# Mayor reflects on tenure, city's growth

#### **By Terry Cannon** Editor

In May, for the first time in 17 years, the Lindale City Council will be missing a familiar face during council meetings as Mayor Jeff Daugherty chose not to seek re-election this year.

Daugherty, owner of Caudle-Rutledge-Daugherty Funeral Home in Lindale, has been a major contributor in shaping Lindale's future during that 17-year span. His current term concludes this year and even though he could have pursued another term, he decided this was the opportune time to step away.



"After 17 years I just figured it was time," he said. "I wanted to focus on my health and concentrate on my business."

Gavin Rascoe, currently the Place 1 representative on the council was the only candidate to file for the mayor's seat and will be sworn in during the May 7 council meeting.

From helping secure Lindale's Extra Territorial Jurisdiction (ETJ), to the revitalization of downtown to making sure the city was literally open for business, Daugherty has seen a lot in his nearly two decades of service.

"I've always tried to look at it like this is our home," he said. "We work here, we play here and we want a good quality of life and (council service) has always been about the citizens and how our decisions would affect other people. It's always about what the people's needs are."

For the past 32 years, Daugherty has called Lindale home, moving here from Paris, Texas where he graduated from Paris High School in 1982.

His first job came in 1980, when he worked at radio station KPRE in Paris. By 1984 he became station manager and chief engineer. In 1986 he served as operations manager and assistant chief engineer at KPLT/KTXU, also in Paris.

His funeral home career began in 1989 when began working for Gene Roden's Sons Funeral Home

He earned his mortuary degree in 1991 from the Dallas Institute of Funeral Service in Dallas. Later that year, he moved to Austin and began an apprenticeship with Cook-Walden Funeral Homes before moving to Lindale in 1992.

He became a partner at Caudle-Rutledge in 2003 and in November 2015 became owner and general manager. By 2007, the Lindale City Council was viewed as a somewhat dysfunctional body and

Daugherty was approached by "a grassroots citizen's group" that urged him run for a seat on the council.

"I was asked 'how long have you lived here and don't you think it's time you gave something back?"" he said. "I investigated it and became interested in serving the city."

That year, he and fellow first timers Robert Nelson and Charles Morphis were seated on the council.

"We were focused on getting the city back on track," Daugherty said.

During the ensuing years, the council worked as a team to help create a business-friendly structure as well as a place families could feel secure in raising their children.

Which is one of the reasons, Daugherty said, is why the purchase of The Cannery property was so essential.

When the city spent more than \$225,000 on just over 12 acres of unused land owned by the Allen Cannery Company, there was a good deal of push back from the community.

But Daugherty and other council members knew this was the first step in remaking the downtown area and came to fruition with a public/private partnership that has paid off handsomely.

Daugherty estimates that the original \$225,000 investment is worth at least \$7.5 million in sales tax revenue today.

Darden Harvest Park, which is adjacent to The Cannery, offers a walking trail, playground, splash pad and disc golf course covering 21 acres.

"From those initial steps, we've been able to remake the downtown area into a much better place," he said, noting the installation of new sidewalks and lighting have also enhanced the area.

But this makeover of downtown wouldn't have mattered if city officials hadn't worked to keep its neighbor to the north, Tyler, from encroaching and eventually encircling Lindale some 15 years ago.

Tyler's ETJ is five miles from its city limits, meaning that it could have annexed land all the way to Brickyard Road or County Road 474. But Daugherty and other city officials worked tirelessly to ensure Lindale wouldn't be encircled by the bigger city.

"That was something we worked on for three years," he said.

The result? Many businesses supplying sales tax revenue for the city that would have otherwise been ticketed for Tyler's coffers.

Sales tax revenue is another area Daugherty points

"(Sales tax revenue) has increase each month except for a couple during COVID - for 17 years,"

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**CANNERY BEFORE, AFTER** 

The city bought the Allen Cannery Property and helped develop it into a thriving business destination in downtown Lindale.

**Photos by Terry Cannon** 





Daylight Saving Time is approaching once again! The general idea is that this allows us all to use natural daylight better: moving the clocks forward one hour in the spring grants us more daylight during summer evenings, while moving clocks back one hour in the fall grants us more daylight during winter mornings. However, not everyone is pleased with this. . . learn all about it at: Almanac.com/DST

# **UT Tyler poll suggests Cruz** may have trouble with Allred

The Center for Opinion Research at The University of Texas at Tyler conducted their latest public opinion poll of registered Texas voters Feb. 18-26, officials announced.

Among findings were those related to candidate favorability,





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candidate preference in the Texas primaries and the general election, and voter perceptions of the most important issues in the campaign.

Also, in the U.S. Senate race, the numbers didn't bode well for incumbent Ted Cruz.

In the senate race, voters were very polarized over Cruz, with an overall unfavorable impression of

Cruz, 48 percent to 39 percent favorable. U.S. Rep. Colin Allred, a potential challenger to Cruz, had a 41 percent to 18 percent favorable over unfavorable rating, but with 29 percent of "do not know"

In a two-person race for president, former President Donald Trump leads President Joe Biden in Texas, 46 percent to 42 percent, according to polling results. If former South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley were to be the Republican nominee, Haley leads President Biden in a hypothetical matchup 42 percent to 36 percent a larger margin than that of Trump but with more undecided voters.

In a five-person hypothetical election, Trump defeats Biden 41 percent to 37 percent the same 4 percent margin, with Robert F. Kennedy Jr. gaining 13 percent voter support and Cornel West earning 6 percent voter support.

However, Haley's 6 percent margin evaporates in a hypothetical five-person race, with Biden defeating Haley 36 percent to 33 percent with Kennedy then winning 20 percent of the vote and West winning 7 percent of the vote.

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# **East Texans tackle Panhandle wildfires**

### **By James Draper**

The largest wildfire in Texas history continues to ravage vast portions of the Panhandle, and as firefighters contain the destruction of the Smokehouse Creek fire and other blazes, East Texans are helping hold the line.

The record-setting wildfire began Monday, Feb. 26, in Hutchinson County. According to data being collected by Texas A&M Forest Service, it quickly grew from 100,000 acres to half-a-million the first day. By Feb. 28, it had burned 850,000 acres and has since exceeded 1.1 million.

It's just one of five active wildfires burning in the Panhandle, and firefighters have been dispatched from throughout the state and across the country to assist. The draft includes local firefighter Josh Bardwell, West Mountain Volunteer Fire Department Chief and Smith County Emergency Service District No. 2's coordinator with the Texas Intrastate Fire Mutual Aid System (TIFMAS).

"This things so dadgum big," said Bardwell, son of Lindale News & Times Publisher Jim Bardwell. "This fire is so large that we have many different divisions and base camps geographically set up – we know the overall mission and overall operations, but we're not in communication because the fire is so long."

Bardwell's working as Strike Team Leader with TIFMAS, running the five units of Engine Strike Team

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# **Gary Borders Capital Highlights**



### Largest wildfire in state history still raging

A wildfire in the Texas Panhandle has consumed more than 1 million acres and as of Sunday was just 15% contained, according to the Texas A&M Forest Service. It is the largest wildfire in Texas history.

The Smokehouse Creek Fire is by far the most extensive of several blazes, which also include the Grape Vine Creek Fire in Gray County, covering 30,000 acres and 60% contained, and the Windy Deuce Fire in Moore County, which covers 142,000 acres and was 60% contained.

Two deaths have been reported thus far, with hundreds of homes and other structures destroyed and thousands of cattle likely killed, according to Sid Miller, the state's agriculture commissioner. Gov. Greg Abbott issued a disaster declaration for 60 counties, and firefighting crews from across the state have arrived to assist.

The causes of the fires have not been determined, though the Panhandle has been experiencing exceptionally dry and windy weather. The forest service is advising residents and motorists traveling through the Panhandle to be cautious and not aggravate fire conditions.

"A lot of our fires start from the roadside," Meghan Mahurin, public information officer, said. "Dragging chains, throwing cigarettes, and pulling trucks off into a bar ditch where a hot exhaust can hit tall grass can cause one."

At least one lawsuit has already been filed, blaming downed power lines owned by Xcel Energy for starting a blaze, the Texas Tribune reported.

### Head of DPS testifies before grand jury

A Uvalde grand jury considering bringing possible charges against law enforcement officers for the flawed response to the Robb Elementary school shooting heard testimony behind closed doors last week from Texas Department of Public Safety Director Col. Steve McCraw.

The Austin American-Statesman reported McCraw flew from Austin on a state plane and was driven to the Uvalde County Fairplex, where the grand jury is meeting. He made no public comments.

The Statesman has previously reported that multiple law enforcement officers have been ordered to appear before the grand jury, including from DPS. The responding officers have come under harsh criticism for not confronting the shooter more quickly. He murdered 19 students and two teachers before being killed.

McGraw's agency thus far has refused to release investigative information in the case, despite rulings to do so from a judge in lawsuit brought by the Statesman and multiple media outlets. The agency said it is doing so at the request of the Uvalde County District Attorney to protect the grand jury proceedings.

### Court considers states' social media laws

Laws passed in Texas and Florida to regulate the authority of social media companies over content moderation have been challenged and are now before the U.S. Supreme Court, the Statesman reported.

Trade groups representing Facebook, YouTube, X and Instagram have been joined by the U.S. Justice Department in suing the two states, arguing the laws infringe on the companies' First Amendment right to free speech.

House Bill 20 in Texas passed in 2021. It required social media companies to publicly disclose their content moderation processes and provide recourse for Texans whose posts or accounts are removed or suspended.

The bill's sponsor, state Sen. Bryan Hughes, R-Mineola, held a news conference after the high court hearing laws week.

"They control the new town square," he said of the social media companies. "Everybody understands that that's where people go to hash it out, to exercise their First Amendment rights, to have a discussion."

## Judge stops survey of Texas bitcoin miners

A federal judge has temporarily halted an effort by the Department of Energy to collect electricity consumption data from cryptocurrency miners, the Houston Chronicle reported. Texas bitcoin miners claimed the mandatory survey was a "politically motivated attack on the industry."

The suit was filed by the Texas Blockchain Council and Riot Platforms in Rockdale, the most power-intensive bitcoin mine in the United States. They claimed the DOE sent out the mandatory survey without a public notice and comment period.

# Hour of power ...

Everybody remember to "Spring Forward" this weekend. It is the time change that makes me feel like I have an antihistamine hangover and it takes a month to get used to that change.

I NEED that hour we are going to lose. How about you? If you had one hour per week that you got to spend any way you wanted what would you do. Would you exercise?

Probably not. Would you catch up on housework? Maybe. More than likely most folks would fill it with playing on their cell phone or online. Or they

Facebook. What if you spent it alone... with you.

would watch mindless TV or troll

Reflection is something we seem to have lost the art for and we need it...desperately.

We need to turn the television, the radio, the iPod, the cell phone, the computer, the Kindle OFF. We need to be still.

We need to be quiet.

And we need to think about why we are here and what we are about.

Yes, the housework definitely





needs to be done.

And yes, most of us need to make a habit of exercise. But life is short and we need to connect with what makes

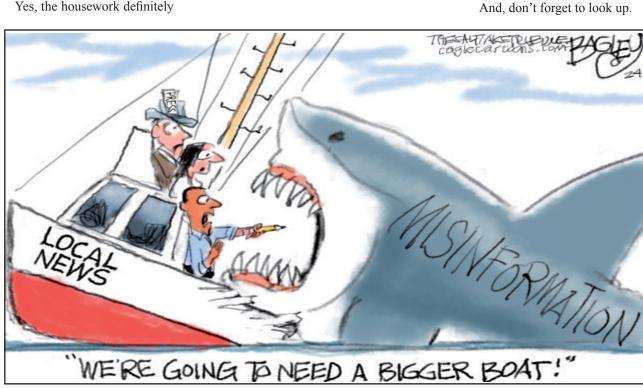
it meaningful.

Sometimes we need to be still to find that out, or reconnect with what it is.

Life moves at the speed of light. We look up and our babies are grown. We look up and we are no longer young. We look up and life is full of challenges and heartbreaks or just plain tedium.

But as long as we take the time to be still and keep looking up we will find our purpose.

Don't lose more hours than you have to. Find the time to find yourself.



# THE ECONOMIST

By Dr. M. Ray Perryman

### Global growth ...

context by examining how other countries are faring. Rates of expansion around the world vary significantly, and a few points about current patterns are noteworthy.

The fastest growing nations in gross domestic product (GDP) are, as usual, observed among emerging regions. A



mature industrial base cannot generally sustain the rates of increase seen in areas where there has historically been little activity and, thus, relatively small gains in absolute terms can generate large percentage changes.

According to the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), the countries with the fastest GDP growth this year are expected to be India (6.2%), Indonesia

(5.1%), China (4.7%), and Turkey (2.9%). These rates equal or exceed the forecast global increase of 2.9% (which is impressive). Some of those projections may not come to fruition (especially China, where there are notable structural issues), but these forecasts provide a useful yardstick.

The next few on the list are Mexico (2.5%), Saudi Arabia (2.4%), and Korea (2.2%). The United States has a projected 2024 increase according to the OECD of 2.1% (our forecast is modestly higher). Brazil, Russia, Spain, Australia, Japan, South Africa, and Canada round out the top 15. The outlook for the Euro area calls for only 0.6% expansion, with peren-

I often tend to focus on the US economy. Let's explore some nial powerhouse Germany at just 0.3%. The United Kingdom

The position of the United States among the top performing developed economies is notable, and the divergence between US and European growth is striking. Although improvement for Europe is expected in 2025, the US will continue to perform better.

One reason for this disparity is distance and some insulation from geopolitical tensions. For example, when Russia invaded Ukraine, a key source of natural gas for Europe (pipelines from Russia) was interrupted. Energy prices remain well above those in the US, due to both the loss of supply and complex challenges with the transition to green energy. In fact, the US role as a net energy exporter has served it well as numerous disruptions have arisen around the world.

European taxes and costs are also generally higher, further constricting prospects by putting exporters at a competitive disadvantage on global markets. In addition, the US has (1) generated a sizeable turnaround in productivity and (2) enjoyed more consumer engagement, partially resulting from its aggressive stimulus responses during the pandemic.

Both areas faced substantial interest rate increases and inflationary pressures, but the domestic situation has been moderating more rapidly. The US economy has shown remarkable strength given the array of global challenges (though there are some signs of current slowing) and is better positioned for enduring progress than most parts of the world.

Stay safe!



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**NEWSPAPER POWER.** 

# Speaking of dogs, let's communicate with our furry friends

Once again, those brainy people down at Texas A&M University have supplied yours truly with what I feel is some fascinating stuff worth sharing, and wouldn't you know it's about dogs.

Possibly my favorite subject, other than my grandkids.

(Speaking of dogs, check out the newest feature in our weekly gazette in today's issue, "Pet of the Week" supplied by the folks at Lindale's City Animal Services.)

The gist of this emailed information is that while our pups can't speak our language they nonetheless communicate though vocalizations and body language.

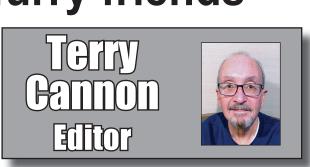
Such as: At our house, at 6 a.m. each day, little dachshund Abbey brings forth her loudest bark informing us it's time to start the day, which for her and roommate Penny means a trip to the backyard and their morning ritual.

According to Harmony Diers, manager for the Dog Aging Project in Aggieland, dogs have a remarkable ability to communicate through a variety of sounds, or vocalizations.

Because each vocalization conveys a specific message or emotion, understanding the meaning behind different vocalizations can help owners address their pets' needs more effectively, leading to a stronger bond and a happier, healthier dog, she says.

A dog's vocalizations can be categorized into distinct types, such as barking, whining, and howling, but there are many factors that contribute to what a dog is trying to convey.

"Deciphering what dogs are trying to communicate with a particular vocalization depends on the tone of their communication, their body language, environmental factors, health, level of comfort and emotion, such as stress, fear or hunger,' Diers said.



She added that owners should try to understand common reasons behind such vocalizations (see Abbey, above) and pay attention to any changes in these patterns. If so, a specialist such as a veterinarian or trainer may be needed.

Barking, the most common category of dog vocalization, serves various purposes, she

"Emotions can be expressed through barking, whether it is a higher-pitched bark for excitement, a repetitive and monotone bark for boredom, a sharp and intense bark to alert you of a sound or sight, or a short, quick bark directed at another dog as a way to say 'stop it!" Diers explained. "Yet, for example, if a dog is barking from anxiety, which often sounds high pitched and increases in frequency, veterinary or behavioral intervention may be necessary to address the underlying cause."

Other common categories of vocalization include whining and sighing or groaning. Whining addresses specific needs such as a trip to the backyard, a desire to play or in Abbey's case, a need for more treats.

If an owner suspects their dog is exhibiting these sounds because of a medical concern, they should consult with a veterinarian to identify and address the source of the potential issue.

Howling, on the other hand, is a distinctive and long vocalization, often transitioning from a low to high pitch, that reflects their long-range into their pet's needs and communication instinct, emotions.

passed down through their ancestral ties to wolves.

In addition to vocalizations, dogs communicate through a combination of body postures, facial expressions and tail movements. Owners should observe these cues together with any vocalization so that they may better understand what their dog is trying to say.

"A barking dog with a wagging tail and relaxed ears and face may be happy and barking from excitement, while a barking dog that is standing stiff with ears at attention may indicate they feel threatened," Diers said.

Paying close attention to these cues can be especially helpful when determining the reason behind a dog's growling, a form of defensive behavior for dogs.

"Though they can growl while playing, dogs tend to use growling when they are fearful, upset, sensing a warning or threat, or protecting their territory," Diers said.

Growling can be seen as a negative behavior, but it is an important form of communication that can help prevent potentially dangerous situations, such as a bite, by signaling to others to stay back or indicating a personal boundary has been crossed.

Even though it can be a complex process to understand what a dog is trying to communicate through their vocalizations, considering the type of vocalization, their body language, and surrounding environment can help owners gain valuable insights



### Gold Star Mothers sign Valentine's cards

Members of the Northeastern Texas American Gold Star Mothers recently signed Valentine's Day cards for veterans at the Watson-Logan Texas State Veteran's Home. Gold Star Mothers is group of mothers who have lost a son or daughter who have been in a U.S. military branch and is a private, non-profit organization. These cards were delivered to the Watson-Logan home by these Gold Star Mothers who were gratified by expressions of gratitude and invitations to visit anytime. (Courtesy

# Times of Lindale



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#### ONE YEAR AGO, March 2, 2023

Lindale City Council members approved the extension of Centennial Blvd. to connect with Jim Hogg Road following an executive session during their regular meeting at city hall.

The council voted in open session after the executive session.

By extending this roadway, the first steps of the Centennial Development project can begin. Smith County will fund a portion of the project with bond

In other action, the council:

- -- Approved the preliminary and final subdivision of Bigfoot Pursuits LLC consisting of 3.6 acres into two lots in the 700 block of South Main near the Auto Zone store.
- -- Approved an emergency expenditure of an extra \$25,970 to repair belt press at the wastewater treatment plant.
- -- Approved \$50,000 to purchase furniture for the new Kinzie Community Center at Pool Park. Council members also discussed design changes, rental fees and received an update on con-
- -- Approved moving the location at Darden Harvest Park to alleviate at the plate.

discs landing in adjacent homeowners' property. The Lindale Parks Board is to determine the new location of the hole.

#### **FIVE YEARS AGO,** March 7, 2019

Lindale's Jodi DeHart slashed a tworun triple in the bottom of the seventh inning to propel the Lady Eagles to a come-from-behind, 8-7, win over the Van Lady Vandals in softball action. Hannah Knox tossed seven innings of seven hit ball and struck out 17 Lady

The win improved the Lady Eagles' record to 6-1-1 overall and 1-0 in dis-

#### 10 YEARS AGO, March 6, 2014

Following a successful weekend at a tournament in Fort Worth, the Lindale High School Eagles varsity baseball team took on Gilmer and brought home a 2-0 win.

Sam Sitton, now 1-1 on the season, drove in both Lindale runs as well as going 2-for-3 at the plate with a pair of singles. His hit in the third inning brought in the only two runs he and the Eagles would need.

Bryce Deupree also had a hit for the Eagles.

On the mound, Sitton struck out eight and spaced out five hits.

Lindale's defense also contributed to the win as left fielder Ryan Dudley doubled up a Buckeye runner with a of hole No. 1 on the disc golf course perfect throw to catcher Tate Coomer

# Who knew M&M's were so noteworthy?

I was walking down the aisle in the grocery store when I saw a 20 somethin' year old millennial lookin' feller standin' in the middle of the aisle.

He had his eyes closed and his head movin' back and forth. I walked up to him.

"Hey buddy. You OK?" I asked. He opened his eyes, smiled, and pointed up at the ceilin'. I looked up but didn't see anything.

"Hear that?" he asked, still pointin'. I didn't hear anything. Of course I didn't have my hearin' aids in, so there was that. Then he asked, "What do you think about that?"

"About what?"

'About Eminem?"





"I like 'em OK," I said. "Well, all except the blue ones."

"Do what?" he asked. "What are you talking about?"

"M&M's."

"The singer?"

"They sing?" "What?"

"What are you takin'

about?"

"Eminem." "Are you havin' a stroke

or somethin'?"

"He sighed heavily." I am talking about the singer, Eminem."

"OK," I said. "I've seen 'em on TV commercials talkin', but I've never seen one singin'. Which color is he?"

"White."

"There's a white M&M?"

"Heavy sigh. Of course he's white, he's Eminem."

"I ain't never seen no white M&M. I think you're just makin' this up."

"Come on, dude. Eminem, the rapper."

"The M&M wrapper ain't

white. It's black." He points up. "Listen."

"To what?" "Eminem."

"You ain't escaped from some mental facility or

somethin', have you?" I asked. He just stared at

me. "Man, you're a trip," he said and he walked off.

" W o w , " thought. "There sure are some strange people out there." Then I had another thought. "Hmmm....wonder where the candy aisle is? Like Jerry Clower used to say, that guy has done flung a cravin' on me."

# Friends of Lillie Russell library meet, make plans for 2024

During its February meeting, the Friends of the Lillie Russell Memorial Library discussed plans for 2024 which include the annual Events Sponsorships and the Membership Drive, publicity officials announced.

The Friends, under the leadership of new president Tyanna Fabian, were able to distribute more than \$12,000 to the library with \$10,000 more pledged for renovations to the foyer and restrooms. The group also volunteered more than 780 hours to the library.

A banner, highlighting the membership drive and the sponsorships, will be posted in front of the library and will list all the sponsors that have generously helped the Friends over the years.

The group welcomes new members or the renewal of memberships. Its next meeting is scheduled for 2 p.m. on Sunday, March 10.

# TPWD executive director appointed to fishing, boating partnership council

The Secretaries of Interior and Commerce recently appointed Texas Parks and Wildlife Department Executive Director, David Yoskowitz, Ph.D., to serve on the Sport Fishing and Boating Partnership Council, publicity officials announced.

The committee advises the U.S. Secretary of the Interior and the U.S. Secretary of Commerce on aquatic conservation and restoration endeavors to benefit fishery resources and enhance recreational boating.

The council comprises individuals from coastal fish and wildlife resource management agencies, fishing and boating industries, and education or outreach organizations to address recreational angling, boating and aquatic resource conservation issues. The council not only advises the secretaries but also encourages partnerships among industry, the public, and government to advance conservation needs. Yoskowitz was named execu-

tive director of TPWD in 2022 after previously serving in many roles at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi. He served as chief economist of the National Oceanic



and Atmospheric Administration (2014-5) where he helped develop the agency's first Social Science Vision and Strategy. He also served on the National Research Council

Committee on the Effects of the Deepwater Horizon Mississippi Canyon-252 Oil Spill on Ecosystem Services in the Gulf of Mexico.

Yoskowitz previously sat on the Socioeconomic Scientific and Statistical Committee for the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council and currently serves on the Board of Directors of Indifly, an organization dedicated to using recreational fisheries to create sustainable livelihoods for indigenous peoples around the world.

"I am honored to have been appointed to this committee that focuses not only on the core values of Texas Parks and Wildlife Department but conservation issues across the United States," Yoskowitz said. "Working together with industry partners, outdoor enthusiast organizations, other fish and wildlife agencies, and various stakeholder groups helps us make more well-rounded recommendations to the Secretaires." This appointment is beneficial

not only to Texas but all outdoor enthusiasts for advancing conservation and recreational needs. Find additional information about the Sport Fishing and Boating Partnership Council on their webpage.

# PETS OF THE WEEK

#### **Sweet pups need forever homes**

EDITOR'S NOTE: The "Pet of the Week" column, compiled by staff members of the city of Lindale Animal Control department, is scheduled to be a regular feature in the Lindale News and Times.

Many of you may remember the infamous white dog who eluded capture for months.

Her name is Elsa, and here is her story:

In December of 2022, not one, but two puppies were abandoned in Lindale, one white, and one yellow. Sisters, they stayed together for several weeks, seeking out food wherever they could find it, and shelter in the trees from some nasty winter storms.

These two pups were survivors. They knew no other way. Eventually they found their way to a local chicken restaurant, discovered their love for chicken and found some kind souls who would leave food for them. For weeks, these pups would return to the same locations, knowing that someone would leave something for them to eat.

Numerous calls to the city, and dozens of attempts by Animal Control to lure these babies to warmth, safety and care were unproductive.

One day, in late January of 2023, the yellow pup was successfully rescued by Animal Control and taken to the city kennel. She was very shy, timid, and untrusting with people, but safe from the elements, cars, and predators. She had regular meals and a warm bed. Animal Control started calling her Brie, for her color was similar to Brie cheese.

This left the other pup, the elusive white one, to fend for herself all on her own. Each day the city received calls of sightings of this white dog, members of the community started seeing her on a regular basis on County Road 474, and in the Bethesda Church parking lot.

Food bowls started showing up, even a doghouse to give shelter to this dog who wouldn't get close enough to touch.

Throughout the entire month of February, many attempts were made to corral this street-smart young pup. She stayed outside throughout some ferocious cold weather, including snow and ice storms, leading city staff to name her "Elsa" because she was white like snow and the cold didn't seem to bother her.

Finally, on March 2, 2023 she was out matched, and city staff was able to get her safely into the city kennel, where a warm bed and regular meals awaited.

That should have been the happy ending for Elsa and Brie. Don't get the wrong idea, they've both received veterinary care, regular vaccines and immunizations, full bellies, and lots of play time, but here we are, nearly a year later and both dogs are still in the city kennel.

There's been no interest from potential adopters. Other dogs have come and gone, and both Brie and Elsa are still

No dog should have to fend for itself on the streets as a puppy, only to spend an entire year not knowing the love of a human, or to know what it's like to have kids to play with, or go on walks, or snuggle with their human.

Neither Elsa nor Brie have known the love of a forever family. A year has gone by, and these dogs have only known the street and a city kennel.

These two pups need help, they need love and training. They need to learn to trust. And it will take a lot of work and a lot of patience, but both have the potential to be an amazing pet.

Please contact City of Lindale Animal Control at 903-882-6861 if you are interested in giving either one of them a forever home.



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FRIDAY, FEB. 23: Public Service, 500 block North Main Street, Settled at Scene; Motor Vehicle Crash, 3500 block South Main Street, Settled at Scene; Public Service, 14200 block CR 452, Settled at Scene; Theft, 100 block East Centennial Blvd., Report; Motorist Assist, 300 block West Hubbard Street, Settled at Scene; Assist Another Agency, 15000 block CR 431, Settled at Scene; Public Service, 100 block East Centennial Blvd., Settled at Scene; Public Service, 1100 block East Park Drive, Settled at Scene; Suspicious Person, 500 block South Main Street, Unfounded; Criminal Mischief, 1300 block Brad Circle, Unable to Locate; Stolen License Plate, 3500 block South Main Street, Unable to Locate; Suspicious Vehicle, 17000 block IH-20 West, Settled at Scene.

SATURDAY, FEB. 24: Motor Vehicle Crash, 554 IH-20 West, Report; Theft, 100 block Ballard Drive, Report; Peace Officer's Warrant, 200 block Summer Tree Circle, Report; Stolen Vehicle, 13900 block FM 849, Report; Welfare Concern, 3200 block South Main Street, Settled at Scene; Suspicious Circumstance, 100 block East Centennial Blvd., Settled at Scene; Mental Health Welfare Check, 400 block West North Street, Settled at Scene; Welfare Concern, 500 block Circle Drive, Report; Peace Officer's Warrant, 300 block Corrigan Trails Blvd., Report; Criminal Trespass, 100 block East Centennial Blvd., Report; Assist Smith Co SO, 13300 block IH-20 East, Settled at Scene.

SUNDAY, FEB. 25: Disturbance, 300 block South Main Street, Settled at Scene: Business Alarm, 400 block South Main Street, Settled at Scene; Traffic Hazard, 554 IH-20 West, Unable to Locate; Inquest, 3500 block South Main Street, Report; Motor Vehicle Crash, 3200 block South Main Street, Settled at Scene; Suspicious Circumstance, 13900 block FM 849, Unable to Locate; Public Service, 100 block East Centennial Blvd., Settled at Scene; Criminal Trespass, 100 block East Centennial Blvd., Warning Issued; Business Alarm, 800 block Lindale Industrial Parkway, Settled at Scene; Traffic Hazard, 556 IH-20 West, Unable to Locate.

MONDAY, FEB. 26: Assist Another Agency, 400 block Eagle Spirit Drive, Settled at Scene; Suspicious Circumstance, 300 block Rita Drive, Settled at Scene; Public Service, 2700 block South Main Street, Settled at Scene; Motor Vehicle Crash, 1700 block South Main Street, Report; Traffic Control, 100 block North Main Street, Settled at Scene; Motor Vehicle Crash, 18500 block U.S. Highway 69 North, Settled at Scene; Motor Vehicle Crash, 300 block West Hubbard Street, Settled at Scene; Assist EMS ,400



block Roseland Drive, Settled at Scene; Stolen Vehicle, 2700 block South Main Street, Report; Assist EMS, 500 block Sunset Drive, Settled at Scene; Suspicious Vehicle, 100 block East Centennial Blvd., Settled at Scene.

TUESDAY, FEB. 27: Motor Vehicle Crash, 3400 block South Main Street, Report; Verbal Disturbance, 1500 block South Main Street, Unable to Locate; Theft, 600 block South Main Street, Report; Escort, 200 block West South Street, Settled at Scene; Traffic Hazard, 300 block South Main Street, Settled at Scene; Family Violence, 200 block Cooper Street, Arrest; Suspicious Person, 3500 block South Main Street, Settled at Scene.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 28: Disturbance, 17500 block Stacy Street, Settled at Scene; Traffic Complaint, 556 IH-20 West, Unfounded; Motor Vehicle Crash, 200 block South College Street, Unfounded; Assist Smith Co SO, 18600 block U.S. Highway 69 North, Settled at Scene; Assist Other Agency, 18600 block CR 4116, Settled at Scene; Traffic Hazard, 100 block North Main Street, Settled at Scene; Motor Vehicle Crash, 3300 block South Main Street, Report; Public Service, 60 block Miranda Lambert Way, Settled at Scene; Suspicious Vehicle, 500 block South Main Street, Settled at Scene; Welfare Concern, 200 block Charles Drive, Settled at Scene; Suspicious Person, 3500 block South Main Street, Settled at Scene; Suspicious Vehicle, 13800 block Highway 69 North, Settled at Scene; Suspicious Vehicle, 16000 block Liberty Crossing, Settled at Scene.

THURSDAY, FEB. 29: Suspicious Circumstance, 200 block Charles Drive, Settled at Scene; Harassment, 100 block East Centennial Blvd., Settled at Scene; Welfare Concern, 3200 block South Main Street, Settled at Scene; Disturbance, 3500 block South Main Street, Warning Issued; Welfare Concern, 100 block East Centennial Blvd., Unable to Locate; Suspicious Person, 15500 block CR 463, Settled at Scene; Motorist Assist, 500 block East South Street, Settled at Scene; Suspicious Person, 3200 block South Main Street, Settled at Scene; Hit and Run, 520 block South Main Street, Settled at Scene; Traffic Hazard, 13400 block IH-20 East, Settled at Scene; Public Service, 60 block Miranda Lambert Way, Settled at Scene.

FRIDAY, MARCH 1: Motorist Assist, 17900 block Highway 69 North, Settled at Scene; Welfare Concern, 300 block Bowers Street, Report; Public Service, 100 block East Centennial Blvd., Settled at Scene; Escort, 200 block West South Street, Settled at Scene; Business Alarm, 60 block Miranda Lambert Way, Settled at Scene; Public Service, 200 block Summer Tree Circle, Settled at Scene; Assist Other Agency; 3200 block South Main Street, Warning Issued; Motorist Assist, 14900 block IH-20 East, Settled at Scene; Business Alarm, 100 block South Main Street, Settled at Scene.



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# **Fed indictments** handed down for drug distribution violations

A Celina physician and eight others have been indicted for federal drug distribution violations in the Eastern District of Texas, said Davilyn Walston, spokesperson for U.S. Attorney Damien M. Diggs.

Kevin Shelton, 53, was named in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury in February 2024, charging him with possession with conspiracy to possess with intent to manufacture and distribute controlled substances and conspiracy to commit money laundering.

The following individuals were also charged in the in-

Stephanie Shelton, 48, of Celina;

Jai Ellis, 41, of Celina;

Clay York, 50, of Rowlett;

Stephanie York, 49, of Rowlett;

Jeffrey Cornwell, 47, of McKinney;

Raman Bhaumik, 45, of Plano; Prasenjit Bhaumik, 48, of Plano; and

David Pokorny, 62, of Sherman.

The defendants made initial appearances on Feb. 29 before

U.S. District Judge Sean Jordan.

According to the indictment and information presented in court, the defendants are alleged to have conspired to possess with the intent to distribute controlled substances, including Hydrocodone; Oxandrolone; Nandrolone; Phentermine; Alprazolam; Diazepam; Testosterone; Tramadol; Adderall; and Dextroamphetamine. The defendants also conspired to commit the offense of money laundering.

If convicted, the defendants each face up to 20 years in federal prison. This prosecution is part of an Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Forces (OCDETF) investigation. OCDETF identifies, disrupts, and dismantles the highest-level drug traffickers, money launderers, gangs, and transnational criminal organizations that threaten the United States by using a prosecutor-led, intelligence-driven, multiagency approach that leverages the strengths of federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies against criminal networks.

This case is being investigated by the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration and the Internal Revenue Service -Criminal Investigation. This case is being prosecuted by assistant U.S. attorneys in Plano and Sherman

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# Junior High girls' track teams finish second in Bullard

Both the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade Lindale High School girls track teams captured second place honors recently at the Bullard Junior High School Panther Relays.

The 8th graders earned 181.5 points while the 7th graders finished with 169 points.

Leading scorers for the 8th graders included Rachel Kelley, 32 points, Madison Hopson, 24 points, Breelyn Gordon, 20 points and Baylee Brooks 18 points.

For the 7th graders, leading scorers included Ava Wilson, 38 points, Leila Harkins, 21 points, Reece Rand, 20 points and Paisley Keith, 18 points.

#### 8<sup>™</sup> GRADE RESULTS (Lindale competitors only

Triple Jump – Breelynn Gordon - 4th Place (28 feet, 8½ inches); Baylee Brooks, 5th Place (28 feet,  $4\frac{1}{4}$  inches)

Long Jump – Rachel Kelley, 3rd Place (13 feet, 13/4 inches); Bree-Lynn Gordon - 4th Place (13 feet, 1 inch); Brooklyn Wiggins, 6th Place (12 feet, 8½ inches)

High Jump -- Rachel Kelley, 3rd Place (4 feet, 4 inches); Baylee Brooks, 5th Place (4 feet, 4 inches); Brooklyn Wiggins, 6th Place (4 feet, 4 inches)

Pole Vault – Dylan Grace, 2nd Place (7 feet); Baylee Brooks, 3rd Place (6 feet)

Discus - Harper Kinney, 3rd Place (77 feet, 8 inches); KayLea Williams, 5th Place (56 feet, 51/2

Shot Put - Harper Kinney, 4th Place (28 feet, 91/2 inches); Kay-Lea Williams, 6th Place (28 feet, 6 inches)

2400 Run – Kinzleigh McIntyre, 5th Place (11:01.42)

400 Relay - Makynli Zemer, Breelynn Gordon, Baylee Brooks, Brooklyn Wiggins, 2nd Place (54.55)

800 Run – Madison Hopson, 1st Place (2:41.92); Haylee Osorio, 4th Place (2:52.81)

100 Hurdles - Rachel Kelley, 1st Place (17.26); Dylan Grace, 5th Place (19.33)

100 Dash - Breelynn Gordon, 2nd Place (13.86); Bella Bunton, 3rd Place (13.94)

800 Relay - Makynli Zemer, Bella Bunton, Baylee Brooks, Brooklyn Wiggins, 2nd Place (1:58.05)

400 Run – Madison Hopson - 1st Place (1:07.03); Alayna Ogden, 3rd Place, (1:08.54); Addyson Hance, 5th Place (1:10.20)

300 Hurdles – Rachel Kelley, 1st Place (53.42); Dylan Grace, 5th Place (57.23)

200 Dash - Brooklyn Wiggins, 4th Place (29.61); Bella Bunton, 5th Place, (29.76)

1600 Run – Haylee Osorio - 5th Place (6:48.52); Helen Arteaga, 6th Place (6:49.77)

1600 Relay - Makynli Zemer, Addyson Hance, Madison Hopson, Alayna Ogden, 2nd Place (4:40.25)

Leading Scorer: Rachel Kelley 32 Points

Madison Hopson - 24 Points Breelynn Gordon - 20 Points Baylee Brooks- 18 Points

#### **7TH GRADE RESULTS** (Lindale competitors only)

Triple Jump - Reece Rand, 2nd Place (28 feet, 11 inches); Ava Wilson, 3rd Place (27 feet, 81/2 inches); Anna Muhr, 4th Place (27 feet, 5 inches)

Long Jump – Leila Harkins - 1st Place (13 feet, 1 inch); Reece Rand, 3rd Place (12 feet,8<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> inches)

High Jump – Addison Mahana - 2nd Place (4 feet, 4 inches); Reece Rand, 4th Place (4 feet, 4 inches)

Discus – Paisley Keith, 1st Place (71 feet, 8 inches); Ava Wilson, 2nd Place (69 feet, 3½ inches)

Shot Put – Ava Wilson - 1st Place (31 feet, 5 inches); Paisley Keith, 2nd Place (30 feet, 10 inches); Milee Miller, 5th Place (27 feet, 1 inch)

2400 Run – Avery Glasscock, 4th Place (11:51.07); Kyler Galloway, 5th Place (12:01.50); Avery Wehr, 6th Place (12:14.16)

400 Relay - Milee Miller, Leila Harkins, Selah Edwards, Kierra Ross, 4th Place (58.46)

800 Run – Ava Wilson, 3rd Place (2:53.76)

100 Hurdles – Reagan Thurmon, 5th Place (20.10); Libbie McHam, 6th Place (20.19)

100 Dash - Reece Rand, 6th Place (14.74)

800 Relay - Milee Miller, Leila Harkins, Selah Edwards, Addison Mahana, 3rd Place (2:03.19)

400 Run – Bethany Hopson, 3rd Place (1:11.11); Jaylee Benson, 6th Place (1:13.43) 300 Hurdles – Libbie McHam,

2nd Place (55.70); Eden Denson, 5th Place (58.36)

200 Dash - Leila Harkins - 3rd Place (30.57); Selah Edwards, 4th Place (30.80)

Reece Rand, 6th Place (31.25) 1600 Run - Ava Wilson, 2nd

Place (6:36.46) 1600 Relay - Milee Miller, Bethany Hopson, Jaylee Benson, Kierra Ross, 3rd Place (5:07.15)

# Lindale High School seniors awarded "Women with Heart" scholarships

Two Lindale High School seniors earned \$4,000 in scholarships for their submissions to the 2024 "Women with Heart" contest spon-

CHRISTUS Trinity Mother Frances Louis and Peaches Owen Heart Hospital, publicity officials

Ashlynn Blankenship and Kayla McCoy finished second and third, respectively, in the contest. Blankenship's scholarship is worth \$2,500 and McCoy's is worth \$1,500.

Alyssa Strickland, a homeschooled student, was named the winner, earning the \$5,000 grand prize. "As soon as she said my name, it took me a minute to process that I was the winner," Strickland said. "I learned so much about heart health for women during this process and

I am so thankful to everyone who voted for me."

In all, five area high school seniors were honored with scholarships totaling \$10,000, officials said.

More than 70 videos were submitted from across the area and students were tasked with creating a video that focused on American Heart Month, with the aim of building awareness of heart

disease, specifically for women. "We wanted them to learn about heart health and specifically the impact heart disease has on women," said Deb Chelette, regional vice president, cardiovascular services. "They all had such great submissions that showed they took the time to learn about heart disease and, hopefully, gain some valuable knowledge."

The remaining finalists, Elizabeth Kuhlmann and Nicole Hines, each received \$500. As for Strickland, she says she plans to use the scholarship to support her goal of becoming a nurse.

"Both my mom and my sister are nurses, so I have a lot of great experience in my family," she said. "I am so excited to be able to help

### Day passes for Tyler State Park can be reserved for solar eclipse

Those hoping to view the total eclipse from a state park location – such as Tyler State Park -- can call the Texas State Parks Reservations Center for day passes for the event on April 8, publicity officials said.

Reservations can be made by calling 512-389-8900 or go online for all parks except Enchanted Rock State Natural Area. Reservations for Enchanted Rock will need to be made March 11 by phone only.

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) will take calls to the reservation line on a first-come, first-served basis, and the limited number of day passes are expected to go

TPWD anticipates a high call volume on March 8 and March 11 and asks callers to exhibit patience as agents help answer calls in a timely manner.

To make the reservation process easier, members of the public should have their vehicle information ready, including license plate number, make, model and number of occupants broken down by adults and kids under 12 years of age. Reservations must be confirmed with a credit card, so callers and those reserving online will need to have that information available as well. Agents will be available to take reservations in Spanish.

Texas has 31 state parks within the path of totality, and a partial eclipse will be visible in other state parks. Parks in the line of totality are expected to reach capacity, and members of the public are asked not to visit unless they have a prepurchased day pass or overnight reservation.

Below are some additional items to keep in mind when making reservations:

Create a reservation plan and familiarize yourself with the website process before March 8. It is also advised to setup an account ahead of time if you haven't already.

Identify three different parks to try for online reservations. If your Plan A, B or C doesn't work out, call center agents may be able to help with more park site options.

Admission fees vary by park for anyone age 13 and over; children 12 and under enter free. The Texas State Park Pass waives day pass fees for everyone in the pass holder's vehicle. However, the Texas State Parks Pass does not guarantee park entry. Pass holders still need to make reservations even though they do not need to make a payment.

Additional information on this exciting event can be found on TPWD's eclipse viewing website and the eclipse viewing FAQ website.

# Input sought on Texas hunting

AUSTIN - The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department is taking public comment until March 27 to proposed changes to the 2024-2025 Statewide Hunting and Migratory Game Bird proclamations, publicity officials said. These include:

#### **Migratory Game Bird Regulations**

Eliminate the Light Goose Conservation Order from both Eastern and Western Goose

### Zones

Reduce the daily bag limit of light geese from 10 to 5 in both eastern and western zones.

Extend the regular goose season for light geese to 19 days in the eastern

Standardize the light goose possession limit to three times the daily bag limit – similar to all other migratory game birds - during the regular hunting season.

Change the Special White-winged Dove Days season structure due to calendar progression.

Change the season structure of the second segment for doves in the north zone to allow later dove hunting.

Change greater white-fronted goose daily bag limit restrictions from two in the aggregate to a dark goose daily bag limit of five in the western zone. Include Mexican ducks in the duck daily bag limits for all zones while

Calendar progression for all other migratory game bird hunting season dates.

deleting "Mexican like" verbiage.

**Upland Game Bird Regulations** Require statewide mandatory harvest reporting for all harvested wild turkeys during all seasons and coun-

Close the spring-only hunting sea-

regulation proposals

son for wild turkeys south of Highway 82 in Fannin, Lamar, Red River and Bowie counties. Close all wild turkey hunting sea-

sons in Bell and Williamson counties east of Interstate 35 (I-35) and in all of Milam County. Remove references to Rio Grande

and eastern wild turkey subspecies in regulations and replace with "wild turkey." Reduce the wild turkey hunting

season length and annual bag limit in all counties with an open season west of the Pecos River and that portion of counties falling east of I-35/north of I-10 to a spring-only season from April 1-30 and one gobbler (male turkey) annual bag limit.

### **Big Game Regulations**

Change Desert Bighorn Sheep hunting season from Sept. 1 – July 31 to Nov.15 – Sept. 30.

Remove references to "antelope" in regulations and replace with "pronghorn."

For properties enrolled in the harvest option of the Managed Lands Deer Program, allow youth to take bucks with a firearm for the same days that correspond to the early youth-only season for county harvest regulations.

Expand doe days in 43 counties in the Post Oak Savannah and Pineywoods ecoregions.

Expand youth-only seasons in the fall to include Friday for white-tailed deer, squirrels and wild turkeys.

Additional details on the proposed regulation changes can be found on the public comment page and in the Texas Register.

For more information about the 2024-25 proposals an online zoom webinar will be held at 6:30 p.m. on March 6. TPWD Wildlife Division staff will present proposed hunting regulation changes and answer ques-

The public is encouraged to provide comment on the proposed regulation changes, and input will be considered before any action is taken by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission at its March 28 public hearing. Opportunities to provide comments for or against these proposals include:

Online: Comments on each of the changes can be provided on the TPWD public comment page until March 27.

### **Phone or Email**

For Migratory Game Bird Proclamation comments, or comments regarding wild turkey hunting regulations, please contact Shaun Oldenburger, shaun.oldenburger@tpwd.texas.gov

For comments regarding big game hunting regulations or expansion of youth-only seasons, please contact Blaise Korzekwa, blaise.korzekwa@ tpwd.texas.gov

Commission Meeting: The TPW Commission will take public comment on the proposed changes at their meeting on Thursday, March 28 in Austin. Those wishing to provide public testimony are required to pre-register to speak. Public testimony is normally limited to three minutes per person.

# Falling in love with Japanese Maples

#### By Debby Taylor **Smith County Master Gardener**

I'm a lover of all trees, but if anyone asks my favorite it will be Japanese maples (Acer Palmatum) every time. They are small trees in form, but they make a very bold statement in the landscape.

They have three seasons of exquisite leaf color that make them a must have in shade gardens.

I first became acquainted with maples in Atlanta, Ga. My love for gardening blossomed when I lived there. Atlanta had an abundance of beautifully colored Japanese maples and I definitely took note.

I was able to purchase my first maples from Helen, a knowledgeable gardener on a lonely road in Fayetteville, Ga. She had a small hand painted sign beside her driveway that simply stated, "Helen's Plants for Sale." My husband and I pulled in that driveway more than once

after our first visit. She grew a great selection of Japanese maples among other beautiful plants. I was amazed by the maples and their color and broad spread of the canopy.

We bought two trees during that first visit, and she informed me all her trees were seed grown and not grafted

cultivars. Being an anxious gardener - but not an informed one -- I



had no idea what she meant.

It didn't matter to me if the trees were generic maples. They were absolutely beautiful and still are today.

Meeting Helen and buying those maples ignited my passion and experimentation of a new kind of gardening. A few days before moving to Texas I went by her little nursery for the last time. I bought four trees and brought them to Tyler and have been growing Japanese maples from seed ever since.

I have more than a dozen maples that I've grown from seed myself that are scattered throughout my landscape. That's in addition to the grafted named cultivars from nurseries, making a total of 25 maples in my yard.

I love that Helen's lovely trees flank my courtyard entrance because she was my inspiration in learning to grow maples from seed. They stand in honor of her passion for gardening.

Japanese maples can come at a relatively high price compared to other small trees when shopping. That spurred me into research and learning how to grow from seed. I just love the fabulous colors seed grown trees produce in spring, summer, and fall. Their color is vibrant and showy.

I learned to grow my trees from reading and watching different online videos. It was a relatively simple process. You just have to be thorough and do your research.

To be honest, my first attempt produced few trees, but the following year it was a smashing success. I must have had over 50 little seedlings. I loved and nurtured them all. It is something I do every year now - start my maples. It wouldn't be spring at my house without tiny trees strewn throughout my garden.

So, if you love maples like I do you might give starting some trees from seed a try. The process of watching such a lovely tree develop from that small seed is truly a remarkable experience.

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



#### Yard of the Month

The Lindale Garden Club has selected the yard of Jessie and Diana Campos, 17083 County Road 4100 as its March Yard of the Month. (Courtesy photo)

# **County Livestock Show set March 27**

By Smith County AgriLife Extension Service

The agricultural heartbeat of Smith County will resonate louder than ever at the 48th annual Smith County Junior Livestock Show presented by Peltier Chevrolet scheduled for March 27-28, organizers said.

The event will be hosted at the Cross Brand Cowboy Church, culminating with the Sale of Champions on March 29.

Event Highlights:

#### **Livestock Show** (March 27-28):

The Livestock Show promises a captivating display of dedication and passion as FFA, FCCLA, and 4-H members present

their meticulously raised livestock projects, featuring cattle, goats, sheep, and swine as well as home economics projects, horticulture projects, baked goods, and Ag Mechanics projects.

to the commitment of our youth, imparting essential life skills such as responsibility, teamwork, and leadership.

#### **Sale of Champions:**

March 29 marks the pinnacle of the event with the Sale of Champions, a unique opportunity for community members to support these aspiring agriculturists. The crème de la crème of the Livestock Show will be featured,

and attendees are invited to participate in the bidding process. Your involvement directly contributes to the success and future endeavors of these promising young farmers.

The Smith County Junior This event is a testament Livestock Show is open to the community to experience the dedication and hard work of our youth. Whether you are a seasoned supporter of agricultural initiatives or a first-time attendee, the Livestock Show and Sale of Champions guarantee an engaging and enlightening experience for all.

> For more information and updates, visit [smithcountyjls.com](http://smithcountyjls.com).

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# UT Tyler poll suggests Cruz may have trouble with Allred

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"One of the big unanswered questions for the Republicans in their twocandidate primary race is whether the loser's supporters will back the party's eventual nominee in the general election. Our results suggest that the answer to that question is 'no' when it comes to Trump supporters in Texas," said Dr. Ken Wink, UT Tyler professor and interim center director. "It appears that many Trump supporters would opt for Robert F. Kennedy Jr., over Nikki Haley in the general election if Haley, rather than Trump, were to be the GOP nominee."

Voters' perceptions of issues also produced some interesting results. By far and away, securing the border was the most important issue of voters, garnering 35 percent of the responses.

flation, earning the answers reproductive rights as tied of 15 percent of the voters. Smaller numbers of voters issues facing Texans. (9 percent) identified the

for the third most important

Later in the survey, when need for more gun control Texans were asked how and more protection for Biden had handled the border issue, 46 percent strongly disapproved of his handling of the issue, 15 percent somewhat disapproved, 17 percent somewhat approved, and 11

percent strongly approved. "While Trump's lead over Biden suggests the election will be closer than the last two presidential elections involving candi-

date Trump, it does not bode well for President Biden that Texans perceive he has badly mishandled the issue they believe to be the most important," Wink said.

## TxDOT launches Spring anti-drunk driving campaign, targeting college students

AUSTIN – As spring break approaches, TxDOT is teaming up with college students to make sure their celebrations don't have cata-

strophic consequences.

The "Drive Sober. No Regrets" campaign is traveling to college campuses and spring break hot spots

message that there is always a safe and sober way to get home. TxDOT is partnering with campus-based U in

leaders across Texas to reinforce this message with their classmates.

"Every death due to drunk

# Mayor reflects on tenure, city's growth

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he said. "It was around \$300,000 17 years ago and now its close to \$3 million."

Attracting big businesses such as Fed Ex and Sanderson Farms to the Lindale Industrial Park have helped pad the tax rolls, to be sure, but the aforementioned Cannery area with several businesses and a new hotel have boosted those figures too.

"A lot of major developments are still coming," he said. And Daugherty understands a lot of the credit for bringing into new business and industry is the highly-rated Lindale

"The school district is one of the major driving forces behind our growth," he said. "It's second to none."

Looking back on his tenure, Daugherty has fond memories of working for the city and its residents.

"Overall, its been a pleasure to serve," he said. "We've had great city councils with great people who don't have their own agendas. My hope and prayer for our community is that we continue to encourage and love one another. We are different from other communities. We have a special place here."

driving is preventable," Tx-DOT Executive Director Marc Williams said. "We want students to understand that it's easy to celebrate spring break safely. By finding a sober ride, taking a cab, using a rideshare, or simply staying put after drinking, students can make sure their families gather for graduation and not a funeral."

In 2022, there were 810 DUI-alcohol-related traffic crashes during the spring break period, killing 44 people and seriously injuring 90 others. All because someone chose to get behind the wheel while impaired.



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Josh Bardwell and other East Texas firefighters and their colleagues from the across the state in Engine Strike Team 115 are holding the line of the Smokehouse Creek fire since being called up Feb. 28.

## East Texans tackle Panhandle wildfires

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115 as they help hold a fire-line almost 107 miles-long.

"Smith County ESD No. 2 was ordered up along with hundreds of firefighters from other departments," Bardwell confirmed. "We're operating out of Borger, Texas, base camp. Our main area of operation is the western side of the Smokehouse Creek fire north from the town of Stinnett all the way over to southwest of Spearman."

The team includes a brush truck from Smith Co. ESD-2, a brush truck and water tender from Austin Fire Department, plus brush trucks from departments in Georgetown and Beaumont. They were dispatched to the Panhandle two days after the blazes began.

"We had an immediate request through the TIFMAS program to get a strike team assembled and on the road as soon as we could the morning of the 28th to get here to the fire, which was actively burning."

The strike team includes 15 personnel along with the equipment gathered from across the state: "We've been very fortunate that we have very good people who are very competent and doing a great job."

The cause of the Smokehouse Creek fire is still under investigation, with early reports focusing on a downed power line near Stinnett.

It's likely hundreds of homes have been damaged or destroyed by the five Panhandle wildfires. Thousands of livestock animals are dead, crops have been reduced to ash and officials are still working to assess the scale of the destruction as the wildfires keep burning. Amid a rash of evacuation and shelter in place orders, Gov. Greg Abbott's disaster declaration covered 60 counties.

As reported by the Texas Tribune, numbers from the Texas Department of Agriculture put more than 85 percent of the state's cattle population on ranches in the Panhandle, and the fallout for the state's agriculture industry is expected to be enormous.

The other active wildfires include (as of March 5) Grape Vine Creek Fire in Gray County, 60 percent containing after burning almost 35,000 acres; Windy Deuce Fire in Moore County (144,206 acres, 55 contained); Magenta Fire, Oldham County (3,297 acres, 85% contained; and another Hutchinson county fire, Roughneck (est. 300 acres, 50 percent contained).

As of Tuesday morning, Texas A&M Forest Service's Current Situation status put the Smokehouse Creek fire in excess of 1.07 million acres burned and about 15 percent contained eight days from inception.

View a map of the Panhandle fires via tinyurl. com/SmokehouseCreek

"We have our chunk of ground, and we know what's happening to the right of us and left of us." Morning operations calls give insight into the

day's grand plan, Bardwell said, then the team may not see anyone else the rest of the day except for immediate neighbors as they watch the fire-lines, check buildings and coordinate with property owners.

"The weather's really been on our side," Bardwell said. "Being that it's a high plains fire, there was a lot of activity the first couple of days then it moderated due to the hard work of a lot of firefighters and the weather changing. We're not running into many problems as far as fire escaping," thanks to diligent monitoring.

"It's making good progress. We haven't had any new escapes on it. Minimal to no fire behavior. We've had good weather... good humidity, low wind. We haven't been in red flag conditions the past couple of days which has made things very beneficial to firefighters. Whatever we are finding and putting out is staying out right now."

According to Texas A&M Forest Service. fire environment conditions will moderate this week, reducing the threat for new, large

"Cooler temperatures and less wind will aid in the ongoing suppression efforts for active wildfires. An underlying risk for new wildfires will continue in the Texas Panhandle and South Texas until spring green-up in occurs in the abundance of grass vegetation found in these

The fire crews are glad for any form of reprieve, but they can't let up.

"You can look out over the wildfire and not see smoke coming up, but that doesn't mean we should be complacent. We're still putting boots on the ground: going through every creek bottom, every drainage ditch, every structure, every place the fire could be to make sure there's nothing we've missed."

It requires a lot of firefighters putting a lot of miles on their feet and their fire engines to get in and get the job done.

"I suspect this will have eyes on it for quite a while. It did greatly impact the town of Stinnett, parts of Pampa, Canadian... the State of Texas is here making sure these folks don't have to go through that again, if at all possible."

While the immediate task is to help the people on the ground in the Panhandle, in a wildfire situation Bardwell's mind always goes back to home and how lessons learned in the field can help locals in Gregg County, Upshur and Smith.

The key theme out of this experience: Make your home defensible against fire - now, not

"Unlike a lot of places in the country, the State of Texas can potentially have a year-round fire season. Just because this large fire occurred now, doesn't necessarily mean it'll be worse or easier. We can't predict what the fire season's going to

Vegetation's been thriving from healthy rains, he said, and homeowners need to be aware if that growth is encroaching on their home, i.e. fuel for a fire, up close and personal.

"Take those precautions now to clean up around your houses, create a defensible space that allows firefighters to protect the structure in the event of a wildlife," he said. "Make the house more resilient and able to withstand a wildfire in the event one occurs

"A lot of the structures and homes we've seen that have burned here had dry vegetation really close to it or there was a way for embers to get under the homes, into the eaves... It's imperative that the public does what they can do to try and harden their homes to reduce the chance of a wildfire causing damage."