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Eagles headed to semi-finals, face LBJ Austin

For Lindale's Eagles, they hope their journey has two more stops

By Terry Cannon
Editor

A season that began in the uncertainty of a pandemic has now come down to this: the Lindale High School Eagles are one win away from playing for the Class 4A Division I state title.

Or as Head Coach Chris Cochran said: "We have a chance to play for the big show" at AT&T Stadium in Arlington on Dec. 18.

They are one of four teams left in Texas after subduing the Kilgore Bulldogs this past Friday in Nacogdoches, 56-42, to earn a berth in the state semifinals against LBJ Austin, which defeated Corpus Christi Miller, 59-54.

Lindale travels to Humble's Turner Stadium for the Friday match against the Jaguars. The game will kick off at 7:30 p.m.

It's been quite a ride for the Eagles, who have now won 10 games in a row, which included rematches with District 9-4A foes Chapel Hill and Kilgore. Lindale is 12-2 on the season.

With each week's win, the 2020 team sets a new standard. Up until two weeks ago, no Lindale team had advanced past the Area playoff round.

Beating two district opponents in the span of two weeks is a point of pride, Cochran believes.

"I think when we look back on this season one thing we'll remember for sure is how we beat two district teams twice," he said. "And two of those came in the playoffs."

The Eagles smashed Chapel Hill 52-6 on Oct. 2 and won the District 9-4A title with a 47-40 victory in Kilgore on Nov. 6.

"This is something that (the players) have dreamed about their whole lives," Cochran said about this extended run. "It's a great opportunity for us, and especially for our kids."

The coach is also pleased with how his club is maintaining its focus. "Our players have been very businesslike this whole season," he said. "They love the game and they love their teammates."

From the first game against Kaufman in August, Cochran and his staff have stressed not to look too far ahead.

"We have told them all year we want to be 1-0 each Monday," he



Lindale (13-2)
vs.
LBJ Austin (9-2)
7:30 p.m.
Friday
Humble



Cochran said.

"They've got speed all over the field and they are very athletic," he said. "Obviously, if you are in the state semifinals, you are a dang good football team."

LBJ Austin is 9-2 on the season with one of those losses coming on opening week, 17-10, to Cornerstone Christian out of San Antonio. The only other loss came three weeks later to eventual District 13-4A champion Lampasas.

The Jaguars are averaging more than 39 points per game and in four playoff games – against Pleasanton, Alice, Corpus Christi Calallen and Corpus Christi Miller – they are scoring at a 57 point-per-game clip.

said.

As one might expect, a team that has also reached the state semis will present a challenge. LBJ Austin certainly fits this description,



Running back Jordan Jenkins runs through a hole in the Kilgore defense for one of his seven touchdowns in the Lindale Eagles' 56-42 win over the Bulldogs this past Friday.

Photo by Terry Cannon



Lindale quarterback Sam Peterson takes off around the right side for a first down in the third period of the Eagles' 56-42 win over Kilgore Friday in Nacogdoches.

Photo by Terry Cannon

County receives new public records search software

The Smith County Clerk's Office has a new public records search software that allows Smith County residents to sign up for a free "Property Alert" safety feature, said Public Information Officer Casey Murphy.

"According to the FBI, property fraud and mortgage fraud are some of the fastest growing white-collar crimes in the United States," County Clerk Karen Phillips said.

When signing up for "Property Alert," the customer will receive an email if their personal name or business entity name ever shows up on a document in the County Clerk's Official Public Records Department.

In October, Phillips' office began using the Vanguard "Property Alert" search service through software provided by Kofile. The new feature allows for customers to get notified against potentially fraudulent claims or transactions regarding real property.

Anyone interested in using the free service can click on <https://Smith.tx.publicSearch.us/> and sign up at "Property Alert" in the top right hand corner. When signing up, Smith County residents can click through six easy-to-read popups and learn how to maneuver through the new "Official Public Records" software called Vanguard.

ETCOG to share \$2.1M for improving public safety

Officials with the East Texas Council of Governments have announced the receipt of \$2.1 million in grants from the Office of the Governor's Criminal Justice Division which will be used in several of ETCOG's jurisdictions. These grants help nonprofits to improve public safety and support victims of crime, ETCOG officials added.

This funding program has a mission to support those who make Texas a safer place and those who help victims of crime to recover and feel safe again through programs that:

- Prevent and intervene in juvenile delinquency
- Provide services to victims of crime and address violence against women
- Support law enforcement and improve the criminal justice system
- Support Crime Stoppers organizations
- Prevent child sex trafficking, bring justice to its perpetrators, and restore its victims

ETCOG's Public Safety Division assists jurisdictions in applying for these funds annually, and applications to be submitted for funding are ranked and scored by the ETCOG Criminal Justice Advisory Committee, which is comprised of local subject matter experts from across the region.

"Every year, the Office of the Governor solicits Criminal Justice funding opportunities which are invaluable to the region. Criminal

Justice funding helps multiple agencies like law enforcement, local nonprofits, District Attorney offices, Juvenile Probation Departments, and victims of crime. This funding is essential to enable our law enforcement to serve East Texas better," said ETCOG's Public Safety Director, Stephanie Heffner.

The following Victims of Crime Act, Justice Assistance, Violence Against Women Act, and Juvenile Assistance grants totaling \$2,180,158.85 have been approved by the OOG for funding in East Texas:

Victims of Crime Act Funds - \$1,553,489.57

The Crime Victims Assistance Grant Program (VOCA) devotes resources to provide direct services to victims of crime to help them recover and to navigate the justice system.

Justice Assistance Grants - \$316,426.38

The Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program (JAG) promotes public safety efforts, crime reduction, and system improvements.

Violence Against Women Act Funds - \$207,243.90

The STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant Program (VAWA) supports victims of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking through staff training, prevention and awareness, data collection, legal assistance, and treatment for trauma.

Lindale man killed in one-vehicle crash

The Texas Department of Public Safety continues to investigate a single-vehicle crash which killed a 22-year-old Lindale man this past Thursday on FM 849.

Cody West was driving his 2019 Dodge Ram pickup when it veered off the road into a ditch and struck a tree.

West was pronounced dead at the scene.

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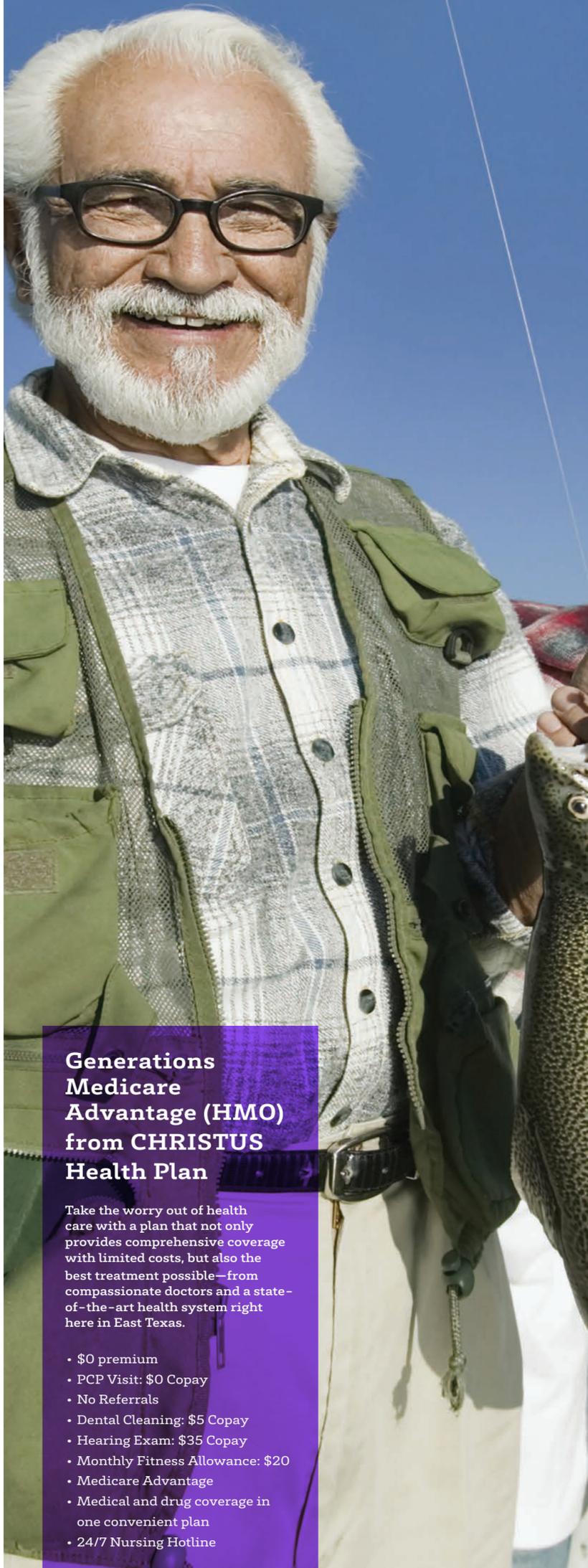
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OPINION/EDITORIAL

Gift of love...

Suzanne Bardwell



Ho! Ho! Ho!
When the happy genes were given out I was blessed to receive a bushel of those grinning little suckers. I need to thank the story telling, laughing through tears side of my family for that gift. I relish my always filling cup that I seem to have inherited. Seldom do I get thirsty for joy.

I especially love this joyous time of year. Lean in and I will tell you my secret. I know the answer to the biggest question of all.

“What is the meaning of life?”
The answer has been easy for me. You know it too. Sometimes we all just need to be reminded.

The answer, of course, is: “To love and be loved.”

Everything else is icing on our cake of life, or it is the set of baggage we carry with us. My goal has always been to celebrate life and get my baggage down to a carry on. That isn’t always easy. Sometimes I can be seen pulling a steamer trunk as I trudge through a day. But I lay it down pretty quickly. That kind of baggage is just too heavy and tends to multiply the baggage of those I love.

I learned a long time ago what healthy love looks like. I have been abundantly blessed by generations of my family who just flat out loved me unconditionally.

That is not to say that they didn’t have high expectations for and of me. But they also were the safety net that caught me when I failed and cheered me on as I succeeded.

Every child should grow into who they were meant to be knowing the answer to life’s biggest question. Every child should be loved in a healthy and joyous way, allowed to make mistakes and yet held lovingly accountable, so they don’t approach life pulling a set of heavy baggage.

The ‘less baggage’ lesson I learned from growing up with a severely handicapped brother. Donnie was four years older than me, nine years older than our younger brother. He couldn’t walk, or talk very much. But he could say ‘I love you’ and he

loved deeply...with his eyes. I learned to bound through life with joy because Donnie couldn’t. It is a gift that I hope he and my sweet brother Phil shared in, if only just a tiny bit.

Yep, I love Christmas for all the reasons that most people do. Family, food and fun. But I also love it for the miracle it is...the night we received the greatest gift of Love of all. That long ago gift that continues to teach us the answer to the Big Question.

May your cups be full as we hurry through the busyness of the next couple of weeks. May your days be filled with laughter and happy tears.

And may each of you freely share the gift of love that is the answer to most of life’s questions. While you are at it, put the heavy baggage down and lighten your load and that of those around you. You may be amazed by the extra joy that will flow your way.

Try it. Joy is contagious!
Ho! Ho! Ho!

Texas to get 1.4M COVID vaccine doses

Chris Cobler
Capital Highlights



Texas is ready to distribute 1.4 million doses as soon as the COVID-19 vaccine receives federal government approval.

Gov. Greg Abbott said the vaccines should be arriving the week of Dec. 14 and would be distributed to qualifying providers. Health care workers are the first in line to receive the medication, which needs to be given in two shots. Also first in line are residents of long-term living care centers, the Texas Department of Health Services announced.

Texas’ population is about 29 million, so the line is long. The state agency also announced the list of 109 hospitals in 34 of Texas’ 254 counties that will receive the first doses.

“The State of Texas is already prepared for the arrival of a COVID-19 vaccine and will swiftly distribute these vaccines to Texans who voluntarily choose to be immunized,” Abbott stated. “As we await the first shipment of these vaccines, we will work with communities to mitigate the spread of COVID-19.”

Electors set to vote

Texas presidential electors will convene Dec. 14 to officially cast their votes.

The ceremony will start at 2 p.m. in the gallery of the House chamber in the State Capitol. The Texas election code calls for electors to meet on the first Monday after the second Wednesday of December.

Texas Secretary of State Ruth Hughs congratulated the gov-

ernor, election workers and the voters for their efforts with this year’s elections.

“Despite the challenges presented by COVID-19, this election was a resounding success, and turnout among registered voters was the highest in 28 years as Texans exercised their right to vote,” Hughs stated.

Abbott, Cruz in 2024?

The campaign for the 2024 Republican presidential nomination could start in Texas.

The Republican National Committee has invited about a dozen potential presidential candidates to its January meeting in Amelia Island, Fla. The list includes Gov. Abbott and U.S. Sen. Ted Cruz of Texas.

Others on the list include Donald Trump, Mike Pence and South Carolina Sen. Tim Scott.

The way from San Jose

Another California company is moving its headquarters to Texas.

Hewlett Packard Enterprise will relocate its global headquarters from San Jose, Calif., to Spring. The new headquarters will open in early 2022, the Texas Economic Development Corp. announced.

HP Enterprise already employs 2,600 people in Austin, Plano and Houston. The announcement did not specify how many new jobs would be added with the move of the headquarters.

“Houston is an attractive market to recruit and retain future diverse talent and where we are

currently constructing a state-of-the-art new campus,” Antonio Neri, CEO of HP Enterprise stated.

Workers comp challenges

The COVID-19 pandemic has created new challenges for the Texas workers’ compensation system, the state agency said in its biennial report to the Legislature.

During the pandemic, Gov. Abbott waived certain statutory requirements that affected COVID-19 workers’ compensation claims. The Legislature is expected to consider whether to extend those exemptions, particularly for first responders and essential workers.

“Some argue that these requirements should be permanently waived in situations involving a public health emergency, while others are concerned about the cost impact to governmental entities if this defense is waived,” the report stated.

During the pandemic, some insurance carriers have investigated COVID-19 claims involving firefighters, EMTs and peace officers. Forty-one percent of claims were denied for a variety of reasons, including whether a “statistically positive correlation with work” exists.

Chicken fertilizer

Chicken litter led to a new business venture and state recognition for a young Texas couple.

The Texas Farm Bureau honored Matt and Jessica Hanslik of Lavaca County as the 2020 outstanding young farmer and rancher. The recognition came during the organization’s 87th annual meeting, which was held virtually this year.

The Hansliks grow corn and hay, raise cattle and are part owners of an all-natural fertilizer company, in which they take chicken litter and “upcycle” it for use as farm fertilizer, the farm bureau said in its news release about the award.

“The idea was sparked when Jessica, a manager at a national shell egg company, suggested they begin using chicken litter from local broiler houses to fertilize their fields,” the Farm Bureau stated.

“Now, in addition to using the all-natural fertilizer to boost yields on their own land, they sell the product to other area farms and ranches.”

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Some coaches just have way with words

Back in the day, some 40 years ago, Quinlan Ford's High School football team was coached by a pleasant – and humorous – fellow named Jerry Trussell.

It was my job to check on his team's progress each week and regardless of a previous win or loss, he always brightened my day by saying something funny.

Following a heartbreaking loss to a district rival, I asked why, facing a fourth and six late in a close game, he didn't go for a first down.

"Well," he drawled. "We've got a fourth and five play, but we don't have one for fourth and six."

His Panther teams were successful in the years he was at the helm and reached the playoffs most seasons, proving he was a good coach as well as being a funny guy.

Having a sense of humor in such a high-pressure profession definitely helps. Crying on the inside, but laughing on the outside, don't you see?

Looking back, it's nearly impossible for me to remember each and every coach I've encountered, but some definitely stand out.

Once upon a time, our sports staff had lunch with the legendary Tyler Junior College coach Floyd Wagstaff.



Terry Cannon
Editor

"Wag" was a true original and had the skins on the wall to prove his coaching prowess, both in football and basketball. (There really isn't enough room today to list all his accomplishments).

Anyway, he regaled us with story after story of his years on the sidelines and one in particular I remember to this day.

It seems TJC's gym was going to be the venue for some bigwig from the White House and the campus was in full welcoming mode. All except one -- a die-hard Apache fan who helped maintain the gymnasium floor at the school.

He was somewhat hard of hearing, Wag told us, which led to this funny encounter between a Secret Service man and our guy working on the gym floor.

"We have (so and so) coming from the White House and this area needs to be ready for his arrival," the fed guy said.

Repeated attempts to make our guy understand failed, which

caused the Secret Service guy to shout "HE'S COMING FROM THE WHITE HOUSE!"

Finally, our guy said "I don't care if he's from Troup, HE CAN'T BE ON THIS FLOOR!"

One of my favorites among those I never encountered was Bum Phillips, the genuine cowboy who would win quite a few football games in his career. He was asked once why he took his wife on road trips.

"Because she's too ugly to kiss goodbye," he said.

He had this comment when someone asked about Earl Campbell not finishing a mile run: "When it's first and a mile, I won't give it to him."

Staying with this theme, John McKay, who had years of success as the head coach of USC's football team, was hired in 1976 as the first head coach of the expansion Tampa Bay Buccaneers. For a guy not used to losing, McKay ran headlong into the frustrations of coaching an expansion team in

the NFL. It brought out his sarcastic side, which translated into some funny quotes.

After another loss, he was asked about his team's execution: "I think it's a good idea."

And this one: "We didn't tackle well today, but we made up for it by not blocking."

Or: "Emotion is overrated in football. My wife is emotional, but she can't play football."

Then we have my favorite, basketball coach Abe Lemons.

Ol' Abe was definitely one of a kind and he could coach a bit as well. His lifetime record – with stops at Oklahoma City University, Pan American University and the University of Texas – was 594-343 for 34 seasons.

He was a funny, funny man who knew basketball. Here's the best Abe Lemons story I've heard.

During a game, Abe was riding the referees pretty hard and finally one had heard enough. He hit him with a technical foul.

Outraged, Abe fumed in silence for a few minutes and finally stopped the referee and asked "You can't give me a technical for what I'm thinking, can you?"

Somewhat confused, the ref replied "Of course not."

Abe then said "Well, I think you're an SOB."

The "procedure" is harder on her than him

Hi, I'm Janet. You know, Rusty's better half.

He's out of town, so I'm going to take over his column this week. I really do not like writing as much he does, but sometimes it's good to get things off your chest.

I've written in the past about my trials and tribulations having to live with Rusty and a lot of women have told me that I am not alone. They too, have men in their lives that drive them crazy. Mine, I fear, has already driven me crazy. But I have to admit, as much as I hate to, it has been an interesting ride. Let me tell you what happened last week.

Rusty was scheduled for a colonoscopy. This was not his first, nor will it be his last. Due to a family history, he has to get them regularly. Anytime Rusty has one of these procedures done, it is quite an adventure, but this was the most interesting one he's had so far.

Well, at least to me. It all started the day before the procedure. If you have ever had this done, you know the day before is the worst part. You have to drink what Rusty calls "Liquid Dynamite" to thoroughly clean you out.

That day, I had been at work and when I got home, the first thing I noticed was that the house was, well...I guess you could say, rearranged. The TV, which is normally against the middle of the wall in our den, was relocated off to the side, closer to the kitchen, and was playing at full volume. The couch was moved out from the wall toward the center of the den.

"What's going on?" I asked. "Sorry," said Rusty, as he ran by me toward the bathroom. "Can't talk. The porcelain Prin-



Rusty Mitchum
Life & Times

cess is callin'."

That's what he calls the toilet. It was then I saw why the furniture had been rearranged. This way, he could see the TV set from the bathroom.

"You're watching TV?" I said. "Unbelievable."

"Believe it sister," he said. "Now get out of the way. You're blockin' my view."

Not only was he watchin' TV, he had a small table set up in the bathroom. On this table were the house phone, his cell phone, a book, and his stupid harmonica. He also had a score pad. He and my brother-in-law, who had just had the procedure done a while back, had bet on who had to go the most after taking the prep.

"What did you do, set up shop in there?" I asked.

"Remember the Boy Scout motto, 'Always be prepared,'" he answered.

"Amazing," I said. "That coming from someone who was not a Boy Scout."

"I was a Cub Scout. That's close," he said, still trying to see around me.

"Until you were kicked out," I replied.

"How many times do I have to tell you? I was not kicked out."

"That's not what your mother told me."

"I was asked to find another den, OK?"

"And why was that again? Oh yeah, now I remember. You

started a campfire with gasoline and a Roman candle."

"Hey, if I had used a match, that gasoline could have flashed up and burned me."

"But instead, you set the woods on fire."

"I didn't know those little fire balls could bounce like that. Now, git out of the way. I can't see the TV."

He survived the night, although, I'm not sure how I did, and the next morning I took him to the clinic. After the paperwork, we were led to a curtained off area, and Rusty was told to put on a gown. I was reading a magazine, and looked up just as he was about to crawl onto the bed.

"Rusty, you idiot," I said. "You've got the gown on backwards."

"You sure?"

"Yes, the opening goes toward the back."

"Oh, I thought this looked mighty sexy," he said. I rolled my eyes. Yes, I roll my eyes. I've rolled my eyes so much over the years, I sometimes wonder how they've stayed in my head.

Finally, a nurse came in to get him ready.

"Hi, I'll be your nurse," the man said.

"You're a nurse?" Rusty said. "They don't have women nurses anymore?"

The man looked at me. I smiled at him, trying to convey

to him a silent message that Rusty is a moron, and to please excuse him. I think he got the message, because he smiled back at me, and nodded his head.

When he finished, and left, Rusty looked at me. "Not the prettiest nurse I've ever had," he said. I didn't dignify him with an answer, I just looked at him.

"What?" he said.

Finally, they came to wheel him away. As he disappeared down the hallway, he yelled at me. "Don't forget!" he exclaimed. "If I don't make it, don't tell anybody how I died."

Everyone in the place turned to look at me. "Sorry," I said. It was the only thing I could think of to say. They all looked sympathetic and smiled.

I was in the waiting room reading my magazine, when they called my name and I went back in. There was Rusty on the bed, sleeping peacefully, with another nurse watching over him.

"When he wakes up, please tell him he needs to pass some air," the lady said.

"I don't think that will be a problem," I told her. She smiled and left.

"Rusty," I said, and shook him a little. "Rusty, wake up."

One of his eyes opened and I remembered what his dad had told me about the first time he saw Rusty after he was born. He said he opened one eye and he looked like a little green-eyed monster.

"What?" slurred Rusty.

"Wake up. The nurse said you had to pass some air," I replied.

He pointed his finger at me. "Pull this," he said, and then passed back out.

This was the highlight of my week. How was yours?

Lady Eagles defeat Whitehouse

Shelbi Steen scored 19 points and Lily Chamberlain added 9 as the Lindale High School Lady Eagles defeated Whitehouse, 49-31 in the LHS Gym to run their season record to 8-1.

The Lady Eagles fell behind by an 11-6 count at the end of the first period but came back to tie the contest at 20-20 at the half.

After the third period, the Lady Wildcats had built a 34-29 advantage, but the Lady Eagles sprinted past the visitors in the fourth period with a 20-5 burst.

Steen scored 8 of her 19 points in the fourth quarter, while Marley Keith, who scored 8 on the night, dropped in 6 of those in the final stanza.

Also in the scorebook for the Lady Eagles were Kalaya Pierce with 5, Brooke Everest with 4 and Maggie Spearman and Desirae Pennington with 2 apiece.

Also seeing playing time for the Lady Eagles were Makenna Burks, Brenley Philen, Liz Hutchens, Kamareea Murphy, Madison Plunkett and Chloe Cagle.

The Lindale junior varsity also won, 41-23.

Junior High girls register win, tie with Bullard

The Lindale Junior High School Lady Eagles took on the Bullard Junior High School Lady Panthers Monday night and came away with a win, a tie and two losses.

The 7th grade B team tied, 8-8; the 7th grade A team fell 43-12; the 8th grade B team won, 16-4 and the 8th grade A team lost 31-16.

For the 7th grade B team, Kirby Kleam was the leading scorer while Abigail Kelley and Kirby Kleam were leading rebounders. Mayzie Piccoli was the leader in assists and Kirby Kleam was the leader in steals.

The leading scorer for the 7th grade A team was Abigale Prestridge while Sadie Clay, Alyssa Potts and Macy Luster were leading rebounders. Menah Harley, Macy Luster and Alyssia Romero were leaders in assists and Macy Luster was the steals leader.

For the 8th grade B team, Kennedy Pickrell and Kamdyn Bergbower were leading scorers while Kennedy Miller was the leader in assists. Kamdyn Bergbower was the rebounding leader and the steals leaders were Kennedy Pickrell, Kennedy Miller and Kortlen Pierce.

Haylee Rodriguez and Gaby Saboia were leading scorers for the 8th grade A team, while Gaby Saboia was the leader in assists and steals. Haylee Rodriguez was the rebounding leader. Merrick Gary won the Hustle Award.

UT Health offering free virtual seminar Dec. 17

UT Health East Texas is offering a free, virtual seminar at 6 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 17, featuring a presentation about stress management and self-care in the time of COVID-19, said spokesperson Allison Pollan.

Dr. Halle Ross-Young, psychologist from UT Health East Texas Behavioral Health, will discuss the impact of COVID-19 on psychosocial functioning, strategies for managing stress and engaging in self-care and available resources.

The seminar is free, and advanced registration is available at UTHealthEastTexas.com/seminars to receive an email with the direct link before the presentation starts.

When you register, you will also have the opportunity to submit a question in advance through the message box. The presentation will premiere on our Facebook page, [Facebook.com/UTHealthEastTexas](https://www.facebook.com/UTHealthEastTexas).

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TXDOT crews perform cleanup work on projects near Lindale

Maintenance crews with the Texas Department of Transportation are scheduled to work on several projects in Smith County this week, including cleanup operations on the I-20 resurfacing project near Lindale, spokesperson Kathi White said.

The resurfacing project is from FM 849 to just less than a mile west of U.S. Highway 69. The contractor is Texas Materials Group, Inc.

The cost is \$3.2 million and is expected to be completed by the end of this year.

Work will be conducted from 8 p.m. to 6 a.m., Sunday through Thursday. Expect lane closures. The work zone speed limit is 65 mph. The project consists of ramp improvements and frontage road construction.

Also near Lindale, the I-20 Ramp Improvement Project, under the supervision of Longview

Bridge and Road, LTD, is currently in the cleanup stages.

It covers U.S. 69 to Jim Hogg Road and costs \$14.8 million.

The work zone speed limit is 65 mph. The project consists of ramp improvements and the construction of frontage roads.

Other Smith County projects include:

FM 344, etc., Safety Improvements

Limits: FM 344 – From FM 756 east to SH 110; FM 768 – from Loop 456, south to FM 22

Contractor: A R Brothers Construction Services, Inc.

Cost: \$1.8 million

Anticipated Completion Date: Fall 2021

The contractor is scheduled to begin drainage improvements on FM 344 with daily lane closures anticipated. No work is planned on FM 768. The project consists of

improving drainage, culvert work, and guard rail upgrades.

US 69 (Broadway Ave.)

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Limits: From 4th St. to Loop 323 Contractor: Drewery Construction Co. Inc.

Cost: \$2 million Anticipated Completion Date:

Winter 2020

The contractor is scheduled to perform project cleanup. Work is slated from 8 p.m. to 6 a.m., Monday – Thursday, and on Sunday from 9 p.m. to 6 a.m. Expect lane closures and delays. The project consists of bridge rail, curb and gutter, and pavement resurfacing.

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Cody Lee West
Funeral services for Cody Lee West, 31 of Lindale, were held Tuesday, Dec. 8 at the Caudle-Rutledge-Daugherty Funeral Home Chapel in Lindale with Pastor Ryan Surratt officiating.

Interment was in Damascus Cemetery in Lindale.

Mr. West passed away on Thursday, Dec. 3, 2020 in Lindale. He was born Oct. 24, 1989 in Tyler.

He was a lifelong resident of Lindale and was preceded in death by his grandfathers Preston West and Sammie Huff. Survivors include his parents Randy and Heather West of Lindale.

With many people shopping for gifts on a budget this holiday season, scammers are taking advantage of the demand for pricey gaming consoles by promoting fake deals on Nintendo Switch, PlayStation 4 PRO, and the new PlayStation 5, officials with the Better Business Bureau Serving Central East Texas warn.

How the scam works
You find a popular gaming console for sale online at a reduced price. Hoping to save some money, you research the seller's website and find a few positive reviews.

Convinced, you make your purchase via PayPal or another online payment method. You receive an email confirmation with shipping information and a tracking number.

If you receive a package at all from the company, it isn't a gaming console – instead, it is a valueless phone cover or similar small object. Since you technically received a shipment, you will be unable to

contest the purchase with the third-party who processed the payment.

Attempts to contact the company are useless. No one answers your phone calls or emails.

One consumer who never received any package reported to BBB.org/ScamTracker: "I attempted to reach out to the email address on their website, however I received an email informing me that it was not a valid email address. I then attempted to call the phone number listed on the website, [which gave me] an automatic message informing me that the number was not valid."

"High priced, popular products are ideal items for scam artists to use as bait," Mechele Agbayani Mills, President and CEO of BBB serving Central East Texas said. "Before you submit your order, verify you are dealing with a reputable seller."

How to avoid online purchase scams
Research the company you plan to

purchase from thoroughly. It's best to purchase items from sellers you already know and trust, but if you decide to purchase from an unfamiliar online store, do your homework first.

Read as many customer reviews as you can find, look up the business on bbb.org, and do an online search with the company's name followed by the word "scam" to see if you find any complaints.

Make sure the company has legitimate customer service contact information (not just a form you have to fill out and hope for a response) and clear return and refund policies as well.

Avoid impulse buying. Scammers like to draw people in with "flash sales" and "limited time offers" in hopes you will hand over your money on impulse. Resist the urge.

Don't believe prices that are too good to be true. Before you start shopping, find out the price of the gaming console at a

major retailer. You can check prices online to get a general idea of what the console is selling for. Keep that price in mind as you shop and be wary of sellers who offer the product at a steeply discounted price. You could end up spending money on a defective or counterfeit product, or no product at all!

Shop with a credit card. A credit card provides additional protections over a debit card in case of fraudulent transactions. If your card number is compromised, it's easier to dispute any charges that you didn't approve.

For more holiday shopping tips, go to bbb.org/shopsafe. To find out more about how people are being targeted by online scammers, check out the BBB Scam Tracker Risk Report. To find businesses and charities you can trust, go to bbb.org. To report fraudulent activity or unscrupulous business practices, call BBB at 903-581-5704 or go to BBB ScamTracker.

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Officers Fortunas and Ramsey responded to a loud noise disturbance at 1500 block Wood Springs Rd, settled at scene. Officers Ramsey and Fortunas responded to a theft at 100 block E Centennial Blvd, report taken. Officer Fortunas responded to an abandon property at 552 W I-20, settled at scene. Officer Ramsey responded to a suspicious person at 554 W I-20, unfounded. Officer Fortunas responded to a criminal trespass at 3200 block S Main St, settled at scene. Officer Fortunas responded to a public service at 100 block Penny Lane, settled at scene. Officer Fortunas responded to a suspicious vehicle at 1000 block Mount Sylvan St, settled at scene. Officers Ramsey and Fortunas responded to a suspicious person at 900 block S Main St, settled at scene. Officers Ramsey and Fortunas responded to a suspicious person at 1500 block S Main St, settled at scene. Officer Fortunas responded to a suspicious person at 1500 block S Main St, settled at scene. Officers Gillham and Fortunas responded to a business alarm at 3400 block S Main St, false alarm. Officers Ramsey, Fortunas, Gillham and Wedgeworth responded to a criminal trespass at 900 block S Main St, criminal trespass warning issued. Officers Gillham and Wedgeworth responded to a theft at 200 block E North St, settled at scene. Officers Gillham and Wedgeworth responded to an assist other agency at 1500 block Wood Springs Rd, settled at scene. Officer Gillham responded to a suspicious circumstance at 700 block Abby Rd, settled at scene. Officers Allen, Wedgeworth and Gillham responded to a suspicious vehicle at 300 block S Main St, settled at scene. Officer Gillham responded to suspicious vehicle at 900 block Mount Sylvan St, settled at scene.

Saturday, November 28, 2020

Officer Trombley responded to an assist other agency at 17900 block Hwy 69 N, unfounded. Officers Leevey and Trombley responded to a warrant service at 13400 block W I-20, arrest made. Sgt. Wilson and Offices Leevey and Trombley responded to a criminal trespass at 200 block Cannery Row, arrest made. Sgt. Dworaczyk and Officer Leevey responded to an assist other agency at 500 block Pierce St, report taken. Sgt. Wilson responded to a suspicious circumstance at 100 block Ballard Dr, unfounded. Officer Capps responded to suspicious person at 900 block S Main St, settled at scene. Officer Capps responded to a public service at 700 block N Georgia St, settled at scene. Officer Shurley and Capps responded to an assist other agency at 1900 block S Main St, settled at scene.

Sunday, Nov. 29, 2020

Sgt. Wilson and Officers Leevey and Trombley responded to a criminal trespass at 100 block E Centennial Blvd, arrest made. Sgt. Wilson responded to a public service at 100 block Ballard Dr, settled at scene. Sgt. Wilson and Officers Shurley and Capps responded to a



disturbance at 3200 block S Main St, settled at scene. Officers Capps and Shurley responded to a public service at the 15300 block FM 16 W, settled at scene. Sgt. Wilson and Officers Shurley and Capps responded to a disturbance at 700 block Circle Dr, settled at scene. Officers Capps and Shurley responded to a welfare concern at 300 block Braziel St, settled at scene.

Monday, Nov. 30, 2020

Officers Leevey and Trombley responded 300 block Rita Dr, settled at scene. Captain Chambers, Sgt Wilson and Officers Leevey and Trombley responded to an assist other agency at 13400 block W I-20, settled at scene. Officers Leevey and Trombley responded to a deadly conduct at 200 block Perryman Rd, report taken. Sgt. Wilson and Officer Capps responded to a disturbance at 300 block Braziel St, report taken. Officer Shurley responded to a public service at 300 block Noah Ln, settled at scene. Officer Trombley responded to a public service at 300 block Rita Dr, unfounded.

Tuesday, Dec. 1, 2020

Officer Leevey responded to an animal complaint at 15000 block Country Acres Dr, settled at scene. Chief Somes, Lt Lazarine, Sgt Dworaczyk, and Officers Philpot, Leevey and Trombley responded to an accident at 2800 block S Main St, Report Taken. Captain Chambers, Lt Lazarine and Officers Trombley and Leevey responded to a welfare concern at 700 block Sweetgum Ln, settled at scene. Lt, Lazarine and Officers Trombley, Leevey and Philpot responded to a burglary already occurred at 75 block Miranda Lambert Way, report taken. Officer Trombley responded to a public service at 100 block Ballard Dr, settled at scene. Officer Leevey responded to a suspicious circumstance at 200 block W North St, settled at scene. Officer Trombley responded to a public service at 100 block Ballard Dr, settled at scene. Sgt Wilson and Officer Shurley responded to a suspicious circumstance at 17000 block Stacy St, settled at scene. Sgt Wilson and Officer Shurley responded to an accident at 100 block S Main St, report taken. Sgt Wilson and Officer Shurley responded to a suspicious circumstance at 100 block S Wood Springs Rd, settled at scene. Officer Capps responded to a

suspicious vehicle at 100 block E Cannery Row, settled at scene.

Wednesday, Dec. 2, 2020

Officer Fortunas responded to an assist other agency at 554 W I-20, settled at scene. Officer Fortunas responded to discharge firearm at 200 block Perryman Rd, unfounded. Officer Ramsey responded to a public service at 300 block Rita Dr, settled at scene. Sgt Flores responded to a public service at 300 block N College St, settled at scene. Officer Ramsey responded to a public service at 100 block Ballard Dr, settled at scene. Officer Ramsey responded to a welfare concern at 200 block Charles Dr, unfounded. Sgt Flores and Officers Wedgeworth, Allen and Gillham responded to assist other agency at 16000 block FM 849, settled at scene. Officers Allen and Wedgeworth responded to suspicious vehicle at 900 block E Hubbard St, settled at scene.

Thursday, Dec. 3, 2020

Chief Somes responded to a suspicious circumstance at 12900 block Lauren Ln, settled at scene. Officer Fortunas responded to a public service at 800 block Hickory Dr, settled at scene. Chief Somes responded to an assist other agency at 19700 block HWY 69 N, unfounded. Sgt Dworaczyk responded to a public service at 100 block Ballard Dr, settled at scene. Officer Fortunas responded to an assist other agency at 554 E I-20, settled at scene. Officers Fortunas and Ramsey responded to an accident 1800 block S Main St, report taken. Sgt Flores responded to a suspicious vehicle at 16900 block Village Lake Dr, settled at scene. Officers Allen, Wedgeworth and Gillham responded to a suspicious vehicle at 2400 block S Main St, settled at scene. Officers Allen, Wedgeworth and Gillham responded to a traffic arrest, arrest made.

Lindale residents indicted by Grand Jury

Four Lindale residents have been indicted by a Smith County Grand Jury recently according to County Grand Jury Coordinator Marieliza Martinez.

They include:

- Javier Cruz, 36, Driving While Intoxicated on July 28;
- Gabriel Conti, 35, Harassment of Public Servant on Sept. 20;
- Damon Ledbetter, 44, Possession of a Controlled Substance on May 20;
- Demoniaire Champion, 26, Possession of a Controlled Substance on Feb. 4.

Brookshire's announces extension of discounts for seniors, EMS workers

Brookshire Grocery Co. has announced the extension of its discount programs through Jan. 5, 2021 for senior citizens and critical and emergency service providers in all four of its banners – Brookshire's, Super 1 Foods, Spring Market and FRESH by Brookshire's – said publicity spokesperson Morgan Countryman.

The company is extending the five percent daily discount for senior citizens which started on March 18. The discount is available upon request to customers age 60 or older with valid ID.

BGC is also still strongly encouraging that the first two hours of operations be reserved as a dedicated time for senior citizens and critical and emergency service providers.

The company is asking for the community's help in honoring this practice allowing any senior customers to move to the front of the check-out line throughout the day.

BGC is also offering a five percent daily dis-

count on store brand products for critical and emergency service providers through Jan. 5, 2021.

This discount is available for all emergency first responders (EMS, fire department and law enforcement officers), hospital personnel, and active-duty military (including National Guard and Military Reserve).

To receive the discount at checkout, critical and emergency service providers must present active first responder, hospital or military identification or name badge.

The store brand discount applies to Brookshire's, Super 1 Foods and Spring Market branded products, along with Goldenbrook, Pure Harmony, Top Care, Simply Done, Paws, Tippy Toes, Full Circle, CharKing, Wide Awake Coffee Co., Over the Top, That's Smart and Culinary Tours.

Some exclusions apply and may not be combined with other discount offers.

Beaumont man sentenced for federal crime violations

A 24-year-old Beaumont man has been sentenced to federal prison for violent crime violations in the Eastern District of Texas, said Davilyn Walston, public information officer for U.S. Attorney Stephen J. Cox.

Tremaurice Arthur Randall pleaded guilty on Aug. 4, 2020, to carjacking and brandishing a firearm in furtherance of a crime of violence and was sentenced to 114 months in federal prison this past week by U.S. District Judge Marcia Crone.

A co-defendant, Thaddias Joseph Thomas, 34, also of Beaumont, pleaded guilty to the same charges on Aug. 12, 2020 and is awaiting sentencing.

According to information presented in court, on Dec. 21, 2019, Thomas and Randall traveled to the Excellent Carwash located at 5010 Haden Road in Beaumont, wearing masks, where they approached a man who was sitting in the driver's seat of his 2003 Dodge Ram pickup truck.

Thomas pointed a pistol at the man and Randall ordered him to "give it up" before the two pulled the man out of his truck and threw him to the ground. Thomas then pistol whipped the man in the head and fired one shot toward his feet.

Randall and Thomas then entered the pickup truck and fled. Thomas and Randall were indicted by a

federal grand jury on March 4, 2020 and charged with conspiracy to commit carjacking, carjacking, possession of a firearm during a crime of violence, and possession of a firearm by a prohibited person.

This case is a part of Project Guardian, the Department of Justice's signature initiative to reduce gun violence and enforce federal firearms laws.

Initiated by the Attorney General in the fall of 2019, Project Guardian draws upon the Department's past successful programs to reduce gun violence.

It also enhances coordination of federal, state, local, and tribal authorities in investigating and prosecuting gun crimes; improves information-sharing by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives when a prohibited individual attempts to purchase a firearm and is denied by the National Instant Criminal Background Check System, to include taking appropriate actions when a prospective purchaser is denied by the NICS for mental health reasons; and ensures that federal resources are directed at the criminals posing the greatest threat to our communities.

This case was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and the Beaumont Police Department and prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney John B. Ross.

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Notice is hereby given that the Planning and Zoning and City Council of Lindale Texas will be holding public hearings via Telephone/Video Conference to receive comments on a PROPOSED REZONING.

*****NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC*****

A temporary suspension of the Open Meetings Act to allow telephone or videoconferencing public meetings has been granted by Governor Greg Abbott. These actions are being taken to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 by avoiding meetings that bring people into a group setting and in accordance with Section 418.016 of the Texas Government Code.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
PLANNING & ZONING	December 14, 2020	6:00 PM	Telephone/Video Conference
PLANNING & ZONING	January 11, 2021	6:00 PM	Telephone/Video Conference
CITY COUNCIL	January 19, 2021	6:00 PM	Telephone/Video Conference

The property for consideration on a request to change the zoning being 14.577 acres of vacant land being the Lindale Prime Source Subdivision, Lot 2B, located at 0 CR 472 Smith County, Texas from "C-2 Community and Regional Commercial District to MU-1 Neighborhood Mixed- Use District".

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NO. 44,947P

Notice is hereby given that on the 23rd day of November, 2020, Letters Testamentary upon the Estate of Frances Delores Overton, Deceased, were issued to Ellen Lee Hollenshead by the Honorable Court of Smith County, Texas in Cause No. 44947P pending on the Probate Docket of said Court.

All persons having claims against said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time prescribed by law to the address being shown below:

Estate of Frances Delores Overton
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Notice is hereby given that on the 23rd day of November, 2020, Letters Testamentary upon the Estate of William Lee Pilkington, Deceased, were issued to Larry E. Glatts by the Honorable Court of Smith County, Texas in Cause No. 44951 P pending on the Probate Docket of said Court.

All persons having claims against said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time prescribed by law to the address being shown below:

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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO ISSUE CITY OF LINDALE, TEXAS, CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION

TAKE NOTICE the City Council of the City of Lindale, Texas, shall convene at 6:00 o'clock P.M. on February 2, 2021, at its regular meeting place in City Hall, 105 Ballard Drive, Lindale, Texas, and, during such meeting, the City Council will consider the passage of one or more ordinances authorizing the issuance of certificates of obligation, in one or more series, in a principal amount not to exceed \$5,000,000 for the purpose of paying contractual obligations to be incurred for (i) the construction of public works, to wit: (a) constructing and improving streets, including drainage, landscaping, streetscaping, retaining walls, curbs, gutters, sidewalks, signage, traffic signalization, street noise abatement and utility system relocation incidental thereto and the acquisition of land and rights-of-way therefor, (b) improving, extending, and expanding the City's waterworks and sewer system and the acquisition of land and rights-of-way therefor, (c) the acquisition, construction, improvement, renovation and equipment of a building for a community center and the acquisition of land therefor and (d) the acquisition, construction, improvement, renovation and equipment of a building for the City's water utilities department and the acquisition of land therefor, and (ii) professional services rendered in connection with the acquisition, construction and financing of such projects, and such certificates shall be payable from ad valorem taxes and a limited pledge of the net revenues of the City's combined Waterworks and Sewer System. In accordance with Texas Local Government Code Section 271.049, (i) the current principal amount of all of the City's outstanding public securities secured by and payable from ad valorem taxes is \$14,480,217; (ii) the current combined principal and interest required to pay all of the City's outstanding public securities secured by and payable from ad valorem taxes on time and in full is \$18,160,687; (iii) the estimated combined principal and interest required to pay the certificates of obligation to be authorized on time and in full is \$6,099,948; (iv) the maximum interest rate for the certificates may not exceed the maximum legal interest rate; and (v) the maximum maturity date of the certificates to be authorized is August 15, 2041. The certificates are to be issued, and this notice is given, under and pursuant to the provisions of Texas Local Government Code, Subchapter C of Chapter 271.

City Secretary
City of Lindale, Texas

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NOTICE OF DEFAULT AND FORECLOSURE SALE

WHEREAS, on August 19, 2004, a certain Adjustable Rate Home Equity Conversion Deed of Trust ("Reverse Mortgage") was executed by ELIZABETH POTTINGER, as mortgagor in favor of FINANCIAL FREEDOM SENIOR FUNDING CORPORATION, A SUBSIDIARY OF INDY MAC BANK F.S.B., as mortgagee and ROBERT K. FOWLER, as trustee, and was recorded on September 2, 2004 under Clerk's Instrument Number 2004-R0046279, Book 7601, Page 209 in the real property records of Smith, Texas.

WHEREAS, the Reverse Mortgage was insured by the United States Secretary of Housing and Urban Development (the "Secretary") pursuant to the National Housing Act for the purpose of providing single family housing; and

WHEREAS, the beneficial interest in the Reverse Mortgage is now owned by the Secretary, pursuant to an assignment dated January 10, 2008, and recorded on January 28, 2008, under Clerk's Instrument Number 2008-R00003964 in the real property records of Smith County, Texas; and

WHEREAS, a default has been made in the covenants and conditions of the Reverse Mortgage in that the Mortgagors are now deceased; and

WHEREAS, the entire amount delinquent as of January 5, 2021 is \$223,553.08; and

WHEREAS, by virtue of the default, the Secretary has declared the entire amount of the indebtedness secured by the Reverse Mortgage to be immediately due and payable;

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to powers vested in me by the Single Family Mortgage Foreclosure Act of 1994, 12 U.S.C. 3751 et seq., by 24 CFR part 27, subpart B, and by the Secretary's designation of me as Foreclosure Commissioner, recorded on October 15, 2007 in Dallas County under Clerk's File Number 20070369306, notice is hereby given that on January 5, 2021, at 10:00 AM local time or no later than three hours thereafter, all real and personal property at or used in connection with the following described premises ("Property") will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder:

ALL THAT CERTAIN LOT, TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND, SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF SMITH, STATE OF TEXAS, BEING LOT N. 472 OF HIDE-A-WAY LAKE, UNIT NO. 13, SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO PLAT THEREOF OF RECORDED IN VOL. 5, PAGE 173, PLAT RECORDS OF SMITH COUNTY, TEXAS.

Commonly known as: 222 TREETOP LANE, LINDALE, TX 75771.

The sale will be held in Smith County, Texas at the following location: 25 FEET AT OR NEAR AND INCLUDING THE OUTSIDE STEPS AND THE MAIN HALL OF THE WEST ENTRANCE OF THE SMITH COUNTY COURTHOUSE OR AS DESIGNATED BY THE COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE or as designated by the County Commissioners Court.

The Secretary of Housing and Urban Development will bid \$223,553.08.

There will be no proration of taxes, rents or other income or liabilities, except that the purchaser will pay, at or before closing, his prorated share of any real estate taxes that have been paid by the Secretary to the date of the foreclosure sale.

When making their bids, all bidders except the Secretary must submit a deposit totaling \$22,355.31 in the form of a certified check or cashier's check made out to the Secretary of HUD. A deposit need not accompany each oral bid. If the successful bid is oral, a deposit of \$22,355.31 must be presented before the bidding is closed. The deposit is nonrefundable. The remainder of the purchase price must be delivered within 30 days of the sale or at such other time as the Secretary may determine for good cause shown, time being of the essence. This amount, like the bid deposits, must be delivered in the form of a certified or cashier's check. If the Secretary is the highest bidder, he need not pay the bid amount in cash. The successful bidder will pay all conveying fees, all real estate and other taxes that are due on or after the delivery date of the remainder of the payment and all other costs associated with the transfer of title. At the conclusion of the sale, the deposits of the unsuccessful bidders will be returned to them.

The Secretary may grant an extension of time within which to deliver the remainder of the payment. All extensions will be for 15-day increments for a fee of \$500.00, paid in advance. The extension fee shall be in the form of a certified or cashier's check made payable to the Secretary of HUD. If the high bidder closes the sale prior to the expiration of any extension period, the unused portion of the extension fee shall be applied toward the amount due.

If the high bidder is unable to close the sale within the required period, or within any extension of time granted by the Secretary, the high bidder may be required to forfeit the cash deposit or, at the election of the foreclosure commissioner after consultation with the HUD representative, will be liable to HUD for any costs incurred as a result of such failure. The Commissioner may, at the direction of the HUD representative, offer the property to the second highest bidder for an amount equal to the highest price offered by that bidder.

There is no right of redemption, or right of possession based upon a right of redemption, in the mortgagor or others subsequent to a foreclosure completed pursuant to the Act. Therefore, the Foreclosure Commissioner will issue a Deed to the purchaser(s) upon receipt of the entire purchase price in accordance with the terms of the sale as provided herein. HUD does not guarantee that the property will be vacant.

The scheduled foreclosure sale shall be cancelled or adjourned if it is established, by documented written application of the mortgagor to the Foreclosure Commissioner not less than 3 days before the date of sale, or otherwise, that the default or defaults upon which the foreclosure is based did not exist at the time of service of this notice of default and foreclosure sale, or all amounts due under the mortgage agreement are tendered to the Foreclosure Commissioner, in the form of a certified or cashier's check payable to the Secretary of HUD, before public auction of the property is completed.

The amount that must be paid if the mortgage is to be paid in full prior the scheduled sale is \$223,553.08, plus all other amounts that would be due under the mortgage agreement if payments under the mortgage had not been accelerated, advertising costs and postage expenses incurred in giving notice, mileage by the most reasonable road distance for posting notices and for the Foreclosure Commissioner's attendance at the sale, reasonable and customary costs incurred for title and lien record searches, the necessary out-of-pocket costs incurred by the Foreclosure Commissioner for recording documents, a commission for the Foreclosure Commissioner, and all other costs incurred in connection with the foreclosure prior to reinstatement.

Tender of payment by certified or cashier's check or application for cancellation of the foreclosure sale shall be submitted to the address of the Foreclosure Commissioner provided below.

Date: December 7, 2020

L. Keller Mackie
Foreclosure Commissioner
Mackie Wolf Zientz & Mann, P.C.
Parkway Office Center, Suite 900
14160 Dallas Parkway
Dallas, TX 75254
(214) 635-2650
(214) 635-2686 Fax

NOTICE OF RATE CHANGE REQUEST

On October 13, 2020, Southwestern Electric Power Company (SWEPCO or Company) filed a Petition and Statement of Intent to Change Rates (the Petition) with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUC or the Commission) in Docket No. 51415, and with those municipal authorities in its Texas service territory that have original jurisdiction over SWEPCO's electric rates. This notice is being published in accordance with Section 36.103 of the Public Utility Regulatory Act and Commission Procedural Rule 16 Tex. Admin. Code § 22.51(a)(1).

SWEPCO has approximately 187,000 Texas retail customers. All such customers and all classes of customers will be affected by the relief requested in SWEPCO's Petition.

SWEPCO's request to change its rates is based on the financial results for a 12-month test year ending on March 31, 2020. SWEPCO's Petition seeks an overall increase of \$105,026,238, an increase of 30.3% over adjusted Texas retail test year base rate revenues exclusive of fuel and rider revenues. SWEPCO's proposed revenue increase will be offset by a \$14,826,502 decrease in annualized Transmission Cost Recovery Factor (TCRF) and Distribution Cost Recovery Factor (DCRF) revenue. Thus, the net proposed Texas retail revenue increase is \$90,199,736, an increase of 26.0% over adjusted Texas retail test year base rate revenues exclusive of fuel and rider revenues. The overall impact of the rate change, considering both fuel and non-fuel revenues, is a 15.6% increase. The impact of the rate change on various customer classes will vary from the overall impact described in this notice, as shown in the table below. In addition, SWEPCO is seeking recovery of the reasonable rate-case expenses, including expenses paid to reimburse intervening municipalities, that it incurs in this case and those rate-case expenses incurred in three prior dockets that have yet to be recovered.

A Residential Service customer using 1,000 kilowatt-hours of energy per month will see an increase in their total bill (including fuel costs and rate riders) of \$15.71 per month, an increase of approximately 15.0%.

The following table presents the percentage annual revenue increases, by type of service, under the proposed rates in this proceeding:

SWEPCO Texas Proposed Base Rate Increase			
Applicable Service	Change in Non-Fuel Revenue (\$) *	Change in Non-Fuel Revenue (%) **	Change in Total Bill (%) ***
RESIDENTIAL	\$ 34,924,204	23.75%	15.64%
GENERAL SERVICE W/DEMAND	4,461,476	26.25%	18.45%
GENERAL SERVICE WO/DEMAND	2,167,555	38.23%	27.15%
LIGHTING & POWER - SEC	28,784,427	28.49%	14.96%
LIGHTING & POWER - PRI	6,789,019	28.44%	14.40%
COTTON GIN	69,427	26.14%	15.74%
LARGE LIGHTING & POWER - PRI	1,506,976	28.44%	14.40%
LARGE LIGHTING & POWER - TRANS	6,300,461	28.14%	13.23%
METAL MELTING - SEC	40,125	27.91%	17.81%
METAL MELTING - PRI	369,199	26.32%	13.11%
METAL MELTING - TRANS	320,810	21.40%	9.74%
OILFIELD PRIMARY	3,009,127	28.29%	13.23%
OILFIELD SECONDARY	191,671	32.55%	15.94%
MUNICIPAL PUMPING	196,244	9.76%	7.00%
MUNICIPAL SERVICE	171,173	10.37%	6.60%
MUNICIPAL LIGHTING	221,268	9.76%	7.00%
Street Lighting Sheet IV-23	226	19.75%	13.39%
Municipal Street Lighting Sheet IV-24	389	23.23%	19.12%
Municipal Street and Parkway Lighting Sheet IV-25	268,331	12.60%	9.23%
Municipal Street and Parkway Lighting Sheet LED IV-65	n/a	n/a	14.84%
Street Lighting Service Sheet IV-31	(48,498)	-22.61%	-19.90%
Public Highway Lighting Sheet IV-27	819	19.50%	13.02%
PUBLIC STREET & HWY (Sheet IV-26)	800	2.65%	1.23%
PRIVATE, OUTDOOR, AREA	595,175	14.34%	10.18%
Private Lighting Sheet IV-28	210,792	29.00%	21.99%
Area Lighting - Outdoor Sheet IV-29	6,910	18.49%	14.65%
Area Lighting - Outdoor Sheet IV-30	326,842	9.68%	7.06%
Floodlighting Service Sheet IV-32	26,157	28.82%	20.79%
Outdoor Lighting Sheet IV-33	24,474	32.98%	28.11%
Area Lighting - Outdoor LED Sheet IV-66	n/a	n/a	14.84%
CUSTOMER-OWNED LIGHTING	79,569	27.15%	14.84%
Recreational Lighting Sheet IV-21	65,016	24.55%	14.84%
Customer Supplied Lighting Sheet IV-22	14,554	24.55%	14.84%
* Base rate revenue net of transmission and distribution cost recovery revenues.			
** Transmission and distribution cost recovery factor revenue recovered in existing base rates will be reset to zero with this filing.			
*** Bill impact includes base rate revenue plus fuel factor, energy efficiency cost recovery factor, rate case expense surcharge, transmission cost recovery revenue, and distribution cost recovery revenue.			

SWEPCO has proposed that its requested rate change become effective 35 days after the filing of the Petition and Statement of Intent. The proposed effective date is subject to suspension and extension by actions that may be taken by the Commission and other regulatory authorities.

SWEPCO is proposing revisions to most tariffs and schedules. In addition, in order to facilitate future TCRF, DCRF, and Generation Cost Recovery Rider (GCRR) filings pursuant to 16 TAC §§ 25.239, 25.243, and 25.248, respectively, SWEPCO requests that the Commission: (1) set the Company's current TCRF and DCRF to zero; and (2) establish in this docket the baseline values consisting of the inputs to the calculations that will be used to calculate SWEPCO's TCRF, DCRF, and GCRR in future dockets.

Persons with questions or who want more information on this Petition may contact SWEPCO at 428 Travis Street, Shreveport, Louisiana 71101, or call toll-free at (888) 216-3523 during normal business hours. A complete copy of the Petition and related filings is available for inspection at the address listed in the previous sentence.

Persons who wish to intervene in or comment upon these proceedings should notify the Commission as soon as possible, as an intervention deadline will be imposed. A request to intervene or for further information should be mailed to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, Texas 78711-3326. Further information may also be obtained by calling the Public Utility Commission at (512) 936-7120 or (888) 782-8477. Hearing- and speech-impaired individuals with text telephones (TTY) may contact the commission at (512) 936-7136. A request for intervention or for further information should refer to Docket No. 51415. The deadline for intervention in the proceeding is 45 days after the date the application was filed with the commission, unless otherwise provided by order of the presiding officer. The presiding officer for Docket No. 51415 has ordered an intervention deadline of February 10, 2021.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the preferred method for you to file your request for intervention or comments on the application is electronically, and you will be required to serve the request on other parties by email. Therefore, please include your own email address on the intervention request. Instructions for electronic filing via the "PUC Filer" on the Commission's website can be found here: <https://interchange.puc.texas.gov/filer>. Instructions for using the PUC Filer are available at http://www.puc.texas.gov/industry/filings/New_PUC_Web_Filer_Presentation.pdf. Once you obtain a tracking sheet associated with your filing from the PUC Filer, you may email the tracking sheet and the document you wish to file to: centralrecords@puc.texas.gov. For assistance with your electronic filing, please contact the Commission's Help Desk at (512) 936-7100 or helpdesk@puc.texas.gov. You can review materials filed in this docket on the PUC Interchange at: <http://interchange.puc.texas.gov/>.

Christmas tree growers report high demand despite challenges

By Adam Russell
Texas A&M Extension Service

Texas Christmas tree growers – including one in Lindale and others across East Texas -- experienced a challenging growing season, but a good holiday season market is making any additional effort and expense worth it for many.

Greg Grant, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service horticulture agent for Smith County, said 2020 has been a challenging season for many agriculture industries and businesses due to weather and COVID-19.

But Christmas tree farms and nurseries in general have been a bright spot for Texas.

Lindale's Trail Creek Farms is located at 18127 County Road 4108. The phone number is 903-882-5746.

Plantation Pines Christmas Tree Farm in Tyler is located at 10098 County Road 429. The phone number is 903-253-3143.

Others include:

- Sorelle Tree Farm, Inc., 975 County Road 2220, Mineola; Phone 903-287-6061;
- Danville Farms, 2000 Danville Road, Kilgore; Phone 903-520-8929;
- Yesterland Farm, 15410 Interstate 20, Canton; Phone 903-567-

2255.

There were concerns about how the pandemic might affect tree farms, but indications are that the season is providing good market conditions for Texas producers, he said.

"It was an odd year horticulturally speaking with a normal spring, decent summer and an atypically dry fall, so it's good that the trees – the Leyland cypress and Virginian pines that are grown locally – fared relatively well," he said. "And the concerns about whether people would just stay home and put up a plastic tree this year seem to be subsiding as consumers have shown they want live trees and want to get out and have a traditional holiday experience with their families."

Christmas trees and holiday experiences

Bob Jones, owner of Spring Creek Growers in Magnolia, said demand for Texas-grown Christmas trees is very strong overall. COVID-19 has required increased expenses and logistical complications for his operation, but it has also increased customer traffic and demand for "choose and cut" trees.

"We've implemented all the sanitation, social distancing and safety measures, including curbside pickup, to make our customers comfortable, but what we're seeing and hearing is that people are tired of being cooped up and they are looking for activities outdoors."

Jones said customer visits to his operation, which also includes cut

trees – Fraser firs from North Carolina and Noble and Nordmann firs from Washington, a holiday setting for family gatherings and photos, a bakery and hayrides, have picked up throughout the week.

Tree prices increased minimally to help offset some of the added expenses, but Jones said they are competitive with other suburban areas around the state. "Choose and cut" trees, those picked out and then cut down by the customer as a holiday family experience, start around \$60-\$65 with prices increasing according to height, and cut trees from out of state start at \$80-\$90.

"Slight price increases were likely similar around the state, either based on tighter supplies of shipped trees and very strong demand or to absorb costs associated with the pandemic," he said.

Christmas tree quality, challenges

Jones said tree quality was good this year, but that the growing season was challenging due to drought. August was especially difficult as dry conditions required intense moisture monitoring on the farm.

"We went into a flash drought where it turned very hot and dry very quickly, and August is when the trees typically get their first flush that we follow with a trimming in September, and then trees typically respond with another flush where they really fill out nicely," he said. "So, we were pouring water 24/7 to keep them hydrated through those flushes."

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