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Council approves TIF board members

Lindale's Tax Reinvestment Zones No's. 2 and 3 were the top agenda items addressed during Tuesday's weekly meeting of the Lindale City Council.

Council members reappointed three members to each of the TIF Zones as well as naming a chairman for both boards.

Three members reappointed for TIF Zone No. 2 were Lindale Mayor Jeff Daugherty, City Manager Carolyn Caldwell and Annie Baldwin. For No. 3, Carroll Anderson, Mike Combs and Lindale Place 5 City Councilman Gavin Rasco.

Daugherty was reappointed as chairman of both boards.

TIF's are zones initiated by city and county entities for the purpose of subsidizing improvements within their jurisdictions. The assessed values within the TIF are frozen with the idea that property values with the TIF will increase over the lifetime of the TIF.

Local taxing entities then negotiate how much of the tax increment will be donated to the TIF fund, and each municipality must pass an ordinance establishing a governing board for the TIF. These boards then create a budget for the lifetime of the TIF, designate the projects in the zone and determine how they will be financed.

In other action, the council:

- OK'd the final plans for the Lindale Community Center, which is scheduled to be completed in June;
- Approved the final subdivision plat of Prairie Creek Estates to create four lots at 1100 South Main Street in Lindale;
- Approved the final subdivision plat of Riverside Phase 2, creating four lots located at 14020 County Road 4111 in Lindale;
- Approved the final subdivision plat of Eagle Creek Estates, located at 13236 FM 16 in Lindale;
- Canceled the Dec. 20 city council meeting.

Eagles continue playoff trek

Lindale wins area round; takes on Kilgore in Regionals

After disposing of the Brazosport Exporters 42-28 this past Friday in the Area round of the Class 4A state football playoffs, Lindale's Eagles have earned the right to play a very familiar team: the Kilgore Bulldogs.

The Regional semifinal match is set for 1 p.m. Friday at Trinity Mother Frances Rose Stadium in Tyler.

REGION III SEMIFINALS Kilgore vs. Lindale

1 p.m. Friday

Trinity Mother Frances Rose Stadium, Tyler

The Eagles and Bulldogs have seen quite a bit of each other during the past few years as District 9-4A foes and as playoff foes.

Kilgore finished second behind Chapel Hill this year in district play while Lindale took third.

Following Friday's playoff action, it has become clear that District 9-4A is one of the more dominant Class 4A districts in the state with three of the remaining playoffs teams still in the hunt for a state title.

All three teams advanced to the Region III semifinals after Friday as Chapel Hill defeated Bay City and Kilgore dumped the El Campo Ricebirds.

In Georgetown on Friday, Lindale had to erase a 14-point first period deficit before taking command in the second half to down the Exporters.

"It's not necessarily the way you draw it up, being down at the half like that," said Lindale Head Coach Chris Cochran. "But we've always stressed to our kids that you have to be resilient. Our kids, our coaches didn't flinch and they kept chopping away."

As has been the case all season, a large contingent of Eagle fans were on hand to enjoy the win.

"It means a lot to our kids and our school to know that

our community has been behind us all year," Cochran said. "We truly appreciated the support."

Friday night at the half, the message Cochran delivered to his club, down 21-14 at intermission, was that this wasn't too big of a hill to climb.

"We just had to come out and play better," he said.

Special teams, and especially the play of versatile Wyatt Parker, were indeed special for the Eagles. Parker's fourth down run from punt formation enabled the Eagles to eventually score and keep control of the game.

"He was phenomenal," Cochran said of the junior Parker. "He inspired us and he really played with a motor."

Parker rushed five times for 116 yards and two touchdowns.

A pair of interceptions helped the Exporters build their two-touchdown lead in the first period, but Lindale's offense then got rolling and trimmed Brazosport's lead to 21-14 at intermission before tying the game on its first attempt of the second half.

Patrick Daniels got the Eagles on the board in the middle of the second period with an 11-yard scoring run. Seth Baggett booted the point after to make it 14-7.

But on Brazosport's next try, quarterback Randon Fontenette took off on a 60-yard score to build the Exporters' lead to 21-7.

Lindale then struck back as quarterback Clint Thurman scooted for a big gainer to set up the Eagles' offense at the Brazosport eight yard line. The Eagle quarterback then bulled over from there to make the score 21-14.

After forcing a punt on the Exporters' first possession of the third period, the Eagles went to work again, marching 55 yards on seven plays to set up inside the Brazosport 20.

Thurman then found receiver Ethan Moriarty on a 15-yard scoring pass and after Baggett's point after the game

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Lambert nominated for four Grammys

Lindale's Miranda Lambert, who has three Grammy Awards from her star-studded musical career, looks to add to that list this year after this year's nominations were announced this past week.

The Grammy Awards will be aired on CBS from 7 p.m.-10:30 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 5 from Crypto.com Arena in Los Angeles.

Lambert has been nominated for Best Country Solo Performance for "In His Arms", Best Country Duo/Group Performance with Luke Combs for "Outrunnin' Your Memory", Best Country Song for "If I Was a Cowboy" with



Jesse Frasure and Miranda Lambert, written by Lambert and Best Country Album for "Palomino."

Her previous Grammy wins were for best song for "The House that Built Me," her fifth studio album "Platinum," and seventh studio album "Wildcard."

The Grammys recognize a wide range of musical genres, including best recordings, compositions and artists of the eligibility year from Oct. 1, 2021 to Sept. 30, 2022.



Santa's Bake Shop celebrates 10th year as fundraiser for Lillie Russell Library

The Friends of the Lillie Russell Memorial Library know how to hold a sweet celebration.

For the 10th consecutive year, the popular Santa's Bake Shop fundraiser will return beginning at 10 a.m., Saturday, Dec. 3 at the Library, 200 E. Hubbard Street in downtown Lindale.

The sale will continue until the cookies are all gone, officials said.

Cost for the cookies is \$10 per dozen and patrons can choose their own cookies. This is the largest fundraiser of the year for the Library and youngsters can enjoy carnival games with a \$5 armband. The games will conclude at 5 p.m.

Relative of Lindale residents honored by TAMU-Commerce

In early November, the brother and family of a Lindale resident were honored by Texas A&M University-Commerce with the naming of the university's agricultural farm after Dr. A.C. "Buck" Hughes, who retired after serving the university from 1947-80.

Hughes, the brother of Linda Lockhart and brother-in-law of her husband Jerry Lockhart of Lindale, began as a faculty member at the university and wound up becoming the Agricultural Department Head.

The Lockharts met at the school, which was then known as East Texas State University. Jerry Lockhart was one of Dr. Hughes' students and even taught some of his mentor's classes while working on his own Master's Degree in Technical Agriculture.

University officials recognized

how instrumental Hughes was in the development and enhancement of the University Farm and chose to name the facility in his honor.

His leadership and dedication to his students laid the foundation for the farm which is still being utilized.

Dr. Hughes was born and raised on his family's farm in the Dalby Springs area of Bowie County.

When World War II began, he served in the U.S. Navy in the Pacific Theater and returned home with a Purple Heart.

He was the eldest of nine children in the family, with two of his brothers also serving in the war.

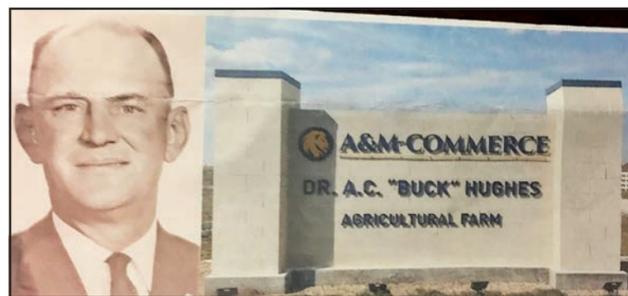
Dr. Hughes served on the USS Indianapolis, while one brother fought at Iwo Jima and the other served under Gen. George S. Patton in the U.S. 3rd Army in Europe.

The USS Indianapolis holds the distinction of having suffered the largest loss of life at sea on a single ship in the history of the U.S. Navy.

In July 1945, the Indianapolis had just completed a top-secret trip to deliver uranium and other components for the first atomic bomb used in combat, "Little Boy," which was used to bomb Hiroshima, Japan, on Aug. 6, 1945.

On its return voyage, the ship was torpedoed by a Japanese submarine, and sank in 12 minutes. Of the nearly 1,200 crewmen, only 316 eventually survived.

In subsequent years, Dr. Hughes didn't talk about his experience after the Indianapolis was sunk, but survivors were exposed to not just the brutal weather conditions and salt water poisoning, but constant



shark attacks.

Having survived such an ordeal certainly provided Dr. Hughes with a perseverance, resilience, toughness and an appreciation for life and the well-being of others.

Married to Lucy Hughes, the couple had no children but considered all their students as their "children."

He earned a Doctorate in Ani-

mal Science from Kansas State University and among his favorite courses to teach many were related to production agriculture or animal science.

He was insistent on all his students being in their seats, on time, when classes began.

In addition, he was adamant in helping all of his students find jobs following graduation.

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OPINION/COMMENTARY

Happy Thanksgiving ...

What do incessant meetings, cattle brands, taxes, pointsettias, Pepcid, Kenya, broken medical appointments and broken hips have in common? Oh, and bad hair? Well that would be me, of course. I don't have a broken hip, but my poor mother-in-law does, and I am staying with her in the hospital because that is what I do.

She says I am a cross between a Border Collie and a pit bull. I herd, I nurture, I protect and I fight for my pack when it is needed. I just know from years of experience with my family that things just go better when someone is watching out for you, asking questions, finding tissues, ice water and pain meds...and making sure that everything goes as well as it possibly can under really bad circumstances.

I have a turkey breast in the freezer, a ham in the fridge and my Mom's dressing recipe which I have finally mastered ready for...Christmas I hope. Between family illness and our adventurous son and daughter-in-heart flying back from Nairobi, Kenya the day before Thanksgiving, which is theoretical considering overbooked, understaffed airlines... along with three newspapers to get to press early, my mind is boggled and my marbles are rolling chaotically around my under slept, overworked mind.

This Border Collie tries to juggle taking care of my family's ranch business from a distance of oh, about 150 miles. I made a second flying trip to Navarro County to try and

The Best of Suzanne Bardwell



register renewal of our cattle brand last week. It took a probated will, a notarized statement from my Mom, a call to the Texas Southwestern Cattleman's Association's legal department, my durable power of attorney, AND the gift of my whimsical Minnie Mouse purse to the clerk who helped me to get the deed done. I actually walked out of the courthouse with the contents of my former purse in a Wal-Mart bag...and I was glad to do it.

I spent more time on that brand than I did my Mom's complicated ranch taxes. If you count my son, niece and nephew, the Working B Ranch is fifth generation. I ain't givin' up that brand no way, no how, to nobody... after all, my son has a small East Texas ag operation going that he named the Working B Ranch, Too. Makes this country Momma proud.

I have a great deal to be proud of in my son and daughter-in-heart. By the time you read this they will hopefully be safely back in the Piney Woods. They, along with 18 other fire experts from across the nation spent over two weeks in Kenya training firefighters and taking donations of firefight-

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ing suits and equipment to under equipped, poorly trained, often physically attacked, dedicated Kenyan firefighters. Our brave son is the wildland firefighting expert and our compassionate nurse practitioner daughter-in-heart is the medical officer for the group, as well as trainer in basic emergency care. Those two adventurous souls make a difference wherever they go.

Thursday after fighting the livestock brand wars, meeting with Mom's CPA, her banker and checking on the ranch, I spent about an hour at the family cemetery putting Christmas flowers out on the graves of most of the people who made me who I am. The wind blows down across the Blackland Prairie and that cemetery. It is beautiful, and quiet, and sacred.

There is a concrete bench by my Daddy's and brother's graves which was for my Mom to sit, rest and meditate. Now it is for me. As I put flowers out there, and on the graves of my grandparents, great-grandparents, aunt and great aunt I gave thanks for all the love I have known and all the love I was taught to hold in my heart. I gave thanks for the people who taught me to herd, to nurture and to fight through the hard times and heartbreaks. Without a doubt I am one of the most blessed of people walking this earth. Between the love of my life, and the love in my life, the joys of living always outweigh the challenges.

Whether the turkey and dressing end up on the table at Thanksgiving or Christmas it really doesn't matter because the table of my heart will always be filled with the people who taught me to love.



Roger Pearce, MD Board-Certified Internal Medicine Physician

UT Health East Texas Physicians at Hideaway Lake welcomes Roger Pearce, MD, board-certified internal medicine physician. Dr. Pearce said he feels he was called to the medical profession with the goal of helping those affected by various medical ailments. He chose to specialize in internal medicine because the scope of practice is so wide.

"Like many physicians before me, I was influenced by a great practitioner who happened to be an internist in a rural setting," Dr. Pearce said. "I too could see myself caring for patients in a rural setting, which I have done in various iterations over my 19 years as a physician."

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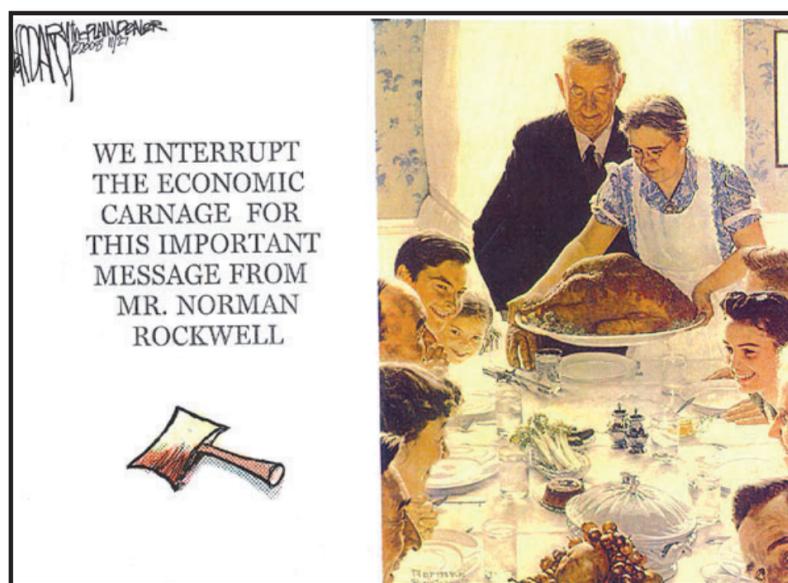
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THE ECONOMIST

By Dr. M. Ray Perryman

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World population recently reached the eight billion milestone according to estimates

from the United Nations. That's up from about 2.5 billion people in 1950, with a gain of a billion since 2010. However, population growth rates are falling, and the total will likely peak at around 10.4 billion in the 2080s.

The United States remains the third-most-populous nation, with 337 million residents. China currently has the largest population (over 1.4 billion), just slightly above India. However, the Chinese population is shrinking, and India is projected to surpass China next year.

Growth rates are quite uneven across countries. Some two-thirds of the global population lives in countries or areas where lifetime fertility is below 2.1 births per woman, approximately the level required for zero growth on a sustainable basis. Projections show declining populations in 61 countries between 2022 and 2050. For many high-income countries, international migration has been the sole

source of population expansion for decades, a trend which is expected to continue.

Conversely, over half of the projected increase in global population through 2050 will occur in just eight countries – the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Egypt, Ethiopia, India, Nigeria, Pakistan, the Philippines, and the United Republic of Tanzania. One reason for this phenomenon is the current age distribution, with large proportions of women of childbearing age, a pattern which gradually diminishes over time.

There is a decidedly positive trend in most countries of sub-Saharan Africa, as well as parts of Asia, Latin America, and the Caribbean in that the share of the population of working age has been increasing. With more workers as a percentage of the total comes an opportunity for accelerating production.

As we consider the future, it becomes apparent that global economic progress is critical, particularly in rapidly growing nations. Otherwise, problems such as hunger and abject poverty will become much more acute.

Over three billion people currently survive on \$2.90 per day or less, with 700 million – more than twice the population of the United

States – having less than \$1.90 per day. Education is essential to such development, and in many countries, attainment is extremely low. Another key is adequate supplies of reliable energy. It is impossible for emerging economies to meaningfully develop without the power needed to support enhanced output.

It is an inescapable fact, verified by the US Department of Energy and many other analysts, that an "all of the above" strategy is required, including both responsible fossil fuel utilization and rapid implementation of renewable resources. Climate goals are achievable alongside sufficient energy to permit greater prosperity. Failing to acknowledge and embrace that option is essentially consigning billions of people to lives of extreme poverty. We can do better.

Stay safe!

Eagles continue playoff trek

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was tied.

In the opening moments of the fourth, the Lindale defense again forced a Brazosport punt and gave the Eagles good field position.

Parker then gave the Eagles the lead with a 17-yard touchdown with just over 11 minutes left in the game.

Brazosport wasn't done, however, as Fontenette scored from six yards out to tie the game with just over five minutes left.

Parker struck again for the Eagles, this time from 68 yards out. With just under four minutes left Lindale had the lead for good at 35-28.

Lindale's defense again forced an Exporters' punt and Devin Daniels closed it out with a 61-yard run.

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Digesting some Thanksgiving facts

More than likely your warmest memory of Thanksgiving dates to your days in elementary school when teachers put forth the tale of the Pilgrims and how the Native Americans befriended these new settlers and helped through a brutal winter in the New World.

Included in these stories and lessons were the inevitable paper hats, turkey decorations and artwork that if I can recall, consisted of fashioning a turkey out of tracing your hand on a piece of Manila paper and going to town with the crayons.

We probably had some sort of pageant where “historic” things were told and all the parents beamed with pride.

It was all innocent and harmless and really helped get everyone in the mood for a proper feast on Thanksgiving.

Unfortunately, a few of the things we were taught about the Pilgrims and their Wampanoag Indian friends weren't quite true. First of all, while there was probably a turkey or two carved on that November day in 1621, it's unlikely there was stuffing, mashed potatoes or pumpkin pie. (Man, what a bummer).

According to Edward Winslow, who kept a journal during that time, the colony's governor William Bradford dispatched a few hunters on a “fowling” mission, in other words, to find some birds to celebrate the colony's first

Terry Cannon Editor



successful harvest. They did this, but also came back with ducks, geese and swans in addition to wild turkeys.

The Wampanoag contributed several deer, which was cooked over a spit. The colonists probably used this venison and the available vegetables to cook up a hearty stew.

Many of the vegetables included corn, peas, carrots, spinach, lettuce, onions and cabbage. The Native Americans were experienced vegetable gardeners and helped their Pilgrim neighbors enjoy this bounty.

Corn was indeed plentiful, but it was usually removed from the cob, pounded into a thick mush which was often sweetened with molasses.

The Native Americans, who outnumbered the colonist by more than two to one, weren't strangers to harvest celebrations either. They regularly gave thanks for their yearly bounty of fruits, vegetables and meat.

That first year for the Pilgrims was indeed bleak. More than three-fourths of the women making the journey from

Europe died in the first winter, leaving approximately 50 colonists to enjoy that first feast. Some accounts had just four women, 22 men and more than 25 children and teenagers attending the meal.

Unfortunately, the alliance between the Pilgrims and the Wampanoag didn't survive. After about 10 years, wars broke out and many people – on both sides – perished.

But all these things shouldn't detract from the fact that Thanksgiving is one of our country's most sturdy holidays. You don't need to be a member of a certain faith or political party or ethnicity to celebrate.

Just gather with your family, enjoy the company and the aromas and dig in.

For today's essay dessert, check out these fun facts:

-- Abraham Lincoln proclaimed Thanksgiving a national holiday on Oct. 3, 1863. Sarah Josepha Hale, the woman who wrote “Mary Had A Little Lamb,” convinced Lincoln to make Thanksgiving a national holiday after writing letters for 17 years.

-- The history of U.S. presi-

dents pardoning turkeys is patchy. Harry Truman is often credited with being the first president to pardon a turkey, but that's not quite true. He was the first to receive a ceremonial turkey from the National Turkey Federation – and he had it for dinner. John F. Kennedy was the first to let a Thanksgiving turkey go, followed by Richard Nixon who sent his turkey to a petting zoo. George H.W. Bush is the president who formalized the turkey pardoning tradition in 1989.

-- There are four towns in the United States named “Turkey.” They can be found in Arizona, Texas, Louisiana, and North Carolina.

-- The average number of calories consumed on Thanksgiving is 4,500.

-- The tradition of football on Thanksgiving began in 1876 with a game between Yale and Princeton. The first NFL games were played on Thanksgiving in 1920. The Dallas Cowboys began playing on Thanksgiving on Nov. 24, 1966 and beat the Cleveland Browns, 26-14.

That the Cowboys wanted to play on Thanksgiving each year was solely because of President/GM Tex Schramm. No other team wanted to have the short week, but Schramm wisely saw his team would be spotlighted each year on the holiday.

Another tradition was born.

Kids nowadays just don't know how to have real fun

Kids now-a-days have got it made.

Man, they've got everything. They've got lap-top computers, computer games, cell phones, and all sorts of gadgets. Heck, they've got more stuff hangin' off their belts than Batman.

Back when I was growin' up, the closest thing we had to a lap-top computer was an Etch-a-Sketch, and all the games were in boxes, and you had to throw dice, and move pieces around a board, and junk like that.

And for a phone, we had these big ol' heavy receivers that were attached to a cord that was attached to an even heavier phone body that also was attached to a cord which was attached to the wall.

On top of all of that, you actually had to dial the numbers. You had to stick your fingertip in a hole and move it around in a circle till you hit the stop. Then you had to pull your finger out of the hole and wait until it returned to its startin' place, and then you had to do it all over again for each number. There wasn't any speed dialin', let me tell you. And the only memory you had was the one in your head.

Of course, you didn't have to memorize a lot of numbers 'cause you didn't have to dial the area code, and where we lived, you didn't even have to dial the first two digits of the regular numbers.

“What's your phone number?” someone would ask.

“2-1-8-7-8.” I'd reply, and that was it. And then they'd write it on their hand, the original Palm Pilot.

Kids now even have TV's in their cars. You put the kid in the backseat, strap 'em in, push in a DVD and away you go. Come to think of it, the parents have it made. I mean, my parents would have killed to have somethin' in the back seat to keep my sister Teri and me quiet.

“Daddy, Rusty's touching me,” Teri would say.

“Ain't neither.”

“Yes he is.”

“No I'm not.”

“Am I goin' to have to pull this car over?” Dad would ask

“No Sir,” I'd reply.

“Daddy, Rusty's acting like he's going to touch me,” she said.

“Ain't neither.”

Then the car would screech to a halt. We'd be thrown up

against the back of the front seat and then down into the floorboard, because we didn't have seat belts. Then the back door would open, a great big hand would reach in and grab my arm and I would be jerked out, and have the tar beaten out of me right there in front of everyone on the highway. Then I'd be thrown back into the back seat, the door would slam, and off we'd go.

I'd look over at Teri and she'd stick her tongue out at me, and I'd curl my lip at her.

“Daddy, Rusty's looking at me.”

By the time we got to wherever we were goin', my dad's face would be about as red as my rear end.

Of course, if we went anywhere in the pickup truck, my parents didn't have to worry about us, because we were back in the bed of the truck. That's right! We rode in the back of the pickup. It was hot in the summer and cold in the winter and wet when it rained, but I never heard any complaints from my parents.

I know what you're thinkin'. “Wasn't it dangerous for a kid to be ridin' in the back of a pick-up?” Heck yeah it was dangerous! I don't know how many times I've fallen, got thrown, or got pushed out of the back of a pickup. Most of those times were when we were sittin' on the tailgate.

Now, we weren't allowed to sit on the tailgate if we were goin' down the highway, but if it was in the pasture or on a dirt road, we were on the tailgate. A dirt road, for you young'uns out there, is a road with no toppin' on it. I'm sure a lot of you haven't ever seen one, but they did exist.

Dirt roads were the best roads to travel on in a pickup truck, especially if you had two or three more kids on the tailgate with you. It was like you were in a jet airplane with the dust boilin' up behind the truck like a vapor trail. The more dust the better.

I remember one time when my buddies Greg Hunt, Little Rusty, Wee Whoa, and I were

ridin' down a dirt road on the tailgate of my dad's truck. Oh yeah, Wee Whoa's dog Bones was on there with us. Anywho, we were havin' a grand time. My dad wasn't drivin' too fast because there were stretches of this road that had washboards on it. A washboard road, it was called.

It was called this because of a bunch of rows of bumps that stretched across the road in certain places. They were sort of like mini speed bumps, only there was one right after the other. Dirt roads are famous for bein' havin' these, you know.

We were all sayin' “Uhh-hhh.” When you ride down a washboard road, you'd say Uhhhhhh and stretch it out and the bumpin' of the road would make the Uh sound like Uhh-hh-hh-hh-hh-hh-. It's really hard to explain if you've never done it.

Anywho, like I said, we were all uhhhin' and then we got the bright idea to see if we could stir up some more dust. Even though there were shovels, hoes, and a pair of post hole diggers in the back of the truck to drag behind to make the dust, we decided that draggin' Wee Whoa would probably stir up as much, if not more, cause he would have two legs draggin'.

Everyone thought this was a good idea. Well, everybody except Wee Whoa, but he was out-voted. Fortunately, it was still cold enough outside, so we all had on shoes, or it might have been rough on Wee Whoa's feet.

Greg had a hold of one of Wee Whoa's arms and I had the other. Little Rusty kept an eye out to make sure my dad didn't look back and see what was goin' on. Parents can really ruin an experiment like this.

You know, you'd be surprised how much dust a little kid can make. It was goin' along pretty good, and even Wee Whoa was enjoyin' himself. That is until we hit another stretch of washboard road.

Then things got a little

hairy. At first it was Wee Whoa's toes that started bouncin', but it didn't take long for it to crawl up his legs, and then to his whole body. Greg and I were hangin' on for dear life as Wee Whoa flopped up and down. Every time he went down, our rear ends would get a little closer to the edge of the tailgate.

“Hang on Wee Whoa!” I yelled.

“NO!” he yelled back. “Y'all hang on!”

Well, there wasn't any way we were lettin' go of him, 'cause if we did his mother would kill us all dead. That is, after my dad killed us.

“Grab ahold!” I yelled to Little Rusty. He turned from his look out, and saw what was goin' on, and he grabbed Greg and me by the collars of our blue jean jackets and held on.

About that time, my dad hit a washout in the road. Greg and I both bounced about two feet in the air, and when we came down, the truck had already pulled out from underneath us.

You know, when somethin' like this happens, everything seems to move in slow motion. I remember lookin' over at Greg, and he was lookin' at me. We both had the look of sheer terror in our eyes. Wee Whoa was up in the air over us, but we still had death grips on his arms.

Little Rusty was also in the air above us with our blue jean jacket collars still in his grip. Wee Whoa and Little Rusty collided above us; just as we hit the dirt road on our rear ends. Then they crashed down on top of us, and time started speedin' back up.

We bounced and flipped and did the dipsy-doodle, and finally came to rest in somewhat of a heap of arms, legs, and other body parts. After a second, I rolled over and looked back to see my dad's truck disappearin' into the dust. Bones was sittin' on the tailgate, smilin'. Stupid dog.

We slowly untangled ourselves from the heap we were in, and took inventory of any and all injuries.

There was nothin' a little Monkey Blood wouldn't take care of. Man, that was a blast!

You know, come to think of it. Kids now-a-days don't have it made.

We did.

Times of Lindale



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ONE YEAR AGO, Nov. 25, 2021

Another successful football season came to a close for the Lindale High School Eagles as El Campo claimed a 56-42 win in a Class 4A Area playoff game held in Waco's McLane Stadium.

The Eagles, who finished the season with a 7-5 mark, were the second seed from District 9-4A and advanced to the Area round after defeating Lumberton in the bi-district round the previous week.

FIVE YEARS AGO, Nov. 23, 2017

Lindale High School's Alisha Kiser was named Co-Most Valuable Player in District 17-5A and Brina Kuslak was named Co-Blocker of the Year as the league's volleyball coaches voted on the All District selections.

LHS Head Coach Jessica Camp was named Coach of the Year for leading the Lady Eagles to a second straight district title and earning a berth in the Area round of the state playoffs.

Three Lady Eagles earned first team honors: sophomore Harleigh Thurman, junior Jennifer Moyer and sophomore London Reue. Three were named to the second team: freshman Kalaya Pierce, senior Lorin Reue and freshman Shelbi Steen and sophomore Shailan Davis was named to the Honorable Mention team.

10 YEARS AGO, Nov. 24, 2012

The Lindale Future Farmers of America and Junior FFA members competed at the annual Harvest Festival and Livestock show held at Maude Cobb Center in Longview and brought several high finishes.

There were ribbons presented in the steers, prospect show and swine categories.

Winners from the Lindale FFA included:

Steers Division:

Trevor Brown won second in class

Theron Brown won first in class

Landon Cheney won first in class

Brandon Shantholtz won second in class

Lauren Shantholtz won third in class

Lauren Bailey won first in class

Prospect Show:

Zoey Wilder won Grand Champion

Lauren Bailey won Reserve Grand Champion

Landon Cheney won fifth in class

Swine Division:

Tomi Capps won second in class, fifth in overall and was winner of Junior Showmanship

Lauren Lusty won fifth in class

Marc Walvoord won eighth in class

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Celebrate the magic of gardening

By Greg Grant
Smith County Extension Horticulturist

I'll be honest: Growing something to eat in Texas isn't easy. It's often too hot, too cold, too wet, or too dry. We alternate from arctic blasts to heat waves.

In addition to regular severe droughts like this past summer, Texas holds the record for the wettest hurricane in U.S. history, the deadliest hurricane in U.S. history, and the greatest 24-hour rainfall in the continental U.S.

To make matters worse, we cover a diverse range of territories in Texas, almost like completely different states fused together. We range from a cold winter climate in the north to an almost tropical one in the south. We stretch from a rainfall of around 6 inches per year in El Paso to a humid 60 inches in Beaumont.

And we go from very alkaline limestone soils in the Texas Hill Country to extremely acid soils here in East Texas.

Fruits and vegetables are plagued with all sorts of insects and diseases plus hungry critters like crows, squirrels, opossums, raccoons, feral pigs, and deer.

When we finally get the soil, water, and temperature conditions right, something else comes along and eats the produce for us. Why on earth do we garden here? Why would anybody garden here? And why, pray tell, would I try to convince somebody new to attempt such a risky venture?

Because it's magic, that's why.

Thomas Jefferson once said, "No occupation is so delightful to me as the culture of the earth, and no culture comparable to that of the garden." Gardening is therapy,

both mental and physical. It feeds the mind, body, and soul. And we get to eat the fruits of our labor, even if they don't look like shiny, pristine commercial versions.

There's no substitute for the fresh home-grown taste we harvest from our gardens. And what season goes by without some new disease outbreak or contamination scare linked to mass produced produce?

We have control over that in our home gardens. I'm currently eating turnips, turnip greens, and mustard greens; and I just finished harvesting a row of cabbage.

It's hard to teach about growing produce to such a wide range of gardeners and non-gardeners. But I always give it my best shot. I learned to garden from my Shelby County grandfather, Rebel Eloy Emanis, and many others that cared enough to teach me.

Gardening in East Texas isn't really that tough once you learn to play by the rules. It's all about knowing what to grow, when to grow it when to feed it, and what else might want to eat it.

Right now, we are in the middle of our fall gardening season, growing plants that can tolerate frosts, including broccoli, cabbage, cilantro, collards, kale, lettuce, multiplying onions, mustard, parsley, radishes, spinach, Swiss chard, and turnips.

If you really want to celebrate Thanksgiving, go pick something fresh from your garden and eat it. And if you don't have a garden, plant one. Come February it will be time to plant all the same cool season fall crops again.

There's an Easy Gardening publication on every vegetable we can grow on the Aggie Horticulture website under "vegetable resources."



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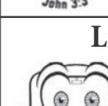
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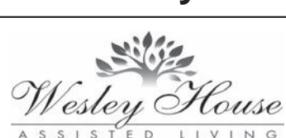
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Lindale kicker Seth Baggett with Lindale assistant coach Jason Lawless holding the Area trophy following Lindale's win over Brazosport Friday night in Georgetown. (Courtesy photo)



Kilgore and Chapel Hill still in the battle

KILGORE 34, EL CAMPO 20

The Kilgore Bulldogs upended the El Campo Ricebirds, 34-20, in another Area playoff game for District 9-4A, earning a berth against Lindale in the Region III Semifinals.

Kilgore running back Isaiah Ross tormented the Ricebirds with 265 total yards and four touchdowns to lead the Bulldogs.

He had 232 yards on the ground and scored from nine, 10 and 56 yards as well as hauling a 19-yard score in the first period.

Quarterback Damarion Van Zandt had 129 yards through the air for the Bulldogs.

El Campo running back Rueben Owens, who had a big game last year against Lindale in the Area playoffs, rushed for 148 yards on 23 carries. He scored on his first attempt of the game, a 73-yarder which allowed the Ricebirds to tie the game.

CHAPEL HILL 38, BAY CITY 24

The Chapel Hill Bulldogs jumped out to a 17-0 lead after one period and held on to take a 38-24 Area win over the Bay City Blackcats in a Class 4A playoff contest.

Eagles split pair to open basketball season

Lindale High School's boys basketball team hit the road to begin the new season taking on Ferris on Nov. 12 before returning home to host Mount Pleasant Chapel Hill on Nov. 15, with the Eagles splitting the pair.

Against Ferris, the Yellowjackets took advantage of some Lindale errors in the first quarter and erased an early eight-point Lindale lead enroute to a 52-46 win.

The Eagles, behind a couple of key baskets from Ryder Johnson, burst ahead 8-0, forcing the Yellowjackets to use two quick timeouts.

"Unfortunately, we did not protect the basketball and surrendered turnovers on three straight possessions," said head coach Chris Grotemat. "This changed the complexion of the contest."

Lindale led 8-7 after one period, but the Yellowjackets carved out an 18-16 lead at the half. Ferris kept applying pressure and built a 33-29 lead after three quarters.

Senior Amare Baptiste was a force off the bench for the Eagles and scored six in the second period to keep his team close.

Cole Collinsworth found his stride in the fourth, hitting eight of his 14 points in the final stanza, but the Yellowjackets found the range from behind the three-point arc down the stretch.

Johnson's three-pointer trimmed the Ferris lead to six midway through the fourth, but the Yellowjackets continued to find the range from the three-point

line, keeping the Eagles at bay.

"I hate to admit it, but Ferris wanted the game more than we did," Grotemat said. "I know our guys wanted to win and prepared hard to do so. I think they learned a lot about how hard a team has to work and how far a team must push themselves in order to make that goal a reality."

LINDALE 56, MOUNT PLEASANT 46 CHAPEL HILL 46

The Eagles traveled to Mount Pleasant on Nov. 15 and returned home with a 56-46 win over the No. 15-ranked Class 3A team in the state.

Lindale's Ryder Johnson and Cole Collinsworth combined for 38 points as the Eagles put their earlier loss to Ferris behind them.

Collinsworth scored 20 points and added six rebounds while Johnson scored 18 and also had six boards.

The Eagles built a 27-23 lead at the half after taking a 16-10 lead after one period.

"Our coaching staff simply wanted to see the team grit their teeth and fight for 32 minutes," Grotemat said. "We desperately wanted our young men to take those charges and corral the loose basketballs that eluded us in the loss to Ferris. A tougher, more 'blue collar' approach is what we wanted, and the boys delivered that and then some."

Junior Kyesen Ripley joined the starting lineup for the game, replacing injured Connor McClendon. Ripley had a standout defensive game and

hailed down some key rebounds for the Eagles.

Johnson scored six of his 18 points in the first period but was also a threat distributing the ball.

"As big as his scoring is for us, Ryder really excels as a playmaker for others," Grotemat said.

A Carter Davis bucket gave the Eagles their 16-10 margin at the end of the first period, and a suffocating defense helped the Eagles build 27-23 lead at the half.

"I loved the disposition of our kids at the break," Grotemat said. "They were not satisfied with one impressive half of basketball. They knew our opponent could get hot quickly from long range, so our work was far from done."

The Eagles continued their smart, efficient play on offense in the third quarter and the Red Devils had a tough time defending Lindale's off-the-ball movement.

"Masen Rainey gave us a big lift off the bench tonight, and Amare Baptiste put a big exclamation mark on the victory with an emphatic dunk," Grotemat said. Baptiste held the Red Devils' top scorer, Brandon Buchannan to just 7 points on 3-9 shooting in the second half.

"Our young men showed a level of toughness, collective responsibility, and overall resolve, that if demonstrated night-in-and-night-out, will make us awfully difficult to beat," said Grotemat.

Fireworks operator sentenced for federal firearms violations

The owner of Jake's Fireworks has been sentenced to federal prison for drug trafficking violations in the Eastern District of Texas, announced Davilyn Walston, spokesperson for U.S. Attorney Brit Featherston.

Jake Ellis Daughtry, 35, of Nederland, pleaded guilty on Jan. 18, 2022, to conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute a date rape drug over the internet to an unauthorized purchaser. Daughtry was sentenced to 180 months in federal prison today by U.S. District Judge Thad Heartfield.

According to information presented in court, Jake Daughtry was the owner and operator of Right Price Chemicals, a business located in Nederland that sold chemicals nationwide.

An investigation of the organization began in 2018 when DEA West Palm Beach, Florida intercepted mail parcels of a chemical identified as 1,4 butanediol, commonly referred to as "BDO."

BDO is a chemical manufactured only for industrial or laboratory use as a floor stripper or vehicle wheel cleaner and is not intended for human consumption. Investigators determined that when BDO is ingested, it immediately metabolizes into GHB (also known as the date-rape drug) with the same effects, causing potential overdoses, addiction, and death. At least two people died after consuming BDO sold by Right Price Chemicals. Toxicology analysis determined that a GHB overdose was the cause of death in each case.

Additionally, investigators found two additional victims who injured themselves after overdosing on BDO sold by Right Price Chemicals. Nearly 90 percent of the BDO Right Price Chemicals sold went to residential addresses.

DEA traced the seized parcels to their origination point, Right Price Chemicals, a business located on Twin City Highway in Nederland, Texas, and owned by Jake Daughtry.

A seasonal fireworks business called "Jake's Fireworks" is also operated at that location. Customers from all over the United States were able to order quantities of BDO from the Right Price Chemicals website in small amounts to use for personal consumption.

The Daughtry's continued to sell BDO even after becoming aware that some customers were ingesting the substance for its narcotic effect, rather than using it for its intended commercial purpose. Agents determined that since 2016, Right Price Chemicals has distributed approximately 7,000 gallons of BDO over thousands of orders, and that those sales generated \$4.5 million.

Daughtry and several members of his family who worked for him, were indicted by a federal grand jury on June 3, 2020.

Cartel leaders sentenced to prison

Two Los Zetas Cartel leaders has been sentenced to federal prison for drug trafficking violations in the Eastern District of Texas, said Walston.

Jose Maria Guizar-Valencia, 43, of Tulare, Calif., pleaded guilty on Dec. 20, 2021, to conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute five kilograms or more of cocaine and conspiracy to commit money laundering and was sentenced to 480 months in federal prison on Nov. 15, 2022, by U.S. District Judge Richard A. Schell.

Francisco Hernandez-Garcia, 53, of San Luis Potosi, Mexico, also pleaded guilty on Dec. 20, 2021, to the same charges and was sentenced to 480 months in federal prison on Nov. 15, 2022, by Judge Schell.

According to information presented in court, in approximately January 2010, law enforcement authorities began an investigation into the drug trafficking activities of the Los Zetas Drug Trafficking Cartel.

The investigation revealed that from

2007 to 2014, members of the cartel were involved in numerous crimes including drug trafficking, money laundering, and firearms trafficking in the Eastern District of Texas and elsewhere.

Throughout the investigation, Heriberto Lazcano, a.k.a. "Z-3", was identified as the leader of the cartel who gave final orders, to include the authorization of killings.

Although Lazcano was identified as the leader of the organization, Miguel Angel Trevino-Morales, a.k.a. "Z-40", was seen as his equal and controlled the vast majority of the cartel soldiers. Miguel's brother, Omar Trevino-Morales, a.k.a. "Z-42", along with Francisco Hernandez-Garcia, a.k.a. "El 2000", and Jose Maria Guizar-Valencia, a.k.a. "Carlitos" and "Z-43", were identified as three of the top Los Zetas Cartel leaders. During the investigation, Guizar-Valencia was identified as one of the top leaders of the cartel who was responsible for overseeing the cartel's drug distribution, firearms trafficking, and bulk cash smuggling.

As one of the organizations leaders, Guizar-Valencia approved criminal activities conducted by members of the cartel. Under Guizar-Valencia's leadership, the cartel arranged for the importation of cocaine from Central America to Mexico, which was subsequently distributed throughout the United States. Guizar-Valencia, operating in Guatemala, was responsible for overseeing ton-quantity shipments of cocaine from Guatemala to Mexico and coordinated the transportation of the cocaine from Southern Mexico to Coahuila, Mexico. Guizar-Valencia also managed the receipt of millions of dollars in United States currency obtained from the sale of cocaine in the United States, which was used to pay for firearms purchased in the United States and for cocaine shipments coordinated out of Guatemala on behalf of the cartel.

The Bulldogs jumped out to a 10-0 lead after a Demetrius Brisbon Jr. score and a 35-yard field goal from Aiden Campos.

Ricky Stewart scored from 10 yards to push the Chapel Hill advantage to 17-0.

Bay City managed to trim the lead to 24-14 at the half, but the Bulldogs pulled away the third and fourth periods to advance to the Regional semifinals.

JAIL BOOKINGS

Lindale resident jailed on firearm charge

Smith County law enforcement agencies released the names of those who were booked into the county jail this past week, including one from Lindale.

Tyler Police Department officers charged Adron Marcell Thomas, II, 27, of Lindale, with unlawful possession firearm by felon and aggravated assault with deadly weapon. Thomas was booked into the Smith County Jail on bonds totaling \$350,000.

SMITH COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Deputies charged John Hartwell Aldridge, Jr., 60, of Tyler, with possession drug paraphernalia, possession controlled substance penalty grade 1/1-B less than 1 gram, possession controlled substance penalty grade 2 less than 1 gram, unlawful carry weapon, and tamper/fabricate physical evidence with intent to impair. Aldridge was in the Smith County Jail on Friday on bonds totaling \$21,500.

Deputies charged Sandra Lee Draffen, 55, of Tyler, with manufacture delivery controlled substance penalty grade 1 between 4 grams and 200 grams. Draffen was in the Smith County Jail on Saturday and released the same day on a \$100,000 bond.

Deputies charged Scott Boatner Pierce, 47, of Tyler, with fail to identify fugitive intent give false information and assault family/household member with previous conviction. Pierce was in the Smith County Jail on Saturday on bonds totaling \$160,000.

Deputies charged Shanedia Yvette Surall, 34, of Longview, with credit card or debit card abuse and theft property between \$100 and \$750. Surall was in the Smith County Jail on Saturday on bonds totaling \$52,500.

Deputies charged Sakyra Samone Temple, 27, of Longview, with theft property less than \$2,500 two or more previous convictions. Temple was iOfficers charged Bryson Jamar Anthony, 36, of Kilgore, with possession controlled substance penalty grade 1/1-B between 4 grams and 200 grams, evading arrest detention with vehicle, public intoxication, and resist arrest search or transport. Anthony was in the Smith County Jail on Sunday and released the following day on bonds totaling \$69,000.

Officers charged Mack Dewayne Ford, 37, of Tyler, with sexual assault, possession marijuana less than 2 ounces, driving while intoxicated, and possession controlled substance penalty grade 1 less than 1 gram. Ford was in the Smith County Jail on Sunday on bonds totaling \$210,000.

Officers charged Garrett Michael Burchit, 28, of Tyler, with injury child/elderly/disable with intent bodily injury. Burchit was in the Smith County Jail on Friday on a \$150,000 bond.

SMITH COUNTY ADULT PROBATION

Officers charged Rome Cheleese Hayward, 30, of Tyler, with manufacture and delivery of a controlled substance penalty grade 1 greater than 1 gram in drug free zone. Hayward was in the Smith County Jail on Monday on a \$300,000 bond.

TEXAS PARKS AND WILDLIFE

Game Wardens charged Matthew Blue Pierce, 23, of Bullard, with fail to identify fugitive from justice refuse to give information, possession controlled substance penalty grade 1/1-B between 1 gram and 4 grams, unauthorised use of vehicle, and disorderly conduct. Pierce was in the Smith County Jail on Monday on bonds totaling \$101,000.

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These donations were collected at the Smith County Sheriff's Office, Smith County Courthouse, Smith County Annex Building, Smith County Emergency Operations Center, Smith County Juvenile Probation, Texas Department of Public Safety and the Tyler Police Department.

Also, the Smith County Peace Officers Association collected donations at their monthly luncheons.

DPS Sergeant Bundy, SCSO Sergeant Larry Christian, SCSO Lieutenant Matt Lazarine, Smith County Communications Director Casey Murphy, Smith County Juvenile Probation Supervisor Alfred Nelson, Juvenile Probation Officer Tony Walker and Tyler Police Lieutenant Jon Thornhill assisted in the collection and delivery. The food donations consisted of



The Smith County Peace Officers Association recently donated food to People Attempting to Help. (Courtesy photo)

canned and non-perishable food items.

SCPOA officials are urging all citizens to donate to PATH during this

critical time of need. You can drop off your donations at the PATH office located at 402 W. Front Street in Tyler.

Junior High Girls down Brownsboro

The Lindale Junior High School girls basketball teams downed Brownsboro's Lady Bears this past week in 7th and 8th grade games.

The 7th grade B team won, 16-1, the 7th grade A team took a 27-12 win, the 8th grade B team routed the Lady Bears, 41-14 and the 8th grade A team downed Brownsboro, 24-22.

For the 7th grade B team, Maci Gateley was the leading scorer and rebounder, Addyson Hance was the leader in steals and Bridget Speerly was the assists leader.

For the 7th grade A team, Kenleee Keith was the leading scorer, Kay-Lea Williams and Zaidyn Chamberland were the leading rebounders, Joclyn Grogan was the steals leader and MaKynli Zemer

and Zaidyn Chamberlain were leaders in assists.

Charlize Reed led the 8th grade B team in scoring, Lexi Pinson was the leader in rebounds and steals, Emory Schmidt, Amya Lewis, Cambry Andreason, Naomi Muhr and Kyndal Thurmon were the assists leaders. Charlize Reed won the Leadership Award and Kyndal Thurmon was the Hustle Award winner.

For the 8th grade A team, Ella Hutchens was the leading scorer, Ma'Kaylin Smith was the leader in steals and Ella Hutchens and Emma Watkins were rebounding leaders and Ella Hutchens and Ma'Kaylin Smith were the leaders in assists.

The Hustle Award was won by Ella Hutchens and the entire team won the Leadership Award.

Thaw turkey safely for healthy, tasty holiday

By Claudann Jones
Smith County Extension Agent
Family, Community Health

There are several ways of thawing a turkey for your Thanksgiving meal. Thawing in the refrigerator, in cold water, and in the microwave are the methods suggested most by the United States Department of Agriculture.

In terms of food safety and proper thawing habits, it is best to thaw turkey in the refrigerator to prevent bacterial growth.

The slow thawing of frozen foods allows for minimum growth of bacteria, which can cause foodborne illness. Thawing your turkey in the refrigerator takes time. The USDA recommends allowing 24 hours for each 4-5 pounds in a refrigerator with a temperature set at 40 degrees or lower.

Once the turkey is thawed, it can be left in the refrigerator for 1-2 days before cooking.

The turkey stored in the refrigerator should be kept in its original sealed packaging until thawing is complete.

It should be placed in a shallow container on the bottom shelf of the refrigerator to keep juices which could be full of bacteria from dripping on and contaminating other foods.

Cold water thawing of a frozen turkey is a quicker process than in the refrigerator but it still takes time. In addition to being in its original packaging, the turkey should be put in a leak-proof plastic bag to prevent cross-contamination and absorption of water.

Cold water thawing should be done in the kitchen sink, not in the bathtub. Fill the sink with cold water and submerge the turkey in the water. The water should be changed every 30 minutes until the turkey is thawed. Changing of the water is done

to prevent possible bacteria growth. Once the turkey is defrosted in water, it must be cooked immediately.

Cold water thawing, while faster, requires much more preparation than refrigerator thawing. Water needs to be changed every 30 minutes for every pound the turkey weighs, which can be an inconvenience at such a busy time. The potential for cross-contamination is also much greater. The plastic bag could potentially leak and contaminate the water used to thaw. This water could be splashed on kitchen items or even food that is meant for consumption.

Thawing in the microwave requires a turkey that is small enough to fit in a microwave. Remove all packaging from the turkey and place in a microwave-safe container to catch juices that may leak. Using the defrost setting, follow the instruction manual for the minutes per pound it needs to be thawed.

Once thawed, it needs to be cooked immediately as some of the areas of the turkey will already be cooked from defrosting. It is not recommended to store partially cooked food since it allows for bacteria growth.

Following these practices are efficient ways to prevent and avoid foodborne illness.

Make this Thanksgiving holiday memorable for all the right reasons!

For more information about Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Family and Community Health programs, contact the 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.



Lindale FFA visits Rotary Club

Future Farmers of America students from Lindale High School along with their teacher visited the Lindale Rotary Club this past week. They competed in Marshall at the Area Competition this past Friday in Marshall, where they qualified one in Senior FFA Creed Speaking (first place), Junior FFA Creed Speaking (second place) and Junior FFA Quiz (second place). FFA members also finished third in Ag Advocacy and fifth in Junior FFA Skills. FFA representatives at the club meeting were Lane Olds, Tobias Burks and Jaclyn Brandon. Their instructor is D.J. Warnecke. (Courtesy photo)

State Parks hosting holiday events

Texas State Parks will be celebrating the holiday season with special seasonal events across the state, publicity officials announced.

Parks across Texas will host themed guided walks, scavengers hunts and more for all visitors to enjoy.

Anyone planning a trip to a Texas State Park is encouraged to reserve their day pass in advance since some parks are expected to reach their capacity limit. Reserve day passes online through the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department website or over the phone by calling (512) 389-8900.

Bentsen-Rio Grande Valley State Park invites visitors to spend the afternoon discovering the furry, fishy and feathered friends that call the park home at the Festive Frontera Family Fun Day from 1-4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 3. Participants will be able to ride the shuttle to the pavilion and make holiday ornaments, explore the touch tables, open an owl "present," play the "backyard bass" fishing game or go birdwatching with an expert. Attendance is limited and registration is required.

Anyone interested in participating should call 956-584-9156 or sign up at the park to reserve their spot.

The elves have left the shelves and have run amuck at **Fort Boggy State Park!** From 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 17, visitors can take a walk on the one-mile Lake Sullivan Trail and see how many elves they can spot. The first 10 people to find all 10 elves will receive a prize from the park office. This event is free to participate in with regular park entrance fees.

Explore the far reaches of the universe in the Badlands with a **Star Party at Big Bend Ranch State Park.** This event, which runs

from 6:45 -9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 23, will deliver unparalleled views of the darkest skies in Texas along with constellation identification, star and planet gazing and stories of the night sky.

Spots are limited for this event and participants must RSVP to Ranger Layla via email at layla.spurlock@tpwd.texas.gov or 432-424-3327 ext. 2. Visitors will meet at the West Contrabando Trailhead located eight miles from the Barton Warnock Visitor Center and 41 miles from **Fort Leaton State Historic Site.**

A ranger will direct attendees at the trailhead to the star viewing area.

Dust off the Santa hats and stretch your legs with a guided hike at **Franklin Mountains State Park** from 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 24. This two-mile hike on the Upper Sunset Trail will let visitors experience sprawling vistas along the ridgeline. Participants should bring water, snacks, hiking boots or sturdy shoes, comfortable weather-appropriate clothing and a Santa hat. This event is free with park entrance fees.

For more information about these and other holiday activities at Texas State Parks, check the online calendar on the **TPWD calendar page.**

Photos of past holiday events are available on the **TPWD Flickr page.**

If you're looking to add some Texas State Park shine to your holiday display, the 2022 edition of the State Park Ornament is available for purchase. This year's edition celebrates Enchanted Rock State Natural Area and features the park's namesake granite dome, under a star-filled night sky. This is the 21st annual edition of the state park ornament and can be purchased exclusively through the online **State Park Store.**

Benefit Jeep show planned Dec. 10

A Jeep show, benefiting the Lindale American Legion Post No. 15, is scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 10 at the Texas Rose RV Park, 14102 County Road 431 in Tyler, officials said.

Gates open at 7 a.m. and registration ends at 12 noon. Trophies will be awarded at 2 p.m. There will be 40 classes in the show.

Registration prior to the event is \$20 and \$25 the day

of the show.

Included in the day's activities will be a toy drive and a chili cookoff.

For more information contact Rusty Morris at 903-571-9570.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION OF SOUTHWESTERN ELECTRIC POWER COMPANY FOR AUTHORITY TO RECONCILE FUEL COSTS

Southwestern Electric Power Company (SWEPCO) applied to the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) on August 31, 2022, for authority to reconcile its eligible fuel expenses and revenues for the period of January 1, 2020, through December 31, 2021 (Reconciliation Period). SWEPCO's request, if granted, will affect all of SWEPCO's Texas retail customers who pay fixed fuel factors. The request has no effect on SWEPCO's non-fuel base rates.

During the Reconciliation Period, SWEPCO incurred a total of \$673,456,496 in eligible fuel, fuel-related expenses, and purchased-power costs to generate and purchase electric energy for its Texas retail customers, as well as expenses associated with environmental consumables and emission allowance costs incurred by SWEPCO and allocated to its Texas retail customers. As of the end of the Reconciliation Period, SWEPCO calculates that it has under-recovered its Texas retail fuel, fuel-related, and purchased-power costs by \$226,582,663, excluding interest. Including interest, SWEPCO's cumulative under-recovery balance is \$227,527,608 as of December 31, 2021. SWEPCO seeks have the fuel over- / under-recovery balances, including interest, established by customer class as of the end of the Reconciliation Period. SWEPCO also requests a prudence finding for certain fuel-related contracts and arrangements entered into or modified during the Reconciliation Period. Finally, SWEPCO requests recovery of its reasonable rate-case expenses associated with this fuel reconciliation proceeding and certain prior fuel-related proceedings, including those expenses paid to reimburse municipalities for their participation.

Persons with questions or who want more information on this petition may contact SWEPCO at 428 Travis Street, Shreveport, Louisiana 71101, or call toll-free at (888) 216-3523 during normal business hours. A complete copy of this application is available for inspection at the address listed above.

Persons who wish to formally participate in this proceeding, or who wish to express their comments concerning this petition should contact the Public Utility Commission of Texas, Office of Customer Protection, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, Texas 78711-3326, or call (512) 936-7120, or toll free at 1-888-782-8477. Hearing- and speech-impaired individuals with text telephones (TTY) may call (512) 936-7136 or use Relay Texas (toll free) at 1-800-735-2989. A request for intervention or for further information should refer to Docket No. 53931.



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LEGAL NOTICE

**CAUSE NO. 21-0371-C
THE STATE OF TEXAS
CITATION BY PUBLICATION**

NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: "You have been sued. You may employ an attorney.

If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by Ten O'clock (10:00) A.M. on the Monday next following the expiration of forty-two (42) days after you were served this citation and petition, a default judgment may be taken against you."

TO: ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN HEIRS WHEREVER THEY MAY BE FOUND

GREETINGS: You are hereby commanded to appear before the **241st Judicial District Court** of Smith County, Texas, to be held at the Courthouse of said County in the City of Tyler, Smith County, Texas, by filing a written answer to **Amended Petition For Partition** at or before Ten o'clock (10:00) A.M. on the Monday next after the expiration of forty two (42) days after the date of service hereof, a copy of Amended Petition For Partition which accompanies this citation in **Cause Number 21-0371-C**, filed on the docket of said Court on this the 26th day of February, 2021, and styled: **Glenda Houston, Cleo Johnson Durant vs. Jesse Rashard Warren, Ethel Faye Warren-Walker, Ruby Nell Warren-Perry, Marvin Don Warren, Robert E. Warren, Mae Warren Thomas, Waymond Goss, Audra McNeal, Mona McNeal-Rose, Katrina McNeal, Donald Warren, Johnny Hamilton, Kathy Hamilton, Randy Hamilton, Sabrina Hall Nwansi, Sephora Hall Love, Hartley Lee Roy, Veronica Dabney, Freddie Lee Roy, Jr., Tyrone Pinson, Shanda Kaye Pinson, Shannon Pinson, Brenda Roy Freeman, Justin Johnson, Jeremy Johnson, Jaron Johnson, Marcus Johnson, Jose Johnson, Therron Johnson, Angela Johnson-Rogers, Clifton E. Johnson, Eulus Earl Johnson, Richard Johnson, Jr., Jasmine Chantell Johnson, Jacqueline Johnson-McCarter, Retina Beret Johnson-Ahmad, Geri Lynn Johnson, Sharon Johnson-King, David C. Johnson, Terri Johnson, Gregory Johnson, Willie Smith, Jr., Tammy Smith Barnes, Ozzie Smith, III, Jessie Mae Johnson-Gibbons, Kurt F. Jackson, Ramona Jackson Guillory-Morris, Willis Jackson, Jr., Kimberly Jackson Hunt, Dennis Tolbert, Karen Brown, Felicia Fuller, Stephen Brown, Patrick Johnson, Kevin Wynn, Earl S. Lynch, Teresa Lynch Lyons, Stephen Lynch, Robert Wynn, Lola Wynn-Choice, Lessie M. Tatum-Wynn, Melva Wynn Whitmore-Hart, Kenneth Whitmore, Javier Wynn, Charles Houston**

This case involves the heirs of Johnson Wheeler Estate, a suit for partition has been filed. The officer executing this writ shall serve the same according to the requirements of law, and the mandates thereof, and make due return as the law directs.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of said Court at Tyler, Texas, this date: November 15, 2022.

**ATTEST:
CLERK OF THE COURT
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**COUNTY OF SMITH § 315 S BROADWAY STE 100
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TO: ALL UNKNOWN HEIRS IN THE ESTATE OF EUGEN EDWARD DAVIS, DECEASED:

On the 9th day of November, 2022, **JORDAN SCOTT WEST** filed an **APPLICATION DETERMINE HEIRSHIP** in a proceeding styled **IN THE ESTATE OF EUGENE EDWARD DAVIS, DECEASED** and bearing the number **46980P** in the County Court of Smith County, Texas.

The Court will hear the aforesaid **APPLICATION TO DETERMINE HEIRSHIP** on the **Monday next after the expiration of ten (10) days from the date of publication of this citation**, in the County Court Courtroom in the County Courthouse Annex of Smith County, in Tyler, Texas.

All persons interested in the aforesaid Estate are commanded to appear at or before the time set for said hearing by filing a written contest or answer to said Application.

Said written contest or answer shall be filed in the office of the County Clerk of Smith County, Texas in Tyler, Texas.

In compliance with the law, this citation shall be served by publication once in a newspaper of general circulation in this, the County in which such proceeding is pending, not less than ten (10) days before the return date hereof, exclusive of the day of publication, and the date of publication said newspaper bears shall be the day of publication.

If this citation is not served within ninety (90) days after the date of issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

Issued and given under my hand and seal of office, the 9th day of November, 2022, at the office in Tyler, Texas.

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The project consists of constructing 3,583 square yards of concrete sidewalk along FM 849, Penny Lane, Perryman Road, Woodsprings Road, and Eagle Spirit Drive.

A Pre-Bid Conference will be held on December 13, 2022, at 2:00 p.m., at the offices of The C. T. Brannon Corporation, located at 1321 S. Broadway, Tyler, Texas. It is highly recommended that companies submitting proposals attend. Questions concerning this project shall be directed to Rea S. Boudreaux, P.E. (903-597-2122).

Bidders must be pre-qualified by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) per form 2066.

All quantities are estimated and subject to change.

Bid Documents are available on **CIVCAST**:

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Bids must be submitted on the complete project. Bids must be enclosed in a sealed envelope, addressed to Michelle Wiese, City Secretary, City of Lindale, P.O. Box 130, Lindale, Texas-75771, and the outside of the envelope must be marked **BID ENCLOSED-SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOLS (SRTS) SIDEWALK AND DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS (0910-16-153)**. All bids must be made on blank forms provided and included in the bound document. The name and address of the Bidder must be plainly marked thereon.

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

Electronic Bids will not be accepted.

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

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

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



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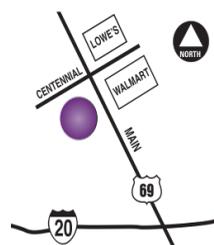
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