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LHS boys, girls win Area track meet, advance to regionals

Lindale High School will be well represented this weekend at the Region II Track Meet at the University of North Texas in Denton after the boys and girls teams captured the Area meet this past week at Eagle Stadium.

The varsity boys won the Area meet with 167 points while the girls secured first place with 124 points.

Also, new school records were set in the boys 110 meter hurdles with Matthew Kenney's time of 15.32; Madison Devisscher's 2:24.23 in the girls 800 meter run and the girls 1600 meter relay featuring Reagan Cates, Tori Cooper, Addyson Daughtry and Kyndal Thurmon with a time of 4:02.48.

Regional performers for the boys include Chad Ward, long jump; Marcus Field, triple jump and high jump; Jack Partlow, pole vault; Jeremiah Bloemsma and Christian Pettway, shot put; Christian Pettway, discus; Chad Ward, Marcus Field, A'Million Johnson, Kaden Baze, 400 meter relay; Matthew Kenney, Jayrn Eagans, 110 meter hurdles; Kaden Baze, 100 meter dash; Chad Ward, David Lindig, Marcus Field, Nathan Bradford, 800 meter relay; Colter Maya, Hayes Brooks, 400 meter dash; Matthew Kenney, Jayrn Eagans, 300 meter hurdles; Colter Maya, Chad Ward, Kaden Baze, 200 meter dash; Clint Thurman, Hayes Brooks, David Lindig, Colter Maya, 1600 meter relay.

Regional performers for the girls include Kaniya Pierce, shot put; Ella Hutchens, discus; Adalyn Kobs, 3200 meter run; Madison Devisscher, Abigail Kelley, 800 meter run; Kennedy Miller, Kyndal Thurman, 100 meter hurdles; Kaelyn Kincade, Alyssa Potts, Addyson Daughtry, Brooke Gissell, 800 meter relay; Reagan Cates, 400 meter dash; Kyndal Thurman, Kennedy Miller, 300 meter hurdles; Madison Devisscher, 1600 meter run; Reagan Cates, Tori Cooper, Addyson Daughtry, Kyndal Thurman, 1600 meter relay.



AREA CHAMPS BOYS & GIRLS

The Lindale High School boys and girls varsity track teams took first place honors this past week at the Class 4A Area track meet held at Eagle Stadium. Next up is the Region II meet in Denton this weekend.

(Courtesy photos)

AREA TRACK RESULTS Districts 15-A, 16-4A Eagle Stadium, Lindale

BOYS STANDINGS

1. Lindale, 167 points
2. Pleasant Grove, 121
3. Paris, 68
4. Sulphur Springs, 44
5. Canton, 43
6. Brownsboro, 38
7. Mabank, 35
8. Pittsburg, 33
9. Van, 28
10. Athens, 22
11. Cumberland Academy, 10
11. North Lamar, 10
12. Liberty Eylau, 1

GIRLS STANDINGS

1. Lindale, 124 points
2. Paris, 86
3. Mabank, 78
4. North Lamar, 67
5. Liberty Eylau, 60
6. Canton, 51
7. Sulphur Springs, 36
8. Brownsboro, 32
9. Pittsburg, 30
10. Van, 25
11. Cumberland Academy, 11
12. Athens, 11
13. Pleasant Grove, 8

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April showers drench East Texas

If indeed "April showers bring May flowers," there should be a lot of blooming going on in the next few weeks thanks to drenching rains across Lindale and East Texas this past week.

According to National Weather Service data, the region received between 3 and 5 inches of rain in a 24-hour period beginning early Tuesday (April 9) and continuing through Wednesday (April 10).

This exceeded the average amount – 3.8 inches – for April, NWS figures show. So far this month, the region has received 5.57 inches of rain.

In Lindale, County Road 463 (Wood Springs Road) had portions underwater as did County Road 370, located in eastern Smith County.

Road and bridge crews were busy most of the week clearing downed trees and debris, but none reported road closures due to the weather.



ROADS UNDER WATER

County Road 370 in eastern Smith County was impassable early last week because of the torrential rains that fell on the area.

Courtesy photo

County jail inmate dies

Tonya Williams, an inmate in the Smith County Jail, died at the jail shortly after 6 a.m., Sunday, April 7, said spokesman Larry Christian.

A code blue – a medical emergency – was called in for the second floor of the jail for someone having a medical emergency.

Williams was given CPR then transported to a Tyler hospital where she died.

Family members of the victim were notified and the Texas Rangers have also been called in to conduct an investigation per Smith County Sheriff's Office protocol.

Justice of the Peace Andy Dunklin held an inquest on the deceased inmate and ordered an autopsy, which will be conducted at Southwestern Institute of Forensic Science in Dallas.

Williams was arrested on Thursday morning, April 4, on drug charges.

Commissioner's son restricted from entering county courtroom

Lance Phillips, son of Smith County Precinct 3 Commissioner Terry Phillips who was arrested earlier this month (April 2) for disrupting the commissioner's meeting, was released on a \$200,000 bond the next day but must adhere to certain conditions or be jailed again, officials said.

Phillips is restricted from entering the county courtroom while the commissioner's court is in session; is restricted from any room that immediately adjoins the commissioner's courtroom and is restricted from any room or adjacent rooms at any location where commissioners are meeting with a quorum as a court.

The latest incident occurred during the public comment portion of the commissioner's meeting, marking the fourth time he's been taken to jail for disrupting a meeting or court proceeding.

He was arrested this past January and in June, 2023 he was arrested in Judge Clay White's courtroom during an arraignment in the county courthouse.

He was there for a previous charge of disrupting a meeting which occurred during a May, 2023 meeting of the commissioners.

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Own your cell phone, don't let it own you

As one starts to stack up birthdays – at least in my case – it seems harder and harder to not be bothered by certain things going on around us.

Exhibit A for today is (as it has been for quite a while now) texting while driving, or as the folks at the Texas Department of Transportation like to call it, distracted driving.

Texting and/or looking at your cell phone while driving is so dangerous I just can't understand why some adults revert to their toddler-hood and play with their toys while driving.

According to government statistics, more than 3,000 people will die because of distracted driving this year, with more than 400 deaths as a result of texting and driving.

It's a fact of today's society that cell phones have burrowed their way into our daily lives and while they are indeed handy, they can be misused.

Teenagers, especially, must have sore necks because they are constantly face down, checking heaven knows what on their cell phone.

Not long ago, while walking our pooches at a city park, I noticed a young man coming from the other direction staring straight down at his cell phone. It's

Terry Cannon Editor



hard to imagine how he was able to drive home without causing a wreck.

But that type of thing is all around us and I resent the fact that stubborn people – young and old – consistently ignore warnings from police and state agencies such as TxDOT that distracted driving is dangerous.

Sometimes I feel I would be safer on the roadways if I was surrounded by people driving while blindfolded.

It's not unusual that during my daily commute, there is a dozen or more drivers looking at their phones instead of the road or the other drivers. You can easily spot a distracted driver, they are the ones drifting from lane to lane while on their phone.

According to TxDOT, distracted driving is still near the top of the list when it comes to crashes on Texas roadways, coming in at No. 2 for traffic-related crash causes.

In 2020, Texas roadways saw nearly 1 in 5 crashes caused by a distracted driver

in which 364 people died and 2,200 were seriously injured.

This month has been designated National Distracted Driving Awareness Month, and TxDOT is once again pleading with drivers to put their phones down and give driving their full attention whenever they are behind the wheel.

"A serious or fatal crash can happen in an instant," said TxDOT Executive Director James Bass. "If you're distracted by your phone, or doing anything else that takes your focus away from driving, you're putting yourself, your passengers and everyone else on the road at risk. Distracted driving crashes are 100 percent preventable. Driving should be your number one priority behind the wheel – everything else can wait."

Dangerous distractions include any activity that diverts the driver's attention away from safely operating a vehicle. Research shows

that regardless of whether a driver uses a voice-to-text program, hands-free device or a handheld one, the distraction will affect the driver's ability to drive safely.

Since Sept. 1, 2017, it has been illegal to read, write or send a text while driving in Texas. Violators can face a fine up to \$200.

It's also illegal to text or use your cell phone in a school zone, although from what I can tell, that is pretty well ignored as well.

TxDOT offers these tips to prevent distracted driving that can lead to a ticket, or worse, a crash:

-- Always give driving your full attention.

-- Pull off the road entirely and come to a complete stop before you talk or text.

-- Put your phone away, turn it off, or use an app or your phone settings to block texts and calls while driving.

-- Tell friends, family and co-workers you won't respond to texts or calls while driving.

-- Remember that all distractions are dangerous, so pay full attention when behind the wheel.

Make sure you own your cell phone and don't let your cell phone own you.

After all, the life you save may be mine or someone in my family.



Lindale Rotary President-elect

Doug Lowe, president-elect of the Lindale Rotary Club, was the guest speaker at this past week's meeting of the group. He shared his plans for the coming year with his term beginning July 1. The Lindale Rotary Club meets each Tuesday at 12 noon at ChristPoint Methodist Church in Lindale. Lowe joined current president Jason Beard, right, and Lillie Russell Memorial Librarian Shannon Reid. (Courtesy photo)

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ONE YEAR AGO, April 20, 2023

Several Lindale High School athletes were recognized by the Texas Army National Guard and the Texas High School Coaches Association by being named to the academic All-State teams in their respective sports, THSCA publicity officials announced.

Athletes from LHS include:

FOOTBALL

- Christian King, 1st Team, Player;
- Will Hutchens 1st Team, Player;
- Landon Sullivan 2nd Team, Player;
- Gabe Hart 2nd Team, Player;
- Ethan Heller 2nd Team, Player;
- Cory Watts 2nd Team, Player;
- Trey Mazratian 2nd Team, Player;
- Aliah Price Honorable Mention Trainer;
- Christian Widemon Honorable Mention, Player;
- Brandon Pettway Honorable Mention, Player;
- Brett Maya Honorable Mention, Player

BOYS BASKETBALL

- JD Locknane ELITE
- Amare Baptiste 1st Team

GIRLS BASKETBALL

- Brooke Everest ELITE
- Makenna Burks 2nd Team
- Jillian Ortiz Honorable Mention

GIRLS SOCCER

- Brooke Everest ELITE
- Kaydee Cox 1st Team
- Alma Silva 2nd Team

FIVE YEARS AGO, April 19, 2019

Longtime Lindale businessman John Williams was honored by the Lindale Area Chamber of Commerce as Citizen of the Year during the LACC's 35th annual banquet held at Hideaway Lake Country Club. Williams, who had fought a long battle with cancer, passed away on April 2 and was presented with his award at his home by LACC officials in late March.

10 YEARS AGO, April 17, 2014

Lindale pitchers Marcus Wells and Dalton Sanchez combined on a five-inning no-hitter against John Tyler as the Eagles trimmed the Lions, 10-0, in a District 16-4A baseball game at the Lindale ISD Baseball and Softball complex.

In four innings, Wells fanned seven John Tyler batters while Sanchez recorded one strike out in the fifth. The Eagles used three hits – keyed by a triple from Kyle Bond – to score three in the second and seven more in the third inning to secure the win. The Lions committed three errors in the game. Lindale improved to 5-2 in district action and 13-6-2 for the season.

Under where? Underwear, that's where

You know, for a while there, I thought the phone creatures had taken me off their list. It's been a couple of weeks, and I hadn't had a call from one of them. I was gettin' worried.

My wife Janet said that they probably got together and black balled me. She said I ought to be glad, but I kind of looked forward to talkin' to them. It's not every day you can have an intelligent conversation with a total stranger, you know.

But I don't know what I was worried about, phone creatures are like bad pennies, they always turn back up. Another one finally called the other day.

"Yellow," I said into the phone receiver. There was no answer. "Yellow," I said again. Then I heard that click and I knew I was back in business.

"Mr. Mitchum, please," the female creature said.

"This is Mr. Mitchum," I replied.

"Ah, Mr. Mitchum. My name is Stacy Sandstone, and I was wondering if you might help me with a survey I'm conducting?"

"A survey?" I asked.

"Yes sir," she replied. "You see, the company I represent is conducting an environmental survey to better develop products to help keep our environment safe."

"Well," I said. "I don't know who this here Virement feller is, but if I can help keep him safe, well I guess I'm all for it."

"Environment," she corrects. "You know, our surroundings."

"If you say so," I said.

"I just have a few questions, if you don't mind," she said.

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"Heck no," I said. "I don't mind. I wasn't doin' nothin' important no how."

"Good," she said. "Now, Mr. Mitchum, what would you consider more important, clean air or clean water?"

"Hm-mm," I hummed. "Well, I guess I'd have to say neither."

"Uh," the creature uhhed. "You don't think clean air and water is important?"

"Sure I do," I said. "I just don't think they are the most important."

"Interesting," she said. "And what do you consider more important that clean air and water?"

"Well, that's easy," I said. "Clean underwear."

"DO WHAT?..Uh.... I mean, pardon me?"

"Yep," I repeated, "clean underwear is more important. My momma told me so."

"I don't think you understand," said the creature.

"Oh yes I do," I said. "You see, if you're ever in a wreck, clean air or water ain't gonna help you a bit. But you better not be caught with no clean underwear on."

"And why is that?" the creature said.

"Why, it would reflect badly on your momma," I said. "I thought everybody knowed that. Of course, the last time I had a wreck it didn't work out that way. Oh, I had on clean underwear before I hit that train, but by the time it dragged me a half a mile, I sure didn't."

"Uh...I see. Uh, Mr. Mitchum, not counting underwear, just between clean air and water, which would you choose?" I had to admire her persistence.

"Let's see," I said. "I'd say clean water."

"OK," said the creature. "Moving along here. Do you now have, or ever had a water filter system on your water supply?"

"Not really," I said. "When the slugs get in the well, they'll get sucked up through the pump and get chewed up. But when that happens, I'll put one of my wife's stockin's over the faucet."

"Your wife's stockings?" she said incredulously. "You think that filters the water?"

"It may not do the best job," I said. "But it usually catches most of the big chunks. I've got to admit though; the water does taste a little funny. It's got sort of a toe-jam, slug bouquet."

"Ugh," she ughed. "Uh, Mr. Mitchum. What if I told you, that we could install a filtering system, on your water supply that would remove over 99 percent of the impurities?"

"What's that?" I said. "Impurities?" she said. "You know, chemicals, bacteria, foreign objects."

"Chemicals," I said. "I don't want to get rid of the chemicals."

"You don't?"

"Naw. How do you think I kill the slugs? If'n you

don't kill 'em, they just hang there on the walls of the well makin' them slick tracks. You gots to pour chemicals on 'em to get 'em off the walls into the water, so the pump can suck 'em up. Then the stockin's can catch 'em, and you ain't got no more slugs."

"Mr. Mitchum," the creature said. "Those chemicals will make you sick or worse."

"It couldn't be any worse than swallowing a slug," I said. "Mr. Mitchum. May I make an appointment with you to have one of our representatives come out and show you what our water filtering system can do for you?"

"Naw," I said. "I don't think so. We're sittin' purdy good on stockin's right now. My wife goes through 'em purdy regular like. You see, she's got this here great big toe on her right foot. The thang's the size of a turnip. And sometimes it'll swell up on her, and when it does, it busts right through her stockings."

"Mr. Mitchum," the creature tried to interrupt. "So you see, I got lots of stockin's I can use. But I sure appreciate you callin'. I hoped I helped out with that Virement feller," and I hung up.

"Heh, heh," I laughed as I turned around. Yep, there was Janet, standin' in her usual spot, right there in the doorway. Her arms were crossed, and she had that look on her face. You know the look. The one that says, "Why didn't I listen to my daddy?"

"What?" I said. "Oh nothing," she said. "I was just thinking about planting a turnip."

Advanced meal prep tips and tricks

By Smith County Extension Service

Cooking more meals at home is good for your health and your wallet. With a little planning, you can fit it into even the busiest week.

The goal is to make the most of the time you spend in the kitchen. Start by listing your meals for the week ahead and be specific.

You could even make a basic outline for each week: chili on Monday, pasta on Thursday, and tacos on Friday.

It can make planning easier, and some people, especially kids, like knowing

what to expect.

Choose easy recipes. Start simple. Turkey chili and roasted vegetables are a cinch to make and reheat easily.

Lasagna or fish stew, on the other hand, take more work and may not stay as fresh. When you find a recipe that looks good, save it in a file or spreadsheet. Once you make your picks, make a list of each ingredient to buy, including how much you need.

Apps and other online tools can help you figure out exact amounts.

Pick versatile ingredients. Look for foods that work in a few different dishes.

For example, you might use quinoa to make a side dish, add to a salad, or as part of a grain bowl for lunch.

A roast chicken can be an entrée, added to a soup, or served in tacos throughout the week.

And if there's any left over, you can freeze it.

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Homestead exemptions can save on taxes

Officials with the Smith County Appraisal District are reminding homeowners and landowners of how homestead exemptions can cut their overall tax bill.

"One of the easiest ways a homeowner can lower his or her property tax bill in 2024 is to file a homestead exemption," said Chief Appraiser Carol McNeil. "A homestead is generally the house and land used as the owner's principal residence on January 1 of the tax year."

A person who acquires property after Jan. 1 may receive the residence homestead exemption for the applicable portion of that tax year immediately on qualification for the exemption if the preceding owner did not receive the same exemption for that tax year.

Homestead exemptions reduce the appraised value of your home and, as a result, lower your property taxes.

"Taxpayers who received a homestead exemption on their present home in 2023 do not need to reapply for 2024," McNeil said. "Homeowners who have never received a homestead exemption on the home they owned and in which they were living on Jan. 1, 2024, can apply to receive an exemption for 2024." To apply for an exemption on your residence homestead, contact the Smith County Appraisal District.

Available homestead exemptions include: School taxes: All homeowners may receive a \$100,000 homestead exemption for school taxes.

Age and disability exemptions: Individuals 65 or older or disabled as defined by law may qualify for a \$10,000 homestead exemption for school taxes, in addition to the \$40,000

exemption available to all homeowners. Also, any taxing unit may offer a local optional exemption of at least \$3,000 for taxpayers age 65 or older and/or disabled. Older or disabled homeowners do not need to own their homes on Jan. 1 to qualify for the \$10,000 homestead exemption. They qualify as soon as they turn age 65 or become disabled.

Taxing units may offer a local option exemption based on a percentage of a home's appraised value.

Any taxing unit can exempt up to 20 percent of the value of each qualified homestead. Various optional homestead exemptions are offered by taxing units in Smith County.

No matter what percentage of value the taxing unit adopts, the dollar value of the exemption must be at least \$5,000.

Donated Residence Homestead of Partially Disabled Veterans: Texas law provides partial exemptions for any property owned by veterans who are disabled, surviving spouses, and surviving children of deceased disabled veterans. This includes homesteads donated to disabled veterans by charitable organizations at no cost or not more than 50 percent of the good faith estimate of the homestead's market value to the disabled veterans and their surviving spouses. The exemption amount is determined according to the percentage of service-connected disability.

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or of individual unemployability from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs is entitled to an exemption from taxation of the total appraised value of the veteran's residence homestead. Surviving spouses of veterans who qualified for this exemption or who would have qualified for this exemption if it had been in effect at the time of the veteran's death are also eligible with certain restrictions. The residence homestead application must be filed if this exemption is claimed.

Surviving Spouses of Members of the U.S. Armed Services Killed in the Line of Duty: The surviving spouse of a member of the U.S. armed services who is killed or fatally injured in the line of duty is allowed a total (100 percent) property tax exemption on his or her residence homestead if the surviving spouse has not remarried since the death of the armed services member.

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For more details on homestead exemptions, contact the Public Inquiry Department at Smith County Appraisal District, 245 SSE Loop 323, Tyler, Texas 75702. 903/510-8600. Homestead applications are available at www.smiththead.org. The homestead exemption application is also available online at <https://comptroller.texas.gov/forms/50-114.pdf>.



Pet of the Week

This week Lily is in the spotlight as the city of Lindale Animal Control's Pet of the Week. A one year old, mixed breed female, Lily weighs in at 66 pounds and has been spayed, tested negative for heartworms and has had all her shots. She is an excellent family companion who gets along with youngsters and other dogs. She is bright, too. Lily knows how to "sit" and "shake" on command. If you are interested in Lily or any other adoptable pets at Lindale Animal Control, call 903-882-6861. (Courtesy photo)

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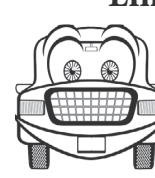
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Lindale Police Department call logs for April 5-11

FRIDAY, APRIL 5: Assault-Simple, 15300 block FM 16 West, Report; Public Service, 3200 block South Main Street, Settled at Scene; Hit and Run Crash, 1400 block South Main Street, Report; Motor Vehicle Crash, 200 block South Main Street, Report; Public Service, 1000 block Brad Circle, Settled at Scene; Verbal Disturbance, 1300 block Brad Circle, Settled at Scene; Disturbance, 21200 block U.S. Highway 69 North, Report; Suspicious Vehicle, 500 block North Main Street, Settled at Scene; Motor Vehicle Crash, 13300 block IH-20 West, Report; Criminal Mischief, 100 block East Centennial Blvd., Settled at Scene.

SATURDAY, APRIL 6: Public Service, 16300 block FM 849, Settled at Scene; Welfare Concern, 3200 block South Main Street, Unable to Locate; Public Service, 200 block East Hubbard Street, Settled at Scene; Public Service, 200 block Cannery Row, Settled at Scene; Suspicious Vehicle, 554 IH-20 East, Settled at Scene; Public Service, 100 block Ballard Drive, Settled at Scene; Disturbance, 2700 block South Main Street, Report; Disturbance, 1100 block Woodlands Park Drive, Settled at Scene; Motorist Assist, 556 IH-20 East, Settled at Scene; Public Intoxication, 1200 block Brad Circle, Arrest; Verbal Disturbance, 900 block South Main Street, Settled at Scene; Criminal Trespass, 2200 block South Main Street, Warning Issued; Motor Vehicle Crash, 555 IH-20 West, Unfounded.

SUNDAY, APRIL 7: Assist Smith County SO, 553 IH-20 West, Report; Public Intoxication, 100 block Miranda Lambert Way, Settled at Scene; Suspicious Circumstance, 2800 block South Main Street, Settled at Scene; Suspicious



Person, 100 block West Hubbard Street, Settled at Scene; Business Alarm, 1400 block South Main Street, Settled at Scene; Suspicious Circumstance, 13900 block FM 849, Settled at Scene; 911 Hang Up Call, 600 block Jack Drive, Settled at Scene; Business Alarm, 500 block South Main Street, False Alarm; Assist EMS, 556 IH-20 East, Settled at Scene; Assist Another Agency, 3200 block South Main Street, Settled at Scene; Criminal Mischief, 200 block Cannery Row, Unable to Locate.

MONDAY, APRIL 8: Suspicious Vehicle, 2700 block South Main Street, Settled at Scene; Motor Vehicle Crash, 556 IH-20 East, Report; Criminal Mischief, 700 block South Main Street, Report; Fraud, 200 block Half Street, Settled at Scene; Residential Alarm, 17700 block CR 4112, False Alarm; City Ordinance Violation, 200 block Cannery Row, Settled at Scene; Parking Violation, 200 block East Hubbard Street, Settled at Scene; Suspicious Circumstance, 1100 block Woodlands Park Drive, Unable to Locate; Criminal Mischief, 900 block South Main Street, Report; Traffic Complaint, 800 block North Main Street, Settled at Scene; Civil Matter, 600 block East Hubbard Street, Settled at Scene; Civil Matter, 100 block Ballard Drive, Settled at

Scene; Motor Vehicle Crash, 553 IH-20 East, Report; Motor Vehicle Crash, 555 IH-20 East, Report.

TUESDAY, APRIL 9: Parking Violation, 3500 block South Main Street, Unfounded; Business Alarm, 400 block West Hubbard Street, False Alarm; Welfare Concern, 300 block Cooper Street, Settled at Scene; Motorist Assist, 17000 block IH-20 West, Settled at Scene; Business Alarm, 16900 block Village Lake Drive, Settled at Scene; Motor Vehicle Crash, 300 block South Main Street, Report; Suspicious Circumstance, 300 block Rita Drive, Settled at Scene; Motor Vehicle Crash, 15300 block FM 16 West, Settled at Scene; Motor Vehicle Crash, 300 block South Main Street, Settled at Scene; Public Service, 15400 block Brittain Court, Settled at Scene; Criminal Mischief, 700 block South Main Street, Report.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10: Civil Matter, 13300 block CR 472, Unable to Locate; Assist Smith Co SO, 3500 block South Main Street, Settled at Scene; Traffic Hazard, 1300 block Brad Circle, Settled at Scene; Motor Vehicle Crash, 3500 block South Main Street, Report; Welfare Concern, 1200 block Forest Trails Drive, Report; Business Alarm, 200 block South Main Street, False Alarm; Motor Vehicle Crash, 100 block East Van Street, Report; Motorist Assist, 556 IH-20 West, Settled at Scene; 911 Hang Up Call, 300 block Asher Lane, Settled at Scene; Suspicious Vehicle, 500 block South Main Street, Settled at Scene.

THURSDAY, APRIL 11: Suspicious Circumstance, 2000 block South Main Street, Settled at Scene; Assist Smith Co SO, 15000 block Boaz Lane, Settled at Scene; Escort, 400 block West Hubbard Street, Settled at Scene; Criminal Trespass, 100 block East Centennial Blvd., Warning Issu

Cherokee County man pleads guilty to federal drug trafficking

An Alto man has pleaded guilty to federal drug trafficking violations in the Eastern District of Texas, said Davilyn Walston, spokesperson for U.S. Attorney Damien M. Diggs.

Robert Jessie Martin, 45, pleaded guilty to conspiracy to distribute and possess with intent to distribute methamphetamine before U.S. Magistrate Judge John D. Love on April 9, 2024.

According to information presented in court, Martin conspired with others to possess with intent to distribute and distribute five kilograms or more of a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of methamphetamine and 500 grams or more of actual methamphetamine.

Within the conspiracy, Martin manufactured and distributed methamphetamine-laced pills. Martin set up rotary tablet pill presses on his Alto (Cherokee County) property in order to manufacture and press out hundreds of thousands of counterfeit pills that were then distributed throughout the United States for profit.

Martin recruited and supplied wholesale and mid-level distributors of the pills he manufactured.

On July 11, 2023, federal and state law enforcement executed a federal search and arrest warrant on Martin's property located near Alto and seized five firearms, five rotary pill presses, 111.22 grams of actual methamphetamine, approximately 7,669 grams of methamphetamine in powder form, and 29,283 methamphetamine-laced pills.

Based on a federal complaint, Martin was also arrested for possession with intent to distribute and distribution of methamphetamine.

Martin faces from 10 years to life in federal prison at sentencing. 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.

The case was investigated by Homeland Security Investigations (HSI); HSI Currency Narcotics Enforcement Team-Houston; the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives; the Drug Enforcement Administration; the Cherokee County Sheriff's Office; the Jacksonville Police Department; and the Texas Department of

Public Safety. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorneys Allen Hurst and Robert Austin Wells.

Florida woman pleads guilty to federal money laundering

A Jacksonville, Fla., woman has pleaded guilty to federal violations in the Eastern District of Texas, Walston said.

Sharena Seay, 39, pleaded guilty to money laundering before U.S. Magistrate Judge John D. Love on April 11, 2024.

According to information presented in court, Seay laundered the proceeds of her drug trafficking operations through cryptocurrency. The defendant supplied alpha-Pyrrolidinopentiophenone (alpha-PVP), which is often called "flakka," and similar synthetic cathinones, such as Eutylone or alpha-PiHP.

Seay distributed alpha-PVP and other controlled substances to various customers across the United States. Customers who purchased controlled substances from Seay paid for their purchases with cash.

Seay laundered the cash proceeds through cryptocurrency in order to purchase more controlled substances on the dark web and to conceal her criminal activity.

Seay faces up to 20 years in federal prison at sentencing. 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 effort is part of an Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Forces (OCDETF) operation. OCDETF identifies, disrupts, and dismantles the highest-level criminal organizations that threaten the United States using a prosecutor-led, intelligence-driven, multi-agency approach. Additional information about the OCDETF Program can be found at <https://www.justice.gov/OCDETF>.

The cases were investigated by the U.S. Secret Service and the U.S. Postal Inspection Service with the assistance of Internal Revenue Service - Criminal Investigation and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, and were prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorneys Nathaniel C. Kummerfeld and D. Ryan Locker.



40th LACC Banquet

The Texas Rose Horse Park was the site this past week as the Lindale Area Chamber of Commerce held its 40th annual Membership Banquet and Auction. As is the case each year, the highlight of the evening was the announcement of the Citizen of the Year, with Alice Ann Brown taking home the prestigious award. Prior to that, the Lindale Rotary Club awarded Mike Sublette as Merchant of the year. Lindale high school principal Jeremy Chiles also presented the students of the year award to seniors Hadley Scott and Enrique Arantes. (Photo by Terry Cannon)

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Biden's arrival signaled time of divisiveness

Dear Editor,

Re: "Today more than ever, we must learn from the past" column, March 28:

I quote: "Our country struggles with a divisiveness that can prove fatal unless we as a nation refuse to let demagogues assume power."

Well that train has left the station. When Joe Biden entered the Oval Office the divisiveness began in full force.

And as your opinion on those of the Republican Party, me included, is not being lead by a demagogue but a true patriot: Donald Trump.

Sincerely,
Joan Steed,
Lindale

Three Lindale residents indicted

Smith County Grand Juries handed down 149 indictments for the period of Feb. 15 to March 7, with three of those from Lindale, said County Grand Jury Coordinator Marieliza Martinez.

Lindale residents indicted were:

--Steven Majors, 50, indecency with a child with child sexual conduct, Oct. 15, 2023;

-- James Malone, 46, driving while intoxicated (third or more offense), Oct. 1, 2023;

-- Joshua Rankin, 37, firearm by a felon, Aug. 29, unlawful possession of a 2023.

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Lindale girls, boys dominate District 16-4A track meet

The Lindale High School girls and boys varsity and junior varsity track teams ran away from the competition on April 4 at Canton High School at the District 16-4A track meet.

All four teams captured first place. The LHS varsity boys collected 256 points while the varsity girls accumulated 209 points.

On the junior varsity side, the Eagles won with 197 points while the girls claimed top honors with 188 points.

New school records were set in the varsity boys 800 meter relay, with Chad Ward, Marcus Field, David Lindig, Nathan Bradford finishing first with a time of 1:29.11 and the varsity boys 400 meter dash with Colter Maya with a time of 46.67.

For the varsity girls new school records were set in the 400 meter relay by Tori Cooper, Kennedy Miller, Reagan Cates and Brooke Gissel running to a first place time of 49.57; the varsity girls 800 meter run with Madison Devisscher's 2:24.77 for second place; the varsity girls 800 meter relay, with Kaelyn Kincade, Addyson Daughtry, Alyssa Potts and Brooke Gissel finishing first with a time of 1:45.30; the varsity girls 400 meter dash with Reagan Cates' winning time of 59.44.

Following the district meet, the varsity Eagles and Lady Eagles dominated the Area meet held at Eagle Stadium and qualified several athletes for the

Region II meet this weekend in Denton.

Results from the District 16-4A meet in Canton:

BOYS

(256 points, 1st place)
SHOT PUT: Jerry Bloemsmma, 49 feet, ½ inches, 1st; Christian Pettway, 38 feet, 8 ½ inches, 2nd; Andrew Ragland, 43 feet, 3rd.

DISCUS: Christian Pettway, 140 feet, 2nd; Jerry Bloemsmma, 120 feet, 8 inches, 5th; Jackson Delivuaadia, 110 feet, 3 inches, 6th.

HIGH JUMP: Marcus Field, 6 feet, 4 inches, 1st; Chad Wad, 5 feet, 10 inches, 5th.

POLE VAULT: Luka Harbour, 13 feet, 2nd; Jack Partlow, 13 feet, 3rd.

TRIPLE JUMP: Marcus Field, 44 feet, 6 ¾ inches, 1st.

LONG JUMP: Chad Ward, 21 feet, ½ inches, 1st; Nathan Bradford, 20 feet, 7 ¾ inches, 2nd.

3200 METER RUN: Dax Allen, 10:13.39, 4th.

400 METER RELAY: Chad Ward, Marcus Field, A'Million Johnson, Kaden Baze, 42.65, 1st.

800 METER RUN: Dax Allen, 2:06.10, 6th.

110 METER HURDLES: Matthew Kenney, 15.63, 1st; Jayrn Eagans, 16.70, 2nd; Brodee Copeland, 17.56, 6th.

100 METER DASH: Kaden Baze, 11.04, 1st; A'Million Johnson, 11:49, 2nd; Henrique Arantes, 11.65, 6th.

800 METER RELAY:

Chad Ward, Marcus Field, David Lindig, Nathan Bradford, 1:29.11, 1st.

400 METER DASH: Colter Maya, 46.67, 1st; Hayes Brooks, 49.99, 4th.

300 METER HURDLES: Matthew Kenney, 41.88, 1st; Jayrn Eagans, 42.64, 2nd; Brodee Copeland, 43.65, 3rd.

200 METER DASH: Colter Maya, 22.0, 1st; Kaden Baze, 22.47, 2nd; Chad Ward, 22.56, 3rd.

1600 METER RUN: Dax Allen, 4:45.78, 5th.

1600 METER RELAY: Clint Thurman, Hayes Brooks, David Lindig, Colter Maya, 3:24.88, 1st.

VARSITY GIRLS

(209 points, 1st place)
SHOT PUT: Kaniya Pierce, 32 feet, 9 ¾ inches, 1st; Serenity Fuller, 31 feet, 6 inches, 3rd.

DISCUS: Ella Hutchens, 107 feet, 6 inches, 1st; Serenity Fuller, 89 feet, 8 ¾ inches, 5th.

HIGH JUMP: Kayli Vickery, 5 feet, 3rd; Reagan Cates, 5 feet, 4th.

POLE VAULT: Kortlen Pierce, 9 feet, 6 inches, 1st; Ava Burns, 9 feet, 3rd.

TRIPLE JUMP: Kyndal Thurmon, 33 feet, 7 ¾ inches; Lydia Payne, 32 feet, 4 inches, 6th.

3200 METER RUN: Adalyn Kobs, 12:41.22 3rd; Cadyn Haisten, 13:00.31, 6th.

400 METER RELAY: Tori Cooper, Kennedy Miller, Reagan Cates, Brooke Gissel, 49.57, 1st.

800 METER RUN:

Madison Devisscher, 2:24.77, 2nd; Abigail Kelley, 2:25.75, 3rd.

100 METER HURDLES: Kennedy Miller, 15.34, 1st; Kyndal Thurmon, 16.15, 3rd; Lilly Johnson, 17.26, 5th.

100 METER DASH: Kaelyn Kincade, 12.82, 4th.

800 METER RELAY: Kaelyn Kincade Addyson Daughtry Alyssa Potts Brooke Gissel, 1:45.30, 1st.

400 METER DASH: Reagan Cates, 59.44, 1st; Tori Cooper, 1:02.26, 5th.

300 METER HURDLES: Kyndal Thurmon, 45.45, 1st; Kennedy Miller, 2nd.

200 METER DASH: Brooke Gissel, 26.85, 6th.

1600 METER RUN: Madison Devisscher, 5:29.01, 2nd; Adalyn Kobs, 5:38.38, 5th.

1600 METER RELAY: Reagan Cates, Tori Cooper, Addyson Daughtry, Kyndal Thurmon, 4:06, 1st.

JUNIOR VARSITY BOYS

(197 points, 1st place)
SHOT PUT: Kaleb Walker, 43 feet, 10 ½ inches, 1st; Camden Beason, 40 feet, 1 ½ inches, 2nd; Hudson Kenney, 38 feet, 9 ¼ inches, 5th.

DISCUS: Trey Rozell, 103 feet, 1st.

HIGH JUMP: Jacob Pettway, 5 feet, 6 inches, 4th; J.B. Ray, 5 feet, 6 inches, 5th.

POLE VAULT: Reed Campbell, 9 feet, 6 inches, 3rd; Charlie Yarbrough, 9 feet, 6 inches, 4th.

TRIPLE JUMP: Andre Foster, 35 feet, 11 inches, 4th; Max Tidwell, 35 feet, 7 ¾ inches, 5th; Carson Shipman, 34 feet, 8 ½ inches, 6th.

LONG JUMP: Jacob Pettway, 18 feet, 7 inches, 5th; Andre Foster, 18 feet, 5 ½ inches, 6th.

3200 METER RUN: David Kelley, 11:40.44, 2nd; Zachary Sheppa, 11:43.65, 3rd; Eric Reyes, 12:08.21, 5th.

400 METER RELAY: Nolan Harris, Andre Foster, Kayden Spears, JB Ray, 45.16, 1st.

800 METER RUN: Colton Dunn, 2:16.37, 4th.

110 METER HURDLES: Cole Shamburger, 18.37, 2nd; Mason Hearon, 18.72, 4th.

100 METER DASH: Nolan Harris, 11.76, 1st; Jacob Pettway, 12.15, 5th.

800 METER RELAY: Kayden Spears, Jackson Parker, Aiden Warnell, Jackson Legrow, 1:36.07, 4th.

400 METER DASH: Beck Peterson, 54.50, 3rd; James Weaver, 55.75, 4th.

300 METER HURDLES: Max Tidwell, 44.98, 1st; Reed Carnathan, 45.12, 2nd.

200 METER DASH: J.B. Ray, 24.08, 3rd; Layne Lewis, 24.15, 4th; Hayden Nations, 24.65, 6th.

1600 METER RUN: Colton Dunn, 4:53.33, 2nd; David Kelley, 5:12.39, 5th; Eric Reyes, 5:17.17, 6th.

1600 METER RELAY: Kayden Spears, James Weaver, JB Ray, Ryker Rambatt, 3:38.96, 1st.

JUNIOR VARSITY GIRLS

(188 points, 1st)

SHOT PUT: Tessa Dennis, 30 feet, 1st; Tiana Cooper, 26 feet, 8 ½ inches, 3rd; Lexi Pinson, 26 feet, 7 inches, 4th.

DISCUS: Tessa Dennis, 76 feet, ½ inches, 1st.

HIGH JUMP: Lauren Stanton, 4 feet, 10 inches; 1st; Ma'Kaylin Smith, 4 feet, 10 inches, 2nd.

POLE VAULT: Lyla Hernandez, 7 feet, 1st.

TRIPLE JUMP: Kaidance Smith, 31 feet, ¾ inches, 3rd.

LONG JUMP: Kaidance Smith, 14 feet, 6 ½ inches, 2nd.

3200 METER RUN: Abigail Hanley, 13:36.22, 1st.

400 METER RELAY: Kayden King, Ma'Kaylin Smith, Lyric Eagans, Kaidance Smith, 53.07, 1st.

800 METER RUN: Abigail Hanley, 2:37.59, 1st; Issabella Van Dyke, 2:46.09, 4th.

100 METER HURDLES: Lauren Stanton, 18.95, 3rd.

100 METER DASH: Ma'Kaylin Smith, 13.73, 2nd.

800 METER RELAY: Kayden King, Ma'Kaylin Smith, Kaidance Smith, Lyric Eagans, 1:53.60, 1st.

300 METER HURDLES: Lauren Stanton, 56.18, 4th.

200 METER DASH: Kaidance Smith, 27.91, 2nd.

1600 METER RUN: Abigail Hanley, 6:00.51, 1st.

1600 METER RELAY: Alyssa Blackburn, Lyric Eagans, Emalee McKeever, Brinley Wehr, 4:34.58, 2nd.

Catfish stocking begins at TP&WD Neighborhood Fishin' Lakes

Spring has arrived and that means catfish angling is back at Texas Parks and Wildlife Department Neighborhood Fishin' lakes across the state.

The program gives friends and families the opportunity to reel in catfish close to home and participate in the Texas traditions of outdoor recreation.

TPWD began stocking thousands of catfish at 18 Neighborhood Fishin' lakes this past week, including five in the Dallas-Fort Worth area, four in the Houston area, two each in Austin and San Antonio and one each in Amarillo, College Station, San Angelo, Waco and Wichita Falls.

"Neighborhood Fishin' lakes are conveniently located in urban and suburban areas, so Texans don't have to travel far to have a great experience," said Marcos DeJesus, TPWD Inland Fisheries Division Region Three Director. "Catfish are fun and easy to catch for anglers of all ages and experience levels. If you've never fished before, these are the perfect places to get started. If you are an experienced



angler, these are the perfect places to introduce fishing to a friend or family member."

Each lake will receive channel catfish every two weeks through the end of October — with a brief pause during the heat of August — to ensure there are plenty of angling opportunities for everyone throughout the spring, summer and early fall.

Neighborhood Fishin' lakes are located in city and county parks with ample parking, shoreline access, restrooms, lighting and other recreational amenities in addition to fishing.

Anglers can keep up to five fish of any size per day. Youth under 17 do not need a fishing

license, but adults who fish these sites do need a license, which can be purchased for as little as \$11 for "one-day, all-water" access.

All proceeds go toward management of the fisheries, providing access and conservation of Texas fish and their habitats.

To find a Neighborhood Fishin' lake near you as well as tips on how to fish, where to purchase fishing gear or licenses, fishing regulations or to sign up for email updates, visit www.neighborhoodfishin.org.

Neighborhood Fishin' is supported by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Foundation through donations from Gulf States Toyota and Phillips 66 as well as local government bodies across the state.

It's really easy wearing-- and living -- green

By Greg Grant
Smith County Horticulturist

My wife often chastises me about my mundane green jeans. Even the owner at the cleaners once asked about my choice of colors and I told her everything I owned had to be either the color of dirt or grass stains because after one day of work or play, that is what colors they would be.

I used to watch Captain Kangaroo as a kid, not to see the Captain, but to get to see Mr. Green Jeans, played by Hugh Brannum.

He was a musician like several of my family members. His trademark garb on the Captain's show was his overalls and later green jeans by the time I watched him.

His obituary read, "he charmed millions of children" and I was certainly one of them. Each show he would feature a different tidbit about plants, caring for the earth, or a new animal addition to the farm. Whatever Mr. Green Jeans was serving, I greedily gobbled it up.

Like my Granny Ruth, I was born to love plants and animals. After all, plants provide us food, fiber, energy, clean air and water, birds, bees, butterflies, beauty, and in my case a job and hobby.

I am convinced that gardeners and farmers live longer because they know they cannot die. There is way too much work to be done keeping plants and animals alive and healthy to let our own lives slip away.

I am not a parent, but I am convinced it is healthy for young folks to nurture delicate living things whether it be plants or animals.

I find it hard to believe that kids can now experience a virtual field or forest through their smart phone but not take the time to go outside and experience the real thing.

So many today seem convinced that all plants are poisonous, all animals bite, and everything outside is dirty. Naturally, I saw myself as Pig-Pen from the Peanuts cartoon and relished every minute outside in the dirt, especially growing something or watching something grow.

Kids need appropriate role models. Preferably ones not trying to sell them something, lead them astray, or get them hooked on the latest overpriced gadget.

Bob Keeshan (Captain Kangaroo) once described Hugh Brannum (Mr. Green Jeans) as an "uncomplicated agrarian type who loved to putter in his own garden." I am not sure what today's kids would think of Mr. Green Jeans, but I could not have picked a better television role model.



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The address for the Independent Administrator is:
c/o: LEIGH HUNT GOODSON
The Goodson Firm, P.C.
115 W. Ferguson Street
Tyler, Texas 75702

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.

Date: January 30, 2024.
THE GOODSON FIRM, P.C.
Attorneys for Darren Kirby

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Date: April 9, 2024.
THE GOODSON FIRM, P.C.
Attorneys for Constance Cedras

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The address for the Independent Administrator is:
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The Goodson Firm, P.C.
115 W. Ferguson Street
Tyler, Texas 75702

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.

Date: April 9, 2024.
THE GOODSON FIRM, P.C.
Attorneys for Heather Eileen Williams

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Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of REGINA DYER, Deceased, were issued on January 22, 2024, in Cause No. 48011P, pending in the County Court at Law #3 of Smith County, Texas, to JOSEPH SWONKE.

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Date: January 22, 2024.
THE GOODSON FIRM, P.C.
Attorneys for Joseph Swonke

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Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of William Elsberg, Deceased, were issued on the 8th of April, 2024, in Cause No. 48,103-P, pending in the Probate Court at Law #3 in Smith County, Texas, to: Sandra Elsberg.

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: **Stephen Hubbard**
Attorney at Law
100 E. Ferguson St. Suite 714
Tyler, Texas 75702

DATED the 9th day of April, 2024.
Stephen Hubbard/10140515
Attorney for Sandra Elsberg
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Administration for the Estate of Jacquilin Johnson, Deceased, were issued on the 25th of March, 2024, in Cause No. 47,796-P, pending in the Probate Court at Law #3 in Smith County, Texas, to: Jose Johnson, II

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: **Stephen Hubbard Attorney at Law**
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DATED the 11th day of April, 2024.
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LEGAL NOTICE**CAUSE NO. 48120P**

IN THE ESTATE OF § **IN THE COUNTY COURT**
§
JOHN SCOTT LINDSEY § **AT LAW# 3 OF**
§
DECEASED § **SMITH COUNTY, TEXAS**

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Notice is hereby given that Letters of Independent Administration for the Estate of JOHN SCOTT LINDSEY, Deceased, were issued on April 8, 2024 under Docket No. 48120P now pending in the County Court at Law #3 of Smith County, Texas, to: CHARLINE LINDSEY, Independent Administrator.

The mailing address of the Independent Administrator is:

CHARLINE LINDSEY
19178 County Road 1108
Flint, Texas 75762

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

DATED the 10th day of April, 2024
ROBERT HINDMAN
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Tyler, TX 75703
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State Bar No. 09684500
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CAUSE NO. 48151P

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§
RONALD W. GOTTSALK § **AT LAW #3 OF**
§
DECEASED § **SMITH COUNTY, TEXAS**

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Notice is hereby given that Letters of Independent Administration for the Estate of RONALD W. GOTTSALK, Deceased, were issued on April 8, 2024 under Docket No. 48151P now pending in the County Court at Law #3 of Smith County, Texas, to: JEAN SMITH, Independent Administrator.

The mailing address of the Independent Administrator is:

JEAN SMITH
1379 Danvers Drive
Dallas, Texas 75240

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

DATED the 10th day of April, 2024
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NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF VICKI KAY MORRIS, Deceased

Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Administration were issued on the Estate of VICKI KAY MORRIS, Deceased, Cause No. 47,723-P, now pending in the Probate Court of Smith County, Texas, filed on or about December 4, 2023, by LEONARD DALTON MORRIS, Independent Administrator of said estate. Claims against the estate should be mailed in care of John E. Trube, Attorney at Law, Post Office Box 6594, Tyler, Texas, 75711.

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

DATED: April 10, 2024

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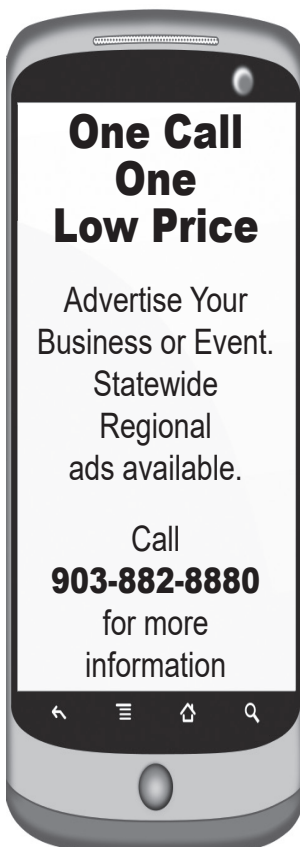
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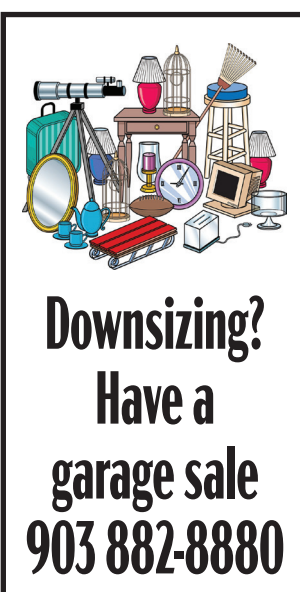
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Commissioner's son restricted from entering county courtroom

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On April 2, he signed up to speak on an agenda item pertaining to a resolution proclaiming April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month in the county.

County Judge Neal Franklin, noting that Phillips' comments did not pertain to the agenda item, admonished him and told him to stay on topic, to which Phillips demanded more time to be added to his public comment time.

At this time, Phillips addressed the county judge by his first name.

"Mr. Phillips, you need to call me judge," Franklin said. "OK, you can call me chosen one," Phillips said.

Franklin then ended his time at the microphone and as he was being led out of

the court room by sheriff's deputies he made an obscene gesture at the court.

Franklin then made a motion to hold Phillips in contempt.

After a second to the motion by Precinct 2 Commissioner John Moore, the court voted in favor of the motion with Terry Phillips abstaining.

Lance Phillips was ordered to spend 24 hours in jail and records show additional charges of hindering proceedings by disorderly conduct, resisting arrest, and assaulting a public servant have been added.

His bonds total \$200,000.

Deputies struggled to control Phillips and eventually had to carry him to a patrol unit outside the courthouse annex.



Library team bonding exercise

Staff members of the Lillie Russell Memorial Library in Lindale took part in team building exercises this past week, including this one which required working together to move their contraptions. The Friends of the Library sponsored the event.

Courtesy photo

LHS boys, girls win Area track meet, advance to regionals

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BOYS RESULTS

(Lindale only)
100 METER DASH – Kaden Baze, 11.23, 3rd.
200 METER DASH – Chad Ward, 22.37, 3rd; Kaden Baze, 22.48, 4th.
400 METER DASH – Colter Maya, 47.44, 1st; Hayes Brooks, 50.47, 3rd.
3200 METER RUN – Dax Allen, 10:26.98, 5th.
110 METER HURDLES – Matthew Kenney, 15.32, 2nd; Jaym Eagans, 16.53, 4th.
300 METER HURDLES – Matthew Kenney, 40.91, 2nd; Jaym Eagans, 41.98, 3rd; Brodee Copeland, 45.40, 6th.
4 X 100 METER RELAY – Chad Ward, Marcus Field, A'Million Johnson, Kaden Baze, 43.31, 3rd.
4 X 200 METER RELAY – Chad Ward, Marcus Field, David Lindig, Nathan Bradford, 1:29.63, 3rd.
1600 METER RELAY – Clint Thurman, Hayes Brooks, David Lindig, Colter Maya, 3:24.75, 1st.
LONG JUMP – Chad Ward, 21 feet, ½ inches, 2nd.
SHOT PUT – Jeremiah Bloemsma, 48 feet, 5 inches; Christian Pettway, 47 feet, 7 ½ inches; Andrew Ragland, 45 feet, 6 ½ inches, 6th.
DISCUS – Christian Pettway, 147 feet, 10 ½ inches, 2nd.
TRIPLE JUMP – Marcus Field, 44 feet, 7 inches, 2nd.
HIGH JUMP – Marcus Field, 6 feet, 4th.
POLE VAULT – Jack Partlow, 13 feet, 6 inches, 3rd; Lukas Harbor, 12 feet, 6 inches, 6th.

GIRLS RESULTS (Lindale only)

100 METER DASH – Kaelyn Kincade, 12.75, 5th.
400 METER DASH – Reagan Cates, 59.64, 3rd.
800 METER RUN – Madison Devisscher, 2:24.23, 2nd; Abigail Kelley, 2:25.13, 3rd.
1600 METER RUN – Madison Devisscher, 5:28.58, 2nd.
3200 METER RUN – Adalyn Kobs, 12:28.86, 4th.
100 METER HURDLES – Kenney Miller, 15.32, 1st; Kyndal Thurmon, 15.91, 3rd.
300 METER HURDLES – Kyndal Thurmon, 45.45, 1st; Kennedy Miller, 48.68, 3rd.
4 X 100 METER RELAY – Tori Cooper, Kennedy Miller, Reagan Cates, Brooke Gissel, 51.15, 6th.
4 X 200 METER RELAY – Kaelyn Kincade, Addyson Daughtry, Alyssa Potts, Brooke Gissel, 1:45.55, 2nd.
1600 METER RELAY – Reagan Cates, Addyson Daughtry, Tori Cooper, Kyndal Thurmon, 4:02.48, 1st.
SHOT PUT – Kaniya Pierce, 32 feet, 1 ½ inches, 2nd.
DISCUS – Ella Hutchens, 109 feet, 8 ½ inches, 2nd.
HIGH JUMP – Kayli Vickery, 5 feet, 5th.
POLE VAULT – Kortlen Pierce, 9 feet, 5th; Ava Burns, 9 feet, 6th.

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