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## COMMUNITY

## LDN donates money to 2 nonprofits

The Family Crisis Center of East Texas and JD's Center of Hope each receive \$5,000

The Lufkin Daily News

The Lufkin Daily News directed \$5,000 each this week to The Family Crisis Center of East Texas and JD's Center of Hope to help each organization further its mission in the community.

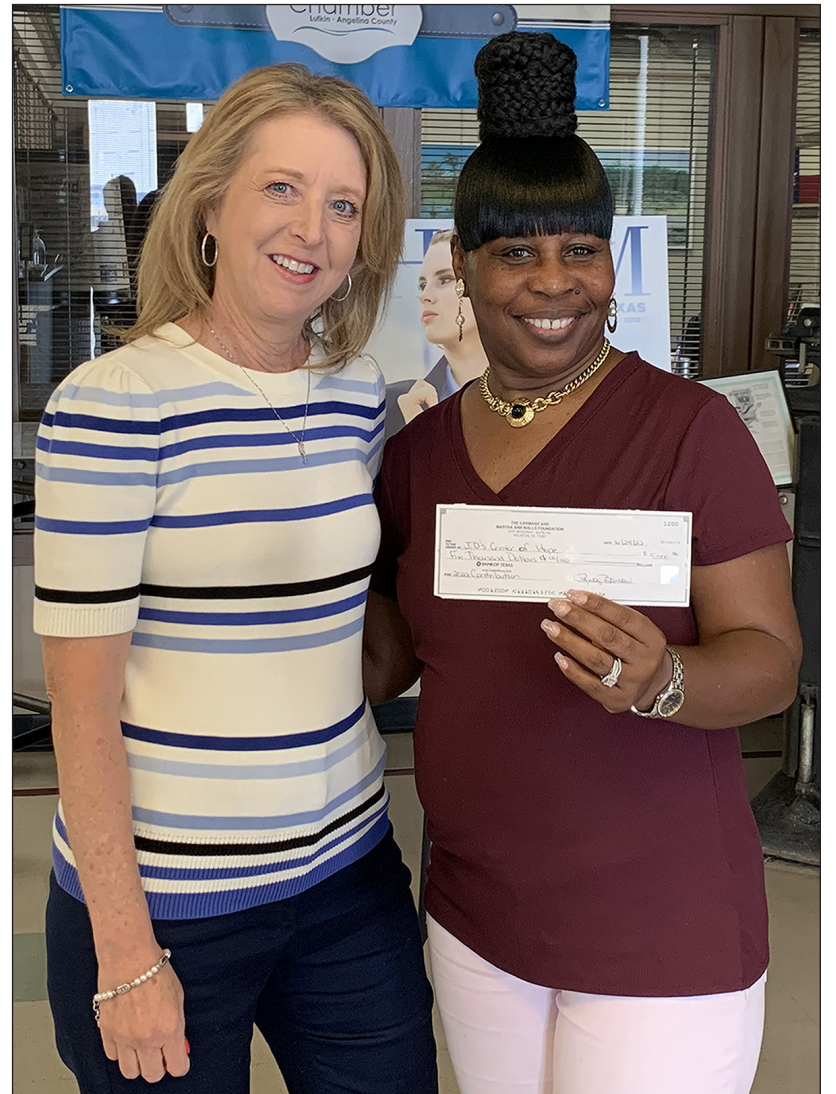
The gift came via the Carmage and Martha Ann Walls Foundation, which allows publishers at all Southern Newspapers Inc.-owned papers to choose a local nonprofit or nonprofits to receive funds each year.

Carmage Walls founded Southern Newspapers, which now owns 11 community newspapers in Texas and Oklahoma. Martha Ann Walls served as president of the company for most of its history. Their daughter, Lissa Walls, now owns the company, and her parents' legacy of community giving lives on through her and the foundation.

"This is such a great opportunity for our community newspaper to continue the mission of service to our community," publisher Jackie Zimmerman said. "We have so many amazing and well-deserving nonprofit agencies in Angelina County that provide much-needed services to our neighbors. I am so excited to be able to help them with additional funding to make their jobs maybe just a little easier. "While it was hard to select



Lufkin Daily News publisher Jackie Zimmerman, left, presents a \$5,000 donation to Whitney Burran, executive director of the Family Crisis Center of Deep East Texas.



Lufkin Daily News publisher Jackie Zimmerman, left, presents a \$5,000 donation to Stephanie Olford, director of JD's Center Of Hope.

just two, we feel the Family Crisis Center and JD's Center of Hope have clearly defined missions and excellent track records of service to our community."

The Family Crisis Center provides residents with the basic necessities of life — food, clothing and shelter as well as counseling, education and so much more. JD's Center of Hope also provides a food pantry, education services, Tots

on the Move Child Education, after-school tutoring, care for the elderly and more.

Publishers of each newspaper recommend organizations for funding, and the foundation's board of trustees vote on distribution.

Past recipients of Carmage and Martha Ann Walls Foundation grants distributed through The Lufkin Daily News include East Texas Cancer Alliance for Hope, An-

gelina County Child Welfare Board, Neighborhood Strong and Angelina County Humane Society (Winnie Berry), among many others.

Organizations that received grants for 2022 provide housing assistance, meals, job training, counseling, animal rescue and adoption, health care to the underinsured and literacy courses, among other worthwhile endeavors.

In the past 10 years, the

foundation has given more than \$3 million to the communities Walls-owned newspapers serve, including Galveston, Baytown, Brazoria County, Bay City, Lufkin, Nacogdoches, Paris, New Braunfels, Kerrville, Seguin and Lawton, Oklahoma.

The Lufkin Daily News helps in other ways throughout the year, including sponsoring local events and activities.

"Walls Foundation grants allow us to have a significant impact on nonprofits that enrich our community and the efforts of local volunteers," Zimmerman said. "We literally are invested in our towns in so many ways, including job creation, community building, accountability journalism, marketing to help local businesses reach their audiences and more. I'm proud to be a part of that mission."

## EMPLOYMENT

## Agency trying to help East Texans get back to work

Workforce Solutions Deep East Texas

Workforce Solutions Deep East Texas continues in July to offer a multi-pronged free approach to helping Deep East Texas businesses thrive and get individuals back to work or on a path to sustainable careers.

### Pop-up Workforce Centers

To bring services closer to residents of the rural communities, Workforce Solutions Deep East Texas is partnering with local organizations and offering pop-up centers. Individuals have access to useful tools for finding a job, improving skills, and furthering or changing careers.

■ July 5, 1-4 p.m. at the Groveton Public Library, 126 W. First St., Groveton.

■ July 6, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the Arthur Temple Sr. Memorial Library, 106 Timberland St., Pineland.

■ July 7, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Hemphill Housing Authority, 102 Ash St., Hemphill.

■ July 12, 9 a.m. to noon at the San Augustine Career Center, 1002 Barrett St., San Augustine.

■ July 13, 9 a.m. to noon at the Newton

County Public Library, 212 High St., Newton.  
■ July 14, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Coldspring Area Public Library, 14221 Highway 150 west, Coldspring.

■ July 19, 1-4 p.m. at the Groveton Public Library, 126 W. First St., Groveton.

■ July 21, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the Allen Shivers Library & Museum, 302 N. Charlton St., Woodville.

■ July 25, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the Pineland Activity & Nutrition Center, 313 Dogwood, Pineland

■ July 26, 9 a.m. to noon at the San Augustine Career Center, 1002 Barrett St., San Augustine.

■ July 27, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the J. R. Huffman Library, 375 Sabine St., Hemphill.

### Job fairs

Workforce Solutions Deep East Texas offers job fairs across the 12-county region. In-person and virtual assistance with registering, preparing for, and attending the events is available at the six workforce centers.

Check with the local workforce centers for hiring events at [detnetwork.org/calendar](http://detnetwork.org/calendar).

Sign up for Jobs News by texting DETX to (855) 502-0026.

Employers are encouraged to participate in the hiring events by calling (936) 639-1351 or emailing [mclark@detnetwork.org](mailto:mclark@detnetwork.org).

### SkillUp Deep East Texas

Residents of Deep East Texas have free access to more than 6,000 online learning courses to build skills and knowledge.

SkillUp Deep East Texas is a cost-effective opportunity for people to develop certificate-based job skills and upgrade their existing skill levels without additional expenses for travel, childcare and program fees. Participants receive digital badges or certificates as they complete each training session.

SkillUp Deep East Texas offers free access to workplace, business and IT/software courses, as well as offering Texans the ability to explore career pathways in more than 200 occupations.

For individuals, the courses are a friendly and convenient way to increase skills, change industries, find a new career, or gain better employment in a high-demand industry. Courses are delivered through Metrix Learning provided by Skillsoft, the training provider for more than half the Fortune 500 companies.

To get started, visit [detnetwork.org/skillupamerica](http://detnetwork.org/skillupamerica).

### Workforce centers open

The six Workforce Solutions Deep East Texas centers are open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday.

Specialists are available to help with: job readiness, resume assistance, job search, skills training, paid work experience, virtual workshops, support services and more. Individuals can book an appointment with a workforce specialist.

■ Angelina County, (936) 639-1351, 210 N. John Redditt Drive, Lufkin. Open until 7 p.m. Monday-Thursday.

■ Houston County, (936) 544-7859, 1505 S. Fourth St., Crockett.

■ Jasper County, (409) 384-9031, 799 W. Gibson, Ste. 300, Jasper.

■ Nacogdoches County, (936) 560-1441, 235 N. University Drive, Nacogdoches.

■ Polk County, (936) 327-5421, 1241 W. Church, Ste. 300, Livingston. Open until 7 p.m. Monday-Thursday.

■ Shelby County, (936) 598-2468, 145 Catco Drive, Center.

or contact a Workforce Solutions Deep East Texas center.

### Child care assistance

Parents who are working or attending school may be eligible for help paying their child care expenses. Learn more at [detnetwork.org/child-care-services/parents](http://detnetwork.org/child-care-services/parents).

## DAVE RAMSEY SAYS

## Sounds like it might be time to sell the car

Dear Dave: We have a 2008 Honda Accord that needs a new timing chain. Our mechanic says the repair will cost about \$2,200. The car is worth about \$4,500. Is it time to get another car, or should we have it repaired? — Susan



DAVE RAMSEY

Dear Susan: That sounds a little high for a timing chain fix to me. Maybe I'm wrong about that, but let's look at the math of your situation.

You say the value of the car is \$4,500 if fixed and running properly. Let's say for the sake of argument the value of the car if you sell it as-is — basically salvage — is \$1,500. If you take the value of the car as-is, plus the repair, and the number you

come up with is more than the value of the car after it's fixed, you don't repair the car.

So, if this car is actually worth \$1,500, the idea of fixing it is very questionable. If you can get \$1,500 for this thing as-is, I'd sell it and put the \$2,200 I would've

thrown into fixing that old thing toward a better car.

You're talking about a big repair on an old car, Susan. If the repair price you got is right, and it was from an honest mechanic — not some padded, overblown quote from a dealer — I think it's time for that old beater to go. — Dave

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## BUSINESS CONNECTIONS

Stephanie Williams, a member of the Alabama-Coushatta Tribe of Texas and the chief financial officer for the Tribe's Naskila Gaming, will serve on the U.S. Department of the Treasury's Tribal Advisory Committee.

Williams was appointed to the committee by U.S. Rep. Kevin Brady, who is the ranking member on the U.S. House Committee on Ways & Means.

The committee advises the Secretary of the Treasury on matters related to the taxation of Native communities, the training of Internal Revenue Service field agents, and the provisions of training and technical assistance to Native American financial officers.

Williams' term will expire on June 20, 2023.

Chris Adams, founder and president of Vision Forestry in Lufkin, was honored with the 2022 President's Award from the Association of Consulting Foresters of America Inc. during the association's recent annual meeting.

"I am proud to be a consulting forester and land manager and grateful to have been able to contribute to the forestry community," Adams said. "I'm humbled by this award."

ACF members are independent profes-

sionals who manage forests and market forest products for private woodland owners.

"I'm pleased to honor Chris' experience, accomplishments and commitment to the consulting forestry profession with the President's Award," said Justin Miller, president of Green Timber Consulting Foresters Inc. in Pelkie, Michigan, and ACF's past president.

With more than 20 years of experience managing forests within the southeastern U.S., Adams became a full member of ACF in 2010.

Registration is now open for accelerated and traditional EMT classes being offered by Acadian Ambulance and the National EMS Academy.

Traditional classes will begin Aug. 15 and the accelerated classes begin Aug. 29.

The accelerated courses allow students to earn while they learn. Once accepted into the accelerated program, students are hired and paid by Acadian throughout the duration of the course. Upon graduation and certification, the new EMTs will earn the EMT starting rate for their respective areas.

To learn more about the programs or to register for a class, visit [becomea-med.com](http://becomea-med.com).



Colby C. Davis of Nacogdoches was recognized as the state's "Young Funeral Professional of the Year" by the Texas Funeral Directors Association at the 136th annual TFDA convention held recently in Galveston. Davis is a third-generation funeral director in his family and has worked several years at Cason Monk-Metcalf Funeral Directors in Nacogdoches. He has been the location manager and funeral director in charge at Cason Monk-Metcalf since April 2020 and is a graduate of Commonwealth Institute of Funeral Service in Houston. Davis also serves on the TFDA "Emerging Leaders" committee.