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East Texas unemployment holds steady at 3.3 percent

AUSTIN - The Tyler/East Texas job market held steady compared to the previous reporting period from the Texas Employment Commission in November, officials said.

According to TEC figures, the Tyler/East Texas region's unemployment rate remained at 3.3 percent, the same as November, 2023.

Out of a combined labor force of 114,400 there were 110,600 who were employed.

Across the state, the labor market marked record-breaking growth with January over-the-month increases in jobs, Texans employed, and the civilian labor force, officials said.

Following annual benchmarking revisions to the 2023 labor market data, Texas' seasonally adjusted job count increased by 18,900 in January to reach 14,053,400 jobs and achieve growth in 43 of the last 45 months.

According to the revised data, Texas' total nonfarm employment grew by 263,900 jobs from January 2023 to January 2024, which represents a 1.9 percent annual growth rate.

The Texas seasonally adjusted civilian labor force grew over the month by 12,800 people to reach 15,143,400 in January. This included the addition of 16,000 employed Texans over the month.

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate registered at 3.9 percent for the eighth consecutive

month, based on the revised 2023 data, while dropping from the January 2023 rate of 4.1 percent.

"Texas continues to lead the nation in job growth and economic stability," said TWC Chairman Bryan Daniel. "As we make our way into 2024, the Texas labor force continues to upskill and become the workforce of tomorrow."

During the month in January, five of 11 major industries in Texas achieved series highs. The most significant private sector growth occurred in Other Services with 5,000 jobs added, while 4,400 jobs were added in Professional and Business Services. Another 4,000 jobs were added in Private Education and Health Services over the month. In addition, Construction industry annual growth outpaced the nation by 0.3 percentage points in January.

"TWC helps Texans get the training, guidance, and support they need to continue our industry growth and remain the second largest economy in the U.S.," said

TWC Commissioner Representing Labor Alberto Treviño III. "The Texas Workforce System continues to assist more than 15.1 million people in the civilian labor force with employment and long-term careers."

The Midland Metropolitan Statistical Area maintained the lowest unemployment rate among Texas MSAs with a not seasonally adjusted rate of 2.6 percent in January, followed by the Amarillo MSA at 3.1 percent, and College Station-Bryan at 3.3 percent.

"The Texas labor market is continuing its forward momentum with 14,000 private sector jobs added over the month in January," said TWC Commissioner Representing Employers Joe Esparza. "Texas employers are creating thousands of opportunities for Texans, and TWC has the resources they need to train and upskill their workforce."

Employment estimates released by TWC are produced in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics.



Say Cheese!

Youngsters in the Kingdom Kids daycare program at Lindale's First Baptist Church gathered on the east side of the church this past week and had their pictures taken. It looks as if everyone was having a grand old time.

Photo by Terry Cannon

Lindale City Council OKs firm for Highway 16 work

Lindale City Council members approved 4M Construction Services Inc. for utility work along FM 16 west of the city during their regular meeting on Tuesday, May 5.

Also, council members approved amended polling locations for the General Election on May 4 and discussed setting a meeting to canvass the votes later that month.

Locally, Place 2 incumbent and Mayor Pro Tem Yvette Aguirri Martin

is running against Jerretta Pace in the General Election.

The council has a meeting on May 7 which will not allow enough time to have the votes certified. County officials have 10 days to certify the votes.

Also during Tuesday's meeting, council members tabled an item to approve temporary livestock fencing along CR 431 during construction on Centennial Blvd. and approved a master plan provided by the consulting firm Freese Nichols at Faulkner Park.

Phillips headed for runoff

Smith County voters went to the polls on Tuesday, March 5 in the joint primary election and according to unofficial results the County Commissioner's Court will see one change and possibly two concerning the body's makeup.

Precinct 3 incumbent Terry Phillips and challenger J. Scott Herod are headed for a runoff for the Republican nomination while Precinct 1 incumbent Pam Frederick was outpolled by challenger Christina Drewry.

Herod garnered 2,968 votes – 44.25 percent – to Phillips' 2,141 votes and 31.9 percent. Also in the race was Rusty Smith who received 1,598 votes or 23.8 percent.

The winner of the Phillips-Herod race will face Democratic nominee Edith Mayfield-Wilson in the May election, who won Tuesday's primary with 775 votes or 75.1 percent. As the top two vote getters, Phillips and Herod qualified for the runoff.

Tuesday's results are complete but still unofficial, county officials said. After mail-in ballots postmarked March 5 are counted all votes will be canvassed in approximately two weeks, officials said.

In the Precinct 1 Republican primary, Drewry received 4,630 votes – 50.5 percent – to 4,535 votes, or 49.4 percent for Frederick.

Frederick has been on the commissioner's court since November, 2022 when she was appointed to fill the seat previously held by Jeff Warr.

Prior to serving on the commissioner's court, Frederick was Bullard's mayor for 11 years.

Voters can cast ballots in the runoff even if they didn't vote in the primary.

In other county races, 12-year incumbent Sheriff Larry Smith retained his office by garnering 19,231 votes (66.8 percent) to Chris Green's 9,559 votes.

Green has challenged Smith in 2012 and again in 2016.

Voters also chose to keep Republican Judge Sara Maynard as County Court at Law No. 2 as she bested challenger Amy McCullough 14,082 votes (53.8 percent) to 12,086 (46.1 percent).

Smith County Republican Party Chairman incumbent David Stein won with 14,703 votes (66.3 percent) over challenger Kevin McCall's 7,444 votes, or 33.6 percent.

County officials said 36,087 voters cast ballots in the primary out of 157,173 registered. There were 30,638 votes cast in the Republican primary and 5,449 in the Democratic primary.

"Little country church" observes 150th birthday, needs financial help

If you're going down Highway 110 near Lindale, you'll see a few things. Mercy Ships, of course, there on the left. There's a big white complex with a sign out front – that's a church. A few houses here and there.

Then, there's Garden Valley Baptist Church tucked away on the corner of 442 and 16, where hundreds drive by it every day but very few people stop to see it.

This little country church, made up of red and tan brick, has been in this spot for 150 years.

Now, it could use your help.

Known for its beautiful and stately cemetery, where

Leonard Ravenhill, Keith Green and more are buried, GVBC is a sweet old country church with an average attendance of 23 every Sunday morning. Its congregation is mostly older, retired folks who have been attending the church longer than some of its younger members have been alive.

This gives the church family a sweet air of home, family and solidity; however, it also means that the church has not always been able to give the building and grounds the in-depth upkeep it might need.

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Trees being cut back

Work crews have been busy around Lindale the past couple of weeks trimming trees away from the power lines before the inevitable spring storms arrive in a few weeks, which will hopefully cut back on power outages in the city. This work was being performed on Boyd Street.

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OPINION/COMMENTARY

THE FIRST AMENDMENT: Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of all the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances.



Sunshine Week: Taking a stand against public information blackouts

By Kelley Shannon
Freedom of Information Foundation of Texas

Shining light on our government through public information helps us ask questions of elected officials – and hold them accountable.

Sunshine Week, taking place March 10-16, recognizes the importance of open government and educates Americans about their right to public information. It's not an abstract notion. It's about what's happening in the real world.

You may be checking on the safety of roads and bridges in your community. Or wanting to know how your school board is spending taxpayer money. Perhaps there's concern about pollution or water quality in your neighborhood.

In each of these scenarios, the Texas Public Information Act, one of our state's main government transparency laws, allows us to request government records, get answers and demand action. The act presumes records are open unless there's a specific exemption in the law. This places power in the hands of the people, and rightly so.

What can block the way, though, is a government ignoring or stalling an information request, which defies the law's mandate to provide records "promptly," meaning as soon as possible "without delay."

Government's failure to respond results in an information blackout.

In most cases, a government agency in Texas cannot decide on its own to withhold records and must ask permission to do so from the attorney general's office, which rules on whether the law allows it.

Unfortunately, it's becoming more common for governments to abuse or overuse the attorney general ruling process; to charge outrageously high prices for producing documents; or to simply flout the public records law.

Since the May 2022 mass shooting at Robb Elementary School, the Uvalde Leader-News has made multiple records requests related to the tragedy. Among other roadblocks it has encountered, the newspaper has yet to receive the total compensation amounts paid to Uvalde school district administrators who were terminated or resigned after the shooting.

Other examples abound. A city in the Rio Grande Valley never replied to repeated requests for city manager applications until The Monitor newspaper reported the non-responsiveness. City officials finally said there weren't any applications. In San Antonio, bird enthusiasts complain they have not received all the city records they requested related to tactics used to remove migratory birds from a local park.

Craig Garnett, the Leader-News publisher, wrote in one of his columns that government entities have "learned to play word games with open records requests, to assert that they have no such records in their possession or simply lie about what they have turned over." He added: "They do so because there are absolutely no consequences for them to do otherwise."

The Freedom of Information Foundation of Texas and other members of the diverse Texas Sunshine Coalition have urged the state Legislature to close loopholes in the Public Information Act and add enforcement measures to the law.

Although many public officials understand they are the custodians of the people's records and are committed to carrying out the letter and spirit of the Public Information Act, others must be pushed in that direction.

The Texas Public Information Act, now 50 years old, states that the act shall be construed in favor of granting a request for information and that "government is the servant and not the master of the people."

Without the free flow of information, the people are in the dark. We need plenty of sunlight to ensure our government is answerable to us.

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Sunshine, sousaphones & spring break memories...

The sun is shining on Main Street. Smiles are in abundance and friendly drivers are honking as they pass two young men playing their sousaphones (a kind of marching tuba) while walking down Main Street. If you have never heard a sousaphone duet, trust me, you are missing out.

Monday at the Mirror is deadline day. Usually our heads are down and our fingers are flying over our computer keyboards. Often we are behind schedule, just a hair tense and occasionally grumpy. Suddenly we heard music, very unusual music, which was floating down the street. Naturally I ran outside to accost the musicians with my camera.

Gladewater sophomores Kade Johnston and Jacob Robertson then serenaded me with their "Earthquake" duet. It was so good I had them play it again to post on our Gladewater Mirror Facebook so all our dear readers can see and hear two teenage boys who are not glued to a screen playing video games on their spring break...and who are darned good musicians.

I am still smiling from their impromptu mobile concert. I have always had a soft spot for the 'tuba' players. First those kids get one heck of a work out carrying their instruments. Also, you don't realize how much depth those musicians add to the band until you hear a piece without their power playing. Second, I have yet to meet a sousaphone/tuba player that didn't have a great sense of humor. This was true of Kade and Jacob for sure.

Kudos boys on a great spring break memory. It reminded me of one of my favorite memories from my now, far distant past. I can remember walking on shiny spring and summer days, with my two best friends, the length of the very small town where we went to school. I can remember that warm sunshine, the silly giggles and harmless pranks of that long ago (now) golden youth.

I was reminded of those fun times walking Dawson's Main Street after meeting Kade and Jacob. My friends



and our spring break prank was a little, okay, a lot, more ridiculous than strolling 'tuba' duets.

At 15 we piled into Joyce's car, after liberating a stuffed antlered deer mount from her Dad's man cave den. We put 'John Deer' behind the wheel of the car. One of us was on the floorboard working the gas and brake and one of us was eye level with the dash driving. And, one of us was in the backseat... probably praying for our safety while all of us laughed hysterically.

We slapped some of those giant sun glasses from our FHA trip to the State Fair on John Deer creating quite the dashing driver cruising Main Street Dawson. After surviving that stunt we took John Deer to Navarro Mills Lake where we all sun bathed. Of course we had brought our Deer John his own beach towel. So there we were side by side...Joyce, John Deer, Sara and Suzie.

We thought we were hilarious. I still do! My musicians today reminded me of how much fun can be had on a sunny day with friends with a little imagination making memories that can last a lifetime.

Carpe Diem boys! You made the day a little sunnier and life lighter, and for that I thank you.

Never forget your day in the sun. It will bring laughter and joy to you long years from now.

Although friendships of our youth may grow distant with the miles they never have to become distant in our hearts or our memories.

Cherish those times and those friends. Memories really do last a lifetime. And boy, can those memories come in handy on a nose to the grindstone Monday when an infusion of joy can turn a gray day into a sunny one.

THE ECONOMIST

By Dr. M. Ray Perryman

The High Cost of the Texas Panhandle Wildfires

Recent wildfires in the Texas panhandle have burned well over a million acres, causing tragic loss of life and devastating local communities. In addition, the fires have destroyed livestock and grazing land in this region which is crucial to the US beef industry.

Although the high human cost and devastation are the primary concerns at this time, the fires also involve very large economic harms. The Perryman Group estimated the losses associated with the agricultural sector based on the acreage burned, farm and ranch land in the affected counties, and typical reductions in the level of output caused by fires. These preliminary estimates are for the current year only, as there will be ongoing losses going forward as the land recovers.



The Perryman Group estimates that when multiplier effects are considered, agriculture-related losses associated with the Texas panhandle wildfires will lead to a reduction in economic activity including \$219.8 million in gross product and 2,035 job-years in the region. For the state as a whole, losses include a projected \$264.6 million in gross product and 2,336 job-years (including results within the Panhandle Region as well as effects in other areas). (A job-year is one person working for one year, though it could be multiple individuals working partial years.) Industries which would be particularly hard hit by agricultural losses include not only agriculture itself, but also consumer-related businesses such as retail trade, restaurants, and others.

The recent wildfires have decimated livestock herds and grazing lands. They have also destroyed homes and businesses. Even worse, they have caused the tragic loss of human lives.

A Preliminary Estimate of the Impact of Agricultural Losses Associated with the Texas Panhandle Wildfires

Region	Expenditures	Gross Product	Income	Job-Years*
Panhandle	-\$623.3 m	-\$219.8 m	-\$139.3 m	-2,035
Texas	-\$723.6 m	-\$264.6 m	-\$163.9 m	-2,336

Source: US Multi-Regional Impact Assessment System, The Perryman Group

Notes: Losses for the current year only; effects will be ongoing as the land recovers. Monetary values given in millions of 2023 US dollars. A job-year is one person working for one year, though it could be multiple individuals working partial years. See page 2 for industry detail and page 3 for additional information on methods and assumptions used.

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b. stalactites

c. government secrecy

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Can this warranty still be in effect?

There are times when being a smart aleck is rewarding, like when those annoying nitwits call with “urgent information concerning your car’s warranty.”

Spam calls are indeed a bane to our daily lives and like cockroaches there seems to be little anyone can do about them.

Our little office used to get (fingers crossed) a lot of these pesky calls until my smart wife added our office number to my “do not call” list. As a result, spam calls on my phone and here in our office have been reduced dramatically.

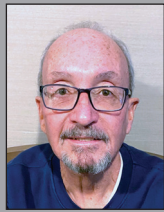
But there have been times in recent past when I’ve had the pleasure of turning the tables on these unwanted callers – usually about my “car’s warranty” or some essential “Medicare information.” It’s been pretty amusing, at least on my end of the phone.

Recently, after determining it was indeed a spam call, I played along by entering the number on the phone “to speak to a customer representative.”

After a short wait, I was greeted by someone who asked my name and the model of my car.

“You called me,” I said. “You don’t know my name?”

Terry Cannon
Editor



And you don’t know the model of my car?”

He stammered a bit and repeated the question.

“Why do you need to know my name? You called me,” I repeated.

“Sir, we need your name and the model of your car to make sure your warranty is up to date,” he said.

Again, I asked why he needed my name when he initiated the phone call.

“We can’t update your warranty until we have all the information,” he said.

“My car is out of warranty. How can you update it?” I asked.

I could almost hear him flipping the pages of the script he was reading from.

“This information is important to upgrade your warranty,” he said, getting a bit testy.

“Like I said, my car is out of warranty. You can’t update it,” I answered.

After a brief period of silence, he asked once more

for my information.

I then delivered the line I had been waiting to say: “Actually, I need your name because you called a newspaper and I’m going to write a story about you and your company.”

Click. A couple of days ago, I got another spammer on the line.

Dutifully, I pressed “zero” like I was told and was connected to a female voice this time.

She asked the same questions as the previous person and I happily complied.

“Yes, I am interested in updating my warranty,” I said.

To which she replied, “OK, I need the make and model of your car.”

“Sure,” I said, smiling big. “It’s a 1962 Plymouth Valiant and its warranty expired a long, long time ago.”

She mumbled something and I laughed.

“What? You mean you don’t want to update the war-

ranty on my Valiant?”

Click. Dedicated readers of this page, which I share with our boy Rusty, may recognize today’s essay as similar to his “Creature Calls” he writes about from time to time.

Perhaps, but since he’s so much more clever than me it’s difficult to compare the two. And my wife’s not around to give me the stink eye that Janet does when he’s finished with his Creature.

However, his thinking behind messing with those lousy spammers is exactly the same as mine: They are bothering me, so I’m going to bother them back.

Nowadays, Rusty doesn’t get as many Creature calls as he has in years past, mainly because he doesn’t have a land line in his home. He’s like me with his cell phone in that if the caller isn’t someone on his call list he won’t answer.

Occasionally, however, he’ll see a local number pop up and answer.

“When it looks like it’s local number I like to keep telling them to speak up until they are yelling really loud,” he said. “That gets pretty funny.”

Yep, there’s no doubt. Ol’ Rusty is my kind of guy. He’s a smart aleck too.



Rotary official discusses club history

Pamela Walters (center), the Paul Harris Chair for Rotary District 5830, was the guest speaker at last week’s meeting of the Lindale Rotary Club. She talked about the Rotary’s history, its founding and the impact clubs have had on the communities they serve since it began on Feb. 23, 1905. She also told members “Rotary” is from when the members would rotate between members’ various businesses. Today, there are more than 1.4 million Rotarians around the world. Local Club President Jason Beard (left, who introduced Walters to the meeting) and Lillie Russell Memorial Librarian Shannon Reid are also shown in the photo. (Courtesy photo)

Times of Lindale



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ONE YEAR AGO, March 16, 2023

Lindale High School was well represented at the Bulldog Relays held at Chapel Hill High School, with the varsity boys taking first place honors and the varsity girls earning a third place standing.

The junior varsity boys finished second and the junior varsity girls were third.

The varsity boys accumulated 166 points to top Whitehouse’s 147 points and Chapel Hill’s 129 points.

Whitehouse won the varsity girls division with 170.5 points, while Chapel Hill was next with 136.6, followed by Lindale’s 129 points.

For the junior varsity boys, Whitehouse led the way with 180 points, followed by Lindale’s 132 points and Chapel Hill’s 102 points.

Colter Maya was the individual points leader for the varsity boys with 21, while Brett Maya was third with 20 points.

For the girls varsity Lady Eagles, Abigail Kelley and Kennedy Miller both tallied 18 points. Shyla Starks was the leader with 30 points.

On the junior varsity side, Lindale’s Chad Ward had 26 points which was second behind leader Coleman LeMarion from Henderson with 28 points.

For the junior varsity girls, Cadyn Haisten was third with 20 points while Lauren Stanton posted 18 points for the Lady Eagles for 9th place.

FIVE YEARS AGO, March 14, 2019

Lindale’s sales tax revenue jumped 10.64 percent for the February reporting period according to figures released by Texas Comptroller Glen Hegar’s office. The city’s sales tax revenue was \$226,818.82 compared to \$205,004.75.

Hegar said his office would send \$711 million in sales tax revenue to Texas cities, counties, transit districts and special-purpose districts.

10 YEARS AGO, March 13, 2014

Elizabeth Tagg, an 8th grader at Lindale Junior High School, recently captured several top finishes at the 19th annual Texas State Championships held in Dallas.

There were 430 dancers competing, and Elizabeth – a Prizewinner Level dancer – placed first in the Hornpipe, third in the Treble Jig and third in the Reel Special.

She is the daughter of Howard and Jeanine Tagg of Lindale.

Alternative history of blue jeans

I was in the kitchen openin’ up a can of sardines and I got some sardine juice on my hand and I wiped it on my blue jeans just as Janet walked in.

“Did you just wipe your hand off on your pants?” she asked.

“No,” I said. “I wiped my hand off on my blue jeans.”

She gave me “the look” and sighed.

“Why did you wipe your hand on your jeans?” she said through gritted teeth.

“Where else was I gonna wipe ‘em? And besides, that’s what blue jeans are made for.”

“No they’re not.”

“Yes they are. You see, the wife of the feller who invented blue jeans kept naggin’ him about him wipin’ his dirty hands on his britches, so he goes out to his

Rusty Mitchum
Life & Times



barn and lights up a cigar and starts thinkin’ about how he could get his wife off of his back. You know, killin’ ‘em was illegal back then, too.”

Janet’s eyes narrowed.

“So anyhow,” I continued, “he looks over at a pile of junk in his barn and sees this here big blue canvas tarp. Well, he says to himself, ‘Self, that right there would make a mighty fine pair of hand wipin’ britches.’ Well, he grabs the blue tarp and commences to start cuttin’.”

“Then he grabs his staple gun and staples all of the

pieces together on account of he didn’t know how to sew. ‘Fore long he had himself the very first pair of blue jeans. Of course back then he just called ‘em blue britches, but then he got the idea of namin’ ‘em after his wife, Frankie, since she was the inspiration for the britches.

He thought that maybe by namin’ ‘em after her, she’d finally get off of his case.” Janet’s lips narrowed, but I continued.

“So, for the first year or so, he called ‘em Blue Frankies, but sales were dismal. Plus

everybody was complainin’ about the staples stickin’ out an pokin’ ‘em, especially the ones in the crotch area. So he takes another look at his design and then he hires him a pretty little lady that was pretty good a sewin’ and he lets her have a go at the britches. Well, he had finally hit the nail on the head. The britches were a success.

“To show his gratitude to the little sewin’ gal, Jean, he named the new britches after her, since his wife had never gotten off of his case anyhow. And, as Paul Harvey used to say, now you know the rest of the story.”

Janet stood there starrin’, not sayin’ a word. I smiled. Lookin’ back, smilin’ was probably not the smartest thing to do.

So, here I am, in the barn, cigar in hand.....

It’s Time to Start a Vegetable Garden

By Greg Grant
Smith County
Extension Agent

It’s time to start a vegetable garden in East Texas and yes, the “timing” is super critical.

There are basically three kinds of vegetable crops you can grow: winter (cool-season) plants, spring and fall (mild-season) plants, and summer (hot-season) plants.

The time to plant spring vegetable gardens with mild-temperature loving plants like beans, cucumbers, peppers, squash, and tomatoes is almost here.

These plants are generally planted between mid-March and early-April here, after all danger of frost.

For each growing season, sit down with a paper and pencil and plot out what you intend to grow. We can grow crops year-round here and certainly should. Make a winter list, a spring list, a summer list, and a fall list.

When one crop is finished, pull it up and put in the next season’s plants. Many novice gardeners think spring is the only vegetable-producing time we have—not so.

And for heaven’s sake if you only grow a garden during the spring, don’t let it grow up in weeds when you stop gardening in the summer. This just ensures that you will have weeds forever. It’s better to keep it covered with mulch or at least weed free when not in production.

If you don’t garden during the summer, plant a cover crop of southern peas or sweet potatoes that can take the heat. The same goes for the winter. At least cover the ground with cereal rye, mustard, or turnips instead of letting it grow up in weeds or have your precious



Vegetable gardens are a great source of exercise, mental stimulation, nutrition, and sunlight. (Courtesy photo)

soil wash away in a flood instead.

Be very wary viewing social media or looking at packets on a seed racket.

I can assure you the seed companies have never posted or printed a seed pack with an ugly picture that says, “This won’t grow in Texas.”

Unfortunately, not all crops and all varieties will grow here. Also be very mindful of the season. Just because you see strawberry plants for sale doesn’t mean it’s time to plant them (we plant those in the fall here).

Get a good Texas gardening calendar each year that shows the proper planting times and be faithful to them. Our Texas A&M University horticulturists have spent many years figuring out what would grow here and when to plant.

Don’t waste that valuable information. To view our East Texas planting

calendar visit smith.agrilife.org, scroll down to “Sign up for Email Updates,” and click on “Horticulture Mailing List-Greg Grant.” You can also order a 2024 Planning Guide and Calendar from texasgardener.com.

And finally, please learn to identify a sunny location. Do not confuse direct sun (when a beam of light shines directly on you) with full sun (a full day’s worth of direct sun from the time it rises in the morning until it sets in the evening). All vegetables need full sun, or at the least eight direct hours of it. As my mentor, Dr. Jerry Parsons, always said, “If you can’t sunbathe there, you can’t grow a vegetable garden, there.”

Many folks in Texas like to work in the shade, but if you are working in the shade in a vegetable garden you’ve made a big mistake, and your production will suffer immensely.

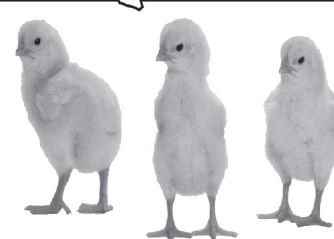
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OBITUARY

JAMES W. GUTHRIE (JIM)



James W. Guthrie (Jim), a proud veteran of the U.S. Air Force passed away on January 30, 2024 due to complications from dementia. The son of George Guthrie and Gladys Cobb, Jim was born on December 21, 1942 in Dallas.

While in Dallas, he graduated from Woodrow Wilson High School and afterwards attended Texas Tech University (BS in Electrical Engineering) and the Air Force Institute of Technology (Master's in Engineering). At the age of 21, Jim enlisted in the U.S. Air Force and served for 24 years, attaining the rank of Colonel. As part of his service, he served in Vietnam and supported numerous intelligence and reconnaissance programs that were crucial to the long-term security of the United States. After retiring from the Air Force in 1988, Jim worked another 20+ years in the defense industry, serving in various management roles for Boeing and L3 Technologies. After retiring from his civilian career, he and his wife Linda focused all their time and energy on their cattle ranch in Lindale.

Jim is survived by his children, Jim Guthrie, Steve Thompson, Glen Guthrie, Scott Thompson, Jennifer Moore and his beloved dog, Maggie.

A memorial service honoring the life of James Guthrie was held at Turrentine- Jackson- Morrow Funeral Home in Allen, Texas on Sunday, March 10, 2024 at 10 a.m. The service was also live streamed at the following link: celebrationoflife.tv.

To convey condolences or to sign an online registry, please visit TJMfuneral.com.

PETS OF THE WEEK

Loveable Cricket needs forever home

Labrador retriever mix Crickett, a sweet 2-year-old pup who loves everyone – including children – needs a good home.

He's currently a resident of the Lindale Animal Control facility and has a playful side which causes him to be a bit rambunctious at times.

Even though he's wonderful around children, supervision is recommended when he's around toddlers because he's big boy – about 55 pounds – and doesn't know his own size and strength at times.

He has a playful side as

well as having his calm moments. Cricket is neutered, current on all vaccines and while he is good around female dogs, he does need slow introductions to male dogs.

Leash training is also recommended.

He's been under the care of the Animal Control staff and they are eager for him to find a forever home. Staff members are sure with patience and training, Cricket will become a wonderful companion.

For more information on Cricket or others available for adoption, call the Lindale Animal Control office at 903-882-6861.



Garden Valley Baptist Church holds benefit sale

Officials with Garden Valley Baptist Church are hoping people will come "buy" the church this Friday and Saturday (March 15-16) to help support renovation of the church,

which is holding a garage and bake sale, officials said.

The church is located at 17816 County Road 442 in Lindale.

Hours are 12 noon to 6:30 p.m. on

Friday and 9 a.m.-3 p.m. on Saturday.

All proceeds will go to refurbish the 150-year-old church.

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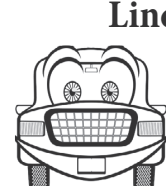
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Lindale Police Department call logs for March 1-7

FRIDAY, MARCH 1: Traffic Control, 17900 block U.S. 69 Highway 69 North, Settled at Scene; Public Service, 100 block East Centennial Blvd., Settled at Scene; Escort, 200 block West South Street, Settled at Scene; Business Alarm, 100 block Miranda Lambert Way, Settled at Scene; Civil Matter, 200 block Summer Tree Circle, Settled at Scene; Assist Another Agency, 3200 block South Main Street, Settled at Scene; Motorist Assist, 554 IH-20 East, Settled at Scene; Business Alarm 100 block South Main Street, False Alarm; Family Violence, 1200 block Summit Street, Arrest.

SATURDAY, MARCH 2: Disturbance, 1300 block Brad Circle, Settled at Scene; Business Alarm, 3200 block South Main Street, Settled at Scene; Public Intoxication, 700 block South Main Street, Settled at Scene; Recovered Stolen Vehicle, 100 block East Centennial Blvd., Report; Assault Simple, 2100 block South Main Street, Settled at Scene; Business Alarm, 100 block Miranda Lambert Way, Settled at Scene; Motor Vehicle Crash, 13300 block IH-20 East, Settled at Scene; Criminal Trespass, 100 block East Centennial Blvd., Warning Issued; Motorist Assist, 556 IH-20 East, Settled at Scene; Motor Vehicle Crash, 300 block South Main Street, Unfounded; Assist Smith Co SO, 11900 block CR 4107, Report; Attempt to Serve, 3500 block South Main Street, Unable to Locate.

SUNDAY, MARCH 3: Motorist Assist, 555 IH-20 West, Settled at Scene; Traffic Hazard, 556 IH-20 West, Settled at Scene; Assist Smith Co SO, 3200 block South Main Street, Settled at Scene; Assist Smith Co SO, 11700 block Chero-



oke Way, Settled at Scene; Suspicious Circumstance, 1200 block Brad Circle, Settled at Scene; Motorist Assist, 200 block South Main Street, Settled at Scene; Welfare Concern, 100 block East Centennial Blvd., Settled at Scene; Welfare Concern, 15300 block FM 16 West, Settled at Scene; Theft, 100 block East Centennial Blvd., Citation Issued; Suspicious Circumstance, 400 block East North Street, Unable to Locate; Motorist Assist, 14000 block FM 849, Settled at Scene; Traffic Hazard, 500 block South Main Street, Settled at Scene; Business Alarm, 3200 block South Main Street, Settled at Scene.

MONDAY, MARCH 4: Burglary, 14000 block FM 849, Report; Business Alarm, 2600 block South Main Street, False Alarm; Welfare Concern, 200 block Charles Drive, Settled at Scene; Business Alarm, 400 block South Main Street, Settled at Scene; Theft, 200 block Charles Drive, Settled at Scene; Welfare Concern 557 IH-20 East, Settled at Scene; Motorist Assist, 3200 block South Main Street, Settled at Scene; Motor Vehicle Crash, 500 block South Main Street, Report; Motor Vehicle Crash, 200 block East Hubbard Street, Report; Residential Alarm, 200 block Heritage Court, False Alarm;

Business Alarm, 1400 block South Main Street, Settled at Scene; Suspicious Circumstance, 300 block North Henry Street, Settled at Scene.

TUESDAY, MARCH 5: Suspicious Person, 200 block South Boyd Street, Settled at Scene; Assist Another Agency, 500 block Mount Sylvan Street, Report; Public Service, 800 block Edgewood Circle, Settled at Scene Suspicious Circumstance, 15300 block FM 16 West, Settled at Scene; Motor Vehicle Crash, 200 block West Hubbard Street, Report; Traffic Hazard, 200 block Cannery Row, Unfounded.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6: Public Intoxication, 200 block Blackberry Blvd., Arrest;

Recovered Stolen Vehicle, 3200 block South Main Street, Report; Traffic Hazard, 13800 block U.S Highway 69 North, Unable to Locate; City Ordinance Violation, 100 block East Centennial Blvd., Settled at Scene; Welfare Concern, 13400 block CR 472, Settled at Scene; Welfare Concern, 554 IH-20 West, Settled at Scene; Welfare Concern, 900 block East South Street, Settled at Scene; Public Service, 15300 block CR 467, Settled at Scene; Suspicious Person, 200 block West Centennial Blvd., Settled at Scene.

THURSDAY, MARCH 7: Suspicious Vehicle, 400 block Elm Lane, Settled at Scene; Motor Vehicle Crash, 200 block Eagle Spirit Drive, Report; Assist Smith Co SO, 13500 block CR 4200, Settled at Scene; Criminal Trespass, 3500 block South Main Street, Unable to Locate; Motor Vehicle Crash, 3300 block South Main Street, Settled at Scene; Civil Matter, 100 block Ballard Drive, Settled at Scene; Public Service, 17000 block IH-20 West, Settled at Scene; Suspicious Circumstance, 400 block Asher Lane, Settled at Scene.

Smith County Grand Jurys hand down 465 indictments

Smith County Grand Jurys have handed down 465 indictments from the period covering Nov. 2, 2023 to Feb. 1, 2024, said Grand Jury Coordinator Marieliza Martinez.

The indictments included 15 from Lindale.

Lindale residents indicted include:

-- Jonathan Ashmore, 38, possession of a controlled substance on June 11, 2023;

-- Kevin Schuette, 37, possession of a controlled substance on Aug. 16, 2022;

-- Rachel Woods, 27, two counts abandonment/endangering a child on June 25, 2023;

-- Christopher Duncan, 46, possession of a controlled substance on June 9, 2023;

-- Shanda Hague, 35, burglary of a building on Dec. 29, 2022;

-- Crystal Malone, 43, assault, family violence with previous conviction

on Sept. 20, 2023;

-- Tammy Money, 64, possession of a controlled substance on Oct. 17, 2022;

-- Ronald Allen, 38, continuous violence against the family, June 4, 2023;

-- Clifton Broussard, possession of a controlled substance on Sept. 22, 2023;

-- John Skelley, 37, driving while intoxicated third or more on Sept. 24, 2023;

-- Landen Dry, 19, theft of a firearm on Sept. 29, 2022;

-- Mason Carter, 27, assault/family violence with previous conviction on Nov. 21, 2023;

-- Muhammed Great-house, 42, assault/family violence, Feb. 25, 2023;

-- Andrew Moore, 41, unauthorized use of a vehicle on Oct. 11, 2023;

-- Victor Campbell, 50, evading arrest on June 3, 2023 and possession of a controlled substance on

Nov. 29, 2023.

Illegal Mexican national sentenced to 30 months for passport violation

A Mexican national illegally living in Dayton, Texas has been sentenced to prison for federal violations in the Eastern District of Texas, said Davilyn Walston, Public Affairs Officer for U.S. Attorney Damien M. Diggs.

Margarita Torres Barajas, 50, pleaded guilty to making a false statement on a passport application and aggravated identity theft and was sentenced to 30 months in federal prison by U.S. District Judge Marcia Crone on March 4.

According to information presented in court, on Oct. 11, 2021, Barajas entered the U.S. Post Office in Beaumont to apply for a U.S. passport. Barajas claimed to be a citizen of the United States while in fact, she was a citizen of Mexico.

Barajas used a Social Security Card and Puerto Rican birth certificate she found in New York City to apply for the passport. The card and birth certificate belonged to a U.S. citizen. Barajas also used these items to apply for a state identification card from another state.

This case was investigated by the Calcasieu Parish Sheriff's Department and U.S. Diplomatic Security Service. This case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Reynaldo P. Morin.

South Texan sentenced for drug trafficking

A south Texas man has been sentenced to more than 12 years in federal prison for trafficking drugs in the Eastern District of Texas, Walston said.

Charles Edward Isaac, 44 of Bon Weir, pleaded guilty to conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute methamphetamine and possession of a firearm by a prohibited person and was sentenced to 151 months in federal prison by U.S. District Judge Marcia A. Crone on March 4, 2024.

According to information presented in court, in March 2021, federal, state, and local law enforcement began an investigation into the distribution of methamphetamine in Newton County, Texas. During the investigation, law enforcement conducted controlled purchases of narcotics from Isaac and executed a search warrant at his residence. During the search, law enforcement recovered a firearm and additional narcotics. Isaac is responsible for distributing more than 100 grams of methamphetamine throughout East Texas.

This case was investigated by the FBI; Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives; U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration Lab; Texas Department of Public Safety; Newton County Sheriff's Office; and Orange County Sheriff's Office. This case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Jonathan Lee.

Mail theft nets Beaumont

woman 37 months in federal prison

A Beaumont woman has been sentenced to federal prison for stealing mail in the Eastern District of Texas, Walston said.

Pamela Jo Rosas, 65, pleaded guilty to theft of mail by a postal employee and was sentenced to 37 months in federal prison by U.S. District Judge Marcia A. Crone on March 4, 2024.

According to information presented in court, in April 2020, postal inspectors began receiving complaints that a series of parcels containing valuable coins were missing after being placed in the post office for delivery. Federal agents conducted surveillance and identified a postal employee, Pamela Jo Rosas, as a subject involved in the theft after viewing her handling packages in a suspicious manner. Rosas was also found in possession of several pieces of stolen mail packages after leaving work. Rosas admitted to stealing many items from the post office during the previous three to four years. Agents were able to recover hundreds of valuable coins from her apartment, along with other items Rosas had stolen from the mail during the course of her employment.

This case was investigated by the U.S. Postal Inspection Service-OIG and prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Russell James.

Smith County receives \$3,000 in TCEQ grant money

The East Texas Council of Governments recently announced that \$93,500 in grants from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality have been awarded to East Texas jurisdictions, including \$3,000 for Smith County, publicity officials said.

The grants also were awarded to special districts and regional initiatives for their support of waste minimization efforts in ETCOG's 14-county region.

This funding assists jurisdictions in establishing or expanding projects that would directly provide a measurable effect on reducing the amount of waste going into area landfills by diverting various materials from the municipal solid waste stream for beneficial use or reducing waste generation at the source.

Applicants were eligible to apply for the following Municipal Solid Waste Grant Project Categories: 1) Local Enforcement, 2) Litter and Illegal Dumping Clean Up and Community Collection Events, 3) Source Reduction and

Recycling, 4) Local Solid Waste Management Plans, 5) Citizens' Collection Stations and "Small" Registered Transfer Stations, 6) Household Hazardous Waste Management, 7) Technical Studies, 8) Educational and Training Projects.

ETCOG annually helps jurisdictions apply for funds, which are then ranked and scored by our Solid Waste Advisory Committee.

This committee is made up of local subject matter experts from the region. After the ETCOG Executive Committee approves the projects, we recommend them to TCEQ. The following grants in East Texas have been approved for funding by TCEQ.

"ETCOG appreciates the efforts of many of our jurisdictions to apply for these funds, as well as the Solid Waste Advisory Committee's commitment to making East Texas a cleaner place to live," said ETCOG's Economic Development Manager, Parker Harrison. "These essential projects led to the cleanup of hundreds of sites, almost 5,000 tires,

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Cholesterol and your heart: What to know

By Smith County AgriLife Extension Service

Unhealthy cholesterol levels can harm your heart health. Undiagnosed or untreated high LDL or "bad" cholesterol can lead to serious problems, such as heart attack and stroke.

That's why it's important to take steps to get and keep your cholesterol in a healthy range.

HDL helps your body get rid of cholesterol, so it doesn't clog your arteries. High levels of HDL may lower your risk of a heart attack, stroke, and

other health problems.

LDL deposits cholesterol inside the blood vessels that carry blood to your heart and other parts of your body. Over time, this may cause your arteries to narrow or get blocked, which can cause a heart attack, stroke, or other health problems.

Triglycerides are a type of fat in your blood that your body uses for energy. A combination of high triglyceride and low HDL levels can increase your risk for heart attack and stroke.

Here are some heart-healthy life-

style changes that can help you control your cholesterol:

- Be physically active
- Eat a heart-healthy diet
- Aim for a healthy weight
- Quit smoking or vaping
- Reduce stress
- Get enough good-quality sleep

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Lindale Junior High girls finish one-two at Chapel Hill meet

The Lindale Junior High School girls 7th grade track team took first place honors while the 8th graders finished second this past week at the Chapel Hill Junior High School meet.

The 7th graders earned 205 points for first place while the 8th graders tallied 192 points for second place.

Leading the way for the 7th graders were Ava Wilson, 40 points; Reece Rand, 27 points; Milee Miller, 19 points; Leila Harkins 16 points and Paisley Keith, 16 points.

For the 8th graders, Rachel Kelley scored 36 points to lead her team, followed by Breelyn Gordon with 25 points; Brooklyn Wiggins with 20 points and Alayna Ogden with 17 points.

CHAPEL HILL JUNIOR HIGH TRACK MEET

(Lindale results only)

7TH GRADE

Triple Jump – Reece Rand, 1st Place, 29 feet, 10 ¼ inches; Ava Wilson, 2nd, 29 feet, 9 ½ inches;

Anna Muhr, 6th, 27 feet, 2 ¾ inches.

Long Jump – Reece Rand, 2nd Place, 14 feet, 4 ¼ inches; Milee Miller, 3rd, 13 feet, 6 ½ inches; Leila Harkins, 4th, 13 feet, 4 ¼ inches.

High Jump – Reece Rand, 1st Place, 4 feet, 6 inches; Addison Mahana, 3rd, 4 feet, 4 inches; Khloe Collins, 3rd, 4 feet, 4 inches.

Pole Vault – Anna Muhr, 1st Place, 6 feet, 6 inches; Khloe Collins, 3rd, 6 feet.

Discus – Paisley Keith, 1st Place, 64 feet, 1 ½ inches; Ava Wilson, 2nd, 60 feet, 8 ½ inches; Paisley Pierce, 5th, 54 feet, 3 inches.

Shot Put – Ava Wilson, 2nd Place, 30 feet, 2 ½ inches; Paisley Keith, 3rd, 29 feet, 8 inches; Milee Miller, 4th, 29 feet, 6 inches.

2400 Run – Avery Wehr, 2nd Place, 11:32.21; Kyler Galloway, 3rd, 11:32.84; Avery Glasscock, 5th, 11:59.00.

400 Relay – Milee Miller, Leila

Harkins, Selah Edwards, Kierra Ross, 3rd Place, 55.90.

800 Run – Ava Wilson, 2nd Place, 2:49.24.

100 Hurdles – Libbie McHam - 5th Place, 19.12; Reagan Thurmon, 6th, 19.31.

800 Relay – Milee Miller, Leila Harkins, Selah Edwards, Kierra Ross, 3rd Place, 2:01.76

400 Run – Bethany Hopson - 4th Place, 1:11.81; Jaylee Benson, 5th, 1:13.53

300 Hurdles – Libbie McHam - 2nd Place, 55.91; Eden Denson, 5th, 57.34.

200 Dash – Leila Harkins, 3rd Place, 29.25.

1600 Run – Ava Wilson - 2nd Place, 6:25.23; Kyler Galloway, 5th, 7:14.38; Avery Glasscock - 6th, 7:15.32.

1600 Relay – Milee Miller, Bethany Hopson, Jaylee Benson, Libbie McHam - 3rd Place, 4:53.51.

8TH GRADE

Triple Jump – Breelyn Gordon, 3rd Place, 30 feet, 5 inches; Tiana

Silva, 6th, 28 feet, 8 ½ inches

Long Jump – Rachel Kelley - 2nd Place, 14 feet, 4 ½ inches; Breelyn Gordon, 3rd, 14 feet, 1 ¼ inches; Brooklyn Wiggins, 5th, 13 feet, 10 inches.

High Jump – Brooklyn Wiggins, 3rd Place, 4 feet, 6 inches; Rachel Kelley, 4th, 4 feet, 4 inches.

Pole Vault – Dylan Grace, 2nd Place, 6 feet, 6 inches.

Discus – Harper Kinney - 1st Place, 77 feet, 2 ½ inches; KayLea Williams, 4th, 66 feet, 4 ½ inches.

Shot Put – KayLea Williams - 4th Place, 29 feet, 3 inches; Harper Kinney, 6th, 28 feet, 7 inches.

2400 Run – Lucy Michels - 3rd Place, 10:50.00; Kinzleigh McIntyre, 4th, 10:52.00; Helen Artega, 5th, 11:28.00.

400 Relay – Bella Bunton, Breelyn Gordon, Baylee Brooks, Brooklyn Wiggins, 4th Place, 54.98.

800 Run – Haylee Osorio - 2nd

Place, 2:47.90; Madison Hopson, 5th, 2:50.16.

100 Hurdles – Rachel Kelley - 1st Place, 17.25; Dylan Grace, 6th, 18.86.

100 Dash – Breelyn Gordon - 2nd Place, 13.31; Brooklyn Wiggins, 4th, 13.73.

800 Relay – Alayna Ogden, Breelyn Gordon, Baylee Brooks, Bella Bunton, 3rd Place, 1:59.95.

400 Run – Alayna Ogden, 1st Place, 1:09.24; Madison Hopson, 2nd, 1:10.08; Addyson Hance, 3rd, 1:11.02.

300 Hurdles – Rachel Kelley - 1st Place, 53.38; Dylan Grace, 6th, 56.61.

200 Dash – Brooklyn Wiggins - 3rd Place, 28.90.

1600 Run – Haylee Osorio - 4th Place, 6:54.67; Kinzleigh McIntyre, 5th, 6:58.80; Helen Artega, 6th, 7:02.64.

1600 Relay – Rachel Kelley, Addyson Hance, Madison Hopson, Alayna Ogden - 2nd Place, 4:37.61.

Some medical concerns can severely impact pets

As a pet owner, it's natural to be concerned about your furry friend's health and well-being, but knowing when to seek emergency veterinary care can sometimes be challenging.

To help clarify, Dr. Lance Wheeler, a clinical assistant professor of emergency and critical care at the Texas A&M School of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences, and Wendy Greathouse, a referral coordinator for Texas A&M's Veterinary Medical Teaching Hospital, provide guidance on identifying and responding to pet emergencies.

According to Wheeler, there are two categories of emergencies.

"There are emergencies that are immediately life-threatening, like being hit by a car, and emergencies that become life-threatening after an unknown period of time, such as ingesting a toxin that doesn't display symptoms until 48 or 72 hours later," Wheeler said. "Beyond these two major categories, emergencies will most likely fall under intoxications, trauma or an underlying condition that will require medical exams to determine what is wrong."

Life-threatening emergencies require immediate veterinary attention and getting your pet to the vet as soon as possible can make a significant difference in their chances of survival.

While not every health concern is an emergency, there are urgent medical concerns that can significantly impact a pet's health. These issues are not usually life-threatening, but prompt veterinary attention also can lead to an improved outcome.

"This could include a fracture or broken bone, which is not usually life-threatening, but if we can get them to a surgeon sooner, the bone might heal better," Wheeler said. "Other signs of an urgent issue that's not necessarily life-threatening at the moment include blood in a pet's urine, vomit, or stool."

Types Of Emergencies

Intoxications occur when pets ingest harmful substances, causing a wide range of symptoms. According to Greathouse, common causes of pet intoxications include being bitten by a snake or ingesting human medications, common household cleaners, holiday foods, spoiled food, or seasonal plants such as lilies, oleanders and poinsettias.

"Unless instructed otherwise, you should not try to induce vomiting because it can delay veterinary attention and cause injury," Wheeler said. "Instead, drive your pet to the vet as soon as possible and call either the veterinarian's office or a pet intoxication hotline on your way so that treatment is not delayed. The pet will have a better chance of survival in almost every scenario if we can get the toxin out of their system sooner."

Greathouse also recommends having specific information ready when you call.

"Be prepared to provide as much information as you can pertaining to the intoxication, such as what they ingested, how much they ate, the pet's weight, and what time the incident occurred," Greathouse shared.

Trauma, on the other hand, can result from various incidents that may lead to burns, wounds, bleeding or pain. If you witness your pet experiencing trauma or suspect they may have been injured, it's crucial to seek immediate veterinary care.



"Something as silly as running into a tree or falling a distance as short as one foot and hitting their head could be life-threatening, which is why it is best to visit a veterinarian instead of playing a guessing game with yourself," Wheeler said. "Just because your pet seems to be looking at you fine and acting normal doesn't mean they are."

In some cases, pets can exhibit signs of illness or distress — including an inability to stand or walk, heavy breathing, seizures, vomiting, or abnormal behavior — without a clear cause.

"If it is not a toxin or trauma, almost every other problem will require a physical examination so that we can start doing tests to try and figure out what is wrong," Wheeler said. "To determine the cause, veterinarians will need more information than what is provided over the phone, such as heart rate, blood pressure, and body temperature."

When In Doubt, Call And Talk It Out

The first step in responding to a pet emergency should start long before the emergency may arise.

Greathouse encourages owners to create an emergency plan that includes phone numbers of the closest emergency clinic(s), your pet's veterinarian, hotlines for potential animal poison or toxin exposures, and your phone number, in case someone is pet sitting for you.

"It's a normal response for owners to panic when there is an emergency, but having those phone numbers nearby or in your phone can provide a sense of preparedness and enable you to act quickly and calmly," Greathouse said.

Recognizing the signs of a pet emergency and understanding the types of emergencies that require immediate veterinary care are essential for pet owners. If owners are unsure whether a pet's condition warrants immediate care, Greathouse advises them to err on the side of caution and contact a veterinarian or nearby emergency clinic.

"It's safer to call and talk through the situation with someone else than it is to make the decision on your own," Greathouse said. "We might be able to give you the push to come in or reassure you that you have a little bit more time before your pet needs to visit a veterinarian."

By being aware of the signs of emergencies and having a plan in place, you can ensure that your pet receives the timely care they need. Remember, if you have any doubts about your pet's health, it's always best to seek professional advice.

Pet Talk is a service of the School of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences, Texas A&M University.

Productive spring turkey season seen

With the early spring green-up and mild winter weather, spring wild turkey season is shaping up to be very productive for hunters.

Most of Texas experienced a bump in production and recruitment in 2023 following fall 2022, which had lots of acorns across central and east Texas, and early green up coupled with warm late winter conditions across most of the Rio Grande wild turkey range. Hunters can expect to see many young birds this spring, with a large number of jakes setting the stage for an increase in male harvest in 2025 and beyond.

The 2022 drought means hunters can expect to see fewer two-year-old males — the most frequently harvested wild turkey cohort — on the landscape this spring. Fortunately, Texas has a low harvest rate (13 percent of males harvested annually) relative to most of the country. Texas has a large amount of older age-class males due to these low harvest rates. Males that survive their second birthday are wiser and often harder to hunt.

"Don't just limit yourself to the early season," said Jason Hardin, TPWD Wild Turkey Program leader. "The middle and later portions of the season usually have fewer hunters in the woods, and you never know when you will strike a tom in the mood to strut and gobble. Go early and go often."

Ten counties in the Oaks and Prairies ecoregion of Central Texas (Bastrop, Caldwell, Colorado, Fayette, Jackson, Lavaca, Lee, Matagorda, Milam and Wharton) offer a spring season from April 1–30.

Historically, a low number of turkeys in the region has resulted in spring-only seasons. Hunters are allowed a one-bird bag limit per county. All wild turkeys harvested in these counties have mandatory harvest reporting requirements and must be reported within 24 hours through the My Texas Hunt Harvest app or online.

Twelve counties in east Texas make up the East Turkey Zone including Bowie,

Cass, Fannin, Grayson, Jasper, Lamar, Marion, Nacogdoches, Newton, Polk, Red River and Sabine. There is a one-gobbler bag limit for the entire East Turkey Zone and mandatory harvest reporting is required.

Hunters who purchased a digital Super Combo license have a digital tagging option. All hunters who chose to use the digital tagging option must report their wild turkey at the time of harvest. Rules and guidance associated with the new digital tagging option can be found on the TPWD website.

The data obtained from these harvest reports helps TPWD better manage this population. TPWD encourages turkey hunters to learn about and share these new rules with fellow turkey hunters and landowners in the region to help TPWD keep tabs on these populations.

TPWD reminds hunters to review the Outdoor Annual before opening day to ensure they are hunting during a legal season. Hunters can check the TPWD website for exact season dates for the county where they plan to hunt. Hunters must possess an Upland Game Bird Stamp Endorsement to hunt wild turkeys in Texas.

The spring season dates are as follows:

Youth Only

Rio Grande: North Zone — March 23 — 24; May 18 — 19

Rio Grande: South Zone — March 9 — 10; May 4 — 5

Spring Regular Season

Rio Grande: North Zone — March 30 — May 12

Rio Grande: South Zone — March 16 — Apr. 28

Rio Grande: Special One Turkey Bag Limit — April 1 — 30

Eastern Turkey: April 22 — May 14

Additional information about harvest reporting, bag limits and more can be found in the Outdoor Annual or via the Outdoor Annual app. Apps are available for free download from Google Play or the App Store.

Youngster hauls in 13.3 ShareLunker

Stetson Davis, an 11-year-old angler from Tuttle, Okla., landed 13.31-pound ShareLunker 661 on Wednesday, March 6, topping the junior angler waterbody record for largemouth bass by more than five pounds.

This marked the second Legacy Class ShareLunker largemouth bass delivered by J.B. Thomas Reservoir and the 11th overall of the [2024 Toyota ShareLunker](#) collection season.

Davis surged past the previous J.B. Thomas junior angler record of 7.96 pounds, set April 11, 2020, and joined his father, Brodey, in the record books.

Brodey Davis submitted the seventh biggest largemouth bass in Texas history in 2022, when he landed 17.06-pound ShareLunker 620 at O.H. Ivie.

His catch is the current O.H. Ivie waterbody record and the largest in the past 32 years since Barry St. Clair of Klondike, Texas recorded the state record of 18.18-pounds in 1992.

"We are excited to recognize Stetson's accomplishments through the Toyota ShareLunker Program and Angler Recognition Program," said Natalie Goldstrohm, Toyota ShareLunker program coordinator. "Getting young people hooked on fishing through these programs is important to creating a lifelong love of the sport."

The father and son made their trip to Texas on Tuesday and woke up early Wednesday morning to get on the water at J.B. Thomas. The goal was to catch his first double digit largemouth bass and it happened to be a Legacy Class ShareLunker.

"We didn't have much luck at the start but around 9:20 a.m. we spotted her," said Stetson Davis. "I made multiple casts her way, but she wouldn't bite, and it was a little frustrating. I finally placed the bait close enough to where she saw and then she bit. I set the hook and instantly my dad went to go and grab the net. When the fish came to the surface, we knew it was a double digit. It was a fairly quick fight, and we were able to secure it in the net and get it into the boat."

Stetson was with his father two years ago when the elder Davis caught O.H. Ivie's lake-record ShareLunker 620.

"We were just looking for a 10-pounder and ended up catching a ShareLunker and the junior lake record," added Stetson Davis. "It was really fun to bring the fish over and put it on the ShareLunker scale and to see it say 13.31-pounds. I was pretty excited that I caught a ShareLunker at 11-years old."

It was a memorable day with the ShareLunker program for both Stetson and Brodey.

"As usual TPWD and ShareLunker program staff were awesome," said Brodey Davis. "They were extremely helpful throughout the process and every one of them were really excited for him, so it made the experience even more special."

Lawrence Lee of Temple reeled in the ShareLunker 651 on Jan. 17 to kick off the 2024 collection season and became the first ever Legacy Class fish from J.B. Thomas. It registered 13.79 pounds, measured 24.25 inches and set a new waterbody record for largemouth bass.

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JOHN L. WEBB, § OF
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NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF JOHN L. WEBB, DECEASED

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of JOHN L. WEBB, were issued March 4, 2024, in Cause No. 48079P, pending in the County Court of Smith County, Texas, to:

SHARON CURTIS

The residence of such Independent Executrix is Smith County, Texas. The address for purposes of presenting claims is:

610 Hideaway Lane East
 Hideaway, Texas 75771

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 this the 5th day of March, 2024.

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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF CHARLES EDWARD WILSON, Deceased

Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Administration were issued on the Estate of CHARLES EDWARD WILSON, Deceased, Cause No. 48,122-P, now pending in the Probate Court of Smith County, Texas, filed on or about February 15, 2024, by CHARLES EDWARD WILSON JR., Independent Executor/Executrix of said estate. Claims against the estate should be mailed in care of John E. Trube, Attorney at Law, Post Office Box 6594, Tyler, Texas, 75711.

All persons having claims against said Estate now being administered are hereby required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

DATED: March 5, 2024

JOHN E. TRUBE,
 Attorney for the Estate of
CHARLES EDWARD WILSON,
Deceased
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903-561-7904
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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Wanda McChristy Whellan, Deceased, were issued on February 5, 2024, in Cause No. 47,988P, pending in the County Court at Law No. 3 of Smith County, Texas, to: ANITA ERNA WHELLAN

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

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The residence of Guardian is in Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, and the contact address is: Guardian of the person and estate of Menetta Almorja Warren, c/o Resident Agent, Casey P. Cook, at 1658 W. Grande Blvd., Suite 200, Tyler, Texas 75703.

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.

SIGNED on March 5, 2024.

/s/ Casey P. Cook
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Notice is hereby given that the City Council of Lindale, Texas will be holding a public hearing to receive comments on a PROPOSED ZONING CHANGE.

PUBLIC HEARINGS			
	Date	Time	Location
City Council	April 2, 2024	6:00 P.M.	105 Ballard Dr.

The property in the proposed request involves consideration for a change of zoning from R-1C "Single Family Residential Standard District" to MU-1 "Neighborhood Mixed Use District" located at 309 E. South St. Lindale, Smith County, TX with legal description: J.A. Gibson A381, Tract 33 Sect-1 & 33A.

LEGAL NOTICE

To: Charles L. McCaleb, Jr.; Charsonna L. McCaleb-Leach; Cheryl Jean McCaleb; Christina Louise McCaleb; Cora Jenna McCaleb; and Caroline Speed:

Notice is hereby given that EARLY LINCOLN owns an undivided interest in the following property in Smith County, Texas:

TRACT: All that certain lot, tract, and parcel of land located in Smith County, Texas, described in Exhibit "D" to a Partition Agreement between Ivy Lincoln et al dated June 7, 1991 and recorded in Volume 3149, Page 672 in the Official Public Records of Smith County, Texas, and reference is made to that instrument for a more complete metes and bounds description, and also being described as a 15.627 acre tract of land, more or less, in the J Parchman Survey, A-0792, on County Road 26, Smith County Appraisal District Tract 1-00000-0792-00-004020, PIN# R019207.

EARLY LINCOLN has paid the ad valorem taxes against that property for tax years 1992 through 2023, totaling \$8,070.64. According to the real property records in Smith County, Texas, the individuals listed below own an undivided interest in the property as shown below. Demand is hereby made to each of the individuals listed below that they reimburse Early Lincoln the sum of money as shown below for their share of the ad valorem taxes imposed on the property and paid by Early Lincoln.

NAME	UNDIVIDED INTEREST OWNED	REIMBURSEMENT AMOUNT
Charles L. McCaleb, Jr.	1/84ths interest	\$96.08
Charsonna L. McCaleb-Leach	1/84ths interest	\$96.08
Cheryl Jean McCaleb	1/84ths interest	\$96.08
Christina Louise McCaleb	1/84ths interest	\$96.08
Cora Jenna McCaleb	1/84ths interest	\$96.08
Caroline Speed	1/24th interest	\$336.28

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“Little country church” observes 150th birthday, needs financial help

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Brynna Williamson, one of the church’s youngest members, decided that she was being called to use her “senior project” as an Honors Student at UT Tyler to fix that.

“I’m genuinely so excited about this project. To be able, with God’s help, to fix up the building, make God’s house pretty, involve other UT Tyler students, and be able to impact my church as a class project? Priceless,”

she says.

Projects in the works include minor repairs on the building itself, re-paving the faded parking lot, replacing the carpeting, and finding someone to paint a mural in the fellowship hall.

“I could really use the community’s help with this. I am just plunging into doing all of this with no experience, so if there’s anyone out there who feels called to donate time, money or a service to the project, I would

be so grateful. We’re going to see this project through,” Williamson said.

Although Williamson does hold that the project is “priceless” in value, unfortunately the cost has a definite price.

To this end, Williamson has set up a GoFundMe (available under the title “Help Our Little Country Church Renovate!”) and is looking for volunteers of individuals or groups to help kickstart the project.

TxDOT Tyler District releases 2023 fatal crash statistics

TYLER – In 2023, factors such as “unsafe speed”, “failure to drive in a single lane” and “alcohol-related DUI” contributed to 184 fatal crashes and 209 total deaths in the Tyler District.

The TxDOT Tyler District, which includes Anderson, Cherokee, Gregg, Henderson, Rusk, Smith, Van Zandt, and Wood Counties, released preliminary numbers revealing the top-five contributing factors of fatal crashes in 2023:

- Unsafe Speed - 36 total fatal crashes.
- Failed to Drive in a Single Lane – 32 total fatal crashes.
- DUI (Alcohol) – 27 total fatal crashes.
- Pedestrian Failed to Yield ROW to Vehicle – 21 total fatal crashes.
- Wrong Side, Not Passing – 17 total fatal crashes.

The data in these reports represents the number of crashes that had at least one driver reported as having the indicated contributing factor. Crashes can have none or multiple contributing factors. Therefore, the total number of crashes for these reports will not equal the total number of crashes in the Tyler District.

“The eight counties of the Tyler District continue to experience one of the highest fatality rates in the state. We experienced our worst year on record, in terms of number of fatalities, with 209 in 2023. The trends have not changed”, said Tyler District Engineer Vernon Webb.

Webb continued, “most of the fatality crashes are occurring in the rural areas on our two-lane roadways. Many involving

single vehicles that leave the roadway. 58 of the fatalities in 2023 involved unrestrained passengers. If seatbelts had been utilized, many of those 58 would still be here today. This is something we must continue to discuss and share throughout our communities. These trends must end.”

Over the first 64 days of 2024, the Tyler District has had 17 fatal crashes, resulting in 17 fatalities.

Tyler District Motor Vehicle Traffic Crash Overview – Calendar Year 2023:

Rural traffic crashes accounted for 74% of the district’s traffic fatalities. 154 people died in rural traffic crashes in 2023.

DUI-related fatalities continued to rise. There were 60 DUI-related fatalities in 2023 compared to 55 in 2022 and 33 in 2021.

Single-vehicle, run-off-the-road crashes resulted in 60 deaths in 2023. That is 29% of all motor vehicle deaths in the district.

There were 58 deaths involving unrestrained vehicle passengers. This figure represents crashes where restraint usage was applicable, and usage was known.

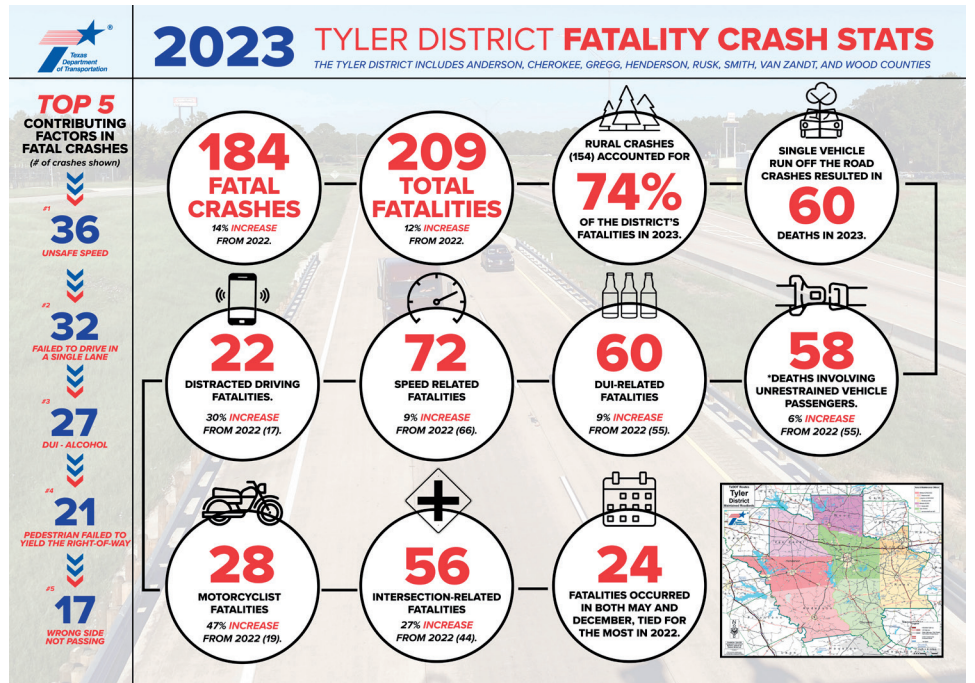
22 distracted driving deaths occurred in 2023, a 30% increase from 2022 (17).

There were 25 pedestrian fatalities in 2023, the same as in 2022.

There were 2 pedal-cyclist fatalities in 2023 in the Tyler District.

56 people died in crashes occurring at intersections or related to an intersection. This is a 27% increase from 2022 (44).

24 fatalities occurred in both May 2023 and December 2023, tied for the most of any month.



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