



# The Lindale News & Times



Find us on Facebook

"Your Hometown Newspaper Since 1900"

Thursday, Dec. 16, 2021

Vol. 122, No. 50

1 Section, 8 pages

50¢

## Griffith bows out of race for county judge

Retired Appellate Judge Sam Griffith has reversed his decision, announced a week ago, to run for Smith County Judge, according to Smith County Republican Party Chairman David Stein.

Griffith announced his candidacy to succeed Nathaniel Moran as Smith County Judge on Dec. 6.

According to Stein, "Sam Griffith withdrew from the election the day after he announced."

The announcement had come after Moran announced his candidacy to fill the TX-1 seat in the U.S. House of Representatives to be left vacant by Rep. Louie Gohmert (R-Tyler) as he pursues his primary challenge against Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton.

That decision leaves Smith County Pct. 1 Commissioner Neal Franklin unopposed in his bid for Smith County judge.

The primary will be held on March 1.

Gohmert has served the District 1 region since 2005. Moran's term as judge has 13 months remaining.

Franklin was elected to the commissioners court in November 2020. He announced his intention to run for county judge during a press conference on Monday, Dec. 6.

Franklin, a Tyler native, has served as Tyler Fire Department Chief and Emergency Management Coordinator for more than seven years.

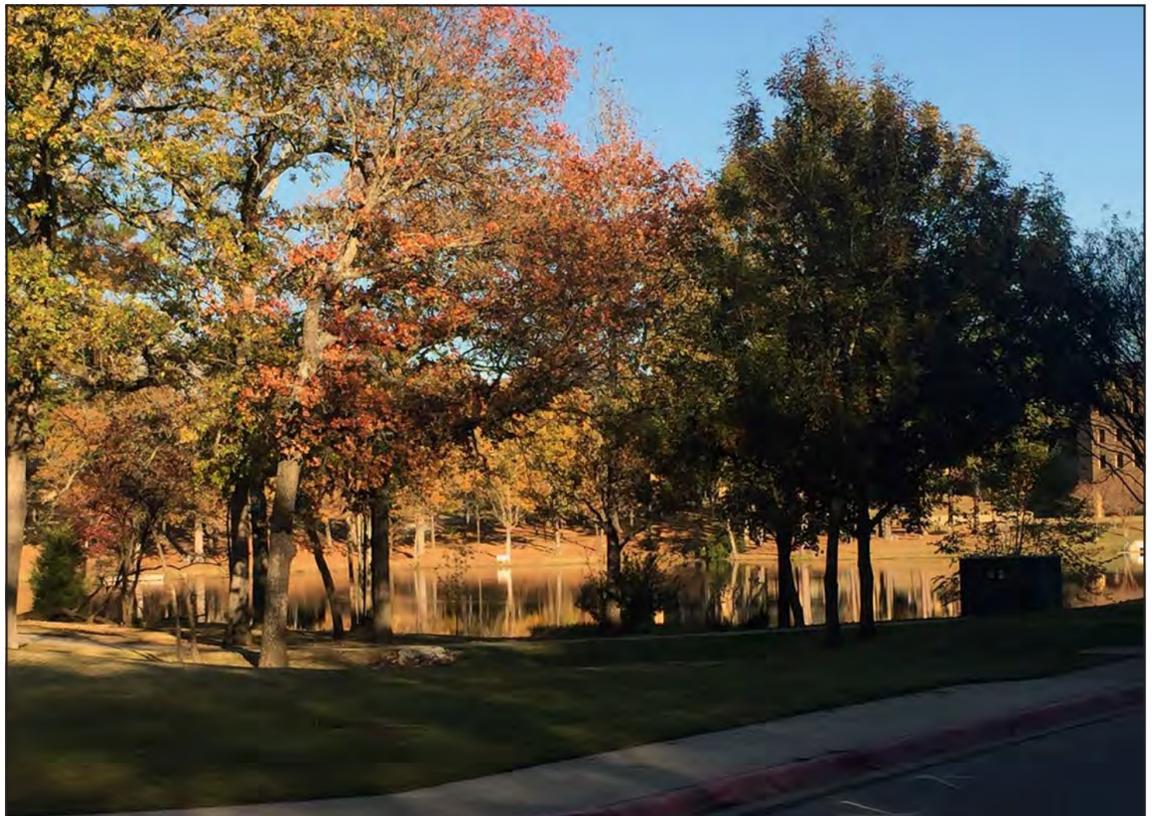
Gohmert announced his bid for the AG post on Nov. 22.

Moran joins fellow Republicans Aditya Atholi and John Porro as well as Democrat Stephen Kocen in the race.

U.S. District 1 includes Smith and Gregg Counties, extends east to the Louisiana border, north to near Lake Bob Sandlin, south to just past Teaselville and near Van to the west.

During his announcement, Moran said he will represent the values of East Texans in Congress and rely on his experience from his five years as County Judge. He will seek to build relationships while in

Continued on Page 8



## East Texas' beautiful colors

The official start of winter is almost here but East Texas' fall foliage is still spectacular. Colorful trees decorate landscapes all across the region.

Photo by Terry Cannon

## Early forecast has Lindale remaining in Class 4A with familiar foe

By Terry Cannon  
Editor

After the release of preliminary enrollment figures by the University Interscholastic League this past week, it appears Lindale ISD officials were correct in their assumption the Eagles would remain in Class 4A Division I with one current district member dropping out and a familiar school being added for the 2022-24 school years.

According to an early projection from TexasFootball.com, Lindale will share District 8-4A (Division I) with Palestine, Mabank, Kilgore,

Henderson, Chapel Hill and Jacksonville, replacing Athens in the district.

Yet despite this website prediction, Lindale Head Football Coach Chris Cochran feels another team besides Athens would change its district address.

"I saw (the prediction) but from the numbers I've seen I wouldn't be surprised to see Mabank moving west and Athens staying in our district," he said. "I believe they missed the cutoff (to move into Division II) by six students so I think they will stay Division I."

Which makes the most sense geographically because Athens is closer to the other teams in the district. Mabank could move to the west and remain in Division I.

Like others in the LISD, Superintendent Stan Surratt was keeping a close eye on the enrollment numbers and how they compared to his district.

"This was about what we expected," he said. "It looks like we'll be able to stay 4A for the foreseeable future. We will continue to grow (as a district) but we should stay below the 5A line."

As to what will be decided when realignment is official, Surratt is sure that nothing will be official until it actually is.

"You never know what the UIL will do with realignment but Jacksonville is close but we could lose Mabank," he said.

"Mabank (geographically) is connected the Kaufman district but Athens is between us and Mabank but having said that, I can still see it going a bunch of different ways," Cochran said.

Which is another way of saying that despite prognostications and mock-ups, no one will know anything official until Feb. 3, which is when the UIL will announce realignments and district changes.

One other change that would benefit Lindale would be a move into Region II instead of remaining in Region III because of the length of travel necessary to accommodate the southeast Texas schools.

Continued on Page 8

## National Wreaths Across America Day to be Held at Shiloh Cemetery

Shiloh Cemetery, an official Wreaths Across America (WAA) location, will host a wreath-laying ceremony, joining more than 2,700 other locations across the country for National Wreaths Across America Day.

Coordinated and led by local volunteers, fundraising groups have raised funds throughout the year to sponsor the placement of 18 veterans' wreaths on the headstones of fallen service members.

This annual event, set for Dec. 18 at 11 a.m. at the Shiloh Cemetery in Longview, seeks to further the WAA mission of Remember, Honor, Teach, ensuring that the memory of those who served our country.

Wreaths Across America Wreaths Across America is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization founded to continue and expand the annual wreath-laying ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery begun by Maine businessman Morrill Worcester in 1992. The organization's mission - Remember, Honor, Teach - is carried out in part each year by coordinating wreath-laying ceremonies in December in Arlington, as well as 2,700 veterans' cemeteries and other locations.



## Chamber drawing and a welcome

A welcome luncheon was held for new Lillie Russell Memorial Librarian Shannon Reid, right, this past week. Also, the Lindale Area Chamber of Commerce held its weekly "Shop Local" drawing during the luncheon. LACC CEO and President Shelbie Glover presided over the drawing and welcomed Reid.

Photo by Terry Cannon

## Smith Co. jail inmate dies after found hanging in cell

Smith County Jail inmate Kevin Wayne Freeman, 52 of Tyler, died late Saturday night (Dec. 11) after authorities found him hanging in his cell at approximately 12:30 p.m. on Dec. 11, said spokesman Larry Christian.

Smith County Pct. 1 Justice of the Peace Quincy Beavers ordered the body transported to Southwest Institute of Forensic Sciences in Dallas for an autopsy.

Christian said that upon entering the cell on Dec. 11, detention staff observed a shirt tied to a metal curtain with the inmate having placed the shirt around his neck.

Detention staff members immediately cut the shirt off of the inmate and began CPR.

Upon the arrival of paramedics from UT Health EMS, CPR was continued and the inmate was transported to the emergency room at CHRISTUS Mother Frances hospital.

While at the hospital, medical staff were able to obtain a heartbeat but no brain function has been detected.

Per Smith County Sheriff's Office protocol, Sheriff Larry Smith contacted the Texas Rangers to investigate this incident. Further details will be given as they become available, Christian said.

**LINDALE CHIROPRACTIC CLINIC**  
**GEORGE CRAIG PITTS, D.C.**  
**903-882-1828**  
 1437 S. Main St. (Across from Family Dollar)

CALL FOR NO COST CONSULTATION

Neck or Back Pain? We Can Help  
 Auto Accident • Sports/Athletic Injury

\*Blue Cross Blue Shield \*Aetna \*Medicare \*United Health Care \*Cigna \*Humana

**Caudle-Rutledge Daugherty**

**Funeral Home and Cremation Services**  
*Our Family Serving Yours... Since 1895*

206 W. South St. Lindale, Texas 75771 | (903)-882-3141 | [www.crdfh.com](http://www.crdfh.com)

Jeff D. Daugherty Robin K. Daugherty

# OPINION/EDITORIAL

## Gary Borders Capital Highlights



### Drier, warmer weather in November Blame it on La Niña.

By the end of November, nearly half the state was experiencing drought conditions, up 25 percentage points from the end of October, according to Dr. Mark Wentzel, a hydrologist with the Texas Water Development Board. La Niña conditions are “defined as below-average sea surface temperatures in the eastern equatorial Pacific,” Wentzel wrote. This results are warmer and drier weather than normal for much of Texas.

In the next few months, drought conditions are expected to both expand and intensify throughout the state.

COVID-19’s impact on state workers’ comp

The Texas Department of Insurance recently issued a fact sheet outlining the effects COVID-19 has had on the state’s workers’ compensation system. As of Nov. 7, insurance carriers reported more than 61,000 COVID-19 workers’ comp claims and 371 fatalities. Nearly half the claims and fatalities involved first responders and correctional officers.

Sixty percent of the claims involved injured workers who tested positive or were diagnosed with COVID-19. About half of the COVID-19 claims were accepted. Benefits include employees with successful claims continuing to be paid.

### Forensic election audit enters second phase

The Texas Secretary of State’s office last week issued an “exhaustive document request” of election material from Collin, Dallas, Harris and Tarrant counties as part of its full forensic audit of the November 2020 general election. The office said the document request covers more election materials than any other election audit in the country to date.

“Texas is leading in election integrity. As we embark on Phase 2 of our agency’s Full Forensic Audit of the 2020 Election, we want to ensure every single eligible Texas voter knows that ballots in Texas are being properly processed, tabulated, and reported by county election officials in accordance with state and federal law,” Secretary John Scott said.

Scott was recently appointed to the office by Gov. Greg Abbott. He briefly served as one of former President Donald Trump’s attorneys during his attempt to challenge the results of the Pennsylvania election. While Joe Biden won that state, Trump took Texas by more than 600,000 votes.

### Vaccine mandate battle continues in Texas

Following the Biden administration’s COVID-19 vaccine mandates for companies with more than 100 employees, the Texas Workforce Commission has issued a reminder to employers that Abbott has banned such mandates.

The Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals last month temporarily blocked the national vaccine mandate. The mandate would apply to about 84 million workers nationwide and was to go into effect Jan. 4. The case is expected to end up before the U.S. Supreme Court.

“Since day one, the state of Texas has taken a stand against the federal government’s unconstitutional COVID-19 vaccine mandates in the workplace, three of which have since been deemed illegal by federal courts,” Abbott said. He added that he encourages Texans to get the COVID-19 vaccine.

### Texas abortion ban in place while lawsuits continue

The U.S. Supreme Court decided last week to leave the state’s new abortion ban in place but will allow legal challenges to the law to continue. The ban was passed during the last legislative session and prohibits abortions once cardiac activity can be detected by ultrasound, generally about six weeks into a pregnancy.

The ban relies on citizens to file lawsuits against doctors and clinics suspected of performing abortions on women who are more than six weeks pregnant. As a result, most of the remaining abortion clinics in the state are not performing the procedure until the legal battle is resolved.

“While the Court did not put a complete end to our legal challenge, its failure to stop Texas’s deliberate nullification of the constitutional right to abortion within its borders makes the court complicit in widespread chaos and harm to Texans,” Alexis McGill Johnson, president and CEO of Planned Parenthood Federation of America, told the Texas Tribune.

### COVID-19 cases on rise in state

Though patients infected with the omicron variant of COVID-19 are popping up across the state, the delta variant is still the driving factor behind the increase in new cases in the past week, with a total of 37,558 reported by the Coronavirus Resource Center at Johns Hopkins University, along with 409 deaths. That is an increase of more than 50% in new cases in Texas in the past month, although the number of deaths dropped considerably in the same time period.

Lab-confirmed hospitalizations as of Sunday stood at 3,155, according to the Texas Department of State Health Services. That’s up 9% from the previous week. The number of Texans who are fully vaccinated stood at 16.25 million as of Sunday, according to DSHS. That is 55.7% of the state’s total population and 70% of all Texans who are eligible for vaccines. Children under the age of 5 are not eligible.

## “...if only in my dreams”

I don’t want things to change...but they do, and they have. Maybe that is why the Christmas carol “I’ll Be Home For Christmas” brings a little bit of an ache to my heart along with tender smiles. Growing up, Christmas was magical and shiny, with Christmas Eve celebrated at my widowed grandmother’s neat little home around a silver tinsel tree, with the bonus of a mesmerizing color wheel.

Of course, old St. Nick came on Christmas morning to our country home. My younger brother and I were not allowed to run like banshees into the living room until my Mom or Dad had brought our older brother Donnie, who had severe cerebral palsy, into the living room in front of the tree. Then it was Katy bar the door and a mad dash for the goodies left by Santa. After breakfast we went to my Mom’s parents for more Christmas, and food that I dream about to this day. Why I didn’t make it home to snag the tinsel tree or my other grandmother’s plastic icicles when their households were broken up I still deeply regret.

My sweetheart and I participated in First Christian Church’s Living Nativity as Mary and Joseph when we were young. The sacred Christmas Eve service with the “Hallelujah” chorus ringing in Christmas on the stroke of midnight was profoundly spiritual and joyous. As magical as those cherished Christmas memories were, the best was yet to be.

I can still remember our son’s first Christmas and his big hazel eyes when he focused on our Christmas tree. I will never forget him patting my cheek with excitement. By year two he was a little whirlwind, still patting my cheeks and telling me he loved me. By age three Josh had asked Santa for a backhoe, and boy did Santa deliver. When his dad tried to show him how to maneuver it our son’s response was, “No!

## Suzanne Bardwell



Josh do it his way.” And he has throughout his life, done it in ways that matter. But, I do so miss that sweet little boy, Birthday cakes for Jesus, innocent wonder, and, that soft, loving pat on my cheek.

On a recent trip to our family ranch I walked through the silent house of my childhood, sat on the couch and looked out the big picture windows by the fireplace. In that moment I closed my eyes and heard my Daddy call me his “Darlin’ Daughter” and my son his “little buddy”. I saw the big bulb Christmas lights of my childhood reflecting in my older brother’s deep brown eyes. I heard my ever busy Mom in the kitchen, and my little brother’s excitement over his Hot Wheels. I felt the hand of my sweetheart as we stood beside a manger with shepherds and wisemen. I saw the lights of trees across the years and across the miles. I felt the love I have always known...

...and then, I hummed the Christmas song of my heart...

“I’ll be home for Christmas

You can plan on me...

...Christmas Eve will find me

Where the love light gleams

I’ll be home for Christmas

If only in my dreams”



# THE ECONOMIST

By Dr. M. Ray Perryman

## Inflation...

Inflation by some measures is at 30-year highs, hitting many families hard. It’s complicated, but there are basically two things happening. Let’s take a closer look.

First, the massive (but largely necessary) deficit spending to minimize fallout from COVID-19 inevitably puts upward pressure on future prices. That piece is permanent and will likely engender somewhat higher inflation than had the pandemic never happened. The Federal Reserve recognized this phenomenon and changed its inflation target from a 2% maximum rate to a 2% average rate (thus allowing greater flexibility). Yields on long-term government bonds, where the only real risk is loss of purchasing power, are quite modest, suggest-

ing that markets expect overall inflation to be manageable over time.

The second factor, which is currently getting all of the attention, is transitory. As people get out and about again (many with extra cash from various stimulus programs), they are ready to spend. Simultaneously, the massive global supply chain has experienced widespread difficulties getting reignited. The simple, traditional explanation of inflation is “too much money chasing too few goods.” Both sides of that equation have been in overdrive. However, consumers will revert to more normal behavior in the near future, and production and distribution will be restored.

We are beginning to see pressures easing, but with inflation

remaining high, it is becoming increasingly probable that the Fed will ramp up its tapering (which basically means buying fewer bonds and putting less money in circulation) in the coming months (assuming virus variants don’t further threaten the recovery). The Fed’s dual mandate is maximum employment and low inflation, and recent trends are indicating it’s time to pull back a bit. Historically, most of the attention has focused on price stability, but the past two years have been anything but normal.

Interest rates will likely rise modestly as the Fed pushes forward. However, I don’t see any major increases for the foreseeable future. Given the magnitude of recent monetary expansion, there’s ample room for deceleration without notable market disruptions. While some observers are comparing this period to the double-digit inflation of the late 1970s and early 1980s, it is not remotely similar. Then, inflation was essentially institutionalized (many will recall that savings accounts paid 5.25% annually). Nothing even close to that is happening now. The Fed broke that cycle decades ago, and none of the core elements are still around (the model from my dissertation was used to monitor this process, so I was pulled in early).

It’s difficult because COVID-19 has the potential to change the dynamics rapidly, as we saw with the initial reaction to the emergence of the Omicron variant. Short-term price rises are unavoidable, but it is not a permanent condition. Stay safe!

**North & East Texas Press Association**

**TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION**

## The Lindale News & Times

**News & Advertising Deadlines: Noon Monday**

104 S. Main St., Lindale, TX 75771  
Office Hours: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

**Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday (closed Wednesday)**

Telephone: 903-882-8880 Fax: 903-882-8234  
Email: [classifieds@lindaleneews-times.com](mailto:classifieds@lindaleneews-times.com)

Owners: *Jim & Suzanne Bardwell*

Publisher: *Jim Bardwell*  
Editor: *Terry Cannon*  
[news@lindaleneews-times.com](mailto:news@lindaleneews-times.com)  
Advertising: *Mary Vandiver*  
[advertising@lindaleneews-times.com](mailto:advertising@lindaleneews-times.com)

The Lindale News & Times is published every Thursday. Offices are located at 104 S. Main, P.O. Box 1559, Lindale, Texas 75771. Periodical rates paid at Lindale Post Office (USPS No. 314040). Annual subscription rate is \$35 for delivery inside Smith County, \$40 outside of Smith County and \$50 out-of-state. Any erroneous information reflecting upon the character, standing or reputation of any person, firm or corporation which may appear in the columns of this newspaper will be corrected upon its being brought to the attention of the publisher. Reproduction of any portion of any issue of this newspaper is not allowed without the permission of The Lindale News & Times.

Other Bardwellink publications include: The Gladewater Mirror and White Oak Independent

**SANTA'S MAILBOX**

**SANTA'S MAILBOX**

Sign-up Early for your Letters To Santa advertising

Deadline: Monday, Dec 13 Published: Thursday, Dec 23  
Mary Vandiver, Advertising Sales  
[classifieds@lindaleneews-times.com](mailto:classifieds@lindaleneews-times.com)  
104 S. Main St. • Lindale • 903-882-8880

**Marine pays a visit**

The Marines arrived this past week to Mrs. Hicks' classroom at Velma Penny Elementary School as U.S. Marine Caleb Hicks, son of Wesley and Nadia Hicks and grandson of Dan and Sara Hicks all of Lindale, paid a visit. (Photo by Mary Vandiver)



**Interesting playoff twist, while rich kid comes home**

**Terry Cannon**  
Editor



Another two for one edition: Talking about flipping the script. About a year ago, in these very pages of our gazette, we chronicled Lindale High School's exciting, last-second football win over the LBJ Austin's Jaguars which sent the Eagles into the state championship game the following week.

Fast forward to this past Saturday at The Star in Frisco. The Jaguars were once again in the state semifinals, this time against Chapel Hill's Bulldogs.

Redemption must have been very sweet for LBJ because it erased a 35-26 deficit and scored the winning touchdown with just 9 seconds remaining for a 38-35 victory.

Last year against the Eagles, LBJ had built a 28-7 lead at the half before Lindale stormed back and celebrated after Landon Love booted an 18-yard field goal with no time left.

Chapel Hill had one last chance on Saturday, but a 60-yard field goal try fell short.

Leading 26-21 at halftime on Saturday, LBJ saw its lead melt away as the Bulldogs posted two touchdowns to take a nine-point margin into the final minutes of the game.

What transpired during the next few minutes is exactly why high school football, especially high school playoff football, is so wonderful.

Regardless of where a team stands according to pollsters or regardless of where a team is in the standings, once the playoff brackets are determined nothing is guaranteed.

For instance, perennial East Texas powerhouse Carthage, which bulldozed its way into another district championship and playoff berth, was unceremoniously sent home by still undefeated China Spring, 27-17, at the end of November.

(Gilmer, another East Texas power and annual opponent of Lindale, will take on China Spring for the Class 4A Division II title this weekend.)

Chapel Hill finished the year with four losses, one of them a lopsided affair to Lindale, 36-14, on Oct. 1 at Eagle Stadium. Going into the game, Chapel Hill was ranked as the No. 4 Class 4A team in Texas but the loss sent the Bulldogs into a downward spiral, losing two more in a row.

One of Lindale Head Coach

Chris Cochran's mantras is to tell his players they need to improve each week, which will manifest itself into a sense of confidence by the time the playoffs arrive.

Several weeks ago we discussed the first millionaire quarterback from Southlake Carroll High School deciding to seek fame, along with fortune, in the fine state of Ohio.

Quinn Ewers, who if he had remained at Southlake Carroll was supposed to be the top-rated recruit in all the land in 2022, instead chose to finish high school early and sign name, image and licensing deals with a couple of companies for about a million bucks.

He couldn't do that in Texas under current UIL rules, so he packed his bags for Ohio State, cashed in and essentially rode the bench this past season.

However, the prodigal son has returned and will suit up for the University of Texas next year.

Ewers claims that he's always had eyes for Texas, even as a young sprout. Which is why UT supporters were, shall we say, less than pleased when he bolted for Ohio when he had previously committed to the Longhorns.

High school youngsters have been known to decommit for one reason or another. It turns out Ewers had a million reasons to do so.

Ewers has been courted by colleges eager for his powerful arm since before he entered high school.

After an outstanding sophomore season, Ewers shot to the top of almost every recruiting list. He still wanted to wear burnt orange, but this was before lots and lots of green was put in front of him.

No one should begrudge the young man for taking advantage of the rules to become wealthy before he can legally drink. What 18-year-old would turn down that much money? Why would anyone, regardless of age?

At the time Ewers headed north to Ohio, there was the belief among some Texas high school coaches that Ewers' case was an outlier and it wouldn't mean a flood of youngsters racing out of state to cash in on a high-dollar NIL agreement.

That seems to make sense, but Ewers' case could be a harbinger of things to come. Regardless, it's worthy of our attention.

**Times of Lindale**



**EDITOR'S NOTE:** This column comes from the archives of the Lindale News and Times, which is available online for \$2.99 per month. Call 903-882-8880 to set up your online subscription.

ONE YEAR AGO, Dec. 17, 2020

The Lindale High School's "Pride of Lindale" Band has earned a state title after winning the first ever 4A UIL State Military Marching Band Championship, which was held at Pine Tree High School's football stadium.

Lindale ISD Superintendent Stan Surratt was obviously pleased and proud of the accomplishment.

"Congratulations to Mr. Steven Moore and our LHS Band for winning the first ever UIL 4A State Military Marching Band Contest," said Surratt. "This is just another great achievement by our Eagle Band program. Their performance last evening was simply amazing, which resulted in being awarded the State Championship trophy.

"I am so proud of our Eagles!"

In November, the band received a Division I sweepstakes award at the Region 21 marching contest. This set the stage for the band to compete at the newly-created state event.

The Lindale Band competed against 16 other schools in the Class 4-A contest. The band program began practicing for this competition in July.

FIVE YEARS AGO, Dec. 15, 2016

Lindale High School's Eagles had two superlative selections and five first team selections as the 17-5A coaches met recently and picked their All-District football unit for 2016.

The Eagles also had six chosen to the second team and six more selected for the honorable mention squad.

Senior defensive lineman Terrell Cooper was the co-Defensive Player of the Year while sophomore linebacker Dillon Heinaman was co-Defensive Sophomore of the Year.

Quarterback Montana Meador was named first team quarterback and junior Jordan Robinson was named first team running back.

Defensively, senior Kale Ridge was selected as a first team defensive end, while Cooper was also a first team pick at his defensive end position.

Senior David Franke was named the first team punter.

Second team selections for the Eagles in-

cluded Cameron Sir Louis, tight end; Colton Brown, wide receiver; Ty McDaniel, defensive tackle; Bryan Edward, inside linebacker; Justin Little, outside linebacker and De'Vion Dingle, safety.

Honorable mention selections for the Eagles included fullback Brandon Price; wide receiver Joe Noble, offensive guard Matt Coley, offensive tackle Phillip Waggoner; cornerback Josh Holland and cornerback Chase Crumpton.

10 YEARS AGO, Dec. 15, 2011

By a 3-2 vote, Lindale City Council members voted to approve the hiring of a contractor to demolish the existing structures in what was once the Allen Cannery Company and salvage and recycle copper, steel and other metal from the property.

City officials went along with the recommendations of the Downtown Improvement Committee. Council members Robert Nelson and Charles Morphis voted against the recommendation.

"I'm just not comfortable with this," Nelson said during the meeting. "We need to find out if it costs more to tear down the structure that what can be recouped from the inside of the buildings."

**'Twas the mess before Christmas**

Since it's nearly Christmas, I decided to bring out one of my Christmas poems.

'Twas the night before Christmas

And Janet was gone.  
I was at home  
And I was alone.  
I pulled down the shades,  
I locked all the doors.  
My feet moved swiftly  
Across the cold kitchen floor.  
There were the gifts  
All under the tree.  
I would look them over,  
And find one just for me.  
I'd shake it and smell it,  
And rattle it good,  
And hope that like last year  
That it wasn't just wood.  
But as hard as I looked,  
I just could not see,  
A single present  
That was just for me.  
I scratched my bald head,  
I thought I'd been good,  
This year I wouldn't  
Even get wood.  
I'd search the whole house,  
I'd look low and look high,  
"I'll bet Janet hid it,"  
I heard myself cry.  
I looked in the pantry,

**Rusty Mitchum**  
**Life & Times**



I searched every shelf,  
I emptied the cupboards  
Till nothing was left.  
I went room to room,  
Leavin' a mess in my wake,  
I'd find that blame present  
If all night it did take.  
There was one place left,  
But I was scared to look there,  
'Cause it was the drawer,  
Full of her underwear.  
I got a screwdriver  
To use as a stick,  
To stir all those panties,  
So I wouldn't get sick.  
Ladies panties, you see,  
And it may sound silly,  
They're lacy and shiny,  
And they give me the willies.  
So I stirred and I dug,  
Flung them here and then there,  
I never have seen  
Quite so much underwear.  
When the drawer was empty,

I sat on the floor,  
It was then that I heard  
Janet open the door.  
"What it the world,  
Have you done to this place?"  
I tried really hard  
To have an innocent face.  
But I could tell by the way  
She looked at the mess,  
To save my poor skin,  
I'd better confess.  
"Well," I said sadly,  
With an innocent sigh,  
And tried to make a tear  
Come out of my eye.  
"I noticed," I said,  
"When I looked under the tree  
There wasn't a single  
Present for me.  
So I have been lookin'  
In case it was hid."  
"I swear," she said.  
"You're worse than a kid.  
"Close your eyes,"

She said with a sigh.  
"And don't you dare peek,  
Or I'll put out your eye."  
I closed my eyes tightly,  
With a smile on my face,  
And then in my hands,  
A present she placed.  
I opened my eyes,  
And there in my hand,  
Was a little red box  
With a bright ribbon band.  
I tore off the paper,  
It was then that I knew,  
She had got me some bullets  
For my ol' twenty-two.  
I hugged her and squeezed her  
And then kissed her, too.  
It was just what I wanted,  
How was it she knew?  
This question I posed her,  
She smiled and then paused,  
"I intercepted your letter,  
To ol' Santa Claus."  
She explained to me,  
Because of the war,  
That Santa couldn't fly  
With bullets no more.  
She kissed me and smiled,  
And I knew I was Blessed,  
"Merry Christmas," she said.  
"Now, clean up this mess.

Merry Christmas. May God bless each and every one of you.

**LETTER TO EDITOR**

**Christmas parade was outstanding; City officials brighten the holidays**

Dear Editor,  
We all need to be proud of our city of Lindale. The parade on Dec. 4 was fantastic.

First of all our super accomplished Pride of Lindale Marching Band performed perfectly. I've never seen a band that large perform that perfect in marching format.

All the marching was in perfect unison and indicating a well-disciplined and attentive organization and sounding beautifully in tune.

All of the floats were well-fashioned and superbly decorated. Even the smaller ones were intentionally made to add to our

pleasure.  
Calling to mind, I recall a miniature red airplane that was built by one of our neighbors, who was pushing the airplane containing his two-year-old son.

Our city should be proud of our Christmas parade and other holiday presentations that were and are available to everyone.

Ed Kaup  
Lindale

Dear Editor,  
I wanted to send out a sincere THANK YOU to all those with the city of Lindale who are behind the new Christmas decorations downtown!

They are ABSOLUTELY

beautiful! I know that it took hard work, decision making and money to make all of that happen, and it is a joy to drive through and see all of that now!

The Eric and Breahn Royal household want to say THANK YOU, and it looks wonderful!

Breahn Royal  
Lindale

*Mt. Sylvan Baptist Church*  
*A Church Filled with God's Love*

**Sunday School - 10:00 AM**  
**Sunday Worship - 11:00 AM**  
**Wednesday Bible Study - 7:00 PM**  
*We invite you to come worship with us!*

**Bruce Rudd, Pastor**

PO BOX 1630 • 13073 HWY 110 N • LINDALE 903-882-3890

**BUSINESS**  
*Spotlight*

**Affordable Stump & Tree Removal**  
Commercial & Residential

Free Estimates  
Insured & Bonded

*No job too big or too small - we do them all!*

ballenasr61@gmail.com  
903-570-8214 ~ 903-638-9927



**Hungry? Thirsty? Need temporary support? We can Help!**  
**Society of St. Vincent de Paul**



903-590-7609 -- St. Anthony Conference  
[LindaleSVDPA@gmail.com](mailto:LindaleSVDPA@gmail.com)  
[www.svdpusa.org](http://www.svdpusa.org)  
Helping Neighbors in need in Lindale

# Reap the rewards with raised bed gardening

*On the eighth day God looked down on His Planned Paradise and said "I need a caretaker" so God made a farmer--- Paul Harvey*

**By Colleen Huntsberger  
Smith County Master Gardeners**  
Dallas was home for over half my adult life. When I retired and moved to Tyler "city girl" met "country boy" and my life completely changed!

I went from a house in town with lawn service to caring for 10 acres of pasture land. Needless to say my life turned upside down but this granted me the opportunity and challenge to learn. You are never too old.

This is the perfect time of year to prepare your gardens for spring planting. Why not build that raised bed you've been wanting?

Raised beds are easy to build, maintain, plant, and harvest. They also can also solve many gardening issues, including soil management, irrigation, weed control, and insect control. But for me it makes gardening much easier on

those aching joints.

Let's get started and build that garden. Select a site that receives full sun, if not you need at least eight hours of direct sunlight. Morning sun is preferred. Also, when selecting a site you want to be close to a water source.

Design and build beds using treated wood, cedar, concrete blocks, bricks or stones. Wood is the easiest to source and build.

Depth should be a minimum of 8 inches, but most vegetables like 12-18 inches. Beds can be placed directly on your lawn. You will want to kill all the grass below and/or line your beds with landscape fabric.

If you are building multiple bed boxes, make sure you have room between them to walk, work and mow.

Irrigation is crucial for Texas summers. Hand watering is the easiest option, but if you have multiple beds with plants requiring different amounts of water, you may want to consider some sort of irrigation.

Options include soaker hoses, drip

irrigation, underground porous pipes or a combination.

Soil is the major reason for utilizing raised beds.

East Texas soil is sandy and will dry out too quickly and our clay soil does not allow for proper drainage.

Soil mixtures are readily available in our area by the bag or you can have it delivered by the cubic yard.

You need a planter's mix of topsoil and organic compost.

Now you are ready for planting and once you've finished cover the top of the beds with two to three inches of mulch to suppress weeds and maintain moisture in the soil.

Your initial hard work will reap rewards for years to come.

I have been a raised bed gardener for many years along with my dog Buddy who enjoys the garden too...burying his bones!

The Smith County Master Gardener program is a volunteer organization in connection with the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service.



## Celebrations of Faith

**ASSEMBLY OF GOD**  
**Lindale Assembly of God Church**  
307 Eagle Spirit Dr, Lindale, TX 75771  
903-882-6179

**BAPTIST**  
**Antioch Baptist Church**  
793 CR 313W Tyler TX 75706  
903-597-6131  
Pastor Stephen Nipp

**Bethel Baptist Church**  
FM 16 West, Lindale, TX 75771  
903-882-8275

**Bible Baptist Church**  
16173 CR 431, Lindale, TX 75771  
903-882-1454

**Carmel Baptist Church**  
10969 CR 481, Lindale, TX 75771  
903-882-3852  
James Cheatham

**Central Baptist Church**  
13745 FM 16 East, Lindale, TX 75771  
903-882-3179  
Byron Howard

**Damascus Baptist Church**  
17052 CR 4105 Lindale, TX 75771  
903-882-3392  
Ryan Surratt

**Dover Baptist Church**  
21166 FM Road 1995, Lindale, TX 75771  
903-882-5106

**Duck Creek Baptist Church**  
Lindale, TX 75771  
903-882-9558

**East Foothills Missionary Baptist Church**  
810 E South St, Lindale, TX 75771  
903-574-2672  
Gary Dinger

**Fairview Baptist Church**  
Van Highway, Lindale, TX 75771  
903-882-9500

**First Baptist Church**  
Hwy 69 (in Swan) Lindale, TX 75771  
903-882-6432

**First Baptist Church of Lindale**  
110E Hubbard St. Lindale, TX 75771  
903-882-3396  
Tom Buck

**Foundation Baptist Church**  
715 S Main St. Lindale 75771  
903-881-9490

**Garden Valley Baptist Church**  
17816 CR 442, Lindale, TX 75771  
903-882-7671

**Greater Hopewell Baptist Church**  
10480 CR 492 • Tyler, TX 75706  
903-882-4726



**Hopewell Baptist Church**  
11804 CR 494, Lindale, TX 75771  
903-882-5381

**Hopewell Valley Baptist, Church No 1**  
CR 429 • Van, TX  
903-882-5136

**Mt. Sylvan Baptist Church**  
13073 Hwy 110 N • Lindale, TX 75771  
903-882-3890  
Bruce Rudd

**New Harmony Baptist Church**  
10251 FM 727, Tyler, TX 75704  
903-593-5811

**Red Springs Baptist Church**  
Red Springs, TX  
903-858-2365

**St Mary Baptist Church**  
12050 CR 452,  
Lindale, TX 75771  
903-882-8066

**Thompson Hill Baptist Church**  
14657 CR  
Lindale, TX 75771  
903-882-0849

**Walnut Springs Baptist Church**  
211 Walnut Springs,  
Lindale, TX 75771  
903-882-7858

**Wood Trails Baptist Church**  
11804 CR 494,  
Lindale, TX 75771  
903-882-5381

**CATHOLIC**  
**Holy Family Catholic Church**  
16314 FM 849,  
Lindale, TX 75771  
903-882-4079  
Fr. Carlos Piedrahita, Pastor

**St. Joseph the Worker Tridentine Latin Mass**  
5075 FM 14  
Tyler, 75712  
903-593-5055  
Rev. Joseph Valentine, FSSP

**CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
**Church of Christ – Lindale**  
211 W. Hubbard, Lindale, TX 75771  
903-882-6455

**Church of Christ – South Main**  
2425 S Main St, Lindale, TX 75771  
903-882-8933

**Church of Christ – Swan County**  
Road 471, Lindale, TX 75771  
903-882-8009

### EPISCOPAL

**St Luke's Episcopal Church**  
16292 FM 849, Lindale, TX 75771  
903-882-8118  
Rev. John Carr

### LUTHERAN

**First Century Christian Fellowship**  
10119 Gina Rd., Lindale, TX 75771  
Dr. Lawrence Zillmer

### METHODIST

**First United Methodist Church of Lindale**  
402 W Hubbard St • Lindale, TX 75771  
903-882-8506  
Michael Peschke

**Harris Chapel Southern Methodist Church**  
17069 CR 452 Lindale TX  
903.253.3175  
John Roach, Pastor

**Mt Sylvan United Methodist Church**  
Mt. Sylvan • 903-882-5479  
**Swan-Wood Springs United Methodist Church**  
Hwy 69, Swan Lindale, TX 75771  
903-882-6382

### NON DENOMINATIONAL

**Clearview Church**  
13933 Hwy 110 N Lindale, TX 75771  
903-882-8949

**Community Christian Fellowship**  
15704 Hwy 110 N Lindale, TX 75771  
903-882-8501  
David Hickey

**Crossroads Community Church**  
20465 US Highway 69 North  
Lindale TX 75771-4206  
903-881-9844  
Tim Letsch

**Bethesda Church**  
2401 S Main St  
Lindale, TX 75771  
903-882-7597  
Steven & Camilla Charles

**Friendship CME Church**  
20428 CR 482  
Lindale, TX 75771  
903-882-7269

**Garden Valley Bible Church**  
17117 FM 1253  
Lindale, TX 75771  
903-882-9665

**Grace Community Church**  
15567 Wood Springs Rd  
Lindale, TX 75771  
903-882-3323

**Hide-A-Way Lake Community Church**  
1115 Lake Cross Rd  
Lindale, TX 75771  
903-882-6966

**Life of Glory Church**  
14623 CR 463  
Lindale, TX 75771  
903-882-7997  
Ed & Becky Colville

**Life Source Community Church**  
2808 S. Main, Lindale  
Pastor John Offutt

**Lone Star Cowboy Church**  
23425 FM 1995, Lindale TX 75771  
615-480-0289  
Jayc Harold

**River's Edge Church**  
18492 Hwy 69 North,  
Lindale, TX 75771  
903-882-0555 • Phil Brown

**Trinity Fellowship Church**  
Shady Lane Lindale, TX 75771  
903-882-3885 • Ben Steen

### PRESBYTERIAN

**Bethesda Community Church**  
FM2710 • Lindale, TX 75771  
903-882-3861 • Dr. Everitt Nix

### UNITED PENTECOSTAL

**Pentecostals of Lindale**  
18475 FM 1804 Lindale, TX 75771  
713-254-3598

The Lindale Area Church Listing and is made possible by the generosity of the sponsors listed herein. Should you have changes, please give us a call at 903-882-8880.

**State Farm**  
**Amanda Froebe, Agent**  
1401 S. Main, Lindale, TX 75771  
Bus.: 903-882-5333 fax: 903-882-6722  
amandafroebe.com  
amanda@amandafroebe.com  
*"You cannot do a kindness too soon, for you never know how soon it will be too late." RWE  
Jeremiah 29:11*

**Fleming**  
Farm & Ranch Supply  
Home & Garden  
Supplies/Garden Needs  
2518 S. Main • 903-882-3361  
Mon-Fri 8 am – 5:30 pm, Sat 8 am-Noon  
Serving The Community For Over 50 Yrs

**Advertise your business here!**  
**Call 903-882-8880 today!**

**Parrott Faith Properties**  
Fruitdale and East Foothills Townhomes  
Remodeled open floor plans  
Affordably priced  
903-882-5181  
**Go Eagles!**

**Wesley House**  
ASSISTED LIVING  
903-882-9296 • 13923 FM 2710 • Lindale  
www.wesleyseniorliving.com  
License # 104878

**Advertise your business here!**  
**Call 903-882-8880 today!**

**JEFF BUTLERS ASPHALT**  
PAVING & SEAL COATING  
PAVING • SEAL COATING • PATCHING • STRIPPING ROCK  
BASE • HOT OIL SAND • CHIP SEAL  
References, Home, Business ~ Free Prices ~ Not Estimates  
Call 903-780-4247 • Home 903-882-6158  
Joshua 1:9 Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.

**Lindale Car Care**  
Touchless Automatic or Self Service  
Car Washes  
Spot FREE Rinsing  
HWY 69 & COOPER IN FRONT OF BROOKSHIRE'S

Friday, Dec. 3, 2021

Officer Ramsey responded to a forgery at 400 block S Main St, report taken. Cpt Chambers and Officer Philpot responded to a 911 hang up at 1400 block S Main St, settled at scene. Officer Philpot responded to a suspicious person at 3500 block S Main St, settled at scene. Officer Philpot and Officer Ramsey responded to an accident at 500 block N Main St, report taken. Sgt Dworaczyk responded to a public service at 100 block Ballard Dr, settled at scene. Sgt Dworaczyk and Officers Philpot and Wedgeworth responded to a warrant service at 100 block Ballard Dr, arrest made. Officer Ramsey responded to a public service at 100 block Ballard Dr, settled at scene. Sgt Dworaczyk and Officers Philpot, Wedgeworth and Ramsey responded to an accident at 554 W I-20, report taken. Officer Leevey and Officers Gillham and Wedgeworth responded to an accident at 3500 block S Main St, report taken. Sgt Dworaczyk and Officers Leevey, Gillham and Wedgeworth responded to a suspicious circumstance at 13300 block CR 472, settled at scene. Officer Leevey and Gillham responded to a failure to identify at 3500 block S Main St, arrest made. Officer Gillham and Officer Wedgeworth responded to a loud noise complaint at 300 block Braziel St, settled at scene. Officer Gillham and Officer Wedgeworth responded to an assist smith county at 16100 block CR 431, settled at scene. 126 and Officer Gillham responded to a warrant service at 500 block S Main St, arrest made. Officer Gillham responded to an assist smith county at 300 block Eagle Spirit Dr, settled at scene.

Saturday, Dec. 4, 2021

Officer Philpot responded to a public service at 100 block E Van St, settled at scene. Sgt Dworaczyk and Officer Philpot responded to a suspicious circumstance at 552 E I-20, unfounded. Lt Lazarine and Officers Leevey and Wedgeworth responded to an accident at 900 block S Main St, report taken. Officer Leevey and Officer Gillham responded to a suspicious circumstance at 300 block N Henry St, settled at scene. Officer Leevey and Officers Gillham and Wedgeworth responded to a suspicious circumstance at 400 block Oak Hill Ln, settled at scene. Officer Leevey and Officer Gillham responded to a business alarm at 13800 block Hwy 69 N, false alarm. Officer Gillham and Officer Wedgeworth responded to a suspicious person at 17800 block Hwy 69 N, settled at scene. Officer Leevey and Officers Gillham and Wedgeworth responded to a suspicious person at 15300 block FM 16 W, settled at scene. Officer Gillham responded to a loud noise complaint at 17300 block Stacy St, unfounded. Officer Leevey responded to a suspicious vehicle at 300 block Cannery Row, settled at scene.



Sunday, Dec. 5, 2021

Sgt Houghton and Officer Trombley responded to a public service at 200 block N Henry St, settled at scene. Officer Trombley responded to a public service at 152000 block CR 467, settled at scene. Sgt Houghton and Officers Shurley and Trombley responded to an assist other agency at 100 block E Hubbard St, settled at scene. Officer Shurley responded to a stolen property at 500 block S Main St, settled at scene. 152 responded to a suspicious vehicle at 200 block Cannery Row, settled at scene. Officer Jackquet responded to a suspicious vehicle at 12200 block Hwy 69 N, settled at scene. Officer Capps and Officer Shurley responded to a suspicious person at 500 block N Main St, settled at scene. Officer Jackquet responded to a suspicious vehicle at 100 block Timber Park, settled at scene. Officer Capps and Officer Jackquet responded to a driving while intoxicated at 556 W I-20, arrest made.

Monday, Dec. 6, 2021

Sgt Houghton and Officer Trombley responded to a disturbance at 3500 block S Main St, settled at scene. Cpt Chambers and Officer Dailey responded to an accident at 3500 block S Main St, report taken. Chief Somes, Cpt Chambers, Sgt Flores and Officer Dailey responded to a public intoxication at 3200 block S Main St, settled at scene. Chief Somes responded to a loud noise complaint at 500 block Hillcrest St, unfounded. Officer Trombley and Officer Shurley responded to an accident at 3300 block S Main St, report taken. Officer Trombley responded to a public service at 17000 block I-20 W, settled at scene. Officer Shurley responded to a public service at 400 block Hill St, unfounded. Lt Lazarine, Officer Trombley and Officer Shurley responded to a simple assault at 1200 block Brad Cir, report taken. Officer Jackquet responded to a suspicious circumstance at 15000

block Country Acres Dr, settled at scene. Officer Capps responded to a public service at 100 block Ballard Dr, settled at scene.

Tuesday, Dec. 7, 2021

Sgt Houghton and Officer Trombley responded to a residential alarm at 700 block William Dr, false alarm. Officer Trombley responded to a credit card abuse at 100 block Ballard Dr, report taken. Chief Somes, Sgt Houghton and Officer Trombley responded to a criminal trespass at Chief Somes block E Centennial Blvd, settled at scene. Sgt Houghton and Officer Trombley responded to an accident at 3200 block S Main St, report taken. Officer Shurley and Officer Jackquet responded to a suspicious circumstance at 18100 block Hwy 69 N, settled at scene.

Wednesday, Dec. 8, 2021

Officer Philpot responded to an accident at 554 W I-20, report taken. Sgt Dworaczyk and Officer Philpot responded to a city ordinance violation at 100 block E Centennial Blvd, settled at scene. Sgt Dworaczyk and Officer Philpot responded to a soliciting at 3200 block S Main St, settled at scene. Sgt Dworaczyk and Officer Wedgeworth responded to a suspicious circumstance at 700 block E Hubbard St, settled at scene. Sgt Dworaczyk and Officers Leevey and Wedgeworth responded to an assist smith county at 300 block Smith Cir, settled at scene. Officer Leevey and Officer Wedgeworth responded to a driving while intoxicated at 1400 block S Main St, arrest made. Officer Leevey responded to a loud noise complaint at 13300 block CR 472, settled at scene.

Thursday, Dec. 9, 2021

Officer Philpot and Officer Ramsey responded to a suspicious circumstance 1200 block Brad Cir, settled at scene. Officer Philpot and Officer Ramsey responded to a loitering at 3200 block S Main St, settled at scene. Sgt Dworaczyk responded to a business alarm at 400 block W Hubbard St, settled at scene. Chief Somes, Lt Lazarine, Sgt Dworaczyk and Officer Ramsey responded to a hit and run at 13300 block W I-20, report taken. Officer Philpot responded to a business alarm at 1300 block S Main St, settled at scene. Sgt Dworaczyk and Officer Ramsey responded to an accident at 2400 block S Main St, report taken. Officer Wedgeworth responded to a suspicious vehicle at 100 block E Centennial Blvd, settled at scene. Officer Leevey and Officer Wedgeworth responded to a welfare concern at 3200 block S Main St, settled at scene. Officer Leevey and Officer Wedgeworth responded to a suspicious person at 100 block N Main St, settled at scene.

County grand jury hands down indictments

A Smith County Grand Jury handed down 145 indictments, including five from Lindale, covering a period from Oct. 14 through Nov. 4, according to information from Grand Jury Coordinator Marieliza Martinez. Lindale indictments include: --Jill Hayes, 43, burglary of a habitation on July 24, 2021; -- Shannon Powell, 49, un-

lawful possession of firearm by a felon on Aug. 24, 2021; -- Domingo Godines, 34, possession of a controlled substance on Aug. 13, 2021; -- Gerald Heard, 57, possession of a controlled substance on March 29, 2021; -- Brandi Mullins, 39, possession of a controlled substance on April 25, 2021.

Man gets life in beating death of stepfather

A Smith County jury in 7th District Court sentenced Christopher Earl, 35, of Tyler to life in prison this past week for murdering his 73-year-old stepfather in his home, officials with the Smith County District Attorney's Office said.

Richard Vance and Zach Gilmore prosecuted the case.

During testimony, the defendant's mother and wife of the victim said she heard something like someone getting

punched, followed by the victim saying "you hit me."

After walking into the room, she observed the defendant punching the victim in the face. Despite her attempts to stop Earl from hitting his stepfather, the defendant punched him two more times and pushed her to the ground, she said.

The mother then said Earl grabbed a nearby cane and struck the victim in the head, began kicking him and broke her

arm as she tried to shield her husband from Earl's attack.

An autopsy revealed the victim died from complications from blunt force trauma. The victim also sustained two brain hemorrhages and fell into a coma.

During the punishment phase of the trial, the jury heard from members of the victim's family and also learned that the defendant had three prior felony convictions.

TJC's Truck Driver Training program helps fill need for skilled transporters

By Rebecca Sanders  
TJC Editorial Writer

The coronavirus' disruption to the world's supply chain has been ongoing for almost two years — but it's especially noticeable at this time of year, as families are searching store shelves for that perfect gift or for ingredients to their holiday meals.

Truck drivers are key to getting those coveted items where they are needed — and, right now, the demand for skilled drivers is red hot.

The \$791.7 billion trucking industry hauls 72.5 percent of all freight transported in the United States and employs about 6 percent of all full-time workers. Due to current world events, plus the loss of drivers due to attrition, the American Trucking Associations estimates that, this year, the truck driver shortage will hit a historic high of just over 80,000 drivers.

The Tyler Junior College Truck Driver Training program is poised to help fill that growing need.

"Community colleges are uniquely positioned to meet the workforce needs of the region," said Brent Wallace, dean of the TJC School of Continuing Studies.

"Our mission includes providing comprehensive programs that meet the needs of our community. The current truck driver shortage is a challenge within our region, and TJC is prepared to meet that challenge through our truck driver training program."

Offered through the TJC School of Continuing Studies and in

partnership with Career Trucking School Inc., the program provides driving instruction and hands-on experience to students who wish to enter this important career field.

Joyce Hill, of Chandler, has been managing payroll for her husband's trucking business for several years, but she recently decided to try life in the driver's seat.

"My husband is a truck driver, and we have seven trucks," she said. "I've done office work for a while and decided to change into being a driver."

Hill said her husband's company transports mobile homes, which is more specialized and requires more permits for its oversized payload — but it also pays more, which influenced her decision.

"It's going great," she said of the TJC program. "I've learned so much, and the instructors here are awesome. You learn a little more every day. [The program] has not only helped me in learning to drive, it has also made me more aware of the conditions on the road and road etiquette."

Gary Parker, of Tyler, saw the TJC program as a way to go into business with his son.

"I've got a construction business and it's up and running; so I'm doing a midlife career change, and my son and I are getting into the trucking business together," Parker said.

"He has already been through the school and gotten his license, and he's got a couple of trucks on the road, and now I'm going through the school. It's going well. I believe it's a great program. There's a need for [drivers], so if you go through this program, you get in here and you learn it, they will help you find a job — and right now, people need to go to work."

Wallace concluded, "TJC is prepared to meet a number of workforce challenges—including the current challenge of truck driver shortages. We have a unique opportunity to impact lives by creating transformative career pathways. People who go into high-demand job fields, like truck driving, enjoy high pay and job security."

About the program

The TJC program is offered in two parts: Commercial Driver's

License (CDL) Written Skills and Professional Truck Driver Training.

The 80-hour written course provides classroom instruction on:

- Basic operation of a commercial truck
- Principles of visual search, signaling, speed management terrain management and maneuvering in traffic
- Ways of recognizing hazardous situations in advance, emergency braking techniques, evasive actions, causes of skidding and jackknifing, and techniques for recovering from such emergencies
- Function and operation of all key vehicle systems
- How to complete a driver's daily log, hours of duty limits, required rest periods, the basic procedure for handling the scene of an accident, reporting accidents, basic first aid, and extinguishing fires
- Preparation for mastery of the Commercial Driver's License written exam

The 160-hour training course provides hands-on instruction on:

- Basic operation of a commercial truck
- Principles of visual search, signaling, speed management terrain management and maneuvering in traffic
- Ways of recognizing hazardous situations in advance, emergency braking techniques, evasive actions, causes of skidding, and jackknifing, and techniques for recovering from such emergencies
- Function and operation of all key vehicle systems

Qualified program applicants must have a high school diploma or a GED certificate. In addition, students must be at least 21 years of age, have an acceptable driving record, pass a Department of Transportation Physical Exam, can read, write and speak the English language, and meet the requirements of the Motor Carrier Federal Safety Regulations, Qualifications of Drivers.

Tuition includes the cost of the physical exam and the Commercial Driver's License.

For more information, go to [TJC.edu/ContinuingStudies/Truck-Drivering](http://TJC.edu/ContinuingStudies/Truck-Drivering).



Brent Wallace, dean of the TJC School of Continuing Studies, said, "Our mission includes providing comprehensive programs that meet the needs of our community. The current truck driver shortage is a challenge within our region, and TJC is prepared to meet that challenge through our truck driver training program." (Courtesy photo)

**Fleming**  
Farm & Ranch  
[www.flemingfarmandranch.com](http://www.flemingfarmandranch.com)

Est. 1963

OVER 50 YEARS IN BUSINESS!

We have Louisiana Cane Syrup, Waffle Syrup, Sorghum Molasses, & Moonshine Syrup. Great for Holiday Baking.

2518 South Main Lindale • 903-882-3361  
"Lindale's Country Store since 1963"  
Mon - Fri 8am - 5:30pm • Sat 8am - Noon

Mr. Christian is buried in Shiloh Baptist Church cemetery with a private marker. He originally had his soldier's pension application rejected stating no service records were found. However, he was a cook for boss, Frank Moore. He also detailed on special picket duty sometimes in the place of boss. His service was verified by two fellow soldiers in the same company, J.R. Ellis, and H.D.M. Rice. Boss and the two witnesses served in Company A, 27th Texas Cavalry, Whitfield's Legion, 1 Texas Legion.

The CRC is hosting and planning a celebration for their first local Wreaths Across America Event. Wreaths Across America, is the non-profit organization best known for placing veterans' wreaths on the headstones of our nation's fallen at cemeteries. However, the organization, in total, places more than 1.7 million sponsored wreaths at 257 participating locations nationwide and offers other programs throughout the calendar year. This is a nationwide occasion, transpiring in cities across the country, on the same day at the same time, zone specific. It is scheduled for Saturday, December 18, 2021, at 11:00am at Shiloh Cemetery in White Oak, Texas. Wreaths Across America programs include The Mobile Education Exhibit and Wreaths Across America Radio, among other education programs. The organization was founded and continues to expand the annual wreath-laying ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery begun by Maine businessman Morrill Worcester in 1992. The organization's mission — Remember, Honor, Teach — is carried out in part each year by coordinating wreath-laying ceremonies in December at Arlington, as well as at thousands of veterans' cemeteries and other locations in all 50 states and beyond.

Veterans to have wreaths laid on their graves at Shiloh Baptist Cemetery include  
Pvt. Adam Christian, (Confederate Army)  
Pvt. Pinkham Allen, (WWI); Pvt. Calvin Percy Christian (WWI); Pvt. Eddie Lee Christian, (WWI); Pvt. Scurry Christian (WWI); Pvt. Curley Holloway (WWI)  
SM1 Roger C. Christian, (WWII); Sgt. Willie D. Johnson, (WWII); PFC John L. Robertson, (WWII)  
PFC Archie L. Jones, (WWII); Pvt. Lige Jones, (WWII);  
Pvt. Mathus R.L. Howard, (WWII); Pvt. Pardee Jones, (WWII);  
PFC Grover Cleveland Turner, (Korea); Pvt. H.D. Davis, (Korea)

The public is invited to this celebration to lay wreaths and have the ability to lay a wreath if they so choose. For more information, contact Debra Christian at 903.372.2652 or email, [mail.crcetyler.com](mailto:mail.crcetyler.com).

VISIT US AT  
[WWW.LINDALENEWSANDTIMES.COM](http://WWW.LINDALENEWSANDTIMES.COM)

# Eagles bounce back with two home wins

After suffering a tough loss to Huntington in their home basketball opener, the Lindale High School boys responded with wins over Smith County rival Whitehouse, 47-39 then followed that with a win over Sabine, both coming in the LHS gym.

## LINDALE 47, WHITEHOUSE 39

Each year, Lindale coaches, players and fans are always ready for a challenge from their traditional rival in the Whitehouse Wildcats.

Ryder Johnson came out with guns blazing in the first period, sinking a pair of three-pointers and adding two more buckets in the paint.

Taegan Terry knocked down a couple of outside shots and the Eagles built a 17-9 lead after one period.

"I'd be lying if I said (this game) does not mean a little bit more (to the players)," said LHS Head Coach Chris Grotemat. "Our guys came out of the gate firing on all cylinders."

Senior Justin Farris added two hard-earned baskets to open the second quarter to help maintain the Eagles' momentum.

"Our coaching staff is so proud of how Justin responded," Grotemat said. "He had a tough go of it (against Huntington), but like any great competitor, he came out with a heightened sense of urgency and provided us with some timely buckets and some outstanding individual defense and rebounding."

Lindale built a double-digit lead in the second period but late turnovers enabled the Wildcats to trim their deficit to nine

at halftime.

Both teams found baskets hard to come by in the third period with just eight total points being scored. Lindale missed on all nine shots from the field in the period but managed to hold onto its lead courtesy of free throws from Colby Wood and Colton Widemon.

In the fourth quarter, Cole Collinsworth drove the lane and scored, while Johnson fired in a long jumper to keep the Wildcats at bay. As time was running down, the Wildcats made it a one-possession game, but Walter Smith buried a three from the right slot to push the lead 6. The Eagles were 7-of-10 from the line down the stretch to hold on for the victory.

"I give our kids all the credit in the world for the way they battled on D despite our shooting woes," Grotemat said.

He also pointed to the spirited defensive play from junior Amare Baptiste.

"His defensive energy was a big catalyst for us, especially during those stretches in the second half where points were at a premium," Grotemat said. (Baptiste) was a star in that role, giving us seven minutes of perfect effort and relentless defensive energy."

## LINDALE 75, SABINE 38

The Eagles raced out to a 21-8 first period lead and were never really threatened by the visitors from Liberty City.

Terry and Collinsworth combined for 11 points in the opening period and by the midway point of the second period the Eagles had built a 20-point advantage.

Lindale took a 35-21 lead to the half-

time dressing room.

Baptiste had another noteworthy performance, scoring 12 of his game-high 16 points in the third period as Lindale scorched the nets on 9-of-11 shooting to put the game away.

Other standouts included Masen Rainey, who scored six points on 3 of 4 from the field, and freshman Ayden Pierson scored six points as well on aggressive drives to the bucket.

Grotemat was especially pleased with his team's 12 assists and just six turnovers in the second half.

"The ball moved so well, we were judicious in determining when to attack and when to keep the ball moving," he said. "That type of synergy is infectious, and it showed in our defensive effort as well."

## LHS GIRLS BB

A narrow, 15-11 half time lead for Brownsboro expanded in the third period as the Bearettes defeated the Lindale High Lady Eagles, 41-21, in the LHS gym on Tuesday (Dec. 14) night.

Brenly Philen and Maggie Spearman led Lindale with six points apiece, followed by Allie Davenport with 3; Jillian Ortiz with 2; Kayli Vickery with 2 and Marley Keith with 2.

Brownsboro managed to outscore Lindale 15-5 in the third period for a 30-16 lead going into the fourth period.

Paris Miller scored a game-high 17 points for Brownsboro.

## Lindale's Wells inducted into 2021 Texas Tennis Hall of Fame

Melissa Wells of Lindale has been inducted into the 2021 Texas Tennis Coaches Hall of Fame, publicity officials announced.

The induction ceremony was held Dec. 3 at the TTCA Convention Banquet at Horseshoe Bay Resort. Randall King of Brady was also inducted into the hall, officials said.

Wells had a distinguished coaching career from 1989-2019. She coached Queen City (1989-1991), Splendora (1991-1996), Gladewater (1996-2007), Mount Pleasant (2007), and Van (2007-2019).

Her girls doubles tandem won the UIL Class 3A state title for Gladewater in 2001, and a Van mixed doubles duo took Class 3A top honors in 2009. Wells received the Van Education Foundation Ring of Honor in 2018.

"Being able to teach and coach young people for 30 years has meant I have had the joy of watching them grow and accomplish many goals," said Wells, who serves as the TTCA Convention coordinator. "Our goal is to always do what is best for the young people of Texas."

Wells also coached three state finalists, eight semifinalists, 38 qualifiers, and 16 team tournament qualifiers.

King has been the head coach at Fredericksburg High School for 27 years. During his tenure, the Battlin' Billies captured three Class 4A State Team Championships in 2015, 2018, and 2019. Four of his squads finished as runners-up.

Fredericksburg also can claim five girls' singles championships (three runners-up), two mixed doubles champs, and a boy's titlist duo (one runner-up).

"The TTCA has been vital to the growth of tennis in Texas," King said. "The organization has done so much for high school tennis, from advocating changes, such as adding mixed doubles to University Interscholastic League (UIL) tennis, to pushing team tennis, and adding playoff teams."

Due to the pandemic, the 2020 TTCA Convention was virtual necessitating the 2020 TTCA Hall of Fame inductees also being honored on Dec. 3.

They include Clinton Bowman (Denver City High School), Randy Stewart (Bryan High School), John Furlow (Clements High School), and Holly Ford (Spring Hill High School). The 2020 Hall of Honor inductee was Earl Van Zandt (Fort Worth/The Tennis Shop).

A Hall of Fame committee selected the honorees from a statewide list of nominations.



## The Christian Restoration Community Residential Care Program's Homes for Heroes

CRC will welcome any of the veterans from the 6 states devastated by the tornadoes that need emergency housing for assistance/relocation in White Oak, TX

"One for all and all for One" – Mrs. Christian's father's favorite quote and advice.

Debra Christian founded the Christian Restoration Community "CRC" Residential Care Program in 2007. She is establishing the "CRC - Homes for Heroes" on 14 acres in White Oak, Texas that came from her great-great-grandfather, Butcher Christian. This land has been within their family since WWI, and it has become their legacy.

The Emancipation Proclamation was issued by President Abraham Lincoln, January 1, 1865. It had been only 8 years since the Emancipation Proclamation when Shiloh Baptist Church was organized. According to local tradition, former slave Butcher Christian, his former master, Gideon Christian, "veteran of the Civil War," Confederate States Army soldier, Western division, Personnel of the Texas State Government for 1885, 19th Legislature 1885, and noted post-Civil War church organizer, the Rev. John Baptist, established the Shiloh Baptist Church in 1871. Services began in a log sanctuary located on 3 acres donated by Butcher Christian.



A school for African Americans operated there until the 1890s. Charter members of the Church were: Butcher and Chaney Christian (Debra's great-great grandparents on her father's side), Alex Jones and Wife (Debra's great-great uncle on her great-great grandmother's side), Anthony Allen and Wife, Hulda Christian, George and Callie Jones (Debra's great-great grandparents on her great grandmother's side), Simon and Katherine Boyd, a Mr. Wilhite and wife Ollie, a Mr. Wilson, Randell and Rebecca Christian, June Castleberry and Ike Anderson and wife. Debra Christian is a descendant of two of the charter members. Shiloh Baptist Church was the only black church in the community.

Adjacent to the church is a cemetery with marked graves dating to 1882, which was the year it was established, and it is still active. It is not known who the first person was that was buried there. The Shiloh Historical Research Committee surveyed the Shiloh Cemetery and discovered that there were unmarked graves or marked only with a rock as a headstone with no indication of who was buried there. The following are some of the earliest marked graves: Calie Jones (1833-1946); Harriett Holomon (1836-1902); B.C. Christian (1836-1903); Sarah Thomas [Butcher Christian's daughter] (1870-1892); Isom Jones (1877- 1894); and Sam & Lucy Ingram (1882-1882).

Revenue from oil discovered on church land was used to build a new sanctuary on this site in 1936. Shiloh Baptist Church still serves the community with a variety of programs. The church received a Historical Marker on May 15, 1994.



In 1966, Shiloh graduates from the Shiloh School became contributing citizens in Texas and the nation. Long vacant, the school building was later used to store chemicals for a plastics company and burned in 1993. The remains of the school are still standing, and there is a historical marker in front of it.

When Ms Christian's father, a combat soldier of Korea and Vietnam, came along in genealogy, their family didn't reside on the White Oak land. They traveled the world as a military family until her father retired from the military in 1974. Upon returning they found that an oil company had taken over part of the property with upwards of 1,500 wells. Seeing that a veteran's property had not been maintained while he was serving his country, it gave birth to the CRC's mission in 2007, providing support for veterans' interests, especially in the United States.

In 2007, the CRC established a collaboration with the U.S. Department of Labor Office of Apprenticeship, allowing them to take in young veterans on the land, and additionally gave them the opportunity to teach these veterans STEM courses and provide employment opportunities. The CRC provides veterans access to adult education courses and housing on a vast swath of land in Tyler, Texas. They are building tiny homes, mobile homes and three-bedroom houses on the USDA-approved land. Additionally, they have more programs that they will be implementing in the near future. The CRC received recognition from Congressman Louie Gohmert in 2016 for support of a grant through the U.S. Department of Agriculture under the Mutual Self-Help Housing Technical Assistance grant program. If anyone would like to assist veterans that desperately need help, please donate to the CRC, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization whose donations are tax-deductible. For more information, visit our website, [www.crc Tyler.com](http://www.crc Tyler.com), or contact Debra Christian at 903.372.2652 or email, [mail.crc Tyler.com](mailto:mail.crc Tyler.com).



Debra D. Christian has excelled as founder and director of the Christian Restoration Community Residential Care Program (CRC), 2007 and U.S. Department of Labor Office of Apprenticeship. In 2007, the CRC began providing affordable housing and educational opportunities for veterans in Tyler, TX. In 2022, it will start Phase II with housing in White Oak, TX. Ms Christian is the Commander – DAV – Auxiliary Unit 6, Tyler, TX (2009-2021) and Past Commander DAV – Auxiliary Dist. II State of Texas. She was the first graduate of the State of Texas Entrepreneurship Bootcamp for Veterans Families (EVBF) Year 2011. She was Volunteer of the Year in 2012 for the VA North Texas Healthcare and International Association for Colon Hydrotherapy (I-ACT) Therapist of the Year in 2012. She is also the Chaplain of the American Legion Unit 12 Tyler, TX (2007-2021). Ms. Christian is also listed in the Marquis Millennium Magazine to be presented in 2022, and will officially become the Second Woman of Color to become a member of the United Daughters of the Confederacy (UDC) Mollie Moore Davis 217, Tyler, Texas through her great-great-great uncle, Adam Christian.

Ms Christian has also authored the

book, "From Slavery to Bravery," which is a broad glance at the saga of the Christian family as they evolve from a place of slavery to a place of freedom. The text and pictures uncover the chronicles of a slave, named B.C. Christian, who transitioned from South Carolina to Texas. He came as a slave, who upon obtaining his freedom, purchased 80 acres of land, and more, and became an accomplished businessman in the area. He partnered with a Pastor, and founded Shiloh Baptist Church, which is still in existence today. This commanding profoundly exemplifies and expresses the struggle from being classified as an individual's property to being an adept contributor to society. Mr. Christian's support of community spoke volumes and gave hope to other freed slaves. It will encourage the sluggish expansion of international coalitions against slavery, eradication in America, and the need for community. Get a glimpse of comprehending slavery and the manner of one man's life affecting a region with From Slavery to Bravery.

Mr. Christian is buried in Shiloh Baptist Church cemetery with a private marker. He originally had his soldier's pension application rejected stating no service records were found. However, he was a cook for boss, Frank Moore. He also detailed on special picket duty sometimes in the place of boss. His service was verified by two fellow soldiers in the same company, J.R. Ellis, and H.D.M. Rice. Boss and the two witnesses served in Company A, 27th Texas Cavalry, Whitfield's Legion, 1 Texas Legion.



Mr. Christian is buried in Shiloh Baptist Church cemetery with a private marker. He originally had his soldier's pension application rejected stating no service records were found. However, he was a cook for boss, Frank Moore. He also detailed on special picket duty sometimes in the place of boss. His service was verified by two fellow soldiers in the same company, J.R. Ellis, and H.D.M. Rice. Boss and the two witnesses served in Company A, 27th Texas Cavalry, Whitfield's Legion, 1 Texas Legion.

The CRC is hosting and planning a celebration for their first local Wreaths Across America Event. Wreaths Across America, is the non-profit organization best known for placing veterans' wreaths on the headstones of our nation's fallen at cemeteries. However, the organization, in total, places more than 1.7 million sponsored wreaths at 2557 participating locations nationwide and offers other programs throughout the calendar year. This is a nationwide occasion, transpiring in cities across the country, on the same day at the same time, zone specific. It is scheduled for Saturday, December 18, 2021, at 11:00am at Shiloh Cemetery in White Oak, Texas. Wreaths Across America programs include The Mobile Education Exhibit and Wreaths Across America Radio, among other education programs. The organization was founded and continues to expand the annual wreath-laying ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery begun by Maine businessman Morrill Worcester in 1992. The organization's mission – Remember, Honor, Teach – is carried out in part each year by coordinating wreath-laying ceremonies in December at Arlington, as well as at thousands of veterans' cemeteries and other locations in all 50 states and beyond.

Veterans to have wreaths laid on their graves at Shiloh Baptist Cemetery include Pvt. Adam Christian, (Confederate Army); Pvt. Pinkham Allen, (WWI); Pvt. Calvin Pearcy Christian (WWI); Pvt. Eddie Lee Christian, (WWI); SM1 Roger C. Christian, (WWI); Pvt. Scurry Christian (WWI); Pvt. H.D. Davis, (Korea); Pvt. Matthus R.L. Howard, (WWII); Sgt. Willie D. Johnson, (WWII); PFC Archie L. Jones, (WWII); Pvt. Lige Jones, (WWII); Pvt. Pardee Jones, (WWII); PFC John L. Robertson, (WWII); PFC Grover Cleveland Turner, (Korea).

The public is invited to this celebration to lay wreaths and have the ability to lay a wreath if they so choose. For more information, contact Debra Christian at 903.372.2652 or email, [mail.crc Tyler.com](mailto:mail.crc Tyler.com).

REMEMBER HONOR TEACH  
WREATHS across AMERICA

### PICTURES COURTESY OF:

Debra Christian Picture by Tombstone Company to drop lawsuit against evicted veterans | Local News | [news-journal.com](http://news-journal.com) news-journal.com  
Shiloh Baptist Church. Photo courtesy Gerald Massey, June 2011  
Shiloh School. Photo courtesy Maryanne Gobble, December 2010  
Shiloh School Historical Marker. Photo courtesy Maryanne Gobble, December 2010  
Shiloh Baptist Church Historical Marker. (3.5 miles N of White Oak on FM 3272 to Jamerson Rd. .5-mile N to church) Photo courtesy Gerald Massey, June 2011

Cemetery adjacent to Shiloh Baptist Church Photo courtesy Gerald Massey, June 2011  
Memorial Wall. Photo courtesy Gerald Massey, June 2011  
INFORMATION COURTESY OF: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Shiloh,\\_Gregg\\_County,\\_Texas](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Shiloh,_Gregg_County,_Texas)  
Tom Adams, Doris Adams, Mildred J. Ragsdale, Narva Snoddy and Shirley Snoddy, "The History of Shiloh Baptist Church," April 1992

# Terrariums are unique holiday gift

By Melinda Myers

The self-contained, garden under glass – also known as a terrarium – makes a great gift to new, experienced, and even reluctant gardeners.

This popular system makes it easy to be a successful gardener with minimal care.

You can purchase a terrarium or repurpose something hiding on a shelf in the basement, garage or shed. Even a cool glass container, cloche or bell jar turned open side down and placed on a shallow planting tray will work. Just glue a decorative doorknob or handle on the top for easy access.

Make it more festive for the holidays. Visit the ornament aisle in your favorite craft store. Create a mini terrarium from DIY Christmas orbs for holiday decoration or the perfect hostess gift.

Use closed terrariums when growing tropical plants. They thrive in the high humidity and moist soil.

Leave the top off or use open containers like glass vases, or mason jars for cacti and succu-

lents. Use a cacti and succulent mix for these drought tolerant plants. They prefer the lower humidity and drier soil that open terrariums and cacti potting mix provide.

Once you have the container, you need to fill it with potting mix, plants, and other decorative items. Consider a layer of decorative stone, twigs, sea glass or sand at the bottom for added color and interest. Some gardeners include a layer of charcoal to help absorb any odor. The key is not overwatering as the decorative stone and charcoal won't prevent waterlogged soil from killing your plants.

Consider covering the stone layer with black landscape fabric to prevent the potting mix from filtering through and covering up these items. Cover this with a layer of well-drained potting mix for tropical plants and cacti and succulent mix for drought tolerant plants. Add contours to the soil level if space allows for added interest.

Select a variety of plants of different heights, textures, and colors to create an attractive terrarium garden. Many garden centers now sell small specimens perfect for these mini gardens.

Low growing tropical plants such as baby's tears, creeping fig, moss, and ivies make excellent groundcovers. Small specimens of dracaenas, crotons, palms and podocarpus make nice upright features. Fill in the middle ground with ferns, nerve plants, polka dot plants and more.

Once assembled, terrariums are relatively easy to manage. Moisten the soil and cover. Crack the lid open if condensation builds up on the glass. Then replace the cover and monitor the soil moisture and condensation. Add additional moisture carefully. A turkey baster is an easy way to water only the plants in need of a drink.

Place your terrariums in a bright location away from direct light. Heat can build up in this covered ecosystem and cook your plants when placed in a sunny location.

Now is the perfect time to gather or purchase fun glassware, planting and decorating supplies, and, of course, plants. Then take a break from the hectic holiday season to plant up a few holiday decorations and green gifts for your loved ones.

# Lindale Junior High girls sweep past Henderson

The Lindale Junior High girls basketball team dominated Henderson Monday night (Dec. 13) in all four games.

For the 7th grade B team, the Lady Eagles won 28-7; the 7th grade A team routed the Lady Lions 32-2; the 8th grade B team won 21-5 and the 8th grade A team was victorious, 22-19.

For the 7th grade B team, Charlyze Reed was the leading scorer and leading rebounder, Alexia Pinson was the assists leader and Kyndal Thurman and Jaelynn Cocolan were leaders in steals.

Ava Grogan and Ella Hutchens were the scoring leaders for the 7th grade A team, while Jor-

dyn Weesner and Tessa Dennis were rebounding leaders. Ava Grogan led the team in assists while Ma'Kaylin Smith and Ella Hutchens led the team in steals.

For the 8th grade B team, Abigail Palecek led the team in scoring, Mayzie Piccoli was the rebounding leader, Abigail Prestridge and Mayzie Piccoli were the leaders in assists and Kaniya Pierce, Aniyah Jimmerson and Alena Garza led in steals.

For the 8th grade A team, Macy Luster was the leading scorer, Abigail Lee and Alyssa Potts were leaders in rebounds, Alyssia Romero led in assists and Abigail Lee, Menah Harley and Macy Luster led in steals.



**SELL IT IN THE**  
**Classifieds**

**903-882-8880**    [classifieds@lindalenews-times.com](mailto:classifieds@lindalenews-times.com)



## LEGAL NOTICES

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of **RANDEL DAVID KERSH**, Deceased, were issued on November 12, 2021, in Docket No. 45893P, pending in the County Court of Smith County, Texas, to Deborah Ann Kersh.

Claims may be presented to the following address:

Deborah Ann Kersh  
Independent Executor of the  
Estate of **RANDEL DAVID KERSH**  
1536 Hankerson Street  
Tyler, Texas 75701

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

## HOUSEKEEPER

Retired after 36 years,  
Excellent cleaning,  
flexible schedule, two days a week  
will also cook meals  
will even bathe your precious dog  
Call 903-571-9324

## YARD SALE

Saturday 12/18  
8 am – 3 pm  
Western Chandelier, twin sheets  
couch, Christmas décor, lots of misc  
11284 CR 4102, Lindale

**Shop Local  
Here  
In Lindale!**

## COUNTRY TRAILS Wellness & Rehabilitation

### Shift Differentials

**\$1 (10p-6a) \$3 (2p-10p) \$2 (Dbl Wknd)**

**LVN's \* \$1500 Sign on Bonus \***

**\* C.N.A.'s \* \$500 Sign on Bonus \***

**Certified Medication Aide 2p-10p  
- Dietary Positions -**

Contact **Candy Janes, HR • Linda Mayhugh, Administrator**

**903-962-7595**

1638 VZCR 1803 • Grand Saline, TX 75140

EEOC/M/F/D/V

## Bob's BASEBALL Tours

**Field of Dreams Tour** ▶ Home games for Chicago (Cubs/White Sox), Brewers and Twins. Also a visit to the Field of Dreams movie site. Tour begins/ends in Minnesota.  
Aug. 15-21, 2022

**New York/New England Fall Foliage Tour** ▶ Home games for New York (Yankees/Mets) and Red Sox. Guided Tour of NYC, free time in Boston. Trolley Tour in Maine, travel through White Mountain National Forest in New Hampshire & scenic train ride in Vermont. Tour begins/ends in Newark, NJ.  
Sept. 26-Oct. 2, 2022

Tours include deluxe motor coach transportation, additional sightseeing opportunities and quality game tickets/hotels.

Call for a FREE brochure: 507.217.1326

## Lindale Independent School District Request for Quotes

Lindale ISD is seeking quotes from approved vendors of the Texas Buy Board or Region 7 Vendor Co-op for furniture in new additions of the Early Childhood Campus and College Street Elementary.

Scope of work includes 14-16 classrooms and auxiliary areas to be delivered in late July, 2022.

Quotes will be received by Lindale ISD at the following location: Administration Building, 505 Pierce St., Lindale, TX 75771. Quotes received after specified date and time will not be accepted.

Specifications may be obtained from Deputy Superintendent Jamie Holder at 903-881-4001, or by email at [holderjt@lisdeagles.net](mailto:holderjt@lisdeagles.net)

Quote Due DATE AND TIME: January 5th, 2022, 10:00 a.m.

Lindale ISD encourages the participation of qualified historically underutilized businesses.

## NEED CASH FAST?

Sell your unwanted items  
in the Classifieds.  
Call us at  
903-882-8880

## TEXAS STATEWIDE CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING NETWORK TexSCAN

**TexSCAN Week of  
Dec. 12-18, 2021**

### ACREAGE

**Hunting/investment/recreational property. Starting at \$650/acre.** Trans Pecos region. Also the Hill Country (Edwards, Menard, Coke, Val Verde Counties - free ranging exotics), South Texas (Duval County - whitetail, hogs). Large or small acreage. 30-year fixed rate owner financing, only 5% down. Call toll-free or email for individual prices and terms, [www.ranchenterprisesltd.com](http://www.ranchenterprisesltd.com), 800-876-9720.

### ANIMAL CARE

**Happy Jack® LiquiVict®** is recognized safe & effective against hook & round worms in dogs by the USCVM. At Tractor Supply® ([www.fleabeacon.com](http://www.fleabeacon.com))

### EVENTS

**Bob's Baseball Tours** – Field of Dreams Tour Aug. 15-21, 2022: Home games for Chicago (Cubs/White Sox), Brewers and Twins. Also a visit to the Field of Dreams movie site. Tour begins/ends in Minnesota. New York/New England Fall Foliage Tour Sept. 26-Oct. 2, 2022: Home games for New York (Yankees/Mets) and Red Sox. Guided Tour of NYC, free time in Boston, Trolley Tour in Maine, travel through White Mountain National Forest in New Hampshire & scenic train ride in Vermont. Tour begins/ends in Newark, NJ. Tours include deluxe motor coach transportation, additional sightseeing opportunities and quality game tickets/hotels. Call for a FREE brochure: 507-217-1326.

**Texas Press Statewide Classified Network  
221 Participating Texas Newspapers • Regional Ads  
Start At \$250 • Email [ads@texaspress.com](mailto:ads@texaspress.com)**

NOTICE: While most advertisers are reputable, we cannot guarantee products or services advertised. We urge readers to use caution and when in doubt, contact the Texas Attorney General at 800-621-0508 or the Federal Trade Commission at 877-FTC-HELP. The FTC web site is [www.ftc.gov/bizop](http://www.ftc.gov/bizop).



**Downsizing?  
Have a Garage Sale,  
Call 903-882-8880**

## An Evening of Lindale ISD Performing Arts on tap

Tickets will go on sale to the public Jan. 4 for the upcoming Act XI, "We're All in This Together," presented by Cooperative Teachers Credit Union, publicity officials announced.

They can be purchased at the Lindale ISD Administration Building, 505 Pierce St. from 8 a.m.-4 p.m., Monday-Friday. The administration building is located at 505 Pierce Street.

The show is scheduled for 6 p.m., Jan. 29 in the LISD Performing Arts Center on the high school campus.

Tickets are \$15 for VIP seating and \$7 for regular reserved seating. Officials are urging those interested to purchase tickets early.

The show is scheduled for 6 p.m., Jan. 29 in the LISD Performing Arts Center on the high school campus.

Proceeds from the event will benefit Lindale classrooms through the Lindale ISD Education Foundation's innovative teaching grants program.

Lindale ISD students from all campuses will display talents including vocal and instrumental performances, jazz and ballet dance routines, theatrical performances and oral interpretations.

"I've been in education for almost three decades and the annual Act's have featured the finest student performances I've ever seen," Lindale ISD Superintendent Stan Surratt said. "Many of our students have the talent to become professional entertainers and this is an opportunity for the community to see them in the earliest stages of their careers. It is the show everyone will be talking about and we look forward to seeing our parents and community members there."

The Lindale ISD Education Foundation provides grants to teachers to fund unique projects and programs to enhance the learning experience for students. The projects funded by the foundation are not funded or have been under-funded by the district's operating budget. Funds raised through sponsorships and ticket sales for this event will support the Foundation's grant program.



Lindale ISD will showcase its talent from across the district on Jan. 4 at the LISD Performing Arts Center with the presentation of Act XI, "We're All in This Together." Courtesy photo

## Griffith bows out of race for county judge

Continued from Page 1

Washington while holding firm to his principles. Moran said he is planning campaign stops across the District 1 region and will be busy campaigning from now through the primary. He has 13 months left on his term as Smith County Judge.

The list of GOP challengers to Paxton includes Texas Land Commissioner George P. Bush and former Texas Supreme Court Justice Eva Guzman.

Democrats lined up against Paxton include civil rights attorney Lee Merritt, former Galveston Mayor Joe Jaworski and Rochelle Garza,

a former lawyer for the American Civil Liberties Union.

Paxton's opponents cite his legal woes – which include a 6-year-old fraud indictment – as why he is unfit to continue as Attorney General. Paxton has pleaded not guilty.

The list of GOP challengers to Paxton includes Texas Land Commissioner George P. Bush and former Texas Supreme Court Justice Eva Guzman. Democrats lined up against Paxton include civil rights attorney Lee Merritt, former Galveston Mayor Joe Jaworski and Rochelle Garza, a former lawyer for the American Civil Liberties Union.

## Early forecast has Lindale remaining in Class 4A with familiar league

Continued from Page 1

"That would really be good for us," Cochran said, noting playoff travel would be east to west instead of strictly south.

UIL officials said preliminary enrollments have been released to increase transparency and allow for additional verification of enrollment figures.

The UIL said, preliminary enrollments have also been released to increase transparency and provide for additional verification of enrollment figures. These figures were submitted by school districts based on enrollment on Oct. 29, also referred to as "snapshot day" by districts across the state.

The 2022-24 alignments will be released on Feb. 3 for football, basketball and volleyball. District alignments for other activities will be released by the middle of March, UIL officials said.

LISD officials surmised after submitting their snapshot enrollment figures with the UIL that Jacksonville would drop the school from Class 5A to 4A. Jacksonville's submitted enrollment was 1,278. Lindale has shared a district with Jacksonville many times in the past.

For the past two years, Lindale has been in District 9-4A. District officials submitted an enrollment of 1,201 on snapshot day.

Enrollment numbers for Class 4A (Division I) are 545 to 1,299 which includes 214 schools: 213 (Basketball), 193 (Football), 209 (Volleyball).

Up until two years ago, LISD teams were among the smallest – enrollment-wise – in their districts.

But with the realignment which took effect following the 2019 school year, Lindale has been one of the largest schools in their respective districts.

Other East Texas schools will probably move to new districts as well. TexasFootball.com forecasts Whitehouse to remain in Class 5A Division II and share District 8-5A with Hallsville, Longview, Pine Tree, Marshall, Mount Pleasant, Nacogdoches and Texas High. The Wildcats will move from Region II to Region III.

Whitehouse's submitted enrollment on Oct. 29 was 1,521, while Chapel Hill's was 1,066.

Chapel Hill should remain in 4A Division I with a 1,066 number as well as Whitehouse (1,521) in 5A Division II.

After the snapshot figures were submitted, LISD officials felt their teams might compete in a district with Sulphur Springs, but TexasFootball.com has the Wildcats moving to District 7-4A Division I along with Anna, Celina, Kaufman, Paris and Waxahachie Life.

The two Tyler high schools, Legacy and Tyler High, will remain in Class 6A and Class 5A, respectively.

Two years ago Longview dropped from 6A to 5A. Enrollment submitted was 2,192.

The conference cutoff numbers provide the range of enrollment for

each of the six classifications, including divisional cutoffs for football.

**Classification cutoff numbers include:**

Class 6A: 2,225 enrollment and above includes 249 schools: 249 (Basketball), 249 (Football), 247 (Volleyball);

Class 5A: 1,300 to 2,224 includes 253 schools: 252 (Basketball), 251 (Football), 253 (Volleyball);

Class 4A: 545 to 1,299 includes 214 schools: 213 (Basketball), 193 (Football), 209 (Volleyball);

Class 3A: 250 to 544 includes 233 schools: 230 (Basketball), 204 (Football), 220 (Volleyball);

Class 2A: 105 to 249 includes 219 schools: 217 (Basketball), 208 (Football), 157 (Volleyball);

Class 1A: 104.9 and below includes: 220 schools: 218 (Basketball), 148 (Football), 121 (Volleyball).

1A to 5A Football Division I and Division II Numbers:

5A Division I: 1,925 to 2,224 (132 schools);

5A Division II: 1,300 to 1,924 (119 schools);

4A Division I: 880 to 1,299 (99 schools);

4A Division II: 545 to 879 (94 schools);

3A Division I: 360 to 544 (102 schools);

3A Division II: 250 to 359 (102 schools);

2A Division I: 164.5 to 249 (106 schools);

2A Division II: 105 to 164.4 (102 schools);

1A Division I: 59.5 to 104.9 (75 schools);

1A Division II: 59.4 and below (73 schools).

See more about UIL alignments at <http://www.uil.texas.org/alignments>.

# Gladewater Antique Mall

*Treasures to touch the heart.  
Gifts that create memories for a lifetime*

Fine furniture, pottery, glassware, crockery, toys  
& surprises around every corner!

100 East Commerce Ave. 903-845-4440

Open: Tuesday-Sunday 10 a.m.-5 p.m.  
Gladewater the Antique Capital of East Texas

# Fill Santa's Stocking with gifts he will treasure & don't forget Mrs. Claus!

Open Tues.-Sat. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
121 S Main St., Gladewater  
(903) 399-8157

Fine knives,  
self-defense items  
& so much more!

[www.GladewaterKnifeCompany.com](http://www.GladewaterKnifeCompany.com)

## SUBSCRIBE FOR JUST \$35/YEAR

# Your News Your Way!

Delivered in more ways than ever.

"Your Hometown Newspaper Since 1900"

## Call Today!

# 903-882-8880