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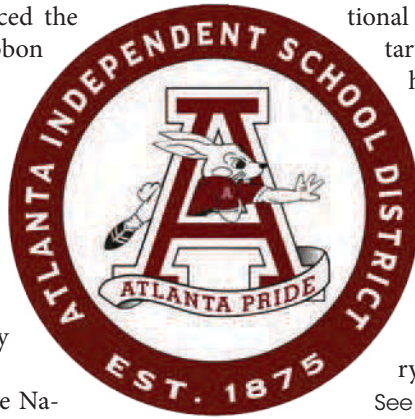
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## Atlanta Elementary named a Blue Ribbon School nominee

Governor Greg Abbott and the Texas Education Agency announced the nomination of 26 Texas public schools as 2021 National Blue Ribbon Schools.

"These 26 schools exemplify academic excellence, and I thank the teachers, staff, administrators, students, and parents for their outstanding work," said Governor Abbott. "We have a responsibility to ensure that every Texas student graduates with the knowledge to succeed in college or a career, which is why last session we passed transformative legislation to invest more money into our classrooms and give our teachers a pay raise. This session we will build on these accomplishments to ensure that every Texas student receives a quality education regardless of their zip code."

Initiated by the U.S. Department of Education (USDE) in 1982, the Na-



tional Blue Ribbon Schools program recognizes public and private elementary, middle, and high schools that have high student achievement and/or highlights where exemplary progress has been made in closing achievement gaps among student subpopulations. Since the program's founding, 9,000 schools across the nation have received this prestigious designation.

In the Lone Star State, public schools are considered for nomination based on student performance on the first administration of the previous year's STAAR assessments. Each nominated school has an economically disadvantaged population of 25 percent or more.

Atlanta Elementary received the nomination based on their exemplary achievement in closing the gaps. Closing the gaps is also referred to as See **ATLANTA** page 5

## Veterans organize dance for local kids, parents

By Lacy Gross

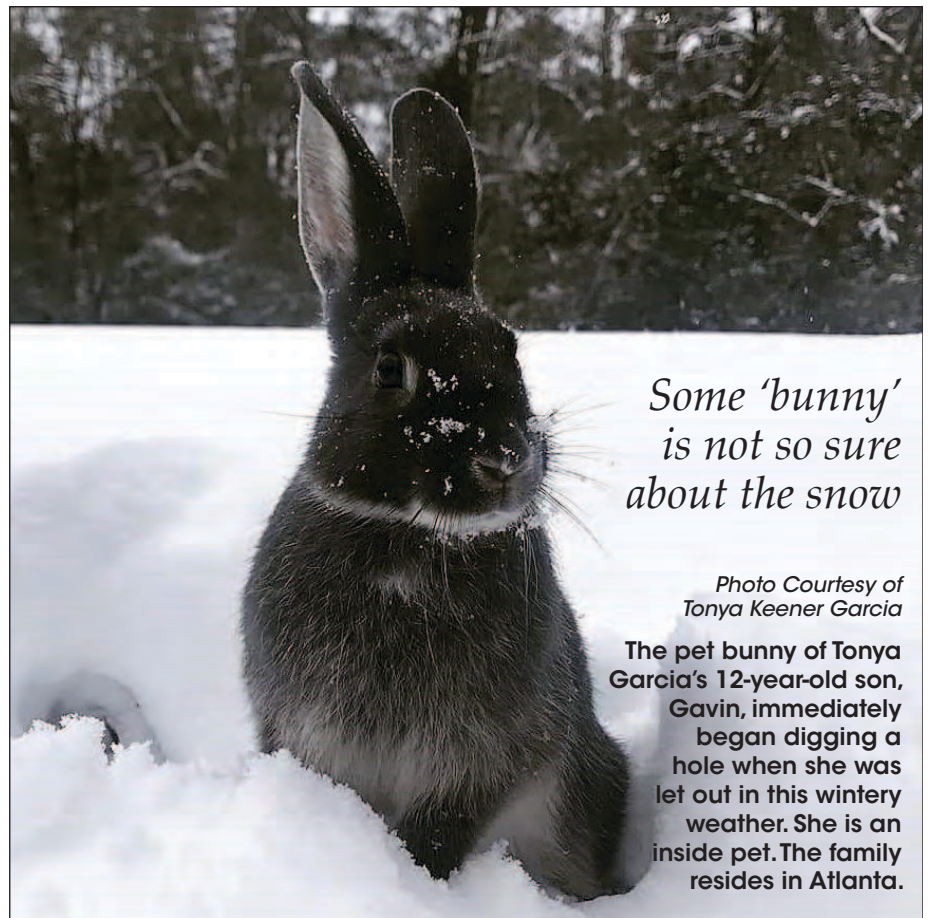
Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) post 6968 in Linden hosted a Valentine's Day themed dance for parents and their children, Saturday, Feb. 13., after an annual Valentine's Day dance was cancelled in Hughes Springs.

VFW Post 6968 Commander, Jered Graham, said that the event was organized last minute after a colleague in Hughes Springs reached out to him expressing a need for a space to host the event.

"I had a retired US Army officer reach out to me after a dance in Hughes Springs was cancelled. We spoke and he told me how his daughter was heartbroken because this is her dance she goes to every year with her daddy since she was a baby," Graham said.

Graham said he agreed to help by offering the post as the venue, and with less than two weeks to organize the event, he credits Chaplain Fred Odierno and Treasurer Bev-

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Some 'bunny' is not so sure about the snow

Photo Courtesy of Tonya Keener Garcia

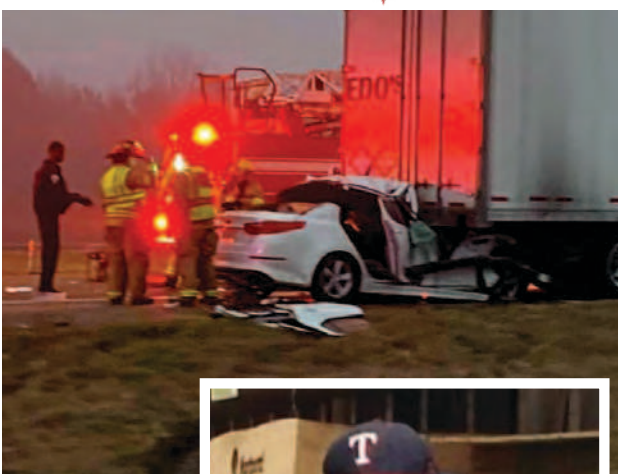
The pet bunny of Tonya Garcia's 12-year-old son, Gavin, immediately began digging a hole when she was let out in this wintry weather. She is an inside pet. The family resides in Atlanta.

## DPS recognizes lifesaving actions

Staff Report

A hand full of law enforcement were recognized by DPS for lifesaving actions Thursday night. Included in those officers were two law enforcement from the Queen City and Atlanta Area.

The Texas Public Safety Commission (PSC) along with Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) Director Steven McCraw presented one Purple Heart and eight Lifesaving Awards to members of the Texas Highway Patrol at the PSC See **DPS** page 10



Courtesy Photos On February 9, 26-year old Shawn Quinn was heading home to his parents - Dennis and Sharla Quinn - house after celebrating a friend's birthday. He ran into the back of a semi at the 59 Exit off Loop 369. He was airlifted to UAMS Little Rock, where he remains in Surgical ICU. He has numerous injuries, including some brain bleeds that have stopped. They still do not know the extent of the brain trauma. Shawn did not have insurance. A Facebook fundraiser has been established. To donate directly to his father, Dennis, find "Shawn Quinn's Accident" on Facebook.



Praying for Shawn!



Photos Courtesy of Syndi Goza

## Valentine's Day Date Night 2021

Linden Together presents Valentine's Day Date Night 2021 at Music City Texas Theater, Saturday, Feb. 13. Doors opened at 6 p.m. and the event ended at 9. It was catered by The County Seat and entertainment was provided by local bands and musicians including Colt Williams and family, Spare Time, and Jessica Watson. The event was put together by those involved in Linden Together, including Whitney Goebel, Yashima Thomas (who decorated) and Prencess Spelling. More photos on page 6.

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Courtesy photo

Dale Perkins, left, displays his Chaplains badge with Cass County Sheriff Larry Rowe.

## Perkins named CCSO Chaplain

Atlanta First Baptist Church Music Minister, Dale Perkins, has accepted the position as Chaplain for the Cass County Sheriff's Office.

Perkins has been the Minister of Music at FBC since 1995 and takes over the Chaplain position at the CCSO after long-time Chaplain Mickey

Rorex passed away this past December.

Perkins is also the Chaplain for the local Department of Public Safety Office.

Sheriff Rowe had this to say about Perkins accepting the new role.

"We would like to welcome Dale as our CCSO Chaplain and are grate-

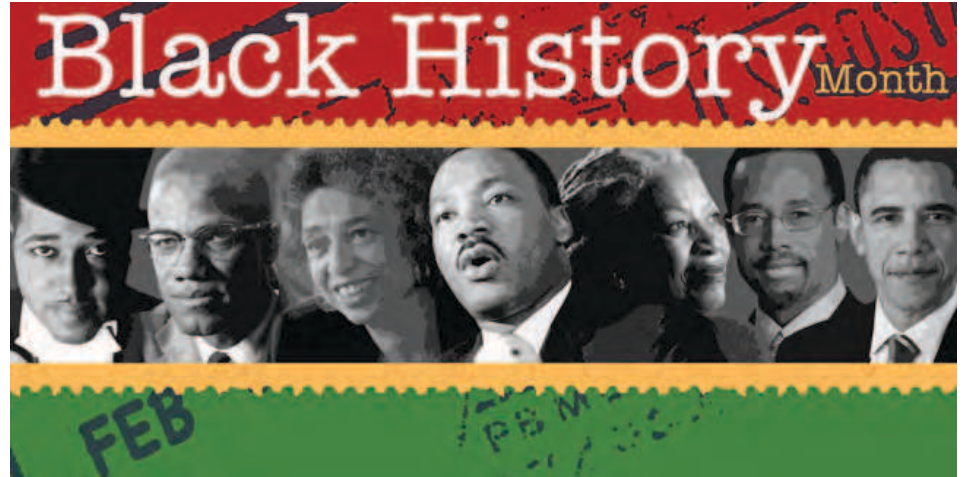
ful he accepted the offer to be."

"Dale takes over the position after Brother Mickey Rorex passed away in December," Rowe said. "Mickey was here a long time and did a great job as Chaplain and we know Dale will do a great job in that capacity also."

## A reflection with Kendell Wolfe

Dear Pine Tree,

Although your limbs may be weak, your trunk is still strong. I can still hear you cracking under the weight of the ice as you shed your limbs during the ice storm of 2000. Your presence was once upon a time plentiful throughout the neighborhoods, but no more. After you crushed through roofs, and ripped down power lines the village had no choice but to thin you out. Oh but yet Pine Tree here you still are, resilient standing tall in your coniferous ways. Boasting. Like you, I too am a survivor of the Ice storm of 2000. You and I, we were made for a time like this. So don't chump out now and end up in my living room. Thanks.



## Jim Lee "Earthquake" Hunt Oct. 5, 1938 - Nov. 22, 1975

By Raydeen Edwards

Jim Lee Hunt was a professional football player who played defensive tackle for the Boston Patriots in the American Football League (AFL) from 1960-1969 and for the Boston Patriots in 1970 when they joined the NFL.

Hunt was born here in Atlanta and attended Booker T. Washington High School.

After graduating high school in 1956 he attended Prairie View A&M.

He was a force to be reckoned with on the football field both in high school and in college.

He was moved from fullback in high school to defensive tackle in college.

Standing at 5 feet, 11 inches and weighing 255 pounds was misleading to some because he was very fast for his size.

Hunt was drafted by the NFL's St. Louis Cardinals in 1960 but a foot injury after 10 games pushed him to the taxi squad.

A taxi squad is a group of professional football players under contract who practice with a team but are ineligible to participate in official games.

The Boston Patriots of the new American Football League contacted Hunt and he joined the team.

Hunt made an impact in his 12 years of playing professional football.

He earned the nickname "Earthquake" because it was said the ground rumbled when he rushed the quarterbacks.

He was a 4-time AFL All-Star and was only one of 20 men who played all 10 years of the AFL before it was dissolved.

By the end of his career he totaled 29 sacks of 19 different QB's and holds the AFL record for the most career fumble recoveries.

Hunt hung up his cleats for good in 1972 after 12 seasons in the league and became an assistant coach with the Boston Eagles football team.

His number was retired by the Patriots and was inducted into its Hall of Fame. He was added to the inaugural Atlanta Athletics Hall of Fame class in 2018.

Hunt suffered a heart attack in Nov. of 1975 and the Patriots' legend tragically passed away at the young age of 37. He was buried at Pinecrest Cemetery here in Atlanta.

Hunt was one of 10 children to Eulav Collins and was raised on Collins Road. He had two brothers and seven sisters.

Rev. Willie Collins, his brother, and sisters, Mrs. Dorothy Banks, Mattie Hatcher and Vanasser Collins still live here in Atlanta.



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## COVID-19 Update

### Staff Report

#### CHRISTUS St. Michael Health System to host second regional COVID-19 Vaccination Hub Clinic

CHRISTUS St. Michael Health System will host a second COVID-19 Vaccination Hub Clinic during the weekend of Feb. 20 and 21. CHRISTUS St. Michael was designated by the State of Texas to serve the Texarkana area region as a vaccine hub and is working in partnership with Bowie County, the City of Texarkana, TX, the Emergency Operations Center, Texas A&M University-Texarkana and Texarkana College to provide vaccinations.

The second round of Moderna first-dose vaccinations is also occurring by appointment only. Walk-in and wait-list appointments are not available. To schedule an appointment for Feb. 20 or 21, visit [vaccinate.christushealth.org](https://vaccinate.christushealth.org). The appointment schedule will open at 12:30 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 15. You will be asked to answer the questions in the yellow chat box on the right of the screen to determine if you meet guidelines for receiving the vaccine. Individuals may also call the following dedicated phone line for information and registration for a vaccination appointment at this hub vaccination clinic: (877) 335-5746.

As directed by state guidelines, the vaccines for the second hub are designated for individuals in the 1A and 1B categories. Criteria includes:

#### Phase 1A

Focus on health care workers

#### Phase 1B

--People 65 years of age and older

--People 18 years of age and older with at least one chronic medical condition that puts them at increased risk for several illness from the virus that causes COVID-19 such as but not limited to:

- o Cancer

According to Francine Francis, Director of Marketing/Communications at CHRISTUS St. Michael Health System "People from Cass County are welcome to register to get an appointment for the CHRISTUS St. Michael clinic hub in Texarkana."

#### Update from Texas DSHS

*Texas to receive more than 400,000 first doses of COVID-19 vaccine next week*

*More than one million Texans are fully vaccinated*

The state of Texas will receive 407,650 first doses of COVID-19 vaccine from the federal government for the week of Feb. 15. The Texas Department of State Health Services has instructed the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to ship those doses to 302 providers in 158 counties across Texas. That includes 85 hub providers that will focus on broader community vaccination efforts including the hardest hit populations and areas in exchange for a steady supply of vaccine from week to week. An additional 217 providers will receive doses next week with a focus on those that serve older adults, such as health departments, pharmacies, federally qualified health centers, community and rural clinics, and some medical practices that specialize in care for older adults.

On top of the state allocation, the federal government has shipped 80,000 doses of vaccine to 376 pharmacy locations across the state as part of the Federal Retail Pharmacy Program. Pharmacies participating in Texas include CVS, H-E-B, Walmart and a consortium of independent pharmacies. Details of both allocations are available on the DSHS vaccine allocations page. Cass County residents should check on the website and then call CVS. When the Journal-Sun last checked the Vaccine was not at the Atlanta CVS as of yet. We will call from day to day to check.

In addition to the first doses mentioned above, the state is ordering 333,650 doses intended as the second dose for people first vaccinated a few weeks ago. DSHS is working with providers to make sure that they order the number of second doses they need at the appropriate time. People should be able to return to the same provider to receive their second dose within six weeks of getting the first.

Texas providers have administered more than 3.8 million doses of vaccine. Nearly 2.8 million people have received at least one dose, and over one million have been fully vaccinated. While 72 percent of Texans have been vaccinated in their home county, it is not a requirement, and vaccine has been administered to residents of all 254 counties.

Texas continues to vaccinate health care workers, residents of long-term care facilities, people 65 and older and those with medical conditions that put them at greater risk of hospitalization and death from COVID-19. Vaccine remains limited based on the capacity of the manufacturers to produce it, so it will take time for Texas to receive enough vaccine for all the people in the priority populations who want to be vaccinated. Currently, there is not enough vaccine to supply every provider with vaccine every week.

People can find more information on COVID-19 vaccine at <https://www.dshs.texas.gov/covidvaccine/>.

DPS Issues Official 60-Day Notification that DL Expiration Waiver Ends in April

The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) has officially issued the 60-day notice that the COVID-related waiver on expiration dates for driver licenses (DLs) and identification cards (IDs) ends on April 14, 2021. Therefore, DPS continues to urge customers to make an appointment or renew online today. The department first advised the public that the waiver would end two months ago.

To assist customers with expired licenses who are unable to schedule an appointment prior to the April 14 deadline, DPS has implemented a new procedure. If a customer has a

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# Friends gather to remember their library director Jackie Icenhower

Story and Photos by  
Neil Abeles

Four library friends sat down recently to remember a leader and a director. Atlanta Library Director Jackie Icenhower died unexpectedly Dec. 21 at age 57.

Because of the COVID virus, memorial gatherings have been limited. But the four friends and others, knowing how much the library had benefited from Icenhower's 15 years of leadership, wanted to share their appreciation with the public. "Jackie was magical at getting grants," began Evan Evans, "She would just find the money for programs needed."

"She knew everything, from the new technology to the old systems," said Charles Steger. "I was always impressed when going to her for help, and I've been at this for 50 years."

"She'd drop everything she was doing to help whoever came to the library," Tammie Davidson said. "That was her leadership. We were to be the people's employees. That was No. 1."

"She would have so many programs going for the library to serve others," said Charlotte Evans. "She dealt well with officials and knew so many people in the library world. But, really, the important thing about coming to the library was that Jackie would be here. Her being here was the key."

Icenhower came to the library in 2006. She had been a school teacher and would continue her studies by earning a master's degree in library science. Under her special direction, the library would become, like a school, a place of activity for everyone and a center for learning.

One of her first accomplishments was to do a major, first-time inventory that permitted accurate knowledge of the library resources to meet the basic and even sophisticated needs of the public.

And in a second major achievement, Icenhower worked with a local artist to transform the library's basement into an undersea marine world for children. The resulting artistic environment so startled adults and pleased children that it won the 2006 Library Project of the Year honor from the Northeast Texas Library Association.

Such changes through the years for children and adults would culminate in the library's 2017 acceptance into the national Family Place Libraries designation, an achievement only 68 other libraries in Texas had earned. The award was presented in an official ceremony to library and city officials by a representative of the FPL from New York.

Another major accomplishment was a major face-lift to the building. Icenhower had turned up an old carpet to find stylish ceramic tiles underneath and thus began an in-house restoration project for the interior and exterior resulting in a more modern, pleasant, and well-lighted facility. By then, some 1,100 people a week would be counted coming through the library's doors. One reason for the attendance would be the library's powerful impact of assisting all people with forms to fill out, job applications or other personal items.

"One of Jackie's strong points was that she had us employees and volunteers so understanding of the library and our roles that we could help the public without oversight from her," said one employee.

Icenhower inspired library events. Here are a few examples:

- > The summer's reading program for youth was a well-organized and entertaining series of events taking place over several months.

- > In recent summers, the library began serving food at the noon hour, courtesy of the East Texas Bank in Tyler, which would deliver the food by truck.

- > The library would teach computer skills, particularly for seniors.

- > The library obtained the region's first 3-D printer with a grant from the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services, "Not just doodling, but marketable skills," Icenhower said of the skills which could be learned.

- > Once someone suggested a chocolate party which then turned into a reception for three authors and their books as well.

- > The library jumped into a seed distribution program in which patrons learned about gardening and then had the seeds to grow flowers or food.

- > Moreover, the library joined in with the Texas Commission on the Arts to present Adler & Hearn songwriters in a free public concert of Texas folk, jazz, and blues.

These are only examples of the range of activities under Icenhower's encouragement. One among these, the Nimble Thimble Quilters Club, merits further explanation, Icenhower, a quilter herself, was one of the first to join.

For one special event, the quilters held a bazaar for which they created 400 items, earning \$1,000 in sales to buy a book binding machine that could restore damaged books to "better than new."

Always active, Icenhower and her staff were looking forward to a professional needs survey which would chart a way for the library's future.

"She'd found a way to put back the money for that survey," Davidson said.

With her openness to new things and learning, Icenhower set a high example for staff, patrons and all who knew her, the group of four said.

"She never failed," Evans said when asked if projects had ever gone wrong.

"I didn't even get to mention that Jackie was a master genealogist, and she would help so many whenever asked," Charles Steger, local historian, and researcher, said,

"She just could do anything. She set an example for the Atlanta Public, Library. And we wanted the public to know," Steger said.



Jackie Icenhower shows the instrument that can provide wifi for the home and can be checked out as a service from the Atlanta Public Library.



In her first year as library director in 2006, Jackie reads to children in the new undersea marine and "Yellow Submarine" world of the library's basement.



With Jackie's encouragement, one of the first special groups at the Atlanta Public Library was the Nimble Thimble Quilters. Jackie herself, center, was an avid member of this group.



Sitting together for a moment to remember their friend and library leader are, from left: Evan Evans, Tammie Davidson, Charlotte Evans and Charles Steger. They met recently to tell the story of her leadership for the Atlanta Public Library.



In one of its biggest moments in 2018, the Atlanta Public Library receives national designation as a Family Place Library. There to celebrate are, from left: Atlanta City Manger David Cockrell, library staffer Randi Strutton, city council member Ken Paddington, fire chief Robin Betts, Mayor Travis Ransom and librarian Jackie Icenhower.



A favorite activity for the Atlanta Public Library was to present and highlight authors. Here Jackie congratulates Roger Geiger of Avinger on his newest personal memoir.

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While the Legislature addresses many important issues every session, there is only one bill that is constitutionally mandated: every legislature must pass a balanced budget that funds state government for the next two years.

This year, the budget will originate in the Senate and will be Senate Bill 1. Origination of the budget rotates between the House and Senate every session. The House and the Senate have both filed their beginning, or base budgets, and they are surprisingly similar in both the amount and priorities of each budget. This is not always the case, with versions of the budget routinely being billions apart and spending on different priorities. These differences are worked out as we move through the budget process and ultimately one, final version of the budget is sent to the governor.

I am pleased to inform you that both budgets are below the rate of inflation and population growth, which is the method we scrutinize to determine if there is growth in government spending. These budgets represent a 3% spending reduction based on that metric. It is always important to reduce government spending, but it is even more so in times when many are suffering from the pandemic.

This is not the time to increase government spending, and thus taxes. This is the time to limit government to its basic functions. In that spirit, I was pleased to see that both versions of the base budget include the funding for public education that was passed last session, while limiting the growth of property taxes. A quality public education is one of the rights guaranteed in the Texas Constitution and I am proud to continue to work my colleagues to strengthen and improve our public education system.

I will keep you updated as the House and Senate work through the budget process, which takes several months and has many moving parts.

While the budget is the only bill we are required to pass, the Legislature addresses a myriad of issues each session. I want to encourage you to reach out to me about issues that are important to you or ideas for legislation that would help make Texas an even better place to live. I can be reached at 512-463-0556 or district9.paddie@house.state.tx.us.

In addition, my district director, Joe Buck Crisp, will be spending time each month in every county to meet with you about legislative concerns and to help with issues you may be having with the state government. Please contact our Marshall office at 903-935-1141 to find out when he will be in your town.



Great storytelling is an honored tradition across the South and the Southwest. Texas, with its long history of engaging characters and adventures, has produced many tales to tell. Perhaps one of the most respected storytellers was writer and professor J. Frank Dobie.

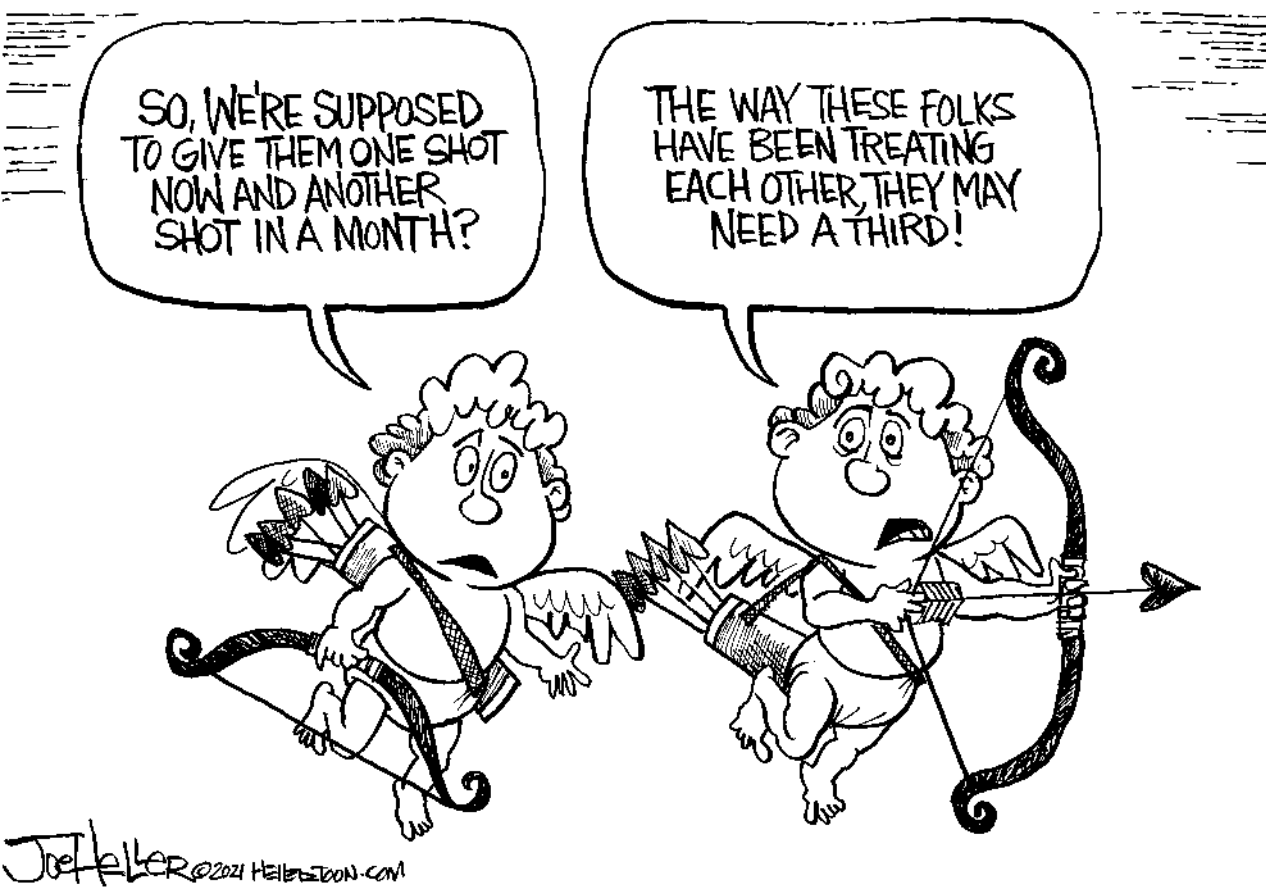
Born James Frank Dobie on September 26, 1888, a love of literature and the open prairie was instilled in him from birth. The family lived on a modest ranch in Live Oak County in South Texas. Dobie was the oldest of six children, and he worked the ranch with his family from a young age. In the evenings, after the day's chores had been completed, his father read to him and the other children from the family Bible while his mother read classic works of literature to them.

In order to finish high school, Dobie moved in with his grandparents in nearby Alice in 1904. After his 1906 graduation, he enrolled at Southwestern University in Georgetown. Armed with an education, life moved quickly for Dobie. After earning his bachelors degree, he began writing for a number of newspapers for a year before accepting a teaching position in 1911. Two years later, he left for Columbia University in New York City to pursue a masters degree in English. He returned to Texas in 1914 and began teaching at the University of Texas.

Dobie enlisted in the army as the United States entered World War I in 1917. After serving in the artillery for two years, he returned to the university in 1919. After his military experiences, he began expressing himself more with the written word and began publishing stories and studies of aspects of folklore in 1919. He joined the Texas Folklore Society to preserve folk tales and stories of the unique culture of the Southwest, rising to secretary of the organization by 1922.

His first major work was a short, clever booklet titled Weather Wisdom of the Texas-Mexican Border in 1923, noting how rain is never a subject far from the thoughts of Texas ranchers and farmers. Dobie wrote, "Everyone knows and quotes the saying, 'Nobody but a fool or a newcomer will prophesy the weather in Texas' - a saying vaunted before strangers but never remembered in their absence." The tome was filled with stories of how watching different animals can foretell the weather as well as his own stories of growing up in South Texas before closing

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# Snow, ice, single-digit temps blanket the state

Texans from Lubbock to Longview shivered under single-digit temperatures as their week began, with snow and ice creating dangerous road conditions throughout the state. Gov. Greg Abbott issued a disaster declaration for all 254 Texas counties and urged residents to stay alert to changing weather conditions. The Texas Division of Emergency Management deployed resources from various state agencies to prepare roadways, assist motorists, remove downed trees and perform search-and-rescue operations if necessary.



The number of new cases of COVID-19 continues to drop, with 73,888 reported statewide last week, down more than 50% from the record high of nearly 159,000 recorded Jan. 10-16. However, weekly fatalities continue to hover just below 2,000, not far below the record high of 2,311 set the week of Jan. 17.

State officials with both the Electric Reliability Council of Texas and the Public Utility Commission asked residents to conserve as much power as possible due to the record demand for electricity caused by the record low temperatures.

"The lowest temperatures Texas has seen in decades necessitate a shared response across the state, from households to factories," said PUC chairman DeAnn Walker. "Along with the tools ERCOT uses to maintain the reliability of the grid, common-sense conservation also plays a critical role in our state's endurance of this challenge."

### Take precautions when using space heaters

The harsh weather, which in much of the state could continue until the weekend, means more Texans are relying on space heaters. "But be cautious," said Orlando Hernandez, the state fire marshal. "In the past few years, several fatal Texas fires were started by space heaters."

Hernandez offered four tips for space heater safety:

- Inspect a heater before you use it. Make sure there are no cracked or broken plugs or loose connections.
- Plug space heaters directly into a wall outlet.
- Keep your space heater at least three feet from anything that can burn.
- Turn off your space heaters before you leave the room or go to bed. Look for models that shut off automatically when tipped over.

About 80% of home heating fire fatalities nationally involve space heaters, according to the National Fire Protection Association.

### More than 1 million Texans fully vaccinated

The state passed the one million mark of Texans who have received both doses of the COVID-19 vaccine, according to the Texas Department of State Health Services. More than 2.8 million have received the first dose.

The state, as it did last week, is receiving more than 400,000 doses. The vaccine is being shipped from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to 302 providers in 158 counties. In addition, the federal government has shipped 80,000 doses across the state to 376 pharmacies, including CVS, H-E-B, Walmart and a group of independent pharmacies. Details of the allocations are available on the DSHS vaccine allocations page (<https://tinyurl.com/1klvcfip>).

### COVID-19 rental relief program unveiled

Renters hard hit by the pandemic with job losses now can seek relief through the Texas Rent Relief Program, which was rolled out on Monday, Feb. 15. More than \$1 billion has been allocated to Texas through the latest COVID-19 federal stimulus bill to assist tenants in paying rent and utilities. It will be administered by the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs.

To qualify, households must be at or below 80% of the area median income. Preference will be given to households with income below 50% of the area median income, and households where one or more members have been unemployed for at least 90 days.

Applications can be submitted online at [TexasRentRelief.com](https://www.texasrentrelief.com), or by calling 1-833-9TX-RENT (1-833-989-7368) from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Saturday.

### Deadline nears for Texas Tuition Promise Fund

Texas parents have until the end of February to enroll their children in the state's prepaid college tuition fund. Enrollment for children under 1 year continues through July 31. The Texas Tuition Promise Fund allows parents to lock in current undergraduate tuition rates and fees at the state's public colleges and universities.

Earnings from money placed in the fund are tax free. The next enrollment period begins on Sept. 1. For more information, go to <https://www.texastuitionpromisefund.com/>.

### Texas ranked top exporting state for 19th straight year

Once again, the Lone Star State leads the nation in exports. Its \$279.3 billion in exports outpaced California and New York combined. The state also led the United States in tech exports for the eighth straight year.

"Texas' exporting prowess is a testament to our business-friendly climate, strong trade partnerships, and most of all, the millions of hardworking Texans in communities across our state," Gov. Abbott said in a press release.

Petroleum-related products dominated the top 10 list of exports, occupying six of those spots, according to the Census Bureau.

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**Mamma Andrea's Gumbo**

- 1 pound shrimp
- 4 cup crab meat
- 2 quarts okra
- 2 cups flour
- 2 cloves garlic
- 2 1/2 table spoon creole seasoning
- 1 1/2 teaspoon seafood seasoning
- 1 1/2 quart tomatoes crushed
- 2 small onions chopped
- 2 bell peppers
- 1 1/2 stalks celery
- 2 table spoon parsley
- 6 slices bacon-cooked cut fine
- 1/2 teaspoon crab boil
- 7 quarts water

Fry bacon in large pot (not iron). Add onion, celery, pepper, and let fry for a short time. Add tomatoes, water, and all other seasonings. Let simmer for a while. Add crab meat and shrimp. Fry okra and add to mixture. Take flour and put it in pan and brown. Add to mixture slowly. Let simmer for a short time then serve as is or over rice.

**Southern Buttermilk Pie**

- 3 eggs
- 1 cup sugar
- 2 table spoons flour
- 1 table spoon vanilla
- 2-3 table spoons butter
- Uncooked pie shell

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Beat the eggs until they are frothy then add in the butter, sugar, and flour. Beat until smooth. Stir in the buttermilk and vanilla. Pour the mixture into the pie shell and bake for 40 to 60 minutes or until the center is firm.

**Atlanta** FROM PAGE 1

closing achievement gaps which are differences in educational success in reading and math that exist between students as a result of poverty, English language proficiency, disability, race, or ethnicity

Our goal is to create a level playing field for all students regardless of their circumstances. Atlanta ISD believes all students are capable of great things!

Dena McCord is the principal at Atlanta Elementary School. When congratulated on the award and asked for a comment, her reply was "I have the best staff ever at AES and they make it all possible."

AISD Superintendent Sidney Harrist says this recognition is one of the top honors a school can receive. "We are extremely honored to be recognized for the hard work put forth by our students and staff every day. We know this would not be possible without the support of our community, and we are excited for the opportunity to show what Rabbit Pride represents."

Atlanta Elementary will complete a rigorous application process conducted by the United States Department of Education over the next two months. National award winners will be announced in September of 2021.



**ATLANTA AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**  
*Chamber Chat*  
with Miranda

In smaller communities it is common to have various entities partner up for efficiency and cost-sharing.

Our Atlanta Tourism Committee partners with the Chamber of Commerce office to house and operate the Atlanta Visitor's Center. Believe it or not, Atlanta does see a lot of visitors with our proximity to Atlanta State Park, several larger cities and several major interstates and highways.

The interesting location of the center, inside Atlanta's Historic Depot, is reason enough to visit for many people. Although the trains no longer stop at our location, framed historic photos of Atlanta's Downtown district turn our walls into story tellers. Occasionally, a visitor will treat our staff to a personal memory from the days when the depot was in full operation.

The Atlanta Visitor's Center provides some local and state road maps, some brochures for nearby events and attractions, and welcoming staff who can refer visitors to local restaurants, shops and happenings. Many times, newcomers to town are passing through or staying at the State Park and they tell us that they just came downtown to "wander around."

This notion of simply wandering around, feet on the bricked sidewalks, American flags gently waving in the breeze, charming storefronts thoughtfully staged by mom and pop owners, music seemingly everywhere... this is the feeling our Downtown Merchant Association hopes to express with their welcoming tagline, "Wander where life is simple."

Our tourism entities appreciate the Downtown Merchants' sentiment, and agree that the tagline is a fitting invitation, but when it comes to efforts in attracting visitors, it seems that "simple" is not always the most appropriate description.

What does it take to not only be a day trip destination, but an overnight, weekend trip? This is the question proposed by our heads-in-beds initiative. When a visitor stays in a community overnight, the community wins in a lot of ways. There is more opportunity for restaurant and retail transactions, more tax money collected, more word-of-mouth referral opportunity, etc.

One thing that is often called to the attention of our community leaders is that there is not much of a "night life" scene around here. Now, "night life" can mean a lot of things to a lot of people, but the main point is, when our own residents are looking for something to do on a weekend, they typically look to neighboring communities. This is one of those issues with many possible solutions, but no clear answers.

We would love to hear from our readers on what kinds of things might take Atlanta from a day trip location to an overnight destination?

Until then, we want to invite you to make your way Downtown and just... wander. Where life is simple.

Our quote of the week is, "The first step to solving a problem is recognizing that it does exist." - Zig Ziglar



Despite Covid or cold weather, life happens...and life goes on! So hang in there folks and enjoy the ride!

The Atlanta Area Rotary Club is busy focusing on youth. Our club prides itself on the number of scholarships area high school graduates receive from us every year. We have paid out \$178,00 for scholarships since 2004. That gives us bragging rights! But we don't do that alone. Our support comes from area businesses that buy tickets for various raffles over the years. Some of you may remember the "spelling bee" that was a lot of fun and helped raise money way back "when." Our latest raffle was a \$500 Brookshire's shopping spree, which was won by Jamie Rawls. Jamie has graciously gifted the gift card to one of QCISD's custodians. What a loving gift, Jamie!

But back to those scholarships. Jackie Icenhower has been our "go-to" person in the past and is greatly missed at our Rotary meetings. Doug Saffel has worked with Jason Rawls and they are getting the information out to the area schools. Seniors, check with your school counselors to see if our packet has arrived. Besides the "usual stuff", you will be writing an essay about the Rotary "4-way test".

Speaking of the "4-way test", we are also sponsoring a speech contest and Michele and Tony Ciomperlik are busily getting that info out to our area schools, also. That's open to high schoolers.

RYLA was a topic of several columns last fall. RYLA stands for Rotary Youth Leadership Award and area high school juniors have the opportunity to attend this weekend. Of course, COVID has caused the rules to be re-written and it'll be a virtual event this year. Can you imagine that? I guess our school students have been adjusting to these changes all along, so it's probably "old hat" to them. We are hoping they will be able to be on-site in the fall for this fabulous opportunity to develop leadership skills.

And last, but not least, we must talk about trash! The Atlanta Area Rotary Club will be picking up trash every month, either in front of Atlanta High School or Queen City High School. We'll be looking at the last Saturday of every month, starting in March in Queen City. You are welcome to join us in making our highways trash-free.

If you want more info or to learn more about our Rotary Club, call me at 903.691.9717 or join us at Luigi's at noon on Thursdays or at Pizza on Main the 2nd and 4th Thursdays at 6 pm.



Tom Bridges, Jamie Rawls (with her \$500 Brookshire's shopping card), and Jason Rawls (with his birthday cake!)

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**ACROSS**

- 1 TXism: "\_\_\_ hombre" (mean)
- 5 lawn implement
- 6 TXism: "stuffed shirt"
- 7 TXism: "It'll \_\_\_ in a pinch"
- 8 TX Coburn won 1978 Pulitzer for "The \_\_\_ Game"
- 9 this Mickey hit first Astrodome homer
- 15 Mavericks zealots
- 16 TX "Operation Game Thief" targets
- 18 TX "Babe's" status as an Olympian
- 20 Texas among the states
- 22 rifle failure
- 27 TEA tries to lower the dropout \_\_\_
- 28 teeth corrections for TX teens
- 29 not finished
- 30 TXism: "smart \_\_\_ full of owls"
- 32 TXism: "got a mind \_\_\_" (inclined)
- 33 LBJ proposed on the \_\_\_ with Lady Bird
- 36 Hawaiian two step?
- 37 Biblical transport
- 38 tropical tune by TX Jim Reeves
- 39 former Houston oil fire business: "Red \_\_\_"
- 41 Crowell H.S. class
- 42 TX Pat Toomay's \_\_\_ Given Sunday
- 45 it can be proper
- 46 TXism: "I \_\_\_ like death warmed over"
- 47 Staubach's military branch
- 48 former country cable network
- 49 TXism: "\_\_\_ baby's bottom"
- 52 TXism: "take the \_\_\_ (quit drinking)"
- 53 TXism: "fits like sardines in \_\_\_"
- 54 discoverer of the East TX oil field: C.M. "\_\_\_" Joiner
- 55 TXism: "\_\_\_-horse town" (small town)

**DOWN**

- 1 in Smith County on highway 135
- 2 TXism: "beer shed"
- 3 TXism: "happy as \_\_\_ candy store"
- 4 political protests
- 8 TXism: "that's the ball \_\_\_" (over)
- 9 TXism: "don't bite off \_\_\_"
- 10 Ozona H.S. class
- 11 former TX First Lady Connally (init.)
- 12 TXism: "if it ain't true, \_\_\_" (liar in Texas)
- 13 mother-in-law of 11-down
- 14 Rangers sports-caster Nadel
- 15 TXism: "suits me to a \_\_\_-well"
- 16 TXism: "\_\_\_ pencil to it" (calculate)
- 17 cowboy hat brand
- 19 "\_\_\_ on down the road"
- 21 TX Vikki Carr 1989 release: "\_\_\_ Hombres"
- 22 TXism: "\_\_\_ chacha" (giri)
- 23 treaty that led to destruction of TX missiles
- 24 former missile defense prog.
- 25 in Goliad: Presidio La Bahia (\_\_\_ the Bay)
- 26 Dallas founder John Neely Bryan died in the State \_\_\_ Asylum
- 28 \_\_\_ Karolyi trained gymnasts in Houston
- 31 a TX Gatlin brother
- 34 make a phone call
- 35 TXism: "up and \_\_\_ 'em juice" (coffee)
- 37 a route to Mexico: "Del Rio-Ciudad \_\_\_ International Bridge"
- 40 TX actor Ely, and Florida governor DeSantis
- 43 1990 film "Viet \_\_\_ Texas"
- 44 guacamole fruit with lots of vitamins
- 50 TX George H.W. supported the North American Free \_\_\_ Agreement
- 51 TXism: "couldn't find an egg under a sitting \_\_\_" (stupid)

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## L-K band competes at UIL contest

On February 4th UIL held its annual solo and ensemble contest for high school bands in region 4. The contest was held over two days at two different locations.

This year schools also had the option to perform virtually. Eleven students represented Linden Kildare High School at the Sulphur Springs site.

Participation for LK was down a bit this year, but not because of covid. Students explained they were so busy with state marching contest last semester, they got started on solo and ensem-

ble late. Usually they start practicing solos and ensembles in December. But since they came back from San Antonio just two days before Christmas break, they didn't have a chance to select music until after the break.

Regardless, it was a successful day for that roarin' band from Tigerland. The eleven LK band members performed in five different events and of the five ratings possible (one being best) one earned First Division and the others all earned Second Division.

Elizabeth Klaver earned

a First Division medal with her flute solo. The other students were Ethan Lansdale who played a snare drum solo, Najeli Fuentes, Camdyn McNutt and Josie Turner in a flute trio, Macy Fairless, Katelyn Duncan, and Katie Sellers in a clarinet trio and Rayna Bradshaw, Michael Lane and Hugh Tyson in a trumpet trio.

Next up for the LKHS band is a pre-UIL contest at Pleasant Grove High School on February 26 then UIL Concert and Sight-Reading contest at the same location on March 4.



Photo by Courtney Sullivan

## Girl Scouts make valentines for residents

Local Girl Scouts troop makes valentines for the residents of Golden Villa nursing home.

## Texas FROM PAGE 4

with the warning, "Be it remembered, all Texans have a saying, 'In dry weather all signs fail.'"

Dobie also played a role in preventing longhorn cattle from disappearing. He had been part of the university for several years when students chose the longhorn as the mascot in 1917. However, longhorns had fallen out of favor with ranchers and steadily fewer were being bred. Dobie grew concerned about the deteriorating numbers of the longhorn, and he started writing about them in 1920. He persuaded several ranchers and benefactors to buy a number of longhorns to stock at state parks starting in the 1920s and 1930s. As a result, more attention began to be brought to the iconic creatures, and their reputation as a symbol of Texas and reputation as livestock steadily increased. He completed a book on the life and legends of the breed in *The Longhorns* in 1941.

He wrote on his most

famous works, the award-winning *Coronado's Children*, in 1930. The book amassed tales of treasure-hunters and lost treasures. Ultimately, Dobie would publish more than 20 books in his lifetime, including *Tales of the Mustang* in 1936 and *The Roadrunner in Fact and Folklore* in 1939.

By 1939, he had a weekly newspaper column in which he not only discussed Texas culture but railed against the political injustices of the day. The state legislature became a frequent target of his barbs. He openly called for integrating the University of Texas in the early 1940s, leading him to clash with numerous state leaders.

His fame grew to where he was invited to teach American History at Cambridge University during World War II. In 1944, while still overseas, he angrily protested the firing of a fellow UT professor for his liberal views, leading to his own dismissal by 1947.

Later in his life, a new generation of Texas leaders came to appreciate Dobie's work and influence. On September 14, 1964, President Lyndon B. Johnson awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom to Dobie in honor of his long career. The award from a fellow Texan was a great affirmation of his writing and the controversial stands he had taken throughout his life. The ailing Dobie died four days later.

A large crowd gathered for his funeral, which was held on the University of Texas campus.

Dobie was honored after his death. A number of books have been written about him. A post office in San Antonio was named for him as well as the Dobie Center at the University of Texas.

Dobie High School opened in Houston in 1968. Middle schools in Cibola and Austin as well as an elementary school in Dallas now honor the famed writer.

## Valentine's Day Date Night 2021



## Dance FROM PAGE 1

erly Odierno of the VFW Auxiliary, an organization that works in tandem with and in support of the VFW, as the reason they were successful.

"The VFW and its Auxiliary are the organizations that will benefit from this event. The COVID-19 pandemic has crippled VFW Post 6968, financially. Schools have canceled events due to the regulations the state has implemented, so we took action. The families in our community have nothing to look forward to these days so we took action to give them something to enjoy as a community", Graham said.

"As a former Army Ranger and spouse to a retired

Army soldier, my wife and myself have missed way too many opportunities to spend with our children. Valentine's day is not only about adults in my eyes. Some people are single parents, and I wanted to help them build special moments with their children", he added.

Graham said the dance was well received by the community as approximately 100 people were in attendance.

"The dance went off without a hitch! The community showed up in force, kids running and playing getting all sugared up and just enjoying life. I don't know about you, but that is what I call an amazing Valentine's day dance", Graham

shared, "We raised \$480.00 on February 13, and all the money will go to helping the veterans in our community have a place to call home, the VFW Post 6968 in Linden TX."

Graham expressed gratitude on behalf of the VFW and VFW Auxiliary for the outpouring of support from organizers and the community.

"They will forever be remembered in this community, and to every single family that came out and supported us and every single person who got to spend a special moment with their babies, you are all rock stars, and we will always be there when you need us because you were there when we needed you."





Photos by PHYLLIS WARREN

### QC Shooting team practices before meet in San Antonio

The Queen City Shooting Sports Team participated in a trap shoot at Rocky Creek Outdoors in Texarkana Feb. 6, to get in a little extra practice before they compete in San Antonio. They will be competing at the San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo JUNIOR SHOOT-OUT during winter break.



## Queen City Tennis



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# Obituaries

## Charles Duwayne Reedstrom

July 4, 1922 - February 10, 2021

Charles Duwayne Reedstrom, the oldest living Reedstrom at 98-3/4 years old, went to join his Savior, the Lord, February 10th 2021, from his home in East Texas. It was a beautiful busy day as he worked on his computer and in his workshop making wooden firecrackers for his anticipated birthday on the 4th of July. He was born in Mankato, Minnesota the



4th of July, 1922. The most patriotic WWII veteran that loved his country, his flag and Jesus Christ. "Mr. Charles", as many east Texans called him, enlisted with the United States Navy in 1942 and served in the South Pacific on the USS President Monroe, an attack transport. He was a Quarter Master, 3rd Class. Serving during WWII his battle station was on the bridge at the wheel of the ship. Touring with dad around the United States he would tell us stories of the olden days, his life and his beloved time spent in the Navy. His favorite story was how the Japanese kamikaze pilots would always try to put the ship out of commission by firing at his station, the wheel of the ship. Luckily, he was never hit, albeit it close on multiple occasions! The Captain of the ship saw so much potential in "Duwayne" as he was called in his youth, he sent him from the ship after the battle of Tarawa to officer candidate training. However, the war ended and Duwayne decided not to return to the Navy. It was always evident however that the Navy years were the best years of his life!

Shortly after the end of the war, he was recruited by Humble Oil & Refining Company and moved to Houston, Texas. Charles graduated from the University of Texas with honors and again from the University of Houston with a Masters and hours toward a doctorate.

At Humble Oil, he was part of the team that installed the first large scale computer in an oil company. The first day on the job, Charles met his fun-loving wife, Lemoine, and was married for 68-1/2 years. Taking early retirement from Humble at age 52, his entrepreneurial spirit took over and he started multiple family businesses; Computer Assistants; Compass Micromation and Compass Information. During the many years that he and his wife had the corporations, Charles employed thousands of people in multiple state offices all over the United States. He used to say "we have a United Nations of employees" because they came from all over the world.

In 1993 Charles and Lemoine visited the Wonderland of Lights in Marshall, Texas, fell in love with Marshall and decided to stay permanently. They purchased a historic home built in 1883 known as "The Columns" and began to renovate. Charles spent 15 years restoring it to its original beauty. In his spare time, he served 13 years on the Trustee Board for the First United Methodist Church of Marshall. He chaired the Board for six years and was instrumental in the study to either renovate, demolish or move the historic church. Restoration was decided by the congregation and Charles directed the first phase of the project. He acquainted himself with the historical significance of the church, researched much of the history and during the Christmas season gave tours of the church and it's million-dollar-stained glass windows. He loved the church and the historical significance.

Charles loved working with his hands in his workshop and listening to his favorite Saturday night show, Lawrence Welk! Many of his incredible skills were learned as a child from his dad, Oscar, a master carpenter. Charles physically built the 4,500 sq ft home in Houston where he and Lemoine raised their family. He was a handy man to have around as he could do absolutely everything.

During the last 20 years of his life Charles was the accountant and bookkeeper for several of his daughter's companies. He would not accept a paycheck but was paid with several new cars. The first Lincoln Navigator was hidden in the city of Marshall by his daughter. He and Lemoine had "treasure hunt" clues to locate the car.

Charles Duwayne was preceded in death by his wife, Lemoine Evelyn Wilbanks Reedstrom; his parents, Viola and Oscar Reedstrom, Marvin Reedstrom, his brother and Rev Dr Suzanne Cox-Reedstrom, his daughter-in-law. He is survived by his sister, Jean Sharp, his daughter, Suzanne Reedstrom Kreklow; his son Charles Dan Reedstrom; his two grandsons, Richard and Kirk Reedstrom; and numerous nieces and nephews. He was everyone's "Dad" and has such a following of adopted daughters and sons. Our sweet dad was loved by many and will be truly missed. May he rest in peace as he makes his way to the Dallas-Fort Worth National Cemetery.

A Celebration of Life will be held at First United Methodist Church of Marshall. Date and time to follow.



### On the Death of the Beloved

by John O'Donohue

Though we need to weep your loss,  
 You dwell in that safe place in our hearts,  
 Where no storm or night or pain can reach you  
 Let us not look for you only in memory,  
 Where we would grow lonely without you.  
 You would want us to find you in presence,  
 Beside us when beauty brightens,  
 When kindness glows  
 And music echoes eternal tones.

## Viona Lee Beene

January 29, 1933 - February 8, 2021

Viona Lee Beene, 88, of Linden passed away Monday, February 8, 2021. Mrs. Beene was born January 29, 1933 in Kahoka, MO to Everett L. Bash and Mildred M. Blum Bash. Viona was a faithful member of the Linden United Methodist Church, a volunteer for the Ladies Auxiliary, an Avon representative, past president of the National Secretary Association, visited the Nursing Home weekly, visited the shut-ins, and she retired from the Corp of Engineers as a Civil Engineer.



She is survived by her children, Gary Hicks and wife, Monica, Michael Hicks and wife, Susan, and Cynthia Hicks Mattei; sister, Marcine Leighty; five grandchildren, Martha, Jeff, Samantha, Stephanie, Raven; nine great-grandchildren, Madilyn, Maci, Vance, Carly, Zayne, Destin, Kelsey, Lilith and Owen; stepsons, Eddie Beene and Billy Jack Beene; step-grandchildren, Jennifer and Jessie Beene, and numerous nieces, nephews and friends.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Everett and Mildred Bash; husband, Billy Beene; son and daughter-in-law, Thomas Hicks, Jr. and Lois, and son-in-law, Lawrence (Larry) Mattei.

Services will be 11:00 a.m., Saturday, February 13, 2021 at the Linden United Methodist Church with Pastor Kelly Krone and Pastor Michael Bedevian officiating. Burial to follow in the Linden Cemetery under the direction of Reeder-Davis Funeral Home in Linden.

There will be a time of visitation from 8:00 until 10:00 a.m., Saturday morning at the funeral home.

AN ONLINE GUEST BOOK MAY BE SIGNED AT WWW.REEDERDAVIS.COM.



## Do you know?

By Pastor Susan Emmons

*Pearl of Great Price Tabernacle*

Do you know that if you are Born Again of the Spirit of God, a child of God, that you are in the Word of God?

St. John 3:16-For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever (you) believes in him shall not perish, (you won't perish), but have everlasting life. (Yes, you,, everlasting life; forever with the Savior!) 17-For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through him might be saved. (You are saved!)

Acts 2:38- Then Peter said unto them, repent (you did), and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, (you got baptized) and he shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. (You received), 39- For the promise is unto you, (the saved); and to your children, (they also can be saved) and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call. (Aren't you glad you were called).

1 Thessalonians 5:5- Ye (yes, you) are all the children of light, (so shine bright), and the children of the day, (so stay awake).

1 John 3:1- Behold, what manner of love the Father has bestowed upon us, (the saved) that we should be called the son's (children) of God. Therefore the world knows us not, because it knew him not. 2- Beloved, now are we the son's (children) of God, (yes, you are) and it does not yet appear what we shall be, (you don't know yet), but we know that when he shall appear, we shall be like him, (Amen!) For we shall see him as he is. (Yes you will!) Beloved, YOU shall behold him!

Malachi 3:17- And they (you) shall be mine, saith the Lord of hosts, in that day when I make up my Jewels, (you are a jewel unto the Lord, very precious!) and I will spare them, as a man spares his own son that serves him.

Malachi 4:2- But unto you (insert your name here), that fear my name, shall the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in his wings (hem, border of garment), and you shall go forth and grow up as calves of the stall. 3- And you shall tread down the wicked, for they shall be ashes under the soles of your feet in the day that I shall do this, saith the Lord of hosts.

Matthew 13:43- Then shall the righteous (once again, this is you who are born again of the Spirit) shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. (Keep shining Saints!)

1 Thessalonians 4:14- For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. 15. For this we say onto you, by the word of the Lord that we which are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord shall not prevent (precede) them which are asleep. 16. For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the Archangel and with the trumpet of God, and the dead in Christ shall rise first. 17 Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air, and so shall we ever be with the Lord..... God bless.

Come join us at the Pearl of Great Price Tabernacle, 212 County Road 2232 in Douglassville. Our Sunday church service begins at 11 a.m. Call 430-342-4829 for prayer and any other information.

# Suzanne's CORNER

## IT'S ALL ABOUT... My dad, Charles Duwayne Reedstrom

WWII Navyman  
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## When The Last Hand Comes Aboard

by Richard John Scarr  
 (Brighton, England)

No more a Watch to stand, Old Sailor  
 You are outward bound on an ebbing tide.  
 Eight Bells has rung, and last Watch done.  
 Now a new berth waits you on the other side.

Your Ship is anchored in God's Harbor.  
 And your Shipmates, sailors of the Lord.  
 Are Mustered on the deck to greet you.  
 And pipe you as you come aboard.

Her boilers with full head of steam.  
 Cargo stowed and Galley stored.  
 Just waiting to get underway.  
 When the last Hand comes aboard.

Look sharp, that Hand is you, Old Sailor.  
 And you'll be sailing out on Heavenly Seas.  
 May the wind be ever at your back.  
 Fair weather, and God speed!

### SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

In generations past, marriage was understood to be the lifelong and exclusive union of one man and one woman. This union was ordered toward children and was thought to be comprehensive, including body, soul, and minds. The definition of our times is that marriage is two partners seeking emotional fulfillment, to last as long as the both shall love. In the past a child could reasonably expect to grow up in a home with a mom and dad, usually in a family that included brothers and sisters. This child was connected to the past by grandparents and great-grandparents; and aunts, uncles, and cousins widened one's social network as well as one's sense of belonging.

With the current understanding of marriage, many fathers no longer live at home, mothers are at work, and the elderly more frequently die alone. Identity confusion now manifests itself in matters of gender, something previously unheard of. Some have regarded God's commandments "Honor your father and your mother" and "You shall not commit adultery" as bonds to be broken, when in reality they are "ties that bind" and give the sense of belonging. These commandments establish the family.

Above all God's commandments provide the setting for the Word of God to be read and taught, the knowledge of God's love in giving us a Savior, a fruiting where forgiveness through Christ can be taught; and the fruits of such faith, loving, forgiving, showing compassion for one another, can be practiced. Sunday service time is 11:00 a.m.

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# The history of the Ephrim Fargason Family - Part 1

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** This is part one in a two part series. The final part will be published in next week's edition.

This is an account of the Fargason family and it's descendants who are believed to have come to America in the seventeenth century to settle in the Carolinas and Georgia.

Those of us who survive as descendants of Johson Fargason and Mildred Hogg Fargason are proud of our Scottish blood. The Farguharson Castle still stands in Braemar, Scotland and has been visited by many members of the Clan Farguharson Society of North America.

It is believed that some of the early Farguharsons fought in the War of Independence and two were killed in the Battle of Montreal in the War of 1812.

There are variations in the spelling of the original Name. How our descendants adopted the spelling as Fargason is not known.

The other part of this report is devoted to the family of Captain Ephrim S. Fargason and Amanda Bivins Fargason who were the writer's grandparents and parents of William E. Fargason, my father. The couple originally lived at McDonough, Georgia where their five children were born. Namely:

Georgia Amanda, married Sam Lindsey Cordelia, married Clayton Lawrence Viola, later married Clayton Lawrence Mary, married Hiram Goodman William E., married Ella Nora Pennington

My grandfather, who was known as "Eph", was active in community affairs. He was made a Mason early in life. When the war between the states started, he organized Company F, 10th Calvary, C.S.A., in 1861 and held the rank of Captain. Captain Eph led his men in several battles where in one battle he had a close call with death. A bullet passed through the crown of his hat barely missing the top of his head. The hat was held in our family for many years. Late in the war, Captain Fargason was taken a prisoner by the Yankees and held at Rock Island, Illinois. After the close of the war, he was released and walked home from Illinois to Georgia.

My Father, hereafter referred to as "Papa" was born September 10, 1863, during the Civil War. He was an only son and the youngest child. After the Battle of Atlanta in 1865, which the Confederates lost, General Sherman started his march to the sea which took his army directly through the area where the Fargason family lived. Grandmother was alone with four young



girls and a two-year-old son as Captain Fargason was a prisoner of war. When the Yankees arrived, their orders were to destroy property, etc. The only source of food left for Papa was milk from a cow which the Yankees started to drive away. Aunt Georgia, who was fifteen years old, took Papa in her arms and ran to the officer in charge and pleaded with him to spare the cow. The officer ordered the cow to be left behind which doubtless saved Papa's life.

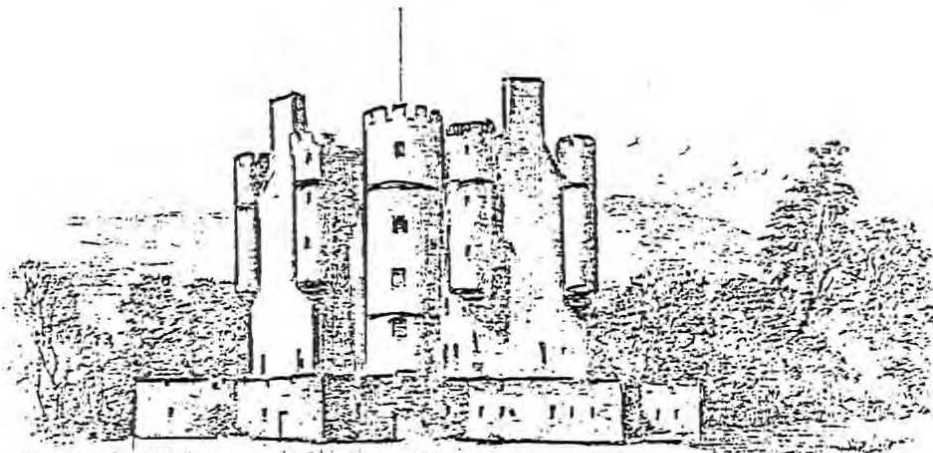
The following is a story related by Bee Bivins in her memoirs. After the close of the Civil War, most soldiers returned

home on foot. One day, when Papa was about two years old, he saw a man walking down the lane toward the Fargason's home. Although Papa had never seen Uncle Jim Bivins, he shouted out "yonder comes Uncle Jim" who was coming home from the war.

Upon returning home, Captain Fargason became active in the K.K. Klan and was tried for his Klan activities by a Carpet Bagger judge. On the day of the trial, his friends and neighbors from McDonough reported at the trial armed to the teeth. Needless to say, he was acquitted.

In 1870, Grandfather Fargason was involved in an altercation with a man, the reason I do not know. The story was told that the man came to Grandfather's home drunk on a Sunday morning ready to start a fight and was flashing a knife. Grandfather, who was a large man, in order to avoid further trouble, picked the man up by the seat of his pants and the nape of his neck and threw him over the yard fence. The man hit the ground with a broken neck and died later. Again, Captain Fargason was tried and acquitted because of self-defense.

The dead man had some brothers who vowed to get revenge. So, Grandfather, in order to avoid further trouble and possible bloodshed, organized a group of relatives and friends to move to Texas.



*The Farguharson Castle  
still stands in  
Braemar, Scotland*

## DPS FROM PAGE 1

meeting on Thursday, Feb. 11, at the DPS Headquarters in Austin.

Sgt. Jerrod Burtnett, Highway Patrol in Lubbock received the award for being hit and injured by a stray vehicle.

"The Texas Highway Patrol has highly-trained, outstanding men and women who embody the DPS motto of courtesy, service, protection, while doing extraordinary

things on a daily basis," McCraw said. "I'm proud to recognize the DPS Troopers today who selflessly went into dangerous situations in order to serve people throughout Texas, saving lives in the process. It's a privilege to recognize them for their heroic actions."

The following DPS personnel were from the Cass County Area were recognized at the Thursday

meeting:  
Trooper (Jonathan) Daniel Britton, Highway Patrol — Queen City, and Trooper Wayne Johnson, Highway Patrol — Linden, each received a Lifesaving Award for their actions on April 5, 2020.

Johnson was informed by the Atlanta Police Dispatch that a woman was in cardiac arrest near a Texas/Louisiana COVID-19 checkpoint on U.S. 77.

Johnson phoned Britton, who was able to locate an elderly woman who wasn't breathing and had no pulse. Britton began chest compressions until Johnson arrived; then together, they continued lifesaving measures.

The woman eventually regained a pulse and began breathing. EMS arrived and took her to a hospital. She was expected to make a full recovery.

## Covid FROM PAGE 3

renewal appointment that falls after the deadline, they will be able to request a temporary driving permit that will be valid until their appointment date. For additional details on the new procedure, please visit the DPS website.

The expiration waiver, originally granted by Governor Greg Abbott in March 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic, applied to DLs, commercial DLs, commercial learner permits, ID cards and election identification certificates that expired on or after March 13, 2020.

### Vehicle Title & Registration Waiver Ends April 14, 2021

If you're overdue, it's time to renew! The temporary waiver of certain vehicle title and registration requirements, announced by Governor Greg Abbott on March 16, 2020, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, will end at 11:59 p.m. on April 14, 2021. The Texas Department of Motor Vehicles (TxDMV) reminds Texans to complete any overdue transactions now.

"It is not necessary to wait until the deadline," said TxDMV Executive Director Whitney Brewster. "The Texas Department of Motor Vehicles continued to offer registration renewal and other important services throughout the waiver period. Fortunately, many Texans are already in compliance with the requirements."

Three ways to renew your vehicle registration:  
Online: Visit TxDMV.gov or www.Texas.gov. This is the quickest and least expensive way to renew. Save \$1 if you renew online. Online renewal is available up to nine months past your registration expiration date.

Mail: Return the bottom portion of your registration renewal form, payment and other required

information to your county tax assessor-collector.

In Person: Visit the office of your county tax assessor-collector. In many counties, in-person renewal is also available at other locations, such as certain grocery stores. Contact your county tax office to check hours and locations.

Reminder: Before renewing registration, Texans will need to obtain a passing vehicle inspection at the state vehicle inspection station of their choice, unless their vehicle is exempt from inspection requirements.

The expiring temporary waiver covers the following services:

- Initial vehicle registration.
- Vehicle registration renewal.
- Vehicle titling.
- Renewal of permanent disabled parking placards.
- 30-day temporary permits.

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# Notebook

## MONDAY

**J. E. MANNING AMERICAN LEGION POST 258** meets at 6:30 p.m. the second Monday of each month. The building is located at 320 N. Louise St in Atlanta. For more info, call 903-796-3081.

**CASS COUNTY PATRIOTS** meet at 6 p.m. the first Monday of every month at Amigo Juan Mexican Café on Loop 59 in Atlanta. For more info call 903-796-6610.

**THE ATLANTA AREA WOMEN'S CLUB** meets at 5:30 p.m. the second Monday of each month at the Queen City United Methodist Church fellowship hall. The church is located at 304 Marietta St. in Queen City.

**THE QUEEN CITY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION** meets at 6 p.m. the first Monday of every month at Catfish King. For more info, call 903-796-6108

### LINDEN:

**LINDEN CITY COUNCIL** meets at 6 p.m. the second Monday of each month at the Mary Daughety Senior Citizen Center, 507 S. Kaufman. Public is invited to participate in open forum.

**SENIOR EXERCISE PROGRAM** classes meet from 9:15 to 10:15 a.m. every Monday at the Mary Daughety Senior Center, 507 S. Kaufman in Linden. Classes are free. For info, call 903-756-5193 or 903-756-8880.

## TUESDAY

**903 ARTISANS** meets the first Tuesday of every month @ 6:00 pm. We meet at the Abundant Life Church, 610 South Louise, Atlanta.

**ECCSRA** meets the second Tuesday of each month at the Queen City United Methodist Church fellowship hall located at 304 Marietta St.

**FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY** meets at 3 p.m. the first Tuesday of each month at the Atlanta Library.

**BIVINS COMMUNITY CENTER** hosts a potluck supper at 6:30 p.m. the first Tuesday of each month. The center is located off Hwy 43 on FM 1841 in Bivins. For more info, call 903-796-9906.

**THE CASS COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY** meets on the second Tuesday of each month in the fellowship hall of First United Methodist Church in Queen City.6:30 p.m. A light meal and beverages are always served. The church is located on the corner of Marietta and Fourth Street in Queen City. For more info, call 903-796-3081.

**DIABETES SUPPORT GROUP** meets at 1 p.m. every third Tuesday in the Conference Center inside the Medical Plaza Building at CHRISTUS St. Michael Hospital-Atlanta. The hospital is located at 1007 S. William St. in Atlanta; the Medical Plaza may be accessed via Pincrest Drive. For more info, call 903-799-3004.

**OAK GROVE QUILTING CLUB** meets from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. every Tuesday. The venue is on CR 2328, 1 mile from Hwy 43 South of Atlanta. For more info, call 903-846-5192.

**HOUR OF PRAYER** is offered every Tuesday from 6:30 to 7:30 a.m. at a new location, the Atlanta Church of God, located at 19730 FM 1841. Everyone is invited to come and go freely and to pray for our city, county, state nation and our leaders. For more info, call the church at 903-796-7807.

**NIMBLE THIMBLE QUILT CLUB** meets from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. every Tuesday at the Atlanta Public Library, which is located at the corner of N. West and Hiram Streets in Atlanta. For more info, call 903-799-7870.

### LINDEN:

**LINDEN AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE** meets every FIRST Tuesday of the month at 6 p.m. at the Garden Club.

**LEDC BOARD OF DIRECTORS** meets every third Tuesday of the month at noon at the LEDC offices located at 201 N. Main in Linden. The public is invited to attend.

**CASS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT** meets at 8:30 a.m. the second and fourth Tuesday of each month in the Justice of the Peace Court room in the Law Enforcement and Justice Center on Hwy. 8 in Linden.

**CASS COUNTY RETIRED SCHOOL EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION** meets at 2 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month at the Mary Daughety Senior Citizen Center, 507 S. Kaufman in Linden.

**MARY DAUGHETY SENIOR CENTER** hosts a 42 Tournament the third and fourth Tuesday of each month. Registration starts at 1 p.m. The venue is located at 507 S. Kaufman in Linden. For info, call 903-490-1774 or 903-756-5000.

**CADDO WILDFLOWER CHAPTER OF THE NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY OF TEXAS** meets at 6:30 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of the month at the Mary Daughety Senior Citizen Center at 507 S. Kaufman in Linden. For info, call 903-835-5532.

## WEDNESDAY

**ATLANTA LIONS CLUB** meets at noon weekly at Luigi's Italian Restaurant at 210 N. East St. in Atlanta.

**KILDARE GARDEN GROUP** meets on the third Wednesday of each month at 1 p.m. at the Kildare Community Center, located on County Road 1779 in Kildare.

## THURSDAY

**ATLANTA AREA ROTARY CLUB** meets at noon weekly at Luigi's Italian Restaurant, located at 210 N. East St. in Atlanta.

**CASS COUNTY MASTER GARDENERS** meet at 6:30 p.m. the first Thursday of each month in the Conference Room at CHRISTUS St. Michael Hospital-Atlanta, which is located at 1102 S. William Street.

**NUTRITION AND WELLNESS GROUP** meets from 1 to 2 p.m. every second Thursday at the Atlanta Public Library. Bring a lunch. The library is located at the corner of N. West and Hiram Streets in Atlanta. For info call 903-796-7027.

**VFW POST 5870** meets at 6 p.m. the second Thursday of each month. The venue is located one-and-a-half miles past Atlanta High School on FM 251. For more info, call 903-799-6828.

### LINDEN:

**THE LINDEN LIONS CLUB** meets every Thursday at noon at the County Seat Café, at 109 N. Main in Linden. For more info, call 903-814-1482.

**MARY DAUGHETY SENIOR CENTER** hosts a 42 Tournament the second Thursday of each month. Registration starts at 1 p.m. The venue is located at 507 S. Kaufman in Linden. For more info, call 903-799-8621.

**THE LINDEN GARDEN CLUB** meets every third Thursday of the month at the Linden Garden Club building at 300 East Houston st Linden at 11:30. All are welcome.

## FRIDAY

**ATLANTA PUBLIC LIBRARY** offers knitting classes from 10 a.m. to noon weekly. The library is located at 101 W. Hiram in Atlanta. For more info, call 903-796-2112.

**HUFFINES COMMUNITY CENTER** hosts a community singing at 6 p.m. the last Friday of the month at the Huffines Community Center which is located south of Atlanta on FM 251. For info call 903-796-9440.

### LINDEN:

**SENIOR EXERCISE PROGRAM** classes meet from 9:15 to 10:15 a.m. every Friday at the Mary Daughety Senior Center, 507 S. Kaufman in Linden. Classes are free. For info, call 903-756-5193 or 903-756-5000.

## SATURDAY

**CENTER GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH** will host a gospel singing at 6 p.m. the first Saturday of each month with dinner and program at 7 p.m. The church is located on CR 1123 off Hwy 8 in Linden. For more info, call 903-556-4117.

**RADIO AMATEURS OF CASS COUNTY** meet at 8:30 a.m. every third Saturday at the Hall-Miller Airport Lounge in Atlanta for a pancake breakfast. For info, call 903-796-2192.

### LINDEN:

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF LINDEN** offers a recovery support group at 4 p.m. weekly. The discussion balances Biblical teaching and a 12-step philosophy in a program that addresses drug and alcohol addiction. The church is located at 105 W. Graham in Linden. Call 903-756-5517. Events may be submitted to production@casscountynow.com. Notices are not guaranteed to run, according to space available. Please send at least one week ahead of the event. Deadline is 3 p.m. Thursday.

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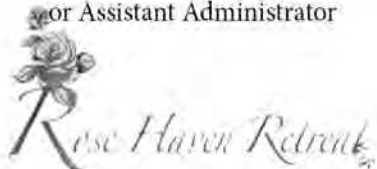
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## REAL ESTATE

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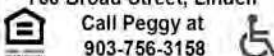
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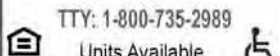
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## LEGALS

### REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS PROFESSIONAL MANAGEMENT SERVICES

The City of Queen City seeks a qualified individual or firm to assist the City of Queen City in the administration of the HOME Housing Rehabilitation Assistance Program awarded through the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs.

A complete Request for Proposal outlining services required by the City, submission requirements and evaluation criteria has been prepared. Interested parties may obtain copies of this Request for Proposal by contacting the City of Queen City, 601 Loop 236, P.O. Box 301, Queen City, Texas 75572 or by calling 903-796-7986. The City must receive proposals no later than 5:00 pm on March 8, 2021 to be considered.

The City reserves the right to negotiate with any and all firms that submit proposals as per the Texas Professional Services Procurement Act and Contract Management Standards. Section 3 Residents and Business Concerns, Minority Business Enterprises, Small Business Enterprises and Women Business Enterprises are encouraged to submit proposals.

Proposal procedures, selection, and subsequent protests or appeals will be conducted in accordance with applicable local, state, and federal procurement regulations and protest procedures established by the contract administrator.

The City of Queen City is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer.

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Second publication date: February 24, 2021  
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## LEGALS

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Eleanor Kathryn Bams, Deceased, were issued on January 26, 2021 under Docket No. P11274 pending in the County Court of Cass County, Texas, to Tim Gray, as Independent Executor.

Claims may be presented in care of Tim Gray, 1936 County Road 3884, Queen City, TX 75572. All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

Dated this 26th day of January, 2021.

Tim Gray  
Independent Executor

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### AUCTIONS

Guns of Estate Auction - Feb. 27, 10 a.m., Wheeler County Show Barns. 50+ Guns: rifles, shotguns, handguns, ammo, 80 gun safe. See [www.loydsauktion.com](http://www.loydsauktion.com) for info & pictures. See Lyndon Loyd Auctioneers on Facebook, Lyndon Loyd Auctioneers (806) 334-0407 (Lic. 7119), Cole Wilson Auctioneers (806) 662-5796 (Lic.17319).

Special Female Sale, Sat. Feb. 27, noon, Hallettsville Livestock Commission Co., Hallettsville, TX. Available to buy & bid online: LiveAuctions.TV 2.0, Margo Paeltz (937) 515-1194. Kim Hagan: (361) 293-4720, Mark Hagan: (361) 293-8116, Mike Heller: (361) 293-4949, David Heller: (979) 743-0436.

### EVENTS

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Staff Photo

### Ribbon cutting

The Atlanta Chamber of Commerce presented a ribbon-cutting event for Cricket Wireless at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, February 12. The new Cricket Dealership is located in the Pine Acres Shopping Center Beside Brookshires (on right side of Brookshires when facing stores from the parking lot.)



The winning photo this week was taken by Nancy Coe, Sunrise on Orange Beach. The photo won with 32 votes.

ANONYMOUS QUESTION from a AUTONOMOUS PERSON

**Q:** Will the route for Interstate-69 (I-369) bypass Loop 59 in Atlanta?

**A:** According to TXDOT the proposed Interstate-69, also known as I-369, will not bypass loop 59 in Atlanta. A study conducted by TXDOT between 2017 and 2018 determined that US 59 starting in Texarkana at South Loop 151 and running south to FM 2327 just north of Queen City did not meet interstate standards. TXDOT defines the ability to meet interstate standards as "a highway typically having a minimum of four lanes, continuous median, overpasses, and interchanges with no connecting driveways or intersections. Frontage roads may be included for local access." One who drives the listed section of 59 quite often may note that while it does have the listed features, they are few and far between. US Highway 59 is traveled quite heavily by freight trucks, thus the need to upgrade the highway is certainly there. Residents of Atlanta need not be worried about the proposed interstate bypassing their beloved city, however. The proposed route for the interstate is so far up to FM 2327.

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