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Lindale wins bi-district title; next up El Campo Thursday night in Waco

By Terry Cannon
Editor

After outlasting a feisty Lumberton Raider team to win another bi-district championship this past Friday in Nacogdoches, 56-39, Lindale's Eagles earned the right to face off against one of Texas' best Class 4A teams, the El Campo Ricebirds Thursday night in Waco.

The game is scheduled for 7 p.m. at McLane Stadium.

No one said the high school playoffs would be easy.

Ranked No. 3 in the state, El Campo boasts of the best running backs in Texas, the highly recruited (and just a junior) Rueben Owens, a 6-0, 195-pound package of speed and power that will certainly test the Eagles' defense.

Owens rushed for 202 yards on just 11 carries during El Campo's 63-18 demolition of Yates last Friday night.

The Ricebirds built a 50-6 lead by intermission and coasted to the win in the second half.

Kind of a tall order for the Eagles, wouldn't you say Head Coach Chris Cochran?

"I know our kids are motivated and when that happens, they are at their best," he said about the prospect of facing an offense averaging 53 points per game. "We've played in big games before, and our coaches have a great game plan. We're looking forward to the challenge."

In addition to Owens, El Campo will utilize the skills of senior running back Johnre Davis who rushed for 69 yards on just nine carries last week with one touchdown.

The Ricebirds' game plan is to run, run and run some more – approximately 82 percent of their offensive snaps.

Lindale's game plan must include not only stopping the El Campo running attack but hold onto the ball long enough to keep the Ricebirds offense on the sidelines.

"There's no doubt we have to be able to control the ball, but we also have to take care of the football," Cochran said, alluding to turnovers and two onside kicks mishandled by his squad last Friday against Lumberton.

El Campo seems to be hitting on all cylinders at this stage of the season. After being upset by Fulshear in the second week of the year, El Campo has strung together nine straight wins, including five in a row in District 12-4A.

LUMBERTON GAME

For the better part of two periods, the Raiders gave the Eagles all they wanted before running out of steam in the second half.

A pair of sophomores, quarterback Lucas Powell and stumpy running back Jaddon Ward, provided the spark in the first half as the Raiders and Eagles went toe-to-toe in what turned out to be an entertaining slugfest.

The Eagles managed to hang on to a 28-26 lead at intermission, but couldn't shake the Raiders, who fought back from a 14-0, first period deficit to close to within a touchdown after Ward sprinted up the middle for a 73-yard score.

An onside kick ensued, but Lindale held the Raiders at midfield. Lindale's Evan Alford hauled in a 15-yard scoring pass from senior

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The Lindale Eagles run onto the field at the beginning of their bi-district game against Lumberton last Friday in Nacogdoches.

Photos by Terry Cannon



Lindale running back Clint Thurman take off for more yards for the Eagle offense in a 56-39, win over Lumberton last Friday.

Three in Pct. 1 Constable's office arrested

Three Smith County Constable's officers have been arrested for charges ranging from abuse of official capacity, official oppression and property theft, authorities announced.

All three were arrested by the Texas Rangers.

Smith County Pct. 1 Constable Curtis Traylor-Harris was arrested Thursday (Nov. 11) on charges of official oppression, abuse of official capacity and theft between \$750 and \$2,500 by a public servant.

He was released later that day after posting bonds of \$30,000.

Also, Rangers arrested Pct. 1 Constable's Office Chief Deputy LaQuenda Banks and Pct. 1 Sgt. Derrick Holman on Wednesday (Nov. 10) on charges of abuse of official capacity, official oppression and property theft.

Both were released after posting bonds of \$30,000.

Smith County District Attorney Jacob Putman said since this is a Texas Rangers' investigation his office would not comment.

Traylor-Harris succeed Bobby Garmon on Jan. 1 following his election win, which occurred after finishing third in the March 2020 Democratic Primary.

However, the winner of that primary Willie Mims, was found to be ineligible by the courts and a runoff was held between Traylor-Harris and Garmon.

Traylor-Harris won that runoff and became constable due to no Republican being entered in the race.

In July of that same year, officials with the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement announced the Pct. 1 office was being investigated for accusations of improperly appointing an officer.

TCOLE Director of Government Relations Gretchen Grigsby said the ongoing probe began on March 23

Traylor-Harris has said the improper appointment claim was related to a complaint filed against Demondre Montgomery, who was serving as a reserve deputy for the constable's office.

According to official documents, Montgomery was arrested for arresting a man in March. Montgomery, who is not certified as a peace officer, was charged with impersonating a public servant.

Local sales tax revenue up 18.35%

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar announced last week he will send cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts \$1.07 billion in local sales tax allocations for November, 20.6 percent more than in November 2020.

Lindale's sales tax revenue had another boost, posting a 18.35-percent increase over the previous year - \$372,097.56 compared to \$314,402.52 last year.

City	Rate	Net Payment This Period	Comparable Payment Prior Year	% Change	Payment YTD	Prior Year Payment YTD	% Change
Arp	1.500%	\$28,142.28	\$18,439.51	52.61%	\$210,518.98	\$159,438.50	32.03%
Bullard	1.500%	\$75,557.20	\$61,133.01	23.59%	\$689,206.35	\$590,695.99	16.67%
Lindale	1.500%	\$372,097.56	\$314,402.52	18.35%	\$3,683,997.63	\$3,150,024.69	16.95%
New Chapel Hill	1.000%	\$2,014.34	\$1,695.85	18.78%	\$18,346.51	\$15,772.33	16.32%
Noonday	1.000%	\$27,036.27	\$17,883.17	51.18%	\$209,133.60	\$169,538.05	23.35%
Troup	1.500%	\$50,500.97	\$43,543.80	15.97%	\$545,056.79	\$463,513.31	17.59%
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Whitehouse	1.500%	\$118,541.82	\$95,567.46	24.03%	\$1,129,689.56	\$969,817.71	16.48%
Winona	1.250%	\$19,014.35	\$14,972.36	26.99%	\$178,773.44	\$150,422.20	18.84%

City Council discusses two TIF zones during meeting

The city's Reinvestment Zones — TIF's — were the main agenda items addressed by Lindale City Council members during their regular meeting Tuesday night at city hall.

Council members were apprised of the status of TIF's two and three during Tuesday's meeting. This was a follow up to Nov. 2's meeting in which council members agreed to start 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.

Council members appointed Mayor Pro-tem Ginger Sims and Place 1 Councilman Rick Thelan were reappointed to the TIF No.2 Board of Directors and Mayor Jeff Daugherty and Place 4 Councilman Bob

Tardiff the TIF No. 3 Board of Directors.

Council members requested that City Manager Carolyn Caldwell to reach out to others who might want to serve on the board.

These appointments will go into effect in January, 2022.

Also, the boundary for TIF No. 2 was changed by the council. One proposed boundary is in the northeast part of the Lindale Industrial Park while the southern portion is outside the city limits.

There are other legal steps needed before the boundaries become official, Caldwell said, but the council needed to approve the boundaries prior to any further action.

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Filing period for 2022 primary opens

The filing period for the 2022 Texas primary elections opened on Nov. 13, allowing candidates to file with their respective party chairs for spots on the March 1, 2022, primary ballot. For primary elections, candidates must file their applications with their state party chairs. If a district is solely contained within a single county, a candidate would file with the county chair.

The filing period for county, district and statewide offices ends at 6 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 13. Early voting for the March 1 primary begins on Feb. 14. Among the statewide offices on the ballot are governor, lieutenant governor, attorney general, comptroller, agriculture commissioner, land commissioner, railroad commissioner and seven states on the state board of education.

To find out who has filed to date, go here: <https://tinyurl.com/4s89j6be>

Task force on concert safety formed

Gov. Greg Abbott last week announced the formation of a task force on concert safety after at least nine people were killed and hundreds injured at the Astroworld Festival in Houston on Nov. 5. Members include safety experts, law enforcement officials, firefighters and leaders from the Texas Music Office, the Texas Department of Public Safety, the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission and a half-dozen other state entities.

The task force is led by Brendon Anthony, director of the Texas Music Office.

"Live music is a source of joy, entertainment and community for so many Texans — and the last thing concertgoers should have to worry about is their safety and security," Abbott said.

Lawsuits have been filed on behalf of more than 200 victims. Defendants include rapper Travis Scott and concert promotion giant Live Nation, according to a report in the Houston Chronicle. The deaths and injuries occurred when a crowd rushed the stage as Scott performed.

"I don't like bullies..."

As I was working on the papers last week "The Avengers" movie was on in the background. I have seen it so many times it was just background noise...until I heard my favorite character, because of his character, Capt. America say: "When I went under, the world was at war. I wake up, they say we won. They didn't say what we lost."

Capt. America, Steve Rogers, was a fictional World War II hero. Fictional, but the way he was written he conveys what American sacrifice and heroism is supposed to be about—loyalty, faith, leadership, friendship and sacrifice. Maybe we should stop and consider what we have won and what we have lost.

There is a huge wave of nostalgia currently that includes returning to the dress and decor of the 1950s, '60s and '70s. I grew up in the '60s and '70s watching the nightly news with my Dad, a World War II veteran. At 17 he joined the Navy in the middle of that global conflagration and served from the Aleutians to the South Pacific. He never doubted the cost of that war and the sacrifice necessary to win it.

I have dear friends who are Vietnam War veterans who sacrificed so much only to be reviled by many when they came home. From Vietnam all the way back through the French & Indian War 'Americans' have been citizen-soldiers. I have taught generations of young men and women who have served throughout the world in unthinkable circumstances as part of what has become a professional military. Some things remain true regardless of the changes in warfare, technology or culture. Some things should never change.

Supreme Commander of the European Theater in WWII and later President of the United States Dwight D. Eisenhower may have said it best: "The supreme quality for leadership is unquestionably integrity. Without it, no real success is possible, no matter whether it is on a section gang, a football field, in an army, or in an office."

It is time that we consider our own integrity, our own patriotism. As a former high school and college teacher I am sad to say that I often question the integrity of people who cite protecting the constitution while screaming at other Americans. I wonder how many have actually read it and understood it. The internet has brought us a wealth of knowledge and a sea of lies. We often gravitate only to what agrees with our perceptions, beliefs and prejudices at the cost of freedom of thought and freedom to disagree. That breaks my heart because I know

Suzanne Bardwell



that my father's generation laid down their lives in the hundreds of thousands to secure freedom not only for America but the hope that the world would move toward freedom. And it has.

If we can clear our minds of the disinformation left and right to be found online and consider the world we live in we would celebrate our NOW. We have better health care, availability of food, opportunity for success and wealth. My Dad and his generation fought for this better world that we live in. What we have lost is our optimism and our innocence. The fault may lie within us and the diet we feed our souls. A diet that has led to political polarization, self-obsession and selfishness at the expense of our nation's stability.

It is time to step up to the plate and be the best we can be for our children and grandchildren and to continue to be "the shining light on a hill" that America has been throughout its history. Here is another quote from my fictional hero who stands for the best of what can be and what generations of Americans have fought and died for: "I don't like bullies, I don't care where they're from."

The Constitution protects freedom of speech, freedom of religion, freedom of the press, the right to assemble and petition the government. It is time we re-embrace our most precious rights. After all, a lot of Americans have died over the decades to ensure those rights continue for all Americans not just the ones they agreed with. It is important to remember that.

Integrity is a big word. As Americans we need to acknowledge, at least as recent generations, that we have no idea of what it is like to live without freedom. Why would we ever want to deny it to one another? Another favorite characteristic of Capt. America was his loyalty even when the other guy was on the other side of an issue. Maybe we should try a little harder to be more like Capt. America. The guy who said: "I'm with you 'til the end of the line." He didn't mean just the folks he agreed with.

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GAVIN JAMES is the son of Ronda and Chris James. He is the captain of the speech and debate team and a member of the National Honor Society, Model United Nations, Mindset Breaking Experience, and other academic competition teams. Gavin believes he is impacting the world through his involvement with the speech team, where he brings awareness to issues that affect the world. He plans to attend the University of North Texas and study biology. Gavin's future goals include working in a forensic laboratory or research facility.

CHLOE SMITH is the daughter of Alycia and Wilson Smith. She is an officer for the Star Steppers drill team and a member of the National Honor Society and the student council. Chloe believes she is impacting the world by volunteering her free time with community organizations, such as the Lindale Food Bank. She plans to attend the University of Mary Hardin Baylor and study pediatric nursing. Chloe's future goals include working as a pediatrician or a registered nurse.

ZANE GANO is the son of Becky and David Gano. He is a member of the National Honor Society, marching band, debate team, robotics team, and the University Interscholastic League science team. He is also a black belt in karate and a member of the Boy Scouts of America, where he earned the rank of Eagle Scout. Zane believes he is impacting the world as a karate instructor by teaching children, teens, and adults to defend themselves. He plans to attend Texas A&M University and study mechanical engineering. Zane's future goals include working as an engineer.

Texas Bank and Trust celebrates the twelfth anniversary of the Lindale Student Board of Directors, recognizing outstanding seniors from Lindale High School who have demonstrated academic excellence, leadership, and a commitment to community service. We are proud to introduce the following members of the 2021-2022 Student Board. [View more profiles @ www.facebook.com/texasbankandtrust.com](http://www.facebook.com/texasbankandtrust.com)

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Nuttiness aside, domestic threats remain

Just when you think things can't possibly get any loonier, along comes a group of QAnon supporters staging what must be one of the goofiest demonstrations since ... well ... a lot of the earlier ones staged by QAnon supporters.

First, it might be prudent to establish just who, or what, QAnon happens to be.

At its core, QAnon is a conspiracy theory hatched on the internet – by someone or something calling him or herself “Q” -- which, among other things, claims a “group of Satan-worshipping elites who run a child sex ring are trying to control our politics and media.”

As recently as 2020, social media sites were bombarded with QAnon nonsense concerning COVID-19, Black Lives Matter and the “theft of the 2020 election” (which as has been repeatedly proven, ad nauseum, wasn't stolen from No. 45.)

Under more normal times, references to QAnon believers would be relegated to late night comics' monologues.

Yet these QAnon nitwits gained national prominence when it became clear they were part of the deadly insurrection of the U.S. Capitol on Jan. 6 as well as being charged with other violent crimes, triggering a terrorism alert in late January from the Department of Homeland Security about the group's activities.

How could things become



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more bizarre from a group that can only survive when spouting outlandish “facts” and tin-foil hat type theories?

Well, the outrageousness limit might have been reached a couple of weeks ago in downtown Dallas when hundreds of these QAnon types gathered waiting on the deposed 45th president and John F. Kennedy Jr. to arrive.

These sign-waving, banner-bearing goofballs congregated at AT&T Plaza, near Dealey Plaza, waiting on the arrival of their “heroes.”

(Spoiler alert: JFK Jr. didn't show up because, well, he died in a plane crash in 1999.)

Perhaps these space cadets figured by gathering at Dealey Plaza – where JFK Jr.'s father was assassinated in 1963 – cosmic forces would align and convince everyone that it's all been part of the Satan-worshipping mantra and JFK Jr. didn't really die and he would show up.

So, here's the timeline of what the QAnoners (just made up that word) figured would happen.

-- JFK Jr. would arrive and introduce the most recent pres-

idential loser as president, who would be named “King of Kings” (thought that title was reserved for Our Savior.)

-- JFK Jr. would then become the former president's vice president.

When questioned as to why JFK Jr. didn't arrive at the “appointed” time, some QAnoners said not to worry, he would arrive at the Rolling Stones concert later that night in the Cotton Bowl.

(Spoiler alert No. 2: he didn't.) Of course, it's easy to toss this nonsense into the dustbin containing other outrageous declarations and tales of being abducted by UFOs.

But experts point out, the longer this type of insanity is cultivated, the more dangerous it could become.

Look no further than the failed government takeover on Jan. 6. QAnon followers, as well as other extremists have been busy on message boards infecting countless numbers of people with their poison.

Domestic extremism expert Jared Holt, who is a resident fellow at the Atlantic Council's

Digital Forensic Research Lab, feels these types of groups pose a serious threat. The size of the demonstration in Dallas was particularly worrisome, Holt said.

“For people to be in the state of mind where they are utterly and hopelessly detached from reality opens up very dangerous possibilities for what that individual may do going forward,” Holt said.

“Even though this event is ripe for mockery, and I think people should allow themselves to laugh, I think we need to reconcile with the fact that hundreds of people turn out for a celebrity who has been dead for two decades,” he said.

“What drove them out to the streets is a kind of a representation of a broader sickness,” he added.

Holt, who monitors online communities like QAnon, saw the JFK Jr. theory appear on a handful of web sites trafficking in numerology, when people ascribe different kinds of significance to dates and numbers.

Supposedly, the ridiculous theory that JFK Jr. will somehow reappear after “faking” his own death is too far out for even the nebulous person known as “Q.”

Again, it would be easy to dismiss these people as a bunch of nut birds who couldn't do harm to our democracy.

But who would have imagined that an outraged mob, spurred on by a petulant election loser would try and take over the U.S. Capitol?

Not exactly music to her ears

By Janet Mitchum

For some reason or another, Rusty hasn't been around to get a new column out, so I am going to write it for him. I really do not like writing these things, but sometimes you just have to get stuff off of your chest; especially if you are married to Rusty.

People, he is driving me crazy. It's like living with a little kid. He has the attention span of a gnat, not to mention the brains of one. We will be celebrating (I use that term lightly) our 37th wedding anniversary in a couple of weeks.

Can you believe I've put up with him for that long?

Me either.

Every week it is something different with Rusty.

He gets on kicks.

You know how a little kid will see something on TV like a cowboy show and then he wants to be a cowboy? Well, Rusty is just like that. A few weeks ago we were watching TV and Rusty saw a man jump off of a tower into a wading pool.

“Wow!” he said. “Did you see that?”

“Don't even think about it,” I said.

“What? You don't think I could do it?”

“Oh, I'm sure you could do it,” I said. “You just don't have a large enough life insurance policy to make it worth my while.”

Fortunately, something else came on the TV and took his mind off of the high diving thing.

His poor mother used to tell me of having to chase him down the road back when he was a kid and the only thing he had on was his underwear with a couple of wash cloths safety pinned on it.



Rusty Mitchum
Life & Times

“But I'm Tarzan,” she said he yelled.

Another time, she said that she looked out the window, and he had his German Shepherd dog tied to a train of little red wagons and was hauling a bunch of kids down the road hollering “Wagon's ho!” She said when the dog finally died years later, everyone was sad.

Well, everyone but the dog. You would think he would have grown out of this sort of phase, but you'd be wrong.

A few years ago, he saw a man playing the harmonica. The next day, he had ten harmonicas, all in different keys.

Rusty usually takes to things pretty well and it wasn't long before he could actually play the thing. Unfortunately, everything he played sounded like “Oh Susanna.”

After complaining to one of my well-meaning friends about Rusty, she said that maybe he had Attention Deficit Disorder. I told her, that I thought that it might be a brain tumor, but then we both agreed that he would have to have a brain for that to be the case.

Then she suggested that drugs might help. I told her that I had thought about that, but I was afraid I might get hooked on them. She said that she was talking about putting Rusty on drugs. Well, I told her I didn't

think so. If he's this bad like he is, just think what he would be like on drugs. She thought about it and agreed.

His latest kick is the guitar. Yes, you heard me right, the guitar. A couple of years ago, Rusty's dad gave him some money for his birthday. Rusty must have seen somebody play the guitar or something after he got the money, because he called one of his buddies up and talked him into helping him find a guitar. This buddy is Hoss Huggins and although I love Hoss to death, he is an enabler.

Hoss Huggins, as you probably know, is a legend in the music scene around East Texas. He and his band, “Hoss Huggins and the Ponderosa Band” have been playing around East Texas 40 years or more, 35 of which, he and Rusty have been friends.

Well, Rusty took Hoss to who knows how many pawn shops to look for a guitar. Rusty wasn't really looking for an expensive one, because even he knows that his “kicks” will not usually last but a couple of weeks, and then he will be off on another tangent.

Hoss played a number of the pawn shop guitars before he found one he thought sounded good, and Rusty bought it. Like I said, that was two years ago.

We now have four guitars, and he hasn't given up on it yet.

I swear that if I have to remove another guitar pick jammed in my vacuum cleaner, I'm going to shove it up Rusty's nose.

Oh, he can play the guitar. I'm not going to say he can play it well, but he can play it. Unfortunately, he plays it all the time when he's home. Thank goodness he's gone a lot.

At first, he would download songs from the internet, and practice them, but then he started writing his own songs.

You heard me right -- his own songs. And guess who his sounding board is?

You got it. It's me. “Sit down right there, Sugar Booger,” he says. “I'm gonna play you the latest song from my album ‘Songs That Nobody Ain't Never Heard.’”

This one's called ‘Bacon Eatin' Blues,’” and then I have to sit there and listen. I don't have to listen to it once, oh no. I have to listen to it until it is so drilled into my brain, that I hear it in my sleep.

So, if you visit our home and wonder why it's so junky, it's because there are 10 harmonicas, 4 guitars, one motorcycle, and 37 years of accumulated Rusty hobbies you have to wade through.

Look, I'm sorry I've laid all of this on you. Like I said, I needed to get it off my chest.

Thank you. I feel much better now.

But let me warn you; if you see Rusty, and he has a guitar in his hands, run.

Do not stop. Do not pass go. Do not collect \$200.

Just run, and don't look back. And, oh yeah, keep me in your prayers.

Homeowners can postpone taxes by using deferral payment option

Texas homeowners may postpone paying the current property taxes on the appreciating value of their homes by taking advantage of a payment option called “residence homestead tax deferral” by signing an affidavit at the Smith County Appraisal District office, according to SCAD officials.

This special form of tax relief allows homeowners to pay the taxes on 105 percent of the preceding year's appraised value of their homesteads, plus the taxes on any new improvements to the homesteads.

The remaining taxes are deferred and accrue interest at an annual rate of 8 percent.

“The deferral postpones paying a portion of the taxes on the home. It does not cancel them,” said Carol Dixon, Chief Appraiser of the Smith County Appraisal District. A homeowner may not receive the deferral if the home's taxes go delinquent.

The deferral applies to property taxes imposed after the first tax year the property qualified as the individual's residence homestead. Homeowners who qualified for residence homestead exemptions in 2020 may use the deferral beginning in tax year 2021.

After a deferral affidavit is filed, no taxing unit can start or continue a lawsuit for the deferred taxes as long as that person owns and lives

in that home.

“When the taxpayer no longer owns and lives in the home,” Dixon said, “the deferred taxes become due.”

If the taxes are not paid, penalties may be applied and taxing units may sue to collect all deferred taxes, penalties and interest.

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ONE YEAR AGO, Nov. 19, 2020

Three athletes from two of the more successful Lindale High School sports – two in volleyball and one in baseball – signed college letters of intent on in the LHS cafeteria in front of family, friends and teammates.

Shelbi Steen and Chelynn Palmer from the 27-1 area finalist Lindale Lady Eagles volleyball teams signed college deals with Steen staying close to home with Tyler Junior College and Palmer traveling to Conway Ark., to play for Central Baptist College.

Brandon Burckel chose to join his older brother Brad at the University of Houston.

Steen was voted as the Most Valuable Player in District 16-4A and Palmer earned honorable mention plaudits as well. Both players earned Academic All-District honors as well.

TJC's volleyball team has qualified for the national tournament eight times, while Central Baptist is currently 8-6 on the season, which has been put on hold due to COVID-19.

Burckel will join a Cougars team that finished the 2019 with a 6-9 record, a season cut short by the pandemic.

FIVE YEARS AGO, Nov. 17, 2016

Lindale High School's highly successful speech and debate program proved its mettle at the state level as three LHS members of the team qualified for the University Interscholastic League meet in Austin in January.

Competing in the UIL Congressional Debate meet in Austin last week, Evan Bewersdorf, Anthony Wyatt and Jonas Thrasher-Evers qualified for state by taking all three available state qualifying spots.

“It's always a great feeling to get back to a state meet in Austin,” said LHS Speech and Debate coach Rory McKenzie. “It's an incredible feeling to sweep the top three spots in our region.”

McKenzie feels more great things are in store for his youngsters.

“This is a special group of kids who have all of the potential in the world to do even more amazing things,” he said. “Mr. Fugler and I had a game plan going into the competition and they came through. It's a testament to their work and effort that they did as well as they did. We look forward to competing for a state championship in January.”

This is the first year Congressional Debate is considered a full-fledged UIL event after being piloted the past three years. In its fourth year, Bewersdorf, Wyatt and Ronak Desai, are the 8th, 9th, and 10th qualifiers, respectively, in school history.

TEN YEARS AGO, Nov. 17, 2011

Lindale's Miranda Lambert won Female Vocalist of the Year honors during the Country Music Awards held at Bridgestone Arena in Nashville. This was the second year in a row the local country music superstar won the Female Vocalist of the Year award.



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OBITUARIES

MRS JEANETTE MALLORY



The family of Jeanette Mallory of Lindale, is saddened to announce her passing on November 9, 2021, eight days short of her 88th birthday. She will be lovingly remembered by her husband James (Jim) Mallory; her children: Melinda and Patrick Thompson, and LeAnne and Gerald Sanders; her grandchildren: James, Rose, and Leah Thompson, and Ryan Ford; her great-grandchildren: Astrid Thompson, Sander and Mallory Ford; and other loving family members.

Jeanette is preceded in death by her parents Mike and Frances Garber who welcomed her into the world on November 18, 1933, in Baytown, Texas. She was raised with her brother, Royce who preceded her in death. During her life, Jeanette was dedicated to her education and remained busy with her involvement in church activities and music. Throughout her life, music remained an integral part of Jeanette's life and was "a soprano who never has slacked" to quote the Sanctuary Choir in Westfield, New Jersey.

Jeanette had a natural curiosity and was determined to receive her education. She earned her Bachelor of Science, Master of Education, became a Licensed Professional Counselor and a Registered Play Therapist. Jeanette left a lasting demonstration of her love acts of

service, education, and her advocacy for mental health by becoming a founding member of the Texas Association for Play Therapy in 1997. These achievements came later in her life, but Jeanette was a true counselor all her life, assisting others through their hardships and providing support wherever needed.

Jeanette married her husband of 69 years, Jim Mallory. Although Jim and Jeanette's love story began in high school, she reminisced about meeting him in grade school and how adorable she found his smile. They were an inspiration to other couples, as later they would lead workshops for singles through their church. Jim's career in Exxon led them around the world and allowed Jeanette to combine her love of travel and search for knowledge while furthering her education about other cultures and caring for their daughters.

Jeanette was well-known for her smile and welcoming personality. Though she was raised in a small town, she made friends wherever she went and took all opportunities "to make life happen." She often spoke of the time she sang with the choir behind the Iron Curtain, a unique experience which allowed her to share her faith and love of music with others and was an inspiration to young women.

Jim and Jeanette valued family above all. In the '70's Jim and Jeanette purchased a tree farm in Lockhart, Texas. This became "The Place" which the family built for family gatherings, holidays, church workshops, fishing, and grandchildren enjoying the outdoors.

In 1982, Jeanette began yet another role as "Nana." In her role as Nana, she was now everything - a wife, mother, grandmother,

great-grandmother, teacher, counselor, but most of all a role model.

Jim and Jeanette "retired" to Lindale where Jim became Mayor and Jeanette became the First Lady, a position which continued to showcase her dignity and love for her community.

During their "retirement" they were proud members of the Lindale Rotary Club, the Lindale Chamber of Commerce, and of the First United Methodist Church of Lindale; and Jeanette was a member of the Lindale Garden Club.

Jeanette Garber Mallory's life was celebrated with a visitation at Caudle-Rutledge-Daugherty Funeral Home in Lindale on Saturday, Nov. 13.

The celebration service was held at the First United Methodist Church - Lindale 402 W. Hubbard Street, Lindale on Sunday, Nov. 14.

A private burial followed.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making donations to the Lindale Education Foundation P.O. Box 370 Lindale 75771 and the First United Methodist Church of Lindale P.O. Box 367, Lindale, 75771.

STACY PATRICK BATEMAN

Funeral services for Stacy Patrick Bateman, 53 of Lindale were held Wednesday Nov. 17, 2021, at the Caudle-Rutledge-Daugherty Funeral Home Chapel in Lindale with Bro. Roy Thoen officiating. Interment will follow at Mason Cemetery in Arp.

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Saturday Nov. 6, 2021

Officer Philpot and Officer Ramsey responded to an accident at 700 block S Main St, report taken. Sgt Dworaczyk and Officers Leevey and Wedgeworth responded to a disturbance at 500 block N Main St, unfounded. Sgt Dworaczyk and Officers Gillham, Leevey and Wedgeworth responded to a warrant service at 500 block Ferguson St, arrest made. Officer Gillham responded to a loud noise complaint at 200 block Cooper St, settled at scene. Officer Leevey and Officers Gillham and Wedgeworth responded to a suspicious person at 2500 block S Main St, unfounded. Officer Leevey and Officer Gillham responded to a suspicious circumstance at 18000 block Hwy 69 N, unfounded.

Sunday Nov. 7, 2021

Officer Trombley and Officer Shurley responded to an accident at 556 W I-20, settled at scene. Officer Trombley and Officer Shurley responded to a city ordinance violation at 100 block E Centennial Blvd, settled at scene. Officer Shurley responded to a loud noise complaint at 1500 block Corrigan Trails Blvd, settled at scene. Officer Allen responded to a suspicious vehicle at 400 block Eagle Spirit Dr, settled at scene. Sgt Houghton and Officers Capps, Jackquet and Shurley responded to an accident at 3200 block S Main St, report taken. Officer Capps responded to an assist other agency at 17700 block Hwy 69 N, settled at scene. Officer Jackquet responded to a public service at 100 block Ballard Dr, settled at scene. Officer Shurley responded to a suspicious vehicle at 900 block E Hubbard St, settled at scene. Officer Capps and 452 responded to a business alarm at 2500 block



S Main St, false alarm.

Monday Nov. 8, 2021

Officer Trombley responded to a public service at 100 block Ballard Dr, settled at scene. Officer Trombley and Officer Allen responded to a possession of a controlled substance at 500 block W South St, arrest made. Officer Allen responded to a civil matter at 100 block Ballard Dr, settled at scene. Officer Trombley and Officer Shurley responded to a shoplifting at 100 block E Centennial Blvd, report taken. Sgt Houghton and Officers Trombley, Allen and Shurley responded to a disturbance at 200 block W North St, report taken. Officer Philpot and Officers Capps, Shurley and Jackquet responded to a disturbance at 14100 block CR 474, settled at scene. Officer Capps and Officers Shurley and Jackquet responded to a suspicious circumstance at 3200 block S Main St, unfounded. Officer Jackquet responded to a public service at 100 block Ballard Dr, settled at scene. Officer Capps responded to a suspicious vehicle at 17700 block Hwy 69 N, settled at scene. Officer Jackquet responded to a business alarm at 100 block N Main St, false alarm.

Tuesday Nov. 9 2021

Chief Somes and Cpt Chambers responded to a suspicious vehicle at 3400 block S Main St, settled at scene. Sgt Houghton responded to a suspicious person at 200 block Clara St, unfounded. Cpt Chambers, Sgt Houghton and Officers Trombley and Allen responded to a criminal trespass at 200 block Hillside Cir, settled at scene. Sgt Flores, Lt Lazarine. Sgt Houghton and Officers Fortunas, Allen and Trombley responded to a suspicious circumstance at arrest made. Chief Somes, Cpt Chambers and Officer Trombley responded to a suspicious person at 17000 block Hwy 69 N, unfounded. Cpt Chambers, Sgt Houghton and Officer Trombley responded to an accident at 3200 block S Main St, report taken. Cpt Chambers and Officers Trombley and Shurley responded to a welfare concern at 17000 block W I-20, settled at scene. Cpt Chambers, Sgt Houghton and Officer Trombley responded to a disturbance at 200 block W Centennial Blvd, settled at scene. Sgt Houghton and Officer Allen responded to criminal mischief at 200 block E South St, settled at scene. Officer Trombley and

Officer Shurley responded a verbal disturbance at 200 block Waters St, settled at scene. Officer Capps responded to a suspicious person at 1000 block Jim Hogg Rd, unfounded. Sgt Houghton and Officers Capps and Shurley responded to a suspicious person at 800 block E South St, report taken. Sgt Houghton and Officers Capps, Shurley and Jackquet responded to a resisting arrest at 1200 block S Main St, arrest made. Sgt Houghton and Officers Capps, and Shurley responded to a criminal mischief at 1500 block Brittain Ct, report taken. Officer Capps and Officer Jackquet responded to a loud noise complaint at 400 block Arthur St, settled at scene. Officer Jackquet responded to a business alarm at 3400 block S Main St, false alarm.

Wednesday Nov. 10, 2021

Officer Philpot and Officer Ramsey responded to an assist other agency at 17700 block CR 4112, settled at scene. Officer Philpot and Officer Ramsey responded to an accident at 100 block E Centennial Blvd, report taken. Officer Philpot responded to a public service at 100 block Ballard Dr, settled at scene. Officer Leevey, Gillham and Capps responded to an assist other agency at 15800 block FM 16 W, settled at scene. Officer Leevey responded to a public service at 13300 block CR 472, settled at scene. Officer Leevey and Officer Gillham responded to a stolen vehicle at 100 block E Centennial Blvd, arrest made. Officer Leevey responded to a suspicious vehicle at 13300 block CR 472, settled at scene. Officer Leevey responded to a suspicious vehicle at 1400 block S Main St, settled at scene. Officer Leevey responded to a public service at 18500 block Hwy 69 N, settled at scene.

Thursday Nov. 11, 2021

Officer Fortunas responded to a found property at 100 block Ballard Dr, settled at scene. Officer Philpot responded to a public service at 100 block Ballard Dr, settled at scene. Officer Philpot and Officers Ramsey and Fortunas responded to a suspicious vehicle at 13300 block CR 472. Settled at scene. Sgt Flores responded to a public service at 100 block Ballard Dr, settled at scene. Officer Philpot and Officer Ramsey responded to a public service at 100 block Ballard Dr, settled at scene. Officer Ramsey responded to an abandoned vehicle at 17000 block Hwy 69 N, settled at scene. Sgt Dworaczyk and Officer Wedgeworth responded to a possession of controlled substance at 1100 block S Main St, report taken. Officer Philpot and Officer Ramsey responded to an accident at 3200 block S Main St, report taken. Officer Leevey and Officer Gillham responded to a suspicious person at 200 block Clara St, settled at scene. Sgt Dworaczyk and Officer Wedgeworth responded to a disturbance at 15300 block FM 16 W, settled at scene. Sgt Dworaczyk and Officers Leevey, Gillham and Wedgeworth responded to a discharge of firearm at 200 block W Centennial Blvd, report taken. Officer Philpot responded to a suspicious vehicle at 21200 block Hwy 69 N, settled at scene. Officers Leevey, Wedgeworth and Gillham responded to a disturbance at 13300 block CR 472, settled at scene. Officer Leevey and Officer Gillham responded to a suspicious circumstance at 300 block N Main St, settled at scene.

Be wary of text messaging scams

Everyone loves a deal, and that includes scammers.

Con artists often offer too good to be true discounts in hopes price-conscious consumers will jump on these "deals" without doing their research.

Recently, BBB Scam Tracker has seen numerous reports of scammers impersonating well-known companies and offering discounts, some of which are COVID-19 themed.

How the scam works:

You will receive a text message from a large, reputable company. The message claims that due to the pandemic, the company would like to help people out by offering them an amazing deal. These range from free or discounted services to gift cards and cash.

Consumers reported receiving the following text messages using the following messages:

"COVID-19 REFUND. VERIZON COMPANY is giving out \$950 to all users of our Verizon service, If yes kindly text your Verizon"

"Due to the pandemic, Hulu is giving everyone a free 1-year subscription to help you stay at home. Get yours here [link]."

"AT&T... Sorry for the coverage issues... Here's a little gift: [link]"

Other texts impersonate companies like Walmart, Amazon, Costco, and USPS with the intent of stealing personal information. When you click on the link, you may be prompted to log into a lookalike website that scammers use to get hold of your login ID and password.

With that information, scammers can access your accounts and even make purchases using your saved payment methods.

The latest BBB Scam Tracker reports mention Hulu, Netflix, and Verizon, but watch out for scammers impersonating other companies as well. How to avoid text message scams

Treat messages from unknown senders with



caution. If you receive a message from a number you don't recognize, be careful. Many companies engage in SMS marketing, but keep in mind that consumers must opt in to receive messages. If you haven't given any company permission

to text you, it's probably a scam.

Don't click on links from strangers. Scammers often send shortened links that don't let you see where they really lead in the body of their text message. If you click the link, you could be directed to a dangerous website, or you could download malware onto your device.

Confirm deals directly with the company before you accept. If you are really hoping the deal is legitimate, go to the company's official website and send them an email, or call to inquire. The company can let you know if the deal is real or not.

Install antivirus software on your computer and mobile devices. This kind of scam can come from text messages or emails, so make sure all your electronics are protected. Antivirus software can scan for malware and alert you before you open a malicious website link.

Alert the company. It will help them fight the problem. AT&T and Verizon are asking consumers to forward suspicious messages to 7726 (SPAM).

Learn more about this kind of scam by reading the BBB Tip on phishing scams. Read about a similar con that offers you a discount on your utility bills and scams mentioning Hulu and Netflix.

If you've been the victim of a similar scam, report it to BBB Scam Tracker. Your first-hand experience can help other consumers recognize scammers' tactics before it's too late.

For more tips on how to be a savvy consumer or to share your experience with a business, go to bbb.org.

Waterfowl hunters asked to assist in stopping spread of invasive species

As Texas waterfowl hunters are gearing up in anticipation of opening day, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department officials are reminding them to help stop the spread of invasive species such as giant salvinia and zebra mussels.

Hunters should make sure to clean, drain and dry their boats and equipment, including decoys and other hunting gear, before traveling from lake to lake, TP&WD officials said.

Aquatic invasive plants can easily become entangled or trapped on boats and boat trailers and moved to other lakes. Giant salvinia, one of the most problematic aquatic invasive plants in Texas, can double in size and acreage in less than a week, quickly becoming a problem. Just a small fragment can cause an infestation in a new lake, making it even more important for boaters

to clean, drain, and dry their gear.

"Giant salvinia is often thought of as a plant that blocks recreational access for anglers and boaters, but it can cause serious problems for waterfowl hunters too," said John Findeisen, TPWD Aquatic Habitat Enhancement Team Lead. "Not only does it form thick mats that block access for hunters to prime waterfowl hunting areas, but it can also outgrow and replace the native plants that waterfowl rely on for food and habitat."

Another major invasive species threat in Texas is zebra mussels. Currently, zebra mussels are found in 33 Texas reservoirs across six river basins as well as in river reaches downstream of infested lakes. These invaders can litter shorelines with sharp shells, impact recreation, harm aquatic life, damage boats and clog water intakes.

Busy times continue at Lillie Russell Library

By Donna Edwards

Friends of Lillie Russell Memorial Library

These are busy days at the library as we approach the holidays!

Storytime for preschoolers is in swing on Fridays at 10:30a.m. with our new storyteller often in full costume.

The staff was filled with spirit as they dressed in costumes the week prior to Halloween and handed out candy at Pickers Pavilion on Friday and at the library on Saturday as part of the Chamber of Commerce's Downtown Trick or Treat.

Santa's Bake Shop elves are gearing up for that annual event on Saturday, Dec. 4 from 10 a.m.-9p.m. at the library.

The Bake Shop needs both cookie bakers and volunteers for all areas. Please call the library -- 903-882-1900 -- for information on how to

participate. This year, the Bake Shop will include expanded Reindeer Games for kids in the outside area behind the library.

The Friends of the Library want to thank everyone who stopped by the Bundled Book Sale at the library during Countryfest to visit, browse, and buy. Members, donors, and the Annual Event Sponsors have made it possible for Friends to continue to support the library's programs during another difficult and unsettled year.

Friends are pleased to close out 2021 fund raising with the annual Holiday Basket Sale, Nov. 30-Dec. 24.

Stop by the library and check out these great gift items. Friends meet at the library on the second Sunday of the month at 2 p.m.

Come join the fun and help us keep our library great!

Texture can add interest in landscape

By B.J. Moore
Smith County Master Gardener

Ornamental plants come in all shapes, sizes, and colors, so, having a variety of them in a garden adds interest to the landscape.

Plants with different types of leaves, flowers, and branches add to this interest. Different shapes and textures of plants add to a garden's beauty, along with different color contrasts.

For year-round interest, especially when flowers are not in bloom, a gardener can fill in between flowers and shrubs with grasses, ferns, and hostas.

Some important plants for varying textures in landscapes are irises, daffodils, ferns, hostas, and different types of shrubs.

Textures consist of different types of leaves, flowers, berries, fronds, and branches of all different shapes and sizes. For example, the "Soft Shield" fern (Polystichum setierum) has finely divided green fronds for interest all year. Some ferns have arching fronds while others have more upright fronds. The "Northern Beech" fern forms a carpet with triangular fronds.

The hosta, or plantain lily, is a shade-loving plant used mainly for its foliage. Hostas are available in a wide variety of leaf sizes, colors, and textures, some with deep-veined leaves.

The "Gold Standard" hosta has cream, yellow, and green heart-shaped leaves. "Frances Williams" hostas have thick, puckered, blue-green

leaves with yellow variegation.

Another example of a texture plant is Japanese forest grass (Hakonechloa macra "Aureola") which is a woodland grass with good color in the fall season. Another is a creeping groundcover, (Vancouveria hexandra) which is a perennial with lobed bright green leaves with tiny white flowers in early summer.

Ornamental kales provide a variety of colors and textures, especially during our winters. The pyracantha shrub also provides berries during the winter and white flowers in the summer.

Junior High girls win, lose to Grace

The 7th grade and 8th grade A teams took on Grace Monday night (Nov. 15) in junior high basketball action with the Lady Eagles winning one and losing one.

For the 7th grade A team, Lindale routed Grace, 61-10. Ella Hutchens was the leading scorer, while Tessa Dennis and Ella Hutchens were leading rebounders.

Ava Grogan and Ella Hutchens were leaders and assists and Ava Grogan led the team in steals.

For the 8th grade A team, the Lady Eagles fell, 27-10, as Alyssia Romero was the leading scorer. Abigail Lee and Alyssia Romero were leading rebounders and Abigail Lee was the leader in assists. Macy Luster was the steals leader.

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Lindale running back Nashad Lee picks up yardage against Lumberton this past Friday in the Eagles' bi-district win over the Raiders in Nacogdoches. (Photo by Terry Cannon)



Lumberton quarterback Lucas Powell is pressured in his endzone by Lindale defender Colton Widemon during the Eagles' win over the Raiders in bi-district action. (Photo by Terry Cannon)



Sophomore running back Jaddon Ward from Lumberton is pursued by Lindale's Marcus Field during second half action of Friday's bi-district win by the Eagles over the Raiders in Nacogdoches. (Photo by Terry Cannon)



Lindale quarterback Sam Peterson picks up a first down during second half action of the Eagles' 56-39 bi-district win over Lumberton Friday night in Nacogdoches. (Photo by Terry Cannon)

A&M System, Fort Worth officials announce plans for North campus

Fort Worth government and business leaders and Texas A&M University System officials are working together on plans to build a new downtown research campus to spur innovation and business development, publicity officials announced.

The shared vision is to create a hub for collaboration between key Fort Worth industries and top research, education and workforce training assets of the Texas A&M System.

The shared goal is to spur business and job growth in one of the nation's fastest growing cities and throughout North Texas, A&M officials said.

The Texas A&M System Research and Innovation Center would be constructed alongside a new Education Alliance Building, which would host conferences and house professional, technical and university courses offered by the Texas A&M School of Law, Tarleton State University, Texas A&M University, the Texas A&M Health Science Center and other alliance members.

The innovation center and new education building would form the nucleus of a new urban campus along with a new, state-of-the-art Law School at 1515 Commerce Street.

The buildings would be constructed in phases beginning with the Research and Innovation Center.

"The A&M System is making a Texas-sized commitment to Fort Worth," Chancellor John Sharp said. "Welcome to Aggieland North."

The System owns four blocks in the area and the city of Fort Worth has nearby property that could become available.

The area is next to two major attractions, the Convention Center and Water Gardens. It is a short walk from two public transportation stations and close to two interstate highways, providing easy access to the Dallas-Fort Worth metropolitan area and surrounding region.

Fort Worth is planning a convention center expansion, more hotel rooms and other nearby improvements, city officials said.

A memorandum outlining the aspirations for the Texas A&M System's Urban Campus in Fort Worth was signed last week by representatives of the A&M System, the city, Tarrant County and Fort Worth Now, a privately-funded group formed to help businesses and economic growth in aftermath of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Civic leaders are looking for help from a top research university to strengthen the area's industrial and employment base. Results from the 2020 Census show Fort Worth has a population of nearly one million residents and is growing faster than any major U.S. city. However nearly half of the 1.2 million adults in Tarrant County (age 25 and older) lack a college degree. One in four county households has an annual income below \$30,000.

The A&M Research and Innovation Center will house a wide range of initiatives involving the System's network of state agencies. Discussions so far include programs in emergency response communication, medical technologies, advanced manufacturing, nutrition, biotechnology, medical laboratory science and nursing.



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Members of the Lindale High School FFA were guest speakers at the weekly meeting of the Lindale Rotary Club on Monday, Nov. 8 and discussed the Water of the United States program and pros and cons of changing current regulations. Joining Rotary member Darla Strickland were FFA members Riley Ford, Jackson Buttram, Alexandria Keels, Caleb Ritches, Jacklyn Brandon and Gracie Day. (Courtesy Photo)

Apply agricultural limestone to ponds as you do landscape

By Clint Perkins
Smith County Extension
Agent

Our ponds here in North East Texas are a lot like our pastures: We need to apply agricultural limestone in order to raise the pH and alkalinity.

Our soils here are naturally acidic because how they were derived and the same is true for our ponds.

In order to raise the pH and alkalinity, we need to apply agricultural limestone to our ponds just

as we do in the pastures. Anytime is OK to apply the agricultural limestone, but ideally, the winter months are the best time to adjust the water pH and increase the total alkalinity of the water.

It takes time for the agricultural limestone to work. It can range from a couple of days to more than a month depending on the type and amount used, weather conditions, and on the degree of acidity of the water.

Water pH and alkalinity must be in correct order for a pond fertility program to work properly. Nutri-

ents are added to the pond water to encourage a phytoplankton bloom.

These are microscopic plants that feed microscopic animals called zooplankton. The forage fish like bluegill and minnows feed on the zooplankton and game fish, such as largemouth bass feed on the forage fish. This results in better fishing due to a properly managed pond water quality. Nutrients are pH dependent especially phosphorus. Proper pH balance can improve phosphorus availability and enhance the health of the pond.

Applying agricultural limestone can make a difference in the health of the fish even though the land owner does not have a fertility program. Since our soils are naturally acidic, therefore our ponds are acidic; a fish kill can occur if the total alkalinity gets too low.

Total alkalinity of the pond water needs to be 20.3 ppm or greater. If the total alkalinity gets below 20.3 ppm in the pond water, pH fluctuations occur. These fluctuations cause the fish to stress. If the pH gets below 5, "acid death point" occurs for many

fish species.

If you are digging a new pond and if the soils are naturally acidic in the area, applying agricultural limestone before the pond fills with water is recommended.

The best way to determine if your pond water is too low is to have an inexpensive water test.

If you have any questions regarding pond water testing and applying agricultural limestone, please contact the Smith County Extension Office located at 1517 W. Front Street in Tyler or call 903-590-2980.



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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Wade Clark Ridley, Deceased, were issued to Thomas Pennington Ridley, II, as Independent Executor on November 10, 2021, in Cause No. 45,828P, County Court of Smith County, Texas. All persons having claims against this Estate should present them to the Independent Executor, c/o John G. Payne, Attorney, 3650 Old Bullard Road, Suite 100, Tyler, Texas 75701, within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Bradley D. Bass, Deceased, were issued to Meagan C. Bass, November 9, 2021, in Cause 2021-0401-E, County Court at Law No. 2, Gregg County, Tx. All persons having claims against this Estate are required to present them to Meagan C. Bass c/o Richard Pateson, Attorney, 218 N. Broadway, Ste.304, Tyler, TX 75702 within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

Notice to Creditors

Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Winnie Gay Davis, Deceased, were issued to Cody Michael Davis on 11/15/21, in Cause 4591 OP, County Court, Smith County, Tx. All persons having claims against this Estate are required to present them to Cody Davis c/o Richard Pateson, Attorney, 218 N. Broadway, Ste.304, Tyler, TX 75702 within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

No. 45-884-P

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Loyd Milton Yielding were issued on November 15, 2021, in cause number 45,884-P, pending in the County Court of Smith County, Texas, to Mildred Jane Griffin. All persons having claims against the estate, which is presently being administered, are required to submit them, within the time and manner prescribed by law, and before the estate is closed, addressed as follows:

Representative
 Estate of Loyd Milton Yielding
 c/o Randal B. Gilbert
 309 East Erwin Street
 Tyler, TX 75702

LEGAL NOTICE

Effective December 16, 2021, Lindsey Hunter-Ellul, MD is relocating out of the East Texas area, and will no longer practice at our office located 520 N. Main St., Lindale, TX 75771. Please note that we have several Board-Certified Dermatologists within our practice who are able and available to accommodate you following Dr Hunter-Ellul's departure. By continuing your care with U.S. Dermatology Partners, the transition will be seamless, and no further action is required on your part, and the same scheduling and in-office procedures will be followed. You have a right to your medical records and U.S. Dermatology Partners will maintain them. Your medical records are confidential and can be released to you or another physician upon your request. To obtain your records, please contact our office at (903) 534-6200 for an authorization form.

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The City of Lindale, Texas will receive bids for Lindale Business Park I-20 Sanitary Sewer Improvements until 2:00 p.m., on Tuesday, December 14, 2021, at City Hall, 105 Ballard Drive, Lindale, Texas 75771, at which time the bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

A Pre-Bid Conference will be held on Friday, December 3, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. at The Brannon Corporation. It is highly recommended that companies submitting proposals attend.

All quantities are estimated and subject to change. Bid/Contract Documents, including Drawings and Technical Specifications, are on file at the office of The C.T. Brannon Corporation.

Bid Documents are available at no cost on Dropbox. Email request to Debbie at spears@brannoncorp.com.

A cashier's check payable to the order of the City of Lindale, in the amount of five percent (5%) of bid, or, Bid Bond issued by a surety licensed to do business in Texas in the amount of five percent (5%) of the bid shall be submitted with each bid.

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.

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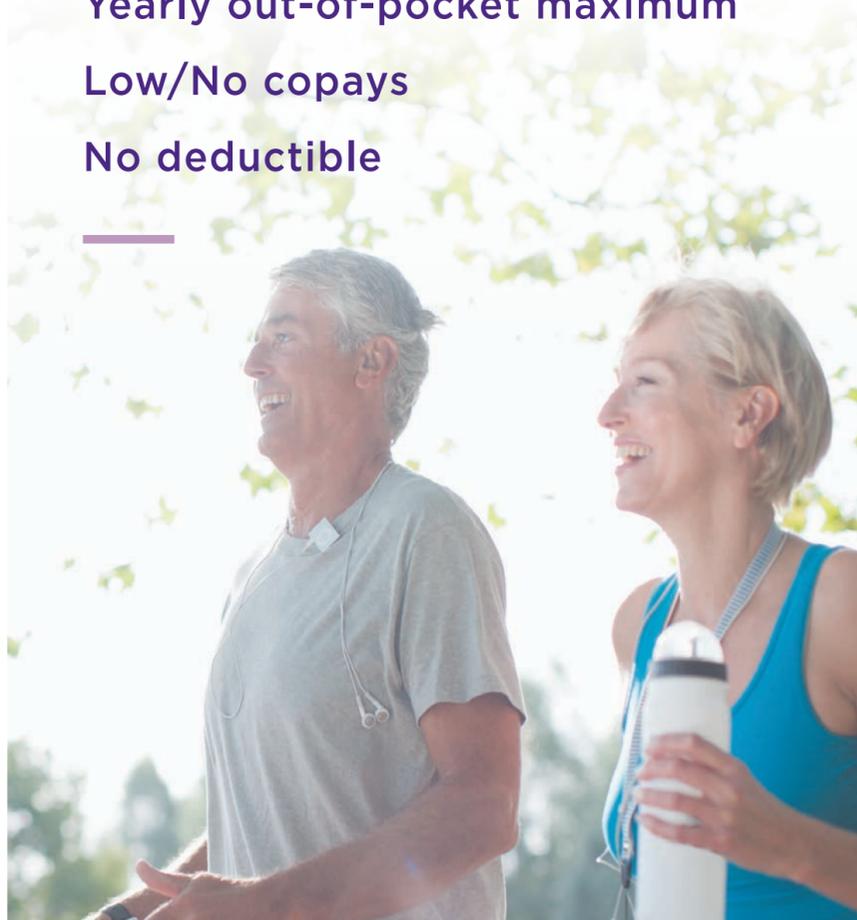


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Lindale wins bi-district title; next up El Campo Thursday night in Waco

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quarterback Sam Peterson to expand Lindale's lead to 21-7 in the early moments of the second period.
But on Lumberton's next possession, Powell directed the Raiders on a 63-yard scoring march with Ward bullying his way over from two yards out. The extra point try was blocked and Lindale owned a 21-13 margin with 9:02 left in the second period.
The Raiders recovered another onside kick and this time, Powell found junior wide receiver Brady Fuselier on a 50-yard scoring pass. The two-point try failed

and Lumberton had trimmed the Eagles' lead to 21-19 with just under seven minutes to go in the first half.
After forcing a punt on Lumberton's next set of downs, Kasey Villareal capped a 61-yard drive with a three-yard score to push Lindale's advantage to 28-19 with 3:51 left in the half.
But after forcing an Eagle fumble at their 48-yard line, the Raiders scored with just under two minutes left in the half on a 23-yard pass from Powell to Cade Harmon in the corner of the endzone.
Lindale's offense scored on

its first two possessions of the second half to build a 42-26 advantage with just under five minutes left in the third.
But Lumberton struck back with a two-yard score from Powell to make it 42-32 with 1:57 left in the third.
Lindale's Peterson scored from a yard out to push the Lindale lead to 49-32 with 11:29 left in the game, but Fuselier hauled in a 12-yard scoring pass from Powell to cut the lead to 49-39.
But that was as close as the Raiders would get as Lindale put the game away with 12-yard score from Nashad Lee with 3:45 left.

Eagles ready to defend 16-4A basketball title

Head Coach Chris Grotemat and his Lindale High School Eagles' boys basketball team have begun a new season looking to improve on last year's 24-6 Region II semifinalist squad.

The Eagles will host Corsicana on Saturday, Nov. 20 in the LHS Gym.

Lindale will return six players from last year's team and add a good number of underclassmen to this year's squad.

"The experience gained by our returners during last season's march to the district title and the subsequent playoff push was invaluable," Grotemat said. "But the 'hunters' are now the 'hunted' and that presents a unique set of challenges for our quest to climb back to the top of the mountain of District 16-4A."

Citing the overall skill level of his club, Grotemat believes the players' basketball acumen will also be a key factor as the Eagles seek to repeat as league champs.

"There is a lot to like about our team," he said. "We have a group of highly skilled players with rock-solid basketball IQs. Every returning letterman was a member of our league's 'Academic All District Team' a season ago, so they get it done in the classroom too."

The coach feels his players have a sense of purpose to become one of the best teams in school history.

"The boys, while undeniably proud of what they achieved last year, are eager to make their own mark and solidify their own mark in the annals of Eagles of basketball history," Grotemat said. "I don't think the fate of our season hinges on any particular sport-specific metric."

It's not a one-dimensional team, Grotemat believes. "This team may not be particularly explosive offensively, but we have a bevy of shooters and a bunch of guys who can really pass the ball, and as a result, I think our team will shoot the ball well and feature a balanced scoring attack," he said.

Yet the coach feels the Eagles should be a tough club to face on the defensive end as well.

"A story to watch this season, however, will be the maturation of our team defense," he said. "It was our calling card a season ago, and I think we'll have a chance to be really competitive again if we can rekindle that commitment to being elite when protecting our basket."

Yet, the Eagles will be defined by the intangibles, especially in the leadership department, Grotemat believes.

"More than anything else, the 2021-2022 Eagles basketball season will be defined by our ability to cultivate leadership both on the court and in the locker room," he said.

This year's players include:

SENIORS

No. 3 Walter Smith – 6-4, unanimous first team All-District in 2020.

"Walter can score at all three levels, at the rim, in the midrange, and obviously, he can dial it up from deep," Grotemat said. "He'll draw the opposition's best defender each night out, and I look forward to seeing how the big man responds to that challenge."

No. 10 Taegan Terry – "(He) is one of the smartest basketball players I have ever coached," Grotemat said. "He is liked, and most importantly respected, by everyone in our locker room."

No. 12 Colby Wood – Another first team All-District performer, the physical Wood was on the receiving end of 37 charges last season. He will continue to be the player counted on to guard the other team's top three-point shooters.

No. 13 Justin Farris – A three-year varsity letterman, Farris was a second team All-District selection a year ago. He has been one of most trusted team defenders, but "can take a big leap on the offensive end this season."

No. 33 Colton Widemon – Currently playing football, Widemon returns for his second season for the varsity basketball team this year. His 2020-21 season was shorter than usual due to the Eagles' football team reaching the state finals last year.

JUNIORS

No. 4 Logan Dixon -- Dixon will be making his varsity debut this season. "He has the ability to get hot from three point range in a hurry, and his ability to provide scoring punch in a reserve role can really help our team this season." No. 5 Ryder Johnson – Grotemat is happy with Johnson's work ethic, as the 6-2 forward has been one of the most consistent participants in early morning workouts. He is a deadly outside threat.

No. 24 Amare Baptiste – A big bodied, 6-3 post, Baptiste has shown a determined flair on the defensive end as well as being able to snag key rebounds.

No. 32 Will Hutchens – Another Eagle currently on the football field, Hutchens is a strong inside presence on the court with a competitive spirit and physicality that will help under the boards and on the defensive end. "He's a tough customer and an absolute joy to coach," Grotemat said.

UNDERCLASSMEN

No. 11 Cole Collinsworth – A sophomore point guard who will make his varsity debut this season. Collinsworth is the kind of player everyone loves to play alongside because he loves not just to share the ball, but to pinpoint passes to shooters, Grotemat said.

No. 30 Ayden Pierson – A freshman point guard, Pierson will most likely get most of his floor time with the junior varsity Eagles, said Grotemat. "He acquitted himself well playing against varsity-level competition this offseason."

Things you should know before cooking the bird

Nothing is better than a deep-fried turkey for Thanksgiving but everyone has heard the horror stories of families catching homes on fire or getting injured from freak deep-frying accidents. That's why we are on your side with some safety tips if you are planning to deep-fry this holiday season.

- Things needed before you start
Obviously, if you're deep-frying a turkey, you're going to need a turkey.
Peanut oil
Propane burner
Stockpot
Frying basket
Temperature gauge
Meat thermometer
A rod
Apron
Grease-rated fire extinguisher
Oven mitts
Goggles

Safety Tips

Find a nice, level area in your yard far away from decks, out of garages and a safe distance from trees and other structures.

● Make sure children and pets are not near the fryer while it's on and until it is completely cooled



off and make sure you don't move the fryer once it's in use.



Don't let your turkey dinner go up in flames this year.

● Leave at least two feet between the tank and the burner if you are using a propane-powered fryer.

● Do NOT use water or a garden hose on grease fires.

● NEVER operate a fryer in the rain or snow

● Try and avoid overfilling the fryer with oil. Oil can easily ignite when it comes in contact with the burner.

● Once your fryer is set up, make sure your turkey is completely thawed and dried. Ice and water coming in contact with hot oil can cause flare-ups.

● Turn off the burner before lowering the turkey into the oil. Once the turkey is submerged, relight the burner.

● When you're done, carefully remove the pot from the burner, place it on a level surface and cover to let the oil cool overnight before getting rid of it.