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Early voting under way for county precinct election

Smith County residents living in the Commissioner Precinct 3 area can cast early ballots in the Republican Primary Runoff Election through Friday, May 24, county officials said.

The only race on the ballot will be for the Smith County Precinct 3 Commissioner Runoff between incumbent Terry Phillips and challenger J. Scott Herod.

General Election day is Tuesday, May 28.

Early voting will take place from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. through Friday, May 24 and Smith County Commissioner Precinct 3 residents can cast their ballots at The Hub, located at 304 E. Ferguson Street, in Tyler; or Lindale's Kinzie Community Center, at 912 Mt. Sylvan St., in Lindale.

Because of the construction of Smith County's parking garage next door to the The Hub, Ferguson Street is closed to drivers. The parking lot across from The Hub is still open for parking, but drivers will have to enter and exit at the intersection of Ferguson Street and Center Avenue.

There will be voter parking-marked spaces, with the closest one to The Hub being used for curbside voting.

Smith County has launched a new, easy-to-use interactive map on its website. If you need to make sure you live in the area covered by Commissioner Precinct 3, and when and where you can vote for this runoff, visit www.smith-county.com/government/departments/elections/current-election-information and click on the "Interactive Map of Smith County" link.

Election Day is 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Tuesday, May 28. There will be four polling places for Election Day – The Hub, Clarkston Elementary in Tyler, Lindale's Kinzie Community Center and Starrville Church of the Living God in Winona. Those locations can also be found on the new interactive map.

The city of Tyler Council District 2 Runoff Election will be held in June.

2024 LHS GRADUATION

Friday - 8 p.m. - Eagle Stadium



Angelina Jansen
2024 Valedictorian



Charlotte McConathy
2024 Salutatorian

The Lindale High School graduating class of 2024 will be led by Valedictorian Angelina Jansen and Salutatorian, Charlotte McConathy during ceremonies scheduled for 8 p.m. Friday at Eagle Stadium.

A total of 334 grads will receive their diplomas Friday night, school officials said.

Jansen has earned a 170.635 grade point average while McConathy has earned a GPA of 107.320.

These young ladies are but two of 10 girls who achieved Honor Graduate status, the first time in the Lindale ISD's proud history of educating their students that girls have occupied the top 10 places.

In addition to the valedictorian and salutatorian, the other Honor Graduates are: Hadlee Scott, 107.087; Megan McGee, 106.577; Lydia Payne, 106.537; Jaida Jones, 106.422; Fatema Smadi, 106.421; Landri Laing, 106.320; Madison Luster, 105.700 and Nicole Hines, 105.604.

"There's been one other time in the district when there were boys, but this is the first time for girls," said LHS Principal Jeremy Chilek.

He pointed to the district's culture, beginning with the Early Childhood Center through high

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All Gave Some... Some Gave All.

Saluting those who served and sacrificed on

MEMORIAL DAY

MONDAY, MAY 27

Courthouse project updated

During their regular meeting on May 14, Smith County Commissioners received an update on the county's parking garage and courthouse construction projects, which are scheduled to be open in the fall of 2024, said Public Information Officer Casey Murphy.

The five-story, 543-vehicle parking garage is on schedule, Murphy said, at a cost of \$15.4 million.

"We are extremely pleased with the progress. "We are on time and under budget for this project,"

Brandy Ziegler, partner with Fitzpatrick Architects, told the court.

With her presentation, Ziegler showed an updated time-lapse video, capturing the work that has been done on the parking garage since it began in November.

"This is a phenomenal structure, and it has been a pleasure to watch it go up," Smith County Judge Neal Franklin said. "Thank you to Hoar and SCI Construction Companies, Fitzpatrick Architects, and all of our Smith County team for your

commitment to this project. Additionally, I must thank all our employees and the public for your patience and understanding during the construction."

Stephen Flournoy, project executive with Hoar Construction, said as of Monday, 458 of the 504 precast pieces have been set. He compares the pieces to Legos that fit in place. A 212-foot, 275-ton crane has been used to fit the pieces together.

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Patriotic opening

Old Glory was ridden to center stage at the start of the 37th annual Lindale Championship Rodeo this past weekend at Cross Brand Cowboy Church.



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Holding on tight

There was plenty of action this past week at the 37th annual Lindale Championship Rodeo, sponsored by Peltier Chevrolet and The Edwards Team at Century 21 First Group.

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OPINION/COMMENTARY

Gary Borders Capital Highlights



House Democrats call for education special session

Texas House Democrats are urging Gov. Greg Abbott to call a special session to increase public school funding, while Abbott is criticizing them for opposing legislation last year that tied increased funding to his pet project — school vouchers. The Austin American-Statesman reported the Democrats sent a letter, written by Rep. Jon Rosenthal, D-Houston, calling for a 30-day special session focused on both increasing per-student funding and investing more in school safety.

“Our public schools are the bedrock of our communities, and it’s imperative we provide them with the resources they need to thrive,” Rosenthal said.

A number of Texas school districts are facing funding shortages for the 2024-25 school year budgets after no additional school funding was approved during the last legislative session, when lawmakers blocked passage of a voucher bill tied to increased funding.

A Statesman analysis in January indicated that when adjusted for inflation, per-student funding from state and local sources is down by 12.9% since 2020.

Rains sweep Texas as hurricane season approaches

While Texans in the Houston area and throughout East Texas continue to battle the effects of torrential rains — including storms last week that killed at least seven in the Houston area and left hundreds of thousands without power — the official start of hurricane season is just around the corner, on June 1.

As Dan Reilly, a Texas-based meteorologist, told the Texas Department of Insurance, “In most of the recent years, we’ve had many storms before June. So, in reality, I would say hurricane season probably starts in May.”

Families are urged to protect their family and property by preparing now. Here are a few tips from TDI:

- Make or update your home inventory: Take pictures or videos of each room in your home. For major items, write down the serial number, what you paid, and date you bought it. Don’t forget to get a video of items inside closets and drawers. Having a home inventory is one of the best things you can do to make sure you get the value of your claim.
- Have an emergency kit packed and ready to go: Set aside 3 gallons of water per person, enough to last three days. Also pack non-perishable food, a can opener and utensils, a battery-powered radio, a flashlight and extra batteries. See a full kit list at ready.gov. Put some water and food supplies in your car too, just in case.
- Check your roof. Damaged shingles or leaks around chimneys or skylights will get worse in a storm. Have a professional secure loose shingles and check the metal flashing around openings or on roof valleys for leaks.
- Get your yard ready. Remove dead tree limbs and branches that hang over your house. Check for loose items that can become wind borne such as yard furniture or trampolines. Tie them down.

DEI dismantling cuts hundreds of jobs

Leaders of the state’s public universities told state senators last week that dismantling diversity, equity and inclusion programs at Texas universities led to the firing of several hundred staff members and resulted in millions of dollars in program cuts, The Dallas Morning News reported.

A ban on DEI programs was passed in 2023 by the Legislature, meaning programs that provide resources for specific races, ethnicities or gender identities are no longer allowed. Examining the extent of that compliance was the aim of last week’s hearing.

The hearing also focused on pro-Palestine protests that have resulted in more than 140 arrests on state campuses.

State leaders examining the exploding hemp market

An explosion of legal hemp dispensaries across Texas is prompting increased scrutiny from Texas lawmakers, The Texas Tribune reported. Since hemp products were legalized in 2019, there has been a rapid proliferation of shops selling baked goods, gummies and smokable buds laced with cannabis derivatives that purportedly are under the legal limit for containing THC, the psychoactive ingredient.

Dream Big ...

Last week in the comedy of errors that goes along with owning newspapers, being part of a family and owning an 85-lb. behemoth of a Collie there were some toasty warm moments. The last 20 years of my career I taught journalism (along with psychology, sociology and dual credit U.S. History). Wait, that’s wrong! I taught teenagers.

Some hungry to learn, some with a killer work ethic, some, well, not as driven.

I heard from three of the driven ones last week. One, who had just graduated from the University of Houston’s law school and already has been snatched up by a hot shot Houston firm, came for a visit.

Mason brought a graduation picture and an abstract of his Houston Law Review published work. This is a young man that will make the world a much better place.

Another former yearbook editor earned her doctorate in occupational therapy. She met the love of her life in our publication staff room.

That happened with several of the kids I taught. With all those extra hours working on deadlines late at night romance tended to bloom.

I am still waiting for some of those high school sweethearts to name their baby girl Suzanne.

I also was humbled to receive an invitation to the United States Coast Guard Air Station Houston Change of Command at Ellington Field. My 1997 high school newspaper editor, Ryan Matson honored me with an invitation. Sadly I am unable to attend because my sweetheart boss is going to be inducted as the Texas Press Association President at the same time and that is pretty special too.

Along with about 30 community leaders, Jim and I attended a meeting with Kilgore College President, Dr. Brenda Kays, last week.

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The Best of Suzanne Bardwell



The meeting focused on how to motivate kids who have few dreams to dream big. You don’t have to become a lawyer, or earn a doctorate, or be named the commander of an air station. You just have to work at finding your best self.

Life is an adventure filled with detours, magic and wonder around every corner. Life is also filled with tragedy, heartbreak and loss.

What matters on both ends of that see-saw is how we respond to both. If you are flying high right now, good for you. Share your joy, dance a jig, hug your parents and say thank you when you can. If you are dragging in the mud, hang in there. It will get better. Those three superstars I told you about have climbed their own mountains to reach for their best selves.

There’s a trick there through. You never reach that pinnacle. You just have to keep striving to become your best self and along the way some rather miraculous things will happen to you, and because of you. So grab that life map and start planning your journey. You may be at the beginning seeking, lost somewhere in the middle or looking at the end of the road. Wherever you are just remember, as long as you are breathing the journey continues and the adventure of being your best self never ends until you do. Then, if we have traveled the right road we may discover that best shiny best self was there all along, buried deep, driving the best decisions and hardest sacrifices we made on the journey.

Safe travels my friends, and always remember, “...all who wander are not lost” J.R.R. Tolkien.



THE ECONOMIST

By Dr. M. Ray Perryman

Spreading it around...

Exports are crucial to economic prosperity, opening global markets to US products; a substantial portion of domestic business activity involves production of goods destined for foreign markets. Simultaneously, purchases lead to an inflow of funds, thus supporting domestic prosperity.

For more than two decades, Texas has been the top US export state — since 2002 in fact, when products valued at about \$95.4 billion left the state. Last year, the value of Texas exports totaled \$444.6 billion. In 2018, exports were \$315.8 billion. In other words, Texas has enjoyed a 41% gain in just five years — even with a pandemic in between.

Texas also accounts for a substantial portion of overall US expansion. The national total volume of exports increased from almost \$1.7 trillion in 2018 to over \$2.0 trillion in 2023, a \$355.5 billion uptick. Texas comprised \$129.2 billion or 36% of the gain. Last year, the combined value of exports from Texas represented 22% of the US total.

The way the data is tracked, what is counted is products starting their journey abroad in Texas. Thus, our port infrastructure provides a natural advantage. However, most relevant products are also produced within the state.

It is hardly surprising that the largest category of exports by a significant margin is oil and gas (\$139.9 billion), followed by petroleum and coal products (\$70.0 billion) and chemicals (\$58.3 billion). Computer and electronic products are \$52.9

billion. Transportation equipment (\$27.5 billion), machinery (\$26.8 billion), and electrical equipment (\$14.4 billion) are impressive. A variety of other manufactured products are notable, as are agricultural products (more than \$5.0 billion).

It is also instructive to examine how truly dominant the state has become. Texas gained the top spot for the first time by only a modest margin over California (\$95.4 billion to \$92.2 billion in 2002). California also has port infrastructure, manufacturing capability, and oil and gas resources (though they are not being developed to the same degree). California’s 2023 exports were \$178.7 billion, a level Texas topped around 2008. That was long before oil and gas were exported to any major extent; it was essentially illegal to export crude oil from the US until December 2015. Texas exports are now almost 2.5 times those of the second-place state. California remains a major player for imports given routes from Asia, but even that has shifted to some extent, as various port strikes have encouraged greater usage of the Texas Gulf Coast through the expanded Panama Canal.

Exports support much of the US economy, and Texas is leading all states by a huge margin. With vast natural resources and strong growth in manufacturing, the gap is almost certain to widen in the future. Stay safe!

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Air up there can be rare, especially when you're grounded

In the past several weeks, the airline industry has been buffeted by some bad, bad publicity.

Stories of doors suddenly flying off planes – while in the midair – landing gear not working, passengers getting unruly, etc., have focused a lot of attention on the “friendly skies.”

There are a lot of us old enough to remember when the thought of loading yourself in a big, metal tube to be transported thousands of miles away in a matter of hours was a bit like science fiction.

Flying, if you ponder the idea for a moment, seems dang near impossible even after all these years. As brilliant as the Wright brothers were, I can't imagine they envisioned a time when their spidery-looking craft would evolve into the multi-billion dollar industry it is today.

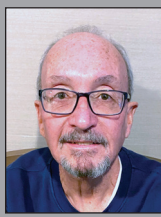
And surely they would have been confused at the term “airport delays.”

While disconnecting doors and panels and faulty landing gear are indeed the most serious problems airlines encounter, I would suspect flight delays remain the top of the passenger complaint list.

On one hand, a traveler can only complain about airport and airline delays if they've flown multiple times while on the other, if they've flown enough perhaps they have gotten used to these headaches.

Me? I'm somewhere in the middle of this because I've flown many times but not enough to collect a bunch

Terry Cannon Editor



of war stories to share in the airport lounge.

That's not to say I haven't been frustrated by delays and cancelled flights. It's just that my problems, especially in hindsight, are insignificant compared to business travelers forced to sit in an airport while an important meeting proceeds without them.

The rise (so to speak) of the airline industry is much too complex and detailed to cover in this space but suffice it to say our daily existence would be impossible without the miracle of jet-powered flight.

As a youngster in the 1960s, the thought of me flying in an airplane was the stuff of science fiction. Spiffy magazine ads trumpeted the wonders of flying off to some incredible destination such as Hawaii or New York City or even – gasp – Disneyland.

My mind reeled at the thought of one day I would be able to board a flight to anywhere, even if it was just a couple of states away.

And it wasn't until I was a senior in high school that I actually did get to fly somewhere – from Miami to Freeport, Bahamas. (That is indeed another story for another day.)

That flight was literally a

jump – it only took 30 minutes and any imagined horrors I had disappeared as we soared over the Atlantic toward the Bahamas.

From that inauspicious beginning, I've boarded flights to such destinations as Portland, Maine; Boston, Chicago (several times), California, New Mexico, Colorado, Arizona, Seattle and a few others closer to home.

When it comes to delays, there are two that stand out.

The second of the worst was being stuck in Denver's airport for more than six hours while my airline was trying to figure out where they were going.

It's a bad feeling to look up at the arrival/departure board and not see your flight listed. It's even worse when the person behind the counter knows less than you.

The first of the worst was awful from the beginning and went downhill from there.

After spending a week in Maine for my son's Little League World Series tournament, we were to fly home from Boston, making a “short” stopover in Washington D.C. We received a recorded phone call that morning informing us our flight had been cancelled.

Racing to the airport, we

found the airline's counter and discovered we could board another flight but “we'd have TO HURRY” to make it. Of course it was about 20 gates away. By the time we got to the gate, the very unfriendly person behind the counter informed us we were “too late” and that she'd been calling for passengers for the past 15 minutes and where were we all this time, hmmm?

Mad? Yep, you could say so.

Luckily, a nice lady stepped forward and allowed us to board as standby passengers. Off we went for D.C., and in a few hours we'd be home.

Not so fast, as they say in the airline industry.

First of all, we had to be re-routed to Philadelphia, where we waited three more hours for a flight to take us to D.C.

Yay! We were finally on our way to D.C.'s Dulles Airport.

Well... nine hours later we were headed to DFW Airport and the parking garage.

Frazzled, frustrated and completely beaten, we made it home some 19 hours after we arrived at Boston's Logan Airport that morning.

The next week, I fired off an angry email to the airline describing our rotten experience with their company. A couple of days later, I received a weak apology and a “valuable” coupon for 10 percent off our next flight with their airline.

That airline went out of business before we could take advantage of their generosity. Go figure.

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ONE YEAR AGO, May 25, 2023

Two new, but experienced, Lindale City Council members were sworn in during the council's regular meeting at city hall.

Bob Tardiff, Place 1 and Bryan Summerville, Place 3, took the oath of office before the meeting was called to order by Mayor Jeff Daugherty.

Both Tardiff and Summerville served on the council until April of 2022, when they resigned due to the term limits clause in the city charter.

They were unopposed in the May 6 General Election.

After they took their seats, former council members Ginger Sims and Rick Thelen were presented with plaques of appreciation by the council.

FIVE YEARS AGO, May 23, 2019

The Lindale ISD announced two promotions on two of its elementary school campuses. College Street and Velma Penney Elementary Assistant Principal Connie Forsyth was announced as the new principal for the Early Childhood Center, while Kaela Deslatte of ECC was promoted to the job of principal of Velma Penny.

Forsyth has been with the LISD for 10 years, the past three at Velma Penny and College Street.

Deslatte, also with the district for 10 years, has spent the past three years as ECC principal.

10 YEARS AGO, May 22, 2014

Following their annual Spring Concert, members of the Lindale Junior High School 6th grade Beginner Band were presented to the outstanding students in each section.

Those selected and their instruments were:

Flute: Ally Dixon
Double Reed: Kylie Valentine
Clarinet: Haley Bass
Saxophone: Mason Kelley
Trumpet: Dylan Worrell
French Horn: Emma Grace Cox
Trombone: Mady Eaves
Baritone: Yaritza Barboza
Tuba: Koby Wilhite
Percussion: Jenna Thornhill

Trouble bubbles to the surface in Tennessee

Janet and I were tryin' to decide where to go on vacation this year, and it reminded me of a vacation spot we went to about 21 years ago.

Now, I don't know if any of y'all have ever been to the Smoky Mountains or not, but if you haven't, you really ought to go. They are somethin'. Our travel agent booked us a place in Pigeon Forge, Tenn., right across from Dollywood.

Dollywood, as I'm sure you're aware, is Dolly Parton's theme park. It's kind of like Six Flags over Texas, but instead of flags, their theme is a great big brassiere.

Our agent had gotten us a log house/condo thing on the side of a mountain. It was pretty cool. After gettin' the keys, Janet and I loaded ourselves up like a couple of pack mules and hiked down the steps from the parkin' lot to our place. I pushed the key in the door, opened her up, and there, in front of me, was our home for the next couple of days.

“Wow,” I wowed. “Would you look at this?”

“It's nice,” said Janet.

“Sure is. There's a fireplace, a kitchen, a TV, and a... what is that anyway? A bathtub? In the middle of the den?”

“It's a garden tub,” said Janet. “You know, a Jacuzzi.”

“In the middle of the den? Why didn't they stick it in the bathroom? And why's it got all those mirrors around it.”

“It's supposed to be romantic. You know, a bubble bath in the candlelight. Too bad we didn't bring any bubble bath soap,” she smiled.

“Yeah, too bad,” I said sarcastically, as I pitched my duffle bag on the bed. “So,

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let's get goin'. We're burnin' daylight.”

“Rusty, we just got here. Let's relax.”

“Awww, come on, we can relax when we're dead. Let's go see somethin'.”

Janet sighed.

“OK, Romeo. Just let me put my things away.”

“What for? We ain't gonna be here but two days.”

“I do not like living out of a suitcase.”

“OK,” I sighed, “but hurry up. I want to run down to Gatlinburg. Johnny Cash sang about it in ‘Boy Named Sue’, you know. It goes, ‘It was Gatlinburg in mid-July, and I just hit town and my throat was dry, so I thought I'd stop and have myself a brew’.”

“I know how it goes,” said Janet. “You've been singin' that stupid song for the past 200 miles.”

“I can't help it. Every time I hear that word, I have to break out in that song.”

“What word? Gatlinburg?”

“It was Gatlinburg in a mid-July, and I just hit town and....”

“Shut up,” she warned. “If I hear that song one more time, I'll drown you in that tub.”

“OK, OK. Just hurry up.”

Finally, we were on our way. Gatlinburg is just a few miles down the road from Pigeon Forge, and in no time we were there.

“Wow, where'd all these people come from,” I said, as our car inched down the main drag of Gatlinburg. Traffic was bumper to bumper. “This ain't how I had it

imagined.”

“What did you think?” said Janet. “Did you think it would be a cowboy town with a dirt street lined with saloons and dancing girls?”

“You too, huh,” I said. She rolled her eyes.

We finally found a place to park and started walkin'. There a sky lift sort of thing and we got on and rode it to the top of a mountain. Man, it was pretty up there. Then we rode it back down and started lookin' for a place to eat. We ended up in a seafood joint, and it was pretty good. Afterwards, we walked around some more, until Janet suggested we go back. I was gettin' pretty pooped myself.

When we got back to the room, I figured that I'd just show Janet how romantic I could be.

“How about us tryin' out that Jahuzzi thing there,” I said, and I raised my eyebrows a couple of times.

“Jacuzzi,” she corrected. “Gesundheit,” I said.

She rolled her eyes.

“You go get ready and I'll get the water goin’,” I said.

I filled the tub, and when Janet wasn't lookin', I grabbed a bottle of dish water soap off of the sink in the kitchen. I unscrewed the top of the bottle and poured the whole contents into the tube. I climbed in and was sittin' there smilin' when Janet came back into the room.

“Jump in,” I said. “The water's fine.”

She smiled and slipped into the tub at the other end. “If we just had bubbles,” she said.

“I can take care of that,” I said.

“Don't you dare,” she warned.

“What?” I said. “No. This is what I meant,” and I hit the switch on the wall beside the tube. All of a sudden, the water started boilin' around us, and the soap started foam' up.”

“How'd you do that?” said Janet.

“I'm a man of many talents,” I said, as I inched over closer toward her.

“This sure is a lot of bubbles,” she said.

“Nothin's too good for you,” I smiled.

“How much did you put in here?” she asked, as she waved her hands through the cloud of bubbles.

“Who said that?” I asked, as Janet disappeared behind a bubbly mountain.

“Ow!” Janet exclaimed.

“It's stingin' my eyes. What did you use, regular soap?”

“Don't worry about that now,” I said, as I grabbed for her. She popped right out of my hands. “Boy howdy, you're slippery. It's like tryin' to grab a greased pig.”

“What did you call me?”

“Uh,... I meant that in a good way,” I explained.

“Really,” she said. “And how was that? Oh my goodness! Look! The bubbles are pouring out onto the floor! Rusty, do something!”

“I'm right on it,” I said and I stood up to reach for the switch. You know that soap stuff sure makes the floor of a tub slick. I'd no sooner got stood up, than my feet swapped places with my head, which sent a wave of bubbles out across the room.

“Turn it off!” yelled Janet.

“I can't see!” I said. “It's stingin' my eyes!”

I finally felt around until I found the Jacuzzi switch and turned it off. I wiped my eyes enough to see a little. For miles around, all I could see were bubbles. And there in the middle was Janet. At least, I thought it was Janet. She had bubbles all over her head, and even had some hangin' off her chin. She looked more like Uncle Sam than my wife, but I declined to tell her, especially after the greased pig crack.

“My,” I smiled. “You look ravishin'.” Janet did not return the smile.

“What?” I said.

“I think I finally figured it out,” she said.

“What?”

“I think I must have died 30 years ago, and I didn't go to heaven after all.”

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Time to fertilize your azaleas

By Greg Grant
Smith County Horticulturist

Tyler is famous for its azaleas so make sure and treat them like royalty. If you have not fertilized your azaleas yet, you need to get that done. The most important factor in fertilizing azaleas is to use small amounts per application.

Use any of the commercial granular azalea/camellia/gardenia fertilizers made for acid-loving plants and follow directions on the label. Larger plantings might find ammonium sulfate (21-0-0) more cost effective, although all fertilizer is expensive these days.

The general rule for growing azaleas is to fertilize lightly once growth begins in spring and no later than July.

Above all, evenly distribute the fertilizer throughout the bed, never in concentrated piles, and water in after applying (or apply before a rain) to make sure the fertilizer is not still on the foliage which can cause leaf burn.

Pruning is generally done the same time as fertilizing, most often just as the blooms fade but certainly before mid-summer. Generally, a light shearing is adequate. Shearing with hedge trimmers as the new growth emerges creates denser shrubs with even more blooms the following spring.



This azalea foliage shows micronutrient deficiency. (Courtesy photo)

Another option (especially on young or smaller azaleas) is to just cut back lanky shoots to make them more uniform and less "scraggly." Flower buds are formed in late summer, so no pruning should be done after that time. If you prune azaleas during the fall or winter, you will be removing the spring blooms.

Now is also time to apply fresh mulch to your azaleas. Pine straw is as good as it gets but you can also use shredded or composted pine bark. A layer of sphagnum peat moss over the roots is a special treat for them as well.

Mulching helps prevent weeds, retains soil moisture, and keeps the ground warmer in winter and cooler during the summer. It is critical not to pile mulch (or soil) around the stems of azaleas which can lead to

root and crown rot.

Azaleas require irrigation about every two weeks during June, July, and August, one inch per application, minus rainfall. Iron chlorosis (yellow new growth) can be temporarily corrected by applying copperas (iron sulfate) or a chelated iron product.

Some leaves always turn yellow in late winter or early spring and is no cause for concern since this is a natural process of the plant shedding old leaves.

Finally, there are a few insects which may bother azaleas. Most common is the azalea lace bug. These feed on the underside of the leaves, giving leaves a bleached or stippled appearance.

The underside of the leaves becomes discolored by tiny insects and shiny black excrement. Azaleas in direct sun and under stress are more prone to lace bugs.

A granular application of a systemic insecticide containing Imidacloprid applied when the new growth is coming out is what most professional azalea gardens use. This insecticide should always be used after the blooms are gone so as not to harm pollinators.

Azaleas are considered finicky, but if you follow a few rules, they can be beautiful additions to our East Texas landscapes.

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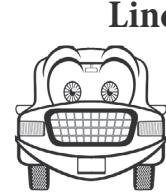
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SATURDAY, MAY 11: Assist EMS, 13300 block IH-20 East, Settled at Scene; Suspicious Vehicle, 300 block Colton Cove, Settled at Scene; Business Alarm, 2100 block South Main Street, False Alarm; Civil Matter, 1300 block Brad Circle, Settled at Scene; Motorist Assist, 200 block East Hubbard Street, Settled at Scene; Motor Vehicle Crash, 1000 block South Main Street, Report; Assist Smith Co SO, 10800 block Highway 16 West, Settled at Scene; Criminal Trespass, 400 block South Main Street, Settled at Scene; Business Alarm, 15500 block CR 463, False Alarm; Suspicious Vehicle, 100 block East Centennial Blvd., Settled at



Scene; Business Alarm, 300 block South Main Street, False Alarm; Suspicious Circumstance, 1100 block Woodlands Park Drive, Settled at Scene; Stolen License Plate, 3500 block South Main Street, Unable to Locate; Welfare Concern, 500 block Sunset Drive, Settled at Scene.

SUNDAY, MAY 12: Criminal Mischief, 3500 block South Main Street, Settled at Scene; Suspicious Vehicle, 3500 block South Main Street, Settled at Scene; 911 Hang Up Call, 13700 block Harvey Road, Settled at Scene; Motor Vehicle Crash, 553 IH-20 West, Report; Disturbance, 1100 block East Park Drive, Settled at Scene; Motor Vehicle Crash, 553 IH-20 West, Report; Motor Vehicle Crash, 556 IH-20 West, Settled at Scene; Motor Vehicle Crash, 553 IH-20 West, Settled at Scene; Motor Vehicle Crash No. 2 553 IH-20 West, Settled at Scene; Motorist Assist, 555 IH-20 West, Settled at Scene; Motor Vehicle Crash, 553 IH-20 West, Report; Suspicious Vehicle, 200 block Cannery Row, Settled at Scene.

MONDAY, MAY 13: Pursuit, 557 IH-20 East, Settled at Scene; Suspicious Person, 800 block Wood Springs

Road, Settled at Scene; Suspicious Circumstance, 300 Blk Rita Drive, Unfounded; Civil Matter, 1100 Block East Park Drive, Unfounded; Public Service, 3500 block South Main Street, Settled at Scene; Suspicious Circumstance, 2500 block South Main Street, Unfounded; Verbal Disturbance, 1300 block Hamilton Drive, Settled at Scene; Welfare Concern, 100 block Baker Street, Settled at Scene; Public Intoxication, 500 block North Main Street, Arrest; Assist Smith Co SO, 556 IH-20 East, Settled at Scene.

TUESDAY, MAY 14: Suspicious Vehicle, 21200 block Highway 69 North, Settled at Scene; Motorist Assist, 13400 block IH-20 East, Settled at Scene; Assist Smith Co SO, 12200 block FM 16 West, Settled at Scene; Motor Vehicle Crash, 100 block Eagle Spirit Drive, Report; Stolen Vehicle, 100 block East Centennial Blvd., Arrest; Assist Smith Co SO, 3500 block South Main Street, Settled at Scene; Residential Alarm, 200 block North Henry Street, False Alarm; Welfare Concern, 500 block South Main Street, Unable to Locate; Civil Matter, 500 block Asher Lane, Settled at Scene; Public Service, 900 block Mt. Sylvan Street, Settled at Scene.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 15: Assist Smith Co SO, 556 IH-20 East, Settled at Scene; Assault - Simple, 300 block South Main Street, Report; Civil Matter, 1100 East Park Drive, Settled at Scene; Motor Vehicle Crash, 555 IH-20 West, Settled at Scene; Fraud, 3500 block South Main Street, Report; Motorist Assist, 3400 block South Main Street, Settled at Scene.

THURSDAY, MAY 16: Assist Smith Co SO, 19000 block Highway 69 North, Settled at Scene; Disturbance, 500 block North Main Street, Settled at Scene.

Former Trinidad ISD official pleads guilty to theft from school district

The former business manager for the Trinidad Independent School District has pleaded guilty to theft from the district, said Davilyn Walston, spokesperson for Eastern District of Texas U.S. Attorney Damien M. Diggs.

Brandon Delane Looney, 38, pleaded guilty on May 15, 2024, to theft from a program receiving federal funds while serving as business manager for Trinidad ISD.

Federal law makes it a crime for someone to steal from an organization receiving more than \$10,000 in federal funds annually. According to court documents, Looney embezzled more than \$300,000 between 2017 and 2023 while working for Trinidad ISD in Henderson County, Texas. Looney used the funds for lavish trips to Walt Disney World and spending sprees at the Disney Store.

Looney faces up to ten years in federal prison, a potential fine, and mandatory restitution to Trinidad ISD for the funds he stole. The maximum statutory sentence prescribed by Congress is provided here for information purposes, as the sentencing will be determined by the court based on the advisory sentencing guidelines and other statutory factors. A sentencing hearing will be scheduled after the completion of a presentence investigation by the U.S. Probation Office.

Before pleading guilty, Looney worked with the Financial Litigation Unit of the U.S. Attorney's Office to liquidate his assets and preserve them for the restitution he will be ordered to pay Trinidad ISD upon sentencing. With the government's oversight and approval, Looney sold his house in Vidor, Texas, and other assets to preserve over \$200,000 for Trinidad ISD. The full restitution judgment will be collectible for 20 years after the termination of Looney's incarceration.

This case was investigated by FBI's Tyler Field Office, with assistance from the Tyler Police Department and the Trinidad ISD. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Robert Austin Wells.

Southeast Texas man gets 10

County road closure map now available

Smith County launched a new Smith County Road and Office Closures Map this past week, said Public Information Officer Casey Murphy.

The interactive map shows Smith County roads that are closed due to hazards, like flooding, or maintenance, like bridge construction. It will show detours than can be taken and how long the road is expected to be closed. It will also show any county offices that may be closed.

The specialized map site is a visual aid to compliment other forms of public communications sent out by Smith County, Smith County GIS Analyst Ethan Robinson, who created the map, said. It is intended to be a "single pane of glass" for the public to be able to view all road closures, he added.

The map will also help Smith County's Emergency Management Office, Road and Bridge Department, dispatch,

law enforcement and other first responders.

"This will aid emergency management in our service to the community by providing near real-time information to our citizens during disasters," Smith County Emergency Management Coordinator Brandon Moore said. "By allowing each citizen to access this platform the individual can plan accordingly during disasters by utilizing information provided by county and first responder personnel."

The link to the map is: www.arcgis.com/apps/dashboards/fee1c492c0614d-938d160e8829a51593

It can also be found at www.smith-county.com and will be a button called "County Road and Office Closures," under the Citizen Resources section. It can also be found under the "I Want To" dropdown menu, in the view column. At the bottom of the map there is an Instruc-

years for fed drug trafficking

An Orange, Texas man has been sentenced to 10 years in federal prison for drug trafficking and firearms violations in the Eastern District of Texas, said Davilyn Walston, spokesperson for U.S. Attorney Damien M. Diggs.

Richard Earl Thomas, 34, pleaded guilty to possession with intent to distribute methamphetamine and possession of a firearm in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime and was sentenced to 120 total months in federal prison by U.S. District Judge Marcia A. Crone on May 15, 2024.

According to information presented in court, beginning in 2021, law enforcement received information that Thomas was dealing narcotics from his residence in Orange, Texas. On Jan. 5, 2022, a narcotics search warrant was executed on Thomas' home. In the master bedroom police found cocaine, marijuana, heroin, multiple pills, and two firearms. Officers also found two digital scales which are often used by drug dealers to weigh and distribute narcotics. The narcotics were submitted to the Jefferson County Crime Laboratory which determined the substances to be roughly 14 grams of cocaine, 24 grams of heroin and approximately 157 grams of methamphetamine in pill form.

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

This case was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, the Orange Police Department and the West Orange Police Department. This case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Russell James.

tion Tab, with easy-to-use instructions.

The map is only intended to include county road closures, not city roads, highways or Farm-to-Market Roads. However, the bottom of the map tells users that they can visit <https://drivetexas.org/> for city and TxDOT closures.

The map currently does include the closure of Ferguson Street, which is a city road. This is because it is affecting Smith County offices.

This is the second interactive map Smith County has launched recently.

Smith County GIS Manager Phil Burkhardt created the interactive voter location map. Users can input their address to see which voting precinct they are in and what will be on their ballot. The "Interactive Map of Smith County" link can be found on the current election information page, at www.smith-county.com/government/departments/elections/current-election-information

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Girl Scout honored with County Resolution for veterans project

By Casey Murphy
Smith County Public
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The Smith County Commissioners Court adopted a resolution Tuesday, proclaiming May 14, 2024, as "Elizabeth Cater Day" in Smith County to honor a project the high school senior did for CampV.

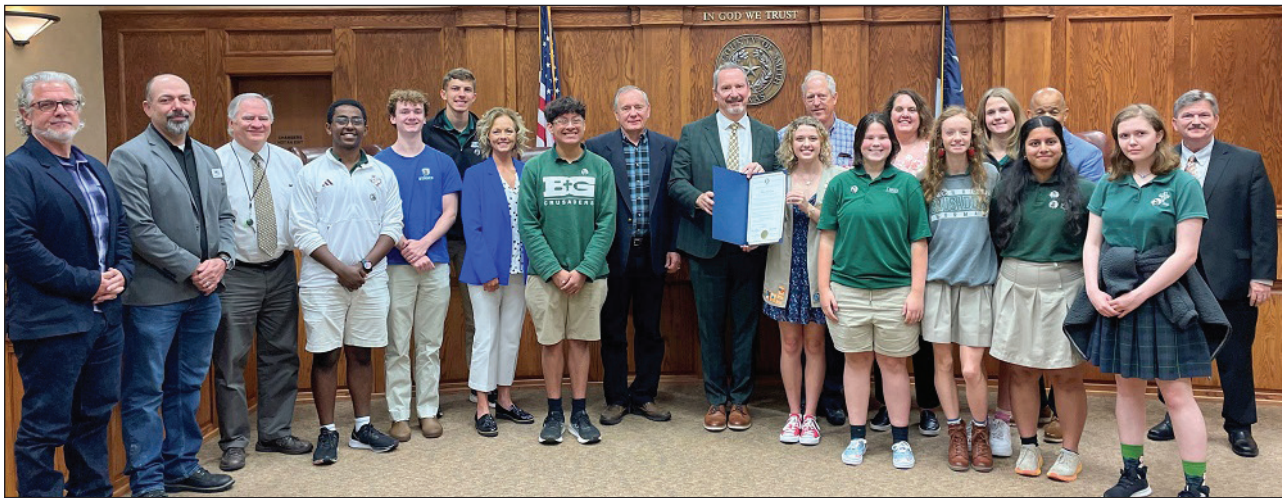
Ms. Cater will graduate from Bishop Thomas K. Gorman Catholic School, where she is president of her senior class and is salutatorian.

Through her service with the Girl Scout Troup 366, Ms. Cater helped build a new barbecue cookout area for veterans to enjoy at CampV. For the "Red, White and BBQ" project, she is receiving the Gold Award from the Girl Scouts of the USA.

CampV Executive Director Travis Gladhill said Ms. Cater went above and beyond, with the fundraising and donation of all the supplies and appliances for the outdoor kitchen. He said she approached CampV, an organization that supports local veterans, with the project idea.

"She blew our socks off," with the project, he said, adding that she saved CampV quite a bit of money through all her donated items to make the project happen.

"We couldn't be more proud of her," Gladhill said. "Elizabeth, today is your day. Thank you on behalf of everyone



Elizabeth Cater accepts the resolution during the Smith County Commissioners Court. With her were her classmates from Bishop Thomas K. Gorman Catholic School and her church. (Courtesy photo)

at CampV."

Ms. Cater attended Commissioners Court, along with her economics classmates on their last day of school. Members from her church, First Presbyterian Church of Tyler, also attended to support her.

As part of her Girl Scouts project, Ms. Cater also gave

presentations at various churches and other organizations throughout the community to promote awareness of issues faced by veterans, including mental health challenges and PTSD.

She plans to attend Austin College, having received its Westminster Scholarship.

Lindale students earn President's List honors at Southern New Hampshire

Officials with Southern New Hampshire University have announced two Lindale residents have been named to the school's 2024 President's List for the winter semester.

Brett Cobb and Rickie Gilley, both of Lindale, earned grade point averages of 3.7 or above and are full-time

undergraduate students. Full-time status is achieved by earning 12 credits over each 16-week term or paired 8-week terms grouped in fall, winter/spring, and summer.

The winter terms run from January to May.

Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU) is a private, nonprofit

institution with a 91-year history of educating traditional-aged students and working adults. Now serving more than 225,000 learners worldwide, SNHU offers approximately 200 accredited undergraduate, graduate and certificate programs, available online and on its 300-acre campus in Manchester, NH.



Garden Club scholarship

Lindale High School senior Cole Williams was awarded a scholarship recently from the Lindale Garden Club, officials announced. The club honors a LHS senior each year with a scholarship. (Courtesy photo)

OBITUARY

Robert Vickers



Graveside services for Robert Henry Vickers, age 86 of Lindale are scheduled for 10 a.m. Saturday, May 25, 2024, at Harris Chapel Cemetery in Lindale with Brother James Griffin officiating.

Robert passed away on Saturday, May 18, 2024, in Lindale. He was born May 18, 1938 in Lindale to the late Frank Odell and Anne Bell (Brown) Vickers. Robert was a lifelong resident of Lindale.

He enjoyed fishing, the outdoors, and worked throughout his life maintaining commercial and residential lawns across Lindale. Robert was loved by all and was best known for having a true servant's heart.

He was preceded in death by brothers, John Coleman Vickers, James Allen Vickers, Jerry Ray Vickers, Kenneth Wayne Vickers, Louis Norman Vickers, Angus Vickers, and Floyd Lee Vickers; and sister, Mary Ann Vickers.

Robert is survived by his brother, Kelly Vickers of Mabank, Texas, and by numerous nieces, nephews, and other loving family members and dear friends.

Family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, May 24, 2024, at Caudle-Rutledge-Daugherty Funeral Home in Lindale.

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

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DATED the 16th day of May, 2024.

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

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DATED the 16th day of May, 2024.

/s/ Joe K. Thigpen
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TO: ALL UNKNOWN HEIRS IN THE ESTATE OF KENNETH JACQUES DECEASED:

On the 14th day of May, 2024, **TIFFANY MOODY** filed an **APPLICATION TO DETERMINE HEIRSHIP** in a proceeding styled **IN THE ESTATE OF KENNETH JACQUES, DECEASED** and bearing the number **47523P** 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 **14th day of May, 2024**, at the office in Tyler, Texas.
KAREN PHILLIPS, COUNTY CLERK
Smith County, Texas
By: Shanae Howell, Deputy

CLERK OF THE COURT **PENNY CLARKSTON**
SMITH COUNTY DISTRICT CLERK **400 TROUP HWY**
100 N. BROADWAY, RM. 204
TYLER, TEXAS 75702
903-590-1660

ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF **KAREN HUGHES**
400 TROUP HWY
TYLER, TEXAS 75701
(903)593-2440

CAUSE NO. 23-0175-G

THE STATE OF TEXAS CITATION BY PUBLICATION

NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: "You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by Ten O'clock (10:00) A.M. on the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two (42) days from the date of issuance of this citation, a default judgment may be taken against you. In addition to filing a written answer with the Clerk, you may be required to make initial disclosures to the other parties of this suit. These disclosures generally must be made no later than thirty (30) days after you file your answer with the Clerk. Find out more at TexasLawHelp.org."

**TO: UNKNOWN FATHER- - RESPONDENT
WHEREVER RESPONDENT MAY BE FOUND**

GREETINGS: YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear by filing a written answer to the **FIRST AMENDED ORIGINAL PETITION IN SUIT AFFECTING THE PARENT-CHILD RELATIONSHIP** at or before 10 o'clock AM. of the first Monday after the expiration of forty-two (42) days from and after the date of issuance of this citation, same being the 13th day of March, 2024, in the County Court of Law #3 of Smith County, Texas, at the Courthouse of said County located at 100 N. Broadway Tyler, Texas, 75702. Said **FIRST AMENDED ORIGINAL PETITION SUIT AFFECTING THE PARENT-CHILD RELATIONSHIP** was filed in said Court on 11th day of November 2023, in this case, numbered, 23-0175-G and styled: **IN THE INTEREST OF A.K.J., A CHILD**. The Petitioners are Matthew Jackson and Kristina Williams. The Respondent is Unknown Father. The attorney for the Petitioner is Karen Hughes whose address is 400 Troup HWY., Tyler, Texas 75701 (903) 593-2440.

IN THE INTEREST OF A.K.J., A CHILD
The Officer executing this process shall promptly serve the same according to the requirements of law, and the mandates thereof. If this citation is not served within ninety (90) days after it sued, it must be returned unserved.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of said Court at Tyler, Texas, this date: March 13, 2024.

ATTEST:
CLERK OF THE COURT
PENNY CLARKSTON
Smith County District Clerk
100 N. Broadway, Rm. 204
Tyler, Texas 75702
BY: /S/ Nicole Adamic
Deputy Clerk

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of **LORRAINE ALDEAN PIERCE**, Deceased, were issued on April 29, 2024, in Cause No. 48250P, pending in the County Court at Law #3 of Smith County, Texas, to **STUART WADE PIERCE**.

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

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

Date: May 13, 2024.
THE GOODSON FIRM, P.C.
Attorneys for Stuart Wade Pierce

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Guardianship for the Estate of **JACKIE CHARLES BOYETT**, an Incapacitated Person, were issued on December 12, 2022, in Cause No. 46728-G, pending in the County Court at Law #3 of Smith County, Texas, to **SHERRY BOYETT ROBERTS**.

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

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

Date: May 10, 2024.
THE GOODSON FIRM, P.C.
Attorneys for Sherry Boyett Roberts

CLERK OF THE COURT ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF
OR PLAINTIFFS
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CAUSE NO. 23-2974-B

THE STATE OF TEXAS CITATION BY PUBLICATION

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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**.

ATTEST:
CLERK OF THE COURT
PENNY CLARKSTON
Smith County District Clerk
100 N. Broadway, Rm. 204
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By: /s/ Penny Clarkston
Penny Clarkston, District Clerk

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

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

Date: May 13, 2024.
THE GOODSON FIRM, P.C.
Attorneys for Stuart Wade Pierce

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Testamentary for the Estate of **JUAN ANTONIO SANDOVAL**, Deceased, were issued on February 20, 2024, in Cause No. 48088P, pending in the County Court at Law #3 of Smith County, Texas, to **EDITH TISCARENO SANDOVAL**.

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

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

Date: February 20, 2024.
THE GOODSON FIRM, P.C.
Attorneys for Edith Tiscareno Sandoval

**REQUEST
FOR PROPOSALS**

The City of Lindale is accepting sealed requests for a contract on group medical insurance **until 10:00 A.M. local time, June 6, 2024 via email**, at which time they will be publicly opened. Specifications may be obtained from Brinson Benefits at 214-379-5157. The Title of the email should include **"RFP# 08-24-903 for Group Medical Insurance"**. Any bids received after the time and date stated above, regardless of the mode of delivery, will not be considered. The City of Lindale reserves the right to accept, negotiate, amend, accept and/or reject any or all bids, in whole or in part, or to waive any informality in any bid, which, in its discretion, is in the best interest of the City of Lindale.

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Courthouse project updated

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After the precast pieces are all placed, they will be reinforced with welded mesh wire and concrete, he said.

Construction of the voter-approved parking garage is still on schedule to be completed in October 2024, even after a month of bad weather days.

The \$179 million Courthouse and Parking Garage Bond was passed by voters on November 8, 2022.

The current actual cost of the parking garage is \$15.4 million, while \$16.9 million was the budgeted total. The remainder will go to the courthouse budget, which is currently \$163,600,257.

Over the last 10 months, the design team has worked to develop construction drawings and specifications for the new Smith County Courthouse. Consisting of more than 40 architects and consulting engineers, the design team has worked in harmony with stakeholders and Hoar Construction to achieve the same end goals represented in the construction drawings. These include safety and security; functionality and efficiency; balancing the quality and aesthetics of a building; and doing all of it within the budget the Smith County taxpayers approved, Ziegler said.

“We’ve all worked so great together as a team because we all have one goal in mind – to have a project we can be proud of for the next 100 years.

Demolition of the block of Spring Avenue properties, east of the current courthouse, is expected to begin in July 2024.

“July 1 – we will take over the block,” Flournoy said. “I will tell everybody: buckle up! This is a great job ... everyone involved is looking forward to getting started on Phase 2” of the construction project – the courthouse.

Mrs. Ziegler added that the courthouse project has spurred other development downtown. The City of Tyler has come along as a partner, with plans to improve the square and surrounding sidewalks and streets, with a \$17 million project, she said.

The city’s project is expected to be complete around the same time as the construction of the courthouse and surrounding square. The move of everyone from the courthouse to the new courthouse will take place in fall of 2026, she said. That move, followed by the demolition of the current courthouse and construction of the east side of the square, is scheduled to be completed in 2027.

2024 LHS GRADUATION

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school, as a driving force of the students’ success.

“(The students) know how things should be done by the time they are in elementary school,” Chilek said.

GRADUATION SCHEDULE, INFORMATION

Seniors participating in the graduation ceremony are required to attend the practice session beginning at 9 a.m. on Friday. No cap and gown are required, shorts are permitted and guys must be clean shaven.

Graduates must report for the ceremony by 7 p.m. Friday to the ECC. They will be checked for adherence to the dress code before entering the ECC.

Gates to the stadium will be open at 6:30 p.m.

Dress code for boys will include dark dress shoes and socks or dress boots, dark dress pants, light colored shirt and tie. Jeans will not be allowed.

For girls, the dress code will be a dress or skirt and shirt with dress shoes or dress sandals, shoes must be a neutral color and dresses or skirts should be not too long and not too short. Strapless dresses are not allowed.

Flip flops and western boots are not allowed and glitter or decorations are allowed on caps and gowns.

Hair, earrings, rings and/or studs must adhere to school dress code standards.

CEREMONY

After the processional, graduates will remain standing during the Pledge of Allegiance, presented by Student Council Co-President Burkelyn Allen; Hadlee Scott will offer the invocation, followed by a greeting from Lindale ISD Board of Trustees President Mike Combs.

The Salutatory Address will be given by Charlotte McConathy and the Valedictory Address by Angelina Jansen.

The awarding of diplomas will then take place by LISD Superintendent Stan Surratt, Chilek, Principal Kyle Wright, Assistant Principal Ryan Tomlin and Assistant Principal Melisa Dukes.

Aden Ramsey will then offer the benediction.

Lindale’s Rodriguez wins state tennis title; baseball team ousted

Lindale High School’s athletes experienced highs and lows this past week during University Interscholastic League competition on the tennis court and the baseball diamond.

In tennis LHS is the home of another state champion as Emilio Rodriguez defeated Malcolm Moore of Dallas Pinkston, 6-3 and 6-1, to win the University Interscholastic League’s Class 4A boys singles title in San Antonio this past Saturday.

In baseball, the Eagles fell in a one-game playoff to the Texarkana Pleasant Grove Hawks, 12-2, at East Texas Baptist University.

On the court, Rodriguez defeated Armando Moreno of Burkburnett, 6-2, 6-2 in the first round. In the second round, he defeated Owen Labay of Boerne, 6-3 and 6-0.

BASEBALL

The Lindale High School Eagles’ baseball season came to an end this past Saturday after losing a one-game Regional quarterfinal playoff game to the Texarkana Pleasant Grove Hawks, 12-2, at East Texas Baptist University in Marshall.

Lindale finishes the year with a 22-6-2 mark. The Eagles, first place winners of District 16-4A, defeated Sulphur Springs 5-4 and 4-0 to secure the bi-district title the downed Sunnyvale in the Area round, 4-1 and 5-3.

The loss also snapped a 17-game winning streak for the Eagles.

This past Saturday, the Eagles jumped out to a 2-0 lead in the third, but the third-ranked Hawks roared back with nine runs in the bottom of the fifth to put the game away.

In the Area playoff against Sunnyvale on May 9, the Eagles jumped out to a 3-0 lead after the first and added another in the sixth for the 4-1 victory with Jackson Parker getting the win on the mound.

He struck out three and spaced out three hits over 4 2/3 innings.

In the first Area playoff game, Lindale advanced to the Regionals with a 5-3 win by breaking a 3-3 tie with two runs in the top of the sixth.

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.

In the bi-district playoffs, Lindale defeated Sulphur Springs 5-4 and 4-0 by rallying for four runs in the bottom of the seventh for the walk off win in the first game.

The Eagles scored runs in the first, third and fifth innings to claim the 4-0 victory over the Wildcats.

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