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## Motorcycle Safety Campaign now underway in May

*Share the Road*

TxDOT's statewide "Share the Road: Look Twice for Motorcycles" motorcycle safety and public awareness campaign urges motorists to look twice for motorcycles, especially at intersections, where motorcycle collisions most commonly occur.

### Why should drivers be aware of motorcyclists when traveling Texas roads?

On average, one motorcyclist dies in a crash on Texas roads every day. In 2023, 599 riders lost their lives and 2,483 were seriously injured in crashes. More than half of fatal motorcycle crashes result from collisions with other vehicles.

Drivers simply don't see the motorcycle or misjudge its distance and speed. The small size of motorcycles can make them appear farther away when they're actually closer.

The combination of congested roadways, distracted driving and the difficulty of seeing motorcycles in traffic has led to many preventable fatalities each year.

### What are some tips for safely sharing the road with motorcycles?

- Take extra care when making a left turn. It is safest to let the motorcycle pass to avoid turning in front of the rider.
- Pay special attention at intersections. Nearly one in three motorcycle fatalities happens at a roadway intersection.
- Give driving your full attention. Even a momentary distraction, such as answering a phone call or changing the radio station, can have deadly consequences.
- Look twice when changing lanes. Check mirrors, blind spots, and always use turn signals.
- Give motorcycles room when passing them. Move over to the passing lane and don't crowd the motorcyclist's full lane.
- Stay back. If you're behind a motorcycle, always maintain a safe following distance. When a motorcyclist downshifts instead of applying the brake to slow down, it can catch drivers off guard since there are no brake lights to signal reduced speed.
- Slow down. Obey posted speed limits and drive to conditions.



## Pickin' at the Library

Each month the community room at the Lillie Russell Memorial Library becomes a pickin' place for local musicians. The next Pickin' at the Lillie will take place at 6 p.m. on June 7.

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## Lady Eagles fall to Canton in softball; Baseball team advances to semifinals

Lindale High School's Lady Eagles were bounced from the Class 4A Regional Semi-Finals state softball tournament this past week while the boys baseball team advanced in the state playoffs to take on Texarkana Pleasant Grove on Saturday, May 18 in the Regional Quarterfinals.

### BASEBALL

The Eagles began their run through the playoffs with a pair of bi-district wins over Sulphur Springs – 5-1 on May 1 and 4-0 on May 3. The wins were the 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> in a row for Lindale.

In the first game, Lindale rallied to win with four runs in the bottom of the seventh to wipe out a 4-1 Sulphur Springs lead.

Ty McCoy was 2-for-4 at the plate for the Eagles while Carson Plunkett was 1-for-3 with a pair of runs batted in.

In the second game, Lindale jumped out to a 1-0 lead after the first inning, added two more in the third and another run in the fifth to advance to the Area round against Sunnyvale on May 9.

The Eagles plated three runs in the third against the Raiders and added another in the sixth for a 4-1 win.

Jackson Parker got the win on the mound for Lindale, going 4 2/3 innings, striking out three and allowing just three hits.

On Friday May 10, the Eagles advanced to the regional quarterfinals with a 5-3 win over the Raiders. Lindale broke a 3-3 tie with two runs in the top of the sixth to secure the win.

Hudson Legrow went the distance for the Eagles and struck out six in his seven innings of work. He allowed just one earned run and four hits.

### SOFTBALL

For the Lady Eagles, they fell to Canton, 9-1 in both games, on Wednesday May 8 and Thursday, May 9 at Tyler Legacy High School.

Lindale finished the season at 15-15-1 after taking second place in District 16-4A. Canton, meanwhile, won its 17<sup>th</sup> straight game and

improved to 28-8 on the season and was scheduled to take on the winner of the Van Alstyne-Frisco Panther Creek contest in the regional quarterfinals.

In the first game on Wednesday, Canton grabbed a 1-0 lead after one inning, added another in the second before plating two more in the fifth, three in the 6<sup>th</sup> and two more in the seventh.

The Lady Eagles managed their run in the top of the seventh.

In the second game, Canton jumped out to a 1-0 advantage in the third and scored five more in the third for a 6-0 lead.

Lindale scored its run in the fourth inning.

On Wednesday, the Lady Eagles got hits from eight different players with freshman Ava Grogan banging out a double as well as recording a stolen base.

Canton's Jaycee Bullard was the winning pitcher, working six innings and allowing no earned runs.

Thursday, Grace Thompson earned the win for Canton on the mound, allowing just two hits and no earned runs over three innings.

The Lady Eagles earned their berth in the quarterfinals after defeating previously No. 1-ranked Community, 9-8, in the Area round.

Prior to that playoff, 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 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.



Olivia Gary of the Lindale High School Lady Eagles stretches to make a play at first base this past week in the Lady Eagles' playoff game against Canton. Photo by Terry Cannon

## Council OKs keeping Tyler CPA firm

Lindale City Council members approved retaining Gollob Morgan Peddy to perform the city's audit for fiscal year 2023-24 during their regular meeting held Tuesday, May 7.

In related news, the votes from the May 4 city election, which saw Jerretta Nance Pate defeat 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 was scheduled to take place on May 14 at city hall.

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

Also, during that meeting council members will vote on someone to fill Rasco's Place 6 seat.

Gollob Morgan Peddy has been performing this audit for several years.

In other action, council members:

- Approved the lease purchase of a 36-inch multi-function printer;
- Approved a resolution to adopt an ADA nondiscrimination statement. This is a required action from the state;
- Approved a resolution to adopt a grievance procedure under the Americans with Disabilities Act, an item related to the nondiscrimination statement;
- Approved a public works budgeted item for a dump trailer and mowing equipment;
- Approved budget amendments for the budget year 2023-24.

## LHS netters at State Tournament

Lindale High School will be well represented this week at the Class 4A UIL Sate Tennis Tournament scheduled to begin Thursday morning in San Antonio.

LHS will have Emilio Rodriguez and Breanna Taylor in boys and girls singles, respectively, and the boys doubles team of Hayden Harry/Kalvin Dryman.

Rodriguez will take on Armando Moreno of Burkburnett High School at 8 a.m. Thursday, while Taylor will face off against Amanni Karera of Stafford, also at 8 a.m.

Harry/Dryman will take on the team of Abram Botello/Michael Moreau of Corpus Christi Tuloso-Midway.

Winners will advance to the semifinals on Thursday afternoon with the finals scheduled for Friday.



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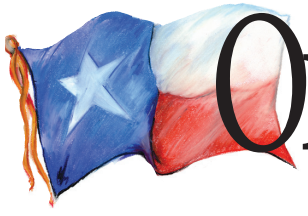
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# OPINION/COMMENTARY

**THE FIRST AMENDMENT:** Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of all the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances.

## Gary Borders Capital Highlights



### Phelan issues priorities for next session — if he is speaker

Texas House Speaker Dade Phelan, R-Beaumont, has issued his legislative priorities for the next legislative session in January, while facing a tough re-election battle and an impending May 28 runoff election.

Phelan directed his committee leaders to take a look at the use of school vouchers in other states and also consider new ways to further reduce property tax bills for homeowners, The Texas Tribune reported.

Attempts to pass a voucher program backed by Gov. Greg Abbott failed several times in past legislative sessions, leading to largely successful attempts to defeat voucher opponents in the March Republican primary. Phelan faces challenger David Covey, backed by Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick and other of his political foes, in the runoff.

As is customary with House speakers, Phelan did not cast a vote either way for the various voucher proposals but later said he would have supported a scaled-down version of vouchers.

During the last sessions, Phelan and his House allies backed a proposal to cut the cap on annual property taxes from 10% to 5%, which was opposed by Patrick. The lieutenant governor favored an increase in the homestead exemption instead and ultimately prevailed.

Moving forward, Phelan has directed the House Ways & Means Committee to explore “whether to further reduce the limit on appraised value of homesteads.”

### New teacher residency certificate approved

The State Board of Education recently approved a new certificate — the enhanced standard certificate — for aspiring teachers who complete a residency on their way to earning a teaching license in Texas, the Austin American-Statesman reported.

The board hopes such yearlong programs will create better trained first-year teachers and improve teacher retention — a major issue for Texas public schools.

“The residency prep route creates a path to the classroom that’s akin to the medical model for preparing doctors,” said Emily Garcia, associate commissioner for educator certification and enforcement at the Texas Education Agency.

Student teaching is common among college-based teaching programs, but the residency is longer and more intensive, Garcia said. The residency has a 750-hour minimum requirement, while a typical student teaching program usually involves a minimum of 490 hours in the classroom.

One out of eight Texas public school teachers left their jobs during the last school year, according to TEA, while just 58% of entry-level teachers hired in Texas five years ago are still working in public education.

### Bill would reimburse ranchers for unborn calves killed in disasters

Two Texas GOP lawmakers are proposing legislation to compensate ranchers who lose unborn calves during a disaster, such as the recent Panhandle wildfires, the Texas Standard reported. U.S. Sen. Ted Cruz and U.S. Rep. Ronny Jackson — both Republicans — are sponsoring the legislation.

Approximately 15,000 cattle, including pregnant cows, died during the Panhandle wildfires.

The proposal expands a program that is part of the farm bill called the Livestock Indemnity Program, according to David Anderson, a professor and extension specialist in livestock and food product marketing at Texas A&M. As now structured, the program is not set up to compensate ranchers for the loss of unborn calves, he said.

### Border landowners can be compensated

Landowners along the Texas-Mexico border are now eligible for compensation for damage to their land and property caused by migrants, smugglers and drug traffickers, The Tribune reported.

The Legislature during the last session approved \$18 million for the compensation fund, administered by the Texas attorney general’s office. Landowners have up to 90 days after an incident to file a claim and must have a written police report documenting the damage. The state will compensate up to \$75,000 for damage to property such as a barn or a fence, Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton’s office said.

## Perspective ...

A sense of wonder is one of the greatest gifts we are given. I have worked hard to hold on to mine throughout my life. It was easy growing up in the country on a ranch to experience that wonder. In the spring the mounds of clover were the sweet smelling mattress of choice while cloud gazing.

Of course at night the absolute best place to be was the old backyard swing my dad had welded and attached to our old swing set’s frame. You could stretch out on it with your leg pushing the chain and slowly swing and watch the stars travel the dark night sky. I could see the Milky Way and constellations and planes and satellites.

It was awe inducing and faith inspiring.

This summer when my boss man sweetie takes me to the West Texas Press Association convention in Cloudcroft, New Mexico I hope to go in search of dark skies again because they have disappeared from our neck of the woods. I need, really need, a little more star shine in my life.

What moves you to wonder? My list is only limited by my imagination and the ability to see, really see.

The intelligence and unconditional love of a dog has got to be one of the greatest gifts given to us. Dogs inspire my faith in God because of the qualities of limitless love, loyalty and warmth they share with us.

I just don’t understand folks who don’t like dogs...or wildlife for that matter. I love them all, except maybe snakes. Although I do appreciate the round-eyed, non-venomous fellers that take care of the rampant East Texas rodent population. I am fascinated by insects, except for pestilent mosquitos and those gosh-awful fire ants.

Seeing a great cowboy or cowgirl manage a spirited horse is phenomenal. When a rider and horse become one it is a thing of great beauty. Frankly, I think that anyone doing any job with passion and dedication is a thing of beauty and power.

But, the ocean pounding the sand in the middle of the night or at sunrise never ceases to move me. The sheer power and

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majesty of our world should fill us with wonder and gratitude every single day of our lives.

Then there are the gifts of music, art, good food and relationships that transcend the humdrum routine of days that we allow to become all too common.

Music is a gift I don’t personally possess. I can play the piano and read music but I can not sing or play masterfully. But every day I listen to either Big Band, classic rock, outlaw country music or... it’s all good. But when music is performed live with passion, oh man oh man, what a gift.

To read a book or article written by a truly good or great writer takes us places that planes, trains and cars never will. There isn’t a day that goes by that there isn’t a book in my hand that feeds some aspect of my mind or soul.

Here’s the point friends and neighbors, the creation we have been gifted is filled with infinite variety. If we are bored we are dooming ourselves to mediocrity and “sense-less” days. Lift up your eyes to the night sky, to the butterfly resting on a flower, the red-breasted Robin on the low-hanging branch, and know deep down that our weary old world is really quite wonderful.

Then, share that insight. Share kindness and joy and appreciation. Share music and books and ideas. Live life with passion.

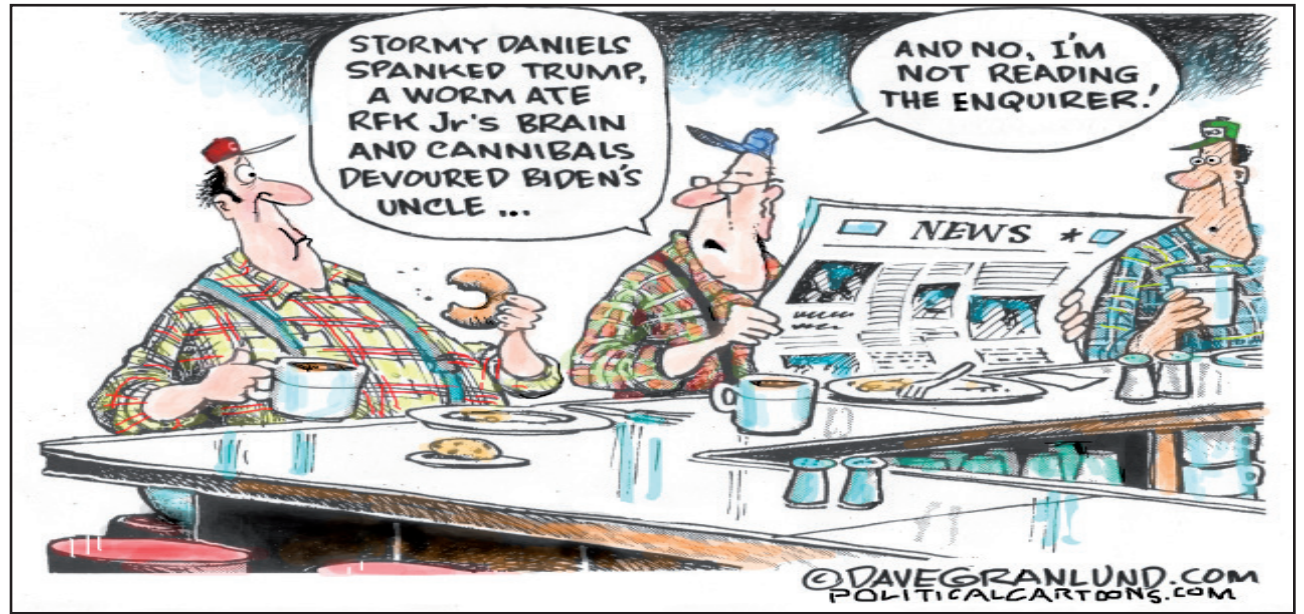
The stars will shine brighter, colors will be more vibrant and the music you hear will be sweeter.

Breathe...give thanks...share...

It doesn’t get any better than this...

And THIS is pretty dog gone good.

After all, it really is just a matter of perspective.



# 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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# Better late than never: Happy Mother's Day

Mother's Day was last Sunday and I'm just now getting around to recognizing that special time, which lines up neatly with what my own mom would have said about one of my foibles: he's really means well, but he gets distracted sometimes.

Yeah, she knew me pretty well.

Tommy George (that was actually her middle name, something I'll get to in a minute), was born March 30, 1922 in Deport, Texas and was the one of three daughters (she also had a brother) of Roger and Edna Bell.

She was the second oldest daughter and the story goes that my granddad – who had a wicked sense of humor – wanted a boy so he decided her middle name would be George.

When we visited Deport, we were always known as “Tommy George's kids” because, well, that's what Deport folks called her.

Mom graduated from Deport High School in 1940 and went to work as the cafeteria manager at Paris Junior College, a few miles to the northwest. She learned a great deal about cooking from her mom and no doubt used that skill at PJC.

During that time working at PJC, she met a tall, handsome guy who was living with a family just outside of Paris. This fortuitous event led to a wedding not long after.

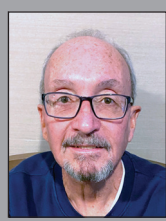
Upon returning from the war, the little family – which then included my oldest brother – eventually moved to Dallas so my dad could go to college and mom could handle the household.

By the time I arrived in 1954, there were four of us. To this day I do not know how she managed to feed four boys on my dad's salary, keep our house spotless, and be genuinely happy the whole time. My sister arrived in 1959, but that was around the time mom found out she had colon cancer.

Cancer treatment then wasn't as advanced as today, but by the grace of God and her steely will, she whipped it – for the time being.

Her remarkable resolve never wavered, even during her treatments which was a testament to her deep and abiding

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faith in God.

The challenge of helping raise five youngsters is something I will never comprehend. She let us fight our own battles – with each other and friends – knowing that experience was the best teacher.

She and my dad insisted we give only our best effort in school and if we came up short, there was indeed hell to pay. I can't count the number of times I had to “assume the position” across the bed while she meted out her painful, but fair, punishment.

Not big as a minute, she could turn into a sizeable Momma Bear when the situation called for it, as in the time I was at the eye doctor getting my first pair of glasses.

The eye doctor wasn't a pleasant fellow and treated me rather rudely.

Not the smartest thing to do in front of my mom.

She dressed him down, and insisted he show more patience with her son, who after all, was just seven years old.

As her kids grew older and left the nest, she was rewarded with a whole lot of grandkids, who loved and cherished her the rest of her life. Once, I recall my wife, my mom and our little Matt were coming home from Deport and mom had Matt in the backseat, bouncing him up and down on her lap making him giggle while both had a “grand” old time.

Later my wife said to me smiling, “You know, it's too bad your mom doesn't love her grandkids.”



Mom and dad right after their wedding and right before he headed off to war in 1942.

Indeed.

My mom treasured each and every one of her grandkids, which in turn gave her more joy with great grandkids.

After my dad died in 1991, she spent the remaining years tending to her faith, traveling, volunteering and as always – cherishing her kids and grandkids.

That lousy cancer returned and slowly gnawed away at her. But she never lost her rosy outlook on life and her fabulous sense of humor.

She was such a special lady, a treasure her family was able to enjoy for many, many years.

And she's probably laughing right now at how I missed honoring her before Mother's Day.

## Oh man, what a trip...right man?

I was fillin' my jeep with gas the other day when I noticed a car parked out toward the street. It not only was filled with junk, but some of it was spillin' out the windows.

Beside it stood a man who I guessed to be about my age and he was lookin' all around. About that time he looked over at me, smiled and headed my way.

Have you ever seen the old TV show “Taxi?” You remember Reverend Jim? Well, this guy looked just like him. I thought to myself, “Great. This guy's gonna hit me up for some money.”

He walked up and spoke. “Hey, man. Can you help me, man?” he said.

Remember I said he looked like Reverend Jim? Well, he sounded just like Tommy Chong of Cheech and Chong.

“Listen, man,” he said. “Do you know where Dallas is, man?”

I looked at him, smiled, and answered. “Yes I do.”

“Oh great, man. Yeah, I'm headed to Dallas, man and I got turned around. Can you point me in the right direction, man?”

“You bet. When you leave, take a left on the highway there,” I said as I pointed.

“Stay on that road for a few miles and you'll come to Interstate 20. Take a left on 20 and head west and in about an hour, take the highway 80 exit and stay on 80, and in

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a half hour or so, you'll run into Dallas.”

He looked at me with an inquisitive face. “West?”

“Yeah, west.”

“Huh? What if I head east, man. I like to take the road less traveled. Could I also get there that way, man?”

“Eventually,” I said, “but it's a lot farther.”

“Really? How much farther, man?”

I looked up in thought. “About 25,000 miles farther,” I said.

“Twenty-five thousand miles? That's pretty far, man. I'm supposed to be in at a meeting in Dallas tomorrow, man. I might not make it on time. Plus that would probably take a lot more gas, man.”

“Not to mention you'll have to cross a couple of oceans and possibly a few mountain ranges,” I said.

“Mountain ranges? I wouldn't mind seeing some mountains, man, but I don't want to be crossing no oceans. I get seasick, man.”

About this time I started lookin' around to see if I might be on one of those TV shows where they pull pranks on people.

I looked for hidden cam-

eras, people watchin' us, and stuff like that. I couldn't see anything out of the ordinary.

“Hey, man. I got a map, man. Could you show me where Dallas is on the map, man?”

“You bet,” I said. While he went back to his car, I finished fillin' up the jeep. I was puttin' the nozzle up just as he got back.

“Here you go, man,” and he handed me the map. “Just point it out, man.”

I looked at the map. “This is a map of New Mexico,” I said.

“Yeah, man. It's the only map I have.”

“Dallas isn't in New Mexico,” I explained. “It's in Texas.”

“Oh! Well, that's good to know, man.”

“Where were you when you started your trip to Dallas?” I asked.

“Colorado, man,” he answered.

“I see,” I said and then thinkin' to myself, “Well, that explains a lot.”

“Yeah, man. I spent the night last night in Fort Worth, man.”

“You spent the night in Fort Worth?”

“Yeah, man. A guy told me

to head east and I'd come to Dallas. That's why I thought I needed to keep heading east, man.”

“Were you on Interstate 30?”

“Yeah, man! How did you know?”

“Lucky guess,” I said. “You drove through Dallas on your way here.”

“I did? Wow, man. I must have missed it, man.”

“Looks like it,” I replied.

“Well, I better get going, man. Tell me again how to get there.”

“Sure. When you leave here, take a left on that highway there. Stay on that road for a few miles and you'll come to Interstate 20. Take a left on 20 and head west and in about an hour, take the highway 80 exit and stay on 80, and in a half hour or so, you'll run into Dallas.”

“Great. Thanks, man. I really appreciate it, man,” he said and walked back to his car.

When he opened his door a couple of papers flew out and he chased them down and then returned to his car. He climbed in, looked over at me, smiled, waved, and slowly made his way to the highway.

After he stopped, he looked both ways, turned right and took off in the opposite direction which I said.

I'd be willin' to bet, he might have been a little late for his meetin'.

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### ONE YEAR AGO, May 18, 2023

The Texas A&M University System Board of Regents has elected Lindale native and Dallas attorney William “Bill” Mahomes Jr. as its chairman.

Mahomes, was appointed to the Board of Regents in 2015 by Gov. Gregg Abbott and reappointed in 2021. He has served as vice chairman for the past two years. His election as chairman was unanimous by the nine-member governing board.

In Dallas, Mahomes is Of Counsel at Bracewell LLP, where his specialties include legal transactions involving public finance, real estate and public policy. He serves on the Vista Bank Board of Directors as well as the Advisory Board of Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Texas.

Mahomes grew up in Lindale as the oldest son of William P. and Lucy A. Mahomes. His brother, Johnny W. Mahomes, resides in Lindale.

### FIVE YEARS AGO, May 16, 2019

The Hideaway Lake Kiwanis Club awarded scholarships to several Lindale High School sophomores with Bethany Deupree being honored as Sophomore of the Year. She received a \$1,000 scholarship. She is the daughter of Toby and Jennifer Deupree. Other honorees, who received \$500 scholarships, included Jacey King, daughter of Joey and Jennifer King; Tyler Thompson, son of Blaine and Amy Thompson and Luke Sandifer, son of Michael and Rebekah Sandifer.

### 10 YEARS AGO, May 15, 2014

Incumbent Clyde Harper defeated Lindale businessman John Droblyn to retain his Place 2 seat on the Lindale City Council after voting was concluded.

Harper, on the Lindale council since 2009, tallied 72 votes to 29 for Droblyn or 71.3 percent to 28.7 percent.

A native of Lindale and a graduate of Lindale schools, Harper began serving on the city council when former Mayor James Ballard passed away which elevated then Mayor Pro Tem Jim Mallory into the mayoral chair.

Harper was asked to take Mallory's seat on the council with the understanding that he would run once the unexpired term was concluded.

## “Healthy weight” different for everyone

By Smith County Extension Office

Maintaining a healthy weight can be different for different people, but it's important to know what a healthy weight is for you.

Check out our top questions and answers on weight, weight gain, and weight loss. And talk to your doctor or nurse about your weight goals.

Women often gain and lose weight differently, so the steps you need to take to lose weight may be different from the steps someone else needs to take.

BMI gives you a good idea of how healthy your weight is.

But it doesn't tell the whole story. BMI is less accurate in some people than in others.

For example, if you are very muscular, you may be healthy even if your BMI is above 25. This is because muscle weighs more than fat. Another way to figure out if you have a healthy weight is to measure your waist circumference (the distance around your waist).



Researchers and doctors have agreed that women with a waist circumference larger than 35 inches are at higher risk for many health problems caused by overweight or obesity.

Women with a BMI of 25 to 29.9 are considered overweight.

Women with a BMI of 30 or more have obesity.

If you are worried about your weight, or if you are overweight or obese, talk to your doctor or nurse. Your weight can raise your risk for many health

problems and make it harder to get pregnant.

Your doctor or nurse may suggest healthy eating changes and more physical activity to help you reach a healthy weight.

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# PET OF THE WEEK



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Walter is a perfect house pet and is in need of a forever home.

Call Lindale Animal Control at 903-882-6861 to meet Walter or any of the other dogs needing forever homes.



## Rotary Kids Fishing Day near

Todd and Amanda Froebe of Lindale were the guest speakers at the weekly meeting of the Lindale Rotary Club and discussed the upcoming Rotary Club Kid Fish, scheduled for Saturday, June 8 at the American Legion Jordan-Duncan Post 15 in Lindale. The club prepares 100 rods and reels that will be given to the first 100 kids to attend the free event. All Lindale families are invited to attend and enjoy hot dogs and chips. Also shown in the photo is Shannon Reid, Lillie Memorial Librarian. (Courtesy photo)

# OBITUARIES

## JERRY BILL OLDFIELD



Jerry Bill Oldfield of Lindale passed away peacefully at Christus Mother Francis hospital in Tyler on May 11, 2024 after a valiant battle with lung cancer. He was 81.

Jerry was the youngest of six children born to Geneva and LeeRoy Oldfield in Newton, Iowa. Jerry moved to Texas in the mid-1980's where he had a successful career as a HVAC technician.

An avid outdoorsman, Jerry loved fishing and on any given day you'd find him at Lake Holbrook rod and reel in hand.

He is preceded in death by his parents and five siblings. Jerry is survived by his son Richard Oldfield, daughter-in-law Dawn Blue-mel Oldfield of Texas, his daughter Suzanne Oldfield Bancroft, son-in-law Fred Bancroft of New York, five grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, Sue Bruce Oldfield and Linda Breckenridge.

## DONALD RAY WINANS

Donald Ray Winans, 66, of Lindale passed away Sunday, May 5, 2024. He was born April 1, 1958, to the late Donald Winans and Lillie Burseson Winans.

He grew up in Lindale and graduated from Lindale High School in 1976. He was a self-employed welder until his health began to decline.

He is survived by his daughter, April Fox and husband James of Lindale, son, Michael Winans of Panama City, Fla., and three grandchildren, Christopher Tidwell, Emily, and Alexander Fox all of Lindale and twin sister Linda Kay Willis also of Lindale, plus a host of nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, and cousins.

A celebration of life will be held Saturday May 25, 2024, at 2 p.m. at 18388 CR 4104, Lindale.



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## Lindale Police Department call logs for May 3-9

**FRIDAY, MAY 3:** Public Service, 2200 block South Main Street, Settled at Scene; Welfare Concern, 556 IH-20 West, Settled at Scene; Motor Vehicle Crash, 556 IH-20 East, Report; Fraud, 300 block Jeffries Street, Report; Public Service, 300 block Asher Lane, Settled at Scene; Public Service, 100 block Ballard Drive, Settled at Scene; Public Service, 600 block South Main Street, Settled at Scene; Business Alarm, 16200 block FM 849, False Alarm; Theft, 100 block East Centennial Blvd., Report; Welfare Concern, 600 block East South Street, Unable to Locate; Business Alarm, 100 block Miranda Lambert Way, False Alarm; Possession of a Controlled Substance, 1600 block South Main Street, Arrest.

**SATURDAY, MAY 4:** Verbal Disturbance, 100 block Teresa Street, Settled at Scene; Public Service, 500 block South Main Street, Settled at Scene; Suspicious Vehicle, 100 block Freedom Drive, Settled at Scene; Violation of Protective Order, 100 block Ballard Drive, Report; Suspicious Person, 3500 block South Main Street, Settled at Scene; Cruelty to Animals, 300 block North Main Street, Unfounded; Traffic Hazard, 1000 block South Main Street, Settled at Scene; Residential Alarm, 800 block Pineland Lane, False Alarm; Theft, 1200 block Lindale Summit Drive, Report; Business Alarm, 100 block South Main Street, False Alarm; Suspicious Vehicle, 3500 block South Main Street, Settled at Scene.

**SUNDAY, MAY 5:** Motor Vehicle Crash, 555 IH-20 East, Report; Motorist Assist, 555 IH-20 West, Settled at Scene; Traffic Hazard, 500 block North Henry Street, Settled at Scene; Warrant Service, 3500 block South Main Street,



Arrest; Suspicious Vehicle, 2300 block South Main Street, Settled at Scene; Business Alarm, 800 block Lindale Industrial Pkwy., Settled at Scene; Disturbance, 800 block North College Street, Settled at Scene; Suspicious Vehicle, 1800 block CR 4112, Settled at Scene; Suspicious Vehicle, 700 block South Main Street, Settled at Scene; Assist Smith Co SO., 21200 block U.S. Highway 69 North, Report; Criminal Mischief, 200 block Cannery Row, Unable to Locate.

**MONDAY, MAY 6:** Suspicious Vehicle, 2400 block South Main Street, Settled at Scene; Assist Another Agency, 300 block South Main Street, Settled at Scene; Traffic Hazard, 100 block North College Street, Settled at Scene; Fraud, 15300 block Country Acres Drive, Report; Theft, 3500 block South Main Street, Report; Public Service, 100 block Ballard Drive, Settled at Scene; Assist EMS, 300 block Cooper Street, Settled at Scene; Mental Health Welfare Check, 200 block Ronnie Street, Settled at Scene; Threats, 100 block East Centennial Blvd., Settled at Scene; Criminal Trespass, 500 block North Main Street, Warning Issued.

**TUESDAY, MAY 7:** Verbal Disturbance, 900 block Carol

Drive, Settled at Scene; Business Alarm, 300 block East South Street, Settled at Scene; Business Alarm, 300 block East South Street, False Alarm; Suspicious Circumstance, 17000 block IH-20 West, Settled at Scene; Criminal Mischief, 700 block South Main Street, Report; Motorist Assist, 3400 block South Main Street, Settled at Scene; Traffic Hazard, 13900 block CR 433, Citation Issued; Public Service, 100 block Ballard Drive, Settled at Scene; Traffic Hazard, 200 block North Main Street, Settled at Scene; Business Alarm, 200 block South Main Street, Settled at Scene; Assist Smith Co SO, 18000 block CR 4112, Settled at Scene; Suspicious Person, 700 block South Main Street, Unable to Locate; Business Alarm, 300 block East South Street, False Alarm; Welfare Concern, 1300 block Hamilton Drive, Settled at Scene; Assist Smith Co SO, 15100 block FM 849, Settled at Scene.

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 8:** Motorist Assist, 3200 block South Main Street, Settled at Scene; Assist EMS, 1000 block Carol Drive, Settled at Scene; Public Service, 500 block Sunset, Settled at Scene; Suspicious Vehicle, 100 block West Centennial Blvd., Settled at Scene; Suspicious Vehicle, 100 block Stadium Street, Settled at Scene.

**THURSDAY, MAY 9:** Suspicious Vehicle, 13300 block CR 472, Settled at Scene; Suspicious Vehicle, 3500 block South Main Street, Settled at Scene; Traffic Complaint, 13900 block FM 849, Settled at Scene; Mental Health Welfare Check, 13800 block Highway 69 North, Settled at Scene; Theft, 100 block East Centennial Blvd., Arrest; Welfare Concern, 13400 block CR 472, Settled at Scene; Assist Another Agency, 16900 block Sentinel, Settled at Scene; Suspicious Vehicle, 13300 block CR 472, Settled at Scene; Suspicious Vehicle, 13400 block IH-20 West Settled at Scene.

## County clerk found guilty for interfering with public duty

A Smith County jury returned a guilty verdict against County Clerk Karen Phillips this past Thursday for interfering with a public duty.

Sentencing is to take place on June 14, with a potential punishment of up to 180 days in jail and a \$2,000 fine.

Phillips' sentence stems from a 2023 traffic stop involving a friend of her son, Derek Phillips, 38, of Tyler. The stop occurred at Phillips's home, with deputies eventually chasing Derek Phillips into the residence.

The state continued the testimony of Smith County deputy Jonathan Peters, who first initiated the traffic stop.

That night, Phillips recorded video of the incident on her phone which was shown to the jury. It showed Phillips placing herself between deputies as they were taking Derek Phillips out of the house in handcuffs.

Her defense team argued that Phillips was trying to protect her son. She can be heard in the video saying her son needs glasses.

The defense also questioned how much Phillips actually interfered with the deputies and their attempts to arrest her son.

Karen Phillips can be seen in a freeze frame from Deputy Peters' body cam standing several feet away as officers were arresting Derek Phillips.

"She forced my attention away from placing him in handcuffs," Peters said.

## Violent criminals sentenced to federal prison for crime spree

Three men were sentenced this past week by Judge Jeremy Kernodle to federal prison for violent crimes committed in Grayson and Tarrant Counties, said Davilyn Walston, spokesperson for U.S. Attorney Damien M. Diggs.

According to information presented in court, on Oct. 3, 2020, Brian Deboris Black, 33, Jason Von Brown, 44, and Kenneth Holt, 44, robbed a Dollar General store in Tom Bean, Texas. During the robbery, Black brandished a firearm and threatened to kill the three employees in the store if they did not comply with his demands. As Black exited the store, he pointed the firearm at individuals standing outside the door of the convenience store, threatening to shoot them as well.

On Oct. 13, 2020, Black and Brown committed a home invasion robbery in Mansfield, Texas. They entered the home at gunpoint, kidnapped three family members and restrained them with zip ties, and demanded money while threatening to kill them if they did not comply. Black shot the homeowners' son in the stomach and his right arm after he was able to free himself from the zip ties. The victim, who testified at trial, survived the shooting but sustained permanent injuries. During the investigation, it was determined

that Brandol Abram, 42, orchestrated the entire home invasion based on his belief that the family was in possession of \$10 million at their residence.

Black proceeded to trial on May 16, 2023. Co-defendant testimony, DNA, home security video, and cell phone analysis were instrumental in securing Black's conviction for robbery, carrying a firearm during a crime of violence, and kidnapping. Black was sentenced to 489 months.

Brown pleaded guilty to conspiracy to commit kidnapping and aiding and abetting and was sentenced to 180 months.

Abram pleaded guilty to conspiracy to commit kidnapping and aiding and abetting and was sentenced to 200 months.

Holt pleaded guilty to his role in the conspiracy to rob the Dollar General and was sentenced to 96 months on October 25, 2022.

Restitution was ordered to be paid to the victims of the offenses.

"The commission of violent crimes such as these—threatening, shooting, and injuring innocent people will not be tolerated," said U.S. Attorney Diggs. "The sentences that these defendants received demonstrates that justice for the victims was served and our communities will be safer as a re-

sult. Black, who was the most violent member of the crew, effectively received a life sentence and ensures that he will no longer be a threat to society."

This case was prosecuted as part of the joint federal, state, and local Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN) Program, the centerpiece of the Department of Justice's violent crime reduction efforts. PSN is an evidence-based program proven to be effective at reducing violent crime. Through PSN, a broad spectrum of stakeholders work together to identify the most pressing violent crime problems in the community and develop comprehensive solutions to address them. As part of this strategy, PSN focuses enforcement efforts on the most violent offenders and partners with locally based prevention and reentry programs for lasting reductions in crime.

This case was investigated by the FBI's Sherman Resident Agency, Tom Bean Police Department, Whitewright Police Department, Sherman Police Department, Tarrant County Sheriff's Office, Tarrant County Medical Examiner's Office, and the Texas Department of Public Safety Crime Lab. This case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Tracey M. Batson and former Assistant U.S. Attorney Ernest Gonzalez.

## County employees honored by Court

By Casey Murphy  
Smith County Public Information Officer

Kim Christopher was honored during Commissioners Court Tuesday, April 30, for 30 years of service to Smith County.

She has worked in several courts for different judges as the official court reporter over the last three decades. She currently serves as the court reporter for the Smith County Court-at-Law.

"She has served in my court as long as I have been judge, but she has served the County for 30 years," said Judge Jason Ellis, who has presided over the County Court-at-Law Court for more than nine years.

"It's a real joy and pleasure to work with Kim," he said, adding that they do a lot of sad things in court. "I appreciate Kim's joy."

He said she makes him smile and laugh, but he also ap-

preciates her seriousness and dedication in his courtroom.

On April 25, 1994, Christopher was hired by the late Smith County Judge Larry Craig as his reporter for County/Probate Court. She was also the roving reporter, working in a different court each day or for weeks at a time.

Throughout her years at Smith County, she has also taken the record for grand jury proceedings.

Upon Judge Craig's retirement, Christopher worked for County Judge Becky Dempsey and County Judge Joel Baker.

In 2008, she left the County Court and was hired by Judge Thomas Dunn to report for the County Court-at-Law. Upon his retirement, she continued to work for Judge Ellis.

"Smith County has been a blessing to me and my family," Mrs. Christopher said. "I have worked with many wonderful judges, court staff, and have formed friendships

that are like family."

Throughout her career, Mrs. Christopher has continued her education and obtained her Registered Professional Reporters License, which allows her to work in other states without taking their state certification. She has served as the president of the East Texas Court Reporters Association and served as Board of Director and in many capacities with the Texas Court Reporters Association. She is also a member of the National Court Reporters Association.

Collections Officer Amanda Levoy was recognized for five years of service in the Judicial Compliance/Collections Department.

Director Sheryl Keel said Ms. Levoy has been a true asset to her office and she brings a positive spirit to the office every day.

"Thank you for the opportunity to have you on my team," she said.

Additional Smith County employees celebrating work anniversaries this month but who were not in court on Tuesday include:

**20 Years:** Denice Johnigan, Sheriff's Office

**15 Years:** Clarence Edwards and Kathy Foster, Sheriff's Office

**10 Years:** Tommy Ryder, Facilities Services Department

**5 Years:** Brenda Fletcher, County Court-at-Law 3; and Kevin Van Horn, Philip Greanad, Ronald Owens and Emily Graham, Sheriff's Office.



### Wine lovers rejoice!

Picker's Pavilion at Blackberry Square in downtown Lindale was in "the spirits" this past week as the Spring 2024 Piney Woods Wine Festival took place. The festival showcased wineries and vineyards from across East Texas. Lots of tasty food and live music were also on the menu. (Photo by Terry Cannon)

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### Soccer player off to college

Lindale High School soccer standout Jace Mieth recently signed to play soccer with the Arlington Baptist University Patriots. (Courtesy photo)



### Whataburger Super Team honoree

Lindale High School senior football player Carson Plunkett was honored this past week by being named to the 2024 Whataburger Super Team presented by Whataburger and Dave Campbell's Texas Football Magazine. (Photo by Terry Cannon)

## Toyota ShareLunker Program wraps up outstanding season

The 2024 Toyota ShareLunker program was full speed ahead and produced an exceptional collection season for the fourth consecutive year, officials said.

Anglers contributed 19 Legacy Class ShareLunkers from seven different lakes throughout Texas. Three new waterbodies recorded their first Legacy Class fish, but O.H. Ivie in west Texas was at the head of the class again this season with 12 entries.

"Thank you to everyone involved in making another great Toyota ShareLunker collection season," said Natalie Goldstrohm, Toyota ShareLunker program coordinator. "We're grateful that so many anglers caught their fish of a lifetime this season and then decided to share their ShareLunker to support a future full of bigger, better bass in Texas."

O.H. Ivie generated seven consecutive Legacy Lunkers to close out the 2024 collection season. It has produced an unprecedented number of ShareLunkers during the last four seasons, accounting for the final ShareLunker of the 2020 collection season and then exploding for 12 Legacy Class Lunkers in 2021, 2022 and 2024. It proceeded to shatter the single-season collection record for that waterbody, with 15 ShareLunkers in 2023. O.H. Ivie boasts 51 combined Legacy Lunkers and multiple Legend Class entries over the past four collections seasons.

Key highlights from the 2024 Toyota ShareLunker collection season:

Seven reservoirs delivered Legacy Class Lunkers (Fort Phantom Hill, Inks Lake, J.B. Thomas, Nacoinche, O.H. Ivie, Sam Rayburn, Toledo Bend)

Three new reservoirs with Legacy Class ShareLunkers (Fort Phantom Hill, Inks Lake, J.B. Thomas)

Three new waterbody records (J.B. Thomas, Inks Lake, Fort Phantom Hill) and one new junior waterbody record (J.B. Thomas)

Angler Kyle Hall's ShareLunker 665 (15.82-pounds) made the Texas Top 50 as the 37th heaviest all-time Texas largemouth bass

Angler Kyle Hall recorded a Legacy Lunker in three consecutive seasons

Angler Larry R. Walker reeled in two Legacy Class Lunkers in 2024

Six out-of-state anglers etched their name into the program's record book. The anglers hailed from Kansas, New York, Ohio, Oklahoma and Washington.

TPWD biologists implemented a genetic analysis of this year's Legacy Lunkers and made some incredible discoveries. For example, they determined ShareLunker 666, reeled in by Larry R. Walker from O.H. Ivie, was a recapture of ShareLunker 646 originally caught by Mechelda Criswell on Feb. 27, 2023.

A 13.20-pound fish from Lake Athens proved to be the offspring of ShareLunker 552 which was caught by Randall E. Claybourne on Jan. 12, 2014 at Lake Fork. This is the first time a Legacy Class descendant from this specific family tree was discovered in the ShareLunker program.

Of the 19 Legacy Class ShareLunkers, 13 of the fish had secondary relationships to either previous Legacy Class fish or other ShareLunkers that anglers submitted scale samples for genetic analyses. Tissue from a pair of full siblings from Oak Creek were submitted by Criswell through the ShareLunker app. One of these fish was caught in 2023 and the other in 2024. All of these findings highlight the valued partnership that the ShareLunker program facilitates with anglers throughout the world.

Unfortunately, one of this year's 19

Legacy Class fish, the 13.42-pound ShareLunker 662 from Inks Lake, perished due to extenuating circumstances. However, in the last five years, the program has achieved an excellent overall fish survival success rate of 94 percent. The last time a Legacy Lunker perished in TPWD care was more than three years ago, in 2021.

"The TPWD hatchery teams work diligently to provide the absolute best fish healthcare for each and every ShareLunker bass," said Goldstrohm. "We continue to learn from these experiences and further refine big bass healthcare and life supporting treatments."

Anglers who caught and loaned one of these 13-plus pound lunkers earn Legacy Class status, receive a catch kit filled with merchandise, a 13lb+ Legacy decal for their vehicle or boat, VIP access to the Toyota ShareLunker Annual Awards event, a high-quality replica mount of their fish from Lake Fork Taxidermy, and Bass University will provide a swag pack and annual subscription. These anglers also receive entries into two separate drawings – a Legacy Class Drawing and the year-end Grand Prize Drawing. Both drawings will award the winner a \$5,000 Bass Pro Shops shopping spree.

While the Legacy class season has ended, the year-round Toyota ShareLunker program offers anglers three additional levels of participation for catching bass over eight pounds or 24 inches in Texas. Each of these levels still provide vital data to TPWD fisheries biologists, helping them to continue to create bigger, better bass in Texas.

Anglers who enter data for any lunker they catch greater than eight pounds or 24 inches during the 2024 calendar year also receive a catch kit, a decal for their vehicle or boat, a one-month subscription to Bass University

and an entry into the year-end Grand Prize Drawing to win a \$5,000 Bass Pro Shops shopping spree. ShareLunker entry classes include the Bass Pro Shops Lunker Class (8 lb.+), Strike King Elite Class (10 lb.+), and Lew's Legend Class (13 lb.+).

Once a lunker is reeled in, anglers need to enter the catch data on the Toyota ShareLunker mobile app – available for free from the [Apple App Store](#) and [Google Play](#) – or on the Toyota ShareLunker online app at [TexasSharelunker.com](#).

In addition to providing basic catch information, anglers have the option to send a DNA scale sample from their lunker bass to TPWD researchers for genetic analysis. Anglers who contribute a sample to the program in 2024 will receive a Lew's baitcast reel valued at up to \$200 while supplies last, with a limit of one reel per angler. Anglers who send in a genetic sample will also get a three-month subscription to Bass University. Instructions for submitting DNA samples are located on the [Toyota ShareLunker website](#).

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## Exercise care when using preemergent herbicides

By Greg Grant  
Smith County Horticulturist

We have had numerous yellowing St. Augustine turfgrass samples brought to the Smith County Master Gardener Help Desk that showed signs of clubbed rooting.

Rather than a normal tapered root the roots are short and swollen on the ends, shaped much like a club.

This condition was traced back to misuse of an herbicide in the dinotro-aniline (DNA) herbicide family. Examples include prodiamine (Barricade), benefin (Balan), pendimethalin (Pendulum, Pre-M, Weedgrass Control), trifluralin (in Snapshot), and oryzalin (Surflan).

Dithiopyr (Dimension) is another ingredient that is from a different herbicide family but works in a similar way. These herbicides inhibit cell division in the plants.

When a weed seed emerges and grows through the herbicide zone at the soil surface they absorb the product resulting in death of susceptible weed species.

A preemergence herbicide is an herbicide that is designed to control weeds by interfering with seedling germination and emergence.

They are commonly referred to in the lawn care industry as "weed preventers," and essentially form a protective barrier on the soil during critical seasons when weeds are most actively germinating.

Conversely, postemergence herbicides will control established weeds that have already germinated and emerged. Some herbicides have both pre and postemergence activity.

Preemergence herbicides can also affect cell division in all turfgrasses here



Clubbed roots of St. Augustine caused by a preemergent herbicide. (Courtesy photo)

including bermudagrass, centipede, St. Augustine, and zoysia where emerging roots on new stolons can be affected and exhibit a "clubbed root" appearance. We see the damage most commonly on St. Augustine and centipede lawns. It can also cause looping of St. Augustine stolons where they do not root into the soil treated with herbicide.

As a result, the turfgrass does not fill in as rapidly which can be especially problematic when the turf is trying to recover from stresses such as drought, traffic, insect injury, or diseases like Take All Root Rot.

When preemergence herbicide products are applied at excessive rates or frequencies, the clubbed rooting problem is much more pronounced. Turfgrasses will typically outgrow the effects of these products in time, but during periods of drought, insects, disease or other stresses may be severely affected.

It is important to note that pre-

emergence herbicides such as the ones listed above can be an important tool in managing weeds in lawns, and these products are labeled for use in these areas.

However, the potential for "club rooting" to occur on the desirable turfgrasses should be one of many factors in your decision on whether or not to apply these products.

The use of pre-emergent herbicides should be limited to those in the professional lawn care service or who have spent adequate time studying how they work and reading and following label specifications.

Download *A Homeowner's Guide to Herbicide Selection for Warm-Season Turfgrasses Lawns or Preemergence Herbicides for the Home Lawn-A Quick Guide for Homeowners* from [aggieturf.tamu.edu](#) or the [AgriLife Bookstore \(agrilifelearn.tamu.edu\)](#) for a more thorough overview of turfgrass weed management.



# ABC's of CBD for you furry friend

By Texas A&M School of Veterinary Medicine, Biomedical Sciences

Cannabidiol, or CBD, has become popular in recent years thanks to the marketing of its potential health benefits. So it's no surprise that pet owners are turning to CBD as a remedy for various ailments in their furry companions.

Yet because there is little evidence on the effectiveness and safety of CBD in animals, [Dr. Amy Savarino](#), chief pharmacist for the [Veterinary Medical Teaching Hospital](#) at the Texas A&M School of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences, explains how owners can evaluate CBD products for their pets to ensure they are choosing a safe and effective product.

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CBD is a non-psychoactive extract from hemp plants, meaning it does not produce the "high" typically associated with cannabis use, unlike tetrahydrocannabinol (THC), a compound found in cannabis that is psychoactive

or "high" producing. Instead, hemp-derived CBD is believed to regulate various physiological processes in the body and is sold in various forms, including oils, treats and capsules.

"Marketed CBD products advertise very lucrative benefits, claiming to calm your pets' anxieties, reduce seizures, improve their skin ailments and relieve their pain and joint discomforts," Savarino said. "We all want the best for our animals, so it seems natural to add a CBD product to a pet's daily drug regimen if they are experiencing these health problems."

Owners should take into consideration, however, state laws regarding CBD use before incorporating it into their pet's routine. In states like Texas, for example, hemp-derived CBD products for humans have only recently become legal because it contains less than 0.3% of THC, while marijuana-derived CBD remains illegal due to its higher THC concentration.

"Because of differing laws and the lack of clarity in the laws for

CBD in animal products, CBD reactions are still very unknown in animal patients," Savarino said. "Veterinarians can certainly suggest that a patient receives CBD, but we need more research on these products to make better clinical decisions."

Additionally, because CBD products are sold as over-the-counter supplements, there is no federal regulation to guarantee the percentage of active ingredients in the products.

"Often nutraceutical products — any product derived from food sources with extra health benefits — add other ingredients to their blends to make the product work better to give you the desired outcome," Savarino explained. "Yet one study recently found that out of 29 marketed CBD products for pets, four had heavy metal products in them and only 10 had within 10% of their label claim of active ingredient in the product."

In this case, Savarino strongly emphasizes that owners should carefully research and choose reputable brands when selecting

CBD products for their pets, as reputable products are more likely to be labeled accurately.

**"C" Is For Certificate Of Analysis, Communication**

Savarino also suggests owners ask a product's supplier or manufacturer for a COA, or certificate of analysis, because having a COA that is up to date with the product's manufacturing date ensures that the ingredient information accurately reflects the product's current quality and composition. Most reputable companies will provide COAs upon request.

"A COA is like a birth certificate for your product," Savarino said. "You want to be sure that the COA is current with the product you are selecting because, for example, a COA from 1984 isn't very accurate for a product on the shelf today."

Even though owners are responsible for researching and selecting CBD products, it is essential to openly communicate with their veterinarian regarding CBD administration to their pets, ensuring its safe and effective use.

"CBD, unfortunately, has demonstrated potential drug interactions with other medications that a pet might be taking, so you should first discuss what product you are going to give with your veterinarian to confirm that all of the medications are safe to give concurrently," Savarino said. "If your pet does start taking CBD, you should only provide the product as directed on the package and call your veterinarian immediately if you notice an increase in sleepiness, impaired coordination or unusual behavior after providing your pet with CBD."

As CBD products gain popularity for their potential benefits in pets, it's important for owners to tread carefully. The limited medical information available means that pet owners should approach such products with caution to ensure the safety and well-being of their furry friend.

*Pet Talk is a service of the School of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences, Texas A&M University.*



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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.

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# LISD ready to close out another successful year

By Terry Cannon  
Editor

In a little over a week, more than 300 Lindale High School seniors will cross the graduation stage, culminating a 12-year journey and open the door to their future.

For Lindale ISD Superintendent Stan Surratt, graduation is the culmination of another successful year for the district, a year in which academics, athletics and various types of extracurricular activities set another high bar.

This marked Surratt's 17th year at the helm of the LISD and he is quick to point out that each year's successes don't get old.

"Each year, it's super exciting to see these Lindale students have success and see them grow," he said. "We are so pleased with the kids, their parents and the community and how they represent Lindale."

Long recognized as one of the top districts in East Texas as well as in the state, this year's students competed and succeeded in various areas in 2023-24.

The LHS band won its fourth consecutive Military Marching Band state title, the speech and debate teams won several meets and the art and drama departments were in the higher echelon as well.

Career and technology classes prepare students for other areas as well and provide them with real world experience. The early college programs for LHS students are impactful as well, helping students get a head start on college.

"Our kids can get a full semester of college by the time they leave high school," he said. "There are so many fields of study available to them."

Another area of which he and the district are keen on is for special needs youngsters.

"More than 10 percent of our students have special needs and we have a great staff serving those kids and their families," he said.

And the athletic teams were competitive at higher levels across the board.

This type of multi-level success instills confidence in the parents and taxpayers of the LISD, Surratt believes.

"We are very appreciative of the support

of our community," Surratt said. "(Voters) approved the tax ratification of more than 72 percent in November. This shows people realize we are doing a great job. We are really blessed."

Surratt said the tax ratification will provide raises for faculty and support staff and help with various other projects. Surratt points out the district has always tried to be good stewards with the taxpayers' money.

"We do it in a way that's not excessive," he said. "We understand that we are all conservative in East Texas but you have to take care of teachers and staff."

This past year, new turf was installed at the softball field at the Lindale Baseball and Softball complex and this summer, the air conditioning units at the Early Childhood Center will be upgraded. The same improvements were made last summer to the Velma Penny Elementary School campus.

"With these new units, we will be able to save money," Surratt said.

Yet in all the good news for the district, there's still the specter of school vouchers which Surratt believes will impact school districts across the state, especially smaller ones.

State congressional candidates who are pro-voucher were able to draw on the support of Gov. Greg Abbott this past November. This means he should have the legislative power to get the voucher issue approved.

"What this means is you are having taxpayers having to pay for rich people's private school tuition," Surratt said. "If this was put up for a vote, most Texans wouldn't want it."

Money funneled to the voucher program will mean less for districts such as the LISD, and eventually, for teachers' raises, Surratt believes.

"To have that much money held back because of vouchers is just wrong," he said. "State teachers didn't get a raise because they were told there's no extra funding. But it's simply a matter of keeping resources away from the students and teachers. It's almost criminal."

# Commissioners approve going with new vendor for elections

Smith County Commissioners heard reports concerning tax abatements throughout the county as well as changing vendors for record keeping for voters and elections during their regular weekly meeting held May 7.

After considerable discussion, commissioners approved the change to VR Systems by unanimous vote.

County Elections Administrator Michelle Allcon told commissioners officials with California-based Votec contacted her and revealed the company is having financial difficulties and has requested a surcharge to help the company remain afloat.

Votec has contracts in Nevada and Illinois, but so far has only asked for the surcharge from Texas counties.

Allcon told commissioners Votec's software is used to record voter information as well as voter registration and mapping districts among other election related items.

She said she was informed in

March the company was having financial issues but company officials didn't "reach out to amend the contract."

Allcon said she explored using the state system or other vendors but, she added, there are few vendors approved to handle elections in Texas.

Other counties across Texas are facing the same dilemma, she said.

"The way Votec handled the situation and (how the company is) wishing everything will go well is the biggest risk we could take," Allcon said.

Precinct 2 Commissioner John Moore was more direct in his assessment.

"It's been my experience when companies are asking for money they are not owed it's a last gasp effort on their part," he said. "We don't need to take any chances. If a company looks to have problems, they are having problems."

Moore said he believes there is a lack of transparency involved as well.

County Judge Neal Franklin

pointed out that other counties in Texas are caught in the same situation and time is running short to rectify the problem.

"This is a tough situation, especially when you are put on the spot like we are," he said. "We certainly don't want anyone to miss out on the opportunity to vote."

Allcon said with the new vendor the county will be ready for the November election.

In other action, commissioners heard a report from Dr. Felicia Herndon of the Tyler Economic Development Council concerning the status of tax abatements across the county, including Sanderson Farms which has a hatchery in the Lindale Industrial Park.

She said there are 99 jobs out of the required 106 at the hatchery, with \$21 million invested on the \$18 million abatement approved. The abatement for Sanderson Farms plant in Winona was \$130 million with \$167 million invested. Herndon said there are 1,500 jobs at the plant.



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