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Early voting begins; city election scheduled

Early voting for the May 4 election is under way and will continue through Tuesday, April 30 at four locations across Smith County, officials said.

In Lindale, incumbent Mayor Pro Tem Yvette Martin is challenged by Jerretta Nance Pate for the Place 2 seat on the Lindale City Council, while Gavin Rasco is running unopposed for Lindale mayor.

The Lindale Kinzie Community Center will hold early voting from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday through April 26 and 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday and Tuesday, April 29-30.

In addition to Lindale, the city of Tyler and the city of Arp have elections scheduled.

The other early voting locations are Arp City Hall, 109 W. Longview St. in Arp; Heritage Building, 1900 Bellwood Road in Tyler and The Hub, 304 E. Ferguson St., in Tyler.

There will be six polling sites open on Election Day, from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, May 4.

The Smith County Elections Office has launched an interactive map to help voters find what precincts are included in the cities holding an election. Click on the Joint Election tab at the bottom of the interactive map. For that link, and all other information about the City/School Election, visit: www.smith-county.com/government/departments/elections/current-election-information

"Smith County Jane Doe" identified; Cold case from '85 finally resolved



The dogged determination of the Smith County Sheriff's Office, one of its deputies and advances in DNA identification combined to provide some closure for a Dallas-Fort Worth area family whose daughter's remains were found near Lindale in 1985.

Smith County Sheriff Larry Smith provided information during a press conference this past week in the case involving Cindy Gina Crow – also known as Smith County Jane Doe – who was found by a work crew from the Texas Department of Transportation along Interstate 20, east of Highway 69 near Lindale on Oct. 1, 1985.

The crew contacted the Lindale Police Department which then contacted the Smith County SO, Smith said.

After the remains were sent to the Southwestern Institute of Forensic Sciences in Dallas for an autopsy, it was determined the body was that of a white or Hispanic woman in her mid-20s. Authorities said the body had been at the location for about a year due to the condition of the skeletal remains, Smith said.

The remains were sent to the Southwestern Institute of Forensic Sciences in Dallas for an autopsy and investigators determined the body was a white or Hispanic woman, approximately 25 years old. A watch, earring and women's T-shirt with an insignia for Top Rail County Music in Dallas were also found nearby.

The body was determined to have been at the location for at least a year due to the condition of the bones, according to a news release.

Enter Smith County Sheriff's Detective David Turner. In 2021, the Smith County SO had joined the DNA Doe Project, a nonprofit that assists agencies in identifying remains using DNA ancestry searches and investigative genetic genealogy in hopes of producing investigative leads.

In November, the organization notified Turner that they had a lead on the woman being from the Dallas-Fort Worth area.

He contacted possible family members and went to Fort Worth to obtain DNA swabs from the woman's potential mother, as well as locating the woman's possible daughter who was living in Alabama. With the help of the Fort Payne, Ala., authorities, he obtained DNA from her as well.

This DNA evidence was then submitted to the University of North Texas Health Science Center's anthropology department for comparison. Smith said that earlier this month the university reported the victim's DNA was a positive match to her mother and daughter.

"Anytime we have anybody who has lost a life, we will not rest until we identify the body and if at all possible try to determine what caused the death, which will be the next part," Smith said, adding that with the amount of time that has passed a determination of death would be difficult.

Turner said Crow's husband at the time is deceased and at the time of her mother's disappearance the daughter would have been too young to contribute to the investigation.



Lillie Russell Memorial Library Children's Librarian Penny Turner leads youngsters in a song to begin Storytime this past Friday at the library. The little ones and their folks learned about bunnies. Photo by Terry Cannon

Family-friendly events on tap at Library

Things are really growing this month at the Lillie Russell Memorial Library with a variety of family-friendly events scheduled throughout the month, publicity officials announced.

The library's annual May Plant Sale is scheduled for 8 a.m.-3 p.m. on Saturday, May 11, with plants and trees donated by local nurseries so all the proceeds will go directly to the library. The sale will take place in the Hand Community Room.

On May 28, from 2 p.m.-2 p.m., a free Pantry Planning Class, with officials from the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, on hand to help patrons ages 13 and up to help organize their pantry.

Registration is required and can be made by calling the library at 903-882-1900.

Other events in May include:

Check out our recurring activities and events:
Pickin' at the Lillie: First Friday of each month from 6 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Free 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

Adult Game Day: Tuesday mornings 10 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

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

Ladies Line Dancing Classes: Wednesday mornings 10:10 a.m. and 11:10 a.m. \$5 per person, per class. Preregistration is required.

For ages 16 and over, casual clothes and comfortable shoes are recommended. Classes are beginner level: 10:10 a.m. – 11 a.m. and improver level: 11:10 a.m. - 12 noon.

Yarn Club: Thursday afternoons 4 p.m.-5 p.m. Learn to knit or crochet. All ages and skill levels are welcome.

Storytime: Friday mornings 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Storytime themes:

- May 3: Fiesta
- May 10: Musical Mother's Day (wear purple)
- May 17: Rodeo (special guests: cowboys from Lindale Championship Rodeo)
- May 24: Growing
- May 31: Summer

Therapet: May 11 at 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Call for available dates/times and to schedule your 15-minute session.

Friends of the Library meeting: May 12 at 2 p.m.

The library is open Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Call 903-882-1900 for more information.

LHS track stars headed for State

Lindale High School's 4 X 400 boys relay team and 400 meter sprinter Colter Maya will be competing this week at the state track meet in Austin after competing at the Class 4A Region II meet in Denton this past week.

Maya, a junior, ran to a first place time of 48.01 in the 400 meters, with Landon Martino of Aubrey coming in second with a time of 50.11. Korban Murphy of Mabank was third with a time of 50.57.

The 400 relay team of Clint Thurman, Hayes Brooks, David Lindig and Colter May took second place with a time of 3:16.59.

Aubrey High School won the event with a time of 3:15.60. Third place went to Van Alstyne High School with a time of 3:23.29.

Other competitors from Lindale at Regionals included:

- Ella Hutchens, girls discus, 114 feet, 2 inches, 3rd place;
- Marcus Field, boys triple jump, 43 feet, 9 ½ inches, 7th place and high jump, 5 feet, 10 inches, 14th place.
- Christian Pettway, boys discus, 148 feet, 3 inches, 3rd place.
- Chad Ward, boys long jump, 20 feet, 6 ½ inches, 11th place.
- Kaniya Pierce, girls shot put,

34 feet, 1 ¼ inches, 8th place.

- Jeremiah Bloemsma, boys shot put, 50 feet, 2 inches, 4th place.
- Jack Partlow, boys pole vault, 12 feet, 6 inches, 4th place.
- Addalyn Kobs, girls 3200 meter run, 12:13.67, 5th place.
- Chad Ward, Marcus Field, A'Million Johnson, Kaden Baze, boys 4 X 100 meter relay, 43.25, 10th place.
- Abigail Kelley, girls 800 meter run, 2:26.55, 7th place.
- Madison Devisscher, girls 800 meter run, 2:26.57, 8th place.
- Kennedy Miller, girls 100 me-

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City zoning request gets Lindale Council OK

Lindale City Council members approved a zoning request from Daniel and Bethany Patterson concerning the property located at 309 East South Street which the owners sought have changed from single family residential to neighborhood mixed use Tuesday night (April 16) at city hall.

City Manager Carolyn Caldwell said after meeting with the Pattersons and checking on the status of the property the owners couldn't accomplish what they want without the property being rezoned.

The council voted unanimously to approve the request

from the Pattersons.

This issue was tabled at the council's previous meeting on April 2. A public hearing was held on the matter prior to the council discussing it on April 2, when council members heard from citizens on both sides of the matter.

In other action:

- Council members also approved a re-plat of a lot at 17292 CR 4185 (Magnolia Estates). This was unanimously approved previously by the Planning and Zoning Commission.
- Approved vacating the undeveloped Eagle Heights

Unit 1 subdivision, located adjacent to Wood Springs Road. P&Z approved this matter previously as well. The property will remain annexed into the city of Lindale.

● Renamed Avenue G to McClenny Way in honor of the longtime former mayor, Bobby McClenny, who was also active in helping create the Extraterritorial Jurisdiction for the city, which kept the city of Tyler from encircling the city of Lindale.

● Retained Heartbeat Construction for the Safe Routes to School Project at a cost of approximately \$36,000.

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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.



Early voting underway in local elections

Early voting began Monday, April 22 for municipal, school board and various bond elections. It ends on April 30 with Saturday, May 4 being election day. What is on the ballot depends on where you live.

There are various ways to learn what is on the local ballot. One way is by going to the following link: <https://tinyurl.com/nhbyhnyu>. This takes you to the Texas Tribune's election center, where voters can type in their address to find out what is on their ballot.

In addition, most local newspapers and county election websites post notices of local elections.

Book-banning law gutted by appeals court

The key provisions of a law signed by Gov. Greg Abbott requiring booksellers to rate books for sexual content were gutted after the full 17-member court 5th Circuit Court of Appeals declined to reconsider an earlier decision, the San Antonio Express-News reported. The vote was 9-8 to let the earlier decision stand.

A group of independent booksellers joined with book associations to challenge the law, passed in the 2023 regular legislative session. The booksellers contended the law violated the First Amendment and would cause considerable harm to their operations. One owner said the law already has caused a chilling effect and resulted in lost orders.

"The damage to us is mitigated by the fact we don't have to review every book and rate every book that we've sold to the school library," Valerie Koehler, owner of Houston's Blue Willow Bookshop and a lead plaintiff, said of the court's decision. "But the damage has been done in terms of the libraries across the entire state have changed their policies in a way that makes it hard for new books to get in."

State Rep. Jared Patterson, R-Frisco, sponsored the bill and disagreed with the court's decision.

"It's incredibly disappointing that a majority of the 5th Circuit Court of Appeals sided with book vendors who push pornography on unsuspecting children in our public schools," he wrote in a statement posted on social media.

\$100K daily fine for state halted

A \$100,000 daily fine levied against the state for failing to implement fixes to the state's foster care system ordered by a federal judge was temporarily halted by the 5th Circuit Court of Appeals, the Statesman reported.

U.S. District Judge Janis Jack levied the fines last Monday after finding the state Health and Human Services Commission repeatedly failed to fully investigate abuse allegations in the foster care system.

Jack issued a 427-page ruling that listed dozens of cases where mistakes or delays in investigations resulted in children going without treatment for physical and sexual abuse.

Houston attorney Paul Yetter, who has represented the plaintiffs since the case was filed in 2011, condemned the state's appeal. The stay means the fines will not be levied until the 5th Circuit Court considers the merits of the state's appeal.

\$6.4 billion for Texas chip factories

The Biden-Harris administration announced last week that it would grant \$6.4 billion in direct funding for Samsung Electronics to expand its computer chip manufacturing and research cluster in Texas, the Associated Press reported. The money comes from the CHIPS and Science Act signed by President Joe Biden into law in 2022.

"The proposed project will propel Texas into a state-of-the-art semiconductor ecosystem," Commerce Secretary Gina Raimondo said on a call with reporters. She predicted the project in Taylor will create at least 17,000 construction jobs and more than 4,500 manufacturing jobs.

The funding will also expand an existing Samsung facility in Austin. The two factories being built in Taylor, about 45 miles northeast of Austin, are expected to become operational in 2026 and 2027.

Senator John Cornyn commended the measure in a statement Monday.

"By investing in leading-edge semiconductor manufacturing, we are helping secure this vulnerable supply chain, boosting our national security and global competitiveness, and creating new jobs for Texans," Cornyn said.

Planted in love ...

My Blackland Prairie roots are calling me. It is a beautiful spring day and I am stuck behind a computer with huge plate glass windows in front of me which frame the trees swaying in the wind. Even the dandelions growing through the cracks in the sidewalk in front of our office look beautiful to me.

I want to put on my softest, oldest, holey jeans, my most well-washed t-shirt, and grab a spade and start digging. I want to plant rose bushes, caladium bulbs and anything bright. I want to bask in the sun and turn from a pasty-faced office drone into the golden girl I used to be from hanging in the sunshine with dirt under my fingernails.

When I was a toddler to about 8-years old I spent a lot of time at my great-grandparents' farm and I remember the flowering plum trees, the huge fern that grew next to the house that survived winters that had snow drifts, the chinaberry tree over the chicken house that was the arsenal to the chinaberry wars my cousins and I enthusiastically fought with one another.

I remember my grandmother's (Mam'maw's) Day Lillies bloom- ing beside her home. When my grandparents passed away I dug up those bulbs and brought them to East Texas and planted them in what was our lawn next to a tree our son planted.

The Day Lillies had been planted on my grandparents' farm way down in the mud, south of Mexia and moved with them to Retreat outside of Corsicana. I imagine that before that they were brought from Illinois in a covered wagon.

My Nanny Brown, the homemaker who became a widow at 50 and a career nurse a short time later, always had Mimosa trees and a Magnolia, so I do as well. Nanny's 'people' came to Texas by way of Oklahoma from Mississippi. I wish I had that accent. You know, the one that sounds like this: "I went down to the rivah but the watah was too cold to take a swim." So genteel.

I sound like a field hand from the back 40 with my country



accent. This wilted southern flower is so sad that she didn't get the accent to go along with her grandmother instilled southern manners.

My Momma's irises succumbed to drought before I could liberate them to East Texas although I do have a few of Mam'maws which were Mom's Iris source as well, so maybe I do 'have' them after all.

I remember the fragrance of what my Great-Aunt Spike called tea roses. I have substituted Knockouts near my sidewalk which remind me of their perfume. Aunt Spike's real name was Ida but my Daddy nicknamed her Spike when he was a kid in bib-overalls made out of flour sacks. That nickname stuck through four generations. Everyone should be so lucky as to have an Aunt Spike.

The dirt I dig in here is red, not black. But the memories remain regardless of the soil they are planted in. Roots cultivated by loving hands across the decades and generations. Roots that grow deep, deep, wherever they are planted.

The heirloom plants are just a reminder of where, and more importantly from whom, I came. From Illinois, Mississippi, Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia and Virginia they made their way to Texas. Before that my people came from England, Scotland, Ireland, France and Germany as immigrants who came here to make a better life for their children.

And they did. For those roots I am very, very grateful.

THE ECONOMIST

By Dr. M. Ray Perryman

Suburban Surge

New Census data confirms what many people around the state have observed – Texas metropolitan areas and the surrounding counties are seeing a notable population surge. The data (which reflects estimated changes between July 1, 2022 and July 1, 2023) provides an overview of the changes for local areas, and it is eye-opening!

Only about 60% of US counties gained population from 2022 to 2023. The Northeast continues to have more counties losing than gaining, and, for the first time since 2020, the Midwest finally had more gainers than losers. The West is doing okay (led by Arizona), but it's the South where growth is greatest and momentum is building.

There are three components to population change. The rate of natural increase reflects births minus deaths, and in about 69% of US counties there was a natural decrease due to the aging population and historically low fertility rates. International migration is another important component, and 80% of counties saw at least some increase in this category. The big game changer is domestic migration, which is simply people moving around the country. Many of these folks are headed to Texas.

Eight of the 10 counties leading the nation by numeric change in 2023 were in Texas, including the top three. Harris County saw the largest gain, adding 53,788 residents, fol-

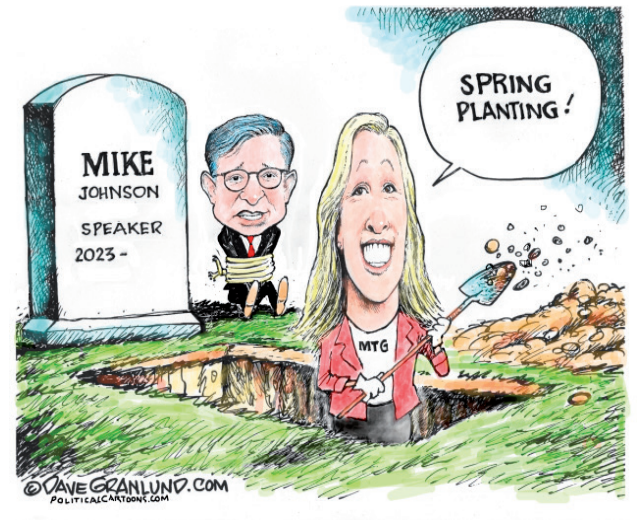
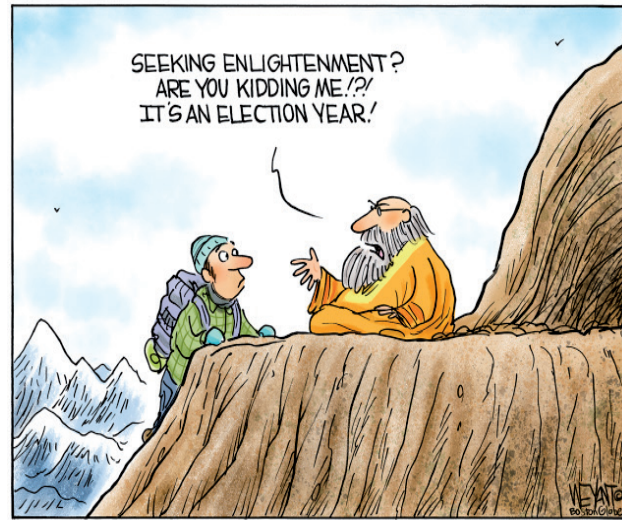
lowed by Collin County (36,364) and Montgomery County (31,800). Maricopa County, Arizona was fourth and Polk County, Florida was fifth. The remainder of the top 10 were in Texas including Denton (29,943), Fort Bend (27,859), Bexar (27,488), Tarrant (27,301), and Williamson (24,918).

Several of these counties (Collin, Denton, Williamson, and Fort Bend) also made the list of the highest level of net domestic migration. The suburban counties surrounding dynamic Texas urban centers are seeing substantial expansion. Kaufman, Rockwall, Liberty, Chambers, Comal, and Ellis counties were among the 10 fastest growing in the US in percentage terms (for counties with populations of 20,000 or more), with growth rates ranging from 7.6% to 4.9%.

Taking a slightly larger geographic view, the Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington metro area grew more than any other in the nation, up 152,598 for the year to top eight million. Houston-Pasadena-The Woodlands was second with 139,789 new residents to exceed 7.5 million; this gain was twice that of third-ranked greater Atlanta.

It's a vastly different story in many parts of the country including the Los Angeles, New York, and Chicago areas (among others), where people are leaving by the tens of thousands. An exodus of residents makes it almost impossible to sustain a vibrant economy offering opportunities for advancement, which in turn leads more people to leave. Although growth certainly brings challenges that we must address, their loss is Texas' gain.

Stay safe!



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Taking care of city business, livestock show dollars

Two for the price of one, once again:

The Lindale City Council meets the first and third Tuesdays of each month and while agenda items may seem routine, they are always necessary to the smooth operation of the city -- and can sometimes pay tribute to an important person in the city's past.

A couple of examples came from the April 16 meeting. First, council members revisited a zoning request from Daniel and Bethany Patterson, who were seeking to have their property at 309 East South Street rezoned from single family residential to neighborhood mixed use. The Pattersons are hoping to have a bed and breakfast on the property.

The first step in any rezoning request is to bring it before the city's Planning and Zoning board, which if it is approved sends it to the council for final approval.

The request was first put on the council's agenda for the April 2 meeting, which included a required public hearing prior to any vote.

Residents at the public hearing voiced their concerns that the Patterson's request would interfere with the aesthetics of the neighborhood, while the Patterson's discussed why they felt the change would benefit the city.

More questions and discussions followed and sensing they needed more time to consider both sides, council members decided to table the issue until the April 16 meeting, when it passed unanimously.

Later in the April 16 meeting, council members voted on another agenda item that had also been tabled from the April 2 meeting, and it involved renaming Avenue G in Lindale to McClenny Way, in honor of former Mayor Bobby McClenny,



one of Lindale's most dedicated citizens.

McClenny, who passed away in January, 2021, helped shape the city as it is today by being instrumental in forming Lindale's Extraterritorial Jurisdiction, a plan that kept the city of Tyler from eventually encircling Lindale.

McClenny, along with concerned citizens such as current Mayor Jeff Daugherty, former Mayor Jim Mallory and former City Manager Owen Scott, worked with city of Tyler officials to extend the city's ETJ to five miles from the city limits, meaning land in those areas can be annexed by Lindale.

This, in turn, helped fuel the economic engine for the city and will allow the city to expand in the future.

McClenny, who was honored as Citizen of the Year by the Lindale Area Chamber of Commerce in 1999, also served on the East Texas Council of Governments, the Lindale Rotary Club and the Lindale Garden Club, as well as numerous other organizations.

(Side note: He even gave a tutorial on growing tomatoes to this correspondent several years ago. His advice is appreciated every time I pick one.)

It may seem that the work under taken by the city council -- Gavin Rasco, Sallie Black, Bryan Summerville, Yvette Martin, Bob Tardiff and Mayor Daugherty -- is unimportant but the truth is that if it weren't for these unpaid, dedicated folks the city just couldn't function.

Livestock show rakes in big money

Officials with the Smith County Junior Livestock Show are ecstatic over the final tally of monies raised following the 48th annual event which was held at the Cross Brand Cowboy Church in late March.

Through the generosity of businesses and individuals, more than \$212,000 was raised for the youngsters who spend time grooming their animals through high school and home FFA chapters.

Lindale's Jaclyn Brandon was one of the recipients of scholarship money, taking home \$1,000 of the \$10,000 in scholarships.

The Sale of Champions was a highlight of the event, and board member Mintie Betts expressed her gratitude to everyone who helped make the event possible.

"We had a lot of new faces this year with families and community support," Betts said. "Thank you to everyone who attended our show, the businesses that supported us throughout the year, and those who came out to our Sale of Champions and purchased a project or gave additional donations to these students. What they learn through this organization will go a long way in supporting their future educational goals and careers."

The 2025 show will take place March 26-28.

Despite bumps in the road, good ol' days were great

Kids now-a-days have got it made. Man, they've got everything. They've got lap-top computers, computer games, cell phones, and all sorts of gadgets. Heck, they've got more stuff hangin' off their belts than Batman.

Back when I was growin' up, the closest thing we had to a lap-top computer was an Etch-a-Sketch, and all the games were in boxes, and you had to throw dice, and move pieces around a board, and junk like that.

And for a phone, we had these big ol' heavy receivers that were attached to a cord that was attached to an even heavier phone body that also was attached to a cord which was attached to the wall. On top of all of that, you actually had to dial the numbers.

You had to stick your fingertip in a hole and move it around in a circle till you hit the stop. Then you had to pull your finger out of the hole and wait until it returned to its startin' place, and then you had to do it all over again for each number.

There wasn't any speed dialin', let me tell you. And the only memory you had was the one in your head. Of course, you didn't have to memorize a lot of numbers 'cause you didn't have to dial the area code, and where we lived, you didn't even have to dial the first two digits of the regular numbers.

"What's your phone number?" someone would ask. "2-1-8-7-8," I'd reply, and that was it. And then they'd write it on their hand, the original Palm Pilot.

Kids now even have TV's in their cars. You put the kid in the backseat, strap 'em in, push in a DVD and away you go. Come to think of it, the parents have it made. I mean, my parents would have killed to have somethin' in the back seat to keep my sister Teri and me quiet.

"Daddy, Rusty's touching me," Teri would say. "Ain't neither."

"Yes he is." "No I'm not."

"Am I goin' to have to pull this car over?" dad would ask

"No sir," I'd reply.

"Daddy, Rusty's acting like he's going to touch me," she said.

"Ain't neither."

Then the car would screech to a halt. We'd be thrown up against the back of the front



seat and then down into the floorboard because we didn't have seat belts.

Then the back door would open, a great big hand would reach in and grab my arm and I would be jerked out, and have the tar beaten out of me right there in front of everyone on the highway.

Then I'd be thrown back into the back seat, the door would slam, and off we'd go.

I'd look over at Teri and she'd stick her tongue out at me, and I'd curl my lip at her. "Daddy, Rusty's looking at me."

By the time we got to wherever we were goin', my dad's face would be about as red as my rear end.

Of course, if we went anywhere in the pickup truck, my parents didn't have to worry with us, because we were back in the bed of the truck.

That's right! We rode in the back of the pickup. It was hot in the summer and cold in the winter and wet when it rained, but I never heard any complaints from my parents.

I know what you're thinkin'. "Wasn't it dangerous for a kid to be ridin' in the back of a pick-up?"

Heck yeah it was dangerous! I don't know how many times I've fallen, got thrown, or got pushed out of the back of a pickup. Most of those times were when we were sittin' on the tailgate. Now, we weren't allowed to sit on the tailgate if we were goin' down the highway, but if it was in the pasture or on a dirt road, we were on the tailgate.

A dirt road, for you young'uns out there, is a road with no toppin' on it. I'm sure a lot of you haven't ever seen one, but they did exist.

Dirt roads were the best roads to travel on in a pickup truck, especially if you had two or three more kids on the tailgate with you. It was like you were in a jet airplane with the dust boilin' up behind the truck like a vapor trail. The more dust the better.

I remember one time when my buddies Greg Hunt,

Little Rusty, Wee Whoa, and I were ridin' down a dirt road on the tailgate of my dad's truck. Oh yeah, Wee Whoa's dog Bones was on there with us.

Anywho, we were havin' a grand time. My dad wasn't drivin' too fast because there were stretches of this road that had washboards on it. A washboard road, it was called.

It was called this because of a bunch of rows of bumps that stretched across the road in certain places. They were sort of like mini speed bumps, only there was one right after the other. Dirt roads are famous for havin' these, you know.

We were all sayin' "Uhh-hhh." When you ride down a washboard road, you'd say Uhhhhhh and stretch it out and the bumpin' of the road would make the Uh sound like Uhh-hh-hh-hh-hh-hh. It's really hard to explain if you've never done it.

Anywho, like I said, we were all uhhhin' and then we got the bright idea to see if we could stir up some more dust.

Even though there were shovels, hoes, and a pair of post hole diggers in the back of the truck to drag behind to make the dust, we decided that draggin' Wee Whoa would probably stir up as much, if not more, cause he would have two legs draggin'.

Everyone thought this was a good idea. Well, everybody except Wee Whoa, but he was out-voted. Fortunately, it was still cold enough outside, so we all had on shoes, or it might have been rough on Wee Whoa's feet.

Greg had a hold of one of Wee Whoa's arms and I had the other. Little Rusty kept an eye out to make sure my dad didn't look back and see what was goin' on.

Parents can really ruin an experiment like this.

You know, you'd be surprised how much dust a little kid can make. It was goin' along pretty good, and even Wee Whoa was enjoyin' himself. That is until we hit another stretch of washboard road.

Then things got a little hairy. At first it was Wee Whoa's toes that started bouncin', but it didn't take long for it to crawl up his legs, and then to his whole body. Greg and I were hangin' on for dear life as Wee Whoa flopped up and down. Every time he went down, our rear ends would get a little closer to the edge of the tailgate.

"Hang on Wee Whoa!" I yelled.

"NO!" he yelled back. "Y'all hang on!"

Well, there wasn't any way we were lettin' go of him, 'cause if we did his mother would kill us all dead. That is, after my dad killed us.

"Grab ahold!" I yelled to Little Rusty. He turned from his look out, and saw what was goin' on, and he grabbed Greg and me by the collars of our blue jean jackets and held on. About that time, my dad hit a washout in the road. Greg and I both bounced about two feet in the air, and when we came down, the truck had already pulled out from underneath us.

You know, when somethin' like this happens, everything seems to move in slow motion. I remember lookin' over at Greg, and he was lookin' at me. We both had the look of sheer terror in our eyes.

Wee Whoa was up in the air over us, but we still had death grips on his arms. Little Rusty was also in the air above us with our blue jean jacket collars still in his grip.

Wee Whoa and Little Rusty collided above us; just as we hit the dirt road on our rear ends. Then they crashed down on top of us, and time started speedin' back up. We bounced and flipped and did the dipsy-doodle, and finally came to rest in somewhat of a heap of arms, legs, and other body parts. After a second, I rolled over and looked back to see my dad's truck disappearin' into the dust. Bones was sittin' on the tailgate, smilin'.

Stupid dog.

We slowly untangled ourselves from the heap we were in and took inventory of any and all injuries. There was nothin' a little Monkey Blood wouldn't take care of. Man, that was a blast!

You know, come to think of it. Kids now-a-days don't have it made. We did.



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ONE YEAR AGO, April 27, 2023

Smith County Commissioners approved boundary changes for some county election precincts -- including one for Lindale -- during their regular meeting, said Public Information Officer Casey Murphy.

For Lindale, Precinct 19 was changed to match the city limits with the precinct boundary, while Precinct 15 was changed to match the city of Hideaway city limits with the precinct boundary.

Commissioners approved these changes to comply with the Texas Election Code and after a presentation by County Elections Administrator Michelle Alcon.

The proposed changes stem from population growth in some areas, other areas being annexed by the city of Tyler or city of Lindale, and changes needed after redistricting, Alcon said.

Smith County's election precincts will grow from 72 to 75. All three precincts being split are Republican, Alcon said.

FIVE YEARS AGO, April 26, 2019

Nine players from the Lindale High School boys soccer team were named to the 15-5A All District team selected by the coaches.

Junior Solomon Saboia was named Offensive Midfielder of the Year while Ozzie Saavera was named Sophomore of the Year.

Samuel Cox and Colby Mieth were named to the first team while seniors Logan Toon and Fuad Rai and Junior Anthony Garcia were second team selections.

Seniors Mason Hilton and Cesar Estrada were named to the honorable mention squad.

10 YEARS AGO, April 24, 2014

Members of the Spring 2014 Lindale ISD Foundation's Honor Roll were recognized on their respective campuses, with Gretchen Nees, a second grade teacher at College Street Elementary School, Velma Penny Elementary School Reading Intervention Aide Brenda DeLaPiedra, Rosemary Herrera, E.J. Moss Intermediate School's west campus library assistant, and Bonnie Lively, a teacher's aide at E.J. Moss all receiving framed certificates and a balloon bouquet.

The LISD Honor Roll was created by the foundation to recognize outstanding employees who often do not receive praise for their efforts. The honorees are nominated by other LISD staff members. Those selected for the award go above and beyond their daily job descriptions to support the district and provide a safe and effective learning environment for students.



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Friends donate \$10K for library renovations

The Friends of the Lillie Russell Memorial Library have announced a \$10,000 donation to the cost of renovating the library which was made possible by donations from the community and local businesses, officials said.

During the first few months of 2024, the Friends have been diligently working for the betterment of the library, which includes the

first Wonderland Tea – an Alice in Wonderland themed event – that sold out quickly.

Also in 2024, the Friends have scheduled:

--The group's annual book sale during the library's annual plant sale on May 11;

-- Ladies Game Day on Aug. 15;

-- Book sale during Countryfest on Oct. 12;

-- Holiday basket sale scheduled during November and December.

The book sale room continues to offer new books each week and the sale on May 11 will have many adult and children's books at half price.

The Friends' next meeting is scheduled for Sunday, May 5 at 2 p.m. at the Library. Everyone is invited to attend.

A day that turns into your best night's sleep

From Smith County
AgriLife Extension Service

What you do during the day affects how well you sleep at night, notes Johns Hopkins sleep expert Rachel Salas, M.D. Taking these small steps throughout the day can help you wake up feeling refreshed the next morning.

Thinking about sleep when it's

time to lay your head on the pillow is actually too late.

You must start throughout the day encouraging better sleep at night.

In the morning:

-- Eat Breakfast by a window or outdoors. The sun helps reset your body's circadian clock.

-- Make your bed. People who do are likely to sleep better at night.

-- Wake at the same time every morning.

Afternoon:

-- Exercise

--Cut caffeine by 4 p.m.

--Take a nap.

Evening:

-- Use lamps to dim bright lights

-- Turn off devices a half hour before bed

-- Use warm water-not hot for baths/showers

-- Light snack before bed

-- Keep bedtime within an hour-same time every time

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OBITUARY

DOROTHY MAYDELL (GILLEY) ROWAN



Funeral services for Dorothy Maydell (Gilley) Rowan, age 97 of Tyler, are scheduled for 11 a.m. Thursday, April 25, 2024, at the Caudle-Rutledge-Daugherty Funeral Home Chapel in Lindale. Interment will follow at Union Chapel Cemetery in Van.

Dorothy passed away Saturday, April 20, 2024, in Tyler. She was born Feb. 22, 1927, in Smith County to the

late Charlie Columbus and Nona Mae Smith Gilley. Dorothy attended Van Schools before marrying James Howard Rowan, Dec. 7, 1946. They were married almost 60 years before James died in October of 2006.

They worked many years in the Tyler, Sherman, and Denison areas before retiring in 1980 and returning to their hometown of Lindale. Dorothy continued to work at East Texas Savings and with Ann and Eddie Watts before she retired to do the things she loved. She enjoyed sewing, painting, quilting, and counted cross stitch. She also loved serving in her church, Swan-Wood Springs Methodist Church, where she was church treasurer for many years. She was also preceded in death by a sister and 2 brothers.

Dorothy is survived by her daughter, Paula Ann and Donnie Neumeyer, their sons Darrell and Casie Neumeyer and Derek and Paige Neumeyer, her son Howard Ray and Sandra Rowan, and their children David and Stephanie Rowan, Laura and Michael Weis, and Lauren and Kendell Sawyers, and the seven great-grandchildren which she adored immensely. She is also survived by a brother, Charlie Gilley of Lindale, and multiple nieces and nephews.

Family will receive friends from 10 a.m.-11:00 a.m. on Thursday prior to the service.

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FRIDAY, APRIL 12: Assist Smith Co SO, 553 IH-20 East, Settled at Scene; Suspicious Circumstance, 200 block Cannery Row, Settled at Scene; Criminal Trespass, 13900 block FM 2710, Settled at Scene; Theft, 100 block Cannery Row, Report; Suspicious Vehicle, 3500 block South Main Street, Settled at Scene; Motor Vehicle Crash, 2300 block South Main Street, Report; Disturbance, 3400 block South Main Street, Settled at Scene; Driving While Intoxicated, 100 block Charles Drive, Report; Public Service, 1400 block Lakeside Court, Settled at Scene; Disturbance, 900 block Mount Sylvan Street, Settled at Scene.

SATURDAY, APRIL 13: Motorist Assist, 17000 block IH-20 West, Settled at Scene; Suspicious Vehicle, 3400 block South Main Street, Settled at Scene; Motorist Assist, 13400 block IH-20 East, Settled at Scene; Assist Smith Co SO, 300 block South Main Street, Settled at Scene; Stolen License Plate, 3500 block South Main Street, Unable to Locate; Suspicious Circumstance, 17000 block IH-20 West, Settled at Scene; Found Property, 200 block Cannery Row, Settled at Scene; Motor Vehicle Crash, 300 block South Main Street, Report; Motor Vehicle Crash, 554 IH-20 West, Report; Assault-Simple, 300 block Rita Drive, Report; Escort, 3500 block South Main Street, Settled at Scene; Motor Vehicle Crash, 3200 block South Main Street, Report; Loud Noise Complaint, 800 block Edgewood Circle, Settled at Scene; Parking Violation, 1100 block East Park Drive, Settled at Scene; Criminal Trespass, 3500 block South Main Street, Unable to Locate; Welfare Concern, 100 block East Centennial Blvd., Unable to Locate; Assist DPS, 100 block West South Street, Settled at Scene; Stolen Vehicle, 3500 block South Main Street, Unable to Locate; Criminal Mischief, 200 block Cannery Row, Report.

SUNDAY, APRIL 14: Assist Another Agency, 552 IH-20 East, Settled at Scene; Assist DPS, 14600 block CR 35, Settled at Scene; Suspicious Person, 200 block North Henry Street, Settled at Scene; Suspicious Person, 13900 block FM



849, Unable to Locate; Criminal Mischief, 400 block Perryman Road, Report; Criminal Mischief, 700 block South Main Street, Report; Stolen License Plate, 2300 block South Main Street, Settled at Scene; Verbal Disturbance, 1100 block East Park Drive, Settled at Scene; Criminal Mischief, 400 block Eagle Spirit Drive, Report.

MONDAY, APRIL 15: Suspicious Vehicle, 500 block Blackberry Blvd., Settled at Scene; Motorist Assist, 3400 block South Main Street, Settled at Scene; Criminal Mischief, 900 block Mount Sylvan Street, Settled at Scene; Found Property, 100 block Ballard Drive, Settled at Scene; Public Service, 200 block Margaret Street, Settled at Scene; Assist Another Agency, 15400 block Anna Lane, Settled at Scene; City Ordinance Violation, 3500 block South Main Street, Settled at Scene; City Ordinance Violation, 3500 block South Main Street, Settled at Scene; Fraud, 600 block Circle Drive, Report; Damaged Property, 200 block Charles Drive, Unfounded; Verbal Disturbance, 1100 block East Park Drive, Settled at Scene; Stolen License Plate, 100 block East Centennial Blvd., Settled at Scene.

TUESDAY, APRIL 16: Suspicious Vehicle, 200 block Cannery Row, Settled at Scene; Suspicious Person, 1100 block Woodlands Park Drive, Settled at Scene; Traffic Hazard, 200 block Margaret Street, Settled at Scene; Public Service, 100 block East Centennial Blvd., Settled at Scene; Motorist Assist, 2300 block South Main Street, Settled at

Scene; Suspicious Person, 100 block East Centennial Blvd., Unable to Locate; Assist Smith Co SO, 13000 block CR 499, Settled at Scene; Welfare Concern, 556 IH-20 West, Unfounded; Public Service, 100 block Ballard Drive, Settled at Scene; Public Service, 300 block Rita Drive, Report; Suspicious Person, 900 block South Main Street, Unable to Locate; Public Service, 100 block Ballard Drive, Settled at Scene; Public Service, 1100 block South Boyd Street, Settled at Scene; Suspicious Person, 200 block West Centennial Blvd., Settled at Scene.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17: Assist Smith Co SO, 560 IH-20 East, Settled at Scene; Welfare Concern, 3500 block South Main Street, Settled at Scene; Theft, 100 block East Hubbard Street, Settled at Scene; Motor Vehicle Crash, 2300 block South Main Street, Settled at Scene; Assist Smith Co SO, 12000 block FM 16, Settled at Scene; Business Alarm, 70 block Miranda Lambert Way, Settled at Scene; Suspicious Person, 600 block Eagle Spirit Drive, Settled at Scene; Loud Noise Complaint, 300 block Molly Lane, Unable to Locate; Suspicious Person, 700 block East Hubbard Street, Settled at Scene; Suspicious Person, 700 block South Main Street, Settled at Scene.

THURSDAY, APRIL 18: Assist Smith Co SO, 560 IH-20 East, Settled at Scene; Welfare Concern, 3500 block South Main Street, Settled at Scene; Theft, 100 block East Hubbard Street, Settled at Scene; Motor Vehicle Crash, 2300 block South Main Street, Settled at Scene; Assist Smith Co SO, 12000 block FM 16, Settled at Scene; Business Alarm, 70 block Miranda Lambert Way, Settled at Scene; Suspicious Person, 600 block Eagle Spirit Drive, Settled at Scene; Loud Noise Complaint, 300 block Molly Lane, Unable to Locate; Suspicious Person, 700 block East Hubbard Street, Settled at Scene; Suspicious Person, 700 block South Main Street, Settled at Scene.

FRIDAY, APRIL 19: Possession of Marijuana, 3200 block South Main Street, Arrest; Suspicious Person, 200 block Cannery Row, Settled at Scene; Traffic Hazard, 14100 block CR 431, Settled at Scene.



Jim Hogg Road washout

The recent heavy rainfall in the Lindale area caused a washout on a portion of Jim Hogg Road near Interstate 20 early Friday. More rain over the weekend caused the road to be closed for a short while. Smith County personnel were on the scene making repairs to the road after Lindale Rural Water fixed the water main. County Engineer Frank Davis said crews would be finishing the work this week. (Courtesy photo)



Rotary speaker

Lynn Rutland, CEO of the Andrews Center, was introduced as the guest speaker this past week at the Lindale Rotary Club by Ed West. Rutland and his wife retired to East Texas two years ago and joined the center in June, 2022 as CEO. He discussed the lack of mental health awareness in our society. He was joined by Rotary Club President Jason Beard and Lillie Russell Memorial Librarian Shannon Reid. (Courtesy photo)

Man sentenced for federal firearms violation

A Port Arthur man has been sentenced to federal prison for a firearms violation in the Eastern District of Texas, said Davilyn Walston, spokesperson for U.S. Attorney Damien M. Diggs.

DeShawn Ranard Willis, 42, pleaded guilty on May 18, 2023, to being a felon in possession of a firearm and was sentenced to 63 months in federal prison by U.S. District Judge Marcia Crone on April 15, 2024.

According to information presented in court, on Dec. 29, 2021, Willis was arrested after a Port Arthur Police Department officer stopped the vehicle he was driving for a defective headlight on Gulfway Drive.

Willis admitted to possessing a firearm underneath the driver's seat. Officers recovered the pistol, which was loaded with 15 rounds of ammunition. Further investigation revealed Willis was a six-time convicted felon and prohibited by federal law from owning or possessing firearms or ammunition. Willis was indicted by a federal grand jury on June 8, 2022 and charged with firearms violations.

This case is part of Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN), a program bringing together all levels of law enforcement and the communities they serve to reduce violent crime and gun violence, and to make our neighborhoods safer for everyone. On May 26, 2021, the department launched a violent crime reduction strategy strengthening PSN based on these core principles: fostering trust and legitimacy in our communities, supporting community-based organizations that help prevent violence from occurring in the first place, setting focused and strategic enforcement priorities, and measuring the results.

This case was investigated by the Port Arthur Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives and prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Joseph R. Batte.

Houston couple sentenced for firearms, drug violations

A Houston man and woman have been sentenced for federal firearm and drug violations in the Eastern District of Texas, Walston said.

Christopher Jay Johnson, Jr., 35, pleaded guilty on July 31, 2023 to being a felon in possession of a firearm and was sentenced to 108 months in federal prison today by U.S. District Judge Marcia Crone.

Lissette Elvira Guevara, 37, also of Houston, pleaded guilty the same day to possession of a controlled substance and was sentenced by Judge Crone last month to serve 113 months in prison.

According to information presented in court, on March 6, 2022, Bridge City police officers investigated a report of a suspicious vehicle parked at a business on Texas Avenue and found Johnson in the passenger seat with a fully loaded pistol on his lap.

The strong odor of marijuana led to a search of the vehicle resulting in the discovery of 40 grams of methamphetamine in Guevara's belongings. Further investigation revealed Johnson was previously convicted of aggravated robbery, felon in possession of a firearm, and controlled substance offenses in Montgomery County, and prohibited by federal law from possessing firearms or ammunition. A federal grand jury indicted Johnson and Guevara on April 5, 2023.

"Guns and drugs are a bad combination," said U.S. Attorney Damien M. Diggs. "We will always support our local law enforcement partners in the investigation and prosecution of cases like this one that involve guns and dangerous repeat offenders. This is also a good reminder to the citizens in our district that if you 'see something, say something.' Here, a concerned citizen's call pointed law enforcement to a threat they might have otherwise missed."

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We The People Meet & Greet April 27, 2024

Doors open: 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. ~ **Lunch Break:** 12:30 p.m.-1:45 p.m.

Location: Springhill Suite's; 505 N. Main St, Lindale, TX

Speakers: 11:30 a.m. ~ Terry Anderson MC - American Patriot Relief
12:00 - 12:30 p.m. ~ David Sumrall - StopHate.com

2:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. ~ Special Guest Speaker:
Senator Bob Hall

3:00 p.m. ~ Questions & Answers

4:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. ~ Shawn Tredway - Patriots for America

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Signs with Odessa College

Lindale High School standout volleyball player Kayli Vickery signed a letter of intent to play for Odessa College next year. The senior was joined by family and friends at the signing on Wednesday, April 17 in the LHS Cafeteria. (Courtesy photo)

Ecological gardening part of larger ecosystem

By Greg Grant
Smith County Horticulturist

In recent years, there has been a growing awareness of the importance of ecological gardening—a practice that seeks to harmonize human habitation with the natural world.

Rather than viewing gardens as isolated patches of flowers, shrubs, and lawns, ecological gardening recognizes them as integral components of larger ecosystems, with the potential to support biodiversity, conserve resources, and promote environmental sustainability.

A cornerstone of ecological gardening is the use of native plants, which are naturally adapted to the local climate, soil conditions, and wildlife.

By incorporating native species (those growing in Texas before humans entered the landscape) into your garden, you can create habitats for native pollinators, birds, and other wildlife, while reducing the need for water, pesticides, and fertilizers.

From vibrant wildflowers to truly adapted small and large trees, native plants add beauty and diversity to the landscape while supporting the health of local ecosystems.

Water is a precious resource, especially in drought-prone regions like Texas. Ecological gardening emphasizes water conservation through practices such as mulching, rainwater harvesting, and selecting



The female black morph of the Eastern tiger swallowtail butterfly nectars on a verbena. (Courtesy photo)

drought-tolerant plants. By minimizing water usage and maximizing efficiency, you can create a garden that thrives while minimizing its environmental impact.

Additionally, incorporating water features such as rain gardens and ponds can attract wildlife and enhance the beauty of your outdoor space.

Healthy soil is the foundation of a thriving garden, providing essential nutrients and support for plant growth. Ecological gardening promotes soil health through practices such as composting, mulching, and avoiding chemical pesticides and fertilizers.

By nurturing the soil ecosystem and fostering beneficial microorganisms, you can create a resilient and sustainable garden that flourishes year after year.

One of the joys of ecological gardening is the opportunity to create a welcoming habitat for wildlife.

By providing food, water,

and shelter, you can attract a diverse array of birds, butterflies, bees, and beneficial insects to your garden. Incorporating native plants, creating wildlife-friendly features such as bird feeders, bird baths, and nesting boxes, and minimizing chemical inputs can all contribute to a thriving wildlife habitat in your backyard.

Beyond the practical aspects of gardening, ecological gardening fosters a deeper connection to the natural world. By observing the rhythms of the seasons, paying attention to the needs of plants and wildlife, and practicing mindful stewardship of the land, you can cultivate a greater appreciation for the beauty and complexity of nature.

Through gardening, we have the opportunity to become active participants in the ecological community, working in harmony with the land to create a more sustainable and resilient future.

By embracing ecological gardening, we have the power to transform our outdoor spaces into vibrant sanctuaries of biodiversity and beauty. Cultivating native plants, conserving water, nurturing healthy soil, creating wildlife habitat, and fostering ecological awareness, creates gardens that not only enrich our lives but also contribute to the health and resiliency of the planet.

Lindale's Keith named to Legacy All-Star team

Lindale High School basketball standout Marley Keith has been selected to the Texas Girls Coaches Association Legacy All-Star Team, publicity officials announced.

Keith, who was the District 16-4A Most Valuable Player in 2023 was selected to the 2024 All-District team this year.

TGCA selects a maximum of 20 All-Stars, from conferences 1-4A and 5-6A in basketball.

These athletes are selected by the TGCA Basketball Committee, which is composed

of basketball member coaches of the association, at their annual meeting. Selections are made from nominations submitted by member coaches.

Athletes must be seniors to be selected. These all-stars will not participate in the summer clinic all-star activities but will receive a certificate and Legacy All-Star patch.

Others from East Texas selected to the Legacy Team included Landry Jones of Van, Lindsey Kate of Martin's Mill and Kayanna Cox of Tenaha.

Centennial Time Capsule begins journey to every Texas State Park

How do you encompass 100 years of Texas State Parks' history? That was the challenge state parks staff has spent the past year tackling.

The result? A wooden time capsule created by the Texas State Parks Exhibit Shop from pecan trees harvested at Mother Neff State Park, widely accepted as the first Texas State Park opened to the public.

The capsule, which houses one object from every state park and support program to commemorate the first century of Texas' state parks system, goes on display April 20 at Mother Neff State Park and will then travel to a new state park every six months for the next 50 years.

"What an incredibly special moment in time to see the centennial time capsule begin its 50-year journey at Mother Neff State Park," said Rodney Franklin, Director of Texas State Parks. "The time capsule and its contents not only tell the story of the 2024 version of Texas State Parks, but it also represents our message to those that will carry on the legacy of the mission-driven work of protecting our wild places and connecting their generation of Texans to the outdoors."

The five-foot tall wooden time capsule weighs more than 300 pounds, is made from solid wood and bronze and is large enough to hold more than 100 items. Sitting atop the capsule is a sculpture in the shape of Texas with all park locations marked. Additionally, there are 100 name plates recognizing all contributing parks and programs, six regional bas relief panels and a message to the future plaque in the front.

"Time capsules are usually buried in the ground and forgotten until it's time to open them, but ours will remain on display, so we wanted it to be a work of art and showcase the excellent craftsmanship of our exhibit team," said Stephen Garrett, Exhibits Manager for Texas State Parks. "This is something totally unique and I

don't think anyone's ever made a time capsule quite like this before. I'm proud of the thought, care and work that went into the capsule's creation and hope park visitors enjoy seeing it as much as we did creating it."

For the contents of the time capsule, park staff had to choose an item that would tell a story about that site, fit in a box the size of a coffee mug, survive 50 years and be strong enough to travel the roads of Texas.

"The heart of this project really are the special stories these items tell about each park and the thousands of dedicated people that care for them today," said Robbie Merritt, member of the Time Capsule Planning Committee and Complex Superintendent of Ray Roberts Lake State Park. "We hope that through these stories, the park stewards 50 years from now will be able to better connect with us and this special moment in the history of Texas State Parks."

Some final submissions and reasons why the park selected it for the time capsule include:

-- An adobe ball from Fort Leaton State Historic Site: "This is a simple piece of the larger whole that is Fort Leaton, and it was crafted from the landscape around the fort by our staff just as adobe has been made since the fort's start in 1848 ... this humble ball reflects the history of this structure and ties back into the geology of the landscape of the Big Bend and Far West Texas."

-- A message in a bottle from Mustang Island State Park: "On occasion our staff will find a message in a bottle, sometimes we are able to track where the bottle originated and sometimes even communicate with the sender. The tradition of placing a message in a bottle and casting it into the ocean for someone to find is enchanting and we felt that this time capsule offered us that same opportunity for the next generations of park stewards."

-- A railroad tie and taxidermy Mexican Free-tailed bat from Old Tunnel State Park: "The railroad tie was taken from the rail line scrap materials that were removed when the train was decommissioned in 1941. Prior to the railroad, people had to use a horse and cart for travel, which could take days to reach San Antonio.

The bat specimen represents the bats that live here. These bats are important to agriculture in the area because they consume thousands of corn earworm/cotton bollworm moths, which cause damage to corn and cotton crops. The three million bats at Old Tunnel can consume 120 million moths each night."

-- Group hall doorknob from Martin Dies Jr. State Park (MDJSP): "This doorknob from the Group Hall represents a new beginning for this facility and for this park ... The Group Hall functioned as a meeting place for visitors for many years; concessions and bait were sold here, and people gathered to enjoy the park. MDJSP was entrusted with money dedicated to creating educational exhibits; park leadership saw this as the perfect opportunity to 'close the doors' on the Group Hall, and 'open the doors' to a new Discovery Center."

-- Sinclair Tyrannosaurus Rex Dinosaur Model ("Rex") tooth from Dinosaur Valley State Park: "At a surface level, this is a concrete tooth from the mouth of our Sinclair T-Rex model. But its meaning runs so much deeper than that. It represents the earliest prehistory of this landscape, when dinosaurs like Acrocanthosaurus left their tracks in a muddy seashore. It represents the folks of Lanham Mill, whose homesteads became the park and all the work done for the last 50 years to make DVSP what it is today. Most of all, it represents the wonder we feel at the grandeur of nature and the hope we have that Dinosaur Valley will be here so all people can experience that same feeling for all time."

-- "Spidey Cents" from Lake Tawakoni State Park: "The choice to cast various spiders found at the park in resin, accompanied by pennies from the opening year in 2002 and the present year 2023, is a symbolic representation of the park's history and its dynamic relationship with nature. The communal spider web phenomenon of 2007 was a natural spectacle, where thousands of spiders created a living piece of art draping the trees. By encapsulating this moment in resin alongside markers of time, our object captures the essence of the park -- a place where nature and history converge."



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Commission approves hunting, migratory game bird regulations

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission have approved hunting regulations for the 2024-25 season, including the 2024-25 Statewide Hunting and Migratory Game Bird proclamations.

They include:

-- Eliminate the Light Goose Conservation Order from both eastern and western zones due to continuous declines of wintering light geese in Texas.

-- Extend the regular goose season for light geese by 19 days in the Eastern Zone to provide more hunting opportunity during the regular season.

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

-- Standardize possession limit for light geese to three times the daily bag limit for regulatory consistency.

-- Change greater white-fronted goose daily bag limit restrictions from two in the

aggregate to a simplified dark goose daily bag limit of five in the western zone.

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

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

-- Require statewide mandatory harvest reporting for all wild turkeys during all seasons and counties to improve harvest data for their management.

-- Close the spring-only hunting season for wild turkeys south of Highway 82 in Fannin, Lamar, Red River and Bowie counties due to ongoing wild turkey restoration by TPWD, NWTf and landowners.

-- Close all wild turkey hunting seasons in Bell and Williamson counties east of Interstate 35 (I-35) and in all of Milam County to allow the restocking of wild tur-

keys for population restoration by TPWD and landowners.

-- Remove references to Rio Grande and Eastern wild turkey subspecies in regulations and replace with "wild turkey" to simplify county regulations.

-- Reduce the wild turkey hunting season length and annual bag limit in Brewster, Jeff Davis, Pecos and Terrell Counties west of the Pecos River; Comal, Hays, Hill, McLennan, and Travis Counties east of I-35, and Guadalupe County north of I-10 to a spring-only season from April 1-30 and a one gobbler (male turkey) annual bag limit to be more proportionate with wild turkey populations.

Change desert bighorn sheep hunting season from Sept. 1 – July 31 to Nov. 15 – Sept. 30 to allow for safer flying conditions during TPWD aerial surveys.

For properties enrolled in the Harvest Option of the Managed Lands Deer Pro-

gram, allow youth to harvest bucks with a firearm for the same days that correspond to the early youth-only season for county regulations.

-- Expand doe days in 43 counties in the Post Oak Savannah and Pineywoods ecoregions to better manage white-tailed deer populations.

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

-- Hunters hitting the field in the upcoming season should make note of these changes and follow all regulations set for species, tagging, bag limits, counties, season dates, means and methods. Hunters can check the Outdoor Annual for complete and updated regulations for the 2024-25 season beginning May 13 on the TPWD website. Information currently in the Outdoor Annual reflects last season's information.



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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of DONALD C. FAIRFAX, Deceased, were issued on February 5, 2024, in Cause No. 48047P, pending in the County Court at Law #3 of Smith County, Texas, to MELODY I.E. FAIRFAX.

The address for the Independent Executor is:

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

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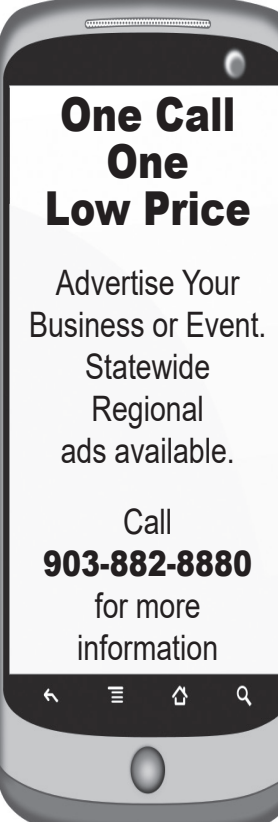
The residence of the Independent Executor is in Smith County, Texas. Claims may be presented in care of the attorney for the Estate at the following address:

c/o J. SCOTT KILLOUGH, P.C.
Attorney & Counselor at Law
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All persons having claims against this Estate are required to present their claims within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

Notice to Creditors

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East Texas unemployment figures show March improvement

Unemployment figures for the East Texas area saw an improvement from February, 2024 to March 2024, according to information released by the Texas Workforce Commission.

According to TWC figures, 3.8 percent were unemployed

in March, compared to 4.2 percent for February. There were an estimated 111,500 employed out of an estimated 116,000, according to the TWC.

This compared to 3.6 percent unemployment from March, 2023.

Across the state, the labor market maintained its momentum in March to reach a 36th consecutive month of positive annual growth and once again set new record-high levels for jobs, Texans employed, and the civilian labor force. Texas'

	March 2024				February 2024				March 2023			
	C.L.F.	Emp.	Unemp.	Rate	C.L.F.	Emp.	Unemp.	Rate	C.L.F.	Emp.	Unemp.	Rate
United States	167,960.0	161,356.0	6,604.0	3.9	167,285.0	160,315.0	6,970.0	4.2	166,783.0	160,741.0	6,042.0	3.6
Texas	15,276.9	14,654.0	622.9	4.1	15,295.4	14,629.7	665.7	4.4	15,058.5	14,453.7	604.8	4.0
Abilene	83.4	80.5	2.9	3.5	83.5	80.2	3.2	3.9	82.7	79.8	2.9	3.5
Amarillo	138.8	134.4	4.3	3.1	139.1	134.3	4.8	3.4	137.3	133.2	4.1	3.0
Austin-Round Rock	1,478.9	1,427.3	51.7	3.5	1,479.9	1,425.0	54.9	3.7	1,449.8	1,401.6	48.1	3.3
Beaumont-Port Arthur	171.2	161.5	9.7	5.7	171.4	161.3	10.0	5.9	169.4	159.2	10.2	6.0
Brownsville-Harlingen	184.1	174.2	9.9	5.4	184.0	173.3	10.6	5.8	182.3	172.0	10.3	5.7
College Station-Bryan	153.4	150.5	2.8	1.8	153.7	150.2	3.5	2.3	151.6	147.0	4.6	3.1
Corpus Christi	210.5	201.3	9.2	4.4	210.7	201.0	9.7	4.6	207.8	198.4	9.4	4.5
Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington	4,423.0	4,248.9	174.0	3.9	4,428.7	4,244.8	183.9	4.2	4,359.4	4,193.7	165.6	3.8
Dallas-Plano-Irving MD	2,997.0	2,799.4	197.6	6.6	3,002.2	2,877.8	124.3	4.1	2,957.4	2,844.6	112.7	3.7
Fort Worth-Arlington MD	1,425.9	1,369.5	56.4	4.0	1,426.5	1,367.0	59.6	4.2	1,404.0	1,351.1	52.9	3.8
El Paso	385.7	368.5	17.2	4.5	387.3	368.7	18.6	4.8	378.0	361.2	16.8	4.5
Houston-The Woodlands-Sugar Land	3,682.5	3,524.2	158.3	4.3	3,683.2	3,516.6	166.6	4.6	3,619.6	3,465.6	153.9	4.3
Killeen-Temple	188.0	179.5	8.5	4.5	188.5	179.4	9.2	4.9	185.4	176.6	8.8	4.7
Lubbock	123.1	117.8	5.3	4.3	123.2	117.3	5.9	4.8	120.5	115.4	5.0	4.2
Longview	99.8	95.4	4.4	4.4	100.1	95.1	4.9	4.9	99.9	95.8	4.1	4.1
Lubbock	173.6	167.4	6.2	3.6	173.8	167.3	6.5	3.7	171.5	165.4	6.2	3.6
McAllen-Edinburg-Mission	382.2	359.3	22.9	6.0	383.4	359.6	23.8	6.2	381.6	357.9	23.7	6.2
Midland	116.3	113.3	3.0	2.6	116.3	113.0	3.3	2.9	114.4	111.5	2.9	2.5
Odessa	87.3	84.3	3.0	3.4	87.2	83.9	3.3	3.8	86.2	83.2	3.0	3.4
San Angelo	58.1	56.1	2.0	3.5	58.2	55.9	2.3	3.9	57.5	55.5	2.0	3.4
San Antonio-New Braunfels	1,304.9	1,255.7	49.2	3.8	1,307.5	1,253.9	53.6	4.1	1,281.6	1,233.6	48.1	3.8
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Texasarkana	62.3	59.7	2.6	4.2	62.4	59.7	2.8	4.4	62.3	59.9	2.5	4.0
Tyler	116.0	111.5	4.4	3.8	116.4	111.5	4.9	4.2	115.2	111.0	4.2	3.6
Victoria	44.7	42.9	1.8	4.1	44.8	42.8	2.0	4.5	44.8	42.9	1.8	4.1
Waco	139.3	134.2	5.1	3.7	139.6	134.0	5.7	4.1	136.5	131.1	5.3	3.9
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resents a 2.0 percent annual growth rate in Texas, which outpaced the U.S. growth rate by 0.1 percentage points. The Texas seasonally adjusted civilian labor force grew over the month by 20,800 people to reach 15,189,900 in March. This included the addition of 12,100 employed Texans over the month. The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate

registered at 3.9 percent for the 10th consecutive month while showing a drop from the 4.0 percent unemployment rate from March 2023.

"Texas continues to be a top place for growth and economic success with thousands of jobs added by employers in March," said TWC Chairman Bryan Daniel.

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The largest over-the-month addition of jobs occurred in Leisure and Hospitality, which achieved a new series high with 7,300 jobs added. Another 3,700 jobs were added in Mining and Logging.

LHS track stars headed for State

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ter hurdles, 21.91, 11th place.
● Matthew Kenney, boys 110 meter hurdles, 15.13, 4th place.
● Kyndal Thurman, girls 300 meter hurdles, 46.28,

5th place.
● Matthew Kenney, boys 300 meter hurdles, 42.31, 7th place.
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