involving the electronic stealing of signs, allowing hitters to know exactly what pitch was coming.

Front office personnel were punished (not enough as far as I'm concerned), a manager was fired and the team had draft picks taken away.

The scandal left an orange and blue stain on the game and to this day, the amount of contrition shown by these



reprobates would fill a thimble.

This past season also cemented the fact that the Rangers will not be included in those franchises that have not won a World Series. Those unfortunates include the Seattle Mariners, the Tampa Bay Rays, the Milwaukee Brewers, the San Diego Padres and the Colorado Rockies.

So around 10 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 1, 2023 when Rangers' reliever Josh Sborz froze Arizona's Ketel Marte with a curve ball on the outside corner, my wife and I jumped off the couch and screamed the scream of joy known only to those who have experienced such glorious moments.

During the ensuing days and weeks, my memories of following this franchise once again came into focus. Born in 1961 in Washington D.C. as an expansion franchise, then-Senator owner Bob Short heard the siren call of Arlington Mayor Tom Vandergriff in 1972, packed up his team and christened them the Texas Rangers.

(Aside: the original Senators were moved to Minneapolis-St. Paul in 1961 and became the Twins. D.C. politicians didn't cater to the idea of the nation's capital without a National Pastime team, so they "insisted" the American League provide one.)

That 1972 team played in a converted minor league ball park for the next 22 years, where a lot of us watched a lot of bad baseball sitting on those blazing hot outfield bleachers.

In 1989, I took my just-turned-six oldest son Matt and a lifelong friend to see the great Nolan Ryan pitch. He lost, but my son was gifted with a memory he'll cherish forever.

In 1992, Matt waited in line to get former manager Bobby Valentine's autograph, who was extremely gracious despite dozens of kids clamoring for his attention.

In 1994, the team moved into a classy place named the Ballpark in Arlington which only had one fault: it didn't have a roof to blunt the merciless Texas summer sun.

We attended Opening Day (another phrase that's dear to a fan's heart) in 1994 plus several more games that season. During the next few years, our little family traveled to Florida and Arizona to attend Rangers' spring training games.

In 2012, my wife and I flew to Seattle to watch a threegame series with the Mariners. Despite losing two of three, it was wonderful.

In 2016, we again boarded the big silver bird and flew to Chicago while our Rangers – once again – lose two of three to the Cubs. The losses stung, but the memories are soothing.

See, that's the important thing: the memories. All the frustrations and all the summers when the Rangers were finished before July have been smoothed over.

My grandkids won't have to wait 51 years to see if the Rangers will ever win a title.

They'll be able to see that World Series banner flying at Globe Life Field for as long as they live.

Baseball is indeed a grand game.

## Always a very sweet "time" of the year

You know, this is one of my favorite times of the year. That's right, Valentime's. I know, it's spelled, and pronounced V-a-l-e-n-t-i-n-e, with an "N", but it ought to be Valentime.

After all, that's the way a kid says it.

I've always loved Valentime's Day, especially when I was a kid in school. I remember Valentime's in the first grade. I was Valentime King and my childhood sweetheart, Kathey Bell was Valentime Queen.

We sat side by side on our thrones, with our paper crowns and presided over our subjects. It was magical.

Although that day was fun, getting ready for it was even better. For a whole week we would prepare for Valentime's Day. Mrs. Gregory, our first grade teacher, had us kids makin' all sorts of stuff to hang from the ceilin', and on the wall.

There were hearts, and red crepe paper streamers everywhere. We cut out the hearts ourselves, so some of them looked kind of lopsided, especially the ones the boys made.

We still hadn't got the hang of using those little blunt nosed scissors we had. And of course, we had glued everything that needed glued with that jar of paste that also doubled for a mid-morning snack.

But the best things we made were those big heart pockets to hold all of the Valentimes.

You remember the heart pockets don't you? We cut two big (I'm talkin' about big) hearts out of heavy paper. Then we pasted the edges of the two bottoms together to form a pocket. We then got to decorate the heart anyway we wanted. The girls would draw all sorts of little hearts and flowers and junk like that.

Boys would draw anything that popped in their mind. Some had footballs, and baseballs. A lot had war scenes. I remember mine had an U.S. Army tank shooting

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at a bunch of Nazis, while overhead the Air Force was bombing the crud out of them

Now-a-days, the teacher would probably report me to the principal. He in turn would have to report me to the school board, and they would vote to kick me out of school. Then they'd send me to a shrink who would tell me that I was not a normal boy, because I didn't draw something nice and pretty like the girls did.

The next thing you'd know I'd be on Good Morning America with my mom being grilled by Katy Couric or whoever's on Good Morning America now-a-days. And I thought it was tough bein' a kid back then.

Anywho, the teacher would then tape the big heart pocket to the front of your desk. Then one by one, each kid would go up and down the rows putting a Valentime in each heart pocket.

That was Mrs. Gregory's rule. Everybody got a Valentime, whether you liked them or not. I still feel funny when I think back about havin' to put a Valentime in a boy's heart pocket.

I mean, they all said just about the same thing, "Be my Valentime" and junk like that. But I guess when you're in the first grade, you don't think about stuff like that.

The part that was the hardest about getting ready for Valentime's Day was fillin' out all of those little cards. By fillin' out, I mean writing your name on them, so whoever got it would know who gave it to them.

I know what you're thinkin', "What's so hard about writin' your name on a card?" Well, back then you had to write legibly. It was the law; that and the fact that you had to use a pencil the

size of a fence post. You know, I've never figured that out.

They make a first grade kid, whose hands are little biddy, use a pencil that they have to prop on their shoulder like a baseball bat. And don't dare give a kid an ink pen.

Why, they might get ink on themselves, heaven forbid. It's true. The first three years of school, if we'd been seen with an ink pen in our hands there's no tellin' what might have happened to us. Then, when you got in the forth grade, you were a responsible person and you got to use an ink pen. And do you know what the first thing the kid did when he got the pen? That's right, he drew on himself.

Heck, until I was in the sixth grade, there wasn't a day that went by that I didn't have some kind of self-drawn tattoo on my arms. They were worst lookin' than prison tats. What was I talkin' about anyway? Oh yeah, Valentime's.

When the big day finally arrived and all the Valentimes had been delivered to the big heart pockets, we voted on who would be Valentime King and Queen. Well, I've already told you who won. Kathey Bell and I sat in our make shift thrones side by side and presided over the class. Moms were there to take pictures and pass out cookies and Poly Pop (that's what Kool-Aid was called back then). It was just like in a fairy tale, except we didn't have an old witch tryin' to eat us.

Anywho, this Valentime remember what Mrs. Gregory taught me. Everyone gets a Valentime, whether you like them or not, so here is yours. "Will you be my Valentime?"



### **Lindale Rotary presentation**

Lindale Rotary Club members were treated to a moving video about Lindale Volunteer Fire Chief Joe Yeakley, created by Lindale High School students as a class project. The video was directed by Sydney Hines, daughter of Rotarian Don Hines. This story, which could focus on tragedy, shifts to the beauty of Joe's faith, family, love, courage, and what he desires to focus on today. Hundreds of people lined Main Street that day in 2014 welcome him home from a Dallas hospital where he was recovering from burns he suffered while fighting a Lindale fire. (Courtesy photo)

## Times of Lindale



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### ONE YEAR AGO, Feb. 16, 2023

Lindale High School's Will Hutchens and Casey Poe have been selected to the Blue Bell/Texas Sports Writers Association's Class 4A All State football team, officials announced.

Hutchens, a senior offensive guard, has signed to play with Sam Houston State next season, was chosen to the first team while Poe, a junior offensive lineman, was selected to the third team. He has been the focus of college recruiters from across the country.

Hutchens was voted Offensive Lineman of the Year for District 9-4A for the 2022 season and was selected first team Academic All State. He was a two-year starter for the Eagles.

A two-year captain of the Eagles, Hutchens helped forge one of the most dominant running attacks in District 9-4A over that time. He started more games – 41 – on the offensive line than any other player in school history.

During his time, the Eagles' offense accumulated nearly 18,000 yards and scored 143 touchdowns.

Individually, Hutchens was responsible for 143 knockdowns and allowed just two quarterback sacks, none in 2022.

He was named first team All-District in 2021.

### Five YEARS AGO, Feb. 14, 2019

Five Lindale High School athletes signed college letters of intent during ceremonies in the LHS cafeteria.

Volleyball standout Jennifer Moyer chose to continue her athletic career at Union University in Jackson, Tenn., while football players Dillion Heinaman, James Sandifer and Cason Cheney signed letters. Heinaman and Sandifer chose Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene and Cheney decided on Texas Wesleyan in Fort Worth.

Softball player Hannah Knox signed with Butler Community College in El Dorado, Kan

### 10 YEARS AGO, Feb. 13, 2014

Brandon Stuenkel, a member of the Lindale FFA, was among the winners in the Calf Scramble event during the evening performance at the 118th edition of the legendary Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo. He is the son of Monte Stuenkel. The award was sponsored by Gail and Jerry Pricer of Fort Worth.

The Calf Scramble, which allows 16 students to compete at each of the 29 rodeo performances, has eight winners each performance. The young people are high school students out to catch and halter a calf with hopes of winning a \$500 purchase certificate that will help buy a registered beef or dairy heifer for a yearlong 4-H or FFA project.

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## Lindale Rotary Club accepting nominations for Merchant of Year

The Lindale Rotary Club is requesting nominations for its "Merchant of the Year" Award to be presented at the Lindale Area Chamber of Commerce's annual banquet and auction scheduled April 8, 2024, at Texas

Rose Horse Park, officials announced.

Nominations will be accepted until 12 noon., Friday, March 1. They should be mailed to Carroll R. Anderson, P.O. Box 1494, Lindale 75771-1494.



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Nominees must have exhibited these "Four Way Test" standards in their dayto-day business operations.

Some past winners have been business owners but one doesn't need to be an owner to qualify for nomination.

Previous nominees who haven't been selected may be resubmitted in the same manner as a new nomination.

Nominations should be in writing and explain why the individual is being nominated and how that individual practices the principles outlined in the Four Way Test. The merchant does not

have to be a Rotarian to win the award.

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FRIDAY, FEB. 2: Criminal Mischief, 3500 block South Main Street, Report; Inquest, 200 block Freeman Street, Report; Suspicious Person, 3500 block South Main Street, Settled at Scene; Escort, 900 block North Main Street, Settled at Scene; Hit and Run Crash, 100 block East Centennial Blvd., Settled at Scene; Motor Vehicle Crash, 2700 block South Main Street, Settled at Scene; Public Service, 13400 block CR 472, Settled at Scene; Theft, 100 block East Centennial Blvd., Report; Public Service, 13900 block FM 2710, Settled at Scene; Criminal Trespass, 3500 block South Main Street, Settled at Scene; Lost Property, 500 block South Main Street, Report; Welfare Concern, 200 block Patience Ave., Settled at Scene; Motorist Assist, 3500 block South Main Street, Unable to Locate; Public Service, 1500 block Wood Springs Road, Settled at Scene; Suspicious Vehicle, 100 block East Centennial Blvd., Settled at Scene.

**SATURDAY, FEB. 3**: Loud Noise Complaint, 1500 block Pearl Street, Settled at Scene; Motorist Assist, 3400 block South Main Street, Settled at Scene; Found Property, 300 block Corrigan Trails Blvd., Report; Suspicious Person, 700 block Circle Drive, Unable to Locate; Disorderly Conduct, 200 block Cannery Row, Unable to Locate; Motor Vehicle Crash, 13400 block IH-20 East, Report; Assist Smith Co SO, 13300 block IH-20 East, Report; Business Alarm, 14100 block FM 849, False Alarm; Motorist Assist, 400 block East Hubbard Street, Settled at Scene; Traffic Complaint, 900 block North Main Street, Settled at Scene; Assault – Simple, 3200 block South Main Street, Report.

SUNDAY, FEB. 4: Assist Smith Co SO, 16300 block FM



16 West, Settled at Scene; Verbal Disturbance, 300 block Asher Lane, Settled at Scene; Motor Vehicle Crash, 3500 block South Main Street, Report; Motorist Assist, 3500 block South Main Street, Settled at Scene; Criminal Trespass, 3500 block South Main Street, Warning Issued; Suspicious Vehicle, 900 block Mount Sylvan Street, Settled at Scene; Verbal Disturbance, 900 block Lynn Street, Settled at Scene; Assist DPS, 12900 block CR 474, Settled at Scene; Traffic Complaint, 600 block South Main Street, Unable to Locate; Verbal Disturbance, 900 block Lynn Street, Settled at Scene.

MONDAY, FEB. 5: Business Alarm, 500 block South Main Street, False Alarm; Suspicious Circumstance, 13300 block CR 472, Warning Issued; Assist TXDOT, 3200 block South Main Street, Settled at Scene; Assist Smith Co SO, 13400 block IH-20 East, Settled at Scene; Fraud, 600 block South Main Street, Arrest.

TUESDAY, FEB. 6: Suspicious Vehicle, 17400 block Stacy Street, Settled at Scene; Traffic Complaint, 900 block North Main Street, Unable to Locate; Motor Vehicle Crash, 3500 block South Main Street, Report; Motorist Assist, 200 block Highland Drive, Settled at Scene; Cruelty to Animals, 17700 block CR 4112, Citation Issued; Disorderly Conduct, 900 block South Main Street, Report; Suspicious Person, 200 block East Hubbard Street, Settled at Scene; Theft, 100 block East Centennial Blvd., Report; Welfare Concern, 300 block South Industrial Street, Report; Motor Vehicle Crash, 800 block East Hubbard Street, Settled at Scene; Public Service, 500 block Penny Lane, Settled at Scene; Suspicious Circumstance, 1600 block Wood Springs Road, Settled at Scene; Traffic Hazard, 1800 block South Main Street, Settled at Scene; Assist Smith Co SO, 552 IH-20 East, Settled at Scene; Suspicious Circumstance, 3500 block South Main Street, Settled at Scene; Theft, 3500 block South Main Street, Report.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 7: Hit and Run Crash, 1600 block South Main Street, Report; Motor Vehicle Crash, 2800 block South Main Street, Report; Welfare Concern, 15300 block Spring Oaks Drive, Settled at Scene; Motorist Assist, 800 block South Main Street, Settled at Scene; Motorist Assist, 3300 block South Main Street, Settled at Scene; Suspicious Circumstance, 17000 block IH-20 West, Unable to Locate; Suspicious Vehicle, 15500 block CR 463, Settled at Scene; Motorist Assist, 3200 block South Main Street, Settled at Scene; Disturbance, 200 block Summer Tree Circle, Settled at Scene; Suspicious Vehicle, 15500 block CR 463, Settled at Scene.

THURSDAY, FEB. 8: Suspicious Person, 15400 block CR 4140, Settled at Scene; Suspicious Circumstance, 400 block South Main Street, Settled at Scene; Business Alarm, 100 block Miranda Lambert Way, Settled at Scene; Traffic Complaint, 3500 block South Main Street, Unable to Locate; Motor Vehicle Crash, 300 block South Main Street, Settled

## Trio of fishermen kick off ShareLunker season

Three anglers at three separate lakes caught Legacy Class ShareLunkers Monday, Feb. 5 to kickstart the second month of the 2024 Toyota ShareLunker collection season, officials said.

It was the 13th time in program history that anglers submitted three or more Legacy Class largemouth bass in a single day. This is the first triple lunker day since the 2021 collection season when the feat was accomplished twice.

Angler Aaron Suess of Gardner, Kansas, got the day rolling at O.H. Ivie with 13.87-pound ShareLunker 654, followed shortly thereafter by Alec Morrison of Peru, New York, who submitted 13.82-pound Share-Lunker 655 at Sam Rayburn. Ben Milliken of New Caney, Texas, capped the day with 13.15-pound ShareLunker 656 from Lake Naconiche.

Millikin's fish was the first Legacy Class entry from Lake Naconiche since Larry Mosby's 13.06-pound ShareLunker 567 on Feb. 28, 2017, and only the second overall.

doubled the season total to six, and O.H. Ivie remains at the top of the scorecard with three entries

"The fact that we got three today was pretty incredible," said Natalie Goldstrohm, Toyota ShareLunker coordinator. "I've been a part of double Share-Lunker days, and that's what we thought we had when we left the hatchery. But, when we were on the road, we got the call about the third Legacy Class ShareLunker. There's only a handful of these fish that are caught every year. Some days are special when the ShareLunkers are biting and you end up with more than one."

Suess spent three days at O.H. Ivie, but due to high winds on the first two, fishing was severely limited. However, on Monday the wind died down and Suess was able to move around the lake and target key spots on the water.

"We got on the water about 8 a.m. and headed to an area I fished at last year," said Suess. "I caught an 11.7-pound fish, and it was the first double-digit fish of Monday's run of ShareLunkers my life, so I had to come back to all during the fight but when I got fish to target at Lake Naconiche.

try and eclipse that. I spotted her and threw a good cast her way with an umbrella rig tied to the line. She ate it and it was quite a battle from there to get her in the boat. I'm 51 years old, been fishing my whole life and this is something I may have seen in a dream, but for it to come true is unbelievable."

Suess then made the call to the ShareLunker program to get the entry process started.

Morrison was scouting some areas at Sam Rayburn on the first day of practice for the Major League Fishing Invitational event that began Friday, Feb. 9. Morrison won the Toyota Series at Sam Rayburn last year, so he had some familiarity with the lake.

"I really didn't catch that many fish today but was fortunate to get one of those big ones to bite," said Morrison. "I didn't think it was all that big when I initially hooked it, but figured it was at least in the 8- to 9-pound range. To my surprise, it didn't fight all that hard and came up next to the boat. It also didn't really jump at my first glimpse of it up close, I knew it was at least 10 pounds. Once I had it in the boat, that's when I realized I had a special fish in my hands."

Morrison put the fish on the scale, and when it registered over 13 pounds he began the Share-Lunker program entry process. He had reeled in a personal best 12.1-pound bass in Florida about a week ago that broke a previous personal best of 11 pounds. Little did Morrison know that Monday his personal best would be topped again and that the fish would be a Legacy Class ShareLunker.

"I've always been a huge fan of the ShareLunker program and everything that revolves around it," added Morrison. "I'm a firm believer that these lakes are as good as they are due to the work of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) and the ShareLunker program. The program has always interested me and been something that I wanted to hopefully be a part of."

Milliken positioned his boat in about 30 feet of water looking for

He had just caught one a little over 10 pounds about 45 minutes before.

"I noticed the big ones were really starting to raise up out of the brush on the bottom of the lake," said Milliken. "I was using a little 6th Sense juggle minnow on a 1/16-ounce jig head and dropped it down and led her by a long ways. Lucky enough, she came right up to it and ate it while I was twitching it in, so it was pretty awesome. I caught her using a spinning rod with a sixpound braid and six-pound flouro leader so it was a really light line. I fought it forever, but she came right up to the surface and when I saw her, I knew it was a giant one so I took my time and got her in. It was pretty exciting!"

During the first three months of the season (Jan. 1 through March 31), anglers who reel in a 13-plus pound bass can loan it to TPWD for the ShareLunker selective breeding and stocking program. These anglers can call the Share-Lunker hotline at (903) 681-0550 to report their catch 24/7 through

## BBB offers tips on how to identify AI

"Seeing is believing" is no longer a phrase we can use. With artificial intelligence technology becoming more sophisticated and more accessible, nearly anyone can create realistic-looking images and videos.

Unfortunately, this also means scammers can now use AI images and videos to lend credibility to their tricks.

AI videos and images can make a phony celebrity endorsement look real or convince family members of a fake emergency. BBB provides the following tips for recognizing AI-generated images:

Look at the context for red flags. AI capabilities are advancing at an incredible rate, making it very hard to spot fakes.

The most reliable cause for suspicion may be the context in which you see a potentially faked image or hear a voice.

If the image or voice is being used with pressure to take an urgent action, one that seems questionable, such as sending money to a stranger, or through an unexpected or odd payment mechanism?

Is the context political, and does it seem like someone is trying to make you feel angry or emotional? If the image or voice is one of a friend or loved one, don't respond to any requests that come with it before you contact that person offline to see if it's a genuine

Find a high-resolution image and zoom in. If you see a surprising photo of a politician or celebrity, look closer before you believe what's in the picture. Search the image in the highestpossible resolution and then zoom in. You'll likely find a few flaws if you're looking at an AI-generated image.

Consider physical inconsistencies but be careful.

In less sophisticated versions of AI, you might find asymmetry in human faces, teeth, and hands. You might

notice hands with too many or too few fingers. Ears, fingers, or feet, may be disproportionately large or small.

However, AI technology is already advancing, and as time goes by, these mistakes will show up less often.

BBB provides the following tips on how to identify AI-generated videos:

Look out for strange shadows, blurs, or light flickers. In some AI-generated videos, shadows or light may appear to flicker only on the face of the person speaking or possibly only in the background. This is especially true of low-quality deep fake videos.

Unnatural body language. AI can have a hard time replicating actual humans. If the body language feels off, it's time to question the veracity of the video you're watching.

Take a closer listen. Listen for choppy sentences, confusing inflection, or background sounds that don't match the speaker's location are all dead giveaways.

BBB recommends the following to verify that a photo or video is authentic Check the source. Try to trace the

photo back to the original post to see who shared the image or video and why they shared it. If it shows shocking political events or messages, ask yourself if the news is on social media or mainstream media. Why might mainstream media be hesitant to pick up the story?

Do a reverse image search. If you're having trouble figuring out where an image came from, try a reverse image search. This can bring up all the websites where the image has been shared, which can help you understand the context of the image and its origins.

Be prepared for change. AI technology will continue to evolve and improve, so that these tips will change, too. The best thing you can do is be aware that fake videos and images exist and always fact-check what you see before you believe it.

## **TXDOT** crews continue work on FM 16

Texas Department of Transportation work crews are scheduled to perform base failure repairs on FM 16 just east of FM 757 this week said TXDOT spokesman Jeff Williford.

When complete, this crew will move to FM 14 between I-20 and FM 16. Both locations will have lane closures with flaggers controlling traffic. A second crew will be working on bridge drainage issues.

Other Smith County projects include:

**FM 16 Widening and Realignment** Limits: 4 mi west of FM 849 east to US 69 in Lindale

Contractor: Highway 19 Construction LLC Cost: \$44.4 million

Anticipated Completion Date: Summer 2025 The project consists of grading, asphalt base, asphalt surface overlay paving, storm drain, bridge, and culvert structures, signing, pavement markings, and signals. Crews will be preparing the right-of-way by removing trees and grading the embankment. Traffic shift detours are in place. Lane closures will be present in the area. Motorists should drive with caution and expect delays.

> Tyler State Park Bridge and **Resurfacing Project**

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

Cost: \$2.4 Million

Anticipated Completion Date: Spring 2024 The contractor is scheduled to add riprap stone around abutment 1 and 2 for erosion protection. Crews will also continue with the placement of the stone veneer facing on the retaining wall. No lane closures are expected. The project consists of bridge and pavement resurfacing.

### **US 69 Rehab Existing Road and Restricted Crossing U-Turn** (R-Cut) Limits: Cumberland Road to .45 miles north

Contractor: Drewery Construction Company,

Cost: \$5.8 million

Anticipated Completion Date: Spring 2024 The contractor has no work scheduled this week. This project consists of rehabilitating existing roadway and installing a restricted crossing U-turn (R-Cut) at FM 2813 intersection.

South Loop 323 Overlay on Existing Roadway Limits: .3 mi N of SH31, Elm St in W Tyler, N to .25 mi E of US69

Contractor: Drewery Construction Company,

Cost: \$4.5 million

Anticipated Completion Date: Spring 2024 No work is scheduled this week. This project consists of overlaying existing roadway with PFC asphalt.

I-20 Frontage Road at SH 155

Limits: Westbound off ramp at SH 155 from intersection to 600 ft toward I-20

Contractor: FNH Construction, LLC.

Cost: \$600,000 Anticipated Completion Date: Spring 2024

The contractor has no work scheduled this week. Project consists of resurfacing the roadway, pavement markings, signage, and illumination.

I-20 Mill and Inlay

Limits: Van Zandt County Line to SH 110 Contractor: Texas Materials Group, INC. Cost: \$6 million

Anticipated Completion Date: Spring 2024 The contractor has no work scheduled this week. Project consists of an overlay with TBPFC surface, ACP surface, planing, shoulder texturing and pavement markings.

Legacy Trails Extension

Limits: Stewart Park to Peete Elementary Contractor: THK Construction LLC. Cost: \$3.5 million

Anticipated Completion Date: Fall 2024

The contractor is grading the ground and prepping the right-of-way for the next phase of the project. No lane closures are expected for the duration of this project. Project consists of a hike and bike trail development that includes construction of a 12-foot wide shared-use path.

### FM 2493 Widen Non-Freeway

Limits: FM 346 in Flint, south to 0.3 miles south of FM 344

Contractor: Longview Bridge and Road LTD Cost: \$52 million

Anticipated Completion Date: Spring 2027 The contractor has no work scheduled this week. No lane closures are in place. The project consists of widening the existing roadway.

## "Pond Boss" newest Fishing Hall of Fame member

Officials with the <u>Texas Freshwater Fishing Hall of Fame</u> committee recently announced "Pond Boss" Bob Lusk of Granbury will be inducted into the Hall of Fame

Lusk helped build the private fisheries industry in Texas and throughout the United States and is widely considered the top pond management expert in the country, generously sharing knowledge and advice through the Pond Boss website, magazine, Facebook page and online forum.

"Bob is a great credit to the state of Texas and has contributed immensely to the world of freshwater fishing and fisheries management," said Kelly Jordon, Texas Freshwater Fishing Hall of Fame selection committee chairman. "Bob is a pioneer in the industry and has selflessly given

his time and expertise. His enthusiasm for being a good steward of the resource, whether its private or public is very impressive. Bob was resoundingly selected to be the 2024 inductee and the Hall of Fame is proud to have him as an inductee."

Lusk was born in Fort Worth and at the age of 14, his family acquired land on the Brazos River between Granbury and Glen Rose. He found his passion for water and the aquatic species that lived there on this property and from then on Lusk knew he wanted to make a living working with fish.

Lusk graduated from Texas A&M University in 1979 with a degree in aquaculture and fisheries management. Shortly after graduation, he leased a fish farm in Wichita Falls and started his business.

Fisheries knowledge, strategies

and protocols were not where they are today when Lusk launched his venture. He confronted the challenges head on, accepted the risks and blazed a path forward. In 1981, Lusk began supplying fish to private pond owners through the Soil Conservation Service Districts, led by SCS (now NRCS) State biologist Gary Valentine.

The program and business growth enabled Lusk and several others to increase fish availability statewide. It also allowed Lusk to develop true management strategies that pond owners could use to maximize the potential of their fisheries.

Lusk fine-tuned pond stocking and management over the next decade through trial and error and collaboration. Lusk helped launch Pond Boss Magazine with founding editor Mark McDonald in 1992, a publication that today has more than 3,500 subscribers in 42 states and six countries.

Lusk proceeded to transform numerous water bodies from livestock ponds to trophy fisheries. His innovations led to the development of fish foods with Purina Mills, giving pond owners options to feed multiples sizes of fish and species beyond channel catfish. The new feeding trends created a fish feeding industry.

He became the editor of Pond Boss magazine in 2004 and, under his guidance, the publication expanded beyond print into an online forum. Lusk facilitates conferences nationwide and hosts a weekly Q&A livestream on the Pond Boss Facebook page. The Pond Boss community is comprised of tens of thousands of pond owners nationwide, sharing knowledge and experience that improve all aspects of private

vaters.

Lusk's Texas based business conducts consulting projects for private fisheries owners from New York to California. He employed dozens of biologists, with some going on to establish their own lake management ventures.

On top of being the nation's leading private fisheries biologist and consultant, Lusk is an award-winning writer, author and photographer.

Since 1997, the Hall of Fame has inducted 38 individuals and organizations, including Wally "Mr. Crappie" Marshall in 2023. Lusk will be inducted as the 39th member during a ceremony at the Texas Freshwater Fisheries Center in October.

Nomination are accepted year round, forms and instructions are available <u>online</u> or by calling 903-676-2277.

## Landscape Maintenance Conference Feb. 23

By Greg Grant Smith County Horticulturist

The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service Earth-Kind Environmental Education committee in Smith County will be presenting its first Professional Landscape Maintenance Conference, a landscape maintenance education program on Feb. 23 at the Tyler Rose Center, 420 Rose Park Drive.

The conference begins at 8:30 a.m. and concludes at 12

During this program attendees will learn about using soil fertility to improve weed control, identifying common insect pests found in local landscapes and nursery plants, and information on proper pruning for general classes of trees and shrubs in East Texas including azaleas, crapemyrtles, and roses.

Speakers and topics at the program include:

Clint Perkins (Smith County Extension Agent in Agriculture and Natural Resources for the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, Tyler, Texas): "Using Soil Fertility as a Weed Control Mechanism in the Landscape."

Dr. Rafia Khan (Assistant Professor and Extension Entomology Specialist for the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service at the Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Extension Center, Overton, Texas): "Common Landscape and Nursery Insect Pests of East Texas and Their Identification."

Greg Grant (Smith County Extension Agent in Horticulture for the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, Tyler, Texas): "Basic Pruning in the Landscape"

An English/Spanish translator will be available at the program to assist with participant questions and comments for the speakers.

Pre-registration for the program through the Smith County Texas A&M AgriLife Extension office is encouraged, especially if multiple employees from an employer are attending. On-site registration will be provided inside the Tyler Rose Center from 8:00 am until 8:30 am. Program cost is \$10



per participant; cash or check only. Checks can be made out to the Smith County Horticulture Fund. The Earth-Kind Environmental Education Committee provides educational programming in Smith County, encouraging Earth-Kind gardening techniques and water conservation.

The program is designed for both owners and personnel of landscape and lawn care business with the intent to provide basic horticultural training for those dealing with both homeowner and commercial landscapes. Please share this information with all landscape and lawn care personnel whether professional or part time as all are welcome to attend. We would like to grow the program and host it annually.

For more information, contact the Smith County Texas A&M AgriLife Extension office at 903-590-2980 or in person at 1517 West Front Street, Tyler, Texas 75702.

To be notified about future programs and events, sign up for our free Agriculture-Horticulture Newsletter by vising the Texas A&M AgriLife-Smith County website (smith. agrilife.org) and clicking on the appropriate newsletter(s) desired or follow Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service Smith County on Facebook.

# LISD teacher completes NBC certification

Lindale High School teacher, Renee Ramsey, has been recognized for her completion of the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards program, LISD publicity officials announced.

Ramsey was also honored recently by the Region 7 Service Center in a pinning ceremony along with other East Texas educators.

The National Board Certification is the most respected professional certification available in education and provides numerous benefits to teachers, students, and schools.

"I am so thankful for all of the support from my family, colleagues, and administration," said Ramsey. "They helped me in my journey to become a National Board Certified teacher."

The National Board Certification was designed to develop, retain and recognize accomplished teachers and to generate ongoing improvement in schools nationwide. Under the guidance and mentorship of Board-certified colleagues, candidates for Board certification submit evidence that their practice meets the Five Core Propositions and National Board Standards, a body of knowledge that is maintained by teachers. Practicing teachers, through a peer-review process, then assess their submissions. Board certification, as in all other professions, is a hard-earned distinction practitioners bestow on each other.

"I enjoyed this challenge which helped me grow as an educator and further hone my classroom skills."

Eligible National Board Certified teachers will earn a Recognized designation on their Texas educator certificate.

Ramsey is an English and US History teacher at Lindale ISD. With this endorsement, she will receive extra compensation through Teacher Incentive Allotment funds from the state.

## Touring Tyler Botanical Gardens beautiful idea

### By Ivy Greening

Smith County Master Gardener

A lot of people are moving to the Smith County which means there are a lot of new faces in the area.

After retiring in Dallas, my wife and I moved to Tyler like others are doing. It was somewhat of a homecoming for us.

My wife graduated from John Tyler and I attended TJC for a couple of years back in the early 70's.

Tyler is a very beautiful city, and the Tyler Rose Garden is one of the largest in the United States.

Touring the Botanical Gardens can give you great ideas about plants and colors that do well in this area. The Tyler Botanical Gardens are maintained in partnership between the Smith County Master Gardeners and the City of Tyler.

Smith County is divided into two growing zones (8A and 8B). You can visit the txmg. org/resources/Texas-superstar and see different annuals and perennials. You can pick plants and colors that you may want to add to

your landscape. There are many great nurseries in and around Tyler. Day trips are fun to take and check out different plants they carry.

If you are looking for general information on soil conditions, gardening, or other topics, there are a variety of resources related the East Texas Area. For general information, you can go to smith.agrilife.org for Horticulture info, try smith.agrilife.org/horticulture, or East Texas Gardening at easttexasgardening.com.

If you have questions on plants, check www.plantanswers.com. Another great website for information is Neil Sperry's website: neilsperry.com

Lastly, if you would like a monthly publication, try the Texas Gardner Magazine at texasgardener.com. That's a lot of information, but it's good to have resources to be able to get reliable information.

Smith County Master Gardeners are volunteer educators certified and coordinated by the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service.



The Tyler Botanical Gardens is one of the beautiful features of the Tyler Rose Garden. (Courtesy photo)



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### **LEGAL NOTICE**

No. 47,552P Estate of Markus DeWayne Martin § County Court at Law #3 Deceased **Smith County, Texas** 

Order Establishing Co-Dependent Administration On July 17, 2023, the Applications for Dependent Administration filed by Stormie Martin and by Mark Muckleroy were heard by the Court.

The Court, after considering the pleadings and evidence, makes the following FINDINGS regarding the Estate of Markus DeWayne Martin, Deceased (the Estate):

- 1. Service of citation has been made in the man ner and for the length of time required by law;
- 2. Markus DeWayne Martin died intestate on May 12, 2023 in Rusk County, Texas at the age of
- 3. Decedent was domiciled in and had a fixed place of residence in Smith County, Texas, at the time of the death; 4. Four years have not elapsed since the death
- of Decedent and this Court has jurisdiction of Decedent's estate; 5. Decedent died without leaving a lawful will;
- 6. Decedent was not married on the date of death;
- 7. There is a need for administration of the Estate; 8. Stormie Martin and Mark Muckleroy are not disqualified by law from accepting letters of dependent administration or from serving as co-administrators and are entitled to such letters;
- 9. There is no need for appointment of appraisers for this estate; and Order Establishing Co-De pendent Administration Page 2 of 2
- 10.All matters and proof required to support the Applications have been fully complied with and met, and it would be in the best interest of the estate and the distributees that the Applications be granted.

The Court ORDERS that:

- 1. The co-dependent administration of the Estate
- 2. Stormie Martin and Mark Muckleroy are hereby appointed as co-dependent administrators of the Estate;
- 3. Bond for each co-administrator is set at \$1,000, and may be met by a personal surety bond with a minimum of two sureties;
- 4. The Clerk of this Court shall issue letters of administration each co-administrator when each of them have posted such bond and taken and filed the oath as required by law; and
- 5. No appraisers are appointed for the Estate. 6. As co-dependent administrators, Stormie Mar
- tin and Mark Muckleroy shall not have posses sion of any liquid assets of the Estate. All such funds shall be held in the trust accounts of their attorneys where such funds will remain pending further orders of the Court. Signed on July \_18\_\_\_ , 2023.

Hon. Clay White, Judge Presiding

### **LEGAL NOTICE**

### **NOTICE TO CREDITORS** Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary

for the Estate of ANNIS JEWEL BRADY, Deceased, were issued on February 5, 2024, in Docket No. 48045P, pending in the County Court at Law 3, Smith County, Texas, to Seth Allen Brady.

Claims may be presented to the following address: Seth Allen Brady

> Independent Executor Estate of ANNIS JEWEL BRADY 2730 Crystal Falls Drive Kingwood, Texas 77345

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

#### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that Letters Testamentary for the Estate of JESSE D. ELLIS, Deceased, were issued to JOHN EDWALD ELLIS on January 22,2001, in Cause N o . 30 ,57 4-P in the County Court at ELaw No. 3 of Smith County, Texas. All persons having claims against this Estate are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law. Claims may be presented to JOHN ED-WALD ELLIS c/o LEONARD C. CRAIG, 305 S. Broadway, Suite 503, Tyler, Texas 75702.

### **NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

Notice is hereby given that Letters Testamentary for the Estate of ERNEST CHASTAIN, Deceased, were issued to LEE RAE CHASTAIN on February 13,2023, in Cause No. 47,159-P in the County Court at Law No. 3 of Smith County, Texas. All persons having claims against this Estate are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law. Claims may be presented to LEE RAE CHASTAIN c/o LEONARD C. CRAIG, 305 S. Broadway, suite 503, Tyler, Texas 75702.

### **NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

Notice is hereby given that Letters Testamentary for the Estate of BETTY JEAN PHARR, Deceased, were issued to NANCY BETH LAMB on January 9,2001, in cause No. 30,543-p in the county Court at Law No. 3 of Smith County, Texas. All persons having claims against this Estate are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law. Claims may be presented to NANCY BETH LAMB c/o LEONARD C. CRAIG, 305 S. Broadway, suite 503, Tyler, Texas 75702

### **Notice to Creditors**

Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Ricky S. Gillum, Deceased, were issued to Ginger Arnold, 2/12/24, in Cause No.48037P, 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 Ginger Arnold, 16591 Timberwood, Lindale, Tx 75771, within the time and manner prescribed by law.

### **LEGAL NOTICE**

### **NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Jimmy Rex Foy, Deceased, were issued on February 5, 2024, in Cause No. 48,025P, pending in the County Court at Law No. 3 of Smith County, Texas, to: STE-

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to Steven Rex Foy, c/o Kyle G. Waggoner, Attorney at Law, at PO Box 1152, Mineola, Texas, 75773.

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### LISD teacher honored by Region 7

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"She always does the best job, and it's amazing to me how fast she can get jobs done," Joaquin Elementary Principal Bubba Carrington said.

Rachel McGinnis is a reading, dyslexia, and ESL teacher and interventionalist for Laneville ISD.

"I chose National Board Certification as a way to challenge myself," said Mc-Ginnis. "It teaches you to be more reflective about your teaching, more intentional about your planning, and really dive into the data you get from your assessments."

"The dedication she showed to complete the National Board certification demonstrates excellence in always continuing your education which rubs off Principal LaTara Waggoner

Sandi Bristow is a Career and Technical Education teacher at Palestine ISD.

"I am always trying to learn something new, and with this new generation, I was hoping to learn how to reach out to them better in the classroom," Bristow said. "National Board Certification impacted my teaching because it allowed me to quit looking at the classroom as a whole, and instead look at each child individually."

"Mrs. Bristow is fabulous in the classroom, and her students love coming to her class," Palestine High School Principal Toscha Reeves said. "We are so excited that we get the opportunity to celebrate her their community.

on our students," Laneville because she's taken on this extra piece, and it brings a lot of recognition to our campus."

> The NBCT program is a two-year commitment to self-reflection and study of practice, with courses and assignments designed around components of the successful classroom — Differentiation in Instruction, Content Knowledge, Teaching Practice and Learning Environment, and Effective and Reflective Practitioner. Teachers who choose to participate in this voluntary certification program document their practices through rigorous reflection and analysis, and challenge themselves to improve their teaching skills, which in turn benefits their schools and



### Signs with Mean Green

With family members and friends in attendance, Lindale High School offensive lineman Christian Pettway signed a national letter of intent to play football for the University of North Texas this past week in the LHS cafeteria. Pettway was a first team, 9-4A All-District offensive lineman for the Eagles this past year. He was instrumental in helping Lindale advance to the Area round of the state playoffs and recorded 86 knockdowns during his senior

### Lindale man pleads quilty in hit-and-run death

Monday.

charged with accident involv-

evidence after a hit-and-run incident with a woman on a scooter. According to a DPS crash report, Esperanza Hope Guillen, 37, of guilty in Judge Debby Gunter's court. A Lindale, was thrown on to the hood of Prutt's sentencing hearing will be held on Feb. 28.

A 25-year-old Lindale man, who was in- car after he came around a slight left curve dicted for a hit-and-run death on the wrong side of the road. The report involving a woman on a scooter states Pruitt fled the scene before a trooper in 2022, pleaded guilty on arrived. His car was located a short time later in a wooded area. Grand jury indictments Ryan Joshua Pruitt was indicate Pruitt and his co-defendant, Kerissa Valenzuela, 28, also of Lindale, destroyed ing death and tampering with and concealed evidence, including a license plate, clothing and blood.

On Monday, Pruitt reportedly pleaded

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MADISON FARMER is the daughter of Amanda Fenwick and Jeremy Farmer. She is a student leader at Grace Community Church, historian for the Star Steppers, a Catalyst leader, and a member of the National Honor Society. Outside of school, Madison enjoys cooking, baking, dancing, and listening to music. She believes she is impacting

the world by spreading joy through God's word. Madison plans to attend The University of Texas at Arlington and study nursing. Her future goals include becoming a travel nurse.



JAIDA JONES is the daughter of Kristina Cawthon and Jason Jones. She is editor-in-chief of the Lindale Eagle Eye, vice president of the International Thespian Society, and a member of the University Interscholastic League and theater. Outside of school, Jaida enjoys reading, painting, and traveling. She believes she is impacting the world by giving her community the art of theater and providing a

new world of characters to enjoy. Jaida plans to attend Texas A&M University and study mechanical engineering. Her future goals include a career in architecture or working in the space field. Jaida was elected by her peers to serve as vice chairman of the Student Board of Directors.



HADLEE SCOTT is the daughter of Ashley and Brent Scott. She is co-president of the student council, social officer and president of the drill team, captain of the varsity soccer team, and a member of the National Honor Society, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, and the Chick-fil-A Leader Academy. Outside of school, Hadlee enjoys dancing, hanging out with friends, and watching sports. She believes she is

impacting the world by being a positive influence to her peers and spreading the peace that only Jesus can provide. Hadlee plans to attend Texas A&M University and study public health. Her future goals include becoming a physician assistant.

Texas Bank and Trust celebrates the fourteenth anniversary of the Lindale Student Board of Directors, recognizing outstanding seniors from Lindale High School who have demonstrated academic excellence, leadership, and a commitment to community service. We are proud to introduce the following members View more profiles @ www.facebook.com/texasbankandtrust of the 2023-2024 Student Board.



