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City council approves new lease, sign for Lindale Chamber

The Lindale Area Chamber of Commerce will be getting a new digital sign as well as a new lease following action by Lindale City Council members Tuesday night (Feb. 1) in city hall.

LACC offices have been located in the Kinzie House on South Main for the past several years and must renew the lease with the city owned facility each year.

At a previous council meeting, LACC CEO Shelbie Glover discussed the need for the new sign, citing the current one is at least 10 years old. Glover and LACC President R.J. Collins were at the meeting on behalf of the chamber.

Glover provided council members with different versions of the sign. She said this sign project began in 2017 and were able to allocate the funds during 2021. She said if things "go according to plan, the sign should be operational by May 1."

City Manager Carolyn Caldwell said the council needed to act on it since the Kinzie House is on city property.

Glover added that when the final sign design was approved by the LACC board the council would be notified.

Both the lease agreement and the sign matter were passed unanimously.

In other action, council members:

- Called the municipal election for council members in Places 4 and 5 for May 7.

- Approved a temporary access road agreement with Gulf South Pipeline in order to cross the northwest corner of the city cemetery property and the adjacent lot at 702 W. South Street (Lindale Cemetery Road) and County Road 467 for utility access for the state's Highway 16 widening project. The access road is to be used for vehicle access by Gulf South Pipeline. Mayor Jeff Daugherty said the city cemetery would not be affected.

- Approved lowering an 8-inch water main on Woodsprings Road by city crews. The project would take a minimum of two weeks to complete, according to city officials.

- OK'd \$7,600 for fencing at Darden Harvest Park on the first hole of the disc golf course. City Finance Director David Craft said a homeowner wanted the city to erect the fence to keep players off his property and disturbing his animals.

- Approved an emergency expenditure of \$6,305 for an air conditioner in the police dispatch area. Craft noted that due to the addition of more equipment in the dispatch area has caused temperatures to increase, which can affect computer performance.

- Appointed Rachel Johnson to the Lindale Parks Board. Caldwell said she was an "awesome member" when she served before and recommended her highly to the board.

Winter blast no Snowmageddon

All things considered this past week's winter visit amounted to just a tap on the shoulder compared to the full-on jawbreaker from 2021.

To be sure, East Texans shivered but unlike last year's winter wallop things were back to normal in short order.

Rain and drizzle arrived Thursday, freezing a bit on overpasses and coating cars and trucks. Temperatures remained well below freezing for a couple of days before gradually warming into the mid-40s by the weekend.

This week, temperatures reverted to seasonal norms in the low 40s to the low 60s.

For the next week, forecasters see readings in the upper 50s to the mid-60s with sunny skies each day.

No power outages were reported across the region this past week, unlike 2021 where scattered blackouts made things even more difficult for East Texans already frozen in place.

Temperatures dropped into the teens on Friday night and a hard freeze remained into the early morning hours of Saturday. But by midday on Saturday, a gradual warmup pushed readings into the mid-40s.

Any lingering ice on roadways crisscrossing the region dissipated by Saturday as dry conditions kept driving conditions comparably safe.



While things were a bit chilly this past week, especially for birds hoping to nibble on some seed in feeders, winter's initial visit to East Texas wasn't nearly as bad as last years. Photo by Terry Cannon

2021 Snowmageddon Temps

Time	Temperature (° F)		
Feb	Max	Avg	Min
14	30	24.9	18
15	18	12.5	4
16	25	13.7	-2
17	29	24.7	23
18	33	26.7	22
19	40	26.3	12
20	48	35.1	18



Lady Eagles secure District 16-4A title

The Lindale Lady Eagles secured the 2021-22 District 16-4A championship this past Saturday with a 54-50 victory over the Bullard Lady Panthers in Bullard.

Lindale, now 19-10 on the season and 10-1 in district, will now take on a bi-district opponent from District 15-4A in a game to be played at Texas A&M University at a date to be determined.

Marley Keith tormented the Lady Panthers with 27 points, including three baskets from behind the three-point line to lead the Lady Eagles to the title.

As the game began to tighten in the fourth period, Keith took command, scoring nine of her game high total.

Other scorers for the Lady Eagles included Brenley Philen with 10; Brooke Everest, 7; Maggie Spearman, 5; Makenna Burks, 3 and Madison Luster with 2.

CHAPEL HILL VICTORY

On Wednesday, Feb. 2, the Lady Eagles took care of the Chapel Hill Lady Bulldogs, 43-39.

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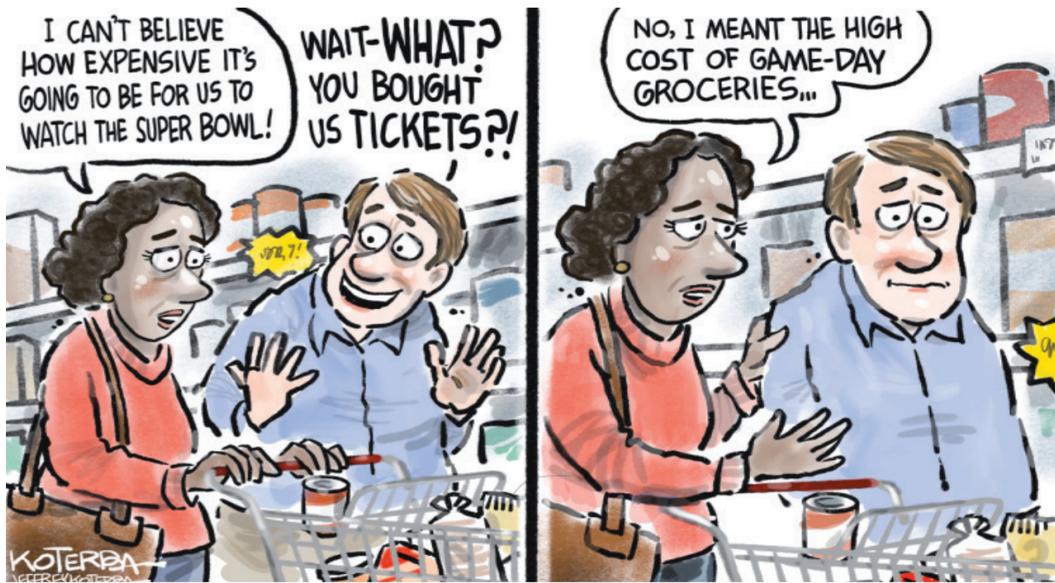
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OPINION/COMMENTARY

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THE ECONOMIST

By Dr. M. Ray Perryman

The Right Move ...

With inflation spiking and job openings far outnumbering unemployed persons, it is little surprise that the Federal Reserve is signaling a change in the game plan. By clearly communicating the thought process and the likely approach, the potential for disruptive surprises has been reduced.



The most recent statement from the Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC) notes that indicators of economic activity and employment have continued to strengthen, sectors most adversely affected by the pandemic have markedly improved, and job gains have been solid. The recent Omicron-driven increase in COVID-19 cases was also noted. In fact, the release observed that the “path of the economy continues to depend on the course of the virus.” No kidding?!

The FOMC noted that supply and demand imbalances related to the pandemic and the subsequent reopening have contributed to elevated inflation. Given levels well over the 2% target and the strength of the labor market, the Committee indicated that it likely will soon be appropriate to raise the target range for the federal funds rate. In addition, the monthly pace of asset purchases will be reduced and ended in early March, meaning that the FOMC is slowing and then

stopping this channel of injecting liquidity into the system (when the Fed buys bonds, it injects new money into the economy).

In addition, the Federal Reserve will be slowing purchases of mortgage-backed securities and is setting the stage for reducing its multi-trillion-dollar holdings of such assets. When the Fed stops buying these securities in volume (as it did early in the pandemic to stabilize things), the natural outcome is an increase in mortgage rates. While the bump is small so far, it will modestly increase the cost of buying a house.

On balance, the Fed sees that inflation is a problem and that the labor market is tight. At the same time, there are risks to the economy such as new variants. The target range for the federal funds rate was therefore maintained, and purchases and holdings of securities will continue (though some will be winding down). Going forward, policy will be driven by a wide range of information including public health, labor market conditions, inflation pressure expectations, supply chain status, and financial and international developments.

It's clearly time for some of the expansive monetary policy initiatives needed to keep the economy functional during the pandemic to come to a carefully planned conclusion. Some analysts are complaining that it is too little, too late, while financial markets always seem to want low interest rates. To all of those critics on both sides, I would say “chill.” This is the right move for the moment, and there's always the ability to adjust as conditions warrant.

Stay safe!

Gary Borders Capital Highlights



Early primary voting starts on Valentine's Day

Early voting in the March 1 primary begins on Feb. 14 and runs through Feb. 25. The last day to apply for a ballot by mail is Feb. 18.

There are seven statewide seats on the ballot: governor, lieutenant governor, attorney general, land commissioner, agriculture commissioner, comptroller and one seat on the railroad commission. Winners in the Republican and Democratic primaries will face off in the Nov. 8 general election.

GOP incumbent Gov. Greg Abbott faces seven primary opponents, while five candidates are vying for the Democratic nomination, with the best-known being Beto O'Rourke, a former candidate for U.S. Senate and the presidency.

In addition, congressional and state legislative races will be on the ballot, as well as county positions. Readers can find out who is on the ballot where they are registered to vote on the Texas secretary of state's website: votetexas.gov.

Board awards \$26.2 million in higher ed grants

A total of 60 Texas higher education institutions will share \$26.2 million in grants awarded by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

The grants will help Texans gain higher-paying jobs by earning postsecondary credentials to be made available through two programs: the Texas Reskilling Support Fund Grant and the Accelerating Credentials of Purpose and Value Grant Program.

The Texas Reskilling Support Fund provides emergency financial support to students whose education was disrupted by the COVID-19 pandemic, as well as displaced workers seeking training to return to the workforce and students who dropped out of higher education prior to the pandemic but are looking to return.

The Accelerating Credentials of Purpose and Value Grant Program allows institutions to create or expand short-term, industry-recognized postsecondary credentials that incorporate skills and knowledge required by high-demand careers that stem from digital skills, data analytics, and front-line healthcare programs, according to the THECB news release.

“To remain competitive, we must lead the nation at producing credentials of value that meet the needs of our fast-growing economy,” said Commissioner of Higher Education Harrison Keller. “We need to emphasize the importance of credentials that are affordable, attainable, and bring value to the lives of all Texans.

Quagga mussels detected in Texas reservoir

Invasive quagga mussels have been detected in a Texas reservoir for the first time, according to Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. The discovery was made at the International Amistad Reservoir along the Texas-Mexico border near Del Rio.

Quagga mussels are closely related to the zebra mussels that have invaded nearly three dozen Texas lakes since first being introduced in Texas in 2009 at Lake Texoma.

“This detection of invasive quagga mussels is a very unfortunate first for Texas,” said Monica McGarrity, TPWD senior scientist for aquatic invasive species. “Quagga mussels can inhabit greater depths and are also able to settle on soft substrates like mud or sand in addition to hard surfaces like rock or infrastructure—unlike zebra mussels—meaning they can colonize more of the lake.”

Quagga mussels are found in the Great Lakes region and some western states, according to TPWD. Like the zebra mussel, the quagga mussel is often unknowingly introduced by contaminated boats. Boaters are urged to clean, drain and dry their boats to prevent the spread of the mussels.

Unclaimed property webinars planned

The Texas Comptroller's office is holding a series of free training webinars for holders of unclaimed property, such as general businesses, city, county and state government agencies, financial institutions, oil and gas companies and cooperatives.

Topics to be discussed include an overview of unclaimed property rules, state requirements for reporting such property, and which reports to use. The schedule of webinars, which last two hours, can be found online here: <https://tinyurl.com/2p8fpdpc>.

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Filing deadline for school, city scheduled Feb. 18

While there are no primary elections for Lindale City Council members or Lindale ISD Board of Trustees members, there are positions to be decided in the May 7 elections.

For the city, the terms for Bob Tardiff in Place 4 and Bryan Summerville in Place 5 will expire in May.

Both council members began their council service in 2012.

Three Lindale ISD trustees' places will be decided in the May General Election.

Gary Camp will run for the Place 2 position, Robert McGee for the Place 1 position and Dr. Karen Gott, who has filled the unexpired term of Kenneth Cline, is running in Place 4.

Anyone wishing to run in the city or school elections must do so by Feb. 18.

Not the way the league wanted to celebrate "Super" week

In the week leading up to its premier showcase weekend of the year, it seems like a pretty safe bet that NFL bigwigs wish Miami Dolphins' owner Stephen Ross had not fired Brian Flores as head coach of the Miami Dolphins.

Not only did Flores respond to the firing by filing a class-action suit against the NFL for "racist" practices in hiring head coaches he leveled a potentially shape-shifting accusation at former employer Ross.

According to Flores, Ross offered his then-head coach \$100,000 for every loss the team accumulated in 2019. Meaning of course, the Dolphins would have a much better draft position for each loss on the ledger.

Happy Super Bowl week, everyone!

If true, this thing stinks on so many levels its almost hard to know where to begin.

Perhaps its best to start with Flores, who was hired by Ross as the Miami head man in 2019. The Dolphins were 5-11 in Flores' first season but flipped the script in 2020 by going 10-6 and a second-place finish in the AFC East. In 2021, the Dolphins were 9-8, but out of the playoffs.

It was in that 2019 season when Flores was allegedly offered the bribe. Ross, not unexpectedly, has vigorously denied these accusations, as have the bigwigs in the NFL, calling these charges "without merit."

If the charges are proved true, the hit to Ross' image is the least of his worries. There's such a thing as the sports bribery act which could mean hard time at the crossbar Hilton.

Reportedly, the league is supposed to investigate the matter, which certainly doesn't mean anything will be resolved

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Editor



anytime soon. For reference, how long did it take the league to take the concussion issues seriously?

Too long, in fact, and until a class-action suit was filed by former players, the league essentially swept the whole thing under the rug.

Before landing the Dolphins' job, Flores interviewed with the Giants and the Denver Broncos. He labeled the Giants' interview a "sham" and accused Broncos legend and Director of Player Personnel John Elway as being hungover during their interview. Elway vehemently denied those accusations.

As of this writing, there are only two Black NFL head coaches - Mike Tomlin in Pittsburgh and Lovie Smith in Houston. By the way, NFL rosters are approximately 70 percent Black.

Obviously, you can't use the 70 percent player number to suggest 70 percent of the head coaching jobs should go to Blacks. But just two Black head coaches out of 32 teams? Really?

Two decades ago, the NFL instituted the Rooney Rule

which states teams must at least interview Blacks or minority candidates for the head coaching positions.

Has anyone heard the Rooney Rule referenced in the past several years? Didn't think so.

Being fired after having a winning season is not news for Black head coaches in the NFL. In addition to Flores, Jim Caldwell (9-7 with the Lions in 2017), Lovie Smith (10-6 with the Bears in 2012) and Tony Dungy (12-4 in 2008 with the Colts) were fired. Smith coached the Bears to the Super Bowl in 2006 losing to Dungy's Colts.

During his time with the hapless Lions, Caldwell produced the franchise's best winning percentage since the 1950s.

A couple of weeks before Flores' suit was filed, Dungy addressed the scarcity of minority head coaches in the NFL during a halftime discussion in his role as NBC analyst, saying it's inexcusable for Tomlin to be the only Black head coach and equally wrong that more aren't seriously being considered.

Dungy, one of the game's most respected thinkers, was obviously one of the best coaches ever to prowling a sideline. Before winning the Super Bowl in 2006, Dungy was in Tampa Bay for 13 years and the season after he was fired, the Bucs - using the roster he built - won the league title.

He won 208 games in his 13-year, Hall-of-Fame career and had only one losing season, his first with Tampa. During his tenure with the Colts, his teams reached the playoffs 11 times.

In no way am I suggesting Brian Flores should be equated with Tony Dungy, but if he - or other Black coaches don't get a chance -- we'll never know how successful they might be.

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ONE YEAR AGO, Feb. 11, 2021

Lindale High School superstar running back Jordan Jenkins was named the Built Ford Tough Texas High School Player of the Year for Class 4A, officials announced.

Jenkins, who signed several months ago with Baylor University, rushed for 3,055 yards and scored 54 touchdowns, helping his Eagles into the state championship game against Argyle in December.

Jenkins scored two touchdowns in that game as well. "It was an absolute honor for that kid," said Lindale Head Coach Chris Cochran. "I'm not surprised at all and I just love it because he's such a humble young man."

Cochran said he found out about Jenkins' award the day before the booster club's end of the year banquet. After presenting him with the award, the "place erupted," Cochran said.

FIVE YEARS AGO, Feb. 9, 2017

Three Lindale High School football standouts, Terrill Cooper, Kale Ridge and Cameron Sir Louis, signed college letters of intent during signing ceremonies held in the high school cafeteria.

Cooper signed with TCU, Ridge with Trinity University in San Antonio and Sir Louis with the Air Force Academy.

"I'm super excited for them," said Head Coach and Athletic Director Mike Meador. "This is a truly great thing for them and their families."

During the ceremony, the three players took their seats on stage in the cafeteria, in front of family members, friends, teammates and coaches.

"These three have meant so much to our program," Meador said. "It's going to be very hard to replace them."

All three were honored by District 17-5A coaches at the end of the year when the All-District team was selected.

Cooper earned Co-Defensive Player of the Year honors and first team defensive end; Ridge was also first team selection at defensive end and Sir Louis was second team all-district at tight end.

10 YEARS AGO, Feb. 9, 2012

Following the University Interscholastic League's realignment, Lindale High School moved up to Class 4A after spending several years at the Class 3A level.

LHS' new district, 16-4A, would include Corsicana, Jacksonville, Nacogdoches, John Tyler and Whitehouse. "We've been in the same district with most of the teams in the past," said LISD Superintendent Stan Surratt. "John Tyler and Corsicana are new ones, but it will be good competition and we like competing at a high level."

LISD Athletic Director Mike Meador also felt the new league would be competitive, especially since John Tyler would be in the mix.

"I read recently that John Tyler was ranked as the preseason No. 1 team in the state so that's going to be a challenge," Meador said.

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Playing head games with roadkill

I wonder if other families play travelin' games while travelin'. You know, like seein' who can spot the most out of state license plates or do the ABC's by findin' the letters off of road signs, or my favorite, countin' roadkill.

What? You've never counted roadkill?

Well, I'll explain how it works.

With a pad and pencil, you each keep score of all the road killed animals you see while you're on a trip. Write down snakes, armadillos, skunks, possums, etc. There are a few that will be unrecognizable. Designate these G.S. for "Greasy Spot," UFO for "Unidentified Flat Object," and G&F for "Guts and Fur." The person with the most entries on their pad at the end of the trip is the winner.

Kids love this game. Moms are not real fond of it, though.

Road killed animals were a great source of entertainment back when I was a kid. My cousin Coy and I would make frequent trips up to the highway to check out any new arrivals.

There were even some you could take home with you, like toad-frogs. When a toad-frog got hit, they would flatten out real nice like and dry quickly. These stacked pretty good, too. We called them toadjerky. Believe me, moms are not as thrilled by a collection of these as you might think.

Anywho, one day Coy and I were makin' our rounds when we came upon a rather large raccoon.

"Ooooo, look," said Coy. "A coon."

"Yeah," I replied. "Looks fresh, too." I felt of it. "Yep,

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he's done cooled off, but he ain't too stiff. And looky here," I said as I lifted it.

"He ain't stuck to the road."

"What do you think we ought to do with him?" asked Coy.

"Hmmm," I pondered. "I know, let's make a coonskin cap, just like Davy Crockett's."

"Ooooo, yeah. That'll be neat."

We took turns carryin' the little bear because he probably weighed half as much as we did. We carried it to Coy's fallout shelter, aka our clubhouse.

"What do we do now?" asked Coy.

"Skin him."

"You ever skin anything before?"

"Nope," I replied. "But it couldn't be that hard. Go get a knife."

"OK."

Coy ran up to his house and back in no time with a big butcher knife.

"Ooooo," I oooooed.

"That ought to do the trick."

"Yeah," said Coy. "Just don't let me forget to wipe it off after we're through. Mom will probably use it tonight."

Skinnin' the varmint turned out to be a little more difficult than we imagined. Coy held the coon by the hind legs and I'd cut awhile, then we'd switch places. By the time we finished, we had a coon hide with three legs, one ear, and about 14 air holes.

"Well," I said. "It's not too bad."

"Yeah," said Coy. "Has your hand stopped bleedin'?"

"Just about," I replied. "How about yours?"

"Yep. Now what?"

"Well, let's see here. I know! Wait here."

I ran home and came back with a hand full of safety pins.

"OK. Now, put the skin on your head and I'll pin it up."

Coy draped the coonskin over his head.

"Boy," he said. "This thing sure is greasy." I started pinnin'.

Pushin' a safety pin through a hide is not as easy as it sounds. Especially if there's a person on the other side yellin'.

"There," I said. "Finished."

"Thank goodness," said Coy. "How's it look?"

"Well, not bad I guess. Here, let me try it on."

When Coy pulled it off, it sounded like somebody pullin' their foot out of the mud. I put it on.

"Well, what do you think?"

"Hmmm," said Coy. "Is his foot supposed to be in his mouth?"

"That's the only thing I could find to connect it to,"

I said. "You know, it don't smell as bad as did when we first found it. Come on! Let's go show Mom."

We lit out for my house.

"OK," I said as we arrived. "Coy, you go in first, and give me an introduction."

"Got'cha," he said and went into the house. There in the den were Mom, Dad, and my sister Teri.

"Why, hello Coy," said Mom. "What on earth happened to your hair? It's all plastered down." Then she wrinkled her nose. "And what is that smell?"

"I don't know," said Coy. "But listen. I want to introduce you to the next Davy Crockett." With that, I jumped into the den.

"Tah dah!" I exclaimed. "Ugh," gagged my sister.

"Oh Rusty," said my mom. My dad just looked at me and shook his head. They were all holdin' their noses.

After that, Coy was sent home. I was hosed down out in the yard, and our coonskin cap became a chew toy for my dog, Sarge. Coy got somewhat the same treatment when he got home, and his mom threw away the butcher knife.

Later, Coy asked me, "What did we do wrong?"

"Don't ask me," I replied. "But I do know one thing. I ain't gonna try that again. I've learned my lesson."

"Hey! Guess what? I asked. "I saw a dead cat up on the road awhile ago. Do you think we can stuff it?"

"Ooooo, yeah," said Coy. What was that I said about lessons learned?

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Vertical gardening maximizes beauty, harvest

By Melinda Myers

Go vertical to expand your outdoor gardening space, create privacy and add beauty to bare walls and fences. This centuries-old technique has been used to grow food and flowers, adding beauty and productivity from the ground up. Even those gardening on small city lots, balconies and decks can go vertical to expand their gardening opportunities.

Grow pole beans, peas, squash, melons, tomatoes, and other vining edible plants onto supports. This saves space, reduces the risk of disease, and makes harvesting much easier.

Enjoy the many benefits of vertical gardening even when growing in containers. Create your own or purchase a support that securely fits and supports the vines growing in the planter. Or purchase a container with

an integrated trellis. Further reduce maintenance by utilizing a self-watering pot like the City Jungle Self-Watering Tomato Planter large enough to grow and support two indeterminate tomatoes.

Mount containers on a wall or fence or stack and secure them vertically to increase growing space.

Include trellises and arbors in raised beds and elevated gardens to further maximize growing space. Trellises train vines upward while arches allow you to grow two layers of plants, one over the trellis and one below.

Dress up a bare wall or fence, screen a bad view or create privacy with a plant-covered trellis. Leave space between the wall and trellis when gardening next to a building. This space allows airflow between the building and plants, reducing the risk



of mildew on the wall and diseases infecting the plants.

Grow annual vines for quick cover and perennial vines for years of beauty. Mix the two to quickly cover the trellis with the annual vine while waiting for the

perennial to establish and reach its mature size. Plant two vines with different bloom times on one trellis to extend the colorful flower display. Or look for those that bloom at the same time to double the floral impact.

Use decorative supports to add beauty or a focal point year-round. Select the style – rustic, formal or colorful – that complements your garden design, furnishings, and personality. Make sure whatever you choose is strong enough to support the plants you grow.

Mask rain barrels, compost bins and other functional areas in the landscape with a wall of plants. Leave space for easy access as you fill your compost bin or harvest finished compost and rainwater.

Dress up a lamp or mailbox post with a vine covered support. Create your own from chicken wire or purchase a curved trellis.

Use trellises and arbors to brighten often overlooked spaces. A vine-covered arbor makes a nice floral welcome at the entrance to a walkway or colorful transition be-

tween garden areas. Make sure the opening is large enough to accommodate visitors and any equipment needed.

No matter your style and location, vertical gardens can help you maximize your growing space and garden's beauty.

Melinda Myers is the author of more than 20 gardening books.

OBITUARY

Ronald Jackson

Funeral services for Ronald Jackson, 78, formerly of Hideaway, were held Monday, Feb. 7 at Hilliard Funeral Home in Van. Interment was in the Lindale City Cemetery.

He was born May 10, 1943 in Dallas and passed away on Feb. 2, 2022.

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Friday, Jan. 28, 2021

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Saturday, Jan. 29, 2022

Officer Philpot and Officer Ramsey responded to a suspicious person at 100 block E Centennial Blvd, settled at scene. Officer Philpot responded to a business alarm at 500 block S Main St, false alarm. Officer Philpot and Officer Ramsey responded to a suspicious vehicle at 2500 block S Main St, settled at scene. Sgt Dworaczyk and Officers Ramsey and Philpot responded to an assist LISD PD at 15500 block CR 463, settled at scene. Officer Philpot and Officer Ramsey responded to a verbal disturbance at 3200 block S Main St, settled at scene. Officer Philpot and Officer Ramsey responded to an assist LISD PD at 15500 block CR 463, settled at scene. Officer Philpot and Officer Ramsey responded to a harassment at 300 block Brziel St, report taken. Sgt Dworaczyk responded to an illegal dumping at 552 E I-20, report taken. Officer Leevey and Officer Gillham responded to an assist other agency at 100 block Ballard Dr, settled at scene. Officer Leevey and Officer Gillham responded to a business alarm at 300 block S Main St, false alarm. Sgt Dworaczyk and Officer Leevey responded to a suspicious vehicle at 3500 block S Main St, settled at scene. Cpt Chambers, Sgt Dworaczyk and Officers Leevey and Gillham responded to a stolen vehicle at 3500 block S Main St, settled at scene. Cpt Chambers and Officers Gillham and Leevey responded to a suspicious vehicle at 900 block N Main St, settled at scene. Officer Leevey responded to a suspicious vehicle at 1500 block White Bear Trl, unfounded. Officer Leevey and Officer Gillham responded to a reckless driving at 1800 block S Main St, unfounded.



Sunday, Jan. 30, 2022

Sgt Houghton and Officers Trombley and Jackquet responded to a suspicious vehicle at 1500 block Wood Springs Rd, citation issued. Officer Shurley and Officer Jackquet responded to an assist other agency at 3200 block S Main St, settled at scene. Officer Leevey and Officer Gillham responded to a reckless driving at 1800 block S Main St, unfounded.

Monday, Jan. 31, 2022

Sgt Houghton and Officers Trombley and Jackquet responded to a suspicious vehicle at 2400 block S Main St, settled at scene. Sgt Houghton and Officers Trombley and Jackquet responded to a disturbance at 500 block Pierce St, trespass issued. Cpt Chambers and Officers Trombley, Dailey and Jackquet responded to an accident at 2300 block S Main St, settled at scene. Sgt Houghton and Officer Dailey responded to a suspicious vehicle at 15400 block Woodlands Dr, settled at scene. Officer Trombley responded to a suspicious person at 100 block E Centennial Blvd, unfounded. Officer Allen and Officer Shurley responded to a welfare concern at 17900 block Hwy 69 N, unfounded. Officer Shurley and Officer Allen responded to an accident at 3500 block S Main St, report taken. Officer Shurley responded to a suspicious vehicle at 13200 block CR 472, settled at scene. Officer Allen responded to a suspicious vehicle at 900 block Mt Sylvan St, settled at scene. Officer Shurley and Officer Allen responded to a suspicious circumstance at 70 block Miranda Lambert Way, settled at scene. Officer Shurley responded to city ordinance violation at 200 block Cannery Row, warning issued. Officer Shurley responded to a suspicious vehicle at 300 block Kingdom Blvd, unfounded.

Tuesday, Feb. 1 2022

Officer Trombley responded to a loitering at 3200 block S Main St, settled at scene. Sgt Houghton and Officers Trombley and Jackquet responded to a welfare concern at 1500 block Pearl St, settled at scene. Sgt Houghton and Officers Trombley, Allen and Jackquet responded to a possession of controlled substance at 500 block W Hubbard St, arrest made. Sgt Houghton and Officer Shurley responded to an accident at 3500 block S Main St, report taken. Sgt Houghton and Officer Shurley responded to an accident at 800 block Greenwood Cir, settled at scene. Officer Allen responded to a welfare concern at 300 block Henry St, settled at scene. Officer Allen responded to a harassment at 200 block Patience Ave, settled at scene. Officer Shurley and Officer Allen responded to a welfare concern at 3300 block S Main St, settled at scene. Officer Shurley and Officer Allen responded to an accident at 3500 block S Main St, report taken.

Wednesday, Feb. 2, 2022

Officer Philpot and Officer Ramsey responded to an assist other agency at 900 block Martha Becker St, citation issued. Officer Philpot responded to a city ordinance violation at 100 block E Centennial Blvd, settled at scene. Officer Philpot and Officer Ramsey responded to a criminal trespass at 3500 block S Main St, settled at scene. Officer Philpot and Officer Ramsey responded to a suspicious person at 3500 block S Main St, unfounded. Officer Philpot and Officer Ramsey responded to an accident at 3400 block S Main St, report taken. Officer Leevey and Officer Gillham responded to a disturbance at 15500 block Britain Ct, trespass warning issued. Officer Leevey and Officer Gillham responded to a 911 hang up at 1000 block S Main St, settled at scene.

Thursday, Feb. 3, 2022

Officer Philpot and Officer Ramsey responded to a suspicious circumstance at 100 block N College St, settled at scene. Chief Somes, Cpt Chambers and Officers Philpot and Ramsey responded to a suspicious circumstance at 500 block S Main St, settled at scene. Officer Philpot and Officer Ramsey responded to a business alarm at 500 block S Main St, false alarm. Officer Leevey and Officer Gillham responded to an assist other agency at 12400 block FM 16 W, settled at scene. Officer Gillham responded to a suspicious circumstance at 17800 block CR 4100, settled at scene. Officer Leevey and Officer Gillham responded to a warrant service at 13400 block I-20, arrest made.

Commissioners honor county employees

Smith County Commissioners honored Kendrick Freeman and Felonda Prince as part of employee recognitions during the board's Jan. 24 meeting.

Freeman was honored for 15 years with the Adult Probation Department and Prince's 15 years with Juvenile Services was recognized.

Freeman started out as a probation officer in the misdemeanor department and has been the court officer for County Court-at-Law No. 3 Judge Floyd Getz for 12 years.

He said most people do not know what the probation department does.

"We are actually trying to help rehabilitate these younger defendants," he said. "We try to motivate and encourage them to make better decisions."

Freeman said he has stayed with misdemeanor defendants because they are typically younger.

"They don't know that some decisions they make now may affect their lives 10, 15, 20 years from now," he said. Some young adults see only what their family members did and don't know to do any different, he added.

"I made a choice to do right in my life," he said. "That could be me in the defendant's seat. I tell them, 'You're no better than me.'"

Freeman said being a probation officer is about showing compassion, but also about abiding by the court's conditions.

"I consider Judge Getz to be a major influence on my love of probation and of the law," Freeman said. "Judge Getz has been a mentor, a big brother and my role model. He has been a big influence on the officer I am and the man I've become."

Freeman has also coached his two children's baseball and soccer teams throughout the years and serves on the board of the Rose Capital East Little League. Although he only has two children, he has a lot of kids call him "father," he said.

"I love kids. I love the youth," he said. "There are so many opportunities to impact their lives."

Shannon Coleman, Adult Probation Assistant Director, said Freeman has served Judge Getz well.

"He is a guy who you know where he stands," Coleman said. "He's a man of value and his moral compass is on point."

Teresa Barker is celebrating 15 years of service with the Adult Probation Department.

She worked as a secretary for Tyler Independent School District for 17 years. Her son was in high school when she decided to go back to school to show him that it is never too late to finish what you started.

She had attended TJC and UT Tyler in the past and at 42 years old, she resumed her education at LeTourneau University.

She began working for the Adult Probation Department as a receptionist. She said she loved the way officers talked to clients and told herself she could do that.

After earning a bachelor's degree in Psychology, she became a probation officer for the Civil Unit (Child Support Division). She continued her college education and earned a master's degree in Psychology and moved up in the department to become court officer for County Court-at-Law No. 2.

"It's been amazing," she said.

She also is an adjunct professor of psychology at TJC.

"That was my dream - to always teach at a secondary level," Barker said. "I am passionate about mental health and the criminal aspect of both jobs. I love them."

She said even after 15 years, she wakes up looking forward to going to work every day at Smith County.

"She is a true example of a success story," said her co-worker Kendrick Freeman, who is the court officer for County Court-at-Law No. 3.

Laura Gerick was recognized in Commissioners Court for her 15 years of service to Smith County.

She is a Pre-Sentence Investigation Officer for the Smith County Community Supervision and Corrections Department (Adult Probation).

"She's very hardworking, dedicated and gives 110 percent to everything she does," Supervisor Shaira Lassai said about Ms. Gerick.

Ms. Gerick began her career working with the Alternative Incarceration Center (AIC) in December 2006, serving as its office manager, civil case coordinator and statistician for seven years.

In 2013, she was transferred to the main Adult Probation Department, where she started as Assistant IT/Administrative Assistant. About a year later, she was moved to the Transfer out Technician position and also handled all the legal paperwork preparation

while continuing to assist in administrative duties.

In May 2016, she became Pre-Sentence Investigation Officer, and one of her main duties is writing pre-sentence investigation reports (PSI's) about offenders. She has also taught Life Skills Class for several years and has recently begin teaching Drug Offender Education Class.

She said she loves conducting the investigations and offender-based reports, which include a summary of the offense, the offender's role, prior criminal justice involvement, and a social history with an emphasis on family history, employment, education, physical and mental health, financial condition, and future prospects. "It is intended to provide the judge with comprehensive background information about the offender," she Ms. Gerick said. "If the Court knows the offender, they are better able to sentence them what they may need to be successful at probation and turning their lives around, and I, as the writer, get to play a part in that."

JUVENILE SERVICE DEPARTMENT

Felonda Prince was honored for her 15 years of service to the Juvenile Services Department.

She said she is one of the first Smith County Juvenile Services employees who is dual certified as a Juvenile Probation Officer and a Detention Officer.

"She does a wonderful job with our misdemeanor unit," Juvenile Services Director Ross Worley said. "We're excited for her 15 years of service and look forward to many more years from Ms. Prince."

She graduated from Tyler Junior College, earned her BBA at Texas College, and also attended Prairie View A&M University, where she marched in the band. She is currently a board member with Prairie View A&M University Juvenile Justice System in Tyler, and is a member of Delta Sigma Theta-Tyler Alumnae Chapter.

"Thanks to God for this 15-year accomplishment," she said.

She said she is dedicating her 15-year service pin to her late parents.

Oscar Perdomo was recognized for 10 years with the Juvenile Services Department.

"I always knew I had a heart to serve others because of the joy and happiness I felt when helping someone in need," he said. "It wasn't until I was in my 30s that, with the encouragement of my wife and kids, I finally decided to do something about that calling I always felt in my heart."

Having dropped out of school in 10th grade, he decided to continue his education, first earning a GED and then studying at Tyler Junior College. When he was given the opportunity to join the Juvenile Services team in 2012 at the age of 37, he was working on his criminal justice degree at the Univer-

sity of Texas at Tyler.

His career began as a Juvenile Supervision Officer in Detention, working nights while attending UT-Tyler during the day. He earned his degree in 2014, and soon after an opportunity to work with juveniles in a residential setting became available.

Director Ross Worley was working on expanding rehabilitative services by adding a vocational residential center. He put together a team and gave Perdomo the opportunity to lead it. In 2015, H.O.P.E. Academy (Helping Others Pursue Excellence) enrolled the first group of juveniles. Since then, Perdomo has served as Residential Supervisor and has had the privilege to work alongside a group of people that he is sure have felt that same calling he did because he sees their passion for working with juveniles and their families every day, he said.

"Working for Smith County has been a grateful experience," he said. "I have felt a sense of pride and responsibility that has given me a higher sense of purpose in my life. I enjoy coming to work every day and feel that I am fulfilling God's calling in my life by serving the more than 235,000 citizens of Smith County. I truly feel we are staying true to our H.O.P.E. Academy mission statement of 'Creating safer communities by inspiring and empowering at-risk youth to believe and succeed.'"

Worley said that the Lord put the love of kids in Perdomo's heart. "He has done an amazing job with the H.O.P.E. Academy," he said. "We hope 10 years is just a start for him. Thank you."

Karla Bautista has worked for Smith County for five years.

She started working for Adult Probation in May 2016, and in January of 2017, she transferred over to Juvenile Services. She serves as the community service coordinator and is a vocational instructor for the H.O.P.E. Academy. She has become dual certified as a Juvenile Supervision Officer and a Juvenile Probation Officer.

"Juvenile Services called out to me because I knew that if a change could be made, it would be easier if it started at a young age," she said. "Juveniles at our center receive a second opportunity to create change in their own lives so they can be better off in the future. Being a part of the growth these juveniles experience is an amazing feeling. You can't change the world but you can help one person at a time."

Bautista is a veteran of the United States Army and recently earned her master's degree. She is a probation officer, training officer, vocational instructor, program leader and helps build buildings and ramps, Worley added.

"She's done an amazing job," he said. "We're glad to have her."

Eight Lindale residents among more than 200 indictments

Smith County Grand Juries handed down 220 indictments from November through December with eight Lindale residents included, according to Grand Jury Coordinator Marieliza Martinez.

Lindale residents indicted include:

-- Jesse Galvan, 37, aggravated assault with a

deadly weapon on Oct. 5, 2021;

-- Shane Wood, 27, burglary of a building on July 19, 2021;

-- Jacob Chambliss, 26, unlawful possession of a controlled substance on May 26, 2021;

-- Miguel Delacruz, 33,

possession of a controlled substance, May 5, 2021;

-- Allison Foster, 63, assault on a peace officer/judge, Sept. 30, 2021;

-- Christopher Patton, 41, possession of a controlled substance on Oct. 20, 2021;

-- Scott Wideman, 33, possession of a controlled substance, on Oct. 24, 2021;

-- Nicholau Smith, 42, assault/family violence, Aug. 16, 2021.

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Eagle takes off for Missouri school

Friends, family and coaches gathered this past week at Lindale High School to celebrate receiver/defensive back Isaac Pollard's signing a letter of intent to play football with Missouri S&T University located in Rolla, Mo. The Miners are an NCAA Division II school that plays in the Great Lakes Valley Conference. LHS coaches on hand for the ceremony were, from left, Matt Cochran, Michael Ridge, Dillon Heinaman, Head Coach Chris Cochran and Brent Ricks. (Photo by Mary Vandiver)

Lady Eagles claim Spring Hill Tournament title

Silver medalist Kenzie McClenny carded an 81 to lead the Lindale High School Lady Eagles golf team to victory at the Spring Hill High School Lady Panthers Girls Golf Invitational this past week at Wood Hollow Golf Club in Longview.

Lindale's team total was 346, six strokes better than Tyler Legacy A team's 352 and seven better than Bullard's 353.

McClenny was second in the medalist standings behind Spring Hill's Faith Chinn who carded a 77.

Other scores for Lindale included Julee King with an 84; Kennedy Weesner with 87; Lauren Van Andel with 94 and Preslee Pullin with 103.

Third place in the medalist race was taken by Carly Ogletree of Tyler Legacy with an 83.

Lady Panther Golf Invitational Hosted by Spring Hill High School Wood Hollow Golf Club, Longview

Top 10 Individuals — 1, Faith Chinn, Spring Hill, 77; 2, Keznie McClenny, Lindale, 81; 3, Carly Ogletree, Tyler Legacy A, 83; 4, Julee King, Lindale, 84; 5, (tie) KyAmbria Acy, Tyler Legacy A, 86; Isabella Miller, Tyler Legacy A, 86; 7, (tie) Kennedy Weesner, Lindale, 87; Josie McClure, Bullard, 87; Ava Turlington, Henderson, 87; 10, (tie) Adyson Pipkin, Bullard, 88; Amaya Johnson, Bullard, 88; Alexis Grubb, Spring

Hill, 88.

Team Standings

Lindale (346): Kenzie McClenny 87, Kennedy Weesner 87, Julee King 84, Lauren Van Andel 94, Preslee Pullin 103

Tyler Legacy A (352): Carly Ogletree 83, KyAmbria Acy 86, Isabella Bullard (353): Adyson Pipkin 88, Josie McClure 87, Amaya Johnson 88, Natasha Johnson 90, Chloe Eiselt 109

Whitehouse A (420): Aly Navarro 95, Lily Ann Weissmann 98, Aubri Wagner 112, Layla Pool 115, Jenni Bowman 117

Tyler Legacy B (432): Avery Greer 106, Olivia Kerr 116, Hannah Wilhite 93, Liberty Koerbel 114, Ciara Dobbins 117

Henderson (435): Ava Turlington 87, Kyn-dall Burton 113, Kate Charlo 117, Kinsey Kersh 120, Emery Chenault 118

Tatum (437): Hannah Marcott 112, Abby Sorenson 101, Kaylei Stroud 113, Brynlee Mims 111, Lexi Vestal 117

Miller 86, Ella Harbold 97, Jenna Ogletree 98

Medalists: Faith Chinn, Spring Hill 77; Alexis Grubb, Spring Hill 88; Macy Reavis, Spring Hill 113; Emily Smith, Pine Tree 95; Blaire Gillentine, Pine Tree 95; Sophie Cook, Trinity School of Texas 108; Meredith Priddy, Whitehouse 119; Margaret Jensen, Whitehouse 121; Cassidy Meyer, Whitehouse 119; Reese Pink, Arp 122

Lindale downs Bullard in district, 50-43

The Lindale High School Eagles rebounded from a loss against district-leading Chapel Hill to defeat the Bullard Panthers, 50-43, this past Saturday in the LHS gym to maintain their hold on second place in 16-4A.

Ryder Johnson scored 16 points and pulled down 10 rebounds to lead the Eagles, who fell to Chapel Hill on Monday, (Feb. 1), 51-41, in

Chapel Hill.

The game was moved to Saturday due to the inclement weather which hit the area late last week.

In addition to Johnson's double-double, Taegan Terry scored 12 for the Eagles, following by 9 from Walter Smith, Cole Collinsworth scored 5, Colby Wood 4, Colton Widemon had 2 and Amare Baptiste scored 2.

Bullard's Garrett Nuckols nailed a pair of three-pointers in the first period to lift the Panthers to an 8-5 lead, but Collinsworth drove the lane for a basket and a few minutes later drilled a three-pointer to give the Eagles the lead. Bullard forged back in front, 13-12, at the end of the first period.

An 8-0 run, fueled by two three-pointers from Terry and an offensive

rebound by Johnson lifted the Eagles to a 27-18 lead in the second period.

Another three-pointer from Johnson in the waning seconds of the second period boosted Lindale to a 32-24 lead at intermission.

The Eagles then went on a 10-3 run to open the third to build a 44-33 advantage heading into the fourth period.

Nuckolls then scored eight

straight for the Panthers to trim the Eagles lead to 44-41 with just under five minutes to play.

But Lindale added four straight points while shutting down the Panthers for more than three minutes in the fourth period.

Lindale is now 18-11 and 6-3 in district and was scheduled to travel to Henderson on Tuesday for another district contest.

Rock the New Year with the proper "colorful" foods

By Claudann Jones
Smith County Extension Agent
Family and Community Health

Are you able to add one more color to your meals and snacks today? If you answered yes, great! You're one step closer to living a healthier and tastier life.

Whether you have a New Year's resolution to lose weight, be more active or eat healthier to keep illness at bay, turning over a new leaf — as in a new vegetable and fruit leaf — is a surefire way to get you there.

Incorporating favorite (and new-to-you) plants onto your plate at every eating occasion will pave a path to resolution suc-

cess. The solution to your goals can be that straightforward.

First, begin with the initial step: Adding one more color to today's meals. Over time, work toward adding in more colors from fruits and vegetables one meal, one snack at a time.

For example, focus on eating more "green" in the form of salad greens. From soups, salads and sandwiches to smoothies, sautés and omelets, something as simple as salad greens can add crunch with a punch of nutrition and sense of satiety wherever they're included.

As you weave more colors from fruits and vegetables into your favorite recipes, you'll begin reaching for more nourishing foods throughout the day inadvertently.

And the result will feel awesome.

Why would including a fruit and/or vegetable every time you eat be so impactful? Fruits and vegetables help your body do its thing by offering co-factors to cells. Having the essential ingredients do the tasks they're meant to, your cells are able to resist the impact of invasive bacteria and viruses

even more.

These partners-in-crime are a mixture of the usual suspects and their not-so-well-known buddies. Vitamins such as C and E and minerals such as zinc and iron tend to take the lead.

Whereas antioxidant-acting plant compounds such as polyphenols like quercetin in apples and onions and ellagic acid in berries and cherries become unsung heroes found in everyday foods.

Better yet, all forms of fruits and vegetables fit, so you can mingle in frozen options with fresh, canned, dried and 100 percent juice.

Get to adding one more color from fruits and vegetables to daily meals and improved eating will come with minimal effort and great rewards.

For more information, contact Smith County Extension Agent for Family and Community Health at 903-590-2980 or email at cmjones@ag.tamu.edu. Like our Facebook page: Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service Smith County. Stay well and stay safe.

Now is the time to prepare your garden area

Stephanie Osborn
Smith County Master Gardener

I believe that 2022 will be full of flowers, because I am planting flowers. The work that we put in today is the effort that will show in spring and summertime so here are some of things that you can do to get your garden ready while we are still dreaming of warmer weather.

February is a great time to get your seeds started for spring, so get a check on things make sure that you have all of the supplies that you need and that your indoor grow lights are functioning properly.

Repair or replace any damaged items (pots, lightbulbs, etc.) and put together your plan for your garden.

Be sure to check out Texas A&M University's website for more information on your plants growing recommendations.

Get organized because it's difficult to know what you need more of if you don't know what you have. Use this month to inventory your seeds and your starters. Take the time to organize your seeds in order of what you'll need to start first indoors all the way down to what you will directly sow.

February is your deadline to prune trees

and shrubs that bloom on new growth, they won't be dormant for much longer.

Early to mid-February is vegetable planting time for cool season crops such as; onions, Irish potatoes, radishes, greens, lettuces, spinach, sugar snap peas, carrots, broccoli (transplants), beets, Swiss chard, and turnips. Early planting ensures a good harvest before the summer heat arrives.

Don't forget to take care of your lawn, apply pre-emergent herbicides in mid-late February for weed control but only if weeds were a problem for you last year. If you need to move small trees or shrubs to a new location now is your chance to do that as well.

I believe that your 2022 will be full of flowers too -- flowers, fruit, trees, and all of the other beautiful things that you decide to plant this year. Gardeners will always live somewhere beautiful because we choose to make it so.

A great resource for all gardeners is the Smith County Agrilife Help desk, you can email them at smithmghelpdesk@gmail.com or call 903-535-2980.

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Be on the lookout for impostor scams

A host of scams is making their rounds, all with one thing in common: Someone is claiming to be someone they are not. Impostor scams conducted by email, phone calls, social media and even knocks at your door have become one of the fastest growing frauds in America.

While impostor scams have been around for many years, with the help new technology and new devices, they are becoming more sophisticated and scam artists are more easily able to reach larger masses of people at once.

Impostor scams are particularly dangerous, because the con artists dupe consumers by claiming to be almost anyone.

They are making a living by pretending to be the IRS, court officials, well-known sweepstakes company officials, or even your grandchild.

BBB reminds consumers to verify the individual or organization contacting you before providing them with any information.

"Impostor scams come in all shapes and sizes," said Mechele Agbayani Mills, President and CEO of BBB Serving Central East Texas. "But they all have the same goal...to trick you out of your money and/or personal information."

Impostor Scams and How They Work:

Power/utility scam: Utility com-



pany impostors typically reach out via a telephone call or knock on your door claiming to be a representative from the local water, electric, or gas company. In the most common scenario, the fraudster will say a payment is overdue and the utility will be shut off if you don't pay up immediately.

Phony banking texts/Phishing schemes: You receive a text message allegedly from a bank, alerting you of fraudulent activity on your account. You may or may not have an account at that bank. The con artists might even know your account number. They use a variety of messages and techniques, but the desired outcome is the same. They want you to give them information, the key to your money.

IRS impostors: There are many ways to tell if a call about tax debt is a fraudulent IRS call. According to the IRS, people with overdue

taxes will always receive multiple contacts, including letters and phone calls, from the IRS first.

The IRS will also notify taxpayers before sending their accounts to a private collection agency. If you get a call first and had no idea you owed taxes, be cautious and skeptical.

Emergency scam (also called grandparent scams or family/friend scams): This scheme involves the impersonation of a friend or family member in a fabricated

urgent or dire situation. Emergency calls prey on a person's kind nature and willingness to help friends and family in need. Con artists impersonate their targets' loved ones, make up an urgent situation, and plead for help and money. Thanks to social media sites, these people can offer plausible stories and incorporate nicknames and real travel plans into the con to

convince their targets.

Favor for a friend scam. This is a version of an emergency scam. However, instead of a major crisis, the scammers is asking for a small favor. It can be easy to fall for these cons because the stories are believable and the money amounts are much lower. For example, in this scam, a "friend" needs money for groceries after misplacing their wallet. Just like with an emergency scam, always check directly with your friend before sending any cash.

Tech Support scams: A tech support rep calls you at home and offers to fix a computer bug that you haven't even noticed, or a pop up warning appears on your screen instructing you to dial a number for help. In this con, scammers pose as tech support employees of well-known computer companies and hassle victims into paying for their "support."

Better Business Bureau. That's right, BBB is an often-impersonated company. Many of these scams target small businesses. Scammers call, text, or email to collect unpaid "dues" or email dangerous links or attachments that they claim are related to "complaints," or various other excuses. While a BBB office may indeed contact a business for a variety of reasons, you should never give personal or financial information over the phone during an

unsolicited call from someone you do not know. End the call or close the email, and call back through the number listed in the BBB.org Directory.

TIPS TO AVOID IMPOSTOR SCAMS:

Stay calm. If you receive any of these impostor calls, resist the urge to act immediately, no matter how dramatic the story is or how threatening or intimidating the caller sounds.

Don't reply directly. Don't respond to the call, text, or email. Instead, call the company or person directly to verify the message that was sent or the phone call received.

Go to the source or get help. When in doubt, call a friend, loved one or your local BBB to ask for a second opinion. Regardless of what is said in the phone conversation, tell someone.

Impersonation is a very common tactic used by scammers. Go to the BBB Scam Tracker Risk Report to find out more.

Learn more tips on how to avoid scams by going to BBB.org/Scam-Tips. If you have been the victim of this or another scam, make others aware by filing a report on BBB.org/ScamTracker.

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Lindale remains in 9-4A in football; Volleyball, basketball teams stay in 16-4A

**By Terry Cannon
Editor**

Now that the University Interscholastic League's realignment gurus have completed their work for another two years, many coaches and athletic directors across the state can begin the task of finding workable schedules for their teams.

However, it doesn't look like this will be the case at Lindale High School.

In football, the Eagles will remain in Region III of Class 4A, Division 1 and compete out of District 9-4A with most of the same opponents staying put as well. The only change will have Jacksonville coming in and Mabank dropping out. Jacksonville is dropping down this year from Class 5A.

For 2022-2024, District 9-4A will feature Athens, Henderson, Jacksonville, Kilgore, Palestine and Chapel Hill.

In volleyball and basketball, the boys and girls teams will compete against different district foes but remain in District 16-4A.

In volleyball and girls basketball, the Lady Eagles will face Athens, Brownsboro, Canton, Cumberland Academy, Mabank and Van.

In boys basketball, the Eagles will take on Athens, Brownsboro, Canton, Cumberland Academy, Mabank and Van.

Football Head Coach Chris Cochran, who felt there was a good possibility Jacksonville would be in 9-4A, is ready to welcome another round of competition with the Indians. "It's been two years since we played them (in district)," he said. "But even though they are a new team on the block, we know they are well coached and will do things the right way."

Jacksonville's enrollment is 1,278 making them the largest school in the district with Lindale second at 1,201.

In a seven-team district bye weeks won't arrive until league play begins and coaches don't have a say in when their respective team gets a bye.

Lindale's bye week is the last week of the district season which will fall during the first week of November.

"These are drawn out of a hat, they are completely random," Cochran said. "And to be honest, I don't think that's

LINDALE HIGH SCHOOL 2022 VARSITY FOOTBALL SCHEDULE			
DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
Aug. 26	Kaufman	TBD	TBD
Sept. 2	Pine Tree	TBD	TBD
Sept. 9	Van	TBD	TBD
Sept. 16	Gilmer	TBD	TBD
Sept. 23	Henderson	Lindale	7:30
Sept. 30	Athens	Away	7:30
Oct. 7	Kilgore	Home	7:30
Oct. 14	Chapel Hill	Away	7:30
Oct. 21	Palestine	Home	7:30
Oct. 28	Jacksonville	Away	7:30
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too bad of a position, especially if you are getting ready for the playoffs. It gives you an extra week to prepare for the opponent and time to get everyone healed up."

Provided there are no changes to the opponents' schedules (due to different district commitments), the Eagles will begin regular season play on Aug. 26 against Kaufman, followed by a Sept. 2 date with Pine Tree, then Sept. 9 against Van. The Eagles will take on Gilmer on Sept. 16.

District play begins on Sept. 23 against Henderson in Lindale; in Athens on Sept. 30; at home against Kilgore on Oct. 7; at Chapel Hill on Oct. 14; at home against Palestine on Oct. 21; at Jacksonville on Oct. 28 and then the bye week.

Overall, the 9-4A schedule will present the same tough challenges it has for the past two seasons. Kilgore and Chapel Hill will be tough as usual, and newcomer Jacksonville will

provide plenty of competition.

"It will be interesting for sure," Cochran said. "It's always a good, tough schedule."

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, LIND 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.

Remaining in Region III means any playoff scenarios would include teams to the south which could necessitate the same lengthy travel which has been the case the past two years.

OTHER EAST TEXAS SCHOOLS

Longtime East Texas powers Gilmer and Carthage will be in different districts for the next two years.

Gilmer will be in District 7-4A with Spring Hill, Paris, North Lamar, Pittsburg, Liberty-Eylau and Texarkana Pleasant Grove, while Carthage will compete in District 8-4A against Brownsboro, Bullard, Canton, Center, Rusk and Van.

In Class 5A, Whitehouse will be in District 8-5A Division II along with Hallsville, Pine Tree, Marshall, Mount Pleasant, Nacogdoches and Texas High (Texarkana).

Tyler High School will compete in District 7-5A Division I with Forney, Lancaster, Longview, Lufkin, McKinney North, North Mesquite and West Mesquite.

Mineola will be in District 5-3A Division I along with Bonham, Commerce, Mount Vernon, Pottsboro, Rains and Winsboro.

District 6-5A Division I will have Atlanta, Gladewater, Sabine, Jefferson, Tatum and White Oak.

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

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).

Lady Eagles secure District 16-4A title

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Keith's four, three-point baskets led the way for the Lady Eagles, who improved to 9-1 in district with the victory.

Keith totaled 19 points on the night to help the Lady Eagles to their 18th win of the season against 11 defeats.

Chapel Hill fell to 8-3 in district and 14-13 on the season.

Brooke Everest, who added six points to the Lindale offensive attack, proved to be a pesky defender for the Lady Eagles as she thwarted several Chapel Hill offensive attempts.

Other Lindale scorers include Brenley Philen with 8, Makenna Burks with 7 and Maggie Spearman with 3 points.

Lindale fell behind 9-8 in the first period before clamping down on defense and built a 13-9 lead which eventually became 16-12 in the second period and 21-16 at the half.

In the third, the Lady Eagles were ahead 27-20 before Chapel Hill made a late run in the quarter to enter the final period down by a 29-27 count.

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SARAH RICHARDSON is the daughter of Deborah and Mark Richardson. She is a member of the National Honor Society, Star Steppers drill team, theater club, speech and debate team, and the chorale. She is also a member of the Texas All-State Choir, Magill Musical Theater Studio, Lindale Community Theater, and the worship team at her church. Sarah believes she is impacting the world by sharing God's love with others and serving in her community. She plans to attend The University of Texas at Tyler and study psychology. Sarah's future goals include working as a licensed therapist or counselor.

JESIKA MILLER is the daughter of Maria and Larry Miller. She is the copy editor for the yearbook and a member of the National Honor Society. She is also a member of the University Interscholastic League competition team for journalism and the varsity softball team. Jesika believes she is impacting the world by serving with local food pantries, helping purchase items for elementary students to use during virtual classes, and encouraging others to adopt a mindset of respect for others and the community. She plans to attend Sam Houston State University and study forensic science. Jesika's future goals include working in forensic pathology.

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