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## New Lindale mayor, council member voted in on Saturday

A new mayor and council member will be seated later this month for the Lindale City Council after votes from the Saturday (May 4) election were tabulated.

Jerretta Nance Pate defeated incumbent Place 2 council member and Mayor Pro Tem Yvette Martin 170 votes to 66, or 72.03 percent to 27.97 percent.

Gavin Rasco, current Place 6 city council member, ran unopposed for the mayoral seat.

Current Mayor Jeff Daugherty announced several weeks ago he would not seek re-election after serving

17 years on the council and as mayor.

All votes are unofficial until all votes are canvassed, which should take approximately two weeks, Smith County election officials said.

Lindale city officials said the swearing in ceremony for the new council members should take place prior to the May 21 city council meeting.

The council will have to appoint someone to fill Rasco's Place 6 seat, which is expected to take place in June.



Lindale High School's Colter Maya earned gold in the 400 meters at the State Class 4A track meet this past week in Austin. Photo by Mike Peery

## Lindale's Maya wins gold in state 400 meter run

Lindale High School junior Colter Maya sprinted to a gold medal this past week in the boys Class 4A 400 meter dash state meet held in Austin with a time of 48.01.

The Eagles' 400 meter relay team of Clint Thurman, Hayes Brooks, David Lindig and Maya came in second at the meet with a time of 3:16.59. Aubrey High School won that event with a time of 3:15.60.

Maya qualified for state at the Region II meet two weeks ago with an identical time in the 400 meters, while the 400 meter team earned a second place finish at regionals to qualify for the state meet, also with an identical time of 3:16.59.

In the state 400 meters, Maya's time topped Wharton's Jacoric Allen effort of 48.52. Jay Castillo of Snyder was third at 49.12.

Other finishers included: Zach Paul, 49.25; Sean Armstrong, Houston North, 49.70; Tarrence Woods, Houston Worthington, 49.77; Ian Hill, Iowa Colony, 48.86; Callen Horn, Hamshire-Fannett, 48.87 and Landon Martino, 50.11.

Aubrey's 400 meter relay winning team consisted of Nathaniel Nkwojinma, Ryan McMeen, Landon Martino and Tyler Brown.

Gilmer High School's Ta'Erik Tate, Connor Dodd, Tru Griffin and Trillion Butler finished third at 3:18.57.

Other finishers in the 400 meter relay included Wharton at 3:19.97; Huffman Hargrave, 3:20.42; Waco Connally, 3:21.26; Dumas, 3:23.74 and Midland Greenwood, 3:24.29.

## Wine Festival on tap downtown this weekend

The Spring 2024 Piney Woods Wine Festival will get under way this weekend at Picker's Pavilion at Blackberry Square, featuring wineries and vineyards from across East Texas, tourism officials announced.

The festival will get under way on Friday, May 10 at 1 p.m. and continue until 8 p.m. that night.

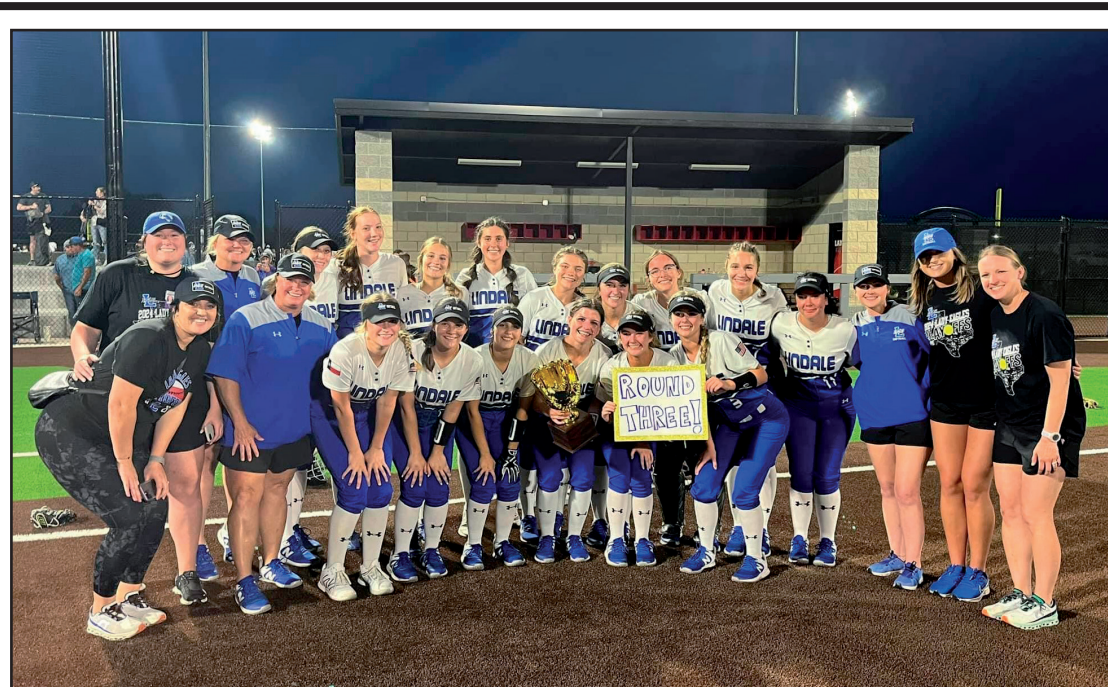
Saturday's hours are 11 a.m.-7 p.m.

In addition to wine tasting and opportunities to purchase bottles of wine from several wineries of the Piney Woods Wine Trail, visitors can enjoy live music, lots of tasty food and unique shopping.

Wine tastings will be available for \$1 each and winery and vineyard representatives will be on hand to discuss each of their varieties and sell bottles of unique red and white vintages.

One-day wristbands are available for \$15 and are good for entry on Friday or Saturday as well as VIP wristbands for \$25, good for Friday and Saturday entry. VIP wristbands are only available online. None will be available at the gate.

In addition to entry for both days of the festival, the VIP experience will include 30 minute advance entry each day, a VIP lanyard, a 6-bottle wine tote bag and a tasting glass.



Lindale High School's Lady Eagle softball team will take on Canton this week at Tyler Legacy High School in the Regional Quarterfinals. The Lady Eagles downed Community, 9-8, to win the Area crown. Courtesy photo

## Lady Eagles advance to Regionals

Lindale High School's Lady Eagles softball team continued its march through the Class 4A state playoffs this past week by knocking off Community, 9-8, in the Area round.

The Lady Eagles advanced to the Regional Quarterfinals and will take on Canton at Tyler Legacy High School at 6 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday and 1 p.m. Saturday, if necessary.

Lindale finished second in District 16-4A with a 6-2 record and an overall mark of 15-13-1.

In bi-district, the Lady Eagles took down North Lamar by scores of 6-4 and 6-5.

In the Area round, both schools opted to play a winner-take-all game to advance to the Regional Quarterfinals.

Against No. 1-ranked Community, the Lady Eagles grabbed a 3-0 lead in the bottom of the third. Community closed to within 4-2 in the top of the fourth, but Lindale plated five more in the bottom of the inning to take a 9-4 lead.

The Lady Eagles banged out nine hits in the game with senior Liliana Miller going 2-for-3 with four RBI. Junior Merrick Gary was 1-for-3 with three runs scored.

With the loss, Community saw its 13-game winning streak halted and finished its season at 29-2-1.

Canton defeated Athens, 14-4, in the Area round on Friday and improved its season record to 26-8.



## ECC Field Day a big success

A lot of Little Eagles were running, jumping and having all types of fun this past week as the Early Childhood Center held its field day at Eagle Stadium. Events ranged from the sack race to a test of a youngsters skill at hanging to a bouncy ball.

Photos by Terry Cannon

## 37th Annual Lindale Rodeo returns

The 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Lindale Champions Rodeo, sponsored by Peltier Chevrolet and The Edwards Team at Century 21 First Group, will get under way at 6 p.m., Thursday, May 16 at Cross Brand Cowboy Church, 11915 FM 2015, east of Lindale, officials announced.

Action will continue through Saturday, May 18.

Mutton Bustin' begins each night's activities at 6:15 p.m., followed by the main rodeo at 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, May 16 is designated as Pink Out Night with attendees are encouraged to wear pink for those affected by cancer.

Friday, May 17 is Blue Out Night, which will support law enforcement, service men and women and first responders.

Saturday, May 18 is Rhinestone Cowboy night and everyone is encouraged to wear their best cowboy and cowgirl attire to celebrate western heritage.

For more information, contact the Lindale Area Chamber of Commerce at 903-882-7181.

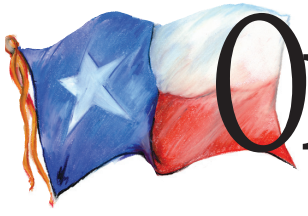
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# OPINION/COMMENTARY

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**Gary Borders**  
**Capital Highlights**



## Spate of tornadoes far outpaces the average

April was a busy month for tornadoes across the United States with 373 recorded, bringing the total for the year to 549, the Austin American-Statesman reported. That is nearly double the average at this point in the year, the National Weather Service says.

Texas, as usual, is a leader in tornadic activity, with 14 tornadoes reported within a 24-hour span in Central and East Texas during a spring storm in late April. Luckily, none resulted in injury or fatality. All of the tornadoes reported on April 26 fell within a 70-mile stretch along Interstate 35 and Texas Hwy. 31, around Corsicana, McGregor and Hillsboro.

The weather service reported that tornadoes have nearly reached half the annual average recorded over the past decade, with April alone accounting for more than one-fourth of the annual average.

## Flooding prompts disaster declarations

A total of 59 counties thus far are under state disaster declaration after severe weather and flooding swept much of Central and East Texas, Gov. Greg Abbott announced. More counties could be added as conditions warrant.

The counties added to the disaster declaration include: Anderson, Angelina, Austin, Bandera, Bastrop, Bell, Bexar, Blanco, Bosque, Brazos, Burleson, Burnet, Caldwell, Cherokee, Colorado, Comal, Coryell, DeWitt, Falls, Fayette, Gillespie, Gonzales, Gregg, Guadalupe, Hamilton, Hardin, Hays, Henderson, Houston, Jasper, Jefferson, Johnson, Karnes, Kendall, Kerr, Kimble, Lampasas, Lavaca, Lee, Llano, Mason, Medina, Milam, Nacogdoches, Newton, Orange, Panola, Robertson, Rusk, Sabine, San Augustine, Shelby, Smith, Travis, Van Zandt, Waller, Washington, Williamson, and Wilson counties.

Texans from the Panhandle to the Piney Woods are not out of the woods yet when it comes to severe weather, the Texas Standard reported. Of particular concern is the area north of Houston, with evacuation orders in place in Polk County. The Trinity River overflowed following as much as 23 inches of rain in parts of the Lake Livingston watershed.

## Power lines caused Panhandle wildfires

A House committee investigating the deadly Panhandle wildfires concluded the most destructive blazes were caused by power lines that "had not been effectively maintained or replaced by a utility provider and an oil and gas operator," The Dallas Morning News reported.

The findings were released in an interim report last week. The Smokehouse Creek fire started Feb. 26 in Hutchinson County and rapidly became the largest wildfire in state history.

The fire scorched more than a million acres. It killed at least two people and more than 15,000 head of cattle and destroyed an estimated 138 homes and businesses.

The committee's findings included ineffective monitoring of utility, oil and gas providers in the area; a lack of funding for volunteer fire departments; and lack of coordination among first responders and government agencies.

"Volunteer fire departments, which the Panhandle region largely depends on, are grossly underfunded, making it virtually impossible for them to obtain the equipment and resources needed to fight wildfires of this magnitude safely and effectively," the report stated.

Both the Smokehouse Creek and the smaller Reamer Creek fires were caused by downed Xcel Energy power poles, while the Windy Deuce Fire was caused by tree limbs rubbing against power lines on a pole.

## Paxton to block closing 'gun show loophole'

Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton is suing to stop the Biden administration's bid to close what is known as the 'gun show loophole.

Paxton was joined by Kansas Attorney General Kris Kobach in suing the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives to attempt to block a new rule requiring all gun sellers to be federally licensed and to conduct background checks of purchases – including weapons sold at gun shows or in private transactions. Steven Dettelback, ATF director, said requiring firearms dealers to have federal licenses to sell guns and conducting background checks on buyers closes a loophole, since licensed gun sellers are already required to keep records of sales.

## Let that bluebird of happiness fly...

Are you tired of feeling caged?  
Tired of people being angry?  
Tired of people ignoring science and choosing a political agenda (left or right) over commonsense and facts?  
Me too! We have a lot in common no doubt.

I want to laugh. I want to ride with my hubby on our aging motorcycle and feel the sun on my shoulders. I want to go to a concert, movie or play that is not happening on the TV in my den. I want to jump in a pool and dunk my COVID-19 stripped hair that hasn't yet been a part of the eligible 25 percenters at the hairstylist.

I am now used to not having professional looking nails and a well kept appearance. I have taken to T-shirts, jeans and ball caps as my daily office attire.

There really is a lot to like about that. Not very professional but oh, so comfy.

King the plus-sized 80 lb. Collie needs to see a groomer. His new look reminds me of Einstein's wild hair. I wish King had Einstein's brains... or a brain. Whenever that King Kong of a dog sees a cat he has one thought...chase and bark.

He hasn't caught one yet and probably never will, but he is a one-note feller. If he can see a cat he barks until he doesn't see the cat anymore.

Do you know how patient and nefarious cats are? Especially when they see King in the den window watching them...and barking...That weird barking can last longer than his master's patience. King's vocal cords were clipped by a previous owner and he sounds like a dog a quarter of his size which is odd to say the least. It does seem to entertain the cats who are taunting him.

That barking is not conducive to relaxing while feeling trapped. Maybe my brain needs a jumpstart too. I am not chasing cats, at least not yet, but I do find myself chasing worries or idle thoughts. The worries are probably similar to yours. I worry about my 92-year old mother or my frontline Nurse Practitioner Hospitalist daughter-in-heart catching the dreaded 'Corona'.

I worry about business. I worry about all the unfinished tasks that never get completed. Nothing new there. Your worries are probably much like mine.

So let's focus on the sunny side of life. Whaddaya say?

Here are a few of my recommendations:

1. Just be nice to everyone. You don't have to agree with people to be nice to them. It will make Jesus happy, the other people happy, and I promise you might find that you feel happier too.
2. Please wear a mask when you are out in public places. It may save my Momma's life, or my daughter-in-heart's,

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or even your own. A lot of folks like having you around. Let's keep them happy too. Be smart, wash those hands and continue to practice social distancing.

3. A little bit of ice cream goes a long way in improving one's outlook. Scientifically proven by the Bardwell Institute of Thinkology.

4. Puppy dogs, no matter their size, make you smile. You make them so happy that can't help but put a smile on your face.

5. Good coffee in the morning is one of the great pleasures of life. Enjoy a cup outside if the weather permits and be still, even if just for five minutes, watch the birds and you might just come across the Bluebird of Happiness.

6. Get in your car, crank up the radio, roll down the windows and ride baby, ride. Remember when you were a teenager and just going for a ride with your friends with the music playing made you happy? If you are lucky enough to have satellite radio you can recapture your youth by dialing your decade from the '50s to the '90s. Personally my favorite station is Classic Vinyl. Yep, I'm THAT girl. By the way, balance your bass. Making the local business windows rattle does not mean your music is good. It means it is too loud and that when you get to be my age you will be deafener than a door nail.

7. Those folks in your house that you can touch, well, give them a hug and hold hands when you can. I miss hugs and handshakes, so I have to go to that tall, dark and handsome guy I live with for my only daily hugs. Hugging the people you love most is guaranteed to put a smile on your face and theirs.

8. Realize that you can only fix what you can. Then fix what you can. It is amazing what a little forward momentum can do for the psyche.

9. Get lost in a good book or movie. Great writing and acting can take us to other places and times. Sometimes we need out of THIS time and place.

10. Don't get overwhelmed or lost in loneliness. There are a ton of good folks just waiting to let you know they care. I know that is so because of the good people in my life just like you.

Found that Bluebird yet?  
It's flying right there beside you.

# THE ECONOMIST

By Dr. M. Ray Perryman

## All of the Above...

The dynamic Texas economy and its growing population (and hot summers) require increases in electric generation and transmission capacity well beyond what was expected even a few years ago. Basic patterns of business expansion have been in place for decades. However, there are profound and unanticipated changes underway which are shifting power demand growth into an entirely new gear.



There has recently been a surge in electricity-intensive industries. Data centers supporting remote work, streaming, and now AI need massive megawatts to operate. Crypto mining is another major user. Electrification of cars and other machines further increases demand. Emerging industries, such as Tesla's gigafactory and LNG facilities across the Gulf Coast, also need a lot. Developments on the horizon to deal with climate issues, such as hydrogen production and carbon capture, will require enormous resources.

The Electric Reliability Council of Texas (ERCOT) manages the flow of power to more than 26 million Texas customers (about 90% of the total state load) and is fully aware of what's coming. During the past legislative session, changes were implemented enabling ERCOT to consider additions to grid requirements that are known to be coming. Previously, until new customers were added, the related increase



in power needs couldn't be counted.

New planning documents project an additional 40 gigawatts (GW) of load growth by 2030 compared to the prior year's forecast. For context, ERCOT's all-time peak demand was just over 85 GW on a broiling day in August 2023. The impetus for this staggering upward movement is significant increases in large loads being considered (crypto mining, hydrogen and hydrogen-related manufacturing, data centers supporting AI, and greater electrification).

Obviously, Texas will need both generation and transmission capacity – and fast! Currently, ERCOT has 1,775 active generation interconnection requests totaling 346 GW planned for the next few years, including 155 GW of solar, 35 GW of wind, 15 GW of gas, and 141 GW facilitated by battery capacity. Benefits of this diversity of sources are that they can be built faster and with more location options. However, given that 190 GW is dependent on wind or sun, the batteries (as well as additional gas-fired capacity) will be crucial in the dog days of summer. It will necessitate an "all of the above" approach, and policy should accommodate all types of power resources.

It typically takes 3-5 years to plan, permit, and build transmission lines in Texas, which is about half the time needed in many areas (but challenging nonetheless). With current expectations, these projects must receive priority status.

Texas no doubt faces a daunting task, but the seeds of a solution are present. Acknowledging the scope of the effort is the first step – now the work begins. Stay safe!

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# At one time, all the world was a Stooge

One of the immutable facts when considering the differences between men and women is this: men love the Three Stooges and women, for the most part, can't stand them.

This became clear to me many, many decades ago when my mother, who had just placed my before-going-to-school bowl of cereal in front of me said something to the effect of "Eat your cereal. Don't waste time with those idiot Three Stooges."

There were many comforting things in my childhood and one was watching Slam Bang Theater, hosted by the immortal Icky Twerp, before I trudged off to Edwin J. Kiest Elementary School. For those of who grew up in Dallas, Icky Twerp's Slam Bang Theater was must-see TV, even in the summer.

And on school days, I was stationed at the dining room table knowing my day would start with Moe, Larry and Curly (and later Shemp) doing Stooge things that would make me laugh – a lot.

And cause my mother to roll her eyes – a lot.

This "men love, women hate" the Three Stooges (Moe, Curly and Shemp Howard were brothers while Larry Fine wasn't a family member) has been a certainty all these years later. Even my wife, who remembers as a little girl walking through the living room while her brother chuckled at the latest Moe eye poke or Curly "woo woo" would also roll her eyes and pronounce her brother as being way too easy to entertain.

And I'm not sure if it's an indication that I am, indeed, way too easy to entertain or if it's something in the male DNA, but I will still – literally – laugh out loud on Saturday afternoons when another round of Stooge reruns start at 5 p.m. on MeTV.

What is baffling to me is that while my wife and I laugh at a lot of the same things on TV, she just can't see the humor in Moe yanking Larry's hair or bopping Curly on the noggin.



In an attempt to sort through this extremely important topic, your obedient servant here traversed through the internet and came up with some plausible answers.

It began with a basic question: "Why do men love the Stooges and women don't?"

From what I gleaned across a wide spectrum of opinions, it seems as if the Stooges' brand of humor is, as mentioned above, ingrained in the male DNA. It's almost as if we can't help ourselves. Neighborhood standoffs turn into shoving matches, which then turn into lots of rolling around in the dirt without either party getting seriously hurt.

Of course, these battles eventually shifted to the school yard with a bigger cast of opponents. Again, lots of dirt flew, a few knees were scraped but no bones were broken.

On the other hand, girls were silently watching all this testosterone get vented and shaking their heads.

"Boys," they would scoff. "They are so weird."

Having been a male all my life, I can't argue with that observation.

Which is why when Moe takes a hammer and bangs on Curly's head or yanks Larry's nose with a pair of pliers, us guys find it hilarious. But why?

Because it's what we wanted to do in our scuffles, knowing that in the end, no one really got hurt. That, and the sound effects of Larry's hair getting pulled out or when Moe gets slapped by Curly wielding a mackerel.

Their style of humor was prominent during vaudeville's heyday, which is when the boys got their start. Acting as foils to Ted Healy in their stage act in the 1920s, the act originally consisted of Moe and Larry with Shemp arriving shortly thereafter.

These three joined Healy in a 1930 comedy "Soup to Nuts" before Shemp left to pursue a solo career. Enter Jerome "Curly" Howard and the Stooges were on their way.

Finding Healy impossible to work for, the boys signed on to film a series of shorts for Columbia Pictures and as any Stoogephile (probably a made up word) will insist these 90 short films (out of 190 total) were the best the trio made because the chemistry between Moe, Larry and Curly was nearly perfect.

Moe was the "brains" of the outfit, Larry the get-along guy and Curly the lovable screw up who introduced wonderful words such as "soitainly" "nyuk, nyuk" and "woo, woo, woo."

In the late 1930s and into the mid-1940s, their brand of slapstick humor, endless puns and pie fights must have provided a release to millions of people buffeted by the Depression then World War II.

At least Harry Cohn, Columbia's president, thought the Stooges were worth holding onto despite the fact he didn't provide much in the way of salary.

Sadly, when Curly's health began to falter in 1945, Cohn insisted he keep working. This led to a stroke in 1946 and being replaced by his other brother Shemp.

Of course, all of this background noise wasn't known to all us six and seven year olds watching them sling pies, poke eyes and skedaddle when the police or bad guys came calling.

There were a bunch of us whose youthful years were enjoyable because of the Stooges.

Those others who didn't appreciate them, well, they are just knuckleheads.

## Heavenly rewards, Part Two

As you remember from last week's excitin' episode, my cousin Coy, Little Rusty, and yours truly were tryin' to figure out somethin' to do nice for somebody without tellin' them about it, so we could get a reward.

Although, at first, we thought it meant a real reward, like money or such, we found out that we wouldn't be receivin' the reward here on earth, but up in heaven. The preacher had told us that.

Anywho, we decided to go ahead and do somethin' nice, and Little Rusty had suggested we pull some weeds out of Mr. Parker's flower bed.

"Pull weeds?" I asked.

"I ain't pullin' no weeds," said Coy.

"Yeah, what would be nice about that?"

"Well," said Little Rusty, "Mr. Parker has that real purdy flower bed except for that one part where all them weeds are growin'. I mean, he goes out there and waters them every day, you'd think he's see them weeds groin' in there."

"What weeds?" asked Coy.

"What flower bed?" I asked.

"Come on, I'll show you."

Now, Mr. Parker was a really nice man. He was tall and smoked big green cigars. All of us boys liked him. He had been in the war and everything. He had given us a bunch of old army stuff, like canteens and packs and such.

He even had a big Japanese sword that his daughter Debbie had shown us.

Finally, we got to Mr. Parker's house. We were lookin' at his flower bed in front of his house, and sure enough, there was one small section of the bed that had a bunch of weeds.

"I ain't never seen no weeds like that," I said.

"Me neither," said Coy.

"I think we ought to pull them up," said Little Rusty. "It would be somethin' nice, and even if we don't get no reward, Mr. Parker would appreciate it."

"I don't see why not," I said. "It won't take long, and heck, Mr. Parker's been in the war and all."

"Yeah," added Coy. "Plus he gave us all that neat army junk."

"Yeah," we all agreed.

Well, it didn't take any time at all, and we had all the weeds pulled up. We each gathered up an arm full and took them off to the woods beside Mr. Parker's house.

"Now what?" asked Coy.

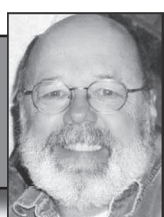
"I don't know," I said.

"What do y'all want to do? We could go look for Coke bottles on the road."

"It's too hot," said Little Rusty.

"I know," said Coy. "Let's

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go get in the tree house, and watch for Mr. Parker, and see if he notices the weeds bein' gone."

"Yeah," said Little Rusty. "He ought to be gettin' home anytime now, and he always waters right after he gets home."

So, we headed for the tree house. The tree house was in my back yard, but you could see Mr. Parker's front yard from there. The tree house was in a great big sweet gum tree and it was pretty cool in amongst the leaves.

We hadn't got settled in good, until we heard Mr. Parkers old Dodge truck comin' down the road.

"Here he comes," said Little Rusty.

Mr. Parker parked his truck in his carport and walked into the house. He had a newspaper under his arm and his black metal lunch box in his hand. We could barely hear the screen door slam as he entered his house. In a little while I heard a screech.

"Listen," I said. "I hear that screen door openin'."

Sure enough, Mr. Parker walked out of his carport. He walked straight over to the water faucet beside his front porch and turned it on. Then he grabbed the hose and put his thumb over the end where the water was comin' out so as to make it spray. He started waterin' the flower bed beside the porch and moved slowly down toward where the weeds had been.

"This is gonna be good," I said.

"Yeah," said Coy. "If I knew doin' somethin' nice for somebody was this much fun, I'd done it a long time ago."

"Look," said Little Rusty. "He's almost there."

We were all smilin' as we watched. Then Mr. Parker stopped. He looked at the bare spot where all the weeds had been. He stared at it for a long time. He started to walk back toward his carport, and then he stopped and walked back and looked one more time. He stared at it for a while, then walked over and turned off his water and walked into the house.

"Man," said Little Rusty. "He couldn't believe it."

"Yeah," I grinned. "He sure looked surprised."

"I sure wish we could tell him we did it," said Coy.

I thought for a second. "Why can't we?"

"Cause we won't get no

reward," said Little Rusty.

"Yeah," agreed Coy.

"We ain't gonna get one no way," I said. "At least for a while. And anyway, I figure by the time I get to heaven, I'm gonna be rich anyhow, and I probably won't need that reward."

"I don't know," said Coy. "You don't won't to go messin' with stuff that's Biblical, you know."

"Well at least we can go see Mr. Parker and we can see how happy he is."

"That won't hurt," said Little Rusty.

"OK," said Coy. "But don't nobody say nothin'."

"We won't," we said.

We climbed out of the tree house and walked over to Mr. Parker's house. We went into the carport and knocked on the screen door. In a minute Debbie came to the door. "What do you want?" she asked.

Now, Debbie was my on again, off again girlfriend and this was one of those off again times.

"We want to talk to your daddy," I said.

"Well you can't," she said. "He's not feeling well."

"He ain't? What's the matter with him?"

"Well, if it's any of your business. All of his asparagus in gone."

"Oooo, that sounds serious," I said. "Is he goin' to have to go to the hospital?"

"What?... No you idiot. Do you even know what asparagus is?"

"I do," said Little Rusty. "It's one of them things in the ocean with eight legs that have suction cups on them. They are real big and they grab people and eat them."

"That's an octopus you moron," said Debbie.

"Well, then what is it, smarty pants?" I asked.

"Asparagus is a vegetable that takes two years to mature," she stated. "Daddy had some planted in the flower bed and now they are gone. Just like they disappeared."

We just stood there. Slowly we looked at each other and swallowed hard.

"Asparagus?" I finally said.

"Yes," said Debbie. "Now go away. I'm gonna make Daddy some ice water," and she walked away.

We continued to stand there for a while, then turned and walked off.

"They looked like weeds to me," said Little Rusty.

"Me too," said Coy.

"Man, I feel bad," I said.

"Yeah," Coy and Little Rusty said.

"I think we ought to do like George Washington did," said Little Rusty.

"Who," I said.

"George Washington. You know the first president."

"What'd he do?"

"Well, he chopped down his daddy's cherry tree, and when his daddy asked him who chopped it down, George said, 'I cannot tell a lie. I did it.'"

"You're kiddin'?" I said. "He told him that he did it?"

"I bet his daddy really whooped him," said Coy.

"Yeah," I said. "Mine would've picked up that cherry tree and beat the snot out of me."

"His daddy didn't do nothin' to him," said Little Rusty. "Because he told the truth, he didn't to nothin' to him. And then he got to be president."

"Where do you hear this stuff?" I asked.

"In school."

"Well, you're gonna have to quit payin' attention. They're ruinin' you," said Coy.

Then we heard the screen door at the Parker's close. We turned around and there was Mr. Parker headin' back out to his flower bed. He started waterin' again.

"Man, he looks sad," said Little Rusty.

"Yeah," Coy and I said.

"I don't think I can stand this," said Little Rusty.

"Yeah," I said. "Oh well, I guess we could tell him and explain what we were tryin' to do, and maybe he won't kill us too bad."

"Let's go," said Coy, and we walked over to Mr. Parker. He turned and looked at us and smiled.

"Hello boys," he said. Man, now we really felt bad.

"Uh, Mr. Parker, uh we got somethin' to tell you," and we spilled our guts.

When we finished, Mr. Parker just looked at us. I don't know how many enemy soldiers Mr. Parker had killed durin' the war, but we were probably gonna be next.

"Well boys," he said. "How about you show me where you put the asparagus and we'll see if we can salvage some of it."

"What's salvage mean?" I asked.

"Save it. Maybe we can replant it and maybe it'll grow."

"Then are you gonna kill us?"

"Hah," Mr. Parker laughed. "Not today. Anyway, it took guts to come back over here and tell me. You can't get too upset when someone tells you the truth."

Coy and I looked at each other and then at Little Rusty. He smiled.

"You know," said Little Rusty. "I might be president one day."

## Times of Lindale



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### ONE YEAR AGO, May 11, 2023

The Lindale High School Eagles baseball team dominated the Paris Wildcats in Game 2 of their bi-district playoff, 13-2, at the Lindale High School Baseball and Softball Complex.

In the first game of the playoff, the Eagles took game one in Paris, 6-3.

The Eagles wasted little time in disposing of the Wildcats in Lindale, plating 11 runs in the bottom of the first enroute to the win.

Paris pitcher Kolton Keeling was wobbly in the first, walking Miles Keith, Kaden Fleming and hitting Jake Powell to load the bases.

Another walk to Carson Plunkett and Ryan Betts pushed across the first two Eagles' runs and the rout was on.

### FIVE YEARS AGO, May 9, 2019

Electrician's Mate 1st Class Taylor Jones of Lindale was awarded the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal by Cmdr. Jeffery Reynolds, commanding officer for the Navy Recruiting District in San Antonio. She was honored for professional achievement while serving as the leading petty officer of the Navy Recruiting Office in Round Rock. She is a 2010 graduate of Lindale High School and joined the Navy in 2010. She became a recruiter in 2017 before transferring to serve aboard the USS Carl M. Levin.

### 10 YEARS AGO, May 8, 2014

The 7th and 8th grade bands from Lindale Junior High School competed at the UIL Region XXI Concert and Sight-Reading Contest held at Chapel Hill High School and came home with the Sweepstakes Award.

Both grades earned first divisions in both the concert and sight-reading portions of the contest to earn the Sweepstakes Award.

The Sweepstakes Award is the highest honor a band can receive at the contest.

During the four day contest in April, 56 bands competed with 15 bands receiving Sweepstakes, with three of those coming from Lindale Junior High School.

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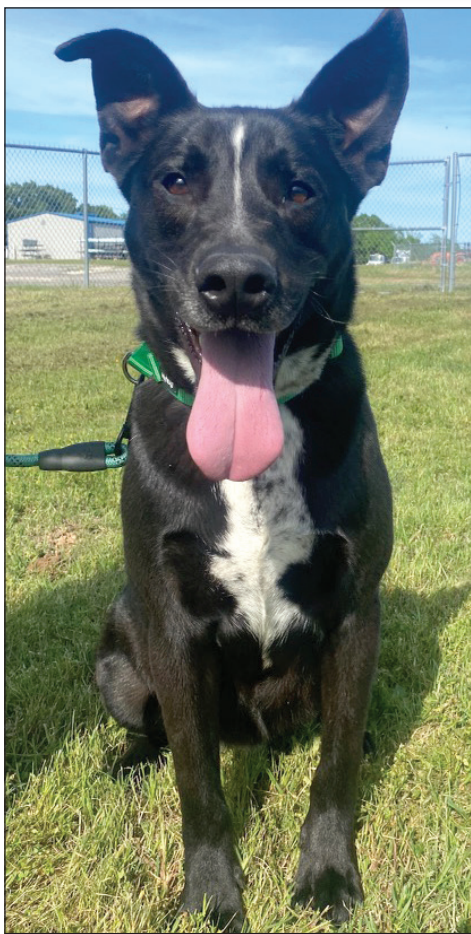
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This sweet, handsome guy is Cricket, a two-year old Lab mix who loves children, is playful and gets along with female dogs.

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## OBITUARY

### PATTIE J. TEMPLE



Pattie J. Temple, a cherished soul who touched the lives of many with her unwavering love and generosity, passed away on April 15, 2024, leaving behind a legacy of kindness and compassion that will forever be remembered.

Pattie's journey through life was as diverse as it was remarkable. From her early days graduating from North Little Rock High School to her various career pursuits that included being a bank teller, a school bus driver, and running businesses like Metco Sales and Long Distance Savers alongside Mike, she demonstrated resilience and an exceptional work ethic.

Her vibrant personality was a beacon of light to all who knew her. Described as loving, giving, and caring, with a hint of feistiness that proved dynamite truly comes in small packages, she left an indelible mark on everyone she encountered.

Her famous saying "If you starve them long enough, they'll eat anything" always accompanied by her delicious cooking, will be fondly remembered by her loved ones.

Pattie's dedication to helping others extended beyond her professional life and

she was actively involved with Therapet in Tyler. She found solace in her love for animals, particularly dogs. Her bond with Duke, the therapy dog she trained through Therapet, showcased her nurturing spirit as they brought comfort to those in need across nursing homes and children's homes.

Among those who welcomed Pattie into eternal peace are her parents, Patsy Quinn James and Glendon Virgil James; and following the death of her father, stepfather John Tiftickjian.

In the hearts of those she leaves behind but with whom she forever remains are her surviving family members, children Jim Temple (Janie) and Adam Temple (Ana Jafari); siblings, Pamela Reilly (Robin) and William (Bill) James; grandchildren Heith Temple, Naomi Temple, Reese Temple; as well as her beloved four-legged friend, Duke and a long lineage of Brittany spaniels she held dear.

Pattie's boundless love and selflessness have left an everlasting imprint on all those fortunate enough to have known her. While we mourn the loss of a remarkable individual, we also celebrate a life that exemplified compassion and warmth. May her spirit soar free knowing that she was truly loved by all whose lives she graced.

Please visit [www.hillierfuneralhome.com](http://www.hillierfuneralhome.com) to share deepest condolences and expressions of gratitude for Pattie and a life well lived.

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**SATURDAY, APRIL 27:** Traffic Complaint, 100 block Nort Main Street, Settled at Scene; Traffic Complaint, 11300 block Highway 69 North, Settled at Scene; Warrant Service, 13400 block IH-20 East, Arrest; Criminal Trespass, 13300 block IH-20 East, Warning Issued; Motorist Assist, 13300 block IH-20 East, Settled at Scene; Public Service, 300 block Rita Drive, Settled at Scene; Disturbance, 400 block East Hubbard Street, Settled at Scene; Assist EMS, 800 block North Main Street, Settled at Scene; Vagrant, 100 block East Centennial Blvd., Settled at Scene, Burglary-Motor Vehicle, 300 block Helen Drive, Report; Assist Another Agency, 552 IH-20 East, Settled at Scene; Theft, 3500 block South Main Street, Settled at Scene; Motor Vehicle Crash, 13400 block IH-20 East, Report; Criminal Mischief, 3400 block South Main Street,



Report; Assist Smith Co SO, 900 block South Main Street, Settled at Scene.

**SUNDAY, APRIL 28:** Welfare Concern, 1100 block East Park Drive, Unable to Locate; Theft, 3500 block South Main Street, Settled at Scene; Traffic Hazard, 3400 block South Main Street, Warning Issued; Public Service, 100 block Ballard Drive, Settled at Scene; Disturbance, 3400 block South Main Street, Settled at Scene; Verbal Disturbance, 13400 block CR 472, Settled at Scene; Business Alarm, 13300 block IH-20 East, Settled at Scene; Business Alarm, 800 block Lindale Industrial Parkway, Settled at Scene.

**MONDAY, APRIL 29:** Welfare Concern, 556 IH-20 East, Settled at Scene; Suspicious Person, 100 block Miranda Lambert Way, Unable to Locate; Stolen Vehicle, 3500 block South Main Street, Settled at Scene; Motor Vehicle Crash, 500 block South Main Street, Report; Civil Matter, 400 block Mission Creek Circle, Settled at Scene; Abandoned/Endangered Child, 21200 block U.S. Highway 69 North, Report; Abandoned Vehicle, 2800 block South Main Street,

Settled at Scene.

**TUESDAY, APRIL 30:** Suspicious Circumstance, 800 block Greenwood Circle, Unable to Locate; Motor Vehicle Crash, 1100 block South Main Street, Settled at Scene; Theft, 100 block Ballard Drive, Report; Public Service, 13700 block Harvey Road, Settled at Scene; Fraud, 3400 block CR 472, Settled at Scene; Traffic Complaint, 800 block South Main Street, Unfounded; Public Service, 100 block Ballard Drive, Settled at Scene; Motorist Assist, 2300 block South Main Street, Settled at Scene; Public Service, 100 block Ballard Drive, Settled at Scene; Civil Matter, 100 block East Van Street, Settled at Scene; Suspicious Circumstance, 300 block South Main Street, Unfounded; Residential Alarm, 800 block Pineland Lane, Settled at Scene; Suspicious Circumstance, 2700 block South Main Street, Settled at Scene.

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 1:** Assist Smith Co SO, 5100 block CR 475, Settled at Scene; Stolen Vehicle, 3500 block South Main Street, Settled at Scene; Hit and Run, Accident, 3200 block South Main Street, Settled at Scene; Motorist Assist, 500 block South Main Street, Settled at Scene; Theft, 3200 block South Main Street, Arrest; Motorist Assist, 2400 block South Main Street, Settled at Scene; Residential Alarm, 1300 block Brad Circle, Settled at Scene; Motor Vehicle Crash, 100 block East Centennial Blvd., Settled at Scene; Public Service, 13700 block Harvey Road, Settled at Scene; Disturbance, 3500 block South Main Street, Settled at Scene.

**THURSDAY, MAY 2:** Business Alarm, 200 block South Main Street, Settled at Scene; Business Alarm, 500 block Sunset Drive, False Alarm; Business Alarm, 2700 block South Main Street, False Alarm; Motor Vehicle Crash, 556 IH-20 East, Settled at Scene.

# Fentanyl death results in 16 years in federal prison for Dallas man

A Dallas man who sold fentanyl-laced pills has been sentenced to federal prison for drug trafficking violations in the Eastern District of Texas, said Davilyn Walston, spokesperson for U.S. Attorney Damien M. Diggs.

Benjamin Linder, also known as Benzo, 23, pleaded guilty to conspiracy to distribute fentanyl resulting in death and was sentenced to 200 months in federal prison today by U.S. District Judge Robert W. Schroeder III.

According to information presented in court, on Dec. 24, 2021, law enforcement responded to a Frisco residence regarding an unresponsive person.

Upon arrival officers were informed by the father of the victim that he had found his 20-year-old son unresponsive on the living room floor. Paramedics arrived but were unable to revive the victim and he was pronounced deceased at the residence.

Investigators were able to access the victim's cellular phone and discovered the phone contained a contact labeled as "Benzo," later identified as the defendant, Benjamin Linder.

Investigators learned that on Dec. 23, 2021, the victim sent a message to Linder requesting to purchase pills and "lean," which is a promethazine-codeine syrup.

A series of text messages between the victim and Linder revealed they arranged to meet in a parking lot on the campus of the University of Texas at Dallas, where the victim purchased fentanyl-laced pills

and "lean" from Linder. Investigators were able to determine that the victim had been communicating with Linder since at least November 10, 2021.

Investigators were able to access Linder's text messages as well, which showed Linder sent an unidentified person messages stating, "So that kid that died" and "I just found out I sold him the drugs."

Toxicology reports identified the victim's cause of death as toxic effects of fentanyl, flubromazepam, trazodone, hydroxyzine, and promethazine. Linder was indicted by a federal grand jury on Jan. 12, 2023, and charged with federal drug trafficking violations.

This case was investigated by the Frisco Police Department Special Investigations Unit and the Collin County Medical Examiner's Office and prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Matthew T. Johnson.

### Ex-Guatemalan lawmaker pleads guilty to drug trafficking charge

A former Guatemalan congressman has pleaded guilty to his role in an international drug trafficking conspiracy, Walston said.

Jose Armando Ubico Aguilar, 45, a former senior Republic of Guatemala official, pleaded guilty to an international drug trafficking conspiracy violation before U.S. Magistrate Judge Kimberly Priest Johnson on May 1, 2024. Ubico Aguilar arrived in the United States from Central America earlier

this week and was arrested.

According to information presented in court, Ubico Aguilar served as an elected member of the Congress of the Republic of Guatemala from 2016 to 2024. He also served as an elected Deputy and was the President of the National Defense Committee of the Congress of the Republic of Guatemala from 2018 to 2023.

"As a senior leader in the Republic of Guatemala, Ubico Aguilar was entrusted to further the fight against drug traffickers pushing illegal narcotics north to the United States," said U.S. Attorney Damien M. Diggs. "Even more so, as the President of the National Defense Committee of the Congress of Republic of Guatemala, Ubico Aguilar was responsible, in part, for his own country's national security. Instead, Ubico Aguilar betrayed his country when he chose to partner with known drug traffickers and other corrupt officials. We are grateful to our foreign law enforcement partners for ensuring Ubico Aguilar, and those like him, will not be allowed to hide behind their positions of power."

"The arrest of this corrupt official who allegedly brokered and facilitated cocaine shipments into the United States shows the swift justice criminals will meet through DEA Dallas' efforts to dismantle Transnational Criminal Organizations across the world," said DEA Special Agent in Charge Eduardo A. Chávez. "We are proud to collaborate with our DEA offices around the world as well as our international counterparts who

collectively share the same goal – enforce the rule of law and ensure consequences come to those who profit from illicit drug distribution in our communities."

On March 3, 2021, a federal grand jury in the Eastern District of Texas indicted Ubico Aguilar charging him with federal drug trafficking violations. During his plea hearing, Ubico Aguilar admitted his role in the conspiracy, including relaying drug-related information and U.S. currency to another Guatemalan official on behalf of an international drug trafficker. These actions resulted in the safe passage of at least 450 kilograms of cocaine through Guatemala for distribution in the United States.

Ubico Aguilar faces from 10 years to life in federal prison at sentencing. The 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>.

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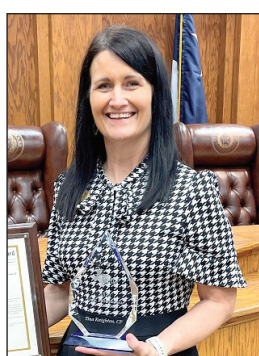


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With her numerous medals and awards in front of her, Lindale High School powerlifter Jalynn Gateley signed a letter of intent this past week with Louisiana Tech University in Ruston, La. She is shown with LHS powerlifting coach Jacob Alford. (Courtesy photo)

**County probate court administrator named Legal Professional of Year**

Smith County Probate Court Administrator Tina Knighton was honored Wednesday, May 1, with the 2024 Tyler Area Association of Legal Professionals' Legal Professional of the Year Award at the Annual Law Day Luncheon, said County Public Information Officer Casey Murphy.



Knighon has been working in the legal field for 20 years and has been the Court Administrator for probate and guardianship matters and the probate auditor since 2017.

She works for County Court-at-Law 3 Judge Clay White.

Knighon has been instrumental in organizing and streamlining the local probate system to make it more efficient for the court and the attorneys. She has the reputation of being professional and extremely helpful to those who must contact the court, the award states.

She is the "epitome of a public servant who goes out of her way to assist the legal community and citizens of Smith County."

This is the first time a Smith County employee has won the award. The nominations for the award are submitted by attorneys in private practice, typically by the individual's employer or coworkers.

"I am so thankful that I have the opportunity to work with Tina," Judge White said. "She is so humble but completely deserving of this recognition. Tina has a heart to serve our community and those who come before the court at very emotional and trying times for them personally and their families."

Others have praised her work ethic as well, White said.

"It is almost weekly that I get a comment from an attorney or individual with matters before the

court about how Tina has assisted them along the way and done so in a caring and proactive way," he said. "We are blessed in Smith County to have such caring and exceptional team members, and Tina is certainly one of the best."

Knighon has been an active member of TAALP for many years and has served in various positions on the board. She currently serves as its first vice president.

U.S. Congressman Nathaniel Moran, who hired Mrs. Knighton when he was Smith County Judge in 2017, honored her May 1, by entering a statement into the Congressional Record.

"Her unwavering commitment to the legal profession, organization of the probate court and the docket, responsiveness to lawyers, helpful attitude, bright smile and unparalleled work ethic have made the Smith County Probate Court extraordinary," Congressman Moran said. "Congratulations to Tina Knighton on this momentous award. You are so deserving. We are proud to have you as part of the East Texas community, and I am proud to call you friend."

Knighon earned an associate degree in business administration from Trinity Valley Community College and is a certified paralegal through the National Association of Legal Assistants.

She and her husband David have three children and six grandchildren. In her spare time, she enjoys spending time with her family and especially loves attending extracurricular activities of her grandchildren, who range from age 9 months to 16 years.

The Annual Law Day Luncheon was hosted by the Smith County Bar Association at Hollytree Country Club.



**Field Day a big hit at Eagle Stadium**

Youngsters from the Early Childhood Center took part in the school's annual Field Day this past week at Eagle Stadium. Events included a wet sponge relay, a water event in which kids were chosen to dump water on one of their school mates and a basketball dribbling relay. From the sounds of the laughter, it was apparent everyone – even the adults – had a great time. (Photos by Terry Cannon)



**Carnations: Symbol of a mother's love**

By Lynn McGinnis  
Smith County Master Gardener

Mother's Day is an occasion to honor and appreciate the most important woman in our lives, our mothers.

It is a day to express our gratitude and love towards them for all the sacrifices they have made for us. One of the most popular ways to do so is by gifting them with flowers.

Flowers are a symbol of love and appreciation. They are a beautiful and thoughtful way to express our feelings towards someone special. For centuries, flowers have been used as gifts to express emotions and sentiments. In fact, the tradition of giving flowers on Mother's Day dates back to ancient Greece, where they celebrated a festival in honor of the mother of gods, Rhea.

Carnations, the flower most closely associated with Mother's Day has woven their vibrant hues and rich symbolism into the fabric of contemporary culture and events, playing pivotal roles in celebrations and social movements around the globe.

One of the most well-known stories of the carnation flower meaning has to do with the flower's symbolism of a mother's love.

In Christianity, when the Virgin Mary saw Jesus carrying his cross before he was to be crucified, she wept, and her tears caused carnations to sprout from the ground. Because of this, pink carnations are meant to represent a mother's undying love.

In 1907, carnations became the official flower of Mother's Day. Anna Jarvis, the founder of Mother's Day, selected carnations because they were her mother's favorite flower and to her symbolized the purity of a mother's love. On the first Mother's Day, Jarvis sought to memorialize her recently deceased mother by sending 500 white carnations to the church where her mother had taught Sunday school.

Largely in part of Anna Jarvis' advocating in favor of, in 1914, President Woodrow Wilson declared the second Sunday of May as Mother's Day in the United States.

A few words to describe carnations are thoughtful, tasteful, dynamic, durable yet delicate, unique, fascinating, fluffy, and fragrant. Much like most of our mothers! Carnations are herbaceous perennials, meaning the roots of carnations survive throughout the year resulting in fresh blooms each spring and summer.

They offer a mild spicy or peppery clove-like aroma that is utilized in some perfumes. The appearance of carnations is unforgettable and unlike many other common blooms. Some say that the petals of carnations look as though they were cut with pinking shears, which has led to their nickname "clove pink." The layered petals of carnations are ruffled and full, making them stand-out, eye-catching flowers.

Carnations are a beautiful symbol of love, devotion, passion, commitment, distinction, fascination, and most notably on Mother's Day – a mother's undying love.

The Smith County Master Gardeners wish you all a Happy Mother's Day. Enjoy your special day!

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### TO: ALL UNKNOWN HEIRS IN THE ESTATE OF BOBBY CLINTON NICK, SR., DECEASED:

On the 29th day of April, 2024, **SUZAN W. NICK** filed an **APPLICATION TO DETERMINE HEIRSHIP** in a proceeding styled **IN THE ESTATE OF BOBBY CLINTON NICK, SR., DECEASED** and bearing the number **48284P** in the County Court at Law #3 of Smith County, Texas.

The Court will hear the aforesaid **APPLICATION TO DETERMINE HEIRSHIP on the Monday next after the expiration of ten (10) days from the date of publication of this citation**, in the Courtroom in the County Courthouse Annex of Smith County, in Tyler, Texas.

All persons interested in the aforesaid Estate are commanded to appear at or before the time set for said hearing by filing a written contest or answer to said Application.

Said written contest or answer shall be filed in the office of the County Clerk of Smith County, Texas in Tyler, Texas.

In compliance with the law, this citation shall be served by publication once in a newspaper of general circulation in this, the County in which such proceeding is pending, not less than ten (10) days before the return date hereof, exclusive of the day of publication, and the date of publication said newspaper bears shall be the day of publication.

If this citation is not served within ninety (90) days after the date of issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of office, the 29th day of April, 2024, at the office in Tyler, Texas.

**KAREN PHILLIPS, COUNTY CLERK**  
Smith County, Texas  
By: Shanae Howell, Deputy Clerk

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Willie Jean Golden, Deceased, were issued on the 15th of April, 2024, in Cause No. 47,830-P, pending in the Probate Court at Law #3 in Smith County, Texas, to: Cedric Golden.

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 2nd day of May, 2024.

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### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of VIRGINIA ELAINE EATON, Deceased, were issued on April 29, 2024, in Cause No. 48110P, now pending in the County Court at Law No. 3 of Smith County, Texas. Letters Testamentary were issued to: VICKI ELAINE NACKOS.

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.  
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Claims may be presented to the following address:

Morgan Alydia Hartsfield  
Independent Executor of the Estate of  
MARGARET ANN JONES  
864 Elizabeth Drive  
Bullard, Texas 75757

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.

### CLERK OF THE COURT ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF OR PLAINTIFFS

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### TO: ANTHONY MARTINEZ DBA SERENITY ROOFING & RESTORATION

**GREETINGS: YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED** to appear by filing a written answer to the **PLAINTIFF'S ORIGINAL PETITION** at or before 10 o'clock a.m. of the first Monday after the expiration of 42 days from the date of issuance of this citation, same being the 17th day of April 2024, at or before 10 o'clock a.m., in the 114th Judicial District Court of Smith County, Texas, at the Smith County Courthouse located at 100 N. Broadway, Tyler, Texas, 75702. The case is styled **ONE TYLER LLC VS ANTHONY MARTINEZ, DBA SERENITY ROOFING & RESTORATION, and PLAINTIFF'S ORIGINAL PETITION** was filed in said Court on December 4, 2023. The Plaintiff is **ONE TYLER LLC**. The attorney for the Plaintiff is Terry Jacobson, whose address is JACOBSON LAW FIRM, P.C., 733 West 2nd Ave., Corsicana, Texas 75110.

The nature of the suit of said suit being substantially as follows: **PLAINTIFF'S ORIGINAL PETITION**

The Officer executing this process shall promptly serve the same according to the requirements of law, and the mandates thereof.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of said Court at Tyler, Texas, this date: **April 17, 2024.**

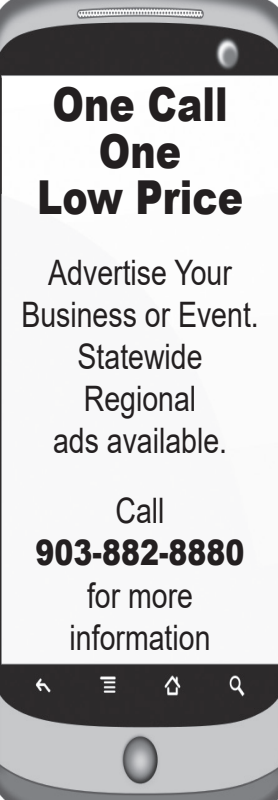
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### Notice of Publication

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### Notice to Creditors


Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Martha Ann Cox, Deceased, were issued to Lonnie Gene Cox, Jr., 04/29/24, in Cause No. 48246P, by the County Court at Law #3 of Smith Co, Tx. All persons having claims against this Estate currently being administered are required to present them to Lonnie Gene Cox, Jr., c/o Attorney Richard B. Patteson, 218 N. Broadway, Ste. 304, Tyler, Texas 75702 within the time and manner prescribed by law.

### Notice to Creditors

Letters of Independent Administration for the Estate of Alan Stephen Clark, Deceased, were issued to Debbie Lane Willingham and Kirm Suzanne Christian April 29, 2024, in Cause No. 47751P, by the County Court at Law #3 of Smith Co, Tx. All persons having claims against this Estate currently being administered are required to present them to said Independent Co-Administrators c/o Richard B. Patteson, Attorney, 218 N. Broadway, Ste. 304, Tyler, Tx 75702.

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# Texas A&M working with Homeland Security to protect US food supply chain from threats

The disruption of the food supply chain during the first few years of COVID made Americans aware of how critical the ability to move agricultural products reliably, safely and efficiently is, according to Texas A&M AgriLife experts.

A Texas A&M AgriLife-led team is doing their part to protect the U.S. food supply chain from future threats that are acciden-

tal, intentional or an act of Mother Nature. The project, Systematic Mapping of Cross-Border Threats to Enhance U.S. Agricultural Security, began in September, 2023, and will continue through August, 2025.

Leading the team is principal investigator Zhihong Xu, Ph.D., associate professor in the Texas A&M College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Department of Agricultural



Leadership, Education and Communications, Bryan-College Station.

“Our goal is to be able to deter, prevent, thwart, respond to and recover from any harmful consequences that may arise in the agricultural supply chain,” Xu said.

“Texas plays a crucial role in all of this,” she said. “We are right at the border and agriculture is a massive part of our economy – not to mention how it impacts our environment and our daily lives. From the food we eat to the economic boost our state gets, it’s all tied into this big picture.”

### Identifying, assessing threats

Concentrating on identifying and assessing potential threats along America’s agricultural food supply chains, this research is supported by a Department of Homeland Security Center of Excellence within Texas A&M AgriLife Research known as Cross-Border Threat Screening and Supply Chain Defense, CBTS. All results are being shared with the Department of Homeland Security.

“To prepare the country for future potential threats and situations that could cause disruptions, the team is pioneering research to enhance the understanding of how cross-border threats can affect agricultural and food supply chains,” said Gregory Pompelli, Ph.D., director of CBTS.

“This research supports the efforts to safeguard these critical components of national well-being, which also have global implications.”

The research findings are shared at a series of conferences held periodically throughout the length of the program in Washington, D.C., with Homeland Security and the officials responsible for the security of the food supply chain.

### Importance of food chain protection

Lettuce in crates in a warehouse. The U.S. food supply chain is a complex and interdependent system and the AgriLife-led team analyzes threats to that chain. (Sam Craft/Texas A&M AgriLife)

“The U.S. is at the heart of an extremely complex global trade network, facing constant threats that can be either intentional or unintentional,” said Matt Baker, Ph.D., head of the Department of Agricultural Leadership, Education and Communications.

Supply chain interruptions can result in health threats, food scarcity and economic losses. Identifying all potential threats systematically can provide a clearer picture and inform policies that strengthen decisions towards preparedness for national security.

“These threats pose significant challenges

to the intricate and interconnected supply chain networks that oversee massive volumes of trade critical to the country’s economy and food security,” Xu said. “Because of the complex and interdependent interactions at national and international levels, these threats can impact supply chain networks’ integrity, resilience and security.”

### Primary objectives of the project

The project conducts a systematic approach to analyzing threats to agricultural/food security. By synthesizing existing knowledge through systematic mapping, the team aims to identify knowledge gaps, prioritize research areas and promote collaboration to develop a holistic perspective on food and agricultural defense and security, she said.

The systematic mapping study objectives of the program are:

- Identify factors affecting agricultural security.
  - Identify impact of threats on agricultural security.
  - Develop an information system for research assistance.
- The objectives of the conferences are:
- Identification of agricultural security content experts.
  - Organization and facilitate future research, especially identified research gaps on the topic.

“By leveraging interdisciplinary approaches that combine social science and agricultural sciences, we aim to shed light on the vulnerabilities of the chains and strengthen the preparedness levels against such disruptions,” Xu said. “Our goal is not only to contribute to the academic body of knowledge but also to provide actionable insights that can help mitigate risks to the U.S. agricultural and food sectors.”

She said through their pioneering research, the team strives to enhance the understanding of how cross-border threats can affect U.S. agricultural and food supply chains, thereby supporting efforts to safeguard these critical components of national and global well-being.

Working alongside Xu are project co-principal investigators Baker; Bruce Herbert, Ph.D., professor, Department of Agricultural Leadership, Education and Communications; Jaehyun Ahn, Ph.D., research scientist, Department of Agricultural Leadership, Education and Communications; and Ashlynn Kogut, Ph.D., associate professor, Department of Teaching, Learning and Culture.

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