

The Lindale Lady Eagles met up with the Pleasant Grove Lady Hawks Tuesday night and when the dust settled on the hardwood, the Lady Eagles were crowned Class 4A bi-district champions! Congratulations!

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District title showdown looms Friday vs. Kilgore

By Terry Cannon
Editor

Throughout this football season, Lindale High School Head Coach Chris Cochran and his staff have stressed the "next game is the most important game" mantra to their team.

This Friday's District 9-4A encounter is the embodiment of that statement.

The Eagles will host Kilgore's Bulldogs in a winner-take-all game that will decide the No. 1 seed in the district. Like Lindale, Kilgore is 5-0 in league play after dispatching Athens 42-13 last Friday.

Lindale, meanwhile, jumped on Palestine early and often and brought home a decisive 53-23 win over the Wildcats. This brought the Eagles' season record to 6-3 and 5-0 in district.

Kilgore is 8-1 on the year with its only loss coming to Class 5A Pine Tree, 42-27 in week three.

"It's exciting for our kids and our coaches to be in this position," Cochran said about Friday night's showdown with Kilgore. "This is what you strive for and is the result of all the work we've put in."

The Eagles' current five-game winning streak was forged from a crucible-like pre-district schedule which featured teams that currently have just three losses between them: Kilgore with two, Van with zero and Gilmer with just one.

"You always want to win all your games, but you don't play for non-district," Cochran said.

His club has stayed the course and he's been impressed from the buy-in of all his players.

"Our kids have never wavered from week one to now," he said. "We've told them to never look at the scoreboard or the standings and we have to believe in ourselves."

After reaching the state championship game a year ago, Cochran knew his club would be in the crosshairs of every opponent, a fact that the Eagles have used to their advantage he said.

"We've had a target on our back all year but we've been able to use it the right way," he said.

The team-first concept is alive and well with the Eagles, Cochran believes and can point to any place on the roster as proof.

"It's been great to see our kids embrace the idea that there aren't any superstars on the roster but we just keep getting better and

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"Pride of Lindale" marching band wins another state championship

The Lindale High School's "Pride of Lindale" Band has earned a back-to-back State title after winning the UIL State Military Marching Band Championship on Tuesday (Oct. 26) during the state competition at Pine Tree Stadium in Longview.

"Congratulations to Mr. Moore, all of the Band Instructors, and the entire Eagle Band for winning the UIL Military Marching State Championship yesterday," said Superintendent, Stan Surratt. "This is a back-to-back State Championship win for our band program. What a great achievement by our Eagles!"

The Lindale Band also recently received a Division 1 sweepstakes award at the region 21 marching contest for the 47th consecutive year.

This set the stage for the band to compete at the newly-created state event. The band program has been practicing for this competition since July.

"To say that I am proud of these young men and women would be an understatement," said Lindale Band Director, Steven Moore. "Their work ethic and attitude have been exemplary. From day one, they bought into the principles and concepts we were trying to teach and improved each day. Their performances last night were the best of the year."

There were five judges at the State competition, and they each had Lindale as the first place band, out of the five other districts that qualified for finals earlier in the day.

TJC Vet Tech program in Lindale proves popular with area students

Tori Buckley has been an animal lover all her life, and she's turning that passion into her profession.

"It was a childhood dream to care for animals," she said. "I've had too many horses over the years to even count. Right now, I have 14 horses and two cats."

She heard about the Tyler Junior College Veterinary Technician program, which is housed at TJC North in Lindale, from one of her coworkers at a vet practice in Whitehouse.

"My practice manager did this program a few years ago," she said. "I was already a vet assistant at the time, and he talked about the TJC program and how you can learn to do not just the assistant work, like cleaning kennels and holding animals, but the actual vet tech work that is more involved."

Buckley was accepted into the TJC program last fall. Each cohort goes through the entire two-year program together, creating a bonding experience for the students.

"It's been much more than I imagined it to be," she said. "We're all really close friends now. I've made some of the best friends of my life here. It's a pretty intense program with a lot of information to learn."

Program director Dr. Louisa Schmid agrees on all counts.

"I can't stress enough about the breadth of what veterinary technicians do," Schmid said.

"For example, today, one student just put in her first IV catheter and another one intubated the animal so it could go under general anesthesia to be spayed. And while the animal is in surgery, they monitor vital signs such as pulse oximetry, end-tidal carbon dioxide and heart rate. Then, they will do vaccines afterward, except for rabies, which is done by a veterinarian. We also have a couple of animals having their teeth cleaned today. This job is part nurse, anesthesiologist, radiology tech, dental hygienist and lab technician."

It's a much more specialized and skilled profession than ever before, she said.

"You can't just walk in off the street and do this," she said. "In the past, this was a job that you could learn through on-the-job training. You would find someone in high school and start teaching them how to do kennel work and then bring them in and teach them how to do physical exams, etc."

She continued, "It's like medical school in two years, so we're really feeding them Thanksgiving-meal portions of information. And once they finish our two-year program and earn their Associate of Science degree, they have to pass the national exam — and it's a toughy."

Schmid adds that the program is gaining even more relevance, due to a shortage of veterinarians, especially for large animals.

"Vet practices need someone



TJC vet tech student Tori Buckley gives Peanut, a beagle mix, a thorough dental cleaning. The TJC program works with Lindale and Smith County animal shelters to provide care for their animals in exchange for practical experience for students.

Courtesy Photo

who can come in and be that extension of the veterinarian because it's the only way that our large animal vets are going to be able to survive," she said. "They need someone who can go out and do things because the vets can't be everywhere at once or out on every farm every day."

Besides tending to the physical needs of the animal, the students are also trained on how to communicate with their human coun-

terparts. "Of all the other tasks veterinary technicians do, one of their primary roles is public education," Schmid said. "So, when someone brings in their new puppy, the tech is going to be talking about nutrition, behavior, parasites and possible zoonotic diseases. They really are effective in educating about public health issues and why it's important to spay and neuter."

Job prospects are very favor-

able, she said, adding, "We've had a couple of people recruit our graduates while they were working in other clinics, and one of the emergency clinics in Longview will be hiring three of our current students. There is a great need for skilled vet techs all over the place, and that need is continuing to grow."

For more on the TJC Veterinary Technology program, go to TJC.edu/VetTech.

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Council addresses TIF Zone extension

By Terry Cannon

Lindale City Council members worked through a brief and routine agenda Tuesday night (Nov.2) at city hall.

Among the agenda items discussed, council members were appraised of the status of the Tax Increment Financing Zone (TIF) No. 2 by City Manager Carolyn Caldwell.

The council approved starting the process to extend the TIF.

There are two TIF Zones within the city's purview. TIF No. 2 covers 263 acres to the north and south of Interstate 20 and Harvey Road, while TIF No. 3 is the downtown Lindale area.

TIF No. 2 includes the Lindale Industrial Park as well as the Lindale Business Park and surrounding properties.

Taxing entities use TIF's to finance public infrastructure improvements in the zone. Taxes generated by the development are then used to repay the funds.

Improvements can also be paid for upfront by the developers of the property then repaid to the developer through taxes generated by the development.

Other agenda items included:

- A contract for the city's bank depository was approved. Texas Bank and Trust was the only bidder for the contract, said City Finance Director David Craft. He recommended keeping TB&T as the city's depository for another three-year term. Craft said the city's relationship with the bank has always been a beneficial one.

- The city's 2021 tax roll was approved.

- Approval of closing in the carport at the Kinzie House, which is the building used by the Lindale Area Chamber of Commerce. LACC CEO and President Shelbie Glover said closing the carport was needed because the chamber was short of storage space.

- Approval of the amended Parks, Recreation and Open Space plan and the corresponding resolution.

- Cancelling the Dec. 21 city council meeting.

- Approval of a movie in the park following the Christmas Parade. Officials with the Lindale Parks Board want to have the movie shown in Darden Harvest Park instead of the main stage, Caldwell said. Council members were shown clips from a recent, animated "How the Grinch Stole Christmas" as well as "Elf" starring Will Ferrell.

Council members opted for "How the Grinch Stole Christmas" to be shown in the park.

OPINION/EDITORIAL

...what you need to know

My Clark Kent sweetheart and I bought our first newspaper nine years ago on Nov. 1, 2012. I was teaching journalism at White Oak High School. Jim had previously served as publisher of the Gladewater Mirror for almost 20 years under corporate ownership. He knew what he would like to do and what he needed to do to make sure that the paper truly was the source for hometown news. He rolled up his sleeves and did just that.

I 'retired' early from teaching after finishing the 2013 Roughneck yearbook and my students winning everything but the kitchen sink at the national and state level. When I came to the paper I knew AP Style, photo composition and the rules for writing journalistically. What I didn't know is what being the owner of hometown papers would come to mean to me.

Within a couple of years we had also bought the Lindale News & Times which Jim had also been publisher of under corporate ownership. Jim's goal was to keep LNT from closing and a year or so later we did the same with the White Oak Independent. I put my foot down when Jim tried to talk me into buying the Mt. Vernon Optic. My foot resulted in a 147-year old newspaper, the county paper of record, closing. It broke my heart but we work 24/7 as it is and there is only so much gas left in this Girl Friday.

Here's the thing about my journalist hubby, the one who started the Daily Planet in elementary school, was on the staff of the Longview High School Lobo, the Kilgore College Flare, the East Texas State University East Texan and, well, you get the picture...he loves what he does and cherishes the role he plays.

Jim worked his way through college working for the Commerce Journal and the Sulphur Springs News Telegram. His claim to fame is that he covered the Dallas Cowboys in their glory days sitting by famed sportswriter Blackie Sherrod. You whippersnappers have no idea who that is do you? Look him up.

When asked what 'we do', I used to proudly say, "we own the Gladewater Mirror". With three community newspapers my response is "our newspapers own us." Jim didn't set out to create a mini-print empire. His goal was to protect the communities the newspapers serve by keeping the papers open. Obviously, we aren't rolling in dough. When you buy your ink by the barrel and your paper by the ton it gets mighty expensive. Some weeks the bottom line bleeds from black to red.

There are many historians, sociologists and political scientists who are concerned about the death of community newspapers because they are usually the only vetted source for information available to local stakeholders on tax rates and bond issues; city council and school board actions; Lion, Rotary and other service club activity; obituaries; sports news; festivals; city ordinances; utility fees; scouts;



Suzanne Bardwell

beautification efforts; homecomings; churches; and on and on and on.

Jim has a minor in history, my graduate degree is in American History. We can tell you that there is a reason that the press is the only privately owned business specifically protected in the Constitution of the United States of America. The founding fathers believed that the press was necessary as a part of the check and balance system. They believed that the press was a necessary element of democracy. Many of you will not want to hear that and that breaks my heart. Please try and remember that we all have to hear the hard things to sometimes do the right things. Also, many official looking online news sites are run by a guy in a dark room with an agenda.

There is a B-I-G difference in news and opinion. In print, the only place opinion is warranted is on the OP/ED page of the paper. Although

a little hometown pride in sports and academic accomplishments is not a bad thing in my reporter's notebook. With broadcast it is up to the viewer to know the difference between analysis tainted with opinion and the reporting of news. Maybe that is why newspapers still have credibility ratings that surprise most people.

But here's the deal, where else could I work that

would allow us to take football pictures on a Friday night, work to save a library, collect food in our office for the hungry, sponsor toy drives, create Red Ribbon activity books to address bullying, safety issues and substance abuse? The opportunities are endless when you become a part of a community through its newspaper and the power it wields. Clark Kent and I are country kids, who are now country 'seniors' who claim three hometowns, plus the ones we were born in. That is pretty special.

I wouldn't trade the last nine years for anything. I wouldn't trade our readers, or our communities. In the summer of 1994 I was offered a job teaching journalism. It was out of my field. I had to take two grad courses and pass the EXCET to get certified and for the next 19 years I learned as I taught. If anyone out there doesn't believe there is a divine plan, I am living proof that there is.

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Wind-blown tree kills Tyler youngster

A tree which fell over due to high winds on Thursday, Oct. 28 was responsible for the death of 11-year-old Rustan Wood of Tyler, who was riding a go-cart on the property in the 12000 block of State Highway 110 North, Smith County Sheriff's Office spokesman Larry Christian said.

Deputies as well as Precinct 5 Constable Jeff McClenny, units from the Lindale Volunteer Fire Department and paramedics with UT Health EMS arrived on the scene at approximately 3:30 p.m.

Smith County Precinct 5 Justice of the Peace Jon Johnson pronounced the youngster dead at the scene. Authorities confirmed he was killed by the wind-blown tree.

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McKINLEIGH EVANS is the daughter of Ashley Wallace and Jared Evans. She is a member of the National Honor Society, varsity volleyball team, and the Ready, Set, Teach program. Outside of school, McKinleigh is a participant in the Catalyst program at Grace Community Church. McKinleigh believes she is impacting the world by working with a group of students in the teaching program and creating bonds with each of them. She plans to attend Tyler Junior College and study teaching and education. McKinleigh's future goals include working as a junior high school teacher.

OWEN WATKINS is the son of Jennifer Green and James Watkins, Jr. He is a member of the National Honor Society, Future Farmers of America, and the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. Outside of school, Owen is a member of the Catalyst program at Grace Community Church and a volunteer with the American Cancer Society. Owen believes he is impacting the world by showing positivity and kindness to everyone he meets. He plans to attend Tarleton State University and study wildlife, fish and wetlands science and management. Owen's future goals include running his own business.

EMILY MYERS is the daughter of Chasity and Ronnie Myers. She is a member of the Star Stepper drill team, student council, and the varsity softball team. Outside of school, Emily enjoys playing softball, dancing, and doing anything outdoors. She believes she is impacting the world by seeking opportunities to make others smile or laugh. She plans to attend Tyler Junior College and study sonography. Emily's future goals include pursuing a career in the medical or sports medicine fields as a sonographer or nurse.

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“Two for the price of one” edition

A couple of news items for your half-dollar:

The first comes from South America and if you squint a bit and read between the lines it might seem somewhat familiar.

A couple of weeks ago, the Senate in Brazil recommended President Jair Bolsonaro be charged with crimes against humanity and other related misdeeds for allegedly mishandling the country's response to the COVID-19 pandemic and playing a part in the country having the world's second-worst pandemic death rate.

The proposal was submitted by Sen. Renan Calheiros to other lawmakers who during the past year have investigated the government's management of the pandemic.

Yet, and here's the rub, the decision to file most of the charges will be up to a Bolsonaro appointee and ally.

Bolsonaro (here's where things begin to see erringly familiar) has consistently downplayed the COVID-19 threat while spouting misinformation, including unproven treatments and ignoring health guidelines such as mask wearing and restrictions on public gatherings.

Brazil has suffered more than 600,000 COVID-related deaths.

Calheiros, in his 1,200 page report, charged the president with misuse of public funds and crimes against humanity and accused him of being a charlatan



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Editor

and inciting crimes.

Bolsonaro touted “early treatment drugs” such as the anti-malarial medication hydroxychloroquine which prompted the committee to label this action as “practically the only government policy to fight the pandemic.”

Bolsonaro has consistently labeled the Senate investigation as political while being an instrument to undermine him.

The far-right Bolsonaro has denied any wrongdoing.

“We know we are not to blame for anything. We know we did the right thing from the very first moment,” he said.

Prosecutor-General Augusto Aras said, once received, the report would be carefully studied. There's no way of knowing whether Aras would charge Bolsonaro with any crimes, officials have said, or if there were any legal grounds to do so.

All of which sounds pretty familiar to me.

For those of you who thought Texas Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick wasn't really serious about paying a bounty for evidence of

“fraud” in the 2020 election, here's some interesting news.

Patrick, a die-hard supporter of the defeated 45th president, announced within a week of that election loss he had put aside \$1 million to be paid as “fraud” bounties to anyone finding such “fraud” anywhere, because as we'd heard quite a bit since that November, 2020 day, the election was “rigged” by nefarious no-goodniks.

Concerning Patrick's “bounty,” most thought “hoo-boy, that's quite a bit of change, but he'll never pay up.”

Ha! You doubters were so wrong!

Turns out, a Pennsylvania man is \$25,000 richer thanks to the bounty fund from Patrick.

Poll worker Eric Frank spotted illegal voting in his Pennsylvania precinct and reported the cheater to authorities. This led to a conviction and armed with this evidence, Frank contacted Patrick's office which sent him the \$25,000.

There's been a conspicuous lack of comment coming from Patrick's office on this case for

one very good – and ironic – reason. The voting fraudster was, yep, you guessed it, a Republican.

Ralph Thurman, a 72-year-old Republican, was seen by Frank casting two votes on Election Day, one for himself and one for his son.

According to The Philadelphia Inquirer five cases of voter fraud have been prosecuted in Pennsylvania in connection with the 2020 election, four of which involved Republicans.

Frank didn't think he'd see any cash from Patrick, because as we should be aware, outrageous promises are made all the time.

Or as Frank put it, “People go on social media and say stuff all the time.”

Yes, yes they do.

Will Patrick's office be paying off a lot more in the future? Not likely, says Rice University political scientist Mark Jones, who said voter fraud takes place in many elections but not to the extent to influence the outcomes.

Jones added Patrick was hoping to reveal widespread voter fraud among Democrats and the type found by Frank don't adhere to that line of thinking.

As for his part in all this, Frank expressed appreciation to Patrick's office for sending him the cash so he and his fiancée will be able to buy a house.

“Thank you for putting out the bounty,” Frank said. “I'm glad you and your team honored your words.”



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ONE YEAR AGO, Nov. 5, 2020
The Lindale High School Lady Eagle's remarkable run through the regular season, district season and the state Class 4A playoffs ended with a five set loss to Nevada Community High School in the area round held at Sulphur Springs High School.

This was the first loss of the season for the 27-1 Lady Eagles, who had been ranked as high as No. 2 in the state for several weeks. Lindale cruised through District 16-4A play with a 12-0 mark and defeated Paris in bi-district prior to the area playoff.

Against Community, Shelbi Steen led with 27 kills, 31 digs, 3 blocks, 3 assists, and an ace.

Setter Kalaya Pierce had 36 assists, 18 digs, 2 kills and an ace. Defensively Marleigh Thurman finished the match with 27 digs. Preslie Walters added 20 digs.

Alondra Romero had 19 digs on defense, and added 2 kills and an ace. Skylar Wyllie recorded 6 kills, 9 digs, and 4 blocks. Liz Hutchens had 4 kills, 2 blocks, and 3 digs.

Brenley Philen put down 3 kills, 5 blocks, and 2 digs for the Lady Eagles.

FIVE YEARS AGO, Nov. 3, 2016
The multi-award winning “Pride of Lindale” Marching Band from Lindale High School added to its long list of accolades by earning a first division rating at the Region Marching Band contest held in Nacogdoches.

This marked the 42nd year in a row for the LHS band to receive the University Interscholastic League's highest honor.

Understandably, band director Steven Moore was pleased with the outcome.

“I am so very proud of these young ladies and gentlemen,” he said. “They have worked extremely hard and with such a positive attitude this year.”

He acknowledged the contributions of others as well.

“I also want to thank the band parents, LISD administrators, LISD staff and the Lindale Band staff,” he said. “We have such a great team. It really does take everyone to make the Pride of Lindale Marching Band successful.”

10 YEARS AGO, Nov. 3, 2011

Lindale's Eagles routed the Canton Eagles, 52-21 in District 14-3A play, virtually wrapping up the league title with a 4-0 record.

The Eagles scored three times in rapid succession in the third period to open up a close game. Lindale switched to the Wildcat formation on offense which resulted in long gainers from Josiah Johnson and Trey Acy, who finished the game with 151 yards on 23 carries.

Kids today are really missing quality play time

I saw a picture on Facebook the other day of an old playground equipment, you know, swings and merry-go-rounds and such, which reminded me of something from a movie from a few years back.

At the end of the movie “Stand By Me,” the narrator states, “I never had any friends later on like the ones I had when I was 12. Does anyone?”

That statement is probably truer than anything I've ever heard. Well, this story is for all my buddies out there from Rice Elementary School.

A buddy of mine from back in the first grade and I were talkin' the other day, and he asked the question, “What do kids do now-a-days for fun?”

Well, I started to answer him, but I found that I couldn't. The reason I couldn't answer him, is that I didn't know what kids do now-a-days for fun.

Used to, you could drive around on a Saturday and see kids out in their yards, runnin' around playin' army, or Cowboys and Indians, or throwin' around a football, or somethin'.

If you drive around now on a Saturday, you wouldn't even think there was such a thing as a kid. Now, I know a lot of them are participatin' in sports at school and such, but I'm talkin' about just good ol' playin'. I don't think kids play anymore.

Back when I was a kid, that's all we did was play, that is, if we weren't in church, or school, or doin' our chores. Chores were jobs that parents made their kids do back then, like mowin', takin' out the trash, feedin' the animals, and stuff like that.

They said it built character and such. Now-a-days, if they tell their kids to do somethin', the kid whines and cries until the parent ends up doin' it themselves. And they wonder why their kids are like they are.

Anywho, back to playin'.

They probably don't have this anymore, but when I was in grade school they had a time set aside every day they called play period. Play period was what they probably call P.E. now.

Back then, we just played.



Rusty Mitchum
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There was no organization to it at all. Oh, there'd be a teacher or two out on the play ground to make sure you didn't kill yourself, or someone else, or to drag off an injured kid, but most of the time they didn't get in our way.

Some of you out there probably think that exercise would have been better for us, but let me tell you somethin'. I'll bet we got more exercise back then runnin' around on that playground, than most high school students get in a P.E. class today.

When that play period bell rang, we hit the door runnin' and we didn't stop until the bell rang to come back in. We had swings, seesaws, a merry-go-round, climbin' bars, not to mention girls to chase.

Yes, we chased girls. We never caught any, 'cause if we did, we might catch cooties.

We didn't know what cooties were, but we knew we didn't want 'em. Of course, after a few years, I think the cooties must die off or somethin', 'cause after you get older you aren't scared of them anymore.

This is about the time the girls that you wouldn't have nothin' to do with back then, start lookin' pretty good to you. But by then, they don't want to have anything to do with you.

Anywho, I'll tell you about girls some other time, right now I'm talkin' about playin'.

Those swings I was tellin' you about weren't those little bitty swing sets you see now-a-days. These were big steel A-frames that'd have four or five swings hangin' on them. Their legs would be concreted in the ground, so they couldn't come up.

Now you may think swingin' is sissified, but not the way we swang, or swung, or whatever the past tense of swing is. We'd

swing until we'd get to swingin' really high. Our ultimate goal was to go all the way up and over the top, which we never accomplished.

We did, however, get to where we'd get nearly parallel with the ground, which in its self was a pretty amazin' feat. Then we'd position our arms so that they'd be in front of the chains, so they wouldn't catch on anything. Then just before we reached the apex of our forward motion, we'd push ourselves out of the swing and for a brief few seconds, we would be flyin'.

Then the ground would come up to meet us at a rather high rate of speed. After that, for the next few days we'd be tryin' to get our leg bones to migrate back down from our arm pits.

The seesaws looked innocent enough, though. That is until you get a bunch of boys on one. I don't know what kind of lumber they used back then, but it must have been some good stuff, 'cause we'd have 10 or 15 boys on each end of one of those things, and it wouldn't even put a bow in the middle.

The goal to seesawin' was to get more boys on your end, so that you would have the other end, up in the air. That's when it got scary, especially if you were with the bunch up in the air. 'Cause then, on the count of three, everybody on the end that was still on the ground would jump off, sendin' the ones in the air crashin' down to the ground.

Of course, if you were on the team that was jumpin' off and you didn't make it off on the count of three, you were subjected to becomin' a one man rocket, minus

the rocket. I was the rocket man, only once. Fortunately, I landed on the pile of boys at the other end and they broke my fall.

The merry-go-round was my favorite though. It was a big round steel and wooden wheel with a tall steel pole stickin' up through as an axle. There were steel rods that ran from the outside of the wheel up to the top of the pole for support.

The rim of the wheel was made up of wooden boards to sit on, as were the spokes. The goal here was for every boy to grab one of the steel rods and start runnin' around the merry-go-round, pullin', causin' the merry-go-round to pick up speed.

Then when you got it goin' as fast as you could, everybody would jump on and ride. Several of the kids who couldn't run very fast would fall of course, but they made good traction for the others to get it up to speed. Oh yeah, it was a good thing not to fall between the spokes, too. That usually caused you to have to be drug off of the playground up to the nurse, where, she'd douse any cuts with Monkey Blood and send you back out.

You were a hero then. Any kind of cut was a badge of honor, especially if it left a scar. Of course, all of this was before the invention of the liability lawyer. Now-a-days a parent would probably sue the school, the teacher who was supposed to be watchin' their kid, the manufacturer of the playground equipment, and the school nurse.

Back then, nobody ever sued anybody. Heck, I think parents expected their kids to get hurt back then. It built character.

Now if you think I'm goin' someplace with all of this, you'd be mistaken. It was just somethin' I was thinkin' about how kids have changed. Or maybe it isn't the kids.

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This month is also a time to donate blood in gratitude for good health.

Community Christian Fellowship will host a blood drive from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 7, at 15704 Highway 110 in the parking lot on the Carter BloodCare bus.

For more information or to schedule an appointment time, contact Moni Guyer at 903-882-8501, extension 206.

Residents can also host their own community blood drives in memory of veterans that made the ultimate sacrifice for freedom. Drives are a lifesaving way to honor a veteran's life or to support an active-duty service member of the U.S. military. Email BookABloodDrive@carterbloodcare.org to start

planning a drive for your hometown heroes.

Donors can complete the medical history questionnaire online on the day of donation, before arriving to give blood. People who have had COVID-19 vaccinations are still eligible to donate blood.

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OBITUARIES

Elaine Fitzgerald



Funeral services for Elaine Fitzgerald, 70 of Lindale, were held Tuesday, Nov. 2, 2021, at the Caudle-Rutledge-Daugherty Funeral Home Chapel in Lindale with Bro. Jamie Cowart officiating.

Interment was at Grace Hill Cemetery in Longview.

Elaine passed away Tuesday, Oct. 26, 2021, in Tyler. She was born April 11, 1951, in Longview to the late Jesse and Josie Kate (Wickersham) Derrick. Elaine has lived in Lindale for the last 50 years. She was a retired Registered Nurse and worked most of her career at the Truman W. Smith Children's Care Center in Gladewater.

Elaine was active in the Shrine Bull-Fest, the Crisis Center Hotline, and volunteered for many organizations involving the care and well-being of women and children. She also enjoyed working in her yard, riding horses, cooking, and the occasional trip to the boats in Shreveport.

Elaine was preceded in death by her husband, Ronnie

Fitzgerald, her sister, Jessie Kay Eaves, brother-in-law, Paul Hamilton, and friend, Paul Pasterczyk.

She is survived by daughters, Stacy Storkson of Lindale and Rhonda Fitzgerald of Duncan, Okla.; sons, Ronnie Fitzgerald and wife, Amy of Sulphur Springs and Rodney Fitzgerald of Duncan, Okla.; brothers, Glenn Derrick and wife, Mikel of Kentucky and Steve Derrick and wife, Dee of Longview; sisters, Lottie Hamilton of Ore City and Jewell Bradshaw and husband, Harold of Longview; grandchildren, Karik, Gideon, Gabriella, and Raistlin Storkson, and Karmen and Ronnie-Jo Fitzgerald; brother-in-law, Johnnie Fitzgerald; special friend, Dennis Taylor and by numerous nieces, nephews, and other loving family members and friends.

Ansel Jarratt Major

Celebration of life for Ansel Jarratt Major, 87, will be held Saturday, Nov. 6 at 1 p.m. at the Christian Community Fellowship Church, 15704 Hwy. 110 North in Lindale.

Mr. Major passed away July 15, 2020 in Tyler. He was born Nov. 8, 1932 in Port Arthur and had lived in the Jamestown area since 1992.

The service will be live streamed at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eEnPXbAR49s>.

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Chief Somes, Cpt Chambers, Sgt Dworaczyk and Officers Philpot, Fortunas, Ramsey and Dailey responded to an assist other agency at 1200 block Forest Trails Dr, settled at scene. Officer Philpot responded to a public service at 3200 block S Main St, settled at scene. Sgt Dworaczyk responded to a suspicious circumstance at 800 block Lindale Industrial Pkwy, settled at scene. Officer Leevey and Officer Gillham responded to a welfare concern at 13300 block W I-20, settled at scene. Officer Leevey and Officers Gillham and Wedgeworth responded to a possession of drug paraphernalia at 3300 block S Main St, report taken. Officer Leevey and Officer Gillham responded to a business alarm at 100 block N Main St, false alarm. Officer Gillham responded to a public service at 1400 block Lakeside Ct, settled at scene. Officer Leevey and Officer Gillham responded to a driving while intoxicated at 2800 block S Main St, arrest made.



at 900 block Mt Sylvan St, settled at scene. Officer Allen responded to a suspicious person at 300 block S Main St, settled at scene. Sgt Houghton and Officer Allen responded to an accident at 100 block E Centennial Blvd, settled at scene.

settled at scene. Sgt Houghton and Officers Shurley and Jackquet responded to a welfare concern at 200 block Wood Springs Rd, report taken. Sgt Houghton and Officer Shurley responded to an assist other agency at 1000 block Boyd St, settled at scene. Officer Shurley responded to a suspicious circumstance at 553 E I-20, unfounded. Officer Shurley responded to a suspicious person 1600 blk S Main St, unfounded. Officer Shurley and Officer Jackquet responded to an accident at 600 block Mt Sylvan St, report taken.

Wednesday Oct. 27, 2021

Sgt Dworaczyk and Officer Ramsey responded to a residential alarm at 400 block Mission Crest Cir, false alarm. Officer Wedgeworth responded to a hit and run at 21100 block W I-20, settled at scene. Officer Leevey responded to a found property at 100 block Ballard Dr, settled at scene. Officers Leevey, Gillham and Wedgeworth responded to a driving while intoxicated at 300 block St, arrest made. Officer Leevey responded to a suspicious person at 21200 block Hwy 69 N, settled at scene. Officer Leevey and Officer Gillham responded to a possession of marijuana at 17800 block Hwy 69 N, arrest made. Officer Gillham responded to an assist smith county at 12700 block Hwy 69 N, false alarm

Saturday Oct. 23, 2021

Officer Philpot and Officer Ramsey responded to an assist smith county at 16800 block Hwy 69 N, settled at scene. Officer Philpot responded to a suspicious person at 400 block S Main St, settled at scene. Officer Wedgeworth responded to a public service at 15300 block FM 849, settled at scene. Officer Philpot and Officers Ramsey and Wedgeworth responded to a welfare concern at 300 block Industrial St, settled at scene. Officer Philpot and Officer Ramsey responded to an accident at 200 block Stadium St, unfounded. Sgt Dworaczyk and Officers Gillham and Wedgeworth responded to a welfare concern at 200 block E Hubbard St, settled at scene. Sgt Dworaczyk and Officer Wedgeworth responded to a suspicious person at 600 block Sweetgum Ln, unfounded. Sgt Dworaczyk and Officer Gillham responded to a loud noise complaint at 200 block W North St, settled at scene. Sgt Dworaczyk and Officer Gillham responded to an assault at 300 block Rita Dr, settled at scene. Officer Gillham responded to a suspicious vehicle at 200 block Cannery Row, settled at scene.

Monday Oct. 25, 2021

Cpt Chambers, Sgt Flores and Officers Trombley, Shurley and Allen responded to an accident at 556 W I-20, settled at scene. Sgt Houghton and Officer Trombley responded to an illegal dumping at 1600 block S Main St, unfounded. Sgt Houghton responded to a public service at 13400 block CR 472, settled at scene. Officer Shurley responded to a suspicious vehicle at 15800 block Brittan Ct, unfounded. Officer Shurley responded to a suspicious person at 1500 block S Main St, warning issued. Officer Jackquet responded to a suspicious circumstance at 200 block Patience Ave, settled at scene. Officer Jackquet responded to a residential alarm at 700 block Abbey Rd, false alarm. Officer Jackquet responded to a public service at 2800 block S Main St, settled at scene. Officer Jackquet responded to a public service at 2800 block S Main St, settled at scene.

Thursday Oct. 28, 2021

Officer Ramsey responded to a simple assault at 15000 block CR 463, settled at scene. Officer Philpot responded to a suspicious vehicle at 200 block W Valley St, unfounded. Officer Philpot and Officer Ramsey responded to a residential alarm at 200 N Henry St, false alarm. Cpt Chambers responded to a public service at 600 block E Hubbard St, settled at scene. Officer Philpot and Officer Ramsey responded to an accident at 554 E I-20, report taken. Officer Philpot responded to a public service at 200 block Patience Ave, settled at scene. Officer Philpot and Officer Ramsey responded to a public service at 100 block S Main St, settled at scene. Officer Philpot responded to an assist other agency at 200 block S Main St, settled at scene. Officer Leevey and Officer Gillham responded to a possession of drug paraphernalia at 2100 block S Main St, report taken. Officer Gillham and Officer Wedgeworth responded to a disturbance at 900 block S Main St, settled at scene. Officer Wedgeworth responded to a suspicious vehicle at 1600 block S Main St, settled at scene. Officer Leevey and Officer Gillham responded to a suspicious circumstance at 100 block N Main St, settled at scene.

Sunday Oct. 24, 2021

Officer Allen responded to an animal at large at 17300 block Stacy St, settled at scene. Officer Allen responded to an assist smith county at 2800 block S Main St, settled at scene. Officer Allen responded to a civil matter at 17300 at 17300 block Stacy St, settled at scene. Officer Allen responded to a suspicious person at 300 block S Main St, settled at scene. Officer Allen responded to a suspicious vehicle

Tuesday Oct. 26, 2021

Officer Allen responded to a welfare concern at 200 block W Valley St, settled at scene. Officer Trombley responded to a welfare concern at 3500 block S Main St, settled at scene. Sgt Flores and Officer Trombley and Allen responded to a welfare concern at 2300 block S Main St, settled at scene. Sgt Houghton and Officer Trombley responded to a suspicious circumstance at 3500 block S Main St, settled at scene. Sgt Houghton responded to a public service at 100 block Ballard Dr,

Longtime law enforcement officer honored by county

By Casey Murphy
Smith County Public Information Officer

James Lee may have only been recognized Tuesday (Oct. 26) for serving five years in the Precinct 3 Constable's Office, but he is celebrating nearly 40 years of service with Smith County.

He proudly touts that he just might be the longest-serving law enforcement officer in the county.

Lee said he worked for retired Smith County Sheriff J.B. Smith for more than 17 years. He has worked on and off since 1982 as reserve deputy or as a deputy for the Sheriff's Office or Constable's Office.

Lee began as a volunteer riding with the Sheriff's Office's horse patrol and soon became a reserve deputy in 1982.

In 1986, he went to work full-time for the Sheriff's Office for three years. He left to return to his job selling heavy duty trucks, but continued working as a reserve deputy until 1991, when he went back working full-time for the Sheriff's Office, he said.

He left the Sheriff's Office in 1997, and from 1998 to 2011, he worked as Deputy Constable for Precinct 3. He then left again but continued working as a reserve deputy for Smith County.

In June 2015, he returned as a part-time deputy for Constable Precinct 3, then changed to full-time in October 2015. He has earned his Master's Peace Officer's License.

Precinct 3 Constable Jimmie Blackmon said on during the Commissioners Court meeting that he appreciated the work Lee has done for his office.



James Lee, left, was honored by the Smith County Commissioners Court for his service to the county. Precinct 3 Constable Jimmie Blackmon is shown with Lee. (Courtesy Photo)

PROBATION EMPLOYEES

Three employees of the Smith County Adult Probation Department were also recognized Tuesday for their years of service to the County.

Dianna Cunningham has worked for the Community Supervision and Corrections Department (Adult Probation) for 10 years.

She started her career there as a receptionist, then worked as a transfer technician. She now is a pre-sentence investigation writer, which her supervisor, Shaira Lassai, said was an important position for the department. "She does a wonderful

job," she added.

Lassai was recognized for five years of service with the Adult Probation Department.

She started working there in the transfer unit and is now a supervisor for the transfer and pre-sentence investigation units. "She goes above and beyond whenever it is needed," her supervisor, Kendrick Freeman, said.

Halie Melot was also recognized for five years at Adult Probation. She started as a felony probation officer and now is a supervisor. "We appreciate all of her dedication," her supervisor Diana Morales said.

OTHER WORK ANNIVERSARIES

Other Smith County employees who are celebrat-

ing work anniversaries but who were not present in Commissioners Court for the recognitions include:

20 Years: Sherman Dollison, Sheriff's Office.

15 Years: Mark Jackson, Road and Bridge Department; Atonia Rawlings, Treasurer's Office.

10 Years: Maria Susana Alaniz, Facilities Services; Katrina Kam, Precinct 3 Justice of the Peace.

5 Years: Brandi Williams, District Attorney's Office; Patrick Brands, Information Technology; Dawn Mantooth-Richey, Joni Simmons, Christina Torres and Margaret Will, Juvenile Services; Kevin Miles, Road and Bridge; Jason Cole, Myisha Morgan and John Partlow, Sheriff's Office.

Lindale ISD Education Foundation provides book vending machines

College Street and Velma Penny Elementary Schools have received a new machine to reward positive behavior, to encourage reading and to promote literacy.

Two book vending machines have been delivered to the schools after Librarian Lynette Mendez was awarded a grant through the Lindale ISD Education Foundation.

Grants for Great Ideas are awarded to educators with innovative ideas that encourage student achievement and classroom enrichment. The funding can be awarded to the district, a campus, an individual or team of educators.

"This incentive has allowed us to engage students in reading, while also incentivizing other areas of academic achievement, along with good behavior through the book tokens," said Velma Penny Principal, Kaela Deslatte. "We are grateful to the LISD Education Foundation for making this possible through their generous grant program."

The book vending machine contains scholastic books chosen by students, and can hold up to about 21 different titles with 12 copies of each. When students are caught displaying positive char-

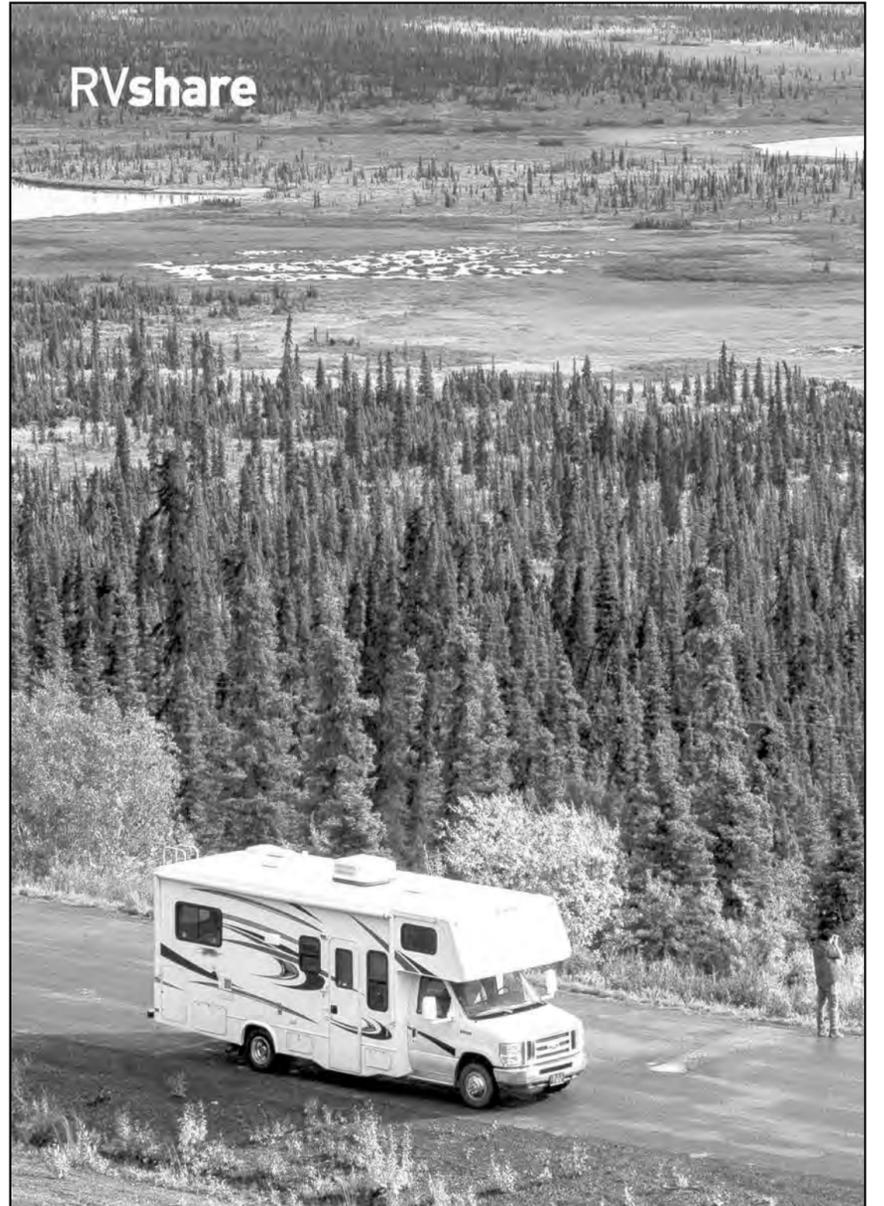


Velma Penny Elementary School now offers books for its pupils from a vending machine, courtesy of the Lindale ISD Educational Foundation. (Courtesy Photo)

to get a book from the machine.

"This is such a fun way to reward our students who are great leaders, self-disciplined and have excellent behavior," said College

"The students are excited about the vending machine and most of them cannot wait to earn a token to enjoy this fun experience and a great book."



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Lindale Junior High girls finish another successful volleyball year

A season ending win over Bulard Junior High this past week concluded another successful season for all four teams.

The 7th grade A and B teams as well as the 8th grade B team won while the 8th grade A team lost.

For the 7th grade B team, scores were 25-21 and 25-9; for the 7th grade A team scores were 25-14 and 25-21; scores for the 8th grade B team were 25-18 and 25-18 and for the 8th grade A team, scores were 25-20, 15-25 and 20-25.

Leading servers for the 7th grade B team were Emory Phil-

pott-Cook, Cambry Andreason and Brooke Gissell; leading passers were McKenzie Clark, Brooke Lewis, Brooke Gissell and Kimber Simpson and the leading setters were Caydence Thompson, Claire Means and Emory Philpott-Cook. The leading hitter was Kimber Simpson.

For the 7th grade A team, Grace Koustoubardis and Emma Watkins were leading servers, while Tessa Dennis, Ava Grogan, Kaidance Smith and Ella Hutchens were leading passers. The leading setter and leading hitter was Ella Hutchens.

The leading servers for the 8th grade B team were Abigail Warrington and Kenlie Collins; leading passers were Lauren Stanton and Abigail Warrington and leading hitters were Kenlie Collins and Lauren Stanton. The leading setter was Abigail Warrington and the leading blocker was Lauren Stanton. The Leadership Award was won by Kirby Kleam and the Hustle Award was won by Kaniya Pierce and Annastyn Mize.

For the 8th grade A team, Menah Harley was the leading server and leading passer, Macy

Luster was the leading setter, Sadie Arriola was the leading hitter and Alyssa Potts was the leading blocker. Macy Luster won the Leadership Award and Menah Harley won the Hustle Award.

Team members for the 7th grade B team – which had a season record of 8-0 and a district record of 6-0, include: Cambry Andreason, McKenzie Clark, Madison Devisscher, Laney England, Brooke Gissell, Brooke Lewis, Claire Means, Morgan Myrick, Jaimie Phillips, Emory Philpott-Cook, Emmalyn Pruitt, Jade Salisbury, Kimber Simpson,

Caydence Thompson, Kyndal Thurmon and Jordyn Weesner.

For the 7th grade A team, which finished 7-1 on the year and 5-1 in district, team members include: Avlyn Burks, Tessa Dennis, Ava Grogan, Ella Hutchens, McKenzie Johnson, Grace Koustoubardis, Natalie Robinson, Keirsan Sanders, Kaidance Smith, Mc'Kaylin Smith, Kennedy Terry and Emma Watkins.

The 8th grade B team finished 5-2 on the season and 3-2 in district. Team members include: Mayzie Piccoli, Anny Mize, Lauren Stanton, Abigail Kelley,

Abigale Prestridge, Abigail Warrington, Kenlie Collins, Mollie-Kate DeWolfe, Eliana McGuire, Addilyn Bills, Bayleigh Yarbrough, Katelyn Primeaux, Samantha McConathy, Kaniya Pierce and Kirby Kleam.

For the 8th grade A team, which finished 6-2 on the year and 4-2 in district, team members include: Macy Luster, Abigail Palecek, Abigail Lee, Alyssia Romero, Sadie Clay, Alyssa Potts, Macy Hodde, Sadie Arriola, Lilly Keels and Menah Harley.



Merchants in downtown Lindale welcomed a lot of early Trick or Treaters this past Saturday with candy and costumes. (Photo by Mary Vandiver)



Lindale's First United Methodist Church held its annual "Trunk or Treating" event this past week to help celebrate Halloween. Many local residents were able to participate. (Photo by Mary Vandiver)



CHRISTUS Trinity Mother Frances in Lindale sponsored a pumpkin decorating contest this past week to celebrate Halloween. (Photo by Mary Vandiver)



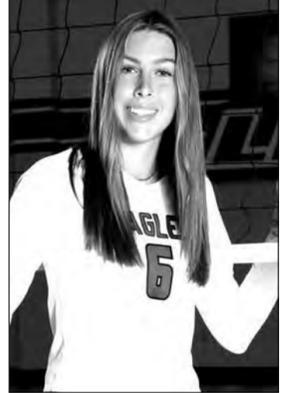
Lindale Volunteer Fire Department Chief Joe Yeakley was the guest speaker at the weekly meeting of the Lindale Rotary Club this past week. The Chief was presented by Darla Strickland, left, and Lillie Russell Memorial Library Director Shannon Reid. (Photo by Mary Vandiver)



Alondra Romero



Ellie Watkins



Tatum Woodard

Lindale tops Chapel Hill in volleyball

The Lindale High School Lady Eagles concluded its District 16-4A volleyball schedule this past week with a three-set win over Chapel Hill's Lady Bulldogs in New Chapel Hill.

Lindale advanced to the bi-district round of the state playoffs which were to take place earlier this week at a site to be determined against Texarkana Pleasant Grove.

Brenley Philen recorded 9 kills, 1 block, 2 digs, and 3 aces in the victory while Ellie Watkins had 6 kills, 3 digs, and 1 block.

Maddox Lay contributed 5 kills and 3 digs. Kayli Vickery had 4 kills, and Reagan Cates put down 3 kills and a block. Brooke Tweedell added two blocks and a kill. Setter Anna Ivy led with 17 assists, 1 dig, and 1 ace.

Tatum Woodard added 9 assists and 2 digs. Alondra Romero had 13 digs on the night.

Lindale's junior varsity defeated Chapel Hill in

three sets 18-25, 25-19, and 27-25. Maddie Little led with 5 kills.

Joey Forsyth and Fynlie Tidwell each added 3 kills. Whitney Dao recorded 4 blocks, and 1 kill. Harlee Redfern contributed 8 assists on the night. Lydia Payne added 6 assists.

Bridget Woodrum, Ana Russell Johnson, and Megan McGee all contributed strong defensive play in the Lady Eagle's come from behind victory.

Lindale's freshman A team also came away with a win with scores of 25-11, and 25-23. Kortlen Pierce had 4 kills, 2 aces.

Maddie Fowble added 4 kills, and a block. Izzy Koonce contributed 3 kills, 2 aces, and 4 assists. Gabby Saboia put down 2 kills and a block. Trinadee Jackson recorded 7 assists.

Sam Breaux and Reagan Hope each added 4 digs. The Lady Eagles Freshmen A Team finished district with a 9-1 record.



Quarterback Sam Peterson picks up yardage Friday night against Palestine in Lindale's 53-23 District 9-4A win. (Photo by Terry Cannon)



Kasey Villareal scores a first half touchdown for Lindale during the Eagles' win over Palestine Friday night in Palestine. (Photo by Terry Cannon)

Lindale woman has 30 years added to prison sentence



Hannah Leigh McCartney, 31 of Lindale, had 30 years added to her murder sentence after pleading guilty to the additional charge of aggravated kidnapping in the abduction and death of LaDarius Breon Dockins-Bell this past May.

McCartney, 31, pleaded guilty to aggravated kidnapping in Judge Jack Skeen's 241st District Court Monday morning.

Prior to the kidnapping sentence, McCartney was sentenced to 30 years in the 188th District Court in Gregg County for the murder of Dockins-Bell.

McCartney's latest sentence will run concurrently with the murder sentence and by pleading guilty, she waived her right to a jury trial. Skeen said she would receive 634 days of jail credit toward her sentence.

She and Jared Anthony Freelen, 25 of Lindale, were taken into custody in connection of the death of Dockins-Bell. Freelen pled guilty and was sentenced to 30 years in prison in April.

The victim died a day after he was left on the side of the road in Smith County with a gunshot wound to his head follow-

ing a robbery in Longview.

Freelen, McCartney and Dockins-Bell robbed a Longview resident in the 1400 block of East Fairmont Street on Dec. 15, 2019.

According to police records, they used firearms to steal the resident's cell phone and go through his wallet.

Also, according to arrest affidavits, the resident tried to hire McCartney as a prostitute.

The resident then pulled a gun and shot toward McCartney's vehicle, hitting Dockins-Bell in the head. McCartney and Freelen drove away in her vehicle with Dockins-Bell inside. They left him on the side of the road near Overton, police said.

Dockins-Bell, 26, died the next day, Smith County Sheriff Larry Smith said at the time.

Smith County deputies were dispatched Dec. 15, 2019, in the 17000 block of FM 2089 near Overton, where Dockins-Bell was found.

Initial information suggested Dockins-Bell was dragged out of the vehicle and left on the side of the road, the sheriff's office said.

Freelen's vehicle was stopped by a Forney police officer, leading to his arrest. Law enforcement later found McCartney at a hotel in Dallas, the sheriff's office said.

Funding to help create safer access for those going to school, work

As pedestrian and bicyclist deaths continue to rise in Texas, newly awarded funding will help Texans get safer access to schools, work, public transit and community destinations around the state, said Texas Department of Transportation spokesman Jeff Williford.

During its Oct. 28 meeting, the Texas Transportation Commission approved more than \$55 million for 41 projects across the state that will build sidewalks, shared use paths, bike lanes, pedestrian bridges and other safety features for people who walk and ride bicycles for transportation.

This comes after 2020 saw a 9 percent increase in pedestrian deaths along with more than a 20 percent increase in bicyclist fatalities.

"We're seeing a disturbing trend as more and more pedestrians and cyclists are dying on Texas roadways and it's been increasing for the past five years," Texas Transportation Commissioner Laura Ryan said. "This funding will help improve safety for our more vulnerable users throughout the state - and go a long way in helping us achieve our goal of ending the streak of daily deaths."

Last year, 731 people died in pedestrian-related crashes, an increase of 9% from 2019. Crashes involving bicyclists claimed the lives of 82 people, up from 68 deaths the previous year.

Unless a deathless day on the roadways occurs within the next week, Nov. 7, 2021 will mark 21 straight years of daily deaths on Texas roadways. #EndTheStreakTX is a broader social media and word-of-mouth effort that encourages drivers to make safer choices while behind the wheel, like wearing a seat belt, driving the speed limit, never texting and driving and never driving under the influence of alcohol or other drugs.

This federal funding largely comes from the Transportation Alternatives program, with a small amount from the Safe Routes to Schools program.

All award selections come after a competitive call for projects from cities and counties across the state with a population less than 200,000.

The Transportation Alternatives program supports local projects that enhance bicycle and pedestrian safety for people of all ages and levels of abil-

ity. These projects also provide access to multimodal options and connect important community destinations like schools, jobs, downtowns, commercial areas, and medical facilities.

In the Tyler District, these projects include the construction of 6-foot-wide sidewalks along both sides of SH 19 in Athens, from College St. to Ben Belt Dr. The project includes ADA curb ramps, signage, new pedestrian crossing signals at Ben Belt Dr, upgraded pedestrian signals at Robbins Rd, and restriping of pedestrian crossings at College St.

Also, in the City of Longview, the project will consist of converting one existing travel lane in each direction of the 5-lane roadway to provide 2.3 miles of buffered bike lanes and continuous ADA accessible 5-foot wide sidewalks on both sides of Moberly Avenue between Pacific Avenue and Estes Parkway. This project is a complete street corridor improvement intended to improve safety, access, and mobility for non-motorized transportation, connecting residents to Ward Elementary, LeTourneau University, major employers, and other destinations.

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At press-time the vote total was - For 4,398 and Against 2,441.

Texas voters took to the polls Tuesday to decide on eight proposed amendments to the state Constitution.

These were passed as bills during this year's legislative sessions but require voter approval.

Prop. 1 - Allowing charitable raffles at rodeo events

Prop. 2 - Authorizing counties to issue bonds or notes to raise funds for transportation and infrastructure in underdeveloped areas

Prop. 3 - Banning the state from prohibiting or limiting religious services,

Prop. 4 - Requiring candidates to have 10 years of experience practicing law in Texas to be eligible for election to the Texas Supreme Court, the Court of Criminal Appeals or a Texas court of appeals.

Prop. 5 - Allowing the State Commission on Judicial Conduct to have oversight of candidates running for judicial office

Prop. 6 - Allowing residents of nursing homes and assisted living facilities to designate one essential caregiver

Prop. 7 - Limiting school district property taxes incurred by the surviving spouse of a person with disabilities who is older than 65 and has died.

Prop. 8 - Expanding eligibility for residential homestead property tax exemptions to include spouses of military members killed or fatally injured in the line of duty.

District title showdown looms Friday vs. Kilgore

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better," he said. "This is a testament to our kids and especially to our coaches who have done an outstanding job reinforcing this mind set."

Against Palestine, Lindale wasted little time in establishing a tone for the game. On the second play from scrimmage, quarterback Sam Peterson connected with senior wide receiver Jacob Seekford on a 60-yard slant to give the Eagles their first score.

The lead ballooned to 29-0 by the end of the first period and with just under nine minutes left in the half Lindale owned a 43-8 advantage.

The Wildcats simply didn't have an answer to Lindale's well-balanced offensive attack, one that saw six different players reach the endzone in the first half.

In fact, the Eagles were so efficient they faced just one third down in the first half.

Defensively, Palestine was unable to get any traction, mainly

due to the unyielding nature of Lindale's defense.

"We like to use the term 'relentless,'" Cochran said. "Our kids will always come after you."

Kilgore, the coach said, will provide the toughest test to date because so much will be riding on the outcome.

"They have a lot of great athletes and are well coached," he said. "You don't get to be 8-1 without being a good team. Their kids play hard."

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