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## Football team kicked COVID to the curb

By Terry Cannon  
Editor

As a once-in-a-lifetime pandemic swept across the land – and blanketed Lindale and East Texas along the way – it would take something very special to return a bit of normalcy to everyday lives.

Enter the 2020 Lindale High School football team, which rode to the rescue by taking the city on a ride to heretofore unimagined places.

These Eagles, bolstered by a team-first mantra as well as unwavering support from an appreciative fan base, advanced to the state Class 4A title game in Arlington on Dec. 18, while setting school playoff records each week.

For supplying pure joy for Lindale residents, the 2020 Eagle football team's journey easily qualifies as the top story of the year, if for no other reason than to push COVID out of the picture for several weeks.

This team earned everything it received, thanks to an unflagging work ethic, consistent support from coaches and families and an entire community which was decked out in blue each Friday.

After a bi-district victory on Nov. 13 against Vidor, the Eagles then began a march through uncharted territory – no Lindale team had ever advanced past the Area round – to eventually win 15 games.

Not to be forgotten, however, is the LHS volleyball team, which raced to a 27-0 regular season record and a No. 2 ranking in the state before bowing out in the second round of the playoffs.

The Pride of Lindale High School Marching Band won the first-ever Class 4A UIL State Military Marching Band Championship at Pine Tree High School's football stadium on Dec. 9.

And the Lindale Fall Tennis Team also advanced to the UIL regional quarterfinals after sweeping through District 14-4A undefeated.

To be sure, it was a banner year for the LISD, but more importantly, for the city of Lindale.

Other top stories for the year include:

### JANUARY

#### Foundation gets check, Surratt's contract renewed

At the Jan. 13 meeting of the Lindale ISD school board, Christus Trinity Mother Frances Health Systems, along with organizers of the Lindale Thanksgiving 5K Race Drew Smith and Rachel Johnson, presented the Lindale ISD Education Foundation with a \$10,000 check from the proceeds from the first Lindale Turkey Trot held Thanksgiving morning 2019.

Trustees also extended Superintendent Stan Surratt's contract with a one percent salary increase.

The superintendent praised the work of the race committee.

"This was a worthwhile event for community members and helps the educational foundation," Surratt said. "It was a good deal for everyone."

Smith said 407 participated.

### FEBRUARY

#### Citizens voice abortion objections to council

For the third time in as many meetings, Lindale City Council members heard comments from citizens on Feb. 18 concerning the passage of an ordinance to ban abortion clinics/providers in the city limits.

Council members went into executive session with City Attorney Glen Patrick and when they returned to open session, and on the advice of Patrick, voted to adopt a resolution instead of an ordinance.

Patrick said that, since abortion was still legal in the United States, an ordinance would be unenforceable.

#### New district homes for LISD teams

The University Interscholastic League has announced new district alignments for the next two years in football, basketball and volleyball and Lindale High School's Eagles have been placed in District 9-4A Division I in football and 16-4A in volleyball and basketball.



The Lindale Area Chamber of Commerce held its annual membership banquet in June and due to COVID restrictions, moved the event to the Texas Rose Horse Park. Staff photo



Lindale running back Jordan Jenkins rushed for more than 3,000 yards and 50 touchdowns this year and helped his team to the state title game in December. Staff photo



Lindale High School's volleyball team went on an unprecedented 27-game winning streak en route to the Class 4A playoffs this year. Staff photo

Lindale's district opponents in football are Athens, Henderson, Kilgore, Mabank, Palestine and Chapel Hill.

Lindale's volleyball and basketball opponents include Bullard, Cumberland Academy, Kilgore, Longview Spring Hill and Chapel Hill.

### Candidates file for re-election

One contested race for Smith County and Lindale voters to decide emerged after the deadline passed for filing for re-election.

Smith County Precinct 3 Commissioner incumbent Terry Phillips drew Bob Westbrook in the Republican Primary. The winner of this race was to face Democrat Laura Alexander in the November General Election.

Phillips has served on the commissioner's court since 2009 and Westbrook is a former Tyler city councilman.

Alexander ran unopposed in the Democratic Primary.

### MARCH

#### Lambert earns ACM nominations

East Texans Miranda Lambert of Lindale and Kacey Musgraves of Golden scored three nominations each for the 55th annual Academy of Country Music Awards, to be broadcast from Las Vegas on Sunday, April 5.

Having ACM success is certainly nothing new for Lambert, who has won female vocalist of the year a record nine times. She is competing in the album, music event and female artist categories.

Musgraves earned her seventh nomination for female artist of the year award which she won in 2019. Her other two nominations were for "Rainbow" as the top single of the year and as co-producer.

#### East Texas Medical School approved

The University of Texas System Board of Regents unanimously approved a proposal to establish a medical school at the UT Health

Science Center at Tyler.

The school will be the first of its kind in Northeast Texas, providing a pathway for students to receive a comprehensive medical education there, and extending access to patient care, especially for individuals living in rural areas of the region.

An \$80 million gift already has been secured to partially address planning and operational costs associated with the establishment of the medical school, which UT leaders hope will open in the fall of 2023.

### Pandemic forces school closings

With all the uncertainty surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic, school districts across East Texas opted to extend their spring break while keeping an eye on what the future may hold after March 20.

In addition, planning continues for events in and around East Texas, such as the Lindale Area Chamber of Commerce Banquet (April 20) and the Patterson Ram-Lindale Championship Rodeo (May 14-16).

In addition, on Monday (March 16), Smith County Judge Nathaniel Moran issued a "declaration of local disaster" for the county.

Lindale Mayor Jeff Daugherty issued a local disaster declaration March 16 in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The declaration includes a 30-day closure for several facilities across the city.

### APRIL

#### Hideaway man dies from COVID-19

Following the death of 91-year-old Elwood McElveen of Hideaway – the second Smith County resident fatality -- city officials announced a shelter in place order remains in effect.

McElveen died from complications of the coronavirus. His death was announced not long after Northeast Texas Public Health District announced the first COVID-19 related death in the county.

McElveen tested positive for the disease on March 24.

#### County Jail inmates test positive

Two more Smith County Jail inmates tested positive for the COVID-19 virus and along with two previously tested inmates have been transferred to the Gregg County Jail, Smith County Sheriff Larry Smith said.

The inmates were found to be positive on Thursday, April 23 after being tested, Smith said.

The four positive Smith County inmates were previously housed together at the Smith County North Jail, a low risk facility.

### Grant Patrol on wheels

As a concession to the times, the Lindale ISD Education Foundation distributed grants to teachers across the district recently in a unique manner: A Grant Patrol Parade.

On April 22 foundation directors and other LISD officials drove by recipients' houses and by the time the parade had finished, teachers from five of the six district's campuses had shared in more than \$35,000 in grants.

The money will be used to purchase new and innovative tools for classrooms, said LISD Education Foundation Director Courtney Sanguinetti.

Funds provided by the Foundation will directly benefit LISD students in the Lindale Independent School District and will make a positive difference for them, she added.

### MAY

#### Council members reopen some city facilities

Taking tentative steps toward helping the city of Lindale get back on a somewhat normal footing, city council members voted to reopen certain areas of Lindale which had been closed due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

In the city's fourth extension to the declaration made in March to local disaster due to the public health emergency caused by COVID-19, council members opened certain areas in Faulkner Park, Pool Park and Darden Harvest Park.

The order is in keeping with Gov. Greg Abbott's statewide declarations.



Local citizens gathered at Lindale City Hall to show their support for an ordinance banning abortion in the city limits. Staff photo

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# OPINION/EDITORIAL

## ...new year, auld wishes

Well friends and neighbors, here we are in the last days and hours of 2020. That is a cause for celebration in itself. End-of-year columns are usually reflective or a look back. I feel the urge to run full speed ahead into 2021 with its vaccinations, family gatherings, open businesses, banquets, concerts, rodeos and festivals.

But here's the problem, we can't run yet. Just because we turn the calendar this weekend doesn't mean our problems are going away. For some, the cost of 2020 will weigh heavily for a long time to come.

Shortly before Christmas one of my dearest friends lost both of her parents within a few days of each other from this 21st century plague, COVID-19. My friend's heartbreak will not mend with the turn of the calendar page. Few heartbreaks do.

When life is well-lived and folks are well-loved, loss makes an awful hole. My favorite movie "It's a Wonderful Life" is filled with profound messages about life well-lived. Three timeless quotes from the film well worth remembering are:

~"All you can take with you is that which you have given away."  
 ~"No man is a failure who has friends."

"Strange isn't it? Each man's life touches so many other lives. When he isn't around he leaves an awful hole, doesn't he?"

The point of the movie is that our individual lives matter. We have purpose in this life and we need to find what our purpose is...over and over again throughout our lives.

We need to remember, just as George Bailey needed reminding in the movie, that we seldom know the impact we have on others.

What will your impact be?

You have the next few days or hours of tired, old 2020 to ponder

Suzanne Bardwell



Chris Cobler  
Capital Highlights



## Texans urged to roll up their sleeves

Gov. Greg Abbott and other Texas leaders are rolling up their sleeves to get the COVID-19 vaccine and to encourage the public to follow suit.

"I will never ask any Texan to do something that I'm not willing to do myself," Abbott said before getting vaccinated at a televised event in Austin.

The next round of vaccines will go to people 65 and older and to those who are at greatest risk of severe disease and death from COVID-19. More than 70 percent of COVID-19 deaths in Texas have occurred in people 65 or older, Texas Department of State Health Services officials said in announcing the updated priority list.

"The focus on people who are age 65 and older or who have comorbidities will protect the most vulnerable populations," said Imelda Garcia, Expert Vaccine Allocation Panel chairwoman. "This approach ensures that Texans at the most severe risk from COVID-19 can be protected across races and ethnicities and regardless of where they work."

The state is in Phase 1A of vaccine distribution, which includes residents of long-term care centers and front-line health care workers. With an estimated 1.9 million Texans in those groups, it will likely be at least two weeks people in Phase 1B can get the vaccine.

The Phase 1B priorities are below, and additional information is available at [dshs.texas.gov](https://dshs.texas.gov):

- People 65 years of age and older
- People 16 years of age and older with at least one chronic medical condition that puts them at increased risk for severe illness from the virus that causes COVID-19, such as but not limited to cancer, chronic kidney disease, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, heart conditions, such as heart failure, coronary artery disease or cardiomyopathies; solid organ transplantation, severe obesity, pregnancy, sickle cell disease and type 2 diabetes.

### Capitol to reopen

Closed since March, the Texas Capitol will reopen Jan. 4, about a week before the 87th Legislature convenes.

In announcing the reopening, Abbott, Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick and House Speaker Dennis Bonnen said safety protocols have been put in place to maintain a safe environment for all visitors, lawmakers and staff.

"Preparations to safely conduct business in the Texas House and Senate are ongoing, and each chamber will vote upon their respective rules and protocols at the start of the legislative session," the officials said in a statement.

The session opens at noon Jan. 12.

Also last week, Austin and Travis County officials, alarmed by a spike in cases, raised the community's COVID-19 risk warning to its highest level since the pandemic began. Under the Stage 5 risk warning, the local officials are asking people not to gather with anyone outside their household and to limit their trips outside homes to essential ones such as going to the grocery store or work.

Dr. Mark Escott, Austin-Travis County interim health authority, said the Stage 5 warning was necessary even though the hospital system in Austin remained stable.

"When you see smoke, are you fully alarmed and call the fire department, or do you wait until the flames roll down the hallway?" he told KXAN-TV. "What we've learned over and over again ... if you wait to pull the alarm until the hospitals are full, that surge will continue until the hospitals, and the morgues, are overwhelmed."

### State vs. local CARES money

The state of Texas is not living up to its promise of allocating federal pandemic relief funds to local governments, an advocacy group contends.

After Congress passed the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security, or CARES, Act in March, Gov. Abbott said \$1.85 billion of the funding Texas received would go toward supporting local governments. However, advocacy group Texas Housers said its analysis shows the state has not delivered.

The local governments are supposed to apply through a reimbursement process administered by the Texas Division of Emergency Management, according to a May 11 letter from the governor.

"Since the letter, TDEM has stymied local governments at every turn," Houser officials said in a statement. "Although the process should have been a clean handoff of resources specifically earmarked for cities and counties, money has been complicated for local governments to access and has flowed slowly or not at all."

A Texas emergency management official has said the largest barrier to reimbursement has been local governments not submitting the correct documents.



## THE ECONOMIST

By Dr. M. Ray Perryman

### Compassion: An Economic Perspective

To say that 2020 has been a rough year is an extreme understatement. The pandemic and actions taken to slow the spread of COVID-19 have been disruptive and, in many cases, devastating. Millions have slipped into poverty, are now food insecure or face housing challenges, or are experiencing mental health issues.



It is worthy of note that, beyond the pressing human concerns for those affected, failing to support these vulnerable populations has profound economic consequences.

We've studied these phenomena for decades, and the empirical evidence is incontrovertible. Beyond the obvious consequences of poverty and the incalculable toll on the stability and

dignity of families across the US, there is also a tremendous economic cost. For example, health care needs of people who are food insecure are higher due to increased incidence and severity of disease.

In addition, outcomes are worse, thus reducing productivity and lifetime earnings.

Education expenses are also higher. Food insecurity is associated with a greater need for intervention, and achievement levels (and, hence, lifetime earnings) are negatively affected. COVID slide only magnifies the issue.

The dislocations caused by the pandemic and the necessary response have caused millions to lose jobs and, for many, their health insurance. Every person who loses health insurance costs the economy about \$46,000 per year.

Others are facing eviction, and we estimate that every newly homeless person brings long-

term economic losses of over \$900,000. The added stress is also contributing to domestic violence, and every child suffering first time maltreatment brings lifetime costs of almost \$2 million.

The negative effects of poverty and food insecurity multiply as they work their way through the business complex and are largely borne by the whole of society. Even after fully accounting for various stimulus packages, we have determined that the increase in poverty in the US during the pandemic will bring long-term losses of \$436.4 billion in gross product and 4.7 million job-years of employment (a job-year is the equivalent of one person working for one year).

For Texas, the pandemic-related losses are \$48.5 billion in output and over 500,000 job-years.

The benefits of reducing such problems are profound. We estimate that every \$1.00 contributed to combat hunger yields \$33.00

in benefits to the economy. Government investments in food programs, mental health services, and indigent health care brings dynamic annual rates of return to taxpayers of between 40% and 111%.

The humanitarian reasons for easing these burdens are readily apparent. In this season of giving and celebration, it is also an economic imperative. In fact, if we fail to do so, we will permanently lose substantial potential activity and productivity even as vaccinations and therapeutics bring prospects of recovery much closer to reality.

Happy Holidays!  
Stay safe!

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# One team with one heartbeat was hard to stop

When looking back at some of your favorite championship athletic teams – regardless of the sport – it’s likely their success was a result of an unwavering dedication to the other player.

In other words, team work.

A team with one heartbeat, whatever the talent level, is always going to be harder to deal with than a team with multiple stars that look out only for themselves.

Such is the case with Lindale High School’s enormously successful 2020 football team.

During this crazy quilt of a year, including the pandemic, the re-arranging of schedules and virtual team meetings Head Coach Chris Cochran and his staff were bolstered by the fact that the most important ingredient to a successful team was already in place.

“One thing I’ve heard all year is how this group has never quit,” he said. “This is a reflection of (the team’s) focus on each other and how they strive to play as one unit.

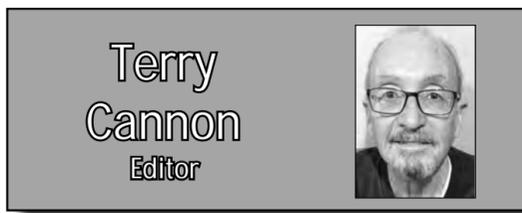
“You cannot have the type of effort we’ve had this year – for all four quarters – without each player sacrificing for another.”

Game after game, especially in the playoffs, it was apparent that if the other team didn’t bring their best effort for the full four quarters Lindale would emerge victorious.

Some of the credit has to go to Cochran, his coaches and support staff but most of it belongs to the players.

Cochran noted while other teams may have been in a daze because of COVID restrictions during August and September, his players seized the moment and turned a difficult situation into a positive.

In some ways the 2020 Eagles saw a mirror image of themselves on Dec. 18 in Arlington against Argyle in the state title game. Cochran said it was, by far, the best team his club has come up against all year,



which is what a lot of vanquished foes were no doubt saying about his Eagles this season as well.

For instance, at halftime during the Eagles’ game against East Texas power Gilmer, Lindale owned a 35-14 lead prompting this comment from one of the sideline crew when the second quarter ended: “Man, that’s a really good team over there.”

Lindale eventually fell to the No. 5-ranked Buckeyes on that Friday night 56-49. The Eagles wouldn’t lose again until Dec. 18.

But perhaps the best example of this team’s team-first mentality came in the state semi-finals against LBJ Austin on Dec. 11, which owned a 28-7 lead at the half.

It took most of the second half, but Lindale prevailed on a last second field goal from Landon Love and a lockdown performance from its defense.

Obviously each one of the 15 wins this team amassed this season was important, but Cochran knows that since you are not going to win 100 percent of the time, the most important thing is how you deal with a loss.

“These young men are going to have a lot of success in life and

for most of them it won’t be in athletics,” he said. “But what they’ve learned during this time is when you dedicate yourself to the other player you will build on that success every day.”

For all teachers, especially those such as Cochran, molding young people to achieve success is the ultimate reward.

“(These players) are prepared for life as husbands, dads and businessmen,” he said. “Each and every one of them is a fighter. That’s what I’m most proud of – what they’ve learned from this game and what they’ve learned from us as coaches. They are going to be great leaders in this world.”

There’s little doubt this year’s ride through the regular season was nonetheless exhilarating for the players, their parents, relatives, coaches and the entire school district.

Yet, as Cochran pointed out, this special group of players also welcomed another, larger group onto the bandwagon.

“In our last meeting before we played Argyle I said what a cool opportunity this was for our community,” he said. “I told them that because of their hard work and dedication, the whole town gets to experience something most people don’t get to experience.

“And it all started with the guys who believed in themselves, their teammates and what they were doing. That was the starting point.”

This created an overflow for other programs in the school, Cochran believes and he said regardless of the competition or what is being competed for, he feels the example set by this special group of football players will carry over into other areas.

“I want them to understand that they have set an example to the people in our community and in our high school that hard work and dedication and especially the team work will be a great example moving forward,” he said.

# Gifts that will continue to keep on giving

Man, how many times have you heard, “What’d you get for Christmas?” I know I’ve heard it at least a million times. Heck, I’ve asked it a million times.

I don’t ask it as much as I used to, “cause gettin’ stuff doesn’t seem as important as it used to.

Oh, I still like gettin’ presents, but now-a-days I enjoy watchin’ other people get stuff, especially kids. I’m talkin’ about little bitty kids, not those ungrateful older kids that nit-pick everything they get.

“It’s the wrong color... I wanted that other brand... I can’t wear this... I hope you kept the receipt.”

It makes you want to puke. Back when I was growin’ up, anything you got, you were grateful for. Back then, it was more like, “Wow! It’s just what I wanted, uh, what is it?” Then after openin’ everything, you grabbed all you could carry and headed out the door to show your buddies what you got.

Now over the years, I’ve gotten a lot of gifts and some of them really stand out in my mind. Not all were Christmas gifts, but they were all special to me.

And I do mean me. I don’t expect everybody to like the stuff I got. Heck, everybody’s tastes are different. Here are some of the gifts I remember.

A 26 inch Monkey Wards bike -- Santa Claus brought me this bike. Man, what a cool bike. It was black and white, and had two

headlights that were built into the metal tank-like thing that covered the bar that ran from the seat to the front of the bike. It also had a button on it that was the horn. It had great big white-wall balloon tires and it was beautiful. Man, I loved that bike.

A Nichols Stallion 45 toy gun: This is the Holy Grail of toy guns. They go for a couple of hundred bucks on resale sites now-a-days. I still have it. I taught myself how to twirl it and spent hours in front of the mirror tryin’ to out draw myself, but I never was able to. I was just too fast.

A Daisy BB gun: This was not an ordinary BB gun. When you shot it, it made a ricochet sound. It was really accurate too. There was a stray cat in our barn behind the house that had four kittens. Her name was Cat and I named the kittens Blue, Manolito (after two characters on my favorite western ‘High Chaparral’), Booger, and Goober. I kept that cat and kittens alive with what I shot with that BB gun.

A baseball glove: Not many of us had baseball gloves, so those that did, used them when we were playin’ outfield, and we’d let the opponents use them when we were playin’ home. Back then, it was a sin to be selfish.

A Magic Eight Ball: You know what these are. You shake them and a yes or no answer comes up. I picked up one in Gibson’s once when my dad and I were in there, and I shook it. Then I said, “I will shoot a 12 point buck.” The



Eight Ball said, “Yes, definitely.” Dad and I laughed. That next weekend, I shot a 12 point buck. My dad went up to Gibson’s and bought me that Eight Ball. Just for your information, don’t ever try to sneak a Magic Eight Ball into school to use on a test. The teachers frown on it.

A Benjamin .177 Cal. Pump-up Pellet gun: I thought I had arrived. You wouldn’t believe how much game this little gun brought to the table. I just thought that BB gun was accurate. I could shoot the rubber band off the newspaper that was out in the driveway while standin’ in the carport. Mom never did find out why her newspapers had holes runnin’ through ‘em.

A Remington 550 Semi-Automatic .22 Cal Rifle: Do you see a trend here? No, I’m not goin’ to tell you how accurate this rifle was. You wouldn’t believe me anyway. I was fortunate enough to have a daddy who not only knew how to shoot guns, but was patient enough to teach me the safe and proper use of them. Plus, he was really a good shot. There’s no tellin’ how many bullets passed through the barrel of

that .22 rifle. We had a great big oak tree back behind our house that we used as a back-stop. We hung targets (metal coffee can lids) on this tree and literally shot until we had shot a hole completely through the tree. The tree finally died. Dad said it died of lead poisonin’.

A Western brand Boy Scout Huntin’ Knife: My dad gave me this knife and taught me how to field dress rabbits, squirrels, and deer with it. It’s over 40 years old, and you can still shave with it.

A Texas Ranger Commemorative Knife: Janet bought this for me the first year we were married. It cost her 70 somethin’ dollars, and we were poor. She had seen me eyeballin’ it at Mac’s Gun Shop, and she saved up and bought it for me. I’ll never sell it.

A Leather Confederate Cap: My sister Teri gave me this one Christmas, and it was my lucky deer huntin’ hat for many years, until my head out grew it. I retired it, but it’s still the best hat I own.

A Gold Medal Dynamite Blastin’ Machine: This is one of those wooden boxes that has the handle

on top that you pull up, hook the wires up to dynamite and then to the machine, and when you push down the dynamite blows up. You know-- the kind the bad guys used to blow up train tracks in the westens. I’ve never used it with any dynamite, although I bet it would be cool. My mom gave me this thing. She always gave me cool gifts.

A Newhouse No. 15 Bear Trap: Mom gave me this one too. In fact, she gave me several over the years. They have the teeth on them and everything. They, like the blastin’ machine, are just conversation pieces now, but man, if they could talk.

A watch with an alarm: Now, I know these new-fangled watches have alarms, but Janet got me one back when we were a young married couple. This was back in the olden days before electric watches and all. This watch had a wind-up bell inside. When it went off, it sounded like an old fashion alarm clock. I can’t remember the brand, but I still have it around somewhere. I used it when I was out huntin’, so I could get up early to get into the woods before daylight.

A wooden plaque given to me by Britni Bristow: Britni gave me this plaque for comin’ to speak to her class when she was in the third or fourth grade. Now, I’ve been fortunate in the fact that I’ve received several plaques and things over the years, but none of them mean as much to me as this one. It’s just a plain piece of

board, with the words of a sayin’ burnt into the wood. It says, “You can pick your friends and you can pick your nose, but you can’t pick your friend’s nose!” Several years later, little Britni went to be with the Lord and I still miss her. Her plaque hangs in my office and I think of her often.

A horn that plays Dixie: My son Ray got this for me and helped me install it on my Jeep. I had seen these horns for years in my J.C. Whitney catalogs and had mentioned to him that I was going to get one someday. Anywho, I have really had a good time with it.

A coffee mug: No, this is not a mug that has anything on it. It’s just a plain ol’ coffee mug. It wasn’t new when I got it either. It was an old used mug that my daughter Gator (Michelle) found at Canton, or some other flea market, and she thought I would like it. Well, let me tell you, I don’t think I could survive without this mug. It is the best mug in the world, and I get a little upset when I can’t find it. Coffee just tastes better out of this mug.

Now, I know what you’re thinkin’. You’re thinkin’ what a bunch of weird gifts, and maybe you’re right, but don’t even think about tryin’ to trade me out of any of them, ‘cause they ain’t for sell.

And if you tried to steal them, I’d track you down and skin you alive. And believe me; I’ve got the knife that do it.

## LETTER TO EDITOR

Dear Editor,

God is using the events of today and these figures, and others, to show the nation and the world the truth: Our nation and our world is hopeless without God! He is proving to mankind that our last and only hope is to turn to Him. America’s days of “normality” are over. The non-violent war over control of our government is about to erupt into an ultra-violent explosion.

All of us will be affected.

It’s time to act. As Jesus Christ told us in Matthew 26:41: “Watch--and pray!”

People are focused on this lawsuit, or that recount, but you must look deeper than that. Look at the deeper causes and effects. Look at the fundamental principles.

Write God back into history and current events, and apply the Bible to the 2020 election!

Trump-supporting and conser-

vative Americans might cheer these revelations exposing the radical left. And the truth should come out. The truth is coming out.

We will likely see more election bombshells almost by the week. But these shocking revelations of an elaborate plot, high-level criminality and massive voter fraud don’t just show that President Trump should win another term. It shows our entire

electoral and political system is corrupt and compromised! In some cities it has been that way for a lifetime.

Even when President Trump emerges from this somehow still holding onto power, the truth – that our system of government is hopelessly corrupt and vulnerable to enemies, foreign and domestic, who are willing to manipulate it - will be plain for everyone to see.

We need a lot more than brave whistleblowers and top-notch lawyers to save this country. We need the Bible, we need God, and we need repentance!

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complishments.”

Wells, Universal Banker for the Lindale branch, started his banking career with Austin Bank. He has worked as a teller and a Loan Document Specialist before moving to his current role.

Wells and his wife, Ashley, reside in Lindale with their two year old daughter. A graduate of Lindale High School and Tyler Junior College, he earned a Bachelor’s Degree in Finance from the University of Texas at Tyler. The family attends Mount Sylvan Baptist Church.

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James "Jim" R. McCormack



A private graveside service for James "Jim" R. McCormack, age 87 of Hideaway, was held Tuesday, Dec. 29, 2020 at Tyler Memorial Park Cemetery in Tyler with Father Matthew Stehling officiating and under the direction of Caudle-Rutledge-Daugherty Funeral Home in Lindale.

Jim passed away on Wednesday, Dec. 23, 2020 at his home in Hideaway. He was born June 25, 1933 in Muncie, Ind. to the late Walter Gilbert and Opal Gay (Wilcox) McCormack. Jim served his country in the United States Air Force receiving an Officer Commission at time of graduation and later earned the rank of Captain.

He received a Bachelor of Science Degree from Ball State University in Muncie, Ind. and was a member of the National Honor Society and the Theta Chi Fraternity. After 18 years of service Jim retired from Bristol-Myers Inc. as the Division Human Resources Director and was also a member of the Human Resources Association in Toledo, Ohio.

After retirement he moved to Hideaway Lake where he was active in the Hideaway Property Owners Association. Jim was a member of the Holy Family Catholic Church in Lindale, the Masonic Lodge, Kiwanis, and the American Quarter Horse Association. Jim loved going to quarter horse

shows with his children and was an avid supporter of their successes.

As a father and grandfather he was very proud of the accomplishments of his children and grandchildren, bragging to anyone who would listen.

He is preceded in death by his wife, Charlene "Char" L. McCormack in 2013 and his brother, Walter G. McCormack Jr.

Jim is survived by his children, Kelli R. Brown and her husband, Dennis of Cullowhee, N.C., James S. McCormack and his wife, Holly of Morganton, N.C. and March M. Ferguson and her husband, Stephen of Tyler; grandchildren, Michael J. and Mackenzie K. Ferguson, and J. Patrick and Matthew R. McCormack; and numerous other loving family members and friends.

The family would like to thank the caregivers of Visiting Angels and Traditions Health who took such loving and passionate care of Jim.

A public memorial service will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers the family has asked that memorial contributions be made to the Holy Family Catholic Church, 16314 FM 849 Lindale, 75771, holyfamily.org; or to the Charlene F.L. McCormack Endowed Scholarship, Western Carolina University, One University Drive, 201 HFR Building, Cullowhee, NC 28723; <https://www.givecampus.com/campaigns/13332/donations/new>

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## Friday, Dec. 18, 2020

Sgt Dworaczyk and Officers Philpot, Ramsey and Fortunas responded to a warrant service at 100 block Hamrick St, report taken. Captain Chambers, Sgt Flores and Officer Ramsey responded to an assist other agency at 600 block Jack Dr, report taken. Sgt Flores and Officers Ramsey and Fortunas responded to a disturbance at 13400 block CR 472, report taken. Officers Ramsey and Fortunas responded to an assist other agency at 900 block E Hubbard St, settled at scene. Officer Ramsey responded to a public service at 100 block Ballard Dr, settled at scene. Officers Fortunas, Allen, Wedgeworth and Gillham responded to a public service at 300 block Half St, settled at scene. Sgt Flores and Officers Allen and Wedgeworth responded to a loud noise disturbance at 500 block Sunset Dr, settled at scene. Officers Allen, Wedgeworth and Gillham responded to a suspicious circumstance at 2300 block Pittman Ln, unfounded. Officers Allen and Gillham responded to a city ordinance violation at 15900 block Brittan Ct, settled at scene. Officers Allen, Wedgeworth and Gillham responded to a suspicious vehicle at 300 block S Main St, settled at scene. Officers Allen, Wedgeworth and Gillham responded to a suspicious circumstance at 500 block E South St, unfounded. Officer Wedgeworth responded to a suspicious vehicle at 300 block S Main St, settled at scene.

## Saturday, Dec. 19, 2020

Sgt Flores and Officer Ramsey responded to a theft at 100 block E Centennial Blvd, report taken. Officer Ramsey responded to a welfare concern at 400 block Baker St, unfounded. Captain Chambers and Officer Ramsey responded to a theft at 100 block E Centennial Blvd, report taken. Sgt Flores and Officers Allen and Wedgeworth responded to a public service at 100 block Ballard Dr, settled at scene. Officer Ramsey responded to a suspicious circumstance at 500 block S Main St, unfounded. Officer Allen and Gillham responded to an accident at 300 block W South St, report taken. Officers Wedgeworth and Gillham responded to a welfare concern at 15100 block W Hubbard St, unfounded. Officers Allen and Gillham responded to a suspicious vehicle at 100 block E Van St, settled at scene. Officers Allen, Gillham and Wedgeworth responded to a welfare concern at 15700 block FM 849, report taken. Officers Allen, Gillham and Wedgeworth responded to a loud noise disturbance at 15200 block W South St, settled at scene.

## Sunday, Dec. 20, 2020

Officer Trombley responded to a burglary of a motor vehicle at 3500 S Main St, settled at scene. Sgt Wilson and Officer Trombley responded to a business alarm at 16200 block FM 849, false alarm. Sgt Wilson and Officer Trombley responded to an animal complaint at 554 W I-20, settled at scene. Officer Trombley responded to a



public service at 100 block Ballard DR, settled at scene. Sgt Wilson responded to a city ordinance violation at 17300 block Stacy St, unfounded. Officer Trombley responded to a business alarm at 300 block E South St, false alarm. Sgt Wilson and Officer Trombley responded to a disturbance at 17000 block W I-20, settled at scene. Sgt Wilson and Officer Trombley responded to a business alarm at 2800 block S Main St, false alarm. Officers Shurley and Capps responded to an assist other agency at 100 block E Centennial Blvd, unfounded. Officer Capps responded to an assist other agency at 12900 block CR 474, settled at scene. Officer Capps responded to a criminal mischief at 800 block Edgewood Cir, settled at scene. Officer Shurley responded to an assist other agency at HWY 69 & I20, settled at scene. Officer Capps responded to a business alarm at 17000 block W I-20, false alarm. Officer Capps and Shurley responded to a warrant service at 3300 block S Main St, arrest made.

## Monday, Dec. 21, 2020

Officer Trombley responded to a public service at 100 block E Centennial Blvd, settled at scene. Officer Trombley responded to a suspicious circumstance at 200 block E North St, settled at scene. Sgt Wilson responded to a public at 100 block Ballard Dr, settled at scene. Officer Houghton responded to a public service at 100 block Ballard Dr, settled at scene. Sgt Wilson and Officer Trombley responded to an accident at 1500 block S Main St, report taken. Sgt Wilson responded to a public service at 2800 block S Main St, settled at scene. Officers Shurley and Capps responded to an assist other agency at 19000 block FM 1804, settled at scene.

## Tuesday, Dec. 22, 2020

Sgt Wilson and Officer Trombley responded to an accident at 3200 block S Main St, report taken. Lt Lazarine and Officer Houghton responded to an ID Theft at 400 block Hamrick St, settled at scene. Sgt Wilson responded to an assist other agency at 3400 block S Main St, settled at scene. Sgt Dworaczyk and officers Shurley and Capps responded to a suspicious circumstance at 3400 block S Main St,

settled at scene. Officer Shurley responded to a business alarm at 75 block Miranda Lambert Way, false alarm. Officer Shurley responded to a business alarm at 2800 block S Main St, false alarm. Officer Shurley responded to a business alarm at 17900 block HWY 69 N, false alarm. Officers Shurley and Capps responded to an assist other agency at 18000 block CR 4112, settled at scene.

## Wednesday, Dec. 23, 2020

Officer Wedgeworth responded to a possession of drug paraphernalia at 1400 block S Main St, report taken. Officer Wedgeworth, Ramsey, Gillham and Allen responded to a warrant service at 300 block N College St, arrest made. Officers Ramsey and Wedgeworth responded to an assist other agency at 14600 block CR 463, settled at scene. Chief Somes, Sgt Dworaczyk and Officers Philpot, Ramsey, Allen and Gillham responded to a robbery at 3200 block S Main St, report taken. Officers Gillham and Allen responded to a motorist assist at 3400 block S Main St, settled at scene. Chief Somes and Officers Allen and Gillham responded to a suspicious vehicle at 200 block N Commerce St, settled at scene. Officers Allen Gillham and Philpot responded to a disturbance at 200 block Margaret St, settled at scene. Officers Gillham and Allen responded to a business alarm at 13800 block HWY 69 N, false alarm. Officers Gillham and Allen responded to a suspicious person at 14600 block Tucker St, unfounded.

## Thursday, Dec. 24, 2020

Officer Wedgeworth responded to a welfare concern at 600 block Jack Drive, settled at scene. Officers Ramsey and Wedgeworth responded to a theft of service at 200 block S Main St, report taken. Officer Wedgeworth responded to a suspicious circumstance at 100 block Ballard Dr, no action. Officers Ramsey and Wedgeworth responded to an attempt to serve at 100 block E Centennial Blvd, unfounded. Officer Wedgeworth responded to a public service at 800 block E South St, settled at scene. Officers Gillham, Wedgeworth and Ramsey responded to an accident at 3300 block S Main St, report taken. Officers Allen and Gillham responded to a loud noise disturbance at 500 block Sunset Dr, settled at scene. Officers Allen and Gillham responded to a business alarm at 500 block S Main St, settled at scene. Officers Allen and Gillham responded to a loud noise disturbance at 17300 block Stacy St, unfounded. Sgt Dworaczyk and Officers Allen and Gillham responded to a recover stolen property at 555 W I-50, report taken. Sgt Dworaczyk and Officers Allen and Gillham responded to a suspicious circumstance at 200 block W Centennial Blvd, report taken. Officer Gillham responded to a loud noise disturbance at 300 block Hilltop St, settled at scene. Sgt Dworaczyk and Officers Gillham and Allen responded to a warrant service at 200 block W Centennial Blvd, arrest made. Sgt Dworaczyk and Officer Gillham responded to a business alarm at 3200 block S Main St, settled at scene.

## Eagles take community on memorable ride

For a team that earned a berth in the state title game for the first time in school history, it seems fitting to review how the Lindale High School Eagles qualified for a date against the eventual state champion Argyle Eagles on Dec. 18.

Here then is a recap of the Lindale 2020 football season:

## AUG. 28 AT KAUFMAN

While Class 5A and 6A teams had their seasons delayed because of COVID, the Lindale Eagles began their 4A schedule on a steamy night in Kaufman.

Lindale was in control for the first three periods, leading 25-10 going into the fourth period. The Lions, however, came to life before losing, 32-27.

Lindale Head Coach Chris Cochran was pleased to be 1-0 heading into a week two match with the tough Midlothian Heritage Jaguars.

"Absolutely, we celebrated this win," he said. "Winning is too hard not to celebrate when you get one. Having said that, though, I think we were able to grow as a team and learn from this game."

Running back Jordan Jenkins flashed the skills he would show off the rest of the year, rushing for 130 yards on 22 carries and two touchdowns. Quarterback Sam Peterson threw for two more touchdowns and 219 yards.

## SEPT. 4 AT MIDLOTHIAN HERITAGE

Sporting a newly minted No. 10 ranking, Lindale traveled to Midlothian to take on a talented Heritage team but fell, 28-21.

After falling behind, 14-0, in the first quarter, Lindale rallied to claim a 16-14 lead at intermission.

The Eagles were driving late in the game, but an interception ended the threat and enabled the Jaguars to hold on.

Jenkins racked up 157 yards on 30 attempts and a touchdown, while Peterson was a complement to Jenkins' running by passing for a five-yard touchdown to Daniel Franke and running for key first downs.

## SEPT. 11 VS. VAN

The annual renewal of the blood feud with the Van Vandals in Lindale's home opener turned out to be a game of two halves, prompting Eagles' Head Coach Chris Cochran to remind everyone that rivalry games are called that for a reason.

Lindale, which raced out to a 27-7 lead at the half, held on for a 33-28 victory to improve to 2-1 on the year and send the Vandals to 1-2 after three weeks.

Lindale's win ended a four-year losing streak to the Van Zandt County school. "I'm not going to say we lost focus," Cochran said in the aftermath. "This is just what happens when two rivals play each other. It's a lesson for all of us - rivalry games are always tough."

Lindale was clearly the better of the two teams in the first half, but Van junior quarterback Jackson Rainey directed a spirited comeback to narrow the gap in



Jordan Jenkins picks up yardage in the state title game against Argyle in AT&T Stadium on Dec. 18 (Staff photo)

the third and fourth quarters.

But despite his numbers - 190 yards passing and 162 rushing - Rainey must have had trouble sleeping that night due to the nightmare wearing 23 for the Eagles, defensive back Airik Williams.

The senior defender intercepted three of Rainey's passes in the first half, returning one for a 69-yard score with just a few minutes left in the first half to provide the Eagles' with a 20-point margin at the break.

Williams, a varsity starter since his sophomore season, added seven solo tackles and 131 yards on punt and kickoff returns.

## SEPT. 18 AT GILMER

A 35-14 halftime lead vanished for Lindale in the second half against Gilmer, which eventually took a 56-49 win, prompting Head Coach Chris Cochran to remind everyone the Eagles weren't supposed to be happy with moral victories.

"One of the things our coaches are always stressing with our players is we never approach a game just to 'play with them,'" he said after the game. "That is not our goal when we step on that field."

"I believe we are ready to take that next step and if we want to make noise and be one of the top programs in the state, we have to be able to go into another team's place and beat them."

In the third period, mistakes proved to be the undoing for the Eagles.

After Gilmer took an 8-0 lead, Lindale posted the next three touchdowns courtesy of Jordan Jenkins (22 carries and 212 rushing for the game) and Daniel Franke.

## SEPT. 25 VS. MABANK

Lindale opened its District 9-4A season by hosting Mabank on the final Friday in September and were rude hosts, routing the Panthers 62-21 on Homecoming Night.

A four touchdown blitz in the second period turned a semi-close game into a rout. Jenkins had 164 yards on 15 carries and two touchdowns and receiver Jacob Seekford had five catches for 78 yards and two touchdowns. Evan Alford, Jenkins and Case Brooks also had receiving touchdowns, but junior quarterback Sam Peterson was the top offensive contributor and had perhaps his best game of the year.

The junior signal caller was 14 of 19 through the air for 244 yards and five TDs with no interceptions.

## OCT. 2 AT CHAPEL HILL

When you have a high-octane engine, you might as well crank it up.

In 2020, the Lindale Eagles enjoyed the ride provided by Baylor-bound Jordan Jenkins and on this first Friday in October, he torched the Bulldogs for 285 yards rushing and four touchdowns to help Lindale to a 2-0 mark in District 9-4A play with a 52-6 win.

After Chapel Hill broke out to a 6-0 lead, Lindale unleashed Jenkins on its first offensive play of the night. He broke free for a 72-yard score to set the tone for the rest of the game.

By halftime, Lindale had a 25-6 margin then turned things over to its defense in the second half.

## OCT. 9 VS. HENDERSON

In its second home district contest of the year, the match against Henderson turned out to be not much of a contest after all.

The Eagles dismantled the Lions, 34-7 to top their league record to 3-0.

Jordan Jenkins scored from 17 yards out to get the Eagles on the board, and a few minutes later, Sam Peterson hit Cody Swaim with a 10-yard scoring pass. Jenkins added another with 6:20 left in the half and with time running down until

intermission, Peterson hit Evan Alford on a 30-yard score.

## OCT. 16 AT ATHENS

A "weird" night turned out just fine for the Lindale Eagles, who scored a 35-16 victory over the Hornets in Athens.

Lindale improved to 4-0 in district and was closing in on a playoff spot.

"It was a weird game for sure," Head Coach Chris Cochran said. "We just turned the ball over too many times, especially in the first quarter. Looking back on it, we did some good things but we just weren't in sync early on."

The Eagles fell behind early courtesy of a safety and an Athens touchdown, but late in the first period, Sam Peterson found Jacob Seekford with a 63-yard scoring pass and Lindale was on its way.

Senior defensive back Airik Williams turned the game around in the third period with a 90-yard pick six.

"That was the biggest play of the game," Cochran said. "His pick got us going. He came up clutch for us again."

## OCT. 30 VS. PALESTINE

After crushing Palestine, 52-20, in the final home game of the season, Lindale set up a winner-take-all game against Kilgore the following week for the District 9-4A championship.

Lindale scored first on a pass from Airik Williams to Jacob Seekford on its first play of the game and didn't look back, building a 38-7 lead at the half.

Jordan Jenkins scored three times in the first half and Williams had another pick six - his third of the season - to finish off the Wildcats.

## NOV. 6 AT KILGORE

Lindale captured the District 9-4A championship in Kilgore's R.E. St. John Stadium with a 47-40 win over the Bulldogs as Jordan Jenkins rushed for 321 yards and six touchdowns.

A three yard score from Jenkins late in the game salted the game away as Kilgore refused to go quietly into the night.

Defensive back Jacob Seekford ended Kilgore's comeback bid with a late interception.

Quarterback Sam Peterson was his usual reliable self, completing 13-20 for 160 yards. He scored the Eagles' other touchdown from four yards out.

## NOV. 12 VS. VIDOR

It may not have been as flashy as some of their other wins, but the Lindale Eagles' 29-13 victory over the Vidor Pirates in Carthage pushed them into the area round against Needville the next Saturday in Bryan.

The Eagles took a 7-0 lead in the first period when quarterback Sam Peterson found Jaymond Jackson in the corner of the endzone to complete 61-yard march. With under a minute left until the half, Peterson hooked up with Jacob Seekford on an eight-yard pass.

Halfway through the third period, Lindale's Jordan Jenkins ran in from 12 yards out and after a two-point con-

version from Peterson to Seekford the Eagles owned a 22-7 lead.

Jenkins scored again late the game to finally put the game away.

## NOV. 21 VS. NEEDVILLE

Jordan Jenkins erased any lingering doubt as to who was the best back in school history after scoring nine touchdowns in a breathless, back-and-forth 70-56 playoff win against the Needville Bluejays in Bryan.

He rushed for 305 yards and his ninth TD of the night was on a 99-yard kickoff return.

Twice in the second half Lindale had to overcome two-touchdown deficits to advance to the Class 4A Regional Semifinals in Tyler against Chapel Hill.

## NOV. 27 VS. CHAPEL HILL

Lindale set up a rematch with Kilgore after defeating Chapel Hill, 36-7, in the Region III Semifinals at Trinity Mother Frances Rose Stadium in Tyler.

Once again, Jordan Jenkins led the way with three touchdowns to help the Eagles earn a 22-0 lead at the half.

## DEC. 4 VS. KILGORE

Lindale dispatched the Kilgore Bulldogs, 56-42, in Nacogdoches' Homer Bryce Stadium to win the Class 4A (Division I) Regional Championship, setting up a state semifinal match against LBJ Austin in Humble the following Friday.

Jordan Jenkins scored seven touchdowns against Kilgore and rushed for 269 yards on 40 carries.

Lindale's defense stymied the Bulldogs in the second half en route to the win.

Until this year, the Eagles hadn't advanced past the Area playoff round.

## DEC. 11 VS. LBJ AUSTIN

The Eagles saved their most exciting - and important - playoff win for the right time as Landon Love booted an 18-yard field goal with no time on the clock to give Lindale a 31-28 victory over the LBJ Austin Jaguars in Humble.

The speedy Jaguars built a 28-7 first half lead and left the large contingent of Eagle supporters in a funk at intermission.

But the Lindale defense rose to the occasion in the third period and its prolific offense went to work. Hard charging Jordan Jenkins was his usual battering ram self, rushing for 266 yards and two touchdowns. But top grades for the night in this state semifinal match must go to the defense and special teams.

## DEC. 18 VS. ARGYLE

The dream of a state title vanished at the hands of undefeated Argyle, as the Eagles fell in the Class 4A Division I championship, 49-21 in AT&T Stadium.

Despite the loss, it was an epic journey for the players, coaches and the city of Lindale, a trek that began in the throes of a pandemic and covered many exciting games and performances.

The Eagles finished with a 15-3 mark and can always look back on 2020 with a great deal of pride.

**ADVERTISEMENT AND INVITATION FOR BIDS**

The City of Lindale will receive bids for Southside WWTP Equalization Basin until 10:00 a.m., on January 26, 2021, at City Hall, 105 Ballard Drive, Lindale, Texas 75771, at which time the bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. Proposals received after that time and date will not be accepted.

Bids are invited upon the several items and quantities of work as follows: The work to be performed under this contract consists of furnishing all labor, tools, equipment, materials, superintendence, insurance, and any other requisite necessary for the construction and installation of a new reinforced concrete equalization basin; approximately 84-ft of 18-in ASTM D2241 DR 18 PVC pipe connecting the new equalization basin to the existing South Side lift station wet well; Bore into the existing concrete wall of the wet well to tie-in the new 18-in pipe; and all appurtenances as shown on the plans and outlined in the specification documents or which may be reasonably implied by the proposal and/or specification documents and the construction plans.

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The City of Lindale reserves the right to reject any and all bids or to waive any informalities in the bidding.

Bids may be held by the City of Lindale for a period not to exceed 60 days from the date of the bid opening for the purpose of reviewing bids and investigating the bidder's qualifications prior to the contract award.

In order to assure that all potential bidders receive any corrections or addendums to the specifications, an official "Bidder's List" will be maintained in the Engineer's office for the project. Any notices of changes in the specifications will be sent to those on the "Bidder's List" and the Engineer will not be held responsible for those not on the list.

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CAUSE NO.44933P  
IN THE ESTATE OF  
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OF SMITH COUNTY, TEXAS  
Sitting as a Probate Court

NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
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tate of MARIE MEIDEN-  
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were issued on November  
23,2020 under the Docket  
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NO. 44953P

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ber, 2020, Letters Testa-  
mentary upon the Estate  
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of Smith County, Texas in  
Cause No. 44953P pend-  
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of said Court.

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**District  
play under  
way for  
10-4  
Eagles**

With two more wins this past week, the Lindale High School varsity boys basketball team has pushed its season record to 10-4 on the year as District 16-4A play has gotten under way.

The Eagles defeated Brownsboro, 75-48 on Dec. 18 and rolled over Mabank, 52-21, on Dec. 22 to complete the non-district portion of their schedule.

Kilgore, defending district champions, was up first in league play on Dec. 29 and on Jan. 5, the Eagles will travel to Chapel Hill for a game against the No. 20-ranked Bulldogs.

**LINDALE 52,  
MABANK 21**

In racking up its 10th victory of the season, the Eagles had to deal with a deliberate Mabank team but guard Colton Taylor's 10 points in the second period helped put some space between the Panthers.

In the second and third periods, the Eagles outscored Mabank, 35-10, to cruise to the win.

Coach Chris Grotemat was more than pleased with the effort of his Eagles.

"That was, by far, our best and most complete outing of the season," he said.

"It was an impressive win."

Lindale's motion offense proved to be too much for Mabank to handle, Grotemat said.

"(The motion offense) was outstanding," he said. "The ball moved crisply from one side of the floor to the next (and) when everyone gets to play a part in distributing the basketball, it just elevates the boys' confidence and overall level of play."

And despite the ball movement, the Eagles only committed two turnovers during the game.

Taylor ended up with 21 points for the game while Colby Wood scored nine. Ryder Johnson and Jaymond Jackson, fresh off the



Lindale's Colby Wood goes in for an uncontested layup against White Oak Dec.12, scoring a non-conference win. Lindale,10-4, is on break until Jan. 5 when they travel to Chapel Hill.

football field, scored six apiece.

Junior Noe Vela had a memorable game, scoring the first varsity point of his career.

Lindale tallied 34 points in the paint, which came as a result of finding open cutters to the basket.

Airik Williams and Colton Widemon, who also joined the team after the football team's state title run ended on Dec. 18, were praised by Grotemat for their stingy defensive effort.

**LINDALE 75,  
BROWNSBORO 48**

The Eagles found the range early against the visiting Bears and scored 23 points in the first quarter, shooting 9-of-15 from the floor. Junior Justin Farris scored seven of his 17 points in the opening period to help the Eagles jump out in front.

But Brownsboro went on a 6-0 run to close the gap somewhat, but Lindale kept a 10-point lead, 23-13.

"We missed a defensive rotation on the last possession of the first quarter," Grotemat said of the Bears' surge. "Those are the type of avoidable errors that can cost us the important games in league play and the postseason. If we leave the door ajar, the great teams will kick it in. We've got to be a little better about taking care of the crucial details."

Sophomore Ryder Johnson scored a couple of layups and a three-pointer to boost the Eagles and help provide the impetus for a 38-22 halftime advantage.

In the third period, Colton Taylor worked off screens to get to the hoop on numerous occasions. He finished with a game-high 22 points.

Junior Walter Smith added to the Lindale advantage – which reached 30 points in the second half – by dropping in a pair of three pointers.

Tough Colby Wood, a move-in from Brownsboro, was up to his usual tricks by taking multiple charges on defense for the Eagles. "You can't help but root for the young man when he has a big night scoring as well," Grotemat said of Wood's 12 point effort. Lindale sank eight threes on the night and shot 54 percent from the field, the best of the season to date.

Grotemat acknowledged that the district race will be tough and of prime importance will be blending in of the incoming football players.

"We have a very selfless group of young men, and the absence of egos or agendas in our locker room will surely facilitate (the football players') acclimation process," Grotemat said. "To a man, the boys understand that there's strength in numbers."

The coach is happy with the work ethic and practice habits of his club and the addition of top notch athletes will help the program.

"The boys who have been in the gym have played really good basketball thus far," he said. "They know that adding three proven winners and elite competitors like Jaymond Jackson, Airik Williams, and Colton

Widemon will only augment our collective strength."



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**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:

<b>SWEPCO Texas Proposed Base Rate Increase</b>			
<b>Applicable Service</b>	<b>Change in Non-Fuel Revenue (\$) *</b>	<b>Change in Non-Fuel Revenue (%) **</b>	<b>Change in Total Bill (%) ***</b>
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](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](mailto: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](mailto:helpdesk@puc.texas.gov). You can review materials filed in this docket on the PUC Interchange at: <http://interchange.puc.texas.gov/>.

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### County work begins on Wood Springs Road

Smith County began work on Wood Springs Road in Lindale, also known as County Road 463, which closed the road to traffic. Smith County Engineer Frank Davis said Smith County and the city of Lindale are partnering on the Road Bond Project through an interlocal agreement because portions of the road lie in Smith County's Precinct 3, while other portions are inside the city limits of Lindale. The road will be worked on from its intersection with CR 474, and will continue to its intersection with Perryman Road. The project will include reworking, repaving and widening the road; extending a box culvert; installation of new box culverts and adding curb and gutter. A sidewalk will also be added along its east side to accommodate Lindale Junior High School.

### State officials list jail death as COVID related

Raul Rodriguez, 61 who was arrested in November, 2019 by the Smith County Sheriff's department, on a driving while intoxicated charge, died May 16 while waiting to be transferred to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice Institutional Division, said spokesman Larry Christian. The cause of death wasn't disclosed by county officials, but a report from the Texas Commission on Jail Standards has listed the cause of death as COVID-19 related. According to TCJS officials, Rodriguez was the second county jail inmate in the state to have died from COVID-19. The first was from the Bexar County Jail in San Antonio. Rodriguez was taken to CHRISTUS Mother Frances Hospital in Tyler on Sunday, May 10 and was transferred to the intensive care unit.

## JUNE

### LISD Trustee Cline passes away at 81

Kenneth Wayne Cline, a member of the Lindale ISD Board of Trustees since 2011, passed away after a lengthy battle with cancer. He was 81. A 1957 graduate of Lindale High School, Cline earned an associate degree in engineering from Tyler Junior College before attending Texas Tech University in Lubbock. He served as county engineer for Smith and Harrison Counties before retiring in 2000.

### Springhill Suites breaks ground

With city and business leaders on hand, the first shovels of dirt were tossed this past week to celebrate the coming of Springhill Suites by Marriott in The Cannery in downtown Lindale. Construction on the hotel is scheduled to begin in two weeks, officials said, with the opening planned for mid-summer 2021. Springhill Suites will be located in the north part of The Cannery, just past the TJC North Campus and will feature 89 rooms/suites. Lindale city officials, including Mayor Pro-tem Ginger Sims and city manager Carolyn Caldwell were on hand to help man the shovels for the ceremonial digging.

### Chamber Banquet at Texas Rose Horse Park

The 36<sup>th</sup> annual Membership Banquet and Silent Auction of the Lindale Area Chamber of Commerce went off without a hitch June 22 at Texas Rose Horse Park, with the Citizen of the Year and the Lindale Rotary Club Merchant of the Year being revealed. Jimmy Hawley, owner of Hawley Disposal Service, was named Citizen of the Year and Dave Wilson was chosen as the Rotary Club's Merchant of the Year. Outgoing Chairman Andy Ford recognized local restaurateur Jeff Crews with the Chairman's Award as well. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, chamber officials had to move the banquet from its usual April date to the Horse Park to help ensure the safety of the participants and their guests.

## JULY

### Lindale's Yoder elected state FFA vice president

Recent Lindale High School graduate Isabella Yoder has been elected as Region VI State Vice President for the Texas Chapter of the Future Farmers of America for the 2020-21 school year said publicity official Catherine Festa. All of the officers this year graduated in May, 2020. For the first time, officers were elected virtually. While the area representatives will fulfill their responsibilities during their time in college, the President and First Vice President will take a gap year to carry out their duties, Festa said.

### Lindale woman ninth COVID victim from Smith County

A 68-year-old Lindale resident has become the ninth Smith County death as attributed to COVID-19, according to officials with NET Health. NET officials also reported a 77-year-old male resident of Tyler has died, making the 10<sup>th</sup> person to die from the virus.

### East Texas State Fair cancelled

Officials with the East Texas State Fair announced the cancellation of the annual event for 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Fair President and CEO John Sykes said a decision on holding



Another event that was affected by the pandemic was the annual Lindale Rodeo, which had to be rescheduled for July.

Staff photo

this year's fair was delayed as long as possible, hoping the COVID numbers would stabilize. "The Fair's staff, volunteers and board of directors have worked tirelessly to put a plan into place to host the 2020 Fair," Sykes said. "Frankly, we have a great plan. What has not cooperated are the current circumstances related to COVID-19. The trend needed to improve by now."

## AUGUST

### LACC's 33rd rodeo goes off without a hitch

The 33<sup>rd</sup> Lindale Area Chamber of Commerce Championship Rodeo, forced by the COVID-19 pandemic to alter its schedule this year, went off without a hitch as fans gathered at Cross Brand Cowboy Church in Tyler for the event on Aug. 6. LACC President and CEO Shelbie Glover expressed satisfaction at the turnout, all things considered. "We were happy with how people showed up," she said, "especially with the restrictions that have been made necessary." Attendance was limited to 50 percent capacity, and events such as Mutton Bustin' and the cash scramble weren't allowed. Glover said attendance did not exceed those limits.

## SEPTEMBER

### Pandemic forces LACC to cancel Countryfest

Another time-honored tradition in East Texas has been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic as Lindale Area Chamber of Commerce's board of directors voted to cancel Countryfest and the Harvest Hustle benefit 5K run for 2020. One of the most anticipated events on fall calendar for families in and around Lindale, Countryfest has grown exponentially during the past three and a half decades. It outgrew its original space on the E.J. Moss Intermediate School campus and moved downtown and utilized Picker's Pavilion as well as the surrounding area to feature booths, children's activities and a large variety of food items for East Texans.

### Two Lindale residents die from COVID-19

Two more Lindale residents died from COVID-19 related illnesses, said officials with NET Health. The residents were an 81-year-old female and a 64-year-old male. Also, NET Health reported the deaths of a 90-year-old resident of Wills Point and a 59-year-old female resident of Whitehouse. "Our prayers and condolences are extended to the families of all residents who have died due to COVID-19," said George Roberts, NET Health CEO.

### Lambert wins Music Event of Year during ACMs

Lindale's Miranda Lambert brought home the top prize for Music



City and business officials gathered in the spring for a ground breaking ceremony for Springhill Suites, to be located in The Cannery district of Lindale.

Staff photo

Event of the Year during the 55<sup>th</sup> annual Academy of Country Music Awards held this past week in Nashville.

The hometown superstar was also nominated for Female Artist of the Year and Album of the Year for "Wildcard." Lambert also performed her recent No. 1 single "Bluebird" from the historic Bluebird Café in Nashville. She was accompanied by songwriters Luke Dick and Natalie Hemby, who were also nominated for Group of the Year as part of the Highwomen.

### Lindale ISD Alumni Association honors pair

Lindale physician Dr. Wendell Hand and former Lindale ISD teacher and coach Jack Johnson were honored on Friday, (Sept. 25), by the Lindale ISD Alumni Association for their contributions to the district. Both recipients were honored prior to the Lindale Eagles' Homecoming festivities at Eagle Stadium. Dr. Hand, 1970 LHS graduate, was presented with the 2020 Distinguished Alumni Award while Johnson was presented with the 2020 Distinguished Service Award.

## OCTOBER

### City approves new budget

After a disputed appraisal was settled recently by the Smith County Appraisal District involving a multi-million dollar business, Lindale City Council members were able to approve a new budget this past week for Fiscal Year 2020-21. Lindale's ad valorem rate will be 47 cents per \$100 property valuation, a rate which is lower than the No-New Revenue Rate and lower than the Voter-Approved Rate for the budget period which covers Oct. 1, 2020 to Sept. 30, 2021.

### Lady Eagles claim district title

For a team that has won 26 consecutive games and is ranked No. 2 in the state, it seemed almost a foregone conclusion that the Lindale High School Lady Eagles volleyball team would secure the District 16-4A championship sooner or later. The Lady Eagles (26-0 on the season, 12-0 in district) had to come from behind this past Friday against No. 12-ranked Bullard to do so. Lindale won the first set, 25-20, but the Lady Panthers forced two more sets by winning the second set, 26-24. This only fueled the Lady Eagles' fire as they took set three 25-17 and set four 25-23 to win the title.

## NOVEMBER

### Lindale voters back term limits, less veto power

Lindale voters were adamant in their opposition to two of the five charter amendments on the General Election ballot this past week, backing term limits while limiting the mayor's veto power. The feeling prior to the election was the hot button items on the agenda were Propositions 2 and 3, which dealt with eliminating term limits for council members (Proposition 2) and requiring four council members to block a mayor's veto (Proposition 3). For Proposition 2, the count was 1,800 to 784 while Proposition 3 was a bit closer at 1,549 to 1,016.

### Lindale tops Vidor in bi-district

With a 29-13 bi-district win over the Vidor Pirates this past Thursday in Carthage, the Lindale High School Eagles' season marches onward to the area round and a Saturday matchup with the Needville Bluejays at 2 p.m. in Bryan.

### LHS Tennis advances to regional quarterfinals

The Lindale High School Fall Tennis team recently advanced to the UIL regional quarterfinals after sweeping through District 14-A action. The Eagles then advanced past the bi-district round, defeating Terrell then taking care of Kilgore at the area round. Lindale didn't lose a single set in either the bi-district or area rounds.

### Eagles advance to regional finals

Lindale's Eagles continue their journey in uncharted playoff territory this week with a matchup against a familiar foe – the Kilgore Bulldogs – in the Region III Finals in Nacogdoches at 7 p.m. Friday. After defeating Vidor, 29-13, Nov. 13 in bi-district, Lindale claimed a rousing 70-56 victory over Needville for the Area title on Saturday, Nov. 21, marking the first time the school had advanced to that level. The Eagles earned a berth in this week's contest after defeating Chapel Hill (another District 9-4A foe) 36-7 in the Regional Semifinal held at Tyler's Trinity Mother Frances Rose Stadium this past Friday.

## DECEMBER

### Former councilman Harper passes away

Clyde Harper, a Lindale native who served on the city council for 11 years, has passed away at the age of 72 following a series of health complications. Harper and his wife of 52 years Billie Jean, moved to Schertz, Texas recently to be near family. He was born and raised in Lindale and played football for Lindale High School. While growing up, he had various jobs around town, including selling popcorn at a local movie theater, shining shoes at Shores and Brown Barber Shop and like many others in the Lindale-area he worked at the Allen Cannery. He and his family were immersed in the Lindale community for many years.

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