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## Two die in Lindale house fire Sunday

The Smith County Fire Marshal's Office continues its investigation into a Sunday night (March 17) fire that resulted in the deaths of a mother and daughter in Lindale.

Smith County Fire Marshal Chad Hogue identified the women who died as Ruby Martinez, who would have turned 84 on March 20, and her daughter, Gloria Clark, 67. Precinct 4 Justice of the Peace Curtis Wulf confirmed the fatalities and ordered autopsies on both women.

Hogue said the call came in at 10:18 p.m. Sunday and that a brick home in the 400 block of North College Street in Lindale was on fire.

The Lindale Fire Department responded and requested that the Smith County Fire Marshal assist in the investigation.

Two engines and a battalion chief from Emergency Services District 2 also responded to help put out the fire, which resulted in a total loss of the home.

The cause of the fire is still under investigation by the Smith County Fire Marshal's Office.



Utility company officials were on the scene Monday morning following a Sunday night house fire in Lindale which resulted in two fatalities. The deceased were identified as Ruby Martinez, who would turn 84 on March 20 and her daughter Gloria Clark, 67.

Photo by Terry Cannon



## Lure of Spring Break

East Texas students, including those in the Lindale ISD, were on spring break last week and with the mild weather, youngsters and their parents were able to enjoy the outdoors. Fishing and enjoying Darden Harvest Park's playground are always popular pastimes.

Photos by Terry Cannon



## Alleged Smith Co. kidnappers apprehended in Metroplex

With the assistance from the Arlington and Fort Worth police departments, the Smith County Sheriff's Office was able to end a kidnapping involving county residents which occurred on Sunday, March 17, said spokesman Larry Christian.

At approximately 4 p.m. on March 17, deputies responded to a report of a kidnapping in the 11700 block of FM 2015 in the northeast section of the county.

Upon arrival, deputies were informed a male subject was taken from his home at gunpoint by two male suspects, who demanded an undisclosed amount of money then fled the scene.

Through the course of the subsequent investigation, deputies were able to determine the suspects and the victim were headed east to the Dallas-Fort Worth area.

Smith County Investigators established contact with both Arlington and Fort Worth Police Departments in their attempts to locate the victim.

Investigators were able to provide Fort Worth police with additional information concerning the location of suspects.

Fort Worth officers were then able to locate the suspect vehicle and take the suspects into custody. The victim was also located and appeared to be physically unharmed. Smith County Investigators have taken custody of both suspects and additional personnel have transported the victims back to Tyler.

## Commissioners OK increase to per diem expenses

The Smith County Commissioners amended the county's Travel Policy and Employee Handbook to reflect an increase in per diem expenses for meals when employees travel for required conferences, training and seminars.

The action came during the regular weekly meeting of the commissioner's court on Tuesday, March 12.

The increase was to \$60 per day from \$40 per day and will go into effect on Oct. 1, said Smith County Auditor Ann Wilson.

Precinct 2 Commissioner John Moore initiated the discussion for the change following a recent trip in which he found his expense money wouldn't adequately cover costs.

"Breakfast alone at the hotel I was staying was \$23 just for that meal," Moore said. "It is my opinion that if we are asking employees to work out of town they should have enough money to eat on."

Wilson told commissioners the last time the per diem was revised was 2011 and several attempts to increase it since that time have failed.

Wilson acknowledged that the increase would not change the current budget. She added that the state has a \$59 per diem.

According to the county's policy, per diem

reimbursement will be approved only when an overnight stay is involved, and reimbursements for meals will not be allowed for training that does not require an overnight stay.

The per diem rate will be allowed for each full day of conference or training, and one day of per diem may be added to the length of the conference to cover travel-related days to and from the destination.

In other action, commissioners approved paving and drainage improvements for approximately one-half mile of County Road 336. County Engineer Frank Davis said the low bid on the project was submitted by Texana Land and Asphalt for \$832,745.

Also, commissioners approved the grant application for the governor's Homeland Security Division, Texas Anti-Gang Center (TAG) for Fiscal Year 2025.

Smith County Assistant District Attorney Thomas Wilson told commissioners the TAG has proved to be a valuable asset in combating gang activity and related crimes.

"The TAG has made great strides in combating local gang activity and cartel activity," he said. "Our office fully supports this."

Commissioners also approved the re-plot for Star Mountain Ranch Subdivision, Phase 2, in Precinct 3 near Winona.

## Lindale Chamber Banquet set April 8

The 40<sup>th</sup> annual Lindale Area Chamber of Commerce Membership Banquet and Auction – titled "Your Partner in Business for 40 years" – is scheduled for Monday, April 8 at the Texas Rose Horse Park, 14078, Highway 110 north, officials said.

The silent auction and networking begin at 5 p.m., dinner is scheduled for 5:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m. followed by the live auction and awards ceremony.

Each year the awards ceremony is highlighted by the presentation of the Citizen of the Year and the Lindale Rotary Club's Merchant of the Year.

In 2023, Lindale Police Chief Dan Somes was chosen Citizen of the Year while Kaitlin and Jeremiah Cagle, owners of the Lindale Candy Company, were chosen Merchants of the Year.

Other award winners from 2023 included Isaac Lewis as City Employee of the Year for the city of Lindale, Lindale ISD Educator of the Year was presented to LHS CTE instructor Lindsay Kelly and Brooke Everest and Christian King were named Students of the Year by LHS Principal Jeremy Chilek.

For more information on this year's banquet, call 903-882-7181 or log onto [lindalechamber.org/banquet](http://lindalechamber.org/banquet).

**Past Citizen of the Year honorees include:**

- 2023 – Dan Somes
- 2022 – Mike Combs
- 2021 – Don Hines
- 2020 – Jimmy Hawley
- 2019 – John Williams
- 2018 – Larry Wilson
- 2017 – Nina Rodriguez Bryan
- 2016 – Jerry Alexander
- 2015 – Charlene Burton
- 2014 – Jim Mallory
- 2013 – Jerry Garner
- 2012 – Lindale Community Theater
- 2011 – Debbie Wortmann
- 2010 – Stan Surratt
- 2009 – Perry Mac Hutchens
- 2008 – Annie Baldwin
- 2007 – Bill Parrott
- 2006 – Helen Boylan Foundation
- 2005 – Gen. James "Red" Brown
- 2004 – Drs. Wendall and Donna Hand
- 2003 – John Becker
- 2002 – James Cowart
- 2001 – Dennis Taylor
- 2000 – Ed Neely
- 1999 – Bobby McClenny
- 1998 – Carolyn Todd
- 1997 – Barham Fulmer
- 1996 – Carroll Anderson
- 1995 – Pat Rogers
- 1994 – Herschel Duncan

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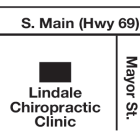
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# OPINION/COMMENTARY

**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.

## Gary Borders Capital Highlights



### Texas counties among nation's fastest growing

Recent estimates from the U.S. Census Bureau indicate that six of the 10 fastest-growing counties in the United States from 2022 to 2023 were in Texas. According to the Texas Tribune, Kaufman County, just east of Dallas, led the list with a 7.6% increase in new residents that brought its population to more than 185,000. Census data shows that Rockwall and Liberty counties closed out the top three, with growth rates of 6.5% and 5.7%, respectively.

Also in the top 10 with the largest residential growth rates are Chambers, Comal and Ellis counties. All 10 of the fastest-growing counties are in the South, Census officials said, and are due to people relocating from other parts of the country.

"Domestic migration patterns are changing, and the impact on counties is especially evident," said Lauren Bowers, chief of the Census Bureau's Population Estimates Branch.

Texas also holds eight of the 10 counties that added the most residents from 2022 to 2023, with Harris, Collin and Montgomery counties leading nationwide. Harris County added 53,788 residents, more than any other county in the U.S.

### Major wildfires nearly contained

The largest wildfire in Texas history is 89% contained as of Sunday, according to the Texas A&M Forest Service, after burning more than a million acres.

The Smokehouse Creek fire in Hutchinson County is one of two active wildfires in the state. The only other wildfire not contained is the Windy Deuce Fire in Moore County, 94% contained and consuming 144,045 acres.

There are currently 70 counties with burn bans in place.

The U.S. Small Business Administration has approved Gov. Greg Abbott's disaster declaration request for the following Panhandle counties: Armstrong, Carson, Donley, Gray, Hansford, Hemphill, Hutchinson, Lipscomb, Moore, Potter, Randall, Roberts, Sherman and Wheeler.

"These disaster declarations will help Texans in communities affected by the Smokehouse Creek and Windy Deuce wildfires receive critical financial assistance they need as they continue to recover and rebuild," Abbott said.

Low-interest loans are available to homeowners, renters, and businesses affected by the wildfires. Applications can be downloaded at [sba.gov/disaster](https://sba.gov/disaster).

### Texas challenges federal methane rule

The state is challenging a tougher methane emissions rule recently put in place by the Environmental Protection Agency through a lawsuit filed by the Texas attorney general's office last week. The regulations force oil and gas companies to reduce emissions in the next two years.

Texas oil and gas operators emit more methane than any other state, according to the EPA. A report in the Houston Chronicle said the program would reduce negative climate impacts and improve health, saving up to \$7.6 billion annually through 2038.

The Texas Railroad Commission claims the rule is detrimental to the oil and gas industry, and maintains the industry has made great strides to reduce emissions.

"Texas is taking action against the federal government's egregious overreach," said RRC Chairman Christi Craddick. "The latest attack on oil and gas is nothing more than an attempt to shut down the industry that creates hundreds of thousands of jobs, funds one-third of our state's economy, and produces clean and reliable energy for the world."

### Court: Minors need parental consent for contraceptives

A federal appellate court upheld a state law requiring parental consent for minor seeking access to birth control, the Austin American-Statesman reported. The ruling partially upholds a late 2022 ruling that blocked federally funded clinics from providing contraceptives to teens without proof of parental consent.

Teens have the right to access confidential contraception services at Title X clinics under a program established in 1970. A lawsuit filed in 2022 challenged the Title X regulation, arguing it violates state law and infringes on parental rights.

"Minors have been unable to access confidential contraceptive care in our network of Title X clinics for more than a year," Stephanie LeBleu, a project director at Every Body, a nonprofit that administers federal funds to more than 150 Title X clinics across the state, said in a news release.

## Fake News ...

Let's talk about what 'Fake News' really is... it is NOT coming from credible newspapers, journalistically sound magazines or broadcast NEWS journalists. Make sure YOU, as a consumer of news, know the difference between news reporting and commentary.

A great deal of what you see on the 24-hour 'news' channels or hear on talk radio is commentary and often opinion-based and agenda driven. It is NOT NEWS. Quite often what is shared online is flat out deception.

I hate the phrase 'the media'. What media would you be referring to? Art? Photography? The internet? Newsprint? Broadcast? Because every time you say it, I think it is ME you are railing angrily at. I also hate the phrase 'FAKE NEWS'. By nature News is not fake. It is based on credible sources and is fact and logic based.

When a factual mistake is made by a credible journalistic source it is corrected as soon as possible. Unfortunately, the out of control internet information on this pandemic is a virus just as dangerous as COVID-19 and it is creating havoc in our society. The vast majority of coronavirus information shared across SOCIAL MEDIA comes from FAKE NEWS SITES, according to NewsGuard, a service that rates the credibility and transparency of web news content. That means it is NOT really a NEWS source at all. Which also means, Dear Readers, that it is NOT coming from professional journalism sources.

Before you pass information along make sure it is from a credible source. A credible sounding name does NOT mean it is factual. Before you react to a headline read the blooming

## The Best of Suzanne Bardwell



story. Please! If you are scanning research, check the source, read all the footnotes and make sure YOU understand what you are reading. It is much more likely that you are the purveyor of fake news not those hardworking, underpaid and certainly unappreciated journalists.

We are a country that is filled with good people who care. Let's make sure that it is also filled with smart people who pride themselves on being well-informed. Remember, commentary is NOT news and many credible sounding websites are there to deceive you. Know your sources, be discerning and not gullible.

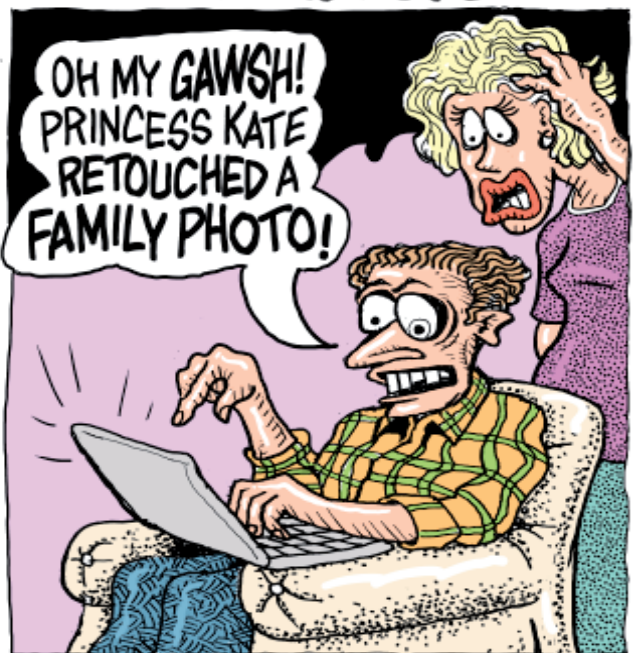
Also, if we really care about each other we will stop being so angry. We Americans have always been at our best in a crisis. That is who we truly are. A little, or a lot, of prayer might be in order right now for those who are ill throughout the world and those who are caring for them, as well as all our medical personnel and first responders. That might be a good use of some of our time while we are 'self-distancing' physically, but hopefully not emotionally or spiritually.

Stay well Dear Readers, stay smart, and stay kind. After all, kind is who you really are. Just don't forget that in this crisis.

## ISSUES OF CONCERN FOR INTELLIGENT PEOPLE



## ISSUES OF CONCERN FOR IDIOTS



# THE ECONOMIST

By Dr. M. Ray Perryman

## Burned

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, 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. In addition, significant numbers of homes, barns, businesses, and other buildings have been destroyed which will lead to further damages and related economic losses; these costs were not included in the estimates.

The Perryman Group's US Multi-Regional Impact Assessment System was used to estimate the total (not only direct, but also indirect and induced) effects of agricultural losses associated with wildfires. The System was developed by the firm about 40 years ago and has been used in thousands of analyses throughout the country. This complex model and dynamic processes allow

for estimation of the total economic consequences of the direct costs associated with the agricultural damage due to the wildfires.

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 the equivalent of 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 and restaurants as well as manufacturing (such as downstream food processing). It is also worthy of note that only about 68% of the agricultural losses are associated specifically with the land damaged by the fires, with the remainder reflecting downstream activity (such as feed).

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. The outpouring of support and assistance from other parts of Texas and the nation has been generous and heroic. Hats off to all who have helped during this most difficult time. Ultimately, recovery will emerge. Stay safe!

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# Lindale Chamber Banquet set April 8

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1993 – Mary Ann McClenny  
1992 – Clifford Bartley  
1991 – Earl Baldwin  
1990 – Eugene McClenny  
1989 – Dr. Joe Roach  
1988 – Dr. E.C. Kinzie  
1987 – Jack Crook

**Past Merchant of the Year honorees include:**

2023 – Kaitlin, Jeremiah Cagle  
2022 – Joshua Johnson  
2021 – Jerry Terry  
2020 – Dave Wilson  
2019 – R.J. Collins  
2018 – Nancy McIntyre  
2017 – Octavio De La Cruz  
2016 – James Simmons  
2015 – Medder's Brake and Alignment  
2014 – Eagle Pharmacy  
2013 – Dr. Karen Gott

2012 -- Dale Kile, Medicine Chest Pharmacy  
2011 – Zackie Gutzke  
2010 – Carla Boyette  
2009 – John Pittman  
2008 – Amanda Froebe  
2007 – Don Hines  
2006 – Moe Snoubar  
2005 – Debbie Wortmann  
2004 – John Roberts  
2003 – Delores Goodman  
2002 – Scott Cassel  
2001 – Polly Smith  
2000 – Glenda Dintelman  
1999 – Ruth Voyles  
1998 – C. James Rutledge  
1997 – Jim Withrow  
1996 – Jean Compton  
1995 – Larry Camp  
1994 – Mark Hatfield  
1993 – Wilbur Terry  
1992 – Jerry Fleming  
1991 – Perry Mac Hutchens

# Memories from two-week adventure last a lifetime

One week from today, the World Champions of Professional Baseball – your Texas Rangers – begin their quest to defend their trophy against the Chicago Cubs in Arlington.

(It's still difficult to believe the Rangers – at long last – secured the Commissioner's Trophy last November. It wouldn't surprise me a bit if it was all a dream).

Anyway, the start of baseball season is my favorite time of the year. Those of you who have followed my ramblings over the years know this all too well.

It has provided me and my family with special memories at once upon a time, we were able to combine another favorite pastime of mine, traveling, with baseball.

Way back in the early 2000s, my wife and I wanted to do something special for our eldest son Matt, who was about to finish high school as an honor graduate and was soon to be a Texas Aggie.

She had the brilliant idea of giving him the gift of a trip to Cooperstown, N.Y. and visit the Baseball Hall of Fame. That was the sprout of an idea that quickly grew into the best trip we've ever taken.

The more we planned, the more the itinerary expanded to include stops in Chicago, Cincinnati and Cleveland.

And, shoot, why not in-

## Terry Cannon Editor



clude Boston to the list while we were in that part of the country. Also, it was determined that we couldn't leave his little broer behind so Zach packed his bags, too.

As we began working on our travel plan, it occurred to me that my wife missed her life's calling -- she should have been a travel agent.

She secured our airline tickets, reserved several hotel rooms along the way and made sure we had tickets to three baseball games as well as tickets to the Hall of Fame. Side trips became my responsibility.

This was nearly 20 years ago when travel was unfettered and the only masks we expected to see would be on the umpires and catchers.

She hauled us to DFW Airport, bade us goodbye and probably felt a bit of relief that for the next two weeks it would be just her and the dogs.

Our first stop was Chicago, where, after securing a rental car, we were warmly greeted by relatives. Two games were on the agenda,

the first at historic Wrigley Field to watch the Cubs then the next day to U.S. Cellular Field, home of the White Sox who played the Twins.

We took the train from northwest Indiana into Chicago but had to switch trains once we were downtown. We must have looked like a trio of rubes trying figure out which train would take us to Wrigley Field.

The Chicago games went off without too much trouble then it was off to Cleveland. There, we saw the Indians take on the Yankees and the next day visited the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame.

We spent the next night in Utica, N.Y. (not a recommended place, by the way) before driving on to the baseball Hall of Fame.

Look up the word "quaint" in the dictionary and Cooperstown will be there. It's a wonderful little place and the Hall of Fame is worth a week-long visit.

Boston was our next stop. We walked the Freedom Trail, visited Boston Common and had a pretty good

time despite the traffic snarls.

One more baseball game in Cincinnati was left. But first we took another side trip to Hershey, Pa., to see where chocolate magic happens. Yep, I'd go back there in a heartbeat.

The Reds played the Dodgers and the folks in Cincy couldn't have been nicer. Ushers were polite and one even wiped down our seats before we sat down.

By this time we had been on the road for 10 days. We were pretty much beat to the socks. But it was one of those good, tired feelings, where you know you've done something special.

After a final night in Chicago, we boarded our jet at Midway Airport and headed home, much to the relief of mom who, I'm sure, enjoyed her alone time but nonetheless missed us terribly.

We still laugh at the good times we had on that trip, especially those that were at the expense of our youngest traveler. He saw some eye-opening things (literally) in the big city of Chicago where he discovered words that he'd never heard before.

Both have tales they can share with their kids and the warm memories of a time when three knuckleheads from Texas saw the sights.

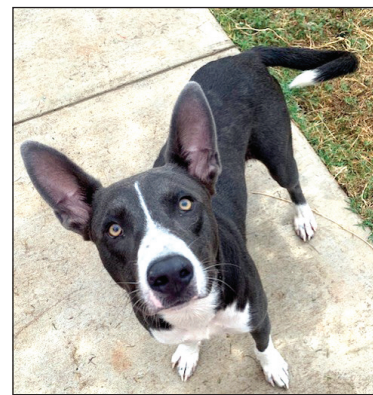
Maybe the grandkids would like to tag along the next time.



## Lindale Rotary speaker

Heather Aduddell, Lindale tattoo artist, was the guest speaker at the weekly meeting of the Lindale Rotary Club. She discussed the history of tattoo artistry, their origins in different cultures and her history with tattoos, first in California and now in Texas. She was presented by Rotarian Charlene Burton and is pictured with Club President Jason Beard. (Courtesy photo)

## PET OF THE WEEK



The Pet of the Week spotlight today falls on Max 2.0, a 1 1/2 year old mixed breed male who would love a forever home.

Max, is current on all vaccines, is heartworm negative and is neutered. He is an energetic 50 pounds.

The folks at the Lindale Animal Shelter recommends supervision with children and toddlers due to his playfulness, which also means he's an energetic fellow.

He loves long walks on his leash and gets along with female dogs, but not so much with other males.

If you feel as though you'd be a perfect match for Max 2.0, call Lindale Animal Control at 903-882-6861.

# Some snippets from here and there

I thought I'd let y'all read a some old snippets that I have posted on Facebook.

This mornin' I was in the kitchen standin' by the pantry when Janet walked in.

"You finally decide to wake up?" I asked. She gave me "the look" and then got a questioned look on her face. "What are you eating?" She asked.

"Oreos," I answered. "For breakfast?" "No, of course not. That would be dumb. These are a pre-breakfast snack," I answered. She gave me another look.

"What can I say?" I smiled "That's how I roll."

She scoffed and said, "If you keep eating like that, and all you'll be able to do is roll. Idiot."

A while ago I was in the kitchen makin' me some dinner when Janet walked in from the gym.

"What are you making?" she asked.

"A baloney and cheese sandwich. Want one?"

"Uh, no," she replied curtly. "Didn't you have the same thing yesterday?"

"Yep."

"Don't you every get tired of them?"

"I probably would, but I made this one different from the one I had yesterday."

She furrowed her brow. "Do tell," she said.

"Well, with this one I put the cheese on top of the baloney instead of on the bottom like I did yesterday."

Her furrowed brow morphed into "the look" and then she sighed. "Forty-four years married to you and I'm still alive. I just can't catch a break."

"I'm hungry," I said.

"You're always hungry," replied Janet never lookin' from her book.

"There's bound to be somethin' in this house that

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I haven't eaten yet."

Still without lookin' up, she grabbed the TV remote and tossed it over toward me. "Here, eat this."

I stared at her until she looked up.

"What," she asked.

"You forgot to call me an idiot," I said sarcastically.

She sighed. "Have you ever heard the phrase, 'It goes without saying?'" she asked.

"Of course," I replied.

"Well then, there you go."

"Feel my nose," said Janet. "It's cold."

I reached up and grabbed her nose and it was pretty cold.

"Man! That is cold," I said and then smiled. "Now turn around and wag that little tail for me."

So, that little exchange didn't go as well as I had hoped for.

I just got home from a weekend of jeepin' and campin'.

I walked in the den where Janet was.

"I'm home!" I exclaimed and then I smiled. "Wanna check me for ticks?"

She gave me "the look" and said, "No way, José."

I must have been gone longer than I thought. Blame woman can't even remember my name.

I was sittin' on a bench on the Strand in Galveston a little while ago while the rest of the family was in some clip-joint. I had an empty coffee cup in my hand because I was too lazy to get up and walk the 10 feet to the trash can. I was starin' off in the distance, daydreamin',

when someone walked by and dropped a handful of change in my cup.

A minute later the family walked out and Janet says, "You ready to go?"

"Naw," I replied as I shook my cup at her. "I'm doin' pretty good right here."

She looked in the cup and gave me her tilted head half-eyelid look and sighed, "We are just going to have to buy you some new clothes."

I walked in the back door awhile ago and I heard a grindin' and growlin' sound comin' from the kitchen. I walked in and found Janet messin' with her new blender.

"What'cha tearin' up?" I asked.

"I'm making a smoothie," she replied. "It's got pineapples, peaches, strawberries, chia seeds, spinach, yogurt, and almond milk in it. You want one?"

"Heck no," I said. "What do I look like, a hippy?"

She gave me her head tiltin' half-eyelid look. "It's healthy," she growled.

"Tell you what," I said. "Throw in a couple of cans of potted meat and a Slim Jim or two and I'll give it a try."

She gave me "the look" and growled, "Idiot."

My wife's mood ring turns blue when she's happy. When she's not happy, it leaves a red mark on my forehead.

"Hey! Look at this," I said.

"What?" Janet asked.

"A Pinterest link just came up in my email. It's titled 'How to dispose of a body'.

Can you believe that?"

Janet looked up in thought for a few seconds.

«Hmmm,» she hummed. Then she looked back down at me and said, «Forward that to me, will you?»

I walked into the den shirtless, struck a pose, and said, "Check out these abs."

Janet looked up from her book and peered at me over the top of her glasses.

"Lay down on your back," she said. "Maybe gravity will pull all of that other stuff to the side so I can get a better look."

I had my jeep jacked up in the shop workin' on it when my son-in-law, daughter, and the grandkids pulled up in their truck. My seven year old granddaughter, Brynley, looked out the window and saw me in my wife beater shirt.

She said to her folks, "Daddy Rusty is in a tank top. Sorry y'all had to see that."

"Any New Year's resolutions?" Janet asked me over a plate of black-eyed peas.

I thought for a minute. "Yeah," I said. "I think I'll become a nudist." I smiled and looked at her. "You?"

With her head slightly tilted and lookin' at me through half-closed eyelids, she replied, "I think I'll become a widow."

An eHarmony commercial came on a few minutes ago and the head dude asked, "Who is the one person waiting for you?"

I looked at Janet and asked, "I wonder who's the one person who's waitin' for me?"

Janet's eyes never left the TV. "The undertaker," she replied.

Well, that's it. Look me up on Facebook. Let's be friends.

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### ONE YEAR AGO, March 23, 2023

Tracie Rand was named as the new elementary curriculum director for the Lindale ISD after serving as principal at Lindale Junior High School.

Rand has served in the Lindale ISD for 17 years and has been the Junior High principal for the past three years.

"One of my favorite parts of my job now is working with teachers in regards to curriculum and instruction," said Rand. "I feel blessed to have the opportunity to work with teachers and administrators across the district to help support student learning."

Rand earned her Bachelor of Arts degree with a minor in Spanish from the University of Texas at Arlington. Rand also has a master's degree in educational leadership from Lamar University and a teaching certification for 7-12 grade secondary English.

### FIVE YEARS AGO, March 21, 2019

With a 3-2 win over the Sulphur Springs Wildcats, the Lindale Eagles improved to 12-2 on the season as Theron Brown tossed a complete game, two-hitter. Jacob Philpot, who drove in the winning run in the fourth, was 2-2 at the plate.

Prior to that win, the Eagles whipped Royce City, 9-1, with Chase Rozell, Cody Pike, Mason Hammonds, Matt Aubuchon and Theron Brown all contributing big hits in a nine-run third inning.

### 10 YEARS AGO, March 20, 2014

Lindale sophomore point guard Jordan Gray was named Newcomer of the Year for District 16-4A after voting from the league's coaches was completed recently.

Senior Mason Terry of Lindale was a unanimous pick for the first team, while senior Court Brown and senior Jacob Capo were selected to the second team.

Whitehouse's Patrick Mahomes was named the league's Most Valuable Player, while Jacksonville's Raybon Riden was Offensive Player of the Year and John Tyler junior post Rodney Bendy was chosen Defensive Most Valuable Player.

Whitehouse's Brent Kelly, who guided his team to the district championship and to the Region II quarterfinals, was voted coach of the year.

He won the same honor last season, but as the Jacksonville head coach.

The Wildcats finished with a 9-1 record in district while the Eagles finished third with a 5-5 league mark.

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# OBITUARY

## MERLENE "MO" LOVING



Funeral services for Merlene Loving were on Wednesday, March 20, 2024, at the Caudle-Rutledge-Daugherty Funeral Home Chapel in Lindale with Brother Ira Lynn officiating.

The ceremony will be followed by interment at Lindale City Cemetery. Merlene Loving, affectionately called "Mo" by many who were dear to her, passed away peacefully and surrounded

by family on Wednesday, March 13, 2024.

Born Aug 18, 1934, in Flomot, Texas, to William Armstrong and Merle (Pyron) Riddle, Mo spent the vast majority of her lifetime in Lindale. A dedicated member of the South Main Church of Christ, Mo also contributed to her community through the Lindale Garden Club and the Red Hat Society. After an impressive 50-year career as the Office Manager at Tyler Packing Company, Merlene retired. Following this, Mo became an elite level garage-sale shopper, often accompanied by her cherished sister.

Merlene's predeceased family members include her son, Gregory Hugh Loving; daughter, Lori Kay Loving; brothers, Kenneth Riddle and Johnny Austin; and sister, Jimmie Neely.

Survivors include her husband of 71 years, Edsel M. Loving; sisters Willene Bartley of Lindale, Carole Patman and her husband Donald of Waxahachie, Linda Austin Sanders and her husband Roger of Idabel, Okla.; grandchildren Michael Loving, Matthew G. Loving and his wife Maren, Brooksie and her husband Dalton Giglio, and Marshall Purvis; great-grandchildren Skye, Finn, and Maisey Pearl; along with numerous other beloved family members and friends.

# New regulations for Spotted Seatrout in effect March 26

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's proposed rule changes to bag and size limits for spotted seatrout will go into effect March 26 across the Texas coast, officials said.

The new statewide changes consist of the following:

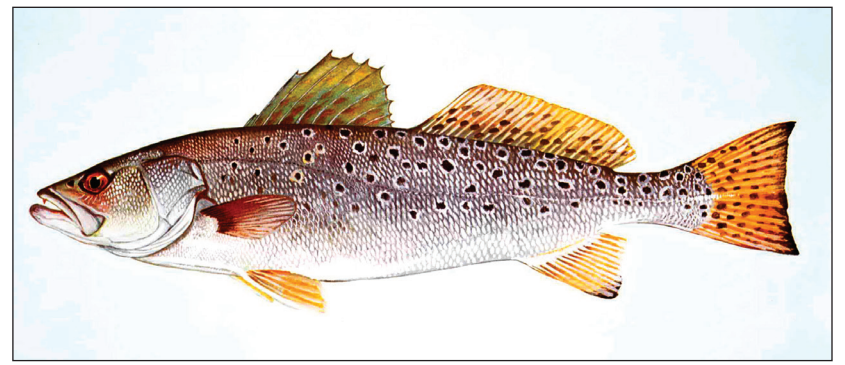
Three fish daily bag limit per angler  
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One oversized trout greater than 30 inches allowed as part of daily bag limit

These changes were adopted by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission at the January meeting with the goal of assisting the recovery of the spotted seatrout population after several years of below-average abundance.

In addition to these regulations, TPWD is proposing an additional change relating to the harvesting of oversized trout greater than 30 inches. The proposed change, which, if adopted would remove the allowance of fish greater than 30 inches to be retained as part of the daily bag limit until a tag system is implemented in the next license year, beginning September 1, 2024.

With the implementation of the



spotted seatrout tag, anglers would be able to harvest oversized spotted seatrout greater than 30 inches in length at no additional cost to the purchase of a saltwater fishing license or endorsement. In addition, the proposed rule would also implement a \$3.00 Bonus Spotted Seatrout Tag and a \$3.00 Exempt Angler Tag (for individuals who, by law, are exempted from license requirements) that would allow for the retention of one oversized spotted seatrout per license year.

TPWD encourages public input regarding the adoption of the oversized tag system. Members of the public who are interested in submitting comments for or against the new tag and associated fee rules can do

so by accessing the public comment portal here.

The comment portal will be publicly accessible through 5:00 p.m. on March 27.

Additionally, the Coastal Fisheries division of TPWD will be hosting an informational virtual hearing regarding the proposed spotted seatrout tag regulations on Tuesday, March 19 at 6:00 p.m. via zoom. Those interested in attending can register for the event here.

For the most up-to-date information about bag and size limits, check the digital Outdoor Annual on the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's website or download the Outdoor Annual app.

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**FRIDAY, MARCH 8:** Assist DPS, 17000 block IH-20 West, Settled at Scene; Motorist Assist, 3200 block South Main Street, Settled at Scene; Motor Vehicle Crash, 500 block South Main Street, Settled at Scene; Motor Vehicle Crash, 17000 block IH-20 West, Settled at Scene; Traffic Complaint, 3200 block South Main Street, Warning Issued; Suspicious Person, 3500 block South Main Street, Unable to Locate; Public Service, 100 block East Centennial Blvd., Settled at Scene,

**SATURDAY, MARCH 9:** Attempt to Serve, 13300 block CR 472, Unable to Locate;

Traffic Hazard, 15600 block FM 16 West, Settled at Scene; Motor Vehicle Crash, 100 block Perryman Road, Settled at Scene; Business Alarm, 200 block West South Street, Settled at Scene; Welfare Concern, 17000 block IH-20 West, Settled at Scene; Theft, 100 block East Centennial Blvd., Arrest; Assist Another Agency, 552 IH-20 East, Settled at Scene; Inquest/Unattended Death, 13900 block FM 2710, Report; Theft, 100 block East Centennial Blvd., Citation Issued.

**SUNDAY, MARCH 10:** Verbal Disturbance, 13400 block IH-20 East, Settled at Scene; Suspicious Vehicle, 1600 block South Main Street, Settled at Scene; Welfare Concern, 500 block North Main Street, Unable to Locate; Assist EMS, 13800 block U.S Highway 69 North, Settled at Scene; Criminal Trespass, 3500 block South Main Street, Warning Issued; Warrant Service, 900 block South Main Street, Arrest; Welfare Concern, 200 block Hillside Circle,



Settled at Scene; Welfare Concern, 300 block Arlene Street, Settled at Scene; Suspicious Person, 1100 block East Park Drive, Settled at Scene; Assist Smith Co SO, 100 block East Centennial Blvd., Settled at Scene.

**MONDAY, MARCH 11:** Suspicious Vehicle, 17000 block IH-20 West, Settled at Scene; Motor Vehicle Crash, 553 IH-20 East, Report; Welfare Concern, 1900 block South Main Street, Unable to Locate; Suspicious Circumstance, 16900 block Village Lake Drive, Settled at Scene; Civil Matter, 1300 block Brad Circle, Settled at Scene; Business Alarm, 100 block Miranda Lambert Way, False Alarm; Escort, 200 block West South Street, Settled at Scene; Civil Matter, 1300 block Brad Circle, Settled at Scene; Warrant Service, 100 block East Centennial Blvd., Arrest; Civil Matter, 1300 block Brade Circle, Settled at Scene; Assist EMS, 400 block Roseland Drive, Settled at Scene; Discharge Firearm, 200 block West Centennial Blvd., Settled at Scene.

**TUESDAY, MARCH 12:** Suspicious Circumstance, 3500

block South Main Street, Settled at Scene; Motor Vehicle Crash, 100 block North Main Street, Report; Assist EMS, 3400 block South Main Street, Settled at Scene; Traffic Hazard, 100 block North Main Street, Settled at Scene; Driving While Intoxicated, 200 block South Main Street, Arrest; Suspicious Circumstance, 3500 block South Main Street, Settled at Scene.

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13:** Motorist Assist, 200 block Margaret Street, Settled at Scene; Stolen Vehicle, 100 block East Centennial Blvd., Settled at Scene; Fraud, 3500 block South Main Street, Report; Suspicious Vehicle, 13800 block U.S. Highway 69 North, Settled at Scene; Assist DPS, 14700 block CR 431, Settled at Scene; Motor Vehicle Crash, 700 block South Main Street, Settled at Scene; Theft, 100 block East Centennial Blvd., Report; Motor Vehicle Crash, 3200 block South Main Street, Report; Criminal Trespass, 3200 block South Main Street, Settled at Scene.

**THURSDAY, MARCH 14:** Welfare Concern, 552 IH-20 East, Settled at Scene; Public Service, 100 block Ballard Drive, Settled at Scene; Traffic Complaint, 300 block South Main Street, Settled at Scene; City Ordinance Violation, 3500 block South Main Street, Settled at Scene; Public Service, 900 block Mount Sylvan Street, Settled at Scene; City Ordinance Violation, 3500 block South Main Street, Settled at Scene; Parking Violation, 3500 block South Main Street, Settled at Scene; Welfare Concern, 1100 block East Park Drive, Unable to Locate; Suspicious Person, 200 block Cannery Row, Unable to Locate; Public Service, 300 block South Main Street, Settled at Scene; Business Alarm, 2600 block South Main Street, False Alarm.

## Inks, O.H. Ivie produce more ShareLunkers

Inks Lake and O.H. Ivie registered Legacy Class ShareLunkers on back-to-back days to start the second week of March, publicity officials announced.

Inks Lake in Central Texas etched its name in the Toyota ShareLunker record books with its first Legacy Class largemouth bass, while O.H. Ivie delivered its sixth Legacy Lunker this season.

Darryl Hanson II of Round Rock reeled in 13.40-pound ShareLunker 662 on March 10 and with his catch, Inks Lake became the 78th public water body to produce a Legacy Lunker.

Larry Walker of Irving landed 13.83-pound ShareLunker 663 Monday evening (March 11) at O.H. Ivie — the 13th entry overall of the 2024 Toyota ShareLunker collection season.

"In the Lone Star State, there are numerous water bodies capable of reaching an impressive 13 pounds or heavier," said Natalie Goldstrohm, Toyota ShareLunker program coordinator. "There are reservoirs that have historically produced bigger bass, like Lake Fork and O.H. Ivie, and those that are lesser known that have remarkable trophy bass fisheries. We are awaiting what the remainder of the season holds."

Hanson's ShareLunker 662 was the third from a new water body this year, with Inks Lake joining J.B. Thomas and Fort Phantom with its first Legacy Class fish. Seven different reservoirs have provided entries to the fold this collection season. Hanson's ShareLunker 662 from Inks Lake was a monumental catch in more ways than one because it's the new Inks Lake record for largemouth bass.

Prior to Sunday (March 11), only nine total fish have been entered into the year-round ShareLunker program. The biggest in the group was a Strike King Elite Class entry on March 15, 2023, from Carsen Clark of Killeen that weighed 11.35 pounds. The previous Inks Lake largemouth bass record weighed 12.50 pounds and was set on Feb. 18, 2017, by Christopher Snyder.

Hanson headed to Inks Lake early in the morning Sunday to compete in the Tonkawa Bassmasters Club tournament. He had not fished Inks Lake in a couple of years but had a plan for where to fish based on past trips to the lake.

"I've had decent luck at Inks Lake in the past, and the lake has some good structure," said Hanson. "There is a particular area that has all sorts of docks and cement dock structure all around, which provides great cover, so I decided to target fish there. I put a couple of fish in the live well using an A-rig first thing in the morning to try and capitalize on bites. Then there was an area that I could see off to the left that was on a point with structure. I threw an A-rig running it parallel against it and she slammed it."

The battle for ShareLunker 662 ensued. "I set the hook, and she pulled back and ran out to open water," added Hanson. "She came up out of the water and I knew this was a big fish. She made five or six runs with two of them going underneath the boat. She got to the point where I could get her closer to the boat and scooped her into the net. I lifted her in the boat and said that must be a double-digit."

Hanson weighed the fish on the tournament scale, and it checked in at 13.40 pounds. He ended up catching more fish totaling a 39-pound bag enroute to a tourna-



Darryl Hanson



Larry Walker

ment championship. ShareLunker 662 was also a personal best, eclipsing his previous best of 11.4 pounds at Choke Canyon. Hanson made the call to TPWD to begin the entry process into the Toyota ShareLunker program.

"I headed over to the Inks Lake State Park office and officially weighed her there for the Angler Recognition Program," said Hanson. "Natalie walked me through the process, the state park staff was very helpful, and all in all the ShareLunker program is an excellent one."

At O.H. Ivie, Walker was fishing with his guide and good friend Kyle Hall on Monday. He has fished the lake for many years, and Monday's mission was to catch a ShareLunker.

"We started out early in the morning, caught a few small fish, saw some big ones and then finally saw a great big one on the nest," said Walker. "I got lucky, and it bit. It came out of the water, and it looked like Moby Dick. When I got it in the boat, it weighed 13.83 pounds. I've been doing this for a long time, but it was so exciting. I've been so blessed in my life fishing, and this makes 185 fish over 10 pounds that I've caught. This catch is the second largest bass I've ever caught."

Walker has fished around the world, and the largest black bass he ever caught was a 14.4-pounder in Honduras in 1977, but his favorite place to fish is Texas.

"I'm so blessed to get to fish some of the best places in the world, but you can't beat Texas," added Walker. "I've been in the fishing business all my life. We had a sporting goods store in Grand Prairie and Garland and a marina on Lake Joe Pool. We have always supported the ShareLunker program. The state of Texas really has it going on and this is such a fantastic program. We have the best bass fishing in the United States and maybe the world and a lot of it is because of the ShareLunker program."

## Lindale Rotary Club accepting nominations for Merchant of Year

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

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

This award has been presented each year since 1991 to a Lindale area merchant who exemplifies the tenets of Rotary International set forth in the service organization's "Four Way Test," which states "Is it the Truth?" "Is it Fair to All Concerned?" "Will it Build Good Will and Better Friendships?" and "Will it be Beneficial to All Concerned?"

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

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

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

Nominations should be in writing and explain why the individual is being nominated and how that individual practices the principles outlined in the Four Way Test.

The merchant does not have to be a Rotarian to win the award.

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# Butterflies: Harbingers of spring

By Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service

A delicate butterfly alighting on a garden bloom is a tangible sign for many that spring has indeed arrived.

A Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service specialist shared insights on how to draw these beautiful beneficial insects to your yard — not only in the spring but throughout the summer and fall.

“The key to having the most butterflies is to have constant or overlapping blooms,” said Molly Keck, AgriLife Extension entomologist, Bexar County. “You can keep pollinators coming back to your garden with reliable, continuous food sources that they like.”

By planning ahead, both with planting at appropriate times and knowing when you’ll have butterfly-favorite flowers, they will return to your bloom buffet over and over again.

## Eight plants for pollinators

Keck, who is also the AgriLife Learn Butterfly Gardening course instructor, said some plants do a better job than others of attracting butterflies and other pollinators, and plants designated Texas Superstars are a good choice to survive and thrive. Here are some of her Texas pollinator plant suggestions:

**Pride of Barbados:** With showy orange and red flowers, it is a dramatic plant for Texas gardens. Depending on the zone it is grown in, it may serve as everything from an annual to a shrub.

**Henry Duelberg salvia:** This true Texas native was discovered in Central Texas, growing at the grave of the person for whom it is named. It can bloom spring through fall if it is cut back regularly.

**Mystic spires blue salvia:** This salvia flowers freely during the growing season and is a plant butterflies love. It has a very tubular flower, and the butterfly must use its long proboscis to get down into the nectar, which is exactly as it was designed to do.

**Lantanas:** These are a good option available in many colors and bloom even during the hottest weather. The new gold lantana is very hardy and highly attractive to butterflies and native pollinators as well.

**Butterfly deep pink penta:** Another option to bring blooms to your garden for three seasons are pentas. The unique star-shaped flowers are a dazzling color and relatively



low maintenance and pest tolerant.

**Fall zinnias:** When planted late summer, fall zinnias can play a crucial role in providing butterflies food in the fall, often up until the first frost. Available in a variety of bright colors, you can buy zinnias nearly year-round, but fall offers the most variety.

**Turk’s cap:** A native plant to South Texas, it is relatively low-maintenance, tough throughout Texas and attracts hummingbirds. Although it doesn’t have a ton of flowers, the turban-shaped flowers it does produce are usually red, but varieties can range from white or pink or both.

**Gregg’s mistflower:** This quick growing native plant is beloved by bees and serves as a good food source in the fall for migrating butterflies like the Monarch.

## What exactly is a Texas Superstar?

Plants designated as a Texas Superstar must not only be beautiful but also perform well for gardeners across the state. These tested landscape ornamentals are suited to the Texas climate.

All but one of Keck’s butterfly suggestions have received the Texas Superstar designation. Texas Superstars also must be easy to propagate, which helps ensure the plants are available throughout Texas and reasonably priced.

## What else should I know about butterflies?

It is important to keep in mind that a butterfly garden and butterfly-friendly plants are food-sources for the adults. If you want to observe butterflies through their whole life cycle, you will need to plant food sources for caterpillars and have plants where butterflies will lay their eggs.

“The fall — September, October and even into November — is really the best time to see the most butterflies,” Keck said. “As long as you have plants for them to get nectar from, they will come.”



Fire department story time

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# Knowing and growing the Peggy Martin rose

By Greg Grant  
Smith County Extension Agent

In the world of roses, few cultivars captivate the heart and soul quite like the Peggy Martin rose.

This remarkable climber, born from tragedy and triumph, has captured the admiration of gar-

deners worldwide with its resilience, vigor, and spring beauty.

The Peggy Martin rose, also known as the “Katrina rose,” rose from the devastation wrought by Hurricane Katrina in 2005. Named after Peggy Martin, a South Louisiana gardener who

lost her home, garden, and elderly parents to the storm, this rose miraculously survived the salty floodwaters that submerged her property for weeks.

Despite facing seemingly insurmountable odds, the Peggy Martin rose emerged from the wreckage as a symbol of hope and resilience. Peggy is a friend and is a mainstay in the rose world.

I have had the pleasure of being on programs with her before and visited her home and rose garden in Gonzales, La., when I was giving a program for the New Orleans Old Garden Rose Society.

Peggy originally collected the “pass-a-long” rambling rose in New Orleans where according to Dr. Welch, Peggy she was given cuttings of the thornless climber in 1989 by Ellen Dupriest who had gotten her rose cuttings from her mother-in-law, Faye Dupriest.

Faye had gotten her cuttings from a relative’s garden in New Orleans. Peggy then shared cut-

tings with my mentor, co-author, and now retired Texas A&M AgriLife Extension landscape horticulturist Dr. William C. Welch who named it and introduced it to both the public and the nursery industry.

One of the defining characteristics of the Peggy Martin rose is its vigorous growth and abundant blooms. This climbing rose can reach heights of up to twenty feet, adorning arbors, fences, and trellises with cascades of delicate pink spring blooms.

Although not at spectacular, it can also make a repeat performance in the fall which is unusual for rambling roses, most being once bloomers in the spring.

What sets the Peggy Martin rose apart from many roses is its remarkable adaptability to adverse growing conditions. This rose thrives in a wide range of climates, from the hot and humid summers of the Deep South to the cooler temperatures of the

Northeast.

It is highly resistant to pests and diseases, making it an ideal choice for low-maintenance landscapes and beginner gardeners.

The versatility of the Peggy Martin rose makes it a valuable addition to any garden landscape. Whether trained to climb a trellis, cascade over a fence, or sprawl along a garden wall, this rose adds vertical interest and visual appeal to any outdoor space.

Its long, flexible, thornless canes can be trained to weave through arbors and pergolas, creating a romantic and picturesque backdrop for outdoor gatherings and celebrations.

More than just a beautiful flower, the Peggy Martin rose serves as a testament to the indomitable spirit of gardeners and the power of nature to overcome adversity.

Planted in gardens around the world, it stands as a symbol of hope, resilience, and the enduring beauty of the human spirit.



The Peggy Martin rose is a remarkable sight in the spring. (Courtesy photo)

# Shining the spotlight on woody shrubs

By Libby Sanson  
Smith County Master Gardener

If Mother Nature wreaked havoc on your landscape (again!) and you’re looking for some new beautiful blooming shrubs, look no further than the Texas Superstar selections.

If you are a gardener in Texas, you’re probably very familiar with the Texas Superstar program. If you are new to Texas — or new to gardening — you might need a brief introduction.

Dating to the 1980s (though the name Texas Superstar wasn’t applied until 1997), it’s a program that involves the promotion of outstanding plants with proven performance in most regions of Texas. Only the most reliable and best-looking plants make the cut.

After going through extensive field trials, plants must meet a number of criteria before being selected. One such requirement is that the plant must consistently perform well for most Texas consumers regardless of their gardening expertise and growing locations. The Superstar plants are categorized in six groups, and the group of woody shrubs includes eight stellar selections.

Half of those selections are roses, which is great for those of us living in the “Rose Capital.” Belinda’s Dream Rose (Rosa ‘Belinda’s Dream’) was the first rose to be

named a Texas Superstar and is a gorgeous shrub rose with large, fragrant, and very pink double blossoms.

Grandma’s Yellow Rose (Rosa ‘Nacogdoches’) repeatedly blooms deep yellow from spring until the first hard frost. Knockout Rose (Rosa ‘Radrizz’) produces fluorescent cherry-red blooms until the first frost. And Marie Daly Rose (Rosa ‘Marie Daly’) is an easy-care shrub rose with few thorns and lots of very fragrant double pink blooms.

Though not actually a rose, the Rock Rose (Pavonia lasiopetala) was added to the list in 2021. It is a native ornamental plant related to native hibiscus species that produces 2-inch diameter pink flowers from spring to frost.

Blue Angel Shrub Althea (Hibiscus syriacus ‘Grega’), also known as Rose-of-Sharon, is a vigorous-growing shrub or small tree with an extended blooming season featuring blue trumpet-shaped flowers.

There is also a white-blooming cultivar — White Angel™ Shrub Althea (Hibiscus syriacus ‘Grewa’). Another great choice is Lynn’s Legacy Cenizo (Leucophyllum langmaniae ‘Lynn’s Legacy’), which features profuse lavender blooms against a sage-green foliage backdrop. Unlike other Texas sages, it is not as dependent on changes in humidity and can bloom more often than

other sages.

The final selection is Vitex (Vitex agnuscatus). Also known as Texas Lilac or Chaste Tree, it’s a deciduous large shrub that can be trimmed up as a small tree.

Large spikes of lavender flowers bloom in early summer, attracting butterflies, bees, and hummingbirds. Diligent deadheading will result in repeat blooms.

So whether you’re looking for gorgeous

blooms of pink, yellow, blue, white, red, or lavender, there’s a Superstar® shrub for you! To see these beautiful shrubs for yourself and for much more information on these and other Texas Superstar plants, visit <https://texassuperstar.com>.

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# Using portion control for weight loss

By Smith County Extension Service

Trying to lose weight? Remember the size of the portions you eat matters.

Research has shown that people almost always eat more food when offered larger portions.

So portion control is important when you're trying to lose weight and keep it off.

A portion is the amount of food you put on your plate. A serving is an exact amount of food. To better manage what you're eating, you

could carry around measuring cups and spoons.

Or instead, you could use everyday objects as reminders, also called cues, of correct serving sizes, as recommended by the Mayo Clinic Diet.

Many foods match up to everyday objects. For example, a medium pepper is about the size of a baseball and equals one vegetable serving. While not all foods match visual cues, this method can help you become better at gauging serving sizes and practicing portion control.

One vegetable serving is about the size of a baseball. Half a cup of cooked carrots equals one serving, or about 25 calories. The same is true for a medium tomato or bell pepper.

One protein serving is no bigger than a deck of cards. A piece of cooked skinless chicken (2 to 2 1/2 ounces) equals one serving, or about 110 calories. This is the same as a serving of a 3-ounce vegetarian burger. One fat serving is about the size of a pair of dice.

For example, 2 teaspoons of regular mayonnaise equal one fat

serving, or about 45 calories. And 1 tablespoon of trans fat-free light margarine counts as a serving, as does 1 teaspoon of butter. One carbohydrate serving is about the size of a deck of cards. Half a cup of whole-grain cooked pasta equals one serving, or about 70 calories. If you don't eat pasta, think of a slice of whole-grain bread instead.

Now put it all together. It may take practice to become a better judge of serving sizes and portions, especially as you put entire meals together. As you

can see, some foods, especially vegetables and fruits, have fairly few calories in large serving sizes and portions.

And the more you practice, the more control you'll have over how many calories you eat. That's key to weight loss.

For more information about Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Programs, contact Smith County Extension Office at 903-590-2980 or email smith-tx@tamu.edu. Like our Facebook page: Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service Smith County.

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

c/o: **KIMBERLY A. HEGWOOD**  
**Attorney at Law**  
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## LEGAL NOTICE

### NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF CYNTHIA POWELL, DECEASED

Notice is hereby given that Letters of Independent Administration upon the Estate of Cynthia Powell, Deceased, were granted to Lawrence Stiegler on March 7, 2024 in Cause No. 46860P, pending in the County Court at Law Number 3 of Smith County, Texas. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same to Curtis Clinesmith and Kaitlin Goddard c/o Lawrence Stiegler, Independent Administrator of The Estate of Cynthia Powell, at 325 N. Saint Paul, Floor 29, Dallas, Texas 75201

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**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
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Cora Jenna McCaleb	1/84ths interest	\$96.08
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# S TOTAL SOLAR ECLIPSE

## April 8, 2024

The natural world is wondrous to behold. In a given day, there is no shortage of events to capture human attention and imagination, and such occurrences are free of charge.

A solar eclipse is one phenomenon that never ceases to amaze. Millions of people will get a chance to experience this stunning phenomenon on April 8, 2024, when a total solar eclipse will be visible from Texas to Maine, according to the National Park Service. In anticipation of the eclipse, readers can learn about these unique events.

### What is a solar eclipse?

According to NASA, a solar eclipse occurs when the sun, the moon and Earth line up, either fully or partially. During a solar eclipse, the moon passes between the sun and Earth, casting a shadow on the planet. That shadow either fully or partially blocks the sun's light in certain areas.

### How frequently do solar eclipses occur?

NASA reports that solar eclipses happen only occasionally. That's because the moon does not orbit in the exact same path as the sun and Earth.

### Are all solar eclipses the same?

All solar eclipses are not the same. When a solar eclipse occurs, it may be categorized as a total solar eclipse, an annular solar eclipse, a partial solar eclipse, or a hybrid solar eclipse.

- **Total solar eclipse:** A total solar eclipse occurs when the moon passes between the sun and Earth and the face of the sun is completely blocked. According to NASA, the sky darkens during a total solar eclipse, just as if it is dawn

or dusk. The outer atmosphere of the sun, also known as its corona, is typically invisible because the sun is so bright. However, the corona is visible during an eclipse.

- **Annular solar eclipse:** An annular solar eclipse happens when the moon passes between the sun and Earth when the moon is at or near its farthest point from the planet. That distance is why the moon does not completely cover the sun. NASA notes an annular solar eclipse makes the moon appear as a dark disk on top of larger, bright disk. This creates the awe-inspiring impression that there is a ring around the moon.

- **Partial solar eclipse:** During a partial solar eclipse, the moon passes between the sun and Earth at a time when all three are not perfectly lined up. NASA notes that the visual effect of this is that only part of the sun appears to be covered, giving it a crescent shape.

- **Hybrid solar eclipse:** As its name suggests, a hybrid solar eclipse features characteristics of two different types of eclipses. NASA notes that the curved surface of Earth helps to create a hybrid solar eclipse, during which a shift between annular and total eclipse occurs.

A total solar eclipse will occur on April 8, 2024. NASA urges all individuals who intend to witness this awe-inspiring phenomenon for themselves to wear eclipse glasses or to utilize an alternative safe solar viewing method, such as a pinhole projector.

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## TxDOT urges drivers, pedestrians and bicyclists to follow state laws and save lives

AUSTIN – Katie Parker still gets nervous just crossing the street. Eight years ago, a careless driver plowed into her and her dog, Riley, while they were out for a jog. Parker was hit with such force that she was thrown more than 60 feet. Riley, a Great Dane, was killed on what was supposed to be a pleasant morning jog.

The mental and physical toll from the 2016 crash continues for Parker. The physical scars have mostly healed, but she doesn't feel safe while walking or driving. Her story is an example of the impact crashes can have on survivors.

"The crash changed my life," Parker said. "I lost my dog, and my sense of safety when crossing the street."

Parker is joining TxDOT this spring during its "Be Safe. Drive Smart." campaign to remind Texans why it's important to follow traffic laws to keep pedestrians and cyclists safe.

"Too many people are killed or seriously injured every year in Texas walking, jogging or biking in their communities," TxDOT Executive Director Marc Williams said. "We want all Texans—whether you're behind the wheel, on foot or on a bike—to watch out for each other and follow the rules of the road so everyone gets where they're going safely."



In 2022, 922 people died in traffic crashes involving pedestrians and bicyclists in Texas, accounting for one out of every five fatalities on the state's roadways. It's a part of a rising trend in recent years as pedestrian fatalities increased 30% and bicyclist fatalities increased 28% in the five years from 2018 to 2022.

"Be Safe. Drive Smart" urges all Texans to learn and follow the laws for safe driving, walking and biking. As part of this effort, TxDOT is sending teams of

walking billboards to cities around the state to put key safety reminders in front of drivers, pedestrians and bicyclists in crash-prone areas.

If you're driving in Texas, state law requires you to:

- Stop and yield for pedestrians, bicyclists and other vulnerable road users in crosswalks.

- When turning, yield the right of way to pedestrians and bicyclists.

- Pass bikes at a safe distance and give bicyclists room to ride.

- Always follow the speed limit and drive at a safe speed.

If you're walking:

- Cross the street only at intersections and crosswalks.

- Obey all traffic signs and signals, including at crosswalks.

- Use sidewalks. If there's no sidewalk, walk on the left side of the road, facing oncoming traffic, unless the left side is obstructed or unsafe.

If you're riding a bike:

- Always stop at red lights and stop signs.

- Ride in the same direction as traffic and use bike lanes or ride as near as possible to the right-hand curb.

- Use hand signals when turning or stopping.

- At night, ensure your bike has a white light on the front and a red light or reflector on the back.

## Tyler man sentenced to 40 years for sexual abuse of a child

Camron Bowens, 38, of Tyler was sentenced to 40 years in prison without the possibility of parole this past week for continuous sexual assault of a child by a Smith County jury, officials said.

Judge Debbie Gunter of the 241st District Court sentenced Bowens to the 40-year-term.

County prosecutors Noah Coltman and Zach Gillmore presented evidence and called witnesses who testified Bowens began abusing the victim when she was nine years old and that the abuse continued for more than six years.

The victim also testified and was able to confront the defendant concerning the abuse she suffered.

Tyler Police Department Detective Kelly Womack testified concerning his investigation into the abuse and the subsequent arrest of Bowens.

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