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Kilgore downs Lindale in Region semifinals, 63-37

By Terry Cannon
Editor

Lindale High School's football season came to an unhappy conclusion this past week in a 63-37 loss to Kilgore in the Class 4A Division I semifinals, but as Head Coach Chris Cochran said, he and his staff were more than pleased with this year's team.

"We are so very proud of our kids," Cochran said. "This team represented what we are about as a program. It went deeper in the playoffs than any other one (the 2020 state finalist).

"More than anything else, I am just so proud of their resilience, which is a testament to the coaching staff," said Cochran.

Against Kilgore at Tyler's Trinity Mother Frances Rose Stadium, the Eagles fell behind 21-3 by the middle of the second period, but as has been the case in virtually every game Lindale has played in the past several years, the players didn't check the scoreboard.

After the Bulldogs owned the first and part of the second periods, Lindale controlled the game from that point to halftime. The Eagles trimmed the Bulldogs' lead to 28-23 and one could sense a big momentum swing for the Lindale side.

However, Kilgore's offense is built on its running game and the athleticism of its players, which were on full display in the first couple of minutes of the second half.

Isaiah Ross, who scored four times and rushed for more than 200 yards, took off on a 56-yard touchdown to build the Bulldogs' lead to 35-23. But Lindale wasn't done and on its

next possession, sprung Wyatt Parker for a 52-yard score to bring Lindale to within 35-30.

And on Kilgore's next drive, it appeared the Eagles' defense had stopped Ross on third down on the Lindale 18. But before going down, Ross lateraled to his quarterback Da'Marion Van Zandt who scooted up the middle for the score.

Then in the fourth period, two fumbles and a kickoff return finally turned the tide.

"Our goal was to get out to a fast start, which we didn't," Cochran said. "Then we turned the ball over and didn't create turnovers. You can't win games – especially playoff games – when this happens."

Kilgore went up 42-30 with time running out in the third, but as was the case most of the afternoon, Lindale stormed back to make it a one-score game on an eight yard scoring run from quarterback Clint Thurman.

Trailing 49-37 in the opening moments of the fourth the Eagles had the ball inside their own 15 when disaster struck. Demontrell Candie picked up a fumble at the Lindale 10 and scored and on the next Lindale possession, Zaylon Stoker swiped the ball from the Lindale receiver for a touchdown and finally put the game out of reach.

"I really hate that the season is over," Cochran said. "When the second half got under way, I thought we would be able to get the play we needed to take the lead.

"But this one game shouldn't take away from what this team accomplished this year. They fought hard each week," he said.



Lindale's Wyatt Parker takes off on a 52-yard scoring run in the third period of Lindale's Class 4A Region III semifinal playoff loss to Kilgore in Tyler. Photo by Terry Cannon



Holiday giving spirit shines bright

Once again Lindale residents have opened their hearts to those less fortunate during the holiday season. The Thanksgiving Food Box Project, a combined effort of Lindale First Baptist Church, Lindale First United Methodist Church, the Hideaway Lake Community Church and the David Powell Food Pantry as well as other local churches, delivered more than 250 Thanksgiving meals to local families. Shown are local students rolling a cart with a food box to a recipient's car.

Courtesy photo

Busy December at Lillie Russell Library

A myriad of activities are on tap this month at the Lillie Russell Memorial Library with special Christmas-themed Storytimes as well as wreath making.

Also, the popular Santa's Bake Shop will return on Saturday, Dec. 3 featuring lots of homemade cookies and treats for sale. The proceeds go to the Friends of the Lillie Russell Memorial Library.

The Bake Shop will be open from 10 a.m.-9 p.m.

This month's scheduled events include:

- Friday, Dec. 2, Memorial Tree Lighting and Blessing, 6 p.m.
- Saturday, Dec. 3, Santa's Bake Shop, 10 a.m.-9 p.m.
- Friday, Dec. 9, Santa Storytime, 10:30 a.m. Wear green and bring a canned food item.
- Saturday, Dec. 10, 10:30 a.m., Therapet, registration required. p.m., registration requested.
- Wednesday, Dec. 14, Holiday Wreath Workshop, 2 p.m.-4 p.m.
- Friday, Dec. 16, Christmas Around the World Storytime, 10:30 a.m.
- Saturday, Dec. 17, Christmas Around the World Elementary Storytime, 10:30 a.m.
- Friday, Dec. 30, New Year's Storytime, 10:30 a.m.

Annual Christmas parade steps off Saturday

Things will definitely be bright this weekend in Lindale as the Lindale Rotary Club's annual Christmas Parade steps off again, beginning at E.J. Moss Intermediate School.

The parade will begin at 5:30 p.m. and move down Highway 69 (Main Street) and conclude near First Baptist Church downtown.

The Pride of Lindale Marching Band from Lindale High School will lead the parade and the Jolly Old Elf himself, Santa Claus, will also make an appearance.

Rotary officials said this will be a spectator only parade and no candy will be handed out. The club will award cash prizes for first, second and third place for the best decorated floats, officials said. Following the parade, visitors can make their way to Santa's Bake Shop at the Lillie Russell Memorial Library and purchase tasty treats with the

proceeds going to the Friends of the LRML.

Cookies are \$10 per dozen and patrons can choose their own cookies.

In addition to the bake sale, Reindeer Games are scheduled, featuring carnival games for youngsters. Arm bands are \$5 each and the games will conclude at 5 p.m.

Walk-in pictures with Santa will be available from 10 a.m.-12 noon and 2 p.m.-4 p.m. on Saturday as well.

The Friends of the LRML are also holding their annual Holiday Basket Sale, which will conclude on Dec. 23. Each basket is uniquely hand crafted and individually priced. Baskets can be purchased during regular library hours, which are 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday and 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

Rep. Hefner says property taxes tops priority list

By Phillip Williams

District 5 State Rep. Cole Hefner told a public meeting of the Upshur County Republican executive committee in Gilmer Monday night that property tax relief is "probably going to be at the top of" state legislators' priority list in their upcoming regular session.

Hefner, a Mt. Pleasant resident and former Upshur County commissioner, gained Upshur County in his district during re-districting and will actually begin representing the county Jan. 10.

"The number one issue I hear about are property taxes." He said Gov. Greg Abbott wants to use at

least half of the state's approximately \$30 billion budget surplus for property tax relief, and the legislator said he supported using as much of it as possible.

Hefner said his personal other top priorities for the legislative session starting in January are outlawing gender modification of

children as a form of "child abuse," and dealing with "inappropriate books" in school libraries.

He said he had introduced a bill concerning the gender issue and believed the legislature will take some action on the matter. The father of seven also said he had first run for the legislature several years

ago primarily to prohibit abortion in the state, which has now been accomplished.

Besides dealing with taxes and child-related issues, Hefner said he also expects the Legislature to "do some stuff at the (Texas-Mexico) border," which has been besieged by illegal immigration.

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Off kilter memories...

I am told that there are some Grinches who don't love Christmas. I wouldn't know because I have been a fan for a lifetime. By now, you my faithful readers know I am an unabashed sentimental sap...most of the time.

As I was driving in the Christmas shopping crowds last week I decided to think good thoughts to hold my road rage at bay. So I began to recall some favorite Christmas memories from over the years.

One outstanding gift was from my Dad who was a boxer in high school and in the navy. He felt the need to give his

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"darlin' daughter" a punching bag round about her seventh Christmas. I loved it. Built up my strength to hold my own with my two battling boy cousins.

The first year Jimmy and I were married Daddy gave him a potato in one of his holey work socks. I still have the sock. I still remember Daddy giggling and Jimmy holding up the sock. Yep, my bigger than life Daddy was a giggler.

You know how all these Christmas movies show families decorating the tree together in front of a fire with hot chocolate? I don't think any of them included holey stockings with potatoes.

Dad was a fan of finding Christmas trees off the fence line on our ranch. One that was a problem for fencing. These Charlie Brown Christmas trees would eventually drive my Mother to Sears for a 'store bought' tree which was flocked and perfectly symmetrical. Dad's bringing in the lopsided cedars was his only Christmas responsibility. According to him, he was too busy with ranch work or recovering from 24/7 all weather work to sit on the couch and hand out ornaments.

Looking back now, my favorite trees are those scraggly

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cedars Daddy and I cut out of the fence line. I remember them decorated with silver tinsel, red and green construction paper chains made at school and old, old Christmas balls. Mom color coordinated after she got the 'good tree'. And it WAS pretty. AND we weren't sneezing nearly as much at Christmas OR finding creepy crawly bugs on the tree skirt. All important things for my sweet Mom.

But, there is an important lesson here folks. The beautifully decorated tree and home are not as special as what a family does together. And what seemed a Christmas mashup mess back then brings me joy today.

This newly acquired knowledge has motivated me to simplify and get rid of many of the things I thought I needed. What I will keep will have been gifted to me, made with chubby little hands or remind me of special moments and trips with Jimmy and our son Josh, and now daughter-in-heart Jennifer.

Moments that live a lifetime in memory are the true gift that keeps giving. But the story must be shared or it will be lost forever.

So, turn the television, cell phones, iPads, PlayStations etc. OFF and LISTEN to each other's stories. You might be surprised to find that the best Christmases may be about one sided Christmas trees, punching bags and potatoes in socks.

And heck, it may even inspire your imagination to create more off kilter memories for today. Memories that don't need electronics SHOULD be everybody's favorites. It may take a few decades, but trust me, someday that surly self-absorbed teen or screen addicted kid will recall those simple moments as their favorite memories of all.

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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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Power grid market draws skeptics

The state Public Utility Commission is proposing an untested structure for the state's power grid after legislators ordered its overhaul in the wake of the 2021 winter storm. The Dallas Morning News reported the proposed "performance credit mechanism," or PCM, "offers power producers a financial reward to have their plants available during times when Texans are consuming the most energy."

Some lawmakers are skeptical. State Sen. Charles Schwertner, R-Georgetown, questioned why the PUC would create a new, untested market mechanism, according to The Morning News. In addition, a consulting firm hired by the PUC did not recommend the PCM.

The public and stakeholders have until Dec. 15 to submit comments on the proposal.

"I'm looking forward to seeing what the marketplace and people tell us," Lake said.

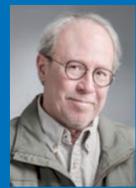
Feds give disaster aid after storms

The federal government has approved a request by Gov. Greg Abbott for disaster aid for a dozen Northeast Texas counties hit by severe weather and tornadoes earlier this month.

The U.S. Small Business Administration granted access to its loan program to businesses and residents in Lamar, Morris, Bowie, Camp, Cass, Delta, Fannin, Franklin, Marion, Red River, Titus, and Upshur counties.

"Northeast Texas residents and business owners will now have access to critical financial support as they rebuild, repair and recover from the physical damage and eco-

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nomie injury caused by this storm system," Abbott said.

Applicants may apply online at disasterassistance.sba.gov or by calling 800-659-2955.

Search and rescue drones useful

The use of drones by game wardens with the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department has helped to find two missing persons recently and assisted in the arrest of a man in East Texas wanted in a shooting and assault. Game warden Michael Hummert responded to a report of an elderly man who had gone missing the night of Nov. 3.

"The setting sun prevented us from locating him through usual means," Hummert said. "The thermal drone picks up body heat, which is necessary to locate someone at night. With the cold creeping in, it was imperative to find him quickly."

The Erath County sheriff's department used cell phone records to determine a general location. Hummert mapped out a search area and located the man with the drone using a thermal scan and led to deputies to the location. A similar situation occurred nine days later in Bell County. Hummert again used his drone to locate the missing person.

Heading farther east, another TPWD drone operator, Doug Williams, was called to assist authorities searching for a suspect who shot at and assaulted two people, then fled into the woods. Us-

ing another thermal drone, Williams found the suspect hiding in the brush during freezing weather. He was arrested and later treated for hypothermia.

"Empowering our division with the drone program in cooperation with Gear Up for Game Wardens donations creates a lifeline where there wasn't," said TPWD's Lt. Matthew Bridgefarmer.

Changes urged in funding colleges

A report submitted to state leaders ahead of the 88th legislative session's opening in January urges lawmakers to develop "an innovative new model" to fund community colleges.

The Texas Commission on Community College Finance, established last year by the Legislature and consisting of 12 lawmakers, business leaders and community college leaders, offered three sets of recommendations for supporting the state's strategic plan for higher education:

- Reward community colleges for positive student outcomes
- Increase affordability and financial aid
- Increase capacity at colleges to meet changing workforce needs

"We need a funding model for our 50 community college districts that is bold, strategic and fully aligned with our emerging workforce needs," said Woody Hunt, a member of the commission and long-time business leader.

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What happened six decades ago still resonates

There are times when the path of one's life intersects with history and in the case of your humble correspondent, this junction crossing took place some 59 years ago when I was just a sprout in the 4th grade at E.J. Kiest Elementary School in Dallas.

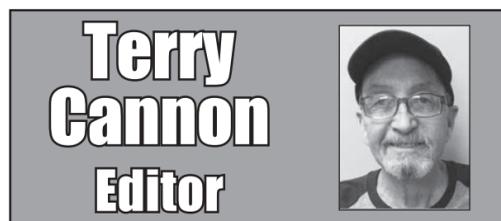
(Granted, this connection is infinitesimal in the grand scheme of things, but it does make for interesting conversations from time to time.)

On that fateful day, Nov. 22, 1963, our world was flipped upside down by a lunatic (or lunatics?) with a rifle and turned my hometown into a place so despised that even today it's still referred to as the "City of Hate."

We had just returned from the lunchroom and settled into Mrs. Hall's 4th grade class when our school principal came over the intercom with the shocking news that President John F. Kennedy had been shot in downtown Dallas.

Mrs. Hall was so stunned by the news she began to cry. To her classroom full of 9-year-olds this was quite the development because we didn't know she had the capacity for such emotions.

The next thing we knew we were being hustled down to the auditorium where most everyone in school watched things unfold on three black and white TVs on the stage,



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Editor

which speaks to technology of some 60 years ago.

The seriousness of what had happened didn't resonate until a few hours later when all television programming was redirected to coverage of the assassination.

All Friday night, into Saturday morning the three networks were tirelessly reporting on the tragedy.

By Friday afternoon, Dallas police had arrested someone named Lee Harvey Oswald and charged him with not only the shooting of the president but also of a Dallas policeman in the Oak Cliff section of the city.

With his arrest, the networks swarmed Dallas police headquarters. Police chief Jesse Curry was interviewed, ad nauseum. So was homicide chief Will Fritz. Friday night, Oswald was brought before the media and of course, denied any involvement. Oddly enough, one person posing as a media member was strip club owner named Jack Ruby, shown standing in the back.

More of the same on Sat-

urday and into early Sunday, which brings us to connection number one.

My dad and I were at the dining room table, reading the Sunday paper. The TV was on in the background and suddenly a commotion snapped our attention in the direction of the set.

Oswald had been shot in the police department basement. Chaos reigned, cameras clicked, reporters shouted.

Once the shooter had been subdued and shown on camera, my dad shouted: "I know that SOB! I know that SOB!"

Seems as though my dad, who worked in downtown Dallas, was one of many who knew the gadfly Ruby, who ingratiated himself with pretty much anyone he thought it was beneficial to know. A prototypical loser, Ruby had managed to thrust himself into American history books by silencing – either on his own or on orders from the mob – the one person who knew if there was indeed a conspiracy.

Oswald, meanwhile, was insignificant as a gnat until he made news by defecting to the Soviet Union in 1959. The former Marine soon grew weary of his drab life in the USSR and in 1962, brought his pretty Russian bride, Marina Prusakova, to the U.S.

Their life together was anything but pleasant, mostly because of his temper. The couple had one daughter, and by October, 1963, had another baby girl.

Fast forward 17 years to Terrell, Texas and connection number two.

One day after a stop at the grocery store in Terrell, my wife came home with an interesting tidbit of news: she had seen Marina (now Marina Porter) at the same grocery store.

I was a bit skeptical, but it made sense because Marina was living in Rockwall at the time and probably felt safer shopping in Terrell, where there would be fewer prying eyes.

A couple of weeks later, we were grocery shopping and yep, there she was. There was no mistaking it. I even made a fool of myself by shouting "There she is!"

Once you get past the noise, the assassination and its aftermath snared a lot of people.

Even a 9-year-old boy.

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ONE YEAR AGO, Dec. 1, 2021

Mariah Millington of Lindale was one of 20 cadets certified by the Tyler Junior College Fire Academy.

She joined Cody Beamer, Rusk; Tanner Block, Mineola; Caleb Bolin, Forney; Alex Burch, Tyler; Cole Castleberry, Grand Saline; Hunter Cockrum, Wills Point., Carson Deese, Flint; Tyler Dokupil, Marshall; Gage Dowdle, Whitehouse, Tyler Drennon, Tyler; Westley Eastman, Trinidad; Carson Ezell, Flint; Landon Grammer, Alto; Kooper Hand, Henderson; Nathan Johnson, Crandall; Nelson Justiss, Bullard; Harrison Marszalek, Tyler, Seth Moore, Tyler and William Schoenfeld, Wills Point.

FIVE YEARS AGO, Dec. 1, 2017

Lindale's Miranda Lambert secured two Grammy Award nominations for her hit single "Tin Man" after winning the Country Music Association's Female Vocalist of the Year Award previously.

In 2010, Lambert won a Grammy Award for Best Country Female Vocalist Performance was "The House That Built Me" and in 2015, she won her second Grammy for Best Country Album for "Platinum."

In 2016, she won Female Vocalist of the Year Award from the Academy of Country Music, bringing her total to 12 CMA awards and 28 ACM awards.

10 YEARS AGO, Dec. 1, 2012

Lindale's Lady Eagles remain undefeated after posting a 61-56 victory over the Sulphur Springs Lady Wildcats in the LHS gym.

The win improved Lindale's season record to 4-0.

Prior to the win over Sulphur Springs, the Lady Eagles trounced Kaufman and beat Mabank.

Against Sulphur Springs, Neely Doss tossed in 18 points to lead the Lady Eagles, while Zhanelle Geathers added 16.

Sulphur Springs had a 14-13 lead after one period, but Lindale outscored the Lady Wildcats 18-14 in the second period to own a 31-28 margin at the half.

Both teams took turns taking the lead in the third period before the Lady Eagles pulled away in the fourth quarter.

Also scoring for Lindale were Hannah Malone with eight, Natasha Malone with six, Paige Murphy with five, Symonne Brookins with four, Ashley Lacy with two and Hannah Brown with two.

You never know who you'll see while Christmas shopping

As you know, I hate shopping. I'd rather jump off a cliff with a firecracker up my nose than go shoppin', but if I don't buy "you know who" somethin' for Christmas, it makes for a really bad New Year.

Anywho, a few weeks ago, I was out of town and drove by a huge mall. I had a little time on my hands so I figured I could run in, grab somethin' for Janet for Christmas, and be done with it. Man, I had to park about 14 miles from the place, and by the time I'd walked to the mall entrance, I was worn out.

You wouldn't believe how many people were in that place. There must have been a jillion. More that half of them were waitin' to see Santa Claus.

I skipped Santa and went into this huge department store. I hadn't got in there good, when I was attacked by a bunch of women tryin' to sell stuff.

I'm usually a sucker for good smellin', pretty women, but I'd made my mind up that I wasn't goin' to be a "victim" to their wiles.

I pushed through the hoard of females, leavin' them in my wake. I was feelin' pretty proud of myself when I was blind-sided.

"Excuse me sir," a pretty voice said.



Rusty Mitchum
Life & Times

"I'm just lookin'," I said as I turned to see whom the voice belonged to. "Wow," I thought to myself. Boy howdy, was she pretty. "Whoa boy," I said to myself. I swallowed hard.

"May I ask just one little ol' question?" she asked.

"Well shucks," I said as I kicked the floor with my foot. "I don't see how one little ol' question would hurt."

Then she showed me a men's magazine with a half-naked man on the cover. "How would you like to have a body like this?" she asked. The fellow on that magazine had muscles in places I didn't even know muscles existed. I smiled at her.

"What makes you think I don't?" I said and I raised my eyebrows a couple of times.

"Hah. That's a good one," she said. "Seriously," she continued, as she pointed at the man on the magazine. "How would like a rippled stomach like this?"

"Ripples, huh?" I said. "Lady, you can thump my stomach and watch it make full grown waves."

"Seriously," she said again. "Wouldn't your wife be surprised if you came home with a body like this?"

"The only way I could get a body like that," I informed her, "would be for somebody to cut my head off and glue it on one."

She smiled. "What about makeup then?"

"No thanks," I said. "My wife buys that junk herself. I wouldn't know what to get her."

"Oh," she said. "I wasn't talking about her. I was talking about for you."

"For me? Makeup? For men?"

"Oh, yes sir. These days a lot of men are wearing makeup."

"Not any I hang around with," I said.

"Please, have a seat here," she said. "Look in this mirror."

I sat down and looked at myself in the mirror, as I tried to figure out how I was gonna get out of this one.

"We have a base that will cover these," she said as she pointed to my liver spots. "And we can make that scar

on your cheek less noticeable. And we really need to do something with those eyebrows, and oh, there's another scar. And look at all those wrinkles. You would be a challenge, but I'm willing to give it a try."

Now, I had been feelin' pretty good about myself until she said all of that.

"We could make you look like a different man. Wouldn't that be a nice Christmas present for you wife?"

"Listen lady," I said. "I'm pretty sure my wife would love a different man for Christmas, but she would probably rather it not be me. And as for these scars and wrinkles; I earned every one of them, although I can't remember how." I stood and thanked her, then walked away. I had done it. I said no to a saleslady. I was cured. I would no longer be a "victim." Then, I felt someone grab onto my arm.

"Excuse me sir," another young lady said. I looked over and there was another one, even prettier than the last.

"Oh my," she said as she squeezed one of my biceps. "You work out don't you?"

I reached into my pocket and got out my money clip and handed it to her. There was no sense in prolonging it. I knew that I was beat. Janet's right. I'm just pathetic.

Tips for coping with stress, depression and the holidays

By Claudann Jones
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The holidays often present a dizzying array of demands — cooking meals, shopping, baking, cleaning and entertaining, to name just a few. But with some practical tips, you can minimize the stress that accompanies the holidays.

You may even end up enjoying the holidays more than you thought you would. Try to prevent stress and depression in the first place, especially if the holidays have taken an emotional toll on you in the past.

Acknowledge your feelings. If someone close to you has recently died or you can't be with loved ones for other reasons, realize that it's normal to feel sadness and grief.

If you feel lonely or isolated, seek out friends, family members, community, religious or other social events or

communities. Many may have online support groups, social media sites or virtual events.

Volunteering your time or doing something to help others also is a good way to lift your spirits and broaden your friendships.

Be realistic. The holidays don't have to be perfect or just like last year. As families change and grow, traditions and rituals often change as well.

Set aside differences. Try to accept family members and friends as they are. And be understanding if others get upset or distressed when something goes awry. Chances are they're feeling the effects of holiday stress and depression, too.

Stick to a budget. Before you do your gift and food shopping, decide how much money you can afford to spend. Don't try to buy happiness with an avalanche of gifts.

Plan ahead. Set aside specific days for meal planning, shopping, baking,

connecting with friends and other activities. Consider whether you can shop online for any of your items.

Learn to say no. Saying yes when you should say no can leave you feeling resentful and overwhelmed.

Take a break by yourself and don't abandon healthy habits. Spending just 15 minutes alone, without distractions, may refresh you enough to handle everything you need to do.

Don't let the holidays become something you dread. Instead, take steps to prevent the stress and depression that can descend during the holidays.

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Texas A&M Forest Service officials are urging all Texans, and especially outdoor enthusiasts, to help reduce the spread of oak wilt and invasive insects by taking preventive measures and being knowledgeable when collecting, transporting and purchasing firewood.

"Many devastating, tree-killing pests present in Texas forests live and breed inside firewood," said Demian Gomez, Texas A&M Forest Service Regional Forest Health coordinator. "Some wood borers, such as the invasive emerald ash borer and redbay ambrosia beetle, have already caused devastating impacts, practically wiping out entire tree species from some regions of the country."

The emerald ash borer, present in North Texas, has killed millions of ash trees across the eastern U.S. The redbay ambrosia beetle continues to spread west from the southeast, killing redbay and sassafras trees along the way. Similarly, native pathogens such as oak wilt, have

killed oak trees in Central Texas in epidemic proportions.

Each of these forest pests cause severe



ecological and economic impacts over time. While they can spread on their own, accidental transport by humans is one of the main ways they can move greater distances, sometimes quickly jumping state and county lines. Firewood is one of the main ways many of these pests are moved, regardless of how seasoned or old the firewood is. Even wood that looks clean and healthy may still have insect eggs or fungal spores that can start new infestations.

Limit the spread

"We can limit the spread of invasive tree pests," said Gomez. "The best rule of thumb is to burn the firewood close to where it's bought or picked up. Moving firewood can easily introduce insects and diseases to new areas, particularly during hunting and camping seasons."

For diseases like oak wilt, this is critical. Transporting and storing infected wood from red oaks can spread oak wilt fungal spores to previously uninfected neighborhoods and properties. Because live oaks tend to grow in large, dense groups, oak wilt spreads quickly, and one infected tree can lead to large patches of dead and dying trees.

While firewood is an important commodity in the fall and winter, Texans can help prevent the spread of these pests and diseases by purchasing, collecting and burning firewood locally.

For more information, visit www.dontmovefirewood.org.

OBITUARY

Bessie Faye Williams



A memorial service for Bessie Faye Williams, 80 of Lindale, is scheduled for 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 3, 2022, at the Caudle-Rutledge-Daugherty Funeral Home Chapel in Lindale with Pastor Mike Calhoun officiating.

Bessie passed away Sunday, Nov. 20, 2022, in Mineola. She was born Nov. 2, 1942, in Tyler to the late Wayne Miller and Corrine Faye (Alvey) Brown.

Bessie was a lifelong resident of Lindale. She was a loving homemaker and enjoyed collecting porcelain dolls, listening to Elvis, and watching classic westerns.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert Gene Williams; son, Robert Gene Williams Jr; daughter, Deana Sue Malone; sister, Juanita Slayton; and brothers, Billy Wayne Brown and Charles "Chick" Brown.

Bessie is survived by her son, Ricky G. Williams and wife, April of Van; brother, Wayne Miller Brown Jr. of Mineola; sisters, Wanda Bradshaw of Mineola, Mary Blakely and husband, DeWayne of Fort Worth, Tina Gibson and husband, Chris of Fort Worth, Alana Cunningham and husband, Paul of Fort Worth, and Norma Pryor and husband, Jeff of Indiana; grandchildren, Kassie Prince, Amanda Jenkins, Austin Taylor Williams, Marcus Jerden, Katy Malone, Richard Malone, and Tony Malone; and numerous great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and other loving family members and friends.

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SUNDAY, NOV. 13: 1:25 a.m., 16000 Block, FM 849, suspicious circumstance

2:26 a.m., 3512 South Main Street, suspicious vehicle; 10:50 a.m., 200 North Main Street, accident; 2:58 p.m., 105 Ballard Street, public service; 8:01 p.m. 500 South Main Street, civil matter; 11:28 p.m., 55 Miranda Lambert Way, business alarm.

MONDAY, NOV. 14: 12:33 a.m., 555 Interstate 20 west, traffic call; 2:21 a.m., 13815 Highway 69 north, suspicious vehicle; 3:41 a.m., FM 2710, welfare concern; 10:44 a.m. 3222 South Main Street, found property; 12:43 p.m., Summit Street, criminal trespass; 1:22 p.m., 3200 South Main Street, harassment; 3:22 p.m., 13800, Highway 69 north, Sheriff's Office assist; 4:24 p.m. 553 I-20 West, motorist assist; 5 p.m. 556 I-20 West, motorist assist; 5:09 p.m., 1500 South Main Street, public service; 6:28 p.m., 2278 South Main Street, accident; 7:28 p.m., 552 I-20 West, motorist assist; 9:18 p.m., Mount Sylvan Street, warrant service.

TUESDAY, NOV. 15: 7:07 a.m., 105 E. Centennial, assist another agency; 7:36 a.m., 2808 South Main, business alarm; 7:41 a.m., 100 block Eagle Spirit Drive, welfare concern; 7:59 a.m., South Main/Centennial Blvd., traffic hazard; 9:19 a.m. 15307 FM 16 West, stolen vehicle; 9:53 a.m., Baker Street, welfare concern; 12:26 p.m., 105 East Centennial, suspicious person; 12:35 p.m., 3218 South Main, motorist assist; 1:29 p.m., 105 E. Centennial, public service; 4:08 p.m. 105 Ballard Street, public service; 5:22 p.m., 3500 South Main, traffic complaint; 9:33 p.m., West Van Street, suspicious circumstance.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 16: 12:56 a.m., 202 Cannery Row, suspicious vehicle; 3:13 a.m., 3512 South Main Street, public service; 8:47 a.m., 920 East Hubbard, animal at large; 9:54 a.m., 406 Eagle Spirit Drive, assist LISD PD; 1:36 p.m., FM 16/Highway 69, accident; 3:19 p.m., 500 Mount Sylvan Street, accident; 5:09 p.m., North Boyd Street, residence alarm; 5:18 p.m., 2808 South Main, welfare concern; 6:38 p.m., 16921 Village Lake Drive, business alarm; 7:15 p.m., 3203 South Main Street, criminal trespass; 7:54 p.m., 800 block Edgewood Circle, city ordinance violation; 9:12 p.m., 15300 FM 849, assist sheriff's office.

THURSDAY, NOV. 17: 3:36 a.m., North College/West Valley Street, warrant service; 7:24 a.m., 116 North Main Street, accident; 8:12 a.m., 2900 block South Main, motorist assist; 9:10 a.m., Brad Circle, attempted suicide; 11:35 a.m., 2150 South Main, motorist assist; 12:29 p.m., 3200 South Main, hit and run; 2:26 p.m., 3512 South Main Street, accident; 3:03 p.m., 521 South Main Street, soliciting; 3:42 p.m., Brad Circle, public service; 5:58 p.m., 13812 County Road 433, accident; 8:29 p.m. Robyn Lane, assist EMS.

FRIDAY, NOV. 18: 10:15 a.m., 105 Ballard Drive, public service; 10:46 a.m., 71 Miranda Lambert Way, public service; 1:26 p.m., 400 block Baker Street, 911 abuse; 4:44 p.m., 200 block Heritage Court, fire call, other; 6:22 p.m., 907 South Main Street, lockout; 6:29 p.m., 607 S. Main Street, motorist assist; 6:57 p.m. 2610 S. Main Street, accident; 7:48 p.m., 17800 block Highway 69 north, disturbance; 8:07 p.m., 200 block Hillside Circle, welfare concern; 8:08 p.m., 18200 block Highway 69 North, motorist assist; 9:49 p.m., 3505 South Main, suspicious person; 10:34 p.m., 2610 South Main Street, suspicious vehicle.

SATURDAY, NOV. 19: 1:09 a.m., 13491 CR 472, assist EMS; 2:27 a.m., 554 I-20 East, welfare concern; 2:53 a.m., 13439 I-20, welfare concern; 4:22 a.m., 556 I-20 West, traffic complaint; 8:29 a.m., 900 block E. Hubbard, welfare concern; 12:34 p.m. 15000 block CR 433, assist another agency; 12:41 p.m. 3512 S. Main, lockout; 4:16 p.m., 500 block N. College, suspicious circumstance; 6:16 p.m. 3218 S. Main, fraud; 8:40 p.m., 3512 S. Main, peace officer's



warrant; 9:21 p.m., 3512 S. Main, assist EMS; 11:46 p.m., 607 S. Main, assist another agency.

SUNDAY, NOV. 20: 12:10 a.m., 15307 FM 16, disturbance; 3:37 a.m. 317 S. Industrial, marijuana possession; 4:02 a.m., 554 I-20 W., traffic hazard; 11:02 a.m., 3500 block S. Main, accident; 11:57 a.m., 800 block Edgewood Circle, public service; 3:11 p.m., 200 block W. North, suspicious circumstance; 5:08, E. South/Woodlands Drive, suspicious person; 7 p.m., 105 Ballard, administrative detail; 8:44 p.m., 1400 block Allison Lane, disturbance.

MONDAY, NOV. 21: 5:48 a.m., 1601 S. Main, suspicious person; 9:19 a.m., 300 block Kingdom Blvd., found property; 10:44 a.m., 318 S. Main St., fraud; 1:13 p.m., 521 S. Main St., lockout; 1:13 p.m., 521 S. Main, parking violation; 4:09 p.m., 552 I-20 East, accident; 4:37 p.m., 400 Baker St., suspicious circumstance; 6:24 p.m., 13491 CR 472, assist EMS; 8:11 p.m., 13491 CR 472, disturbance; 10:52 p.m., 13786 Harvey Road, theft; 11:06 p.m., 3512 S. Main St., criminal trespass; 11:40 p.m., 3512 S. Main St., suspicious vehicle.

TUESDAY, NOV. 22: 1:51 a.m., 3505 S. Main St., suspicious person; 8:17 a.m., 15000 block CR 4191, residence alarm; 10:47 a.m. 105 Ballard, public service;

12:51 p.m., 3318 S. Main St., business alarm; 1:21 p.m., 200 block Half St., cruelty to animals; 2:29 p.m., 105 E. Centennial, suspicious person; 3:06 p.m., 3207 S. Main St., public service; 4:37 p.m., 16000 block Ridgeview Lane, public service; 4:50 p.m., 3200 S. Main St., accident; 5:16 p.m. 521 S. Main St., welfare concern; 5:48 p.m. 3318 S. Main St., business alarm; 5:58 p.m., Imagine Drive, suspicious circumstance; 6:26 p.m., 3512 S. Main St., accident; 6:47 p.m., 105 E. Centennial, suspicious person; 9:09 p.m., 204 W. Centennial, suspicious person; 10:03, 2100 S. Main St., suspicious vehicle'

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 23: 1:23 a.m., 3505 S. Main St., parking violation; 3:25 a.m., 555 I-20 W., abandoned vehicle; 5:13 a.m., 300 block Molly Lane, burglary of motor vehicle; 5:29 a.m., 300 block Asher Lane, burglary of motor vehicle; 5:48 a.m. 13000 Block Lauren Lane, suspicious circumstance; 8:32 a.m., 300 block Asher Lane, suspicious circumstance; 9:19 a.m., 600 block Jack Drive, suspicious vehicle; 9:22 a.m., 400 block Kennedy St., suspicious circumstance; 10:19 a.m., 1500 block Camden Court, suspicious circumstance; 11:07 a.m., 405 Roseland Drive, suspicious circumstance; 11:17, 318 S. Main St., suspicious person; 11:37 a.m., 108 Mount Sylvan St., animal at large; 1:49 p.m., 206 W. South, welfare concern; 3:13 p.m., 3500 block S. Main St., vagrant; 3:58 p.m., 2518 S. Main St., traffic hazard; 4:43 p.m., 1400 block Wood Springs Road, inquest/unattended death; 7:38 p.m. 303 S. Main St., transport subject; 7:43 p.m., 14000 block CR 474, suspicious vehicle; 9:54 p.m., 12000 block Darrin Blvd., assist SO; 10:41 p.m. 105 E. Centennial Blvd., public service; 10:47 p.m., 507 S. Main, business alarm.

THURSDAY, NOV. 24: 1:04 a.m., 555 I-20 West, warrant service; 7 a.m., 105 Ballard, administrative detail; 9:27 a.m., 800 block Greenwood Circle, suspicious circumstance; 10:24 a.m., 553 I-20 West, motorist assist; 10:33 a.m., 202

Cannery Row, animal at large; 10:56 a.m., 552 I-20 West, accident; 10:57 a.m., 552 I-20 West, accident; 3:01 p.m., 900 block Lynn St., traffic hazard; 4:37 p.m., 552 I-20 West, hit and run; 4:58 p.m., 900 block S. Main, assist EMS; 5:23 p.m., 105 E. Centennial, suspicious person; 6:56 p.m., 105 E. Centennial, suspicious person; 6:56 p.m., 105 E. Centennial, vagrant; 7:22 p.m., 13491 CR 472, disturbance; 8:06 p.m., 17080 I-20 West, criminal trespass; 10:11 p.m., 3512 S. Main St., suspicious vehicle.

FRIDAY, NOV. 25: 3:54 a.m., CR 431/Mission Ridge Blvd., assist another agency.

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 two 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.

Sheriff deputies charged Patricia Marie Pena, 42, of Lindale with the manufacture and delivery of a controlled substance penalty grade 1-B between four grams and 20 grams. Pena was jailed on a \$200,000 bond.

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 Sakya Samone Temple, 27, of Longview, with theft property less than \$2,500 two or more previous convictions.

Officers 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.

Deputies charged Andrew Thomas Boaz, 35, of Winona, with theft property between \$30,000 and \$150,000. Boaz was in the Smith County Jail on Friday and released the following day on a \$85,979 bond.

Deputies charged Donniki Roshelle Bircher, 46, of Tyler, with manufacture delivery controlled substance penalty grade 1 between 4 grams and 200 grams. Bircher was in the Smith County Jail on Friday on a \$75,000 bond.

Deputies charged Rick Dixon, 61, of North Fork, with evading arrest detention with vehicle, theft property between \$2,500 and \$30,000, and manufacture delivery controlled substance penalty grade 2 or 2-A greater than or equal to 400 grams.

SMITH COUNTY ADULT PROBATION

Officers charged Rome Chelese 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, unauthorized use of vehicle, and disorderly conduct. Pierce was in the Smith County Jail on Monday on bonds totaling \$101,000.



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FOOD PANTRY TRAILER STOLEN

Lindale residents among 172 county indictments

Smith County Grand Jurors handed down 172 indictments in September and October, including 10 for Lindale residents, said Grand Jury Coordinator Marieliz Martinez.

Lindale residents indicted include:
--Kaydan Barkley, 17, aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, assault on a peace officer and two counts of assault on an EMS provider on July 18, 2022;

-- Ryan Burgess, 31, solicitation of prostitution on May 18, 2022;

-- David Schnittker, 31, manufacture and delivery of a controlled substance on June 6, 2022;

-- Michael Huffer, 24, injury to a child/elderly/disabled, March 4, 2022;

-- Patricia Pena, 42, manufacture and delivery of a controlled substance, May 20, 2022;

-- Joseph Icenhower, 32, theft of petroleum product, Aug. 7, 2022;

-- Amanda Manes, 34, possession of a controlled substance, prohibited substance in correctional facility;

-- Desiree Reed, 33, possession of a controlled substance, April 21, 2022;

-- Jeremy Shelton, 31, assault/family violence with previous conviction, Sept. 4, 2021.

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Chapel Hill takes on Kilgore in state quarterfinals

Chapel Hill and Kilgore, the top two teams from District 9-4A in 2022, face off once again this weekend in the state quarterfinals in a game that many saw coming weeks ago.

For the second year in a row, District 9-4A has proven itself as being one of the toughest districts in the state, with the top three finishers going deep in the playoffs.

To earn a berth in the quarterfinals, Kilgore had to outlast Lindale (63-37) and Chapel Hill had to rally to overtake Lumberton's Raiders, (35-23).

This will be the second time this year the teams will have met, the first one ending with a Chapel Hill victory (32-20) on Nov. 3 which wrapped up the district title for Chapel Hill.

Since that time, Kilgore has defeated El

Campo (34-20) in the Area playoff round and Little Cypress-Mauriceville in bi-district prior to downing Lindale last Friday.

Chapel Hill, meanwhile, defeated Livingston, 45-36 in bi-district, beat Bay City, 38-24, in the Area round and slipped past Lumberton this past Friday after falling behind 17-0 at the half.

The Bulldogs scored twice in the third period to trail 23-14 into the fourth. Deuce McGregor's 21-yard touchdown cut the Raiders' lead to 23-20 with just under 11 minutes left and Rickey Stewart bolted 92 yards for the go ahead score on Chapel Hill's next possession.

Quarterback Demetrius Brisbon Jr.'s one-yard score with under two minutes left put the game away for the Bulldogs.



Kilgore's Isaiah Ross is being brought down by a couple of Lindale defenders this past Friday in the Class 4A Region III semifinals. (Photo by Terry Cannon)



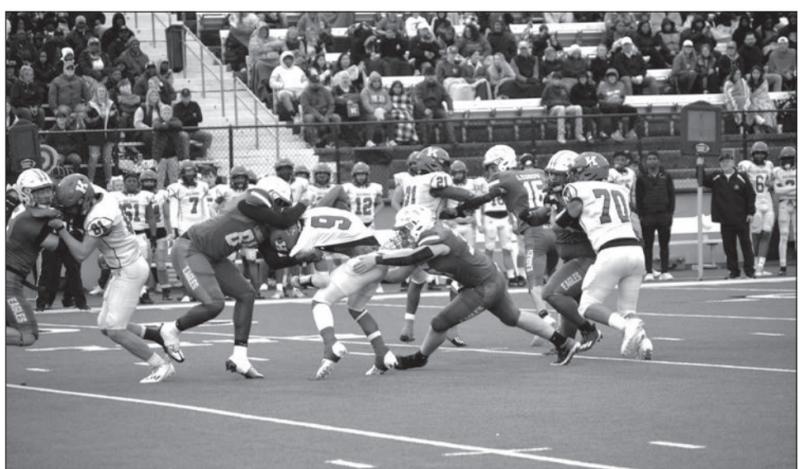
Lindale quarterback Clint Thurman drops back to pass against Kilgore this past Friday in the Class 4A Region III semifinals. (Photo by Terry Cannon)



The Lindale High School Star Steppers performed during halftime of this past Friday's playoff game at Trinity Mother Frances Rose Stadium. (Photo by Terry Cannon)



The Lindale Eagles run onto the field prior to the kickoff of their Class 4A Region III semifinal playoff game with Kilgore. (Photo by Terry Cannon)



Kilgore quarterback Da'Marion Van Zandt is taken down by two Lindale defenders during the Class 4A Region III semifinal playoff game at Trinity Mother Frances Rose Stadium. (Photo by Terry Cannon)

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NOTICE OF RATE CHANGE REQUEST

Southwestern Electric Power Company (SWEPCO or the Company) publishes this notice that on September 30, 2022, it filed its Statement of Intent and Application for Authority to Amend Transmission Cost Recovery Factor (TCRF) with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) in Docket No. 54040. The filing was made in accordance with the Public Utility Regulatory Act (PURA) § 36.209 and 16 Tex. Admin. Code (TAC) § 25.239. The TCRF will recover SWEPCO's reasonable and necessary costs for transmission infrastructure improvements as well as changes in wholesale transmission charges under a tariff approved by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) to the extent that the costs or charges have not otherwise been recovered. In this application, SWEPCO seeks to recover its transmission capital investments from April 1, 2020 through June 30, 2022. SWEPCO also seeks to recover through the TCRF approved transmission charges that are not otherwise being recovered through current rates. This notice is being published in accordance with PURA § 36.103 and 16 TAC § 22.51(a)(1).

STATEMENT OF INTENT TO CHANGE RATES

SWEPCO requests that the Commission approve an increase of \$8,441,187 above the revenue requirement approved by the Commission in SWEPCO's last base rate case, Docket No. 51415 for its Texas retail customers. This amounts to a 2.1% percent increase in SWEPCO's overall annualized Texas retail revenue requirement. SWEPCO proposes that its requested rate change become effective 35 days after the filing of the Statement of Intent and Application. The proposed effective date is subject to suspension and extension by actions that may be taken by the Commission.

All customers in SWEPCO's Texas retail rate classes will be affected by this change. The impact of the rate change on various customer classes will vary from the overall impact described in this notice.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Persons with questions or who want more information on SWEPCO's Statement of Intent and Application 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 the Statement of Intent and Application and related filings is available for inspection at the address listed in the previous sentence.

Persons who wish to intervene in or comment upon these proceedings should notify the Commission as soon as possible, as an intervention deadline will be imposed. A request to intervene or for further information should be mailed to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, Texas 78711-3326. Further information may also be obtained by calling the Public Utility Commission at (512) 936-7120 or (888) 782-8477. Hearing- and speech-impaired individuals with text telephones (TTY) may contact the Commission at (512) 936-7136. A request for intervention or for further information should refer to Docket No. 54040. Unless otherwise ordered by the presiding officer, motions to intervene will be due 45 days from the date SWEPCO filed its Statement of Intent and Application with the Commission.

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:
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that Letters Testamentary for the Estate of MCKYLEE MC KEEVER HEFNER, Deceased, were issued to NANCY LYNN HEFNER STEVENS on November 21, 2022, in Cause No. 46952P, County Court, Smith County, Texas. All persons having claims against this Estate should present them to the Independent Executor, c/o MICHAEL C. COKER, Adams & Coker, P.C., 4540 Kinsey Dr., Tyler, Texas 75703, within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF MARY LOUISE TINSLEY, DECEASED

Notice is hereby given that Letters of Testamentary upon the Estate of Mary Louise Tinsley, Deceased, were granted to Margaret Elaine Cunningham on November 7, 2022 in Cause No. 46899P, pending in the County Court of Smith County, Texas. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same to Curtis Clinesmith and Kaitlin Travis c/o Margaret Elaine Cunningham, Independent Executor of The Estate of Mary Louise Tinsley, at 325 N. Saint Paul, Floor 29, Dallas, Texas 75201.

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903-581-9960

TO: ALL UNKNOWN HEIRS IN THE ESTATE OF BOBBY LANE VAN NESS, JR, DECEASED:

On the 21st day of October, 2022, **BOBBY LANE VAN NESS, JR.** filed an **APPLICATION TO DETERMINE HEIRSHIP** in a proceeding styled **IN THE ESTATE OF BOBBY LANE VAN NESS, JR, DECEASED** and bearing the number **46918P** 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 21st day of October, 2022, at the office in Tyler, Texas.

KAREN PHILLIPS, COUNTY CLERK
Smith County, Texas
By: Shanae Howell, Deputy Clerk

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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Tammy Michele Hale, Deceased, were issued to Frederick Stephen Hale, as Independent Executor on November 21, 2022, in Cause No. 46960P, County Court of Smith County, Texas. All persons having claims against this Estate should present them to the Independent Executor, c/o Adams & Coker, P.C., 4540 Kinsey Dr., Tyler, Texas 75703, within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

NO. 46817P

IN THE ESTATE OF § IN THE COUNTY COURT
§
HILDA MIDDLEBROOKS MURPHY § OF
§
DECEASED § SMITH COUNTY, TEXAS

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that on the 2nd day of November, 2022, Letters Testamentary of the Estate of HILDA MIDDLEBROOKS MURPHY, Deceased were issued to KATHLEEN MURPHY PIATKOWSKI, as Independent Executor in the County Court of Smith County, Texas, Cause No. 46817P, pending in said Court, and that she now holds such Letters.

All persons having claims against the Estate are hereby required to present the same to the said Independent Executor of said Estate, at the post office address given below and within the time prescribed by law.

The address of said Independent Executor is in the City of Houston, Harris County, Texas, and is as follows:

Ms. Kathleen Murphy Piatkowski
c/o Mr. W. Timothy Weaver
1330 Post Oak Blvd., Suite 2877
Houston, TX 77056

DATED the 21st day of November, 2022

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Attorney for Independent Executor

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The City of Lindale, Texas will receive bids for City of Lindale – Safe Routes to Schools (SRTS) Sidewalk and Drainage Improvements (0910-16-153) until **2:00 p.m.**, on **December 20, 2022**, at City Hall, 105 Ballard Drive, Lindale, Texas 75771, at which time the bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

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.

NOTICE OF SOUTHWESTERN ELECTRIC POWER COMPANY'S PETITION FOR AUTHORITY TO IMPLEMENT NET INTERIM FUEL SURCHARGE

On October 27, 2022, Southwestern Electric Power Company (SWEPCO) filed a petition with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) to implement a net interim fuel surcharge under Texas Utilities Code § 36.203 and 16 Texas Admin. Code (TAC) §§ 25.236 and 25.237. The docket number assigned to this proceeding is PUC Docket No. 54234. If the Commission approves this petition, all of SWEPCO's Texas retail customers who pay fixed fuel factors will be affected. SWEPCO's petition affects only the fuel portion of the rates that SWEPCO charges for electricity in Texas and does not affect non-fuel base rates. These changes will be subject to final review by the Commission in SWEPCO's next fuel reconciliation case.

Because SWEPCO materially under-collected its fuel costs through August 31, 2022, and projects that it will continue to be in a state of material under-collection, SWEPCO seeks to implement a net interim fuel surcharge. Through August 2022, SWEPCO materially under-collected its total fuel and purchased power expenses by an adjusted \$83,274,339, excluding interest.

Under 16 TAC § 25.236(e)(5), "all surcharges shall be made on a monthly basis over a period not to exceed 12 months through a bill charge" unless otherwise ordered by the Commission. 16 TAC § 25.236(e)(1) states, "[i]nterest shall be calculated on the cumulative monthly ending under- or over-recovery balance at the rate established annually by the commission for overbilling and underbilling in §25.28." A surcharge for SWEPCO's under-recovered fuel costs over a 12-month period using the Commission's approved carrying charge would result in a residential customer using 1000 kWh per month seeing an average monthly increase of \$11.76, or 10.28%, in their monthly electric bill during the one-year surcharge period.

SWEPCO proposes that customers receiving service pursuant to its As-Available Standby Service (AAS) and Large Lighting and Power Substation (LLP) tariffs should have their surcharges calculated based on historical usage. SWEPCO proposes that other retail customers be surcharged through class refund factors applied to their actual kWh usage during the applicable billing period.

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. 54234.



Kilgore quarterback Da'Marion Van Zandt is pursued by two Lindale defenders during first half action of the Class 4A Region III semifinal game in Tyler.

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THE ECONOMIST

By Dr. M. Ray Perryman

Getting the Gas (among other things)!

In the aftermath of World War I, Congress enacted The Merchant Marine Act of 1920 (commonly known as the Jones Act after its foremost proponent, Senator Wesley R. Jones from Washington). Essentially, the law requires that any cargo shipped between US ports must be shipped on vessels that are US built, owned, and crewed. It was designed to support the US maritime industry, but it's a protectionist measure leading to a variety of concerns. It has long outlived its usefulness (to the extent it ever had any).



Clearly, it's important for the US to have access to adequate resources, particularly during times of crisis. Much of the military equipment required for various operations moves best by water, for instance. The pandemic also demonstrated the risks of overreliance on foreign manufacturing, which can be subject to disruptions. The question, however, is whether the Jones Act is the best mechanism to accomplish these goals.

While the Act carves out a small volume of shipping and shipbuilding for US firms (when compared to international totals), it also increases costs for other businesses as well as consumers. Competition is reduced, and companies able to ship between US markets command premium prices. The supply chain, which has been anything but stellar of late, is also negatively affected.

To put a finer point on it, it is widely recognized that there could be blackouts in the northeastern United States this winter due to insufficient natural gas supplies. This region relies on liquefied natural gas (LNG) for a significant portion of its supply at times and, with Russian gas no longer available to Europe, worldwide demand for LNG will be particularly high and shortages could occur. (Expanding pipeline capacity is obviously the most efficient way to transport natural gas, but it has been extremely difficult to obtain permits – a topic for another day.)

In Texas, there is significant and increasing liquefaction capacity, and LNG ships leave the Gulf Coast daily for foreign destinations. However, very few LNG ships have been made domestically; thus, Texas LNG cannot be sent to the northeast. It can go to Bangkok, but not to Bangor. Similar issues arise for numerous other products, including agricultural goods. For Hawaii, Alaska, and Puerto Rico, the situation is much worse.

The proponents of the Jones Act suggest that US shipbuilding and shipping firms are at a competitive disadvantage due to subsidies in other countries. While true to a very modest extent, the World Trade Organization can deal with such matters and has done so for many other products (such as steel).

Protectionism inevitably leads to restrictions in output, higher prices, and consumer harms. It's time to get US goods to US markets!

Stay safe!

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