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Surratt nominated for Region 7 Superintendent of the Year award

The Lindale ISD Board of Trustees has nominated Superintendent Stan Surratt for the 2024 Region VII Superintendent of the Year award district officials announced.

"The Board of Trustees took action by unanimously voting to recommend Mr. Surratt for the Region VII Superintendent of the Year," said School Board President Mike Combs. "Under Mr. Surratt's leadership, Lindale ISD has flourished in every way; All student programs are highly successful, and district finances are extremely strong."

Surratt has led Lindale ISD for the past 17 years. Since assuming the role of Superintendent, Mr. Surratt's visionary leadership has had a profound impact on Lindale ISD. His unwavering commitment to the district, students, staff, and the broader community has fostered remarkable success in academic achievement, student engagement, and community involvement.

Under Surratt's leadership, Lindale ISD has successfully passed two bond elections and three tax ratification elections. Every campus and the district has earned A ratings and is considered to be one of the best school districts in East Texas.

"First, I want to thank the Board of Trustees for wanting to nominate me for the honor of Region VII Superintendent of the Year," said Superintendent Stan Surratt. "Superintendents get nominated when things go very well in a school system. Because of our wonderful students and families, plus our fantastic staff, things have gone extremely well for Lindale ISD for many, many years. I am so blessed to be a part of this great school district and excited about the future of Lindale ISD."

Region 7 Superintendent of the Year candidates are chosen for their strong leadership skills, dedication to improving educational quality in their districts, and commitment to public involvement in education. All superintendents whose school board is an Active Member of TASB are eligible to be nominated. Local nominees are submitted to a regional selection committee, which chooses one nominee to send to the State Selection Committee.



Lindale ISD Education Foundation officials, LISD administrators and students show off the award to the class of Kari McKenzie at Lindale High School for "Setting the Scene with Visual Media."

Photos by Terry Cannon

Lindale ISD Education Foundation awards more than \$29,000 in grants

During a rousing couple of hours across several campuses in the Lindale ISD this past Thursday, the Lindale ISD Education Foundation awarded \$29,938.62 to district teachers.

At each of the schools, LHS Cheerleaders, band members, Foundation officials and LISD administration personnel noisily marched the hallways in presenting the awards to the unsuspecting teachers.

The money will be used to purchase new and innovative tools for classrooms. Funds provided by the Foundation will directly benefit students in the Lindale Independent School District and will make a positive difference for them.

"The Lindale ISD is an outstanding school district with amazing, hard-working teachers," said Gay Pyland, President of the Lindale ISD Education Foundation. "The Education Foundation's goal is to support these teachers by funding their creative and innovative needs in the classroom. Together, with our individual donors, businesses and community, we support not only the teachers, but we also give our students an added advantage to their education."

The teachers are notified that they are awarded their grants and receive funds by a surprise Grant Patrol through school hallways. The Lindale High School Star Steppers, cheerleaders, mascot, donors, administrators and volunteers loudly parade through the campuses, giving away money for several innovative projects.

"This is the best time of the year for the Lindale Education Foundation," said Courtney Sanguinetti, Executive Director of the Lindale ISD Education Foundation. "Our board members and volunteers work extremely hard throughout the year to raise enough funds to be able to give like we do. To see it all pay off with the excitement of the students and teachers is definitely our reward. We are

so thankful for the teachers who applied for these new learning tools and we are excited to see them in action."

The Lindale ISD Education Foundation is a 501 (c) (3) organization that provides funds for classroom projects and programs not funded or under-funded by the district's operating budget. The foundation is supported

through donations from individuals, businesses and corporations.

The Education Foundation began awarding grants in November 2009. Since the first grant cycle, the Foundation has awarded \$465,110.14 to LISD classrooms for hundreds of projects.

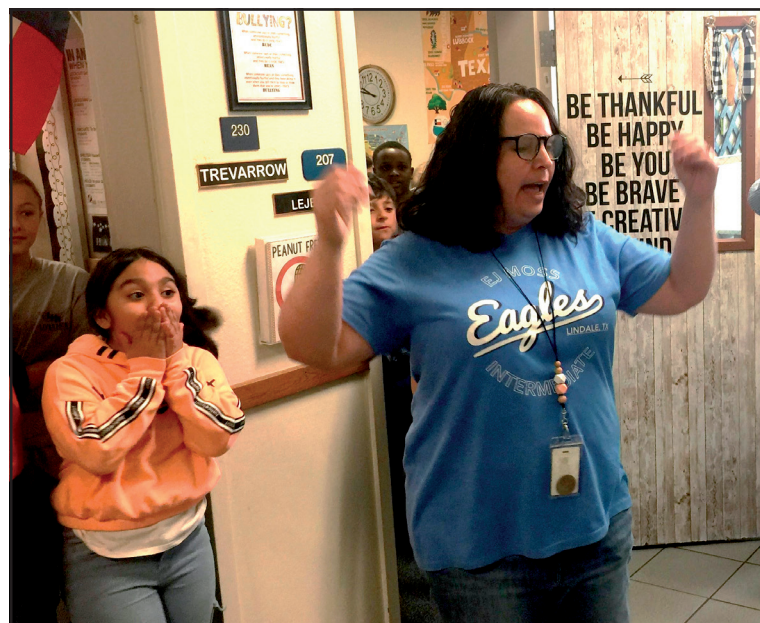
Grant applications are submitted to the

foundation by LISD teachers and aides for projects or programs that go above the day-to-day curriculum and offer students an enriched and unique learning experience. Projects selected for funding are rated on a number of criteria including the innovation of the project.

"We are so thankful for our donors and the Lindale community who make all of this possible," said Sanguinetti. "These students deserve a chance to excel beyond the classroom and the projects funded by the Education Foundation help to do just that. Our teachers' dedication to our kids and school district is what makes LISD one of the best."

Spring 2024 projects receiving funds include:

Education Foundation grant for \$5,917.18 to
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Susan LeJeune, teacher at E.J. Moss Intermediate School, reacts to being awarded a grant from the Lindale ISD Education Foundation this past week for her "Literacy Lab: Supporting Diversity in the Science Classroom" project.



LISD names Fisher as new band director

Officials with the Lindale Independent School District have announced Weston Fisher has been hired as the district's band director, replacing Steven Moore, who is retiring after more than three decades with the LISD.

Fisher has been the district's assistant band director since 2017.

"I am blessed and honored to be trusted to follow Steven Moore as he retires after 34 years of dedicated service to Lindale ISD," said Fisher. "That is quite a lineage and legacy with which I have been entrusted."

Fisher acknowledged a solid foundation has been laid by Moore and others within the district.

"We have a fantastic team of directors in the Lindale band program," he said. "These directors, in addition to our fantastic students, outstanding band boosters, amazing community, and spectacular faculty, staff, and administration, will help to continue to move the Pride of Lindale Eagle Military Marching Band into the future and continue the legacy that the band has worked so hard for, for decades."

Fisher began his career as the head junior high band director for Teague Junior High School before transitioning to Chapel Hill Junior High.

"We are so excited about Mr. Fisher," said Superintendent Stan Surratt. "The Lindale Band program has such a great legacy. Butch Almony and Steven Moore set the bar very high for great band directors and phenomenal band programs. We are very confident that Mr. Fisher will be the next great director for our Eagle Band. He has wonderful experience and he has been assisting Mr. Moore for the past seven years. Our band program will continue to be amazing."

Fisher earned a Bachelor's of Music Summa Cum Laude and a Masters of Music in French Horn Performance and Conducting from Stephen F. Austin State University.

Suspect arrested in county shooting death on Monday

Early Monday morning, Smith County Deputies arrested a suspect in the shooting death of Dell Howard Tilley, 79, of Tyler after responding to a 911 call in the 14600 block of Park Hill, said Smith County S.O. spokesman Larry Christian.

Christopher Tilley was taken into custody by deputies at the scene and was booked into the Smith County Jail on the murder charge. His bond was set at \$750,000 by 114th State District Judge Reeve Jackson.

At approximately 12:30 a.m., the Smith County Emergency Opera-

tions Center received a 911 call in which the caller said that her father had been shot by her brother.

Upon the arrival of Deputies, life-saving measures were started on the victim. The suspect was immediately detained, and the weapon was secured.

A short time later the victim was pronounced dead at the scene. Smith County Investigators and the Crime Scene Unit responded to the location to begin their investigation.

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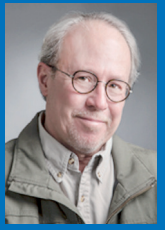
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OPINION/COMMENTARY

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



State immigration law again on hold

The on-again, off-again state immigration law is once more on hold while the 5th Circuit Court of Appeals considers its constitutionality. Senate Bill 4 would allow state and local law enforcement officials to arrest and deport people suspected of entering the state illegally from Mexico, the Austin American-Statesman reported. The U.S. Supreme Court last Tuesday removed a temporary hold on the law, which allowed it to take effect for several hours before the 5th Circuit court again stopped SB4 from being enforced while it considers its constitutionality.

At issue is whether the law usurps federal power to enforce border laws. A three-judge panel from the appeals court held a hearing last week but made no ruling.

"SB 4 is a modest, but important statute. It's modest because it mirrors federal law," Texas Solicitor General Aaron Nielson told the judges during Wednesday's hearing. "It's important because it helps to address what even the president has called a border crisis."

While many law enforcement officials support SB4, major questions persist about how it will be enforced if found constitutional, the Texas Tribune noted.

Phelan ally announces run for speaker

A former ally of House Speaker Dade Phelan announced last Thursday that he will run to replace him when lawmakers return to Austin in January for the 2025 legislative session, The Dallas Morning News reported.

"At this point, leadership change is required in the Texas House," state Rep. Tom Oliverson, R-Cypress, said in a news conference. "The status quo is too dysfunctional to continue, and the change from top to bottom is needed."

Phelan is locked in a tough runoff battle with David Covey, an oil-and-gas consultant backed by Attorney General Ken Paxton and former President Donald Trump. He was targeted by state Republicans' far-right faction after last year's vote to impeach Paxton, and for continuing the tradition of appointing Democrats to chair some House committees.

Phelan said in a statement Thursday that he was focused on winning his May 28 runoff race and increasing the GOP majority in the House.

"As Speaker, I'm focused on winning these races, getting our team over the finish line and ensuring we start the session united and ready to deliver another banner conservative session for Texans," Phelan said.

Medical Board unveils abortion guidelines

The Texas Medical Board on Friday released draft guidelines for administration of the state's near-total abortion ban. Critics said the proposed rules fail to clarify which health conditions must be present for a doctor to legally perform an abortion.

"Putting all the definitions in one place, that's helpful. But it doesn't tell you any more about what you should do or not do," said Steve Bresnen, whose joint petition with his wife, Amy, spurred the board to act after almost two years of calls by Texas OB-GYNs, pregnant patients, lawmakers, Gov. Greg Abbott and the state's highest court for the agency to issue the guidelines.

Bresnen told the American-Statesman he was "very disappointed" with the board's initial proposal, which it announced during a meeting attended by hundreds of Texans online and dozens in person. Both abortion rights proponents and those against the procedure acknowledged widespread confusion around medical emergency exceptions.

The abortion ban law allows exceptions when a pregnancy is contributing to a "life-threatening physical condition." However, physicians have been reluctant to decide whether an emergency abortion is needed, fearing prosecution if it is deemed to be illegal under the new state law.

Gender wage gap in Texas among worst

Texas has one of the worst wage gaps between men and women in the country, with only North Dakota and Alabama ranked worse, according to Forbes Advisor. The San Antonio Express-News reported the Forbes study indicated that women's median earnings in the state are 25% less than men's: \$39,615 versus \$52,823. The state also has one of the biggest disparities when it comes to making a six-figure income, the study shows, ranking 10th-worst in that category. More than 25.61% of men working full-time make at least \$100,000, compared to just 13.19% of women.

Easter frame of mind ...

I need an Easter frame of mind. Maybe a little more reverence, a little more quiet and a lot more hope, with just a dash of joy. The world is a rough place where we are surrounded by stories of devastation, loss and pain. It is also a world of routine and mundane exhaustion. It can be a world of critical mass anger and frustration. And, of course selfishness and self-absorption.

That is the nature of the world we live in, a by-product of human nature. But here we are on the edge of Easter and I know that some of you need hope today. Probably a lot more than I do.

I know that some of you are dealing with burdens seemingly too great to carry. That is when the rest of us need to reach out with grace.

Hope is there if we have the eyes to see and the ears to hear. It is in the bird's nest filled with three bright blue eggs. It is in the burnished colors of our East Texas sunrises and sunsets each day. It is that one word spoken that overpowers all the other harsh words that swirl around us.

Hope is in the outpouring of effort to help those who have been blasted by nature's unsparing winds. Hope is in the donations of food, blood and money to meet needs we can not begin to fathom. We receive the gift of hope by giving it to others.

And gifts should never be squandered.

So, on this Holy Week of Easter I wish for you the beauty of sun-rise as you begin your busy, and for some, heartbreaking days. I wish for you the bold splash of spring blooms that remind us that winter passes. It may take awhile, but spring will return.

The thing is, we have to embrace it or we remain trapped in

The Best of Suzanne Bardwell



the cold cell of our personal winter. What can we do to extend warmth and grace, and maybe most importantly of all, hope?

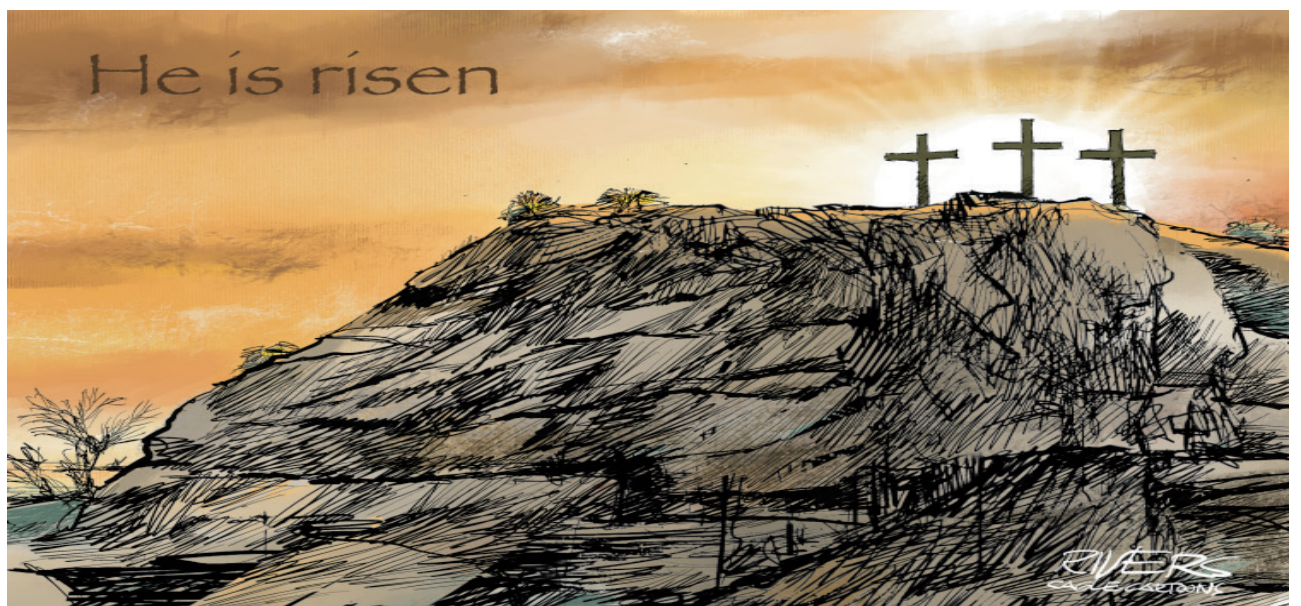
Maybe grace moments could include letting someone into your lane by slowing just a little to see the stressed out beside us. Perhaps we could buy the meal of the person behind us in the fast food line just to make their day a little brighter. Maybe a generous tip to a hardworking server who is trying to make a living, pay their way through college, or take care of their grandchildren.

Maybe you have your own gentle gift list of hope occurring to you right now.

For those of you who have sent cards, messages and emails to comfort us after losing our much loved newshound Jack, please know that your gifts of grace meant a great deal to us. Small kindnesses make a world of difference. A lesson to remember when we are rushed, exhausted and on our very, last nerve.

So, dear friends and neighbors, let us commit to gifts of grace this week and every week. And when we need them from others, help us to remember to give them first, and then we will find that grace and hope will flow back to us.

I wish each of you, our readers, a most blessed Easter filled with beauty, grace, hope and the promise of the Joy to come.



THE ECONOMIST

By Dr. M. Ray Perryman

4 Years later ...

Unlike most weeks in my frenetic schedule of projects, deadlines, speeches, and meetings, I remember that one well — Monday speech in Lubbock; flight to Dallas for afternoon meeting; all-day testimony in Dallas on Tuesday; Wednesday meeting in DC; Longview speech on Thursday; late afternoon flight for reception at our home. That was a pretty typical week, but it was followed by a year of being almost constantly at home with virtual work and all of the analysis, task forces, and other factors which accompany game-changing events. It was quite an adjustment from normally being on the road 250-300 days per year.



Four years ago, the COVID-19 pandemic reached the US, causing tragic consequences for life, health, and financial security. Millions lost jobs or had to work reduced hours. Between February and April 2020, the total number of Texas workers dropped by nearly 1.5 million (10%+). Initial unemployment claims rose from 13,500 per week to well over 300,000.

Businesses dealt with closures, capacity limits, and additional expenses to enable safe operations. Supply chains were disrupted, causing yet more issues. Some industries struggled to survive. The sharp decline in demand caused oil prices to plunge, and drilling was stymied. No one escaped the chaos.

A year later, 835,500 Texas jobs had been regained, with a return to February 2020 levels in 18 months. The rebound

and expansion in Texas has been impressive, and the state continues to make progress.

For comparison, it required 26 months for US employment to attain prior numbers. The dislocations emanating from shutdowns, supply chain problems, and high inflation emerging from the massive (but largely necessary) stimulus programs took their toll. Job growth has been concentrated, with Texas comprising about 20% of the national gain (1.1 million) and Florida another 15%. California, with the largest total employment, has gained fewer than 350,000. New York and several other states are not yet back to pre-pandemic levels.

Some patterns will never return, and others will require decades to repair. Educational losses are proving difficult to restore. Many young people saw career plans derailed and face ongoing challenges. Worker priorities shifted, with many remaining at least partially remote, and real estate markets were fundamentally altered. Physical and mental health issues are extracting a human toll. All of these factors affect productivity and future potential.

On the positive side, the US has shown remarkable resilience despite multiple headwinds, major issues have been resolved, biosciences have emerged as a major source of expansion and investment, and equity markets have soared to new heights. As with any disruption of such magnitude, the pandemic wrought enduring changes in many aspects of the economy (and life). Looking back over four years, the progress has been remarkable.

Stay safe!

Lindale council approves Wood Springs plat

Lindale City Council members worked through a relatively short agenda Tuesday night (March 19) at city hall and among the items approved was a final plat on Wood Springs Road.

The plat, part of the William Harrison and John W. Guest surveys, is located at 14589 CR 472 and has been approved by Lindale Planning and Zoning.

Council members also approved temporary fencing for the containment of livestock during the Centennial Blvd. construction at 14475 CR 431.

The temporary fencing is estimated to cost \$8,300, said City Manager Carolyn Caldwell.

It will remain up for about a year, she added.

Also approved was the renewal of the billboard contract with Lamar Billboard Co., located on the south side of Interstate 20 and west of Highway 69.

City Tourism Seong McLaren said the cost has risen to \$829 per month, from approximately \$750 per month in last year's contract. Money for the billboard renewal will come from the hotel/motel fund.

Council members also approved the use of the parking lot between Springhill Suites and TXM for a car show.






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Today more than ever, we must learn from the past

Perhaps it was from osmosis that my brothers and I acquired such a fascination with history, especially concerning our country.

My dad wasn't one to tolerate slackers, especially among his progeny. This was (at times) painfully true when it came time to review our report cards. More times than not, my grades weren't up to his standards and, well let's just say I had trouble sitting for a couple of days.

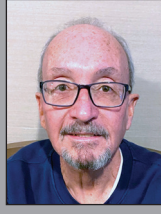
But his passion, other than his family, was history. He liked to cite Spanish-American philosopher George Santayana: "Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it."

And if he were alive today, dear old dad wouldn't hesitate to point out what is becoming more and more obvious as our country struggles with a divisiveness that can prove fatal unless we, as a nation, refuse to let demagogues assume power.

My father helped erase Hitler, the most hideous monster the world has seen but unfortunately, in the ensuing nine decades, others have taken up the hatred mantle and have used Hitler's blueprint to seek power.

The German dictator used fear to build his power base among gullible Germans, who were ripe for domination by an insecure, failed artist who through the gift of his oratory, convinced Germans that Jews (and other minorities) were the ultimate evil and the cause of all their misery.

Terry Cannon Editor



While at East Texas State University, I was fortunate to be taught by several very good history professors. One of my favorites taught a course called the History of Nazi Germany. It was eye opening to say the least.

It covered the time from just after World War I to 1945, and attempted to come up with an answer as to why one of the most civilized societies the world has ever known would consent to be ruled by the biggest monster of our time.

The professor posed this question in the first week of the class: "Was it simply Adolf Hitler's magnetism that allowed him to come to power or was the German population so bigoted and mean spirited that Hitler's rise was inevitable?"

From time to time during the semester, he reminded us of that question and said it would be on our final exam. In other words, we needed to form our own opinions from classroom discussions and we needed to be able to back them up with a good argument on the final.

After studying the Third Reich for several weeks I came to the conclusion that Hitler's magnetism was so

attractive to a population that felt betrayed by its government and wanted change so desperately that they would support a tyrant and demagogue. In the final analysis it was the German population that was fully responsible for the rise of the worst regimes in history.

After gaining power, Hitler jailed his enemies, ended any semblance of a free press, encouraged hatred toward minorities and certain religions and instilled a mindset of nationalism among Germans that was so strong they believed anything Hitler said.

His main weapon was the Big Lie, which he believed that the louder and longer he lied about any topic, more and more people would believe what he was saying.

Demagogues have skulked among Americans since the 18th century. In the 1950s, Sen. Joseph McCarthy of Wisconsin exploited the fear Americans had of being overtaken by the communists to such a degree that he managed to become one of the most admired and, finally, most hated men in America.

The problem with McCarthy was there weren't enough people in power to have the

backbone to call him on his lies. Politicians of the time, much like today, gravitated toward the person with the biggest bullhorn because that meant more votes, which naturally meant more election wins.

In other words, truth be damned and all that matters is supporting a demagogue because without him they wouldn't be elected.

Circling back to the opening premise in today's essay, without remembering our history, we are in grave danger.

From the state level to the national level, it seems more and more politicians are so greedy for power and their own gratification they have cast aside any notions of actually serving the public.

Today's Republican Party is the prime example.

Until 2016 I can count on one hand the times I've voted for anyone NOT a Republican candidate. I proudly voted twice for Ronald Reagan, twice for George H.W. Bush and twice for George W. Bush. Add John McCain and Mitt Romney to that list. At the state level, prior to 2016, I have voted the same way.

But now, that Republican Party doesn't exist. It's being led by a demagogue whose sole interest is to regain power at whatever the cost.

Demagogues can't be allowed to win. As Americans, we must learn from the past and do all we can to prevent similar mistakes in the future.



Rotary Club speaker

Lisa Looney Rogers was the guest speaker this past week at the Lindale Rotary Club and she discussed her dedication in helping others through Curious Creative Hearts, located in The Journey Center in Lindale. She shared her love of art and how art and healing intersect for those who are grieving, dealing with cancer, in addiction recovery as well as those with special needs.

She was joined in the photo by Alice Ann Looney McLelland, Lillie Russell Memorial Librarian Shannon Reid and Club President Jason Beard. (Courtesy photo)

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ONE YEAR AGO, March 30, 2023

Lindale City Council members approved an ordinance to declare candidates for Place 1 and Place 3 as unopposed in the May 6 election during their regular meeting at city hall.

The approval of this ordinance was a follow up to the previous council meeting to clarify the places listed in the agenda.

Bob Tardiff and Bryan Summerville will assume the Place 1 and Place 3 seats on the council, respectively.

Both men served previously on the council but resigned in April, 2022, because the term limits clause in the city charter states council members must wait a year before running again.

By resigning a month before their term ended, both men were able to run this year. Rick Thelen, the Place 1 councilman, didn't seek reelection. Ginger Sims, who is also the Mayor Pro Tem, termed out after having served since 2007.

Summerville and Tardiff joined the council in 2012. The city charter specifies council members can serve three, three-year terms before stepping down.

FIVE YEARS AGO, March 28, 2019

With RBIs from Sam Peterson, Matt Aubuchon, Staton Dudley and Chase Rozell, the Lindale High School Eagles whipped Greenville, 8-1 in a non-district baseball game. Kam Wheeler was the winning pitcher for the Eagles, striking out seven and allowing just two hits in six and a third innings. Jacob Philpot tossed two-thirds of perfect baseball to close out the game.

10 YEARS AGO, March 27, 2014

Sam Sitton tossed a complete game shutout and the Lindale Eagles upended previously unbeaten Whitehouse, 2-0, in the District 16-4A opener for both clubs at the Lindale ISD Baseball Complex.

Sitton, a senior right hander, limited the state's No. 2-ranked Wildcats to just three hits on the night while striking out three and issuing just one walk.

The Eagles plated the only runs they would need in the bottom of the fifth when they scored twice on eventual loser Patrick Mahomes, who was fresh off a no-hitter last week.

Mahomes got the first two batters he faced in the bottom of the fifth on strikes, but Tate Coomer drew a two-out walk. Mahomes then hit Bryce Deupree with a pitch and after working the count to 3-2, Micah Walker drew a walk.

John French then shot a grounder to third but the throw was wild allowing Coomer and Deupree to score.

Mahomes struck out nine and allowed only one hit, a single to open the game by French.

Lindale improved its season record to 10-4-2 with the win. Whitehouse's record changed to 14-1.

Sometimes you can't help but step into something

I run into the most interesting people while standing in lines. Some are friendly, but there are some out there that I think are just lookin' to stir stuff up. Those are the kind I like. I ran into one just the other day.

I was standin' in line at a store last week waitin' to be checked out. The line was movin' rather slowly, so I started lookin' around for someone to talk to. The lady in front of me was movin' stuff around in her basket, so I didn't want to disturb her, so I looked behind me. There was a young feller in skinny britches there starin' at his phone. Somethin' below caught my eye and I looked down.

On this guy's feet were a pair of shoes that, I swear, looked to be about a foot and a half long, but were really skinny goin' up towards the toes, which were pointed. There wasn't any way that his feet were that long un-

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less he had one toe that was eight or nine inches long. I glanced back up at the guy and he was lookin' at me. I smiled and turned back around.

"Problem?" he said. I turned back around.

"Pardon me?" I said. He had a grimace on his face. "Do you have a problem?" he said through gritted teeth.

I put a sheepish look on my face, looked down, then both ways, and loudly whispered to him.

"Yes. Yes I do. You see I have an enlarged prostate and I'm up half the night goin' to the bathroom."

He got a funny look on his face.

"No," he said. "Is there a problem with my shoes?" I looked back down at the shoes and then back up at him.

"How would I know?" I said. "They're your shoes." His eyes narrowed. "Do they amuse you?"

"I don't know. Get 'em to tell me a joke or somethin'."

He just stared at me. "Oh, you're just hilarious, aren't you?" he said, the statement drippin' with sarcasm.

I smiled. "Well, thank you. I do have my moments."

"I do not find you funny at all," he spat.

"But you just said I was hilarious," I whined.

"You are tedious," he grunted, then added. "I'll have you know these shoes cost well over \$300," and then he smiled smugly. I looked back down at them.

"Really?" I said and then smiled. "Tell you what. You curl those toes up and stick a bell on the tip of 'em and I bet they'd let you dance around in the King's court."

A vein the size of a hot link popped out on his forehead.

"Next!" yelled a voice behind me. I turned and it was my turn to check out. I turned back around.

"Sorry, Feste," I said. "Gotta check out."

He huffed and then turned and went to another check-out lane.

I turned back around and rolled up to the checkout. I looked at the lady, smiled, and said. "Sorry. I was talkin' to that guy behind me, but I think I may have stepped on his toes."

PET OF THE WEEK



Pet of the Week: Sky

This week, the Lindale Animal Control would like to introduce Sky, a charming 1½-year-old spayed, mixed breed female who would love a forever home.

Sky is current on all her vaccines, weighs approximately 50 pounds and is heartworm negative.

This beauty has a calm demeanor with an active personality with the prettiest blue eyes you've ever seen.

Sky loves people, is a quick learner and does well on a leash.

All she needs is a loving home and someone to share her life.

If you are interested in Sky or any of the other pets ready for adoption, call Lindale Animal Control at 903-882-6861.

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Tyler State Park prime spot to view eclipse

In 10 days on April 8, the highly anticipated total eclipse will adorn Texas skies and 31 Texas state parks – including Tyler State Park – are situated along the path of totality.

With the exception of Old Tunnel and Lyndon B. Johnson State Parks, where visitors will gain entry on a first-come, first-served basis, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department encourages visitors planning to view the event from state parks to reserve a day pass in advance. Many of the parks in the line of totality are already fully reserved and Texas State Parks staff anticipate all will reach capacity.

Observers will be able to see this rare event along a line spanning across Texas from Del Rio to Texarkana.

The phenomenon will start around noon and totality will begin at 1:30 p.m. near Del Rio, tracing a line northeast across Texas. Totality will last from a few seconds to about 4 and a half minutes depending on position along the path. Only those in the path of totality

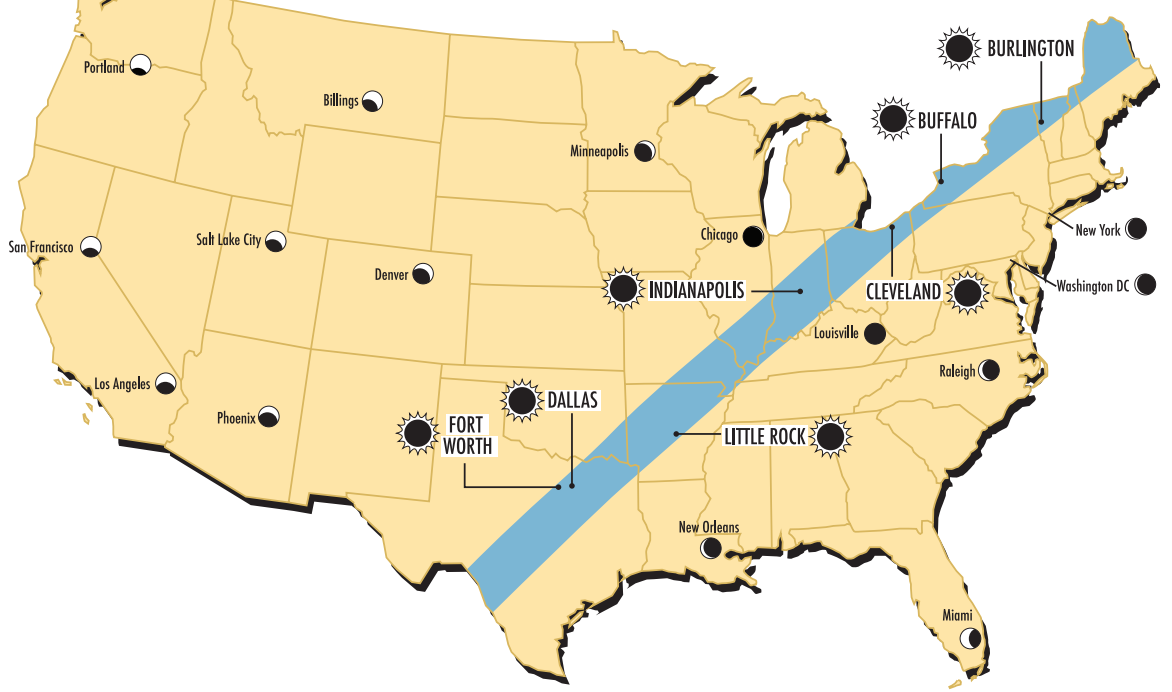
will get the full eclipse experience. A partial solar eclipse will be visible throughout most of the state before and after the time of greatest coverage.

Texas State Parks provide an ideal setting to enjoy this rare astronomical sight. Due to its anticipated popularity, entry to the parks listed below on eclipse day will be restricted to those who pre-purchased day passes or camping permits. A state park pass does not guarantee entry, so reserve your campsite or day pass as soon as possible.

To maximize your eclipse viewing experience at a Texas state park, we recommend the following:

- Make safety a priority. Use proper eye protection to view the eclipse except during totality, when the sun is entirely covered by the moon. Visitors can bring pre-purchased eclipse glasses or use an indirect observation method like a pinhole viewer. Please note that eclipse glasses will be available for purchase at many parks, but quantities are limited.

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-- Come early and stay late. Expect traffic delays as parks anticipate visitors from across the state and nation.

-- Pack more than a snack. Plan to bring enough food, water and fuel in case of delays.

-- Park in designated areas only. Stay off roadways and do not park off pavement unless directed by park staff.

-- Attend a park program. Many parks will offer ranger-led programs before or after the eclipse.

--You may not be able to connect.

Some areas of totality may experience limited cell phone and internet connectivity.

Read through our Eclipse FAQs for more information on viewing the eclipse at one of our parks.

Thanks to a donation from Lyda Hill Philanthropies through Texas Parks and Wildlife Foundation (TPWF), a variety of specialty equipment to enhance eclipse viewing will be available at parks along the eclipse's path. The equipment list includes 20,000 eclipse safety glasses, tabletop sun-spotter tele-

scopes, telescope tripods and solar filters, binocular filters, smartphone sun photography adapters and eclipse-themed books. They will be distributed among the 31 Texas state parks within the path of totality ahead of the eclipse.

The entire state will be able to see a significant partial eclipse from their own backyards, so if you can't get to a state park, visit Texas State Parks eclipse viewing webpage to learn how to make a pinhole viewer for out-of-this-world family fun.

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SATURDAY, MARCH 16: Welfare Concern, 1000 block South Boyd Street, Settled at Scene; Public Service, 200 block North Henry Street, Settled at Scene; Welfare Concern, 16200 block IH-20 East, Settled at Scene; Assist Another Agency, 15300 block FM 849, Settled at Scene; Criminal Trespass, 2100 block South Main Street, Settled at Scene; Traffic Hazard, 1800 block South Main Street, Settled at Scene; Motorist Assist, 15400 block IH-20 East, Settled at Scene; Warrant Service, 100 block East Centennial Blvd., Arrest; Suspicious Person, 100 block East Centennial Blvd., Settled at Scene; Motor Vehicle Crash, 13500 block IH-20 East, Settled at Scene; Motor Vehicle Crash, 500 block North Main Street, Report; Public Service, 200 block North Henry Street, Settled at Scene; Motor Vehicle Crash, 13100 block IH-20 West, Report; Business Alarm, 100 block East Centennial Blvd., Settled at Scene.

SUNDAY, MARCH 17: 911 Hang Up Call, 400 block North Boyd Street, Settled at Scene; Criminal Mischief, 700 block South Main Street, Report; Aggravated Assault, 200 block Cooper Street, Report; Assist Another Agency, 17000 block IH-20 East, Settled at Scene; Assist Smith



Co SO, 11600 block West South Street, Settled at Scene; Assist Another Agency, 11500 block FM 2710, Settled at Scene; Assist Another Agency, 400 block North College Street, Settled at Scene.

MONDAY, MARCH 18: Suspicious Person, 200 block East Hubbard Street, Settled at Scene; Public Service, 400 block Mission Crest Circle, Settled at Scene; Residential Alarm, 17300 block Stacy Street, False Alarm; Hit and Run Crash, 100 block East Centennial Blvd., Settled at Scene; Business Alarm, 500 block South Main Street, Settled at Scene; Disturbance, 2500 block South Main Street, Settled at Scene; Business Alarm, 2800 block South Main Street, Settled at Scene.

TUESDAY, MARCH 19: Business Alarm, 3400 block South Main Street, False Alarm; Assist Smith Co SO, 12100 block IH-20 West, Unable to Locate; Mental Health Welfare Check, 1100 block East Park Drive, Unable to Locate; Criminal Mischief, 700 block South Main Street, Unfounded; Theft, 500 block South Main Street, Report; Parking Violation, 100 block East Centennial Blvd., Citation; Motor Vehicle Crash, 1400 block South Main Street, Report; Public Service, 100 block East Centennial Blvd.,

Settled at Scene; City Ordinance Violation, 3500 block South Main Street, Settled at Scene.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20: Suspicious Vehicle, 200 block Cannery Row, Settled at Scene; Traffic Complaint, 3500 block South Main Street, Settled at Scene; Motor Vehicle Crash, 16000 block IH-20 East, Settled at Scene; Suspicious Person, 100 block Eagle Spirit Drive, Settled at Scene; Escort, 200 block West South Street, Settled at Scene; Motor Vehicle Crash, 3500 block South Main Street, Report; Assist EMS, 13900 block CR 4198, Settled at Scene; Fraud, 100 block William Drive, Report; Motor Vehicle Crash, 3200 block South Main Street, Report; Welfare Concern, 1200 Summit Street, Settled at Scene; Public Service, 400 block Hamrick Street, Settled at Scene; Traffic Hazard, 13400 block IH-20 East, Settled at Scene; Suspicious Vehicle, 13400 block IH 20, Settled at Scene; Suspicious Vehicle, 13400 block IH 20, Settled at Scene.

THURSDAY, MARCH 21: Suspicious Vehicle, 3200 block South Main Street, Settled at Scene; Disturbance, 15300 block FM 16 West, Settled at Scene; Reckless Driver, 18000 block Highway 69, Settled at Scene; Motor Vehicle Crash, 14000 block IH-20 East, Report; Traffic Hazard, 700 block South Main Street, Settled at Scene; Fraud, 200 block South Main Street, Report; Theft, 16100 block Crossing Circle, Report; Motor Vehicle Crash, 100 block East Centennial Blvd., Settled at Scene; Motor Vehicle Crash, 200 block Cooper Street, Report; Simple Assault, 900 block Mount Sylvan Street, Settled at Scene; Public Service, 200 block Jeffries Street, Settled at Scene; Theft, 100 block East Centennial Blvd., Report; Motor Vehicle Crash, 1500 block South Main Street, Settled at Scene; Motor Vehicle Crash, 100 block South Main Street, Report; Motor Vehicle Crash, 4700 block I-20 West, Report.

Texarkana man pleads guilty to child exploitation

A Texarkana man has pleaded guilty to a child exploitation violation in the Eastern District of Texas, announced Davilyn Walston, spokesperson for U.S. Attorney Damien M. Diggs.

Brandon Neil Sams, 48, pleaded guilty on March 19, 2024, to coercion and enticement of a minor before U.S. Magistrate Judge James Boone Baxter.

According to court documents, while serving as a band instructor at Texas High School in Texarkana, Texas, Sams engaged in repeated attempts to coerce and entice several of his students to engage in sexual activity. Sams admitted to engaging in sexual conduct with several minor victims, all of whom were his students at Texas High. Sams would communicate with the students on social media and messaging applications to persuade, induce, entice, and coerce them to participate in sexual activity.

A federal grand jury returned an indictment charging Sams with federal child exploitation violations in September 2023. He faces up to life in federal prison. The maximum statutory sentence prescribed by Congress is provided here for information purposes, as the sentencing will be determined by the

court based on the advisory sentencing guidelines and other statutory factors. A sentencing hearing will be scheduled after the completion of a presentence investigation by the U.S. Probation Office.

This case is part of Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative launched in May 2006 by the Department of Justice to combat the growing epidemic of child sexual exploitation and abuse. Led by U.S. Attorneys' Offices and the Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section (CEOS), Project Safe Childhood marshals federal, state, and local resources to better locate, apprehend, and prosecute individuals who exploit children via the Internet, as well as to identify and rescue victims. For more information about Project Safe Childhood, please visit www.justice.gov/psc.

This case was investigated by the Department of Homeland Security-Homeland Security Investigations and the Texarkana Independent School District. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Robert Austin Wells.

Collin County man sentenced for bankruptcy

related fraud

A McKinney man has been sentenced for bankruptcy-related fraud in the Eastern District of Texas, Walston said.

Jacobie Travinski Johnson, 53, was convicted of concealing assets in a pending bankruptcy proceeding and was sentenced to 60 months in federal prison by U.S. District Judge Amos Mazzant on March 19, 2024.

According to information presented in court, Johnson filed a voluntary petition for Chapter 13 Bankruptcy in the Eastern District of Texas. In order to take advantage of the relief offered through the bankruptcy process, Johnson was required to truthfully disclose his assets, including his accounts at any financial institution, to the bankruptcy court, the trustee, and his creditors. Instead, Johnson concealed multiple accounts that he owned or controlled. Johnson also concealed hundreds of thousands of dollars, which were proceeds from fraudulently obtained Paycheck Protection Program loans, that he deposited into the concealed accounts.

The case was investigated by the FBI and prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Sean J. Taylor.



Lindale sailor maintains vigil

Lt. Cmdr. Kurt Muffoletto from Lindale stands watch in the combat information center aboard the Arleigh Burke-class guided missile destroyer USS Higgins (DDG 76) while operating in the Philippine Sea recently. Higgins is forward deployed and assigned to Commander, Task Force 71/Destroyer Squadron (DESRON) 15, the Navy's largest DESRON and the U.S. 7th fleet's principal surface force. (Courtesy photo)



TPWD says Amistad Reservoir Infested with zebra mussels

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department has designated the International Amistad Reservoir in the Rio Grande basin along the Texas-Mexico border near Del Rio as "infested" with invasive zebra mussels, signifying that an established, reproducing population is present in the lake.

Zebra mussel larvae were first detected in the reservoir in June 2022 in a water sample collected by the National Park Service (NPS) at Amistad National Recreation Area. Four additional sites were sampled on multiple dates later in 2023 that resulted in the detection of additional larvae.

The NPS conducted further investigations using shoreline searches, settlement samplers and detection dogs to check for settled juvenile and adult mussels. Despite multiple thorough searches, these size classes of zebra mussels were not found in 2022 or 2023.

Unfortunately, in late February settled zebra mussels were detected at several sites within the lake by the Mexican section of the International Boundary and Water Commission (IBWC), which operates the Amistad dam, and by the NPS. Record low water levels exposed previously submerged rocks and facilitated the discovery of the mussels.

"Since zebra mussels were first detected in Texas in 2009 in Lake Texoma on the Oklahoma border, they have infested 32 water bodies and have been detected repeatedly in four more," said Monica McGarrity, TPWD senior scientist for aquatic invasive species. "It is disheartening that they have now been spread all the way to our southernmost border, but many Texas lakes remain uninfested, underscoring the importance of boaters doing their part to clean, drain and dry their boats when leaving any lake, every time."

In 2021 and 2022 larvae of invasive quagga mussels, a close relative of the zebra mussel, were detected in the lake. It was the first detection of quagga mussels in the state of Texas and at that time the public was notified of the presence of invasive mussels in the lake. Quagga mussels have not been detected since May 2022 and their status in the lake remains uncertain. TPWD and NPS continue to monitor the lake for the presence of quagga mussels.

Because zebra mussels are most often transported on or in boats, boaters play a critical role in preventing them from spreading to new lakes. Zebra mussels attach to boats and anything left in the water, including anchors, and can survive for days out of water, often hiding in crevices where they may escape notice. Their microscopic larvae are free-floating and invisible to the naked eye, meaning they can be transported unknowingly in residual water in boats.

TPWD urges boaters to follow these three simple but crucial steps to clean, drain and dry boats and gear before traveling from lake to lake. Remove plants, mud and debris. Drain all water from the boat and gear. Once back home, open compartments and allow everything to dry completely for at least a week, if possible. The NPS has installed cleaning stations at several locations around the lake to aid boaters in their efforts to prevent the spread of invasive mussels.

"We need boaters to help contain the zebra mussels by ensuring that they follow this protocol when they leave Lake Amistad," said Chris Ryan, superintendent of Amistad National Recreation Area.

If a boat has been stored in the water at Lake Amistad or other lakes with invasive mussels, it is likely now carrying invasive mussels or their larvae and poses an extremely high risk for transporting

these invasive species to a new lake. Before moving boats stored in the water at Lake Amistad for a week or more, call the Amistad National Recreation Area at (830) 775-7492 for guidance on inspection and decontamination. Additionally, TPWD can be reached for guidance at (512) 389-4848 or aquaticInvasives@tpwd.texas.gov.

In addition to the harm invasive species can cause to aquatic ecosystems, water infrastructure and the recreational experience at lakes, the transport of these organisms can result in legal trouble for boaters. Transporting prohibited aquatic invasive species in Texas is illegal and punishable with a fine of up to \$500 per violation. It's also the law that boaters must drain all water from their boat and onboard receptacles, including bait buckets, before leaving or approaching a body of fresh water. They must also remove all invasive plants from the boat and trailer before leaving a lake.

For more information on how to properly clean, drain and dry boats and equipment, visit the TPWD YouTube channel for a short instructional video. To learn more about zebra mussels and other invasive species in Texas, visit tpwd.texas.gov/StopInvasives. To learn more about the Amistad National Recreation Area invasive species program, visit <https://www.nps.gov/amis/learn/nature/aquatic-invasive-species.html>.

TPWD and partners monitor for invasive species in Texas lakes, but anyone who spots them on boats, trailers or equipment being moved can help prevent new introductions by reporting the sighting to TPWD at (512) 389-4848. Anyone who finds invasive species such as zebra mussels in lakes where they haven't been found before can help identify new introductions by emailing photos and location information to aquaticinvasives@tpwd.texas.gov.

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Members of the Lindale ISD Education Foundation arrive at E.J. Moss Intermediate School this past Thursday for their Grant Patrol duties at the school. (Photo by Terry Cannon)



A grant for \$719.76 from the Lindale Education Foundation was award to Cherri Straus, Summer French, Brandi Harry, Julie Surratt and Sunny Murphy at the Early Childhood Center during the foundation's Grant Patrol to fund "Create. Communicate. Cope." (Courtesy Photo)



The Lindale ISD Education Foundation awarded a \$4,105.66 grant to Early Childhood Center teachers Amy Burks, Connie Wilson, Consetta Gernertz and Kristin Ledsome for their "Soar with Sensory" project during the foundation's annual Grant Patrol. (Courtesy photo)



Members of the Lindale ISD Education Foundation display some of the checks awarded to several instructors in the school district during the annual Grant Patrol which took place this past Thursday. (Courtesy photo)

Eye health report for modern workplace

By Smith County Extension Service

Developed in partnership with Deloitte Economics Institute, AOA released a report called "The impact of unmanaged excessive screen time in the United States" which investigates the impact of screen time on Americans.

This report uncovered that there was a notable impact on Americans who view screens for more than seven hours per day and neglected prioritizing their eye health by not visiting an optometrist in the last year.

The impact was not only for individuals, but for companies and our overall healthcare system.

Symptoms associated with excessive unmanaged screen time cost \$151 billion in health system, productivity, and wellbeing costs in 2023. Here is what else the report un-

earthed:

On an individual level:

- Symptoms related to excessive screen time exposure could cost a person around \$702 dollars per year.
- Of the 32 million people who are exposed to excessive screen time and did not visit an optometrist within the last year, 55% experienced vision-related symptoms that may have improved or resolved from regular visits to the optometrist.
- For people who spend time on computer screens for work, excessive unmanaged screen time accounts for \$50.6 billion in total productivity losses in 2023 from workdays missed and reduced productivity. Excessive screen time could also cost healthcare systems about \$1.2 billion each

year.

Visiting an optometrist once per year could potentially save individuals who have unmanaged excessive screen time up to \$1,920 each year. That could get you a daily latte for a year or a flight to Europe.

Additionally, if the average American who experiences excessive screen time visited an optometrist once a year, it could earn \$45.5 billion in productivity, and up to \$26.3 billion in wellbeing improvement each year.

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Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of JOHN R. MERRYMAN, Deceased, were issued on March 18, 2024, in Cause No.48090P, now pending in the County Court at Law No. 3 of Smith County, Texas. Letters Testamentary were issued to:
 NORMA S. MERRYMAN.

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

Southwestern Electric Power Company (SWEPCO) filed with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) on March 25, 2024 its Petition requesting approval of its proposed Military Base Surcharge Tariff.

Section 36.354(a) of the Public Utility Regulatory Act (PURA), at Texas Utilities Code § 36.354, provides that each electric utility in an area where implementation of full customer choice has been delayed by the Commission in accordance with PURA Section 39.103 shall discount charges for electric service provided to a military base. Section 36.354(b) of PURA establishes the discount to be provided to military installations as a 20 percent reduction of the base commercial rate that the electric utility would otherwise charge the installation.

Section 36.354(c) of PURA provides that the electric utility may assess a surcharge to all its Texas retail customers to recover the difference in revenue between the revenues from the discounted rate for military bases and the base commercial rate. SWEPCO's Tariff Sheet No. IV-16 provides the Military Base Adjustment Factor per billing kWh as reflected below:

MONTHLY FACTOR

Major Rate Classes	\$/kWh
Residential	\$0.0000938
Commercial & Small Industrial	\$0.0000674
Industrial / Large Lighting and Power	\$0.0000254
Municipal	\$0.0000655
Outdoor Lighting	\$0.0001287

SWEPCO has requested that the tariff become effective with the first billing cycle of June 2024. Persons who wish to intervene in or comment upon this proceeding must notify the Commission within 21 days of SWEPCO's filing of the Petition. A request to intervene or for further information should reference Tariff Control No. 56403 and be mailed to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, Texas 78711-3326. Further information may also be obtained by calling the Commission at (512) 936-7120 or (888) 782-8477. Hearing and speech-impaired individuals with text telephones (TTY) may contact the Commission at (800) 735-2988. The Company can be contacted at 428 Travis Street, Shreveport, LA 71101, or by calling (888) 216-3523 during normal business hours.

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 years1992 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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Lindale ISD Education Foundation awards more than \$29,000 in grants

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fund “Straight to the Laptop.”

The purpose of this grant is to provide laptops to speech and debate students. Laptops are necessary for speech and debate competitions. UIL competitions have added internet access to the debate events and students use an extensive online database for other events. The laptops give students the ability to create unique research and to fact check the argument of others.

Grant by Rory McKenzie and JP Fugler

Education Foundation grant for \$1,363.50 to fund “Literacy Lab: Supporting Diversity in the Science Classroom.”

The purpose of this grant is to provide diverse TEKS (Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills) specific texts into the hands of our future scientists and engineers to enhance the scope of study in the 4th grade science classroom and to align to the interests of the reading classroom. These selections will increase student engagement, adding depth and detail.

Grant by Susan LeJeune

Education Foundation grant for \$4,105.66 to fund “Wings of Eagles: Soar with Sensory.”

The purpose of this grant is to update and equip the district Life Skills department’s sensory rooms, at each Lindale ISD campus, to serve the diverse needs of students. Sensory rooms have proven to be effective in promoting self-regulation, reducing stress, and enhancing focus, leading to improved academic performance.

Grant by Candice Munoz, Amy Burks, Connie Wil-

son, Kristin Ledsome Terri Thomas, Megan Ledsome

Education Foundation grant for \$4,708.19 to fund “EagleClipse.”

The purpose of this grant is to provide the district with safe solar viewing glasses (“eclipse glasses”), educational resources, photo props, books, and more to make this day extra special for all of our students, teachers, and staff. All campuses will get to safely view the Total Solar Eclipse on April 8, an awe-inspiring celestial event.

Grant by Jennifer Lane and Tracie Rand

Education Foundation grant for \$3,970.50 to fund “Setting the Scene with Visual Media.”

This grant will provide K-12 students participating in fine arts with a more technological experience. The Foundation is funding a short throw projector for the Lindale ISD Performing Arts Center. Fine Arts use technology to make their acting more believable, their dancing more powerful, and their songs more immersive. Using projections will eliminate the need for elaborate backdrops and costly set elements.

Grant by Kari McKenzie

Education Foundation grant for \$719.76 to fund “Create.Communicate. Cope.”

The purpose of this grant is to provide sand trays to be used in grades PK-6th. Sand trays are an effective combination of play and art that helps students express themselves both verbally and non-verbally. They will be useful for students who struggle with a range of issues. Sand trays are a good tool to

use in trauma-informed care of students.

Grant by Cherri Straus, Summer French, Brandi Harry, Julie Surratt, Sunny Murphy

Education Foundation grant for \$4,000 to fund “Feeding Lindale ISD.”

Lindale ISD has a program called the Backpack Program. This program feeds more than 100 students in need of food on the weekends. However, the district is running short on funds and was on the verge of having to cancel the program. The Lindale ISD Education Foundation stepped in and has funded the program so it continues serving Lindale students in need.

Grant by Christy Clouse

Education Foundation grant for \$5,099.83 to fund “Communication for All.”

The Lindale ISD Education Foundation funded an emergency grant to help English Second Language students overcome language obstacles, making learning more accessible and inclusive. The Timekettle Language Translator Earbuds are cutting-edge technology that help students have access to real-time translation. The earbuds allow Emergent Bilingual students to have the same opportunities and instruction as students who are fluent in English. The earbuds have over 90 different languages to choose from. It can be used in any classroom setting by any student, faculty or staff. The earbuds connect to an iOS device through Bluetooth. Lindale ISD has students who speak up to 11 different languages, including Spanish, Russian, Polish, Japanese, and Korean. More than 20 students who are new to the United States have enrolled at Lindale ISD for the 2023-2024 school year.



Spring has sprung which means things are really blooming at the Lillie Russell Memorial Library in April.

Many family-friendly events are on tap, beginning with a fun Acoustic String Jam on Friday, April 5, which begins at 6 p.m.

Everyone is invited to come by and enjoy live bluegrass, gospel, country, and folk music. This is a family-friendly open jam featuring instruments such as the guitar, fiddle, banjo, dobro, mandolin, ukelele, and more! For more information contact Mike Dodgen at 903-245-0981.

On Tuesday, April 9, at 12 noon, Texas Native Plant Society will be hosting a free lecture in our Hand Community Room. Come in and learn about Texas native plants. Preregistration is required and can be taken care of at the circulation desk.

On Wednesday April 17 and Wednesday April 24, from 10:10 a.m. - 12 noon, Line Dancing Classes are scheduled. Local line dancer, Gail Herring, will be teaching two classes per day for ladies 16 and up.

The first class will be a beginner class from 10:10 a.m. - 11 a.m., with the second class being an advanced class from 11:10 a.m. - 12 noon. The classes cost \$5 per person, per class. Preregistration is required.

On April 17, from 2 p.m. - 3 p.m., an Acrylic Craft Painting class for patrons ages 6-12 is scheduled.

The class costs \$5 per person, this cost covers supplies that will be provided by the artist. Preregistration is required and there are only 10 spots available.

On Friday, April 19, at 6 p.m., the Library is excited to announce its first annual Wonderland Tea, which will be an Alice in Wonderland-themed daddy-daughter tea for father figures and children ages 4-12.

Everyone is encouraged to come in their tea time best. There will be nail painting, a hair station, a story walk, croquet, and more.

Preregistration is required and admission is

\$5 per attendee. You won't want to be late for this very important date!

Tuesday, April 30 is East Texas Giving Day, an 18-hour day of giving that provides critical funding to local nonprofits, such as the Library.

It also provides a way to bring communities together by raising awareness for many East Texas nonprofits.

Those who are able are encouraged to give in the form of donations.

Also scheduled on that day is Goat Yoga from 5:15 p.m. - 7:15 p.m. Patrons can stop by after work for a fun yoga session with goats!

Other recurring activities and events include:

Adult Game Day: Tuesday mornings 10 AM - 12:30 PM

For ages 18+. Play cards, board games, dominoes, and more!

Yarn Club: Thursday afternoons 4 PM - 5 PM

Learn to knit or crochet. All ages and skill levels are welcome.

Storytime: Friday mornings (2 options) 9 AM & 10:30 AM

Storytime themes:

April 5: Garden

April 12: Mo Willems

April 19: Bunnies (Wear white)

April 26: Fishing

Therapet: April 13 at 10:30 AM - 12 PM

Call for available dates/times and to schedule your 15-minute session.

Friends of the Library meeting: April 14 at 2 PM

Coffee & Crafts: April 16 at 2 PM - 3 PM

The library is open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 10 AM to 6 PM & Friday and Saturday 10 AM to 4 PM. Call us at (903) 882-1900 with any questions.

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