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Refurbishing U.S. 69

Work crews from the Texas Department of Transportation were working on U.S. 69 this past week from Interstate 20 past downtown Lindale. These workers were tarring the cracks near downtown.

Photo by Terry Cannon



Commissioners OK county spay-neuter program

spending \$100,000 in American Rescue Plan Act funds strays in the area. to start a spay and neuter program available to all resi-

The Smith County Commissioners Court approved County to decrease the amount of unwanted litters and

Vouchers for a free spay or neuter procedure, per-

Early voting under way in county; Local candidates file for city/school election

Early voting is under way in Smith County for the March 5 Joint Primary Elections at several areas in the county.

The early voting period will continue through March 1.

Local candidates that are on the ballot for the May 4 General Election include:

- Gavin Rascoe, Place 5 Lindale City Council for Mayor;
- Yvette Aguirri Martin, incumbent Place 2, Lindale City Council;
- Jerretta Pate, Place 2, Lindale City Council;
- Mike Combs, Lindale ISD;
- Brooks Beeler, Lindale ISD.

County residents can cast their primary election ballots at any of the six early voting locations, which include:

First Christian Church - Christian Life Center: 4202 S. Broadway Ave, Tyler

Heritage Building: 1900 Bellwood Road, Tyler

The Hub: 304 E. Ferguson Street, Tyler

Lindale's Kinzie Community Center: 912 Mt. Sylvan St., Lindale Noonday Community Center: 16662 CR 196, Tyler

Whitehouse Methodist Church: 405 W. Main Street, Whitehouse

Because of Smith County's construction of its parking garage next door to the Elections Office and The Hub, parking will be tight. Elections Administrator Michelle Allcon is encouraging voters to cast their ballots at one of the other locations.

Not sure where the closest polling location is to where you live or work? Smith County has launched a new, easy-to-use interactive map on its website. Visit www.smith-county.com/government/departments/elections/current-election-information and click on the "Interactive Map of Smith County" link.

Beginning on February 20, there will also be a red banner at the top of the homepage, at www.smith-county.com, to make it easier for visitors to access the current election information.

- Early voting dates and times include:
- 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday Friday, February 20 23
- 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, February 24
- Noon to 6 p.m. Sunday, February 25
- 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday Friday, February 26 March 1.

If you would like to apply for a mail-in ballot, the deadline for the Elections Office to receive the application is February 23.

Election Day is 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Tuesday, March 5, 2024. Smith County residents will be able to choose any of the 38 polling locations to cast their ballots on Election Day. Those locations can also be found on the new interactive map: www.arcgis.com/apps/dashboards/0b2cf72 40be6450887d398054662c1c7



dents of Smith County, said Public Information Officer formed by Dehart Veterinary Services through The No Casey Murphy.

"We have faced a challenge with high numbers of County. stray animals in Smith County for many years, but the issue escalated during COVID and we have yet to see a decline," Smith County Judge Neal Franklin said. "We rely on the public and our local rescue partners to help us find homes for the animals we pick up. Our shelter, as well as the other area shelters, remain full the majority of the time. We desperately need the public to take personal responsibility and spay or neuter their pets. We want to jumpstart the practice of spay and neutering by committing \$100,000 towards a program that will offer free spay and neutering for the pets of our Smith County citizens."

The funds will be given to Angel Paws Advocates, a local nonprofit animal rescue, which will be partnering with the new nonprofit, The No Strays Project. The goal is to help spay and neuter dogs and cats within Smith many Smith County animals and their families."

Strays Project, will be available for residents of Smith

The money will be used to not only spay or neuter dogs and cats, but to also provide rabies vaccinations and microchipping. The cost for each dog or cat averages about \$75, so they are targeting to help more than 1,300 animals in the next few years.

The No Strays Project's mission is to aid in decreasing pet overpopulation, decreasing animal shelter populations, and providing affordable access to veterinary care.

"I am so proud to be partnering with Smith County to make this program come to fruition," Veterinarian Dr. Sharon Marsh said. "The high demand on spay/neuter clinics proves that this program is desperately needed. Thank you to those who made this funding possible. I can't wait to see the difference we make in the lives of so



Henrique Arantes was awarded a \$40,000 scholarship into the UT Tyler Honors College this past week at Lindale High School. See story on Page 2. Courtesv photo

Lindale's Casey Poe named first team All-State

Lindale High School senior offensive lineman Casey Poe was named to the Class 4A Blue Bell/Texas Sports Writers Association's All-State team recently.

Poe, who signed with the University of Alabama, was a first team selection.



Several other fellow players from District 9-4A were also named to the first, second, third and honorable mention teams.

Wimberley quarterback Cody Stoever, Bellville defensive lineman DJ Sanders and Anna linebacker CJ Miller were the Class 4A players of the year.

Stoever passed for 2,992 yards with 41 touchdowns and only five interceptions to grab offensive player of the year. He added 1,585 yards rushing with 32 more touchdowns for the 14-1 Texans. Sanders had 119 tackles, including 15 sacks and 17 quarterback pressures to share defensive honors with Miller who had 204 tackles, 23 of them for losses. Miller helped 15-1 to the Division I state title, while Sanders helped 15-1 Bellville to the Division II title game where it lost to Gilmer.

FIRST TEAM Offense



Quarterback - Cody Stoever, Wimberley, 5-11, 195, jr.

Running backs - Rickey Stewart, Chapel Hill, 5-11, 195, jr.; Will Henderson, Gilmer, 5-11, 175, sr.; Da'Shawn Burton, Needville, 5-10, 175, jr.

Fullback – Jayce Campos, Calhoun, 6-0, 210, sr.

Wide receivers – JC Smith, Ingleside, 6-0, 180, sr.; Josiah Groeneweg, Glen Rose, 5-7, 165, sr. Tight end – Camden Raymond, Glen Rose, 6-0, 215, sr.

Center - Diego Trevino, Alice, 6-2, 240, sr.

Guards - Darius "Juice" Alexander, Lubbock Estacado, 6-2 285, sr.; Spencer Murphy, Gilmer, 5-11, 315, sr.

Tackles - Dyllan Drummond, Chapel Hill, 6-4, 280, sr.; (tie) Caden Romo, Wimberley, 6-5, 240, sr.; Casey Poe, Lindale, 6-5, 290, sr.

All-purpose - (tie) Jaylen Boardley, Pleasant Grove, 6-0, 190, sr.; Darion Perez, Beeville Jones, 5-10, 175, sr.

Place-kicker - Brayden Pate, Gilmer, 5-8, 165, jr.

Defense Linemen – DJ Sanders, Bellville, 6-3, 300, jr.; Carlon Jones, Bay City, 6-3, 285, sr.; Kendall Allen, Chapel Hill, 6-5, 270, sr.; KamRyn Brown, Gilmer, 6-0, 223, sr.

Linebackers - CJ Miller, Anna, 6-0, 215, sr.; Brandt Patek, Cuero, 6-2, 210, sr.; Hudson Butchee,

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Gary Borders Capital Highlights



Federal judge appears skeptical of new border law

A federal judge is expected to rule quickly on the constitutionality of a Texas law about to go into effect that institutes new state penalties for illegal border crossings. During a hearing last week, U.S. District Judge David Ezra said he had concerns that other states would follow Texas' lead in creating their own immigration laws – a power given exclusively to the federal government under the U.S. Constitution.

The Austin American-Statesman reported the U.S. Justice Department sued the state over the law set to go into effect next month. It would allow any law enforcement official in the state to arrest someone here illegally, with mandatory sentences of between six months and 20 years.

An attorney with the Texas attorney general's office argued the state's immigration law should be seen as necessary because of increased illegal immigration. Ezra questioned the ramifications of Texas setting a precedent for other states to reject federal authority and create their own immigration laws.

"I will try to get my decision out as quickly as I possibly can," he said, noting that however he rules, it will be appealed.

Paxton, Cornyn trade barbs over aid bill

U.S. Sen. John Cornyn and Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton escalated their feud last week, after Cornyn backed a \$95 billion aid package to Ukraine, Israel and Taiwan, The Dallas Morning News reported. Paxton on social media blasted Cornyn, with the senator responding that the embattled attorney general should mind his own business - specifically his pending securities fraud trial.

"Unbelievable that @JohnCornyn would stay up all night to defend other countries borders, but not America," Paxton posted on X, formerly Twitter.

Cornyn quickly responded.

"Ken, your criminal defense lawyers are calling to suggest you spend less time pushing Russian propaganda and more time defending longstanding felony charges against you in Houston, as well as ongoing federal grand jury proceedings in San Antonio that will probably result in further criminal charges," he wrote on X.

Painfully slow rollout of broadband feared

Texas is due to receive \$3.3 billion in federal funds for expanding broadband internet, but internet providers in rural areas are worried the money won't be used efficiently to improve high-speed connections for the 7 million residents now lacking that resource.

The Texas Tribune reported a relatively new state office is trying to build a staff to oversee the work, noting earlier federal funding programs have seen limited success because many companies underestimated the costs to install broadband in sparsely populated areas.

"We want to make sure that there's a responsible allocation of these dollars," said Rusty Moore, COO of Big Bend Telephone Company in Alpine. "We've been very vocal about where the challenges are."

Glorious indeed ...

Isn't creation amazing?

I was at Mrs. Lee's Daffodil Garden Monday taking pictures of the thousands of daffodils (their website says millions). I didn't take the time to count sol will err on the side of journalistic integrity and underestimate.

At a few points I got out of my car and walked among the flowers to get better shots. There were, maybe millions, of big fat yellow daffodils. Standard color, size and height. Scattered about were a few Paper Whites and jonquils as well. But then my eye was caught by the one flower that was unlike any of the others.

Yes, it was yellow. Yes, its height was about the same as the other daffodils. BUT, it was different. It was a triple daffodil. A dilly of a daffy. An immediate reminder that if we have the "eyes to see" we may be amazed by what we find.

Most of us live lives of routine, by a schedule with our little noses to the grindstone and our little feet running that hamster wheel as fast as we can. And then, something causes us to look up ... or in this case down, to see the unusual, the different, the singular gift that turns our ordinary into extraordinary.

And for that gift I am so very grateful.

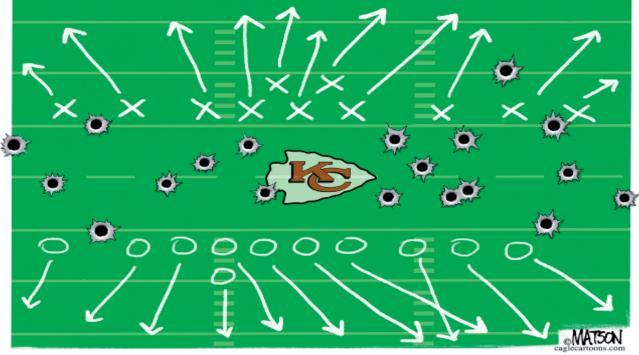
So dear readers, I challenge you to take the time to not only look, but to see. Expect to be surprised. Exercise your sense of wonder and share the gifts that surround you with others. You might even find yourselves delighted when your





mundane and routine day becomes a dilly of a day.

"Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin: yet I say unto you, that even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these." Luke 12:27



SUPERBOWL PARADE ROUTE

THE ECONOMIST

By Dr. M. Ray Perryman

Soaring Shelter Spending ...

The substantial and rapid increase in the price of housing, 2022. Although there has been some recent respite, median

The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act signed by President Joe Biden in 2021 provides \$42.5 billion nationwide for broadband access and aims to connect 2.5 million households in Texas. Texas received the largest portion of the funds and created the Broadband Development Office to manage disbursement of its share.

Democrats propose bill to connect Texas to national grids

Two Democratic members of the U.S. House of Representatives plan to introduce legislation that would require the Electric Reliability Council of Texas to connect to major electric grids outside of Texas, the Houston Chronicle reported.. The measure, sponsored by Rep. Greg Casar, D- Texas, and Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, D-N.Y., said Texans would save money, avoid blackouts, and help fight the climate crisis since Texas leads the nation in clean energy production.

"Over 10 million Texans needlessly lost power, hundreds of people died, and there were these mass power outages that we all knew could have been avoided," Casar said in a news conference last week, referring to the February 2021 winter storm. Nearly all of Texas is served by the state's stand-alone grid system, except for parts of East Texas, El Paso and the upper Panhandle.

whether rented or purchased, has significant implications for millions of households. Wages have been trending upward of late, but with increases in the cost of many items even as overall inflation moderates, many people continue to struggle. The spike in home and apartment prices, which represent the

> largest expenditure category for most families, is posing difficulties throughout the country. Let's take a brief look.

> Between the beginning of the pandemic in early 2020 and the end of last year, the median price of existing US homes jumped from \$280,000 to more than \$380,000, with some notably higher movements at various points along the way. Simultaneously, the rising mortgage interest rates, which surfaced as

the Federal Reserve began to tighten monetary policy, further contributed to affordability issues.

Another source of concern is apartments. When the CO-VID-19 pandemic began, rents had been rising slightly, but the pace of increase had been trending downward as new units steadily came online. Through the first year of the pandemic, national rental rates actually dropped modestly. By the spring of 2021, however, they began to surge. According to industry sources, the cost of rental housing increased by 15-20% on an annualized basis during the latter half of 2021 and early

rent remains 20% above levels observed in 2020. Over half of US renters now spend 30% or more of their monthly income on housing and utilities, a threshold which points to financial distress.

While certainly not immune to spiraling housing costs, Texas has a significant cost advantage relative to much of the country. The median home price in the state according to recent estimates is \$336,400, which is significantly below the nationwide median and even further below those of many other states, such as California (\$793,600) and virtually all of the northeast. In fact, Texas ranks among the most affordable areas, even while exhibiting exceptional population and economic expansion. Recent information indicates average monthly apartment rental rates across the US of \$1,702, while the norm in Texas is \$1,451. California is \$2,531, and many states in the northeast are well over \$2,000.

Housing affordability is a critical issue as supply chain problems fostered by the pandemic limited supply and inflation and interest rates have escalated, but Texas remains in a strong competitive position. In fact, that's one reason the state is attracting in-migration from around the country, including among younger age groups and skilled workers (a topic for another day). As units catch up and mortgage rates moderate, we are beginning to experience some relief. For many households and individuals, it couldn't come too soon. Stay safe!



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LHS senior Arantes awarded \$40,000 Honors Scholarship

High School, has been named a 2024 Honors Scholar at the University of Texas at Tyler. Arantes was awarded a \$40,000 scholarship and accepted into the UT Tyler Honors College.

He was among 11 seniors who were recognized this year during surprise visits to their high school campuses as part of the university's Admissions Honors Scholars Road Show.

They were selected out of nearly 400 applicants who submitted essays and were interviewed as part of the selection process.

"Henrique's story of immigrating from Brazil to the United States when he was in fifth grade demonstrates resilience and grittwo key characteristics of UT Tyler Honors

Henrique Arantes, a senior at Lindale College students," said Dr. Paul Streufert, UT Tyler professor and Honors College dean. "We know he will go on to do great things."

Arantes plans to major in biology and eventually attend medical school. He is a squad leader in the Lindale High School marching band and works on the student newspaper. The senior also has a deep interest in aviation and earning his pilot's license.

The UT Tyler Honors College provides specialized content and programming for high-achieving and intellectually curious students at UT Tyler. Academically, the college emphasizes small, unique courses with engaged faculty and rigorous undergraduate research.

For more information, visit uttyler.edu/ honors/.

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--Will Rogers

Back in our college days,

we had two wonderful mutts.

Martini, who was "liber-

ated" from the dog pound

by the lady who would lat-

er become the sweet wife,

was a mix of many breeds.

She shared my little duplex

abode and when she was

about three, gave birth to a

litter of seven, one that be-

bought our first doxie,

Woody. He and Martini were

best buds and he was truly

dar, who as I said was Mar-

tini's pup. He was adopted

by someone with no con-

science whatsoever. She tied

him outside on a leash so

short he couldn't sit down.

He was emaciated and he

nearly died from lack of wa-

ter. I brought him home and

we nurtured him back to a

I left Radar in the capable

hands of a good friend who

provided him the comfort-

"My fashion philosophy

is, if you're not covered in

able life he deserved.

When we finished college,

healthy life.

Enter second mutt, Ra-

saddened when she died.

During this time, we

came our second mutt.

"Pawsitive" reinforcement works wonders

"My little dog—a heartbeat at my feet."

--Edith Wharton Dinner conversations between my lovely wife and I usually cover items associated with our plans for the next couple of days, our kids, our grandkids and -agood deal of the time – our warm-hearted, furry friends. Meaning, of course, our

dogs.

In fact, just recently while out for a rare dinner date, I made the seemingly innocuous statement that I am more familiar with the names of most dogs I've come across than I am with a lot of the people I've met.

My wife, the smart one, summed it up succinctly.

"That's because dogs are nicer than a lot of people," she said.

There you have it. Wisdom personified.

To those of us who have enjoyed these faithful and loving companions, dogs are more than just pets. Goldfish and hamsters are pets. Dogs, however, are members of the family. Dog lovers are quick to point that out.

During the past 40-plus years, my family has been enriched by several dogs. For the most part we've had dachshunds but an occasional mutt has been added to the mix, which means we've been exposed to all types of canine personalities.

The two current, fourlegged residents in the Cannon household include longhaired dachshund Ab-



bey and mini-schnauzer Penny. Abbey is quite a diva and her main to-do list includes barking, getting treats, barking some more, sleeping and, did I mention, barking?

But when she points those brown, puppy dog eyes in your direction, all is forgiven.

Penny, who arrived in our house a year or so ago, is an absolute gem. Her world revolves around walks and playing ball - at least a halfdozen times a day. Oh, and she picked up the treat habit from Abbey.

Unfortunately, we lost Abbey's soulmate Jake soon after we brought Penny home. He was a kind soul who never met a stranger and after 17 years in our care, it came time for him to cross the Rainbow Bridge.

You simply cannot have a bad day if you have a dog. They think everything you do is wonderful. All they ask for in return is an occasional treat, going for a walk, getting a good belly rub and a comfortable lap.

"If there are no dogs in heaven, then when I die I want to go where they went." dog hair, your life is empty." --Comedian Elayne **Boosler**

Dachshunds Woody and Hilde joined us in Terrell and once again, we were rewarded with a litter of puppies so cute we hated to part with them.

A few years later, we went shopping for another wiener pup and my son picked out an adorable thing we christened Heidi. She soon became a great companion who loved walks and her own place on the couch.

Heidi's life was cut short by a common dachshund malady - back problems -- so a few weeks later, we brought Scout home.

Good ol' Jake arrived a few years later. He was inconsolable when Scout passed away. So we went hunting for a companion for him and found Abbey.

"You can usually tell that a man is good if he has a dog who loves him.'

--W. Bruce Cameron

Some people may think it's silly to be so enraptured by a dog, but those folks are simply missing the point. The fact that dogs give us so much and ask for so little in return is why we are capable of being decent human beings.

"If I could be half the person my dog is, I'd be twice the human I am."

--Charles Yu

Sniffles and fine dining on mud pies

OK, I'm gonna get on my soapbox today. If you don't know what that means, then ask your momma or daddy. If they don't know what it means, ask your grandma or grandpa.

The reason I'm gettin' on my soapbox is because of



be well in a week or so; or you could see guts.

cine for a cold, and you'll was a bone stickin' out or I broke my finger back when I was a kid, and I didn't get to go to the doctor. The tip of my finger was at a 90 degree angle from the rest of it. My daddy grabbed the tip, pulled it out and set it, and then tied a couple of Popsicle sticks to it and that was it.

It had all sorts of creatures swimmin' around in there. There were some girls in that class that swore they'd never drink water again, but most of the boys wanted a drink of that water to see what those germs tasted like.



Valentine's Day celebration

College Street Elementary School teacher Rhonda McIntyre joined twins Haddie and Hartley McCoy in celebrating Valentine's Day this past week. The girls are second graders at College Street. (Courtesy photo)



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ONE YEAR AGO, Feb. 23, 2023

Former Lindale City Council members Bob Tardiff and Bryan Summerville will return to the council in May after filing for the Place 1 and Place 3 seats, respectively, on the council.

Both Tardiff and Summerville will be unopposed so the May election will be canceled.

Tardiff will fill the seat of Rick Thelen, who has been on the council since 2016 and Summerville will take over for Ginger Sims, who has served since 2007.

The city charter specifies that council members must step down after three consecutive terms and must wait a year before seeking election. In April of 2022, both Tardiff and Summerville - who were at their respective term limit - resigned a month early in order to secure a possible run in the future.

Previously, Tardiff had occupied Place 4 and Summerville Place 5 on the council.

Sallie Black was elected to fill the Place 4 seat and Gavin Rasco won the Place 5 position.

FIVE YEARS AGO, Feb. 21, 2019

Two Lindale High School pitchers combined to shut out the Tyler Lee Red Raiders, 5-0, in non-district baseball action. Kam Wheeler tossed four innings of scoreless ball then Chase Rozell came in to complete the game in relief. Lindale scored its first on a run-scoring groundout by Landon Chaney which plated Mason Hammonds from third. Theron Brown then doubled and scored on a passed ball to increase the Eagles' lead to 2-0. In the third, Matt Aubuchon scored on a passed ball, another Brown double scored Keston Price to up the Lindale advantage to 4-0 and in the fourth, Aubuchon knocked in Brandon Burckel for the Eagles' final run.

what I've been observin' here lately. And what I've been observin' is all the sick kids now-a-days. Now, I'm not talkin' about kids with serious problems. I'm talkin' about kids with sniffles, allergies, and stuff like that.

Not all, but an awful lot of that stuff, in my opinion, and I am not an expert or anything like that, is because they've been babied too much. That's right, good meanin' mommas and daddies, run 'em to the doctors for stuff that was run of the mill stuff back when I was a kid.

I think these kids don't have any immunity built up in their systems because their systems have not had the chance to build up any antibodies. I learned that word back in school and if I remember right, the body produced these antibody things to fight off stuff like sniffles and such.

Heck, now-a-days the TV is full of advertisements for pills for every kind of problem you can think of. And usually, the side effects of the medicine are worse than the problem.

Now, I'm not anti-medicine, but I do believe we've become so sissified that we can't put up with a little discomfort to let stuff run its course. You can take mediyou cannot take medicine for a cold and be well in a week or so.

I saw a kid the other day trip and fall and his hands hit in the dirt. He jumped up and started hollerin', not because he was hurt, but because he got dirt on his hands.

His momma ran up and started diggin' in her purse and brought out a little squeeze bottle of stuff and squirted it into the kids hands, which he was holdin' up to her.

Back when I was a kid, we made mud pies out of dirt and ate 'em. I've seen kids with Band-Aids on their arms for a little ol' scratch. Back when I was a kid if we got a scratch, and there was blood involved, one of the other kids would scratch a scab off of a scratch of their own and then they'd put the two scratches together so that they could become "blood brothers."

Now, if your momma saw the scratch, she might put "monkey blood (mercurochrome)" on it, but that was the extent of the medical procedure.

And parents run their kids to the doctors now-adays for stuff that was an everyday occurrence back in my day. Heck, the rule back then was you didn't go to the doctor unless there

Well, that wasn't all. I also got a whippin' for doin' what I'd been told not to do which had caused the break in the first place.

Parents even take their kids to the doctor for sniffles. For sniffles, my mom would tell me to blow my nose. If your mom was not around to tell you to blow it, you'd just suck it back up your nose.

We did have to wash our hands before we ate though. Of course, washin' your hands, if you momma wasn't watchin', consisted of runnin' your hands through the stream of water, and then wipin' them on your britches that were dirtier than your hands were in the first place.

Now, I'll talk about germs. We didn't know what germs were because we couldn't see them. I remember the first time I saw germs under a microscope at school. The teacher put a drop of water on a little piece of glass and then each one of us in the classroom looked in the microscope at it.

By the way, we couldn't taste them.

Heck, we used to buy one Coke and pass the bottle around so everybody could have some. By the time the Coke got back around to you, it was a little thicker, but we never thought about gettin' germs.

What amazes me is that some people now-a-days will squirt that antiseptic stuff in their hands after they shake your hand, but don't think twice about eatin' raw fish.

I never got into eatin' raw fish. Oh I've swallowed a few minnows on a dare before, but eatin' it for nourishment, no. I think the whole raw fish eatin' thing is just to show off to your eatin' buddies to make them think that you are "cool".

I never see anybody eatin' that stuff all by themselves. They are always with other people, so that they can see them doin' it. I know some people who will turn up their noses at sardines but will brag about eatin' raw fish. People, sardines are cooked!

Well, that's about it. I feel better now. I'm pretty sure I didn't change anybody's mind on the subject, but that's OK. I just feel sorry for kids now-a-days. I bet nobody even eats mud pies anymore.

10 YEARS AGO, Feb. 20, 2014

Lindale City Council members agreed to allow farmer's market vendors to move from the Picker's Pavilion area to the city-owned parking lot of what used to be Allen Canning Company following a meeting between the vendors and city officials.

City of Lindale event coordinator Holly Rand presented the proposal to the council and said she, Interim City Manager Carolyn Caldwell and administrative assistant Julie George met recently with vendor representatives who expressed their desire to move from the Picker's Pavilion area to another location.

Rand said the parking lot area was favored over the Picker's Pavilion location and the parking lot at the old city hall, which didn't provide enough parking, she said.

"(The vendors) favored the idea of setting up on the west side of the old cannery building where they can set up tents or sell out of their trucks," she said.

The vast majority of the vendors were amenable to just about any proposal, she said.

"All along we've been wanting to get (the farmer's market) in the right place downtown," Rand said, "and all the vendors want know is where they need to set up."



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Your blood pressure is how hard your blood pushes against the walls of the arteries. If your blood flows at higher than normal pressures, you may have high blood pressure, also known as hypertension.

High blood pressure is a major risk factor for heart disease, which is the leading cause of death in the United States.

Millions of Americans have high blood pressure, but many people who have it don't know it. That's why it is important to have your blood pressure checked at least once a year.

High blood pressure is a "silent killer." It doesn't usually cause symptoms, but it can damage your body over time. If your blood pressure stays higher than 130/80 mm Hg for a period of time, it can cause serious health problems such as:

- Heart disease
- Stroke
- Kidney disease
- Dementia

The only way to know whether you have high blood pressure is to have your blood pressure measured—a process that is simple and painless. If you find out you have high blood pressure, a health care professional can tell you how to prevent serious complications, including disability and premature death.

Make lifestyle changes such as eating healthy, staying active, and watching your weight.

If you smoke, quitting can help prevent heart disease and other complications of high blood pressure.

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Doctor answers questions about tinnitus

Do you hear ringing, buzzing, clicking or whooshing sounds in your ears? You're not alone.

Dr. Katherine Bowman, AuD, audiologist at the UT Health East Texas ENT Center on Three Lakes Parkway in Tyler, answers some of the more common questions about tinnitus.

What is tinnitus?

Approximately 25 million American adults will experience tinnitus (the name for that ringing/buzzing sound) in any given year. Tinnitus can be a temporary condition or can become chronic — meaning it does not go away.

What causes tinnitus?

There are many causes of tinnitus, from simple earwax blockage to something more severe such as acoustic trauma; even anxiety or stress can be causes for that ringing in your ears. For a majority of people, tinnitus is not excessively bothersome, but in some cases the presence of these sounds can lead to sleep disruption, anxiety and even depression.

What are the treatment options for tinnitus?

Currently, there is no cure for tinnitus, but professionals such as otolaryngologists and audiologists can help you diagnose and manage your symptoms. One of the first steps is to have your hearing tested, as up to 80% of people with tinnitus also have hearing loss. An audiologist can help explain different types of tinnitus treatments and management techniques, as well as ways to treat any hearing loss you may have. If further assessment is required, the audiologist can also help guide you to other professionals for additional care.

For more information or to schedule an appointment with Dr. Bowman, call 903-747-4098 or visit UTHealthEast-TexasDoctors.com.



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Lindale Police Department call logs for Feb. 9-15

FRIDAY, FEB. 9: Suspicious Person, 3500 block South Main Street, Report; Disorderly Conduct, 100 block East Centennial Blvd., Settled at Scene; Harassment, 400 block Hill Street, Unfounded; Assist Smith Co SO, 555 IH-20 East, Settled at Scene; Suspicious Circumstance, 17400 block Stacy Street, Settled at Scene; Criminal Trespass, 13400 block IH-20 East, Warning Issued; Traffic Complaint, 552 IH-20 East, Unable to Locate; Traffic Complaint, 3200 block South Main Street, Unfounded; Suspicious Circumstance, 1200 block South Main Street, Report; Motor Vehicle Crash, 500 block South Main Street, Settled at Scene; Escort, 200 block West South Street, Settled at Scene; Business Alarm, 15500 block CR 463, Settled at Scene; Public Service, 1600 block South Main Street, Settled at Scene; Public Service, 2500 block South Main Street, Settled at Scene; Suspicious Person, 200 block Cannery Row, Unfounded; Suspicious Circumstance, 100 block North College Street, Settled at Scene; Public Service, 17800 block CR 4112, Settled at Scene; Motor Vehicle Crash, 3300 block South Main Street, Settled at Scene.

SATURDAY, FEB. 10: Business Alarm, 300 block South Main Street, False Alarm; Inquest, 300 block Kingdom Blvd., Report; Suspicious Circumstance, 900 block East South Street, Settled at Scene; Motor Vehicle Crash, 555 IH-20 East, Report; Motor Vehicle Crash, 3500 block South Main Street, Settled at Scene; Motor Vehicle Crash, 556 IH-20 West, Report; Motor Vehicle Crash, 552 IH-20 West,



Report; 911 Hang Up Call, 15300 block Brittain Court, Settled at Scene; Public Service, 500 block Ferguson Street, Settled at Scene; Criminal Mischief, 200 block Cannery Row, Unable to Locate; Suspicious Vehicle, 13300 block CR 472, Settled at Scene.

SUNDAY, FEB. 11: Suspicious Vehicle, 1500 block South Main Street, Settled at Scene; Business Alarm, 800 block Lindale Industrial Pkwy, False Alarm; Assist EMS, 500 block Sunset Drive, Settled at Scene; Business Alarm, 400 block West Hubbard Street, Settled at Scene; Assist Smith Co SO, 14100 block CR 431, Settled at Scene; Mental Health Welfare Check, 200 block Summer Tree Circle, Settled at Scene; Residential Alarm, 400 block Hill Street, Alarm; Violation of Protective Order, 3500 block South Main Street, Arrest.

MONDAY, FEB. 12: Traffic Complaint, 900 block North Main Street, Settled at Scene; Suspicious Circumstance, 16200 block CR 4191, Unable to Locate.

TUESDAY, FEB. 13: Residential Alarm, 1500 block Camden Court, False Alarm; Assist Another Agency, 200 block West Centennial Blvd., Settled at Scene; Business Alarm, 13800 block Highway 69 North, Settled at Scene; Business Alarm No.2, 13800 block Highway 69 North, False Alarm; Cruelty to Animals, 100 block East Centennial Blvd., Settled at Scene; Motorist Assist, 2800 block South Main Street, Settled at Scene; Public Service, 100 block Ballard Drive, Settled at Scene; Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, 300 block South Main Street, Citation Issued; Scam, 200 block Jeffries Street, Settled at Scene.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 14: Motor Vehicle Crash, 554 IH-20 West, Unfounded; Motor Vehicle Crash, 3500 block South Main Street, Report; Verbal Disturbance, 100 block Teresa Street, Settled at Scene; Loud Noise Complaint, 17400 block Stacy Street, Settled at Scene; Suspicious Vehicle, 900 block East Hubbard Street, Settled at Scene; Lost Property, 100 block Ballard Drive, Report.

THURSDAY, FEB. 15: Motor Vehicle Crash, 3500 block South Main Street, Report; Escort, 200 block West South Street, Settled at Scene; City Ordinance Violation, 100 block North Main Street, Settled at Scene; Motor Vehicle Crash, 1500 block South Main Street, Report; Lost Property, 100 block East Centennial Blvd., Settled at Scene; Theft, 100 block East Centennial Blvd., Report; Motorist Assist, 3200 block South Main Street, Settled at Scene; Criminal Trespass, 100 block East Centennial Blvd., Report; Public Service, 100 block East Centennial Blvd., Settled at Scene; Assist Smith Co SO, 400 block Husky Drive, Settled at Scene.



Jellystone Park Camp proprietor Rotary speaker

This past week, the Lindale Rotary Club welcomed Kyle Mohler, general manager of Yogi Bear's Jellystone Park Camp/resort located a few miles east of Lindale on Highway 16. He discussed all the activities available at the park for everyone in the family. Ed West, far left in the photo, introduced Mohler to the club. Others in the photo include, from left, Tom Elder, assistant GM of Jellystone, Mohler, Shannon Reid of the Lillie Russell Memorial Library and Rotary Club President Jason Beard. In addition to the speaker, Rotarian Amanda Froebe was honored with the presentation of her Paul Harris Fellow pin. (Courtesy photo)

Beaumont man enters guilty plea to federal firearms violations

federal firearms violations in the Eastern District of Texas, said Davilyn Walston, spokesperson for U.S. Attorney Damien M. Diggs.

Brandon Tyrone Mayberry, 21, pleaded guilty to Hobbs Act robbery and brandishing a firearm during a crime of violence before U.S. Magistrate Judge Christine L. Stetson on Feb. 15, 2024.

According to court documents, in April and May of 2023, Mayberry and Daniel James Leatherwood robbed several businesses in and around Beaumont at gunpoint.

The robberies included two Game X Change stores, a Shell gas station, an Express Mart convenience store, and a Cindie's lingerie store.

Mayberry was indicted by a federal grand jury on Nov. 1, 2023. He faces up to 20 years in federal prison on the armed robbery charge and an additional seven years for brandishing a firearm during the commission of that crime.

The maximum statutory sentence prescribed by Congress is provided here for information purposes, as the sentencing will be determined by the court based on District Attorney's Office.

A Beaumont man has pleaded guilty to the advisory sentencing guidelines and other statutory factors. A sentencing hearing will be scheduled after the completion of a presentence investigation by the U.S. Probation Office.

> This case was prosecuted as part of the joint federal, state, and local Project Safe Neighborhoods Program, the centerpiece of the Department of Justice's violent crime reduction efforts.

> PSN is an evidence-based program proven to be effective at reducing violent crime. Through PSN, a broad spectrum of stakeholders work together to identify the most pressing violent crime problems in the community and develop comprehensive solutions to address them. As part of this strategy, PSN focuses enforcement efforts on the most violent offenders and partners with locally based prevention and reentry programs for lasting reductions in crime.

> This case was investigated by the FBI, Beaumont Police Department, Nederland Police Department, and Liberty Police Department and prosecuted by Special Assistant U.S. Attorney Tommy L. Coleman with the cooperation of the Jefferson County

County seeking citizen input on Hazard Mitigation Plan

Tickets available for Rotary Club's Wild Game benefit dinner

Tickets continue to be on sale for the Lindale Rotary Club's annual Wild Game Dinner, scheduled for 5 p.m.-8 p.m., Monday, Feb. 26 in the Lindale High School Cafeteria.

General admission tickets can be purchased at Amanda Froebe's State Farm In-

surance, 1401 South Main in Lindale.

This is the major fundraiser for the club and is a way to have local businesses recognized.

For more information, contact Froebe at 903-882-5333.

Smith County is in the process of developing a Hazard Mitigation Plan — a comprehensive strategy to identify and help reduce the impact of various hazards in our community, said Public Information Officer Casey Murphy.

Citizen input is needed, she said. Sharing experiences and insights are invaluable in shaping this plan to better protect all of us, Murphy said.

"I'm excited to announce the launch of a public survey designed to gather your feedback," Smith County Judge Neal Frankin said. "By participating, you contribute directly to the strategies we will implement to make Smith County more resilient."

The survey covers a range of topics, from natural disasters to technological incidents, and everything in between. Citizen responses will help identify and prioritize the hazards that matter most to county residents.

The survey can be found at https://www. surveymonkey.com/r/7WDY5BT

"Let's work together to build a safer, more resilient Smith County. Thank you for your time, your input, and your commitment to the wellbeing of our community," Franklin said.

BBB warns of roofer scams after hail storm

A line of severe thunderstorms dropped hail on many communities in East Texas recently, causing damage to many homes and vehicles.

East Texans are no strangers to storm damage, but that does make us targets for fly by night contractors looking to take advantage of storm victims. Better Business Bureau advises residents to be on the lookout for storm chasers who show up unannounced, offer to repair storm damage for a low price, require advance payment and make big promises on which they have no intention of delivering.

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

"Encountering high winds, thun-

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

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

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

Although you may be anxious to get things back to normal, avoid letting your emotions get the better of you. Don't be pressured into

making an immediate decision number is included in the contract. with a long-term impact. Be proactive in selecting a business and not re-active to sales solicitations.

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

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

-- Require a written contract agreement with anyone you hire. Be sure their name, address, license number, if applicable, and phone

Read and understand the contract in its entirety, and never sign a blank contract. A copy of the signed contract is to be given to vou at the time of signature.

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

-- Never pay for work in full in advance. The Better Business Bureau recommends a consumer never pay more than half before the contractor starts repairs and

don't pay the remaining balance until you are satisfied with the work. A good guideline is to pay by the rule of thirds: pay one-third deposit, one-third when the job is 50% complete, and one-third once the job is completed.

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

Remember, great businesses are out there. Always look for the BBB seal and start with companies you can trust by going to <u>bbb.org</u>.

To report fraudulent activity or unscrupulous business practices, please call BBB at (903)581-5704 or use BBB Scam Tracker.

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They had a "Beary" good time!

Youngsters attending this past Friday's Storytime at the Lillie Russell Memorial Library could "bearly" hide their excitement during the program. The library has two Storytime sessions each week: 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. every Friday. Next week's topic will be hibernation. (Courtesy photo)

It's potato planting time in East Texas

By Greg Grant **Smith County Horticulturist** Mark it on your calendars for either Valentine's Day (if you truly love potatoes) or President's Day (if you think growing your own potatoes should be a law).

I vote for both and put mine in the ground this weekend.

Potatoes are coolweather plants that bloom and die when the temperatures get hot. They can tolerate light frosts but not hard freezes and are mostly planted as a spring crop in East Texas.

They should be planted about four weeks before the last expected frost (February). For many, Valentine's Day (or President's Day) is potato planting day.

Potatoes are planted from small potatoes or pieces of larger potatoes known as "seed potatoes." Certified seed potatoes are sold at most East Texas feed stores and some nurseries and garden centers. They should be spaced 8 to 12 inches apart.

Potatoes require at least eight hours of direct sun each day for maximum yields. Like most root crops, they do best in well-drained

They can also be grown in whiskey barrel sized (30 gallon or larger) containers of potting soil.

Potatoes are relatively easy to grow, provided they have lots of sunshine and cool temperatures. Around three to four weeks after planting or when the

> plants are 6 inches tall, use your hoe or shovel to apply about 3 to 4 inches of dirt or compost

to the bases of the plants. This creates a desirable area for the potatoes to form in. Ideally, apply a layer of organic mulch (hay, straw, grass clippings, compost, etc.) to conserve water and prevent weeds. The main pest on potatoes is the potato bug that

eats the foliage so scout daily. Handpick them or apply an appropriately labeled pesticide following all label directions.

Potatoes are usually ready to harvest 90 to 120 days after planting. Spring-planted plants indicate when they are ready to harvest as the tops turn yellow and start to die.

I usually start sneaking some tender "new potatoes" as soon as the plants start blooming by gently probing beneath them with my fingers. Be careful not to disturb the root system, and always remember your production will be greater if you leave them alone

High school seniors can apply for \$10,000 TXDOT scholarship

Texas high school students who helped clean up and beautify their communities can now apply for a scholarship contest awarding a total of \$10,000, said publicity officials with the Texas Department of Transportation. The annual Don't mess with Texas Scholarship Contest is now accepting applications for the 2024 school year. All Texas high school seniors currently attending public, private or home school, and planning to attend an accredited college, university or trade school in the fall 2024 semester are eligible to apply.

Judges will select two winners based on applicants' proven results in leading projects or efforts focused on educating communities about the importance of keeping our state and roadways clean and litter-free.

Sponsored by Ozarka and iHeartMedia, the contest recognizes the creativity of high school seniors who are taking a leadership role in preventing litter in their communities.

"It's important that future generations feel empowered to create long-term, sustainable solutions to make their communities litterfree. Our state is counting on these leaders to keep Texas litter-free for decades to come," said Norma Rios, program coordinator for TxDOT's Don't mess with Texas campaign. 2, 2024.

Past winners include 2023 winner Hayden with Pioneer Technology & Arts Academy in Greenville. Hayden developed the Trashy Tuesday campaign. At least twice a month students would gather after school on a Tuesday and clean litter around their campus. The project expanded to cleaning community parks as well.

Neddah with Brownsville Early College High School in Brownsville was another 2023 scholarship recipient.

Neddah was a leader of the Environmental Club at her school. They conducted a litter survey, and then developed and implemented a litter management plan at her campus.

They also created an on-campus recycling program and created a competition among the classrooms to see who can recycle the most.

Don't mess with Texas has been educating Texans about litter prevention since 1986. The program includes annual "Trash-Off" community outreach events and the Adopta-Highway volunteer program.

To apply for the Don't mess with Texas Scholarship Contest, visit dontmesswithtexas.org. Applications must be received via online submission by 5 p.m. on April

Nun's Orchid: interesting plant for plant lovers

By Marketta Tefteller **Smith County Master Gardener**

Known by the Latin name Phaius tankervilliae, Nun's Orchid is sometimes called a ground orchid.

It grows in mild, frost-free areas in the gardens of semi-tropical areas of the U.S. but survives as stunning pot plants in colder areas.

Its showy, hooded blooms resemble the caps that were once worn by nuns, thus the name.

Native to China and Malaysia, it was brought to the U.S. from China in the 18th century.

A member of the lady slipper family, it flowers along spikes with numerous flowers on each spike. Each 3 to 5 inch flower, orchid-like in appearance, opens along the bloom spike.

Usually the flowers will last about a month. The graceful, strap-like foliage of the plant develops from a pseudo bulb.

In our area, they must grow in containers. During the summer, places outside in bright light but filtered shade are ideal. Soil should be good, rich potting soil that is kept moist but not soggy.



reach 3 to 4 feet high with 10 to 20 blooms on each bloom spike.

The plant reproduces by the bulb and the nodes on the flower stalk. The bulb is divided by cutting the bulb. Make sure each bulb has roots before planting. New plants can also be started from the flower stem by removing the flower stalk and placing it down horizontally

sandy and loamy soils and are best planted in raised beds or rows at least 6 to 12 inches high. Ideally, till in several inches of compost or organic matter and incorporate 2 pounds of a complete lawn fertilizer (15-5-10, 18-6-12, etc.) per 100 square feet of bed or every 35 feet of row before planting.

In smaller plantings use 2 teaspoons per square foot or foot of row. A comparable organic fertilizer would work as well. The ideal soil pH for growing potatoes is 5.0 to 6.5.

Potatoes can be grown in raised beds or raised rows 6 inches high, 18 inches wide, and 36 inches apart. Use your hoe to open up a furrow 3 inches deep down in the row. Place the seed pieces or small potatoes in the bottom of the furrow. Cover them with well-cultivated soil and gently firm them in with the back of your hoe.

until they are mature.

I can't help myself though. If you are going to consume the final crop rather quickly, dig them with a spading fork and wash them before storing in a cool, humid, dark place.

If you want to store them for a longer period, cut the tops off the dying plants and leave the potatoes in the ground for three to four days. This will toughen the skins and make the potatoes last longer.

Recommended potato varieties for Texas include "Kennebec" (white), "Pontiac" (red), "Red Lasoda" (red) and "Norland" (red). Potatoes are native to South America, not Ireland.

For more information on growing potatoes at home, see the Easy Gardening publication on "potatoes" on our Aggie Horticulture website.

Fertilize with a slow-release fertilizer about once or twice during the growing season. Avoid direct sun.

Chilling temperatures are required for the plant to set its flower buds, though the plant should never be exposed to temperatures below the lower 40s. Leave the plants out until late September or October when temperatures drop to the 40s and 50s at night.

After a few weeks of being exposed to the cooler temperatures, (depending on the weather) around late October or early November bring the plants inside and place in a bright east or south window with bright light but no direct sun through the window. Keep it watered. Bloom spikes will begin to rise from the crown between December and January.

It is amazing to see these spikes sometimes

in a tray filled with moist sand. Press gently into the sand to be certain that the nodes are under the sand. After roots form, you will see new plants growing from each node.

When the new plants are about 6 inches tall, cut between each node and plant each new plant. Propagation can also be made by cutting between each node and sticking the cuttings into the moist soil to start new plants.

After all danger of frost is past, the Nun's Orchid can be placed outside in a shaded area for the summer.

Nun's Orchids can be purchased at local, specialty nurseries and at sources on- line.

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

Tree removal, grading scheduled for FM 16

Work continues this week on FM 16 west of Lindale as crews with the Texas Department of Transportation will be preparing the rightof-way by removing trees and grading the embankment, said TXDOT spokesman Jeff Williford.

The project is four miles west of FM 849 east to U.S. 69 in downtown Lindale.

Highway 19 Construction LLC is helming the project at a cost of \$44.4 million and is scheduled to be completed in the Summer of 2025.

Other work on the roadway consists of grading, asphalt base, asphalt surface overlay paving, storm drain, bridge, and culvert structures, signing, pavement markings, and signals.

Traffic shift detours are in place. Lane closures will be present in the area. Motorists should drive with caution and expect delays.

Other Smith County projects include:

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 to backfill/compact and set forms for the slab. 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 of FM 346

Contractor: Drewery Construction Company, INC

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.

SL 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, INC 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 set barricades and construction is scheduled to begin. No delays are expected. 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 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.

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.

County Bridge Replacements

Limits: CR 35 bridge at Hitts Creek Trib., CR 336 at Wiggins Creek, CR 411 at Prairie Creek Trib., CR 471 at Prairie Creek, CR 452 at Mill Creek, CR 411 at Caney Creek.

Contractor: Baker & Company Construction, LLC

Cost: \$6.2 million

Anticipated Completion Date: Spring 2026

The contractor working at CR 411 at the Caney Creek Tributary, building forms for the bridge abutments. On CR 411 at the Prairie Creek Tributary, crews are adding the metal beam guard fence. The project consists of replacing the existing bridges and approaches.

SH 110 Preventative Maintenance

Limits: SH 64 to Aberdeen Dr. Contractor: FNH Construction, LLC.

Cost: \$3.2 million Anticipated Completion Date: Summer 2024

The contractor has no work scheduled this week. No delays expected. The project consists of preventative maintenance that includes surface overlay and pavement markings.

US 271 Rehab, Turn Lanes, and Pavement **Overlay**

Limits: FM 16 SW to I-20 Contractor: Madden Contracting Company, LLC

Cost: \$12.4 million

Anticipated Completion Date: Winter 2023

The project consists of paving, structures, MBGF, and pavement markings from I-20 N to the Gregg County Line. The portion from I-20 to FM 16 also includes turn lanes and pavement rehabilitation. The SB outside lane and shoulder are open. Additional lane closures are anticipated as crews work on striping, structures, and backfilling pavement edges. Motorists should drive with caution and expect delays.

Completion



LEGAL NOTICE No. 47,552P

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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 Adminis-

tration 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;
- Markus DeWayne Martin died intestate on May 12, 2023 in Rusk County, Texas at the age of 14 years;
- Decedent was domiciled in and had a fixed place of residence in Smith County, Texas, at the time of the death;
- 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 is granted;
- Stormie Martin and Mark Muckleroy are hereby appointed as co-dependent administrators of the Estate;
- 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.

LEGAL NOTICE

CAUSE NO. 48031P				
ESTATE OF	§	IN THE COUNTY COURT		
	§			
THERMAN W. ROBERT	S, §	AT LAW NO.3		
	§			
DECEASED	§	SMITH COUNTY, TEXAS		
NOTICE TO CREDITORS				

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate ofTherman W. Roberts, Deceased, were issued on February 5, 2024 in Docket No. 48031P pending in the County Court at Law No. 3 of Smith County, Texas, to William Keith Roberts.

The residence of the Independent Executor is in Smith County, Texas and the address is:

William Keith Roberts

c/o Charles H. Clark

Law Offices of Charles H. Clark, P.C.

604 W. Woldert

Tyler, Texas 75702

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.

DATED the 14th of February, 2024. LAW OFFICES OF CHARLES H. CLARK, P.C 604 W. Woldert Tyler, Texas 75702 (903) 593-2514 Telephone (903) 595-1294 Facsimile Charles H. Cark State Bar No. 04274000 ATTORNEY FOR WILLIAM KEITH ROBERTS, EXECU-TOR OF THE ESTATE OF THERMAN W. ROBERTS, deceased

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Carol Elizabeth Gatewood, Deceased, were issued on February 12, 2024, in Cause No. 48,001P, pending in the County Court at Law No. 3 of Smith County, Texas, to: DONNA CAROL GATEWOOD and AN-DREW FRANK GATEWOOD III.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to Donna Carol Gatewood and Andrew Frank Gatewood III, c/o Kyle G. Waggoner, Attorney at Law, at PO Box 1152, Mineola, Texas, 75773.

LEGAL NOTICE

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that Letters Testamentary for the Estate of RONALD W. LEWIS, Deceased, were issued to NEI-LA BERNIECE LEWIS on February 26, 2003, in cause No. 32,087-P in the County Court atLaw 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 NEILA BER-NIECE LEWIS 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 MARIA (MARY A.) VAN DEN BROEKE, Deceased, were issued to RONALD MARIO VAN DEN BROEKE on March 19, 2003,in Cause No. 32,144-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 RONALD MARIO VAN DEN BROEKE c/o LEONARD C. CRAIG, 305 S. Broadway, Suite 503, Tyler, Texas 75702.

CAUSE NO. 47983P

THE ESTATE OF	§	IN THE COUNTY COURT
EDWARD ANTHONY ROBERTS	S S S	AT LAW NO. 3
DECEASED	8	SMITH COUNTY, TEXAS

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of EDWARD ANTHONY ROBERTS, Deceased, were issued on February 12, 2024, in Cause No. 47983P, now pending in the County Court at Law No. 3 of Smith County, Texas. Letters Testamentary were issued to: ERNEST M. NEGEM.

The residence of the Independent Executor is in Smith County, Texas. Claims may be presented in care of the attorney for the Estate at the following address:

c/o

J. SCOTT KILLOUGH, P.C. Attorney & Counselor at Law

4660 Kinsey Drive

Tyler, Texas 75703

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Stephenville, 6-1, 215, soph.; (tie) Connor Gaines, Bellville, 5-10, 190, sr. Zahir Livingston, San Antonio Davenport, 5-10, 210, sr.

Secondary - Jamison Adams, Anna, 6-0, 205, sr.; Hyson Foreman, Stephenville, 6-4, 200, sr.; Jarvis Solomon, Iowa Colony, 5-9, 165, jr.; (tie) Zaylon Stoker, Kilgore, 6-1, 175, sr.; Rob Thomas, Sinton, 6-1, 180, sr.

Punter - Datri Smith, Waco Connally, 5-8, 170, jr.

Utility - (tie) Korda Moore, Sweetwater, 6-1, 209, jr.; Darrick Salinas, Calhoun, 5-10, 160, jr.

Kick returner - Kylevon Morrow, Kaufman, 6-0, 180, sr.

Offensive player of the year - Stoever, Wimberley

Defensive player of the year - (tie) Sanders, Bellville; Miller, Anna

Coach of the year - Seth Parr, Anna

SECOND TEAM

Offense

Quarterback - (tie) Cash McCollum, China Spring, 6-4, 215, sr.; Jeff Surratt, Carthage, 6-1, 170, soph.

Running backs - DD Murray, Bellville, 5-10, 188, jr.; Nate Palmer, Decatur, 6-0, 185, sr.; Sam Hranicky, Bellville, 5-11, 185, sr.

Fullback – Bobby Ross Jr., Lubbock Estacado, 6-3, 215, jr.

Wide receivers - Tristian Gentry, Stephenville, 5-11, 170, jr.; (tie) Lorenzo Johnson, Madisonville, sr.; Clifford Douglas III, Bullard, 6-0, 175, sr.; Dre'lon Miller, Silsbee, 6-2, 190, sr.

Tight end – Emmet Greiman, San Antonio Davenport, 6-1, 185, sr.

Center - (tie) Cash Cooper, Cuero, 5-11, 220, jr.; Will Klatt, Orange Grove, 6-3, 245, sr. Guards – Jack Bauer, Cuero, 5-10, 275, sr.; Dawson Hall, West Plains, 6-1, 225, sr.

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Tackles - Quinten McCarty, Brownwood, 6-1, 270, sr.; Lane White, Anna, 6-4, 280, sr. All-purpose – Brendan Webb, Gilmer, 5-11, 176, jr.

Place-kicker - Diego Chavarria, Stephenville, 5-9, 200, sr.

Defense

Linemen – Keltyn Raymond, Glen Rose, 5-11, 225, jr.; Cory Richardson, Bellville, 5-9, 225, sr.; Garry White, Silsbee, 6-1, 230, sr.; (tie) Colt Hodges, Carthage, 6-3, 225, jr.; Cameron Spencer, Bay City, 6-1, 205, jr.

Linebackers – Daveon Ross, Chapel Hill, 6-0, 210, sr.; Sam Kallman, Brownwood, 6-0, 200, sr.; (tie) Klayton Ingram, Carthage, 5-11, 200, jr.; Ty'Anthony Smith, Jasper, 6-1, 200, sr.;

Secondary – Lawson Mooney, Gatesville, 5-9, 175, sr.; Aidan Jakobsohn, Ingleside, 6-0, 170, sr.; Jonah Brown, Silsbee, 5-9, 180, sr.; Adrian Sanchez, Glen Rose, 6-0, 155, jr.

Punter - Trevor Brooks, Chapel Hill, 5-9, 180, jr.

Utility - Seth Jackson, Frisco Panther Creek, 5-9, 185, jr.

Kick returner – Jadyn Forbes, Sweetwater, 6-0, 145, sr.

THIRD TEAM

Offense

Quarterback - (tie) Demetrius Brisbon, Chapel Hill, 6-1, 180, jr.; Triston Hamlin, San Antonio Davenport, 6-3, 180, sr.

Running backs – Jordi Hernandez, West Plains, 5-9, 165, sr.; Derek Garcia, Sinton, 5-10, 185, jr.; Kiefer Sibley, Waco Connally, 5-10, 190, sr.

Fullback - Tristan Garcia, Port Isabel, 5-10, 215, sr.

Wide receivers – Mason Dotson, Jarrell, 5-9, 140, sr.; (tie) Logan McCormick, Seminole, 5-8, 155, soph.; Cristian Trickett, Frisco Panther Creek, 6-0, 160, jr.

Tight end – (tie) Nathan Luschen, Cuero, 6-4, 235, sr.; Lance Jackson, Pleasant Grove, 6-6, 250, jr. Center - Clay Struska, Needville, 6-1, 250, jr.

Guards - Caleb Hackleman, Pleasant Grove, 6-6, 275, sr.; (tie) Jadyn Hernandez, Monahans, 5-9, 230, jr.

Jakorey Lewis, Bellville, 6-2, 255, soph.; Zach Bryant, Gatesville, 6-3, 300, sr.;

Tackles - Kash Courtney, Carthage, 6-4, 260, jr.; (tie) Austin Ellis, Bullard, 6-4, 285, sr.; Julian Leyva, Fort Stockton, 6-3, 245, sr.

All-purpose – Caton Cramer, Seminole, 6-4, 190, soph.

Place-kicker - Junior Martinez, Brownwood, 5-10, 185, sr.

Defense

Linemen – Jaylen Cottrell, Seminole, 6-3, 255, sr.; Chris Gonzalez, Port Isabel, 6-0, 215, jr.; Carlton McCoy, Aubrey, 6-0, 235, sr.; Camden McKinney, Stephenville, 6-1, 230, sr.

Linebackers - Cody Adkinson, Center, 6-0, 205, soph.; Aron Bell, Gilmer, 6-0, 252, sr.; (tie) Grayson Stewert, Anna, 6-1, 205, sr.; Haydon Caston, Iowa Colony, 6-2, 185, jr.; Hutson Hendrix, Boerne, 5-9, 210, jr.; Crockett Henry, West Plains, 6-0, 175, sr.;

Secondary – Aryck Singletary, San Antonio Davenport, 5-8, 160, jr.; Ivory Kelley, Wichita Falls, 5-7, 150, sr.; Jonathan Sandoval, Pecos, 5-11, 175, sr.; (tie) Raydrian Baltrip, Silsbee, 5-9, 165, sr.; Gabriel Rangel, Geronimo Navarro, 5-8, 170, sr.

Punter - (tie) Perry Cole, Palestine, 6-3, 265, sr.; Junior Martinez, Brownwood, 5-10, 185, sr. Utility - Brock Temple, Aubrey, 6-5, 220, jr.

Kick returner - Braden Bailey, Seminole, 5-10, 170, jr.

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Offense

Quarterback - Jesse Cardenas, Bandera, 5-9, 165, sr.; Brady Driver, Sulphur Springs, 6-1, 200, sr.; Canyon Evans, Glen Rose, 6-2, 185, jr.; Ike Hall, Brownwood, 6-1, 185, sr.; Triston Handson, Sinton, 6-2, 200 jr.; Wyatt Holmstrom, Seminole, 6-0, 185, jr.; Ahkhari Johnson, Pleasant Grove, 5-11, 186, sr.; Cheno Navarrette, Monahans, 5-10, 180, sr.; Ziondre Williams, Anna, 6-0, 195, soph.

Running backs - Trevor Allen, Spring Hill, 6-0, 190, jr.; Jada Andrews, Bay City, 5-7, 160, jr.; Kyle Barton, China Spring, 5-10, 190, sr.; Jaesean DeBouse, 5-9, 180, soph.; Dash Denton, Burnet, 5-10, 185, sr.; Kaden Dixon, Center, 6-1 190, sr.; KJ Edwards, Carthage, 5-10, 175, soph.; Barrett Fallon, San Antonio Davenport, 5-9, 175, soph.; Rylan Monsey, Graham, 5-8, 158, jr.; Jameer Muhammad, Fort Worth Carter Riverside, 5-10, 185, jr.; Cole Pittman, Monahans, 5-7, 170, jr.

Wide receivers - Noah Birdsong, Wimberley, 6-4, 210, sr.; Daylon Gibbs, Cuero, 5-8, 150, sr.; Andres Gutierrez, Zapata, 6-1, sr.; Bradan Manning, Carthage, 6-4, 170, sr.; Grayson Martin, China Spring, sr.; Case Pitt, Krum, 5-10, 174, sr.; Colten Schmid, La Vernia, 5-8, 150, sr.; Nathan Wessels, Monahans, 6-1, 170, sr.; Xylan Williams, Bay City, 5-10, 165, jr.

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Guards – Ace Bostick, Van, 6-1, 325, sr.; Johnny Lewis, Carthage#, 5-10, 320, sr.; Ricky Martinez, Calhoun, 5-11, 235, jr.; Steven Martinez, Port Isabel, 6-0, 230, jr.; Brian Peters, Seminole, 6-3, 275, sr.; Sebastian Rodriguez, Aubrey, sr.; Davin Zurovetz, Lago Vista, 6-0, 305, sr.

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Linemen – Tuff Arozamena, Van, 5-10, 210, sr.; Braden Bays, Boerne, 6-3, 250, jr.; Alyric Brown, Sunnyvale, 5-10, 265, sr.; Cameron Christian, Kilgore, 6-1, 285, soph.; Kolton Dearth, Stephenville, 6-1, 270, soph.; Colby Hesseltine, Sinton, 6-3, 230, sr.; Jaden Hubble, Orange Grove, 6-3, 210, sr.; Chris Johnson, Iowa Colony, 6-3, 240, jr.; Quinten McCarty, Brownwood, 6-1, 270, sr.; Issac Perez, Waco Connally, 6-0, 255, sr.; Ridge Westendorf, Springtown, 6-0, 260, sr.; Jaymon Wheeler, Pleasant Grove, 6-2, 215, sr.

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by being kind to others and encouraging light in their lives. Madison plans to attend the University of Alabama and study biology. Her future goals include become a teacher or sonographer.



to attend Stephen F. Austin and study deaf education. Her future goals include serving as an advocate for the deaf community.

SARAH SUNDHOLM is the daughter of Jessica and Matthew Sundholm. She is a member of the National Honor Society, International Thespian Society, speech and debate, and one act play. Outside of school, Sarah enjoys traveling, reading, and art. She believes she is impacting the world by studying American Sign



KAYLA McCOY is the daughter of Lindsay Ashley. She is a member of the University Interscholastic League team for literary criticism and the band. Outside of school, Kayla enjoys job shadowing at CHRISTUS Mother Frances Hospital in Tyler as a medical assistant. She believes she is impacting the world by volunteering in her

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