

On June 6, 1944, Allied forces crossed the English Channel and landed on the beaches of Normandy, France in a massive offensive to liberate Western Europe from the occupation of Nazi Germany. With 176,000 troops arriving by landing craft and ships, as well as nearly 14,000 aircraft, the Allied forces were able to secure Northern France within three months despite a vicious effort by Nazi forces.

Thousands of American and Allied lives were lost but not in vain as this Invasion of German occupied France lead to Victory and restored Liberty.

Library settling into summer schedule

School's out for the summer and the folks at the Lillie Russell Memorial Library are ready to help begin your summer adventure.

This summer library staff has partnered with Texas A&M Agrilife Extension for a fun hands-on gardening series, a free 6-week course that will meet every Thursday at 10:30 a.m., starting June 6 and ending July 18.

Erica Davis from Texas A&M Agrilife Extension will offer instruction on gardening, soil and compost, disease prevention, harvesting and more.

This is open to ages and to register, call the library at 903-882-1900.

 Local artists Richard and Barbara Brown will be teaching a two-part Graphite Sketching Class on June 6 and June 7, from 1 p.m.

Attendees can refine skills and learn tips and tricks from these amazing artists.

This is a free class for patrons ages 13 and up. Attendees must bring supplies to class, call or stop by the library to acquire a list of required. Registration is required.

• Local artist and owner of Arts for Your Soul, Kaylee Jeong, is returning to the library to offer a **Patriotic Painting Class**

Join Kaylee Jeong on June 12, at 2 p.m. to create your own work of art. Open to ages 6-12. Class is \$8 per person. Supplies are included. Registration is required.

• On June 13, at 2 p.m., the library's own Haven Osteen will be teaching a Friendship Bracelet Making Class for children ages 8-12.

This is a free class with a limit of 10 attendees. Supplies are included. Registration is required.

• Interested in learning ASL basics? Join Patrick Grona, a sign language professor from Tyler Junior College, in our Hand Community Room on June 18, at 2 p.m., for his free ASL Basics Class.

• Texas paleontologist BK Bones will be hosting an exciting and lively demonstration for our

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City work crews were busy Tuesday afternoon (May 28) clearing trees which were snapped by the strong storms that rolled through the area. **Photos by Terry Cannon**

Storms topple trees, cut power

The late spring storms that barreled through Lindale and East Texas on Tuesday, May 28 downed trees, dumped several inches of rain and knocked out power to thousands of residents.

And a second round of strong thunderstorms roared through the East Texas area late Monday night, leaving more than 60,000 residents without power through Tuesday morning.

According to ONCOR officials, their crews have been busy trying to restore power to customers throughout the region, mostly in Smith County.

Lindale remained without power through midmorning on Tuesday. The storm dumped several inches of rain, further saturating the ground that hasn't dried out since the first round of severe weather hit the region late last week.

The Precinct 5 Constable and Justice of the Peace offices were closed due to the power outages.

Smith County Communications Director Casey Murphy said emergency personnel responded to multiple calls involving a water rescue, residents trapped in cars and houses.

ONCOR East Region Manager Tom Trimble said crews were busy throughout the night trying to restore power. He said a mobile portable generator was deployed at Lake Tyler for its water intake.

He added with the severity of the storms, the process of restoring power to all customers may take

Last week's storms caused several county roads and streets to be blocked by trees and debris and work crews were busy throughout the rest of the week clearing roadways while power crews were repairing power lines.

Among the damage reports was the roof on Pop's Honey Fried Chicken on Highway 69 just north of downtown Lindale on Tuesday.

Workers reported they sought shelter in the walk-in cooler as the storms rolled through when they discovered the damage. The restaurant was able to continue operating and no injuries were reported.

Smith County Sheriff's Office spokesman Larry Christian said the office's emergency operations center experienced a high volume of 911 calls related But it was the high winds that caused most of the damage, toppling trees onto roadways, roofs and yards.

to weather activity. He said some of the calls were associated with downed power lines.

Phillips ousted by first-time challenger

Incumbent Smith County Precinct 3 Commissioner Terry Phillips was soundly defeated by challenger J. Scott Herod in Tuesday's (May 28) Republican primary run-

> off election with Herod garnering approximately 90 percent of the vote.

Phillips, who has been on the Commissioners Court since

2009, managed just 198 votes to 1,773 for Herod.

Herod will now face Democrat candidate Edith Mayfield-Wilson in the November General Election.

In the March joint primary election, Herod garnered 2,968 votes -44.25 percent - to Phillips' 2,141 votes and 31.9 percent. Also in the race was Rusty Smith who received 1,598 votes or 23.8 percent.

Wilson won the March election with 775 votes or 75.1 percent.

East Texas Food Bank's free summer program available

The East Texas Food Bank's free Summer Food Program for children is now available at 42 East Texas locations, publicity officials announced.

"It's so important to make sure children do not go hungry in the summer just because school is out," said David Emerson, CEO of the East Texas Food Bank. "Here in East Texas, 1 in 4 children are food insecure so it's up to our community to make sure we fill that meal gap when the school year ends and kids lose access to free and reduced-price meals they depend on."

In 2023, the East Texas Food Bank served 42,000 meals to over 1,700 children throughout East Texas. This summer, ETFB will serve 64,000 meals to over 3,000 children.

Meals are provided at various community sites Monday-Friday. There is no need to register.

The program is for children 18 and younger. Some locations offer breakfast and lunch but all offer lunch. Kids eat the meal at the location.

Typical breakfast menus are cereal or breakfast bars, plus juice and milk, while lunch includes wraps, wedges, sandwiches with deli meat, pizza Lunchables, fresh fruit and chocolate milk.

Besides the meal, some of the locations at parks, churches and libraries offer other free activities for children. Check with the Summer Food Program you plan to visit for more information.

ETFB also provides food at various campuses for kids enrolled in summer school but these are not open to the public.

For the full list of locations and serving times visit EastTexasFood-Bank.org/SummerFood or by calling 903-597-3663.

Established in 1988, the East Texas Food Bank is the largest hunger-relief nonprofit in East Texas covering 26 counties.

Artist captures life of Jesus with impressive church mural

EDITOR'S NOTE: Freelance writer Brynna Williamson is a frequent contributor to the Lindale News and Times and a recent graduate of the University of Texas at Tyler. She is also a member of the Garden Valley Baptist Church.

By Brynna Williamson

Beth Campbell has done it all. Well... nearly, anyway.

From her very first job at the age of 16, Beth has always pursued creative endeavors.

Why?

Because she's really, really, ridiculously good at it.

"I've done so many things, I forget them sometimes," she says. One of her most recent projects was to complete a 43-foot mural for Garden Valley Baptist Church, which sits on the corner of FM 16 and County Road 442. The mural, which church members fell in love with immediately, only took Campbell about five weeks from start to end.

Campbell and I worked on the project, which was undertaken as part of my senior project with the Honors College at UT Tyler.

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Beth Campbell puts some finishing touches to her 43-foot mural that decorates a wall at the Garden Valley Baptist Photo by Brynna Williamson Church.

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Phelan wins re-election bid, seeks speaker post again

House Speaker Dade Phelan, R-Beaumont, narrowly won re-election in a hotly contested runoff race and has vowed to seek his third term as speaker, drawing threats from Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton to oppose any of his supporters in the 2024 primary.

"I've done it twice, Phelan told The Dallas Morning News. "I'll do it a third time." But Patrick was quick to threaten opposition to any representative supporting Phelan's bid.

"My message to Austin is clear: to those considering supporting Dade Phelan as speaker in 2025, ask your 15 colleagues who lost reelection how they feel about their decision now," Paxton said in a statement. "You will not return if you vote for Dade Phelan again."

Two former Phelan supporters already have announced they will run for speaker. Rep. Tom Oliverson, R-Cypress, announced his plans to do so before the runoff results were known. Rep. Shelby Slawson, R-Stephenville, announced her candidacy on Thursday. Phelan has drawn Paxton's ire since supporting impeaching the attorney general, who was ultimately acquitted by the Senate last September.

FEMA opens more disaster recovery centers

The Federal Emergency Management Agency has opened more disaster recovery centers in southeast Texas counties hit by recent storms and flooding, the Houston Chronicle reported. New centers opened in Hardin, Montgomery and Walker counties and are open 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Meanwhile, Gov. Greg Abbott added five more counties to the disaster declaration list: Dallas, Fannin, Hockley, Lynn, and Rockwall. That means more than 100 Texas counties are now under a disaster declaration after severe storms and flooding swept a considerable portion of the state in late April, with heavy rainfall, flash flooding, flooded rivers, large hail and hazardous wind gusts.

"I encourage every Texan who sustained damage to their home or business to report it using the Texas Division of Emergency Management's iSTAT damage survey," Abbott said. The link to the survey can be found at: damage.tdem. texas.gov.

SBOE to approve rigorous course material

Public comment is now open for new course materials proposed by the Texas Education Agency and under consideration by its governing body, the State Board of Education.

The Austin American-Statesman reported the state has developed academic content that will be offered free online for kindergarten through fifth grade reading and language arts, and for kindergarten through eighth grade math. SBOE must approve the materials for use in all public schools that wish to use them.

Education Commissioner Mike Morath said the intent is to provide free, state-developed and vetted course materials. He said teachers have said in TEA surveys that they spend many hours outside of school looking online for such material.

"In many cases, the materials that have been cobbled together by curriculum teams or grade level teams, while seemingly appropriate, have not given students exposure to the background knowledge they need," Morath said. "You want kids to be able to read independently, but you want them to be really stretched."

If approved by the board, districts will receive an additional \$40 per student to use board-approved books and \$20 to print state-owned content. Anyone interested in viewing the proposed materials and provide feedback by going to the board's website — sboe.texas.gov — and finding the "Instructional Materials Review and Approval" page.

The board could approve use of the materials in November.

TPWD approves rules for mountain lions

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission last week approved rules for hunting and trapping mountain lions in the state, banning canned hunts and setting a 36-hour limit for checking traps for live mountain lions, kut.org reported.

Before the vote, there were no requirements for checking traps, and whatever was trapped could be left to die of exposure or dehydration.

'We don't need to facilitate negligence. We have a duty to manage wildlife. We have a duty to be ethical as hunters," Brandt Buchanan, a ranch manager and hunter, told commissioners.



Cowboys are my heroes ...

Yep, my heroes have always been cowboys...

The best cowboy I ever knew raised me. Before ranch accidents and crippling arthritis he rode like the wind. He and a horse in motion were something to see.

When the Round Up Rodeo rolls around every year I get a little homesick for a way of life that is mostly just precious memories for me.

Later in life my Dad was more likely to rope cattle while riding the hood of a beat-up pickup truck driven by Mom than from a horse. I am still amazed he didn't get run over. I don't know if that speaks to his athleticism or Mom's driving skills.

I have also seen Dad try to separate two full grown, fighting bulls while his border collie bit the neck of one

and shook until that Brangus beast moved away from Dad a few cracked ribs too late.

Daddy taught me to corral cattle on foot or by truck, vaccinate, brand and more. Don't ask about the 'more'

Jim Bardwell can too, because my Dad dy said that 'cowboying' came with marrying me. But

that is an entirely different column.

When I was a kid the ranch across from ours had a private rodeo arena, the 4G-O and all I had to do was walk across FM 709 to get a taste of cowboy competition. Soon our fifth generation Working B Ranch and the old 4G-O may be claimed by eminent domain and Japanese High Speed Rail. I want to cry every time I think about it. But memories can not be taken, even by eminent domain. And those memories are nearly all good ones.

We will make a few memories of our own this week right here in Gladewater. When the Round Up Rodeo swings out of the chute Wednesday it will be a full course banquet of Professional Rodeo Cowboy Association world class competition.

We have a lot to love about Round Up. If you haven't attended in awhile, or ever, you are missing one of, if not the best, entertainment offered anywhere. From little kid Mutton Bustin' and calf scrambles down in the dirt to barrel racing, steer wrestling, bull and bronc riding to bull fighting this is a show you won't want to miss.

The sport of rodeo is one of the most dangerous in America. It requires a level of skill that no other sport does.

The Best of Bardwell



Barrel racing and team calf roping are precision events. And check out the bull fighters, they may be dressed like clowns, but there is nothing funny about the fact that their very dangerous job is to make sure the cowboys get out of the arena in one piece while they distract 2-ton raging bulls.

Now those bull and bronc riders, those tough old boys are a different breed altogether. I always try to visit just a minute with the young cowboys while they get ready for their

> events. They are wrapping ribs, knees and elbows. They usually limp, share tape and jokes. They are passionate about their sport, their way of life and supportive of each other despite their seriously competitive sport.

What a parable for the rest of us. Passion, commitment, friendship and

encouragement. Sounds like a recipe for living life well. Something we should all strive to imitate and share with

We all need to thank the folks who make up the rodeo association who work all year long to bring a world class event to Gladewater, Texas. This dedicated team not only puts Gladewater on the national rodeo radar every year, their event brings nationally ranked cowboys and cowgirls, as well as thousands of dollars to Gladewater in visitor money. To top it all off, all the proceeds from the rodeo go to college scholarships for area students. Scholarships that give kids a hand up and puts them on the road to success. That is pretty dog gone impressive.

Yep, like I said, my heroes have always been cowboys and that is never going to change.

Well done Round Up Rodeo directors, wranglers and sponsors, you give a great gift to this community and continue a legacy that spans over eight decades.

Gladewater is a part of our national rodeo history and it is still making history. Come and share that history this week. You won't be sorry. I promise.

And cowboys - thanks for the memories. Past and present.





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Eight decades later, heroism still resonates

In the nearly 250 years of this country's existence, several defining moments have shaped its soul and forged its identity to make it the greatest nation the world has ever seen.

One such pivot point occurred 80 years ago today, when Allied forces scaled Adolf Hitler's Atlantic Wall and began the long, torturous journey to ridding the world of one of its most vile monsters.

Known by its military designation as D-Day, Operation Overlord was the culmination of months of planning, training and coalition building.

It was helmed by Gen. Dwight Eisenhower, who some thought at first was a curious choice to command such a massive undertaking. Yet he proved to be a master at cultivating cooperation among the English and French and keeping everyone's focus on the task at hand: getting a foothold in Europe to eventually bring down the horrific German war machine.

Yet despite the planning and the leadership, it was clearly understood the success of this invasion would rest on the shoulders of 18, 19 and 20 year olds who – despite weeks of training – wouldn't have the slightest clue what it was like to charge into withering fire from a fully armed and battle hardened enemy.

The combination of fear and adrenaline must have been a potent combination for those young men. Dire wartime circumstances can unleash remarkable accomplishments from otherwise ordinary – and some extraordinary – men.

Such as:

--James Earl Rudder, who was born in the central Texas town of Eden on May 6, 1910. During Overlord, Rudder, a lieutenant colonel at the time, led his 2nd U.S. Army Rangers in the historic battle of Pointe du Hoc, a heavily fortified German position located on 100-foot cliffs, bristling with



machine guns and heavy armor. Rudder's Rangers succeeded in taking the area and held on under heavy enemy fire for two days until relieved. Casualty rates for the battalion reached 50 percent and Rudder was wounded twice during the assault. But Rudder's Rangers took out guns that were aimed at both Utah Beach and Omaha Beach.

Several months later, Rudder's exploits continued at the Battle of the Bulge, where he won the <u>Distinguished Service</u> Cross, Bronze Star with Oak Leaf Cluster, Purple Heart with Oak Leaf Cluster, French Legion of Honor with Croix de Guerre and Palm, and Order of Leopold (Belgium) with Croix de Guerre and Palm. He was a full colonel by the wars end, and was promoted to <u>brigadier general</u> of the Army Reserve in 1954 and major general in 1957.

He was named president of Texas A&M University in 1959 and president of the A&M System from 1965 until his death in 1970.

-- Private Joe Gandara, who served with Company D, 2d Battalion, 507th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 17th Airborne Division. He was born on April 25, 1924 in Santa Monica, Calif. On June 9, 1944 in Amfreville, France, Pvt. Gandara's detachment came under devastating enemy fire from a strong German force, pinning the men to the ground for several hours. Gandara voluntarily advanced alone toward the enemy position, firing his machine gun from his hip as he moved forward. He destroyed three hostile machine guns before being fatally wounded. President Barack Obama presented Gandara's niece with his Medal of Honor on March 18, 2014.

--Jimmie W. Monteith, Jr., born July 1, 1917 in Alleghany County, Va. On June 6, 1st Lt. Monteith landed near Collevillesur-Mer France and moved up and down the beach reorganizing further assaults on enemy positions. After reaching the safety of a cliff, he moved out in the open to direct two tanks that were blind to enemy fire through a minefield and into firing positions. This led to the destruction of several German positions. He continued crossing open terrain, strengthening his unit's defensive chains until he and his unit were surrounded and killed.

-- Walter D. Ehlers, born May 7, 1921 in Junction City, Kan. On June 9, 1944, Staff Sgt. Ehlers, out in front of his unit near Goville, France, led his men against a strongly defended German position, killing four men of an enemy patrol enroute. Forced to crawl under ferocious machine gun fire, Ehlers put the gun crew out of action before helping knock out a German mortar position. Continuing on and still outnumbered, Ehlers proceeded to knock out another machine gun nest.

The next day, with his platoon deep in enemy territory was ordered to withdraw and while the rest of the unit was withdrawing, stood up and brought about the bulk of the fire on himself, permitting his unit to get to safety. While wounded, Ehlers retrieved a rifleman to safety. His wound was treated, but he refused to be evacuated and continued to lead his squad. Promoted to 2nd Lieutenant by the end of the war, Ehlers died on Feb. 20, 2014 in Long Beach, Calif.

Pair of shoots and a roof: what could go wrong?

stopped about two feet from

"Man, it sure looks a lot

"You ain't a'kiddin'," said

"Well," I said. "Whose

higher up here than it does

Greg. "Look at ol' Bones.

from the ground," I said.

He looks like an ant."

turn is it this time?"

go first."

"What do you mean?"

Coy. "You always want to

jumped....and...uh....I don't

want to hog all the fun."

"Uh...well....I just

Little Rusty had gotten

on his belly and was peekin'

over the edge of the house.

"This don't look like no fun

"I know," said Greg.

"That's not a bad idea,"

"Yeah," Little Rusty and

"What happened to Wee

"There he is," said Little

Rusty. We looked to where

he was pointin', and there

Wee Whoa was with Bones.

yelled. "Stupid kid."

already in college.

"Chicken!" Little Rusty

"Well, now what?" asked

Greg and then they all looked

I said. We turned and Wee

Whoa was nowhere to be

Who?" someone asked.

"Let's tie the pair of shoot to

to me," he said.

Wee Whoa."

said Coy.

found.

the edge of the house.

You know, the first time I parachuted, I was 10 years old. Back then, parachutin' was a lot harder than it is

At least it was for us. When I say us, I mean my cousin Coy, Greg Hunt, Little Rusty, Wee Whoa and me.

Oh yeah, and Wee Whoa's dog Bones.

We didn't parachute out of airplanes because we didn't know anybody that had one, so we parachuted off of porches, out of trees, and stuff like that. In fact, we never parachuted off of anything high enough to allow our parachute to deploy properly.

"Wow!" Little Rusty exclaimed after one of my jumps. "The pair of shoot nearly opened that time."

That's what we called them; pair of shoots, because that's what we thought they were sayin'.

"Really?" I replied. "I wish we had something bigger to jump off of."

We all were tryin' to think of somethin' higher from

which to jump. "Why don't you jump off

of the house?" said Wee Whoa. "Shut up Wee Whoa," said

Little Rusty, Wee Whoa's older brother. "Nobody wants to hear nothin' from a little ol' kid.

"Yeah," said Greg.

About that time, Coy snapped his fingers. "I know," he said. "Why don't we jump off of the house?" "Yeah!" said Greg.

"Great idea," said Little

"I just said that" said Wee

"Shut up Wee Whoa. We're thinkin' here," said Little Rusty.

"You know," I said, "that might work."

We were all sittin' in my back yard, so the obvious

Life & Times choice in houses was mine.

Rusty Mitchum

back was two. His house was built into the side of a Fortunately, my momma hill. So, we packed up the wasn't home, so it was relatively safe. We stuffed our parachute and headed up to his house. This time we parachute, which consisted of an old bed sheet with bailin' didn't shinny up the antenna twine tied to the four corpole because we could climb up a trellis at the front of his ners, back into the old army backpack and headed up to house. We all got on top and started walkin' up toward the the house. One by one, we shinnied up the antenna pole peak of the roof, and then back down to the back. We onto the top of the house.

I bet kids now-a-days, don't know how to shinny up a pole. Oh well, we'll save that one for another day.

Anywho, after we got everybody, with the exception of Bones, up on top of the house we unpacked the parachute and Coy tied it to the back of my belt. I eased up to the edge of the house, looked back at everybody, put my two thumbs up, yelled Geronimo, and jumped.

I hit the ground and rolled and looked up. Their faces

looked disappointed. "It almost opened," said

"We need a bigger house,"

said Little Rusty.

"Why don't you jump off of Coy's house?" said Wee Whoa.

"Shut up Wee Whoa," said Little Rusty. "Stupid little kid."

"Hey, I know!" said Coy. "Why don't we jump off of my house?"

"Hey Man, that's a great idea," I said.

"Yeah," said Little Rusty. "I just said that" said Wee

"Shut up Wee Whoa!" we all said.

Now, Coy had a two story house. Well, the front of the house was one story, but the

'You know," I said. "This pair of shoot really ain't been tested.'

"You ain't chicken, are you?" asked Coy. Back then, bein' called a chicken was the worst thing you could be called.

"I ain't no chicken," I said. "Good," said Greg. "'Cause chickens can't fly, and you may have to."

down. "It ain't really that high," I said, and swallowed "Let's get this show on

I turned and looked back

the road," said Coy, and he started pullin' the parachute out of the pack. "Greg," I said. "You tie it

on. You tie the best knots." "No problem," he replied.

"I got an idea," said Little Rusty. "Why don't we open the pair of shoot and hold it open, and then you jump."

"That ain't the way they do it in the movies," said Coy.

'Hold it.'' I said. not a bad idea.

I stood at the edge of the roof, behind me Coy stood holdin' the middle of the chute and Greg and Little Rusty held both sides.

"Ready?" asked Coy.

"I guess," I managed to

"Thumbs up!" said Greg. I put my thumbs up although they looked blurry they were shakin' so badly.

I stood there.

"Yell Geronimo and jump," said Little Rusty.

I closed my eyes.

"Geronimo," I said sheepishly and leaned forward into space. It felt like I had only fallen a short way when I felt what I thought was my chute poppin' open. My eyes were still clamped shut as I waited my impending impact with the ground.

I waited some more, still hangin' from my chute. Still, no impact. Slowly, I opened one eye and I was face to face with my knees. My head and feet were danglin' a ways above the ground and my butt was pointin' toward the ski. The first thing I saw was Wee Whoa and his dog Bones. I rolled my eye over and saw Coy, Little Rusty, and Greg runnin' around the corner of the house. Finally, I opened the other eye and looked around.

Either I was floatin' down a lot slower than was possible, or I was hung up. I stuck my head between my legs and looked up, so I could see above me. There, above me, was my parachute. It was not deployed. One of its strings was hangin' on a small screw that was stickin' out of the gutter that ran the length of the house.

"Looks like I tied them strings pretty good!" Greg yelled up at me.

"You want me to call the fire department?" asked Coy. 'He ain't on fire," said Little Rusty.

"What about the police?"

"What are they gonna do, shoot him down?" said Greg. "You want me to see if

your mom's at home?" said "NO!" I yelled. "I'd rather

have the police shoot me down."

Fortunately, I was a lot closer to the ground than I had been when I was on top of the house, but I was still 10 feet or so from the ground. "Unhook your belt!" yelled

Wee Whoa. "Shut up Wee Whoa," said

Little Rusty. "Stupid kid." "I know," said Greg. "Why don't you unhook your belt?"

"That's a good idea," said

"I just said that" said Wee Whoa. "Shut up Wee Whoa," said

"Unhook your belt!" Coy hollered. "Then when you

Little Rusty.

fall, pull your legs underneath you before you hit the ground!" "Sounds good to me!" said

Slowly I started tryin' to unhook my belt. I got it unhooked, but I was still hangin'.

"I might have tied one of them strings to your belt loop," said Greg.

"Great," I said, but I didn't get the entire word out when the belt loop popped loose.

"Out of the way!" yelled

Luckily, I was able to get my legs down just before I hit the ground. Unfortunately when my feet hit, my upper body kept movin', passin' my knees, and then my ankles, and then my feet, endin' up slammin' me face first into the ground.

I lay there, facedown, for a minute, and then Greg rolled me over.

"You dead?" he asked.

"I don't thınk so," I saıd. Bones licked my face.

"Can you walk?" asked Coy, and before I could answer Greg and Little Rusty grabbed my arms and lifted me up. "That almost looked like

fun," said Coy. "Hey look!" said Little

Rusty. "You've got a sweet gum ball stuck in your forehead. Makes you look like you got three eyeballs."

Well, I survived. Later after they dragged me home, I told my momma I had rode my bicycle into a tree. She covered my wounds in Monkey Blood and sent me back outside. All my buddies were waiting.

"Well?" Coy asked. "Well what?" I said.

"You gonna try it again?" "Are you crazy?"

"You're not chicken are you?" asked Wee Whoa. "Shut up Wee Whoa," we

all said. Stupid kid.

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ONE YEAR AGO, June 8, 2023

The Hideaway Lake Kiwanis Club presented scholarships totaling \$34,000 to five Lindale High School students

Taelor Walters, Christian King, Makenna Burks, Olivia Harwell and Kathleen Goodwin were selected for the scholarships.

Goodwin was awarded the Emery Crane Memorial Scholarship in the amount of \$12,000, plus an additional \$1,000 from the Crane family. She is the daughter of Kelley and Michelle Goodwin.

Harwell was presented with the Kiwanis Senior Scholarship worth \$12,000. She is the daughter of Florence Harwell.

Walters received the Key Club Scholarship worth \$4,000, based on her hours of service and leadership in the Key Club, a Kiwanis-sponsored youth organization. She is the daughter of Liza Moody.

King and Burks each received Career and Technology

Scholarships in the amount of \$2,000 each. King is the son of Jennifer Tremblay and Burks in the daughter of Florence

FIVE YEARS AGO, June, 2019

Two former Lindale High School students earned college degrees following the spring semester.

David Devette Leonard Jr. received his college degree from Kilgore College in ceremonies held in Dodson Au-

Also, Adam Jonathon Howell earned a bachelor of arts

degree from the University of Mississippi. 10 YEARS AGO, June 5, 2014

Dylan Bacon, a senior at Lindale High School, was awarded a \$1,000 scholarship by Longhorn Ford and Ford Motor Company through the National FFA Scholarship program. The Built Ford Tough-FFA Scholarship Program "is

plishments while encouraging their future academic achievements," according to information from the National FFA. Bacon's scholarship is one of 530 scholarships awarded nationally to college bound high school students or students

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

No one, even an ex-president, is above the law

Dear Editor,

Donald Trump was found guilty by a jury of everyday Americans on 34 felony counts. He is finally being held accountable for one of his many illegal schemes to gain and hold onto power.

His conviction is a reminder that no one—including a former president—is above the law. And it's another reminder that Trump still poses a major threat to our democracy.

When he was president, Trump attacked our fundamental freedoms, from our freedom to vote in 2020 when he attempted to overturn the will of the people, to appointing three extreme Supreme Court justices.

The New York trial may be over, but Donald Trump still faces three additional indictments and 54 criminal charges for a litany of crimes, including federal charges for his efforts to incite violence and overturn the will of voters after he knew he'd lost the 2020 election. And on top of all that, he's still running for president. Our fundamental freedoms are on the line. Don't let a convicted fraudster hold the highest office in our land. It's up to us to stand up and defeat Trump at the ballot box this November.

Sincerely, Linda Stegall Winona

Not just about "hush money" payments

By now, we've all heard the news that Donald Trump was found guilty of all 34 felony counts of falsifying his company's business records to keep information from voters that he knew would harm his 2016 presidential campaign. This isn't just about "hush money" payments.

It's about breaking the law to hide the truth from the American people 11 days before a presidential election. Trump has a clear pattern of lying to the American people and trying to undermine our elections in order to cling to power. Donald Trump is a convicted fraudster and criminal who still poses a massive threat to our fundamental freedoms. We can't let him hold the highest office in our land in 2025. It's up to all of us to hold him accountable and defeat him at the ballot box in November.

> Sincerely, Fay Rose Tyler

Americans must do their part in November Dear Editor,

It's official. After making secret hush money payments to an adult film star 11 days before the 2016 election and falsifying official filings to hide the truth from the public, Donald Trump has been found guilty by a New York jury. Trump's conviction in New York should remind us of the danger that Trump still poses to our democracy.

In the final weeks of the 2016 election, Trump covered up his affair with Stormy Daniels to dupe voters and improve his chances of winning the election.

As it turns out, this would only be his first foray into undermining our elections. Trump still faces three additional indictments and many more criminal charges for a litany of crimes, including federal charges for his efforts to incite violence and overturn the will of voters after he knew he'd lost the 2020 election.

This is a pattern. The jury has done their job to hold Trump accountable. Now, it's time for the American people to do our part and hold him accountable at the ballot box.

Sincerely, Julia Marshall Tyler

PET OF THE WEEK

Lindale Animal Control Pet of the Week



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

Because he's more than 50 pounds and forgets how big he is, Cricket needs supervision around toddlers. He will need a slow introduction to other male dogs and requires some leash training.

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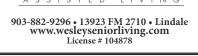


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SATURDAY, MAY 25: Criminal Mischief, 13400 block FM 16 West, Unable to Locate; Loud Noise Complaint, 500 block Sunset Drive, Citation Issued; Business Alarm, 3200 block South Main Street, False Alarm; Disturbance, 15100 block FM 16 West, Settled at Scene; Motor Vehicle Crash, 3200 block South Main Street, Settled at Scene; Traffic Control/Direct, 3200 block South Main Street, Settled at Scene; Suspicious Vehicle, 1600 block South Main Street, Settled at Scene; Loud Noise Complaint, 1200 block Francis Drive, Settled at Scene; Attempt to Serve, 1600 block South Main Street, Settled at Scene; Suspicious Vehicle, 21200 block



US. Highway 69 North, Settled at Scene; Theft, 13700 block Harvey Road, Report; Driving While License Invalid, 700 block North Main Street, Arrest.

SUNDAY, MAY 26: Assist Smith Co SO, 12600 block U.S. Highway 69 North, Settled at Scene; Verbal Disturbance, 15300 block FM 16 West, Settled at Scene; Assist Another Agency, 554 IH-20 West, Settled at Scene; Theft, 13700 block Harvey Road, Report; Inquest/Unattended Death, 500 block Ferguson Street, Report; Traffic Complaint, 400 block South Main Street, Unable to Locate; Business Alarm, 800 block Lindale Industrial Pkwy., Settled at Scene; Traffic Complaint, 500 block North Main Street, Settled at Scene.

MONDAY, MAY 27: Business Alarm, 2700 block South Main Street, False Alarm; Assist Smith Co SO, 3500 block South Main Street, Settled at Scene; Welfare Concern, 200 block West Centennial Blvd., Settled at Scene; Driving While Intoxicated, 200 block Margaret Street, Arrest; Suspicious Vehicle, 900 block Mount Sylvan Street, Settled at Scene.

TUESDAY, MAY 28: Public Service, 100 block North

Main Street, Settled at Scene; Business Alarm, 500 block Pierce Street, Settled at Scene; Traffic Hazard, 600 block North College Street, Settled at Scene; Assist Another Agency, 500 block Pierce Street, False Alarm; Assist Another Agency, 3500 block South Main Street, Settled at Scene; Public Service, 100 block Ballard Drive, Settled at Scene; Driving While License Invalid, 900 block South Main Street, Arrest; Public Service, 900 block South Main Street, Settled at Scene; Suspicious Person, 15500 block CR 463, Settled at Scene; Suspicious Circumstance, 100 block Ballard Drive, Settled at Scene; Suspicious Circumstance, 100 block Ballard Drive, Settled at Scene; Suspicious Vehicle, 200 block Cannery Row, Settled at Scene; Motorist Assist, 3500 block South Main Street, Unable to Locate.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 29: Suspicious Vehicle, 13400 block IH 20 West, Settled at Scene; Welfare Concern, 400 block South Main Street, Settled at Scene; Business Alarm, 16900 block Village Lake Drive, False Alarm; Public Service, 300 block South Industrial Street, Settled at Scene; Theft, 3400 block South Main Street, Report; Assist Another Agency, 14700 block CR 463, Settled at Scene; Public Service, 200 block Cannery Row, Settled at Scene; Burglary of Motor Vehicle, 800 North Main Street, Report; Stolen Vehicle, 100 block East Centennial Blvd., Settled at Scene; Traffic Control/Direct, 600 block East Hubbard Drive, Settled at Scene; Verbal Disturbance, 300 block Corrigan Trails Blvd., Settled at Scene.

THURSDAY, MAY 30: Family Violence, 500 block Sunset Drive, Arrest; Business Alarm, 300 block South Main Street, False Alarm; Business Alarm, 200 block South Main Street, False Alarm.

Waskom man indicted for dogfighting

Jesus Allen Stephens of Waskom has been indicted by a federal grand jury in the Eastern District of Texas for dogfighting violations, officials said.

Stephens is charged with participating in a major dogfighting event in November 2021 in Waskom, possessing fighting dogs and fighting dogs in an April 2021 dog fight.

According to court documents, Stephens organized and hosted a large-scale dog-fighting event on family-owned property in Harrison County on Nov. 13, 2021.

Stephens and others arranged to fight dogs at the event for gambling and entertainment purposes. Prior to the event, Stephens announced a series of up to 14 matches and sent GPS coordinates to the property to multiple individuals.

The fight included out-of-state participants. Law enforcement personnel who disrupted the event found a dogfighting pit structure in addition to other dogfighting evidence.

Under federal law, it is illegal to fight dogs in a venture that effects interstate commerce and to possess, train, transport, deliver, sell, purchase or receive dogs for fighting purposes.

The indictment charges Stephens with possessing seven dogs for dogfighting purposes. Stephens is also charged for his participation in another dog fight that occurred on April 10, 2021. Authorities recovered six dogs in conjunction with this investigation.

If convicted, Stephens faces up to five years in prison and a \$250,000 fine for each count charged.

Assistant Attorney General Todd Kim of the Justice Department's Environment and Natural Resources Division (ENRD) and U.S. Attorney Damien M. Diggs for the Eastern District of Texas made the announcement.

The FBI's Shreveport Resident Agency and Tyler, Texas, offices are investigating this case. Deputies with the Harrison County, Texas, Sheriff's Office have also provided invaluable assistance.

Trial Attorney Sarah Brown and Senior Trial Attorney Ethan Eddy of ENRD's Environmental Crimes Section are prosecuting the case, with assistance from James Noble of the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Texas.

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High-speed chase on 271 ends with three arrested for drugs

After a high-speed chase along U.S. Highway 271 north Smith County Sheriff's Deputies apprehended three suspects and charged them with methamphetamine sale and possession on Tuesday, May 28, said spokesman Larry Christian.

Edward Kovarik, 44; Brandy Havard Franklin and Brandy Yvette Rucker were taken to the Smith County jail following the chase, which occurred after a Precinct 5 Deputy attempted to make a traffic stop on a vehicle traveling southbound on U.S. Highway 271 North.

The vehicle failed to stop and fled at a high rate of speed, Christian said. A pursuit was initiated on the vehicle as the driver continued to evade law enforcement at excessive rates of speed.

The driver pulled into the parking lot of the Texas Best Smokehouse on Hwy 271 at Interstate 20, dropping off a female passenger, before speeding off once again southbound on Highway

The driver eventually turned around, traveling northbound and eventually turned back into the Texas Best Smokehouse parking

The driver of the vehicle then exited and fled on foot into a wooded area adjacent to the parking lot and, shortly thereafter, was taken into custody.

While the pursuit continued, a Smith County Sheriff's K9 Deputy was able to detain the female who exited the vehicle who was attempting to assist Franklin. Both of these individuals were standing next to a pickup with an open door.

A subsequent search revealed a total of 92.6 grams of methamphetamine, a digital scale, and multiple clear baggies. The evidence recovered is indicative of the manufacture and/or selling of illicit narcotics.

Kovarik was found to have an outstanding Parole Violation Warrant. He was charged with the warrant as well as the on-site charges of Evading Arrest/Detention with a Motor Vehicle and Possession of a Controlled Substance.

Franklin and Rucker were charged with Manufacture and or Delivery of a Controlled Substance.

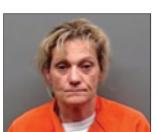
Also assisting in the arrest were the Smith County Pct.



Brandy Havard Franklin



Edward Kovarik



Brandy Yvette Rucker

4 Constable's Office, Smith County Pct. 1 Constable's Office, and the Texas Department of Public Safety.

Do you have metabolic syndrome?

From Smith County Extension Service

About one in three U.S. adults has metabolic syndrome—a group of conditions that together indicate higher risk for a number of serious health conditions. Knowing if you are one of them gives you a chance to avoid these negative health outcomes.

Metabolic syndrome is not a disease or condition of its own, but a cluster of factors that indicate you are at increased risk for type 2 diabetes, heart disease, heart attack, stroke, and a circulation problem called peripheral vascular disease.

"Metabolic syndrome is defined by some basic clinical factors your healthcare provider can measure at a regular checkup," says Richard D. Siegel, MD, co-director of the Diabetes and Lipid Center at Tufts Medical Center. "These are blood pressure, waist circumference, and blood concentrations of fasting triglycerides, glucose, and HDL cholesterol. If any

three of these five criteria are outside the desired range, you have metabolic syndrome. The more factors you have, the higher your risk for disease. Treating the conditions that make up metabolic syndrome with lifestyle changes and medications (as necessary) can help you avoid serious outcomes."

Metabolic syndrome is increasingly referred to as insulin resistance syndrome. Insulin is a hormone produced by the pancreas that causes glucose (sugar) to move from the blood into cells where it is used for energy or stored. Sometimes the cells become resistant to insulin's signals. "People with metabolic syndrome tend to have higher levels of insulin in their blood than people who don't have the syndrome," says Siegel, "even if their glucose levels are relatively normal." This indicates insulin resistance, which is a step on the way to type 2 diabetes.

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Team Red bests Team Blue in FCA All-Star game

Team Red was red-hot during the Ninth annual Northeast Texas Fellowship of Christian Athletes All-Star baseball game on Friday, May 31.

Lindale High School's Kaden Fleming contributed to the offensive output with a single.

The Red team scored in every inning but the eighth.

For the Blue, Lindale's Ryan Betts had two singles with Arp's Jackson Cavazos hitting

Lindale Head Coach Rich Sanguinetti was the game consultant and Jeff Lee, FCA Longview representative, was the game

Brayn Schneider of Chapel Hill was head coach of the Blue. Assistants were Shane McQueen of Chapel Hill and Dustin Russell of Tatum.

Robert Bardin, NETX Director of the FCA, also thanked Chuck King and Jeff Johnston of Chick-fil-A, Tyler ISD athletic director Greg Priest, Tyler ISD assistant athletic directors Donnie Little and Sam Gillispie, Baptist Student Ministry of TJC, Christus Trinity Mother Frances Orthopedics and Sports Medicine, UT Tyler Sports Medicine, Idalou Baptist Church, Monterey Baptist Church of Lubbock, and Stephen O'Neal and the Chapter of TASO Umpires. He also gave a shoutout to "our ministry partners and volunteers."

Bardin added, "The purpose of this game is threefold: Honor God, raise awareness and support for the ministry of FCA, and showcase the outstanding coaches and athletes in

Lindale, Hideaway students earn Dean's, Presidents List honors

Tyler Junior College has recognized 1,487 students named to the president's and dean's lists for their academic excellence during the Spring 2024 semester school officials said.

The president's list consists of 553 students who completed a minimum of 12 hours of college-level courses with a 4.0 grade-point average.

The dean's list consists of 934 students who completed a minimum of 12 hours of college-level courses with a minimum 3.3 grade-point average.

Students from Lindale named to the President's List include: Jenna Allen, Anya Arocha, Trinity Boaz, Makenna Burks, Grace Cox, Ryan Darden, Dillon Derfelt, Bailee DeWolfe, Emilee DeWolfe, Drake Duplechain, Kate Durbin, Dylan Ewert, Kayla Fernandez, Mauricio Flores, Charles Ford, Kailyn Goodman, Kaitlyn Groth, Emily Hartman, Melissa Hudson, Fengshan Jin, Brooke Laymance, Michael Lazarine, Patrick Liljestrand, Braden Lockhart, Aimee Maxwell, Colin McCoy, Trent McDonald, Kason Miles, Esmeralda Mojarro, James Moore, Mitchell Morman, Cody Peters, Lauren Phillips, Aricin Rask, Joey Retes, James Roden, Manuel Rosas Orta, Rylee Schultz, Hadlee Scott, Jessica Shiplett, Lily Sims, Matthew Sojourner, Justina Stirling, Savannah Stoner, Sierra Stoner, Kaden Trigueiro, Jane Turner, Kasey Villarreal, Luke LONGVIEW: Iris Aguirre, Lydia Bailey, Gage Bellatti, Jaelyn Cleveland, Joseph Cox, Ilamae Daily, Anecia Davidson, Emerson Diez, Kenzie Jester, Averi Johnson, Hannah King, Keenan Lindner, Alexa Moore, Edmond Salihu and Kayla Skinner.

Megan McGee from Hideaway was named to the President's List as well.

Dean's List honorees from Lindale include Christopher Ahmet, Bailey Allen, Belen Alvarez, Homero Aparicio, Chelsea Asbury, Tyler Beard, Rachel Beeler, Nicholas Beitel, Aden Bell, Brady Bethany, Brooks Broughton, Jackson Buck, Karissa Burdine, Bryce Caldwell, Ian Cline, Chelsie Cochran, Lucas Cote, Cooper Cox, Laniya Daniels, Miguel Delamora, Ryder Dennis, Dawson Derfelt, Lydia Doyle, Madison Farmer, Javier Gaona, Rachael Gibbs, Michael Green, Cassandra Hartman, Emma Hatcher, Christa Hayes, Jorie'L Hicks, Kailee Huston, Yungshing Jackson, Alanna Jenkins, Shelby Kiel, Jaclyn Kitavi, Ronda Knight, Cameron Krohn, Connor McClendon, Brody Oryl, Elizabeth Palecek, Brianna Paredez, Desirae Pennington, Samuel Peterson, Connor Philpot, Sophia Rai, Troy Rasco, Ashley Reynolds, Bailey Roach, Clowie Robinson, Jackson Roshto, Abigail Shine, Alma Silva, Jacob Snow, Lyssa Stewart, Alexa Sundholm, Kendall Tabar, Austin Taylor, Kaylene Voyles, Cory Watts, Gracie Woolverton, Hannah Yarbrough and Mariana Zuniga.

From Hideaway, Dean's List honorees include Camden Chilek, Jack Kinkade, Tex Minter, Matthew Runcorn, Stella Schwartz, Bailey Thorn and Kenzie Wallace.



Members of the Hideaway-Lindale Kiwanis club are shown with the club's scholarship recipients. (Courtesy photo)

Hideaway-Lindale Kiwanis award scholarships to LHS students

The Hideaway-Lindale Kiwanis club recently awarded \$34,000 in scholarships to Lindale High School students, officials announced.

Students received scholarships and were honored at a recent Kiwanis meeting.

The Key Club Scholarship in the amount of \$4,000 was presented to Angelina Jansen. She was selected based on her hours of service and leadership in the Key Club, which is a Kiwanis sponsored youth organization. She served as President of the Club. Angelina is the daughter of Chris and Marina Jansen.

Diego Garcia received the Career and Technology Scholarship in the amount of \$4,000. Diego is the son of Norberto and Maria Garcia.

Ireland Cornejo received the Kiwanis Senior Scholarship in the amount of \$12,000. Ireland is the granddaughter of John and Judy Labelle.

Lydia Payne received the Emery Crane Memorial Scholarship. She received 12,000 scholarship from Kiwanis plus an additional \$1,000 from the Crane Family. She is the daughter of Nathan and Katy Payne

Other Scholarships given by the club include Sophomore of the Year and an Adult Scholarship.

The funds for these scholarships are earned by various projects the members are involved in throughout the year. The sponsors of these projects have impacted the success of the scholarship program by their contributions and involvement.

Rotary Club's Kid's Fishing day set June 8

The Lindale Rotary Club's Kid's Fishing Event is scheduled for 8 a.m.-11 a.m. Saturday, June 8 at the American Legion Post 15, 18251

CR 498 in Lindale, officials announced.

Hot dogs and chips will be served and rod and reel combos will be given away to the first 100 kids.

Participants will not need a fishing license.

For more information, call Amanda Froebe at 903-882-5333 or Todd Froebe at 817-781-8382.

Tips on how to arow delicious okra

By Greg Grant

Smith County Horticulturist

I am a little late getting my okra planted this year but there is still time. I will plant it where I recently dug my Irish potatoes.

Synonymous with Southern culture, the African name for okra is "gumbo" and subsequently gave us the name for the popular Creole soup.

I grew up with okra and like it raw, boiled, roasted, grilled, fried, stewed, and certainly in gumbo.

Lots of folks that do not like okra will eat it sprin-

kled with olive oil, seasoned salt, sea salt, or a Creole seasoning and roasted in the oven at 400 degrees. Fried was my favorite growing up, because my mother could fry a shoe and make it taste good.

Okra is a warm season plant that cannot tolerate frosts, freezes, or even cool nights. It thrives on heat so should be planted well after the last frost each year, generally April-May in East Texas, but as late as July 4.

Okra is easily planted from seed. Soak it in warm water over night to speed up the germination process.

Once the seedlings are established and about 6 inches tall, thin them to 12-18 inches apart. Occasionally okra transplants are available which can be planted at the same spacing.

It needs at least 8 hours of direct sun each day for maximum production. It is not fussy about soils if they drain well. Due to a susceptibility to root knot nematodes, it is best to avoid areas where this has been a problem in the past or where okra was planted

the previous year.



Okra can be found in many backyard gardens in the South. (Courtesy photo)

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It is ideal to till in several inches of compost or organic matter and incorporate 2 pounds of a complete lawn fertilizer (15-5-10, etc.) per 100 square foot of bed or every 35 feet of row before planting. For small plantings use 2 teaspoons per square foot or foot of row. Organic fertilizers will do the trick as well, but you

Thursday, June 13, 2024

Address: 32806 West Liberty Rd, Quinton, OK 74561

have to use more to get the same amount of nutrients. The ideal soil pH for growing okra is 6.0-7.0.

Okra can be planted on flat ground, in raised beds, or rows. The rows should be 6-8 inches high, 24 inches wide, and 36-48 inches apart. Using the corner of a hoe or a stick, open a trench ½-3/4 inch deep and plant

the okra seed at a rate of 4-5 per foot of row. Cover the seed lightly with well cultivated soil and gently tamp down with the back of the hoe to conserve moisture and ensure good seed to soil contact.

This southern staple is easy to grow and relatively pest-free, however there are a few potential problems including nematodes and fire ants. First ants can inflict damage to the blooms, young pods, and your hands.

Treat the base of the plants and the mounds with an appropriately labeled pesticide when they occur. After thinning, lightly sidedress them with a high nitrogen fertilizer, such as 21-0-0. I often use aged chicken litter from my flock.

Okra pods should be harvested when they are 3-5 inches long and tender. Sometimes they will snap from the plant, but I usually use a pair of hand pruners. Okra foliage irritates some gardener's skin, including mine, so you might want to wear a long sleeve shirt. Okra needs to be harvested every other day to keep producing well. If the pods are left on the plant until they get tough and the seeds plump up, the entire plant will stop producing. Consider leaving a few plants for the pods to dry and turn brown for next year's seed.

All okra varieties do well in East Texas. When the plants get too tall to pick, I cut the top of the middle stalk which makes the plant branch from below at lower heights and increases production. Okra is native to Africa.



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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 AMEND-ED ORIGINAL PETITION IN SUIT AFFECTING THE PAR-ENT-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 AF-FECTING 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 arc 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

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that Letters Testamentary for the ESTATE OF R.L. LASATER, JR., DECEASED, were issued on MAY 28, 2024, in Cause Number 48,320P, pending in the County Court at Law No. 3 of Smith County, Texas to RANDY LASATER. Independent Executor.

The address of record for RANDY LASATER is: c/o Thomas M. Alleman, Attorney at Law, 100 E. Ferguson, Suite 901, Tyler, Texas 75702.

All persons having claims against this Estate are required to present their claims within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of LAWRENCE GENTRY CANNON, Deceased, were issued on May 20, 2024, in Cause No. 48305P, pending in the County Court at Law #3 of Smith County, Texas, to DEBORAH KAY CANNON.

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 DATED: MAY 28, 2024 is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

Date: May 20, 2024.

THE GOODSON FIRM, P.C. Attorneys for Deborah Kay Cannon

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Independent Administration for the Estate of HOLLIS DA-VID WRIGHT Deceased, were issued on May 20, 2024, in Cause No. 48310P, pending in the County Court at Law #3 of Smith County, Texas, to LISA VANAE WRIGHT HUM-PHREY and DANA D'ONNE WRIGHT LOOSIER nka DANA D'ONNE WRIGHT CLIFTON.

> The address for the Independent Administrator is: c/o: LEIGH HUNT GOODSON

> > The Goodson Firm, P.C. 115 W. Ferguson Street Tyler, Texas 75702

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

Date: May 20, 2024.

THE GOODSON FIRM, P.C. Attorneys for Lisa Vanae Wright Humphrey and Dana D'onne Wright Loosier nka Dana D'onne Wright Clifton



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Notice is given that original Letlcrs Testamentary for the Estate of CORA ANN MARTIN were issued on May 20. 2024, in Cause No. 48254P, pending in the County Court at Law# 3 of Smith County, Texas. to Lori A. Amaya. All persons having claims against the estate, which is presently being administered, arc required to submit them, within the time and manner prescribed by law, and before the estate is closed, addressed as follows:

To: Lori A. Amaya c/o Charles G. Morton. Jr. P.O. Box 166 Bullard, Texas 75757 Tel: (903)-894-6113 Email: cgmortonir.@gmail.com

Charles G Morton, Jr. Attorney for Executor of the Estate of CORA ANN MARTIN

Divide & Conquer Moving Sale for Tracy & Suzy DeMoussett

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC **HEARING**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS, THAT:

The City of Lindale, Texas proposes to institute annexation proceedings to enlarge and extend the boundary limits of said city to include the following described territory, to-wit:

Being a centerline description of a 20-foot-wide sanitary sewer easement situated in the Thomas spell Survey, Abstract No 889, and in the J.C White Survey, Abstract No. 1036 and being a part of that certain called 29.608 acre tract described in a warranty deed with a vendor's lien from Robert H. Caddell and Mary K Caddell to Dale Edward Gilbert, as recorded in Volume 3133, Page 259 of the Deed Records of Smith County, Texas

And;

Being 0.184 of an acre of land situated in the Thomas Spell Survey, Abstract No, 889, Smith County, Texas, being a part of that certain called 65.863 acre tract of land described in a warranty deed from Milam J. Joseph to Joseph C. Mea, as recorded in Volume 4923, Page 60 of the Deed Records of Smith County, Texas, said 0.184 of an acre of an acre of land

And;

All that certain lot, tract or parcel of land, part of the J. C. White Survey, Abstract No. 1032, Smith County, Texas and being all that of certain 47.773-acre tract described in a deed to ALPR Holdings. LLC from Amanda Lasater recorded in Smith County Clerks File No. 202301010266 of Smith County, Texas.

For a complete description of above listed properties contact City of Lindale City Hall.

A public hearing will be held by the City Council of the City of Lindale, Texas on the 18th day of June, 2024 at 6:00 P.M in the City Council Chamber of the City Hall of the City of Lindale, Texas located at 105 Ballard Dr, Lindale, Texas, where all interested persons interested in the above proposed annexation. At said time and place all such persons shall have the right to appear and be heard. The voluntary annexation is contiguous to the current city limits of Lindale, Texas and in the City's exclusive extraterritorial jurisdiction. The completed annexation of the area will expand the municipality's extraterritorial jurisdiction.

Library settling into summer schedule

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patrons this year.

You won't want to miss this amazing opportunity to learn about dinosaurs and fossils on June 19, at 10:30 a.m.

this is a free event, open to all ages.

• On June 20, at 2 p.m., Osteen will be teaching a Knotted Bracelet-Making Class for teens and adults 13 and up.

This is a free class with a limit of 10 attendees. Supplies are included. Registration is required.

• Join us for a magical morning on June 25, at 10:30 a.m., for Magic with John O'Bryant. He has more than 15 years of experience mystifying crowds with his illusions and comedy. This is a free event you won't want to miss.

Check out our recurring activities and events:

Pickin at the Lillie: First Friday of each month 6 p.m.-

Free family-friendly open jam featuring instruments such as the guitar, fiddle, banjo, dobro, mandolin, ukelele, and

For more information contact Mike Dodgen at 903-245-0981

Adult Game Day: Tuesday mornings 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. For ages 18 and older. Play cards, board games, dominoes, and more!

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

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

June 7: Adventures in Tumbling with guest - Tumble Time June 14: Your Backyard Adventure with guest - Allen Smith from Texas A&M Forest Service

June 21: Farm Adventure with guest - Barron's Blueberries June 28: Night Sky Adventure with guest - Jean Fuller from TJC Planetarium

Therapet: June 8 and June 22 at 10:30 a.m.-12 noon. Call to schedule your 15-minute session to read to an amazing therapy dog.

Friends of the Library meeting: June 9 at 2 p.m.

Library hours are 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday and 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Friday and Saturday.





A 43-foot mural depicting the life of Jesus Christ adorns a wall at Garden Valley Baptist Church. **Photo by Brynna Williamson**

Artist captures life of Jesus with impressive church mural

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Over several months of planning, the two of us decided to fill the 43-foot space, which had been white cinderblock for 30 years, with a mural depicting the life of Jesus.

"(These are) awesome scenes in pictures of the life and ministry of Jesus," said Joyce Scott, a longtime member

The mural begins with a traditional Christmas Nativity scene, then fades into a scene from Jesus' adult life where He sits preaching to a group of adults and little children.

From there, the "scenes" included are Jesus at the Last Supper as He faces the viewer, the cross, the resurrection, Jesus' ascension into Heaven, and then His coming back on a white horse.

"I'm just stunned at how gorgeous it turned out," said Williamson. "It actually made me cry when it was finished. Absolutely stunning – it's almost photo-realistic."

Campbell has done "thousands" of other paintings and murals over the years. Although she originally thought she would be an architect, she began painting when her sister told someone, "Oh, my sister can do that!"

To keep true to her sister's word and prove herself, she did it – and found out that she was really skilled.

Although she considers herself as "semi-retired" from doing murals, Campbell finds herself busier than ever with all of her many other endeavors.

She runs a booth in the Main Street Market Antique & Vintage Goods, where she sells all manner of cute, eccentric, and curious objects that she finds and applies her creativity to.

Her booth sells decorative transfers, paint, paintings, objects, and more. She also does workshops for those interested. In addition to her outstanding skills in art, Campbell enjoys doing felting, quilting, flower arrangements and more – all of which she does with a skilled hand.

"It's fun," said Campbell.

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Church members of Garden Valley Baptist Church invite anyone who would like to visit the church and see the mural to attend a Sunday service at 11 a.m. or a Wednesday night Bible study at 6 p.m. To contact Campbell, visit her Facebook page at Beth Campbell Murals.

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