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Economist Ray Perryman cites benefits of ESDs

A new report from noted economist Dr. Ray Perryman finds that across Texas, Emergency Services Districts are more cost effective than municipalities in delivering emergency services.

ESDs are independent, grass-roots governments created by voters to provide fire protection, emergency medical response or both. Emergency Services Districts protect more than 10 million Texans.

The city of Lindale is in ESD No. 1.

Perryman's researchers collected tax data for ESDs and for similarly sized municipalities in the same geographic area. Using census figures, the report calculated the per capita expenditure for both Emergency Services Districts and municipalities.

In 19 areas, the ESDs were less expensive and more cost effective, the report concluded.

In many areas, the difference was dramatic. For example, a taxpayer in Jefferson County ESD No. 4 paid \$49.42 in taxes for emergency services. In the nearby cities of Nederland and Groves, a taxpayer paid more than double that amount — \$101.70.

A taxpayer in Smith County ESD No. 2 paid \$45.84 for emergency services; in the city of Tyler, the county seat, a taxpayer paid more than four times that amount — \$185.86, the research showed.

Perryman extended the analysis to look at what that means for the Texas economy as a whole. The savings in areas served by Emergency Services Districts from what they would have to pay for municipal service would amount to \$1.2 billion in annual gross product for Texas and generate an estimated 12,081 jobs.

"Emergency Services Districts provide a stable source of funds for fire protection and other protective services. They also provide notable cost savings compared to other options such as contracting with a municipality," the report concluded.

"Without the resources provided by ESDs, many areas would be faced with inadequate protective services," the report states. "In some areas, it is difficult to retain sufficient numbers of volunteers (in fact, there has been an ongoing, long-term pattern of reduction in volunteers). These trends increase the need for more formal funding structures and stable systems such as those provided by ESDs."



The Pride of Lindale Marching Band from Lindale High School took part in the Lindale Rotary Club's annual Christmas parade this past Saturday.

Photos by Terry Cannon

Christmas season arrives as annual parade steps off

The annual Lindale Rotary Club's annual Christmas parade, enjoyed by one of the biggest crowds in recent memory, officially kicked off the Yule Tide season this past weekend.

Featuring the Pride of Lindale Marching Band, the Lindale High School Star Steppers and several holiday-themed floats passed in review Saturday night down Highway 69 after beginning at E.J. Moss Intermediate School.

Several hundred spectators lined the parade route, which concluded near the Lindale First Baptist Church. Once the parade concluded, many took in the festive sights at Picker's Pavilion which was decorated in various Christmas themes. Santa Claus was there as well, receiving gift requests and posing for photos.

The pavilion will be available for visitors the rest of December.

The Lillie Russell Memorial Library was also involved in the festivities with Santa's Bake Shop and the Holiday Gift Basket sale taking place inside the library.

Outside and behind the library there were games for the youngsters.



Youngsters from E.J. Moss Intermediate School participated in the annual Christmas parade sponsored by the Lindale Rotary Club.



The American Legion Post No. 15 in Lindale was represented in the Rotary Club's annual Christmas parade this past Saturday.

Another good season in the books for LHS

By Terry Cannon
Editor

Another year, another playoff run for the Lindale High School football Eagles.

Ho hum. Right?

Nope, not by a long shot.

While it may be easy to take for granted that this football team will be in the playoffs each season — and truthfully they do extend their season on a regular basis — it's not something the coaching staff or the players expect to happen each year.

Even though this year ended with a tough Regional Semifinal loss to Kilgore on Nov. 25, Head Coach Chris Cochran remains upbeat about the future and proud of what his program has been able to accomplish in the past several years.

Cochran, who took over the Lindale program in 2017, has guided his Eagles to the playoffs each of the past five seasons. And as most people in Lindale are aware, the Eagles advanced to the state championship game in 2020 at AT&T Stadium.

In 2017, the Lindale ISD Board of Trustees approved Cochran's elevation to the head job, taking over for Mike Meador who resigned and went to work in Sulphur Springs.

A 1999 graduate of Hallsville High School, Cochran went on to East Texas Baptist University before beginning his coaching career at Hallsville Junior High School. A year later, he was on the varsity staff at Lindale High School.

Two years, he returned to Hallsville to work for Head Coach David Plunk.

A year at T.K. Gorman High School in Tyler followed then two years at Grace Community High School.

In 2015, he was back in Lindale.

What has transpired since 2017 is something only a select few programs in East Texas can relate to: a quality, disciplined team with players that will go full bore from the opening whistle to the last.

The program Cochran and his coaching staff have put in place doesn't start at the high school level. It's seeds are planted in the junior high grades where players learn what's expected of them each time they take the field.

"By the time these kids get to high school, they know what our program is about and what is expected of them," he said.

In turn, the community benefits from the pride of knowing its football team is going to be not just entertaining but will go about things the right way.

"I really think we've created an excitement about Lindale football (in the past five years)," Cochran said. "It's almost expected that we will win and still be playing on Thanksgiving week."

Cochran is also appreciative of the support of the community, especially when playoff games require long drives.

"It's just tremendous for our players and coaches to look up in the stands and see that support from our community," he said. "It really means a lot."

Thanks to the culture Cochran

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OPINION/COMMENTARY

THE ECONOMIST

By Dr. M. Ray Perryman

One Million and Counting...

Job openings in Texas as of September reached an all-time high at 1,026,000. According to data from the US Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), the state has once again topped one million openings after a few months below that level (initially reached in June).

Last September, there were 855,000 openings in Texas; the current number represents a sizable gain. For the United States, the increase was much smaller (from 10,673,000 in September 2021 to 10,717,000 this year). Stated differently, the overall growth in openings in Texas over the past year is almost four times the number for the entire country.

Nationally, the number of job openings increased from August to September by 437,000. Texas accounted for the largest increase of any state (+96,000). Michigan (+58,000) and Virginia (+40,000) also saw significant escalation. Note that these estimates are seasonally adjusted, thus accounting for typical variations.

BLS also tracks the job openings rate, which is the number of job openings as a percentage of the sum of employment and job openings. The US level is 6.5%, and Texas is 7.0%. There are 16 states with rates above 7.0%. Among the highest are Alaska, Wyoming, and Virginia. Among other large states, California is 6.1% and Florida is 6.0%.

It's not necessarily a "win" to be high on the job opening roster. While plentiful open positions are beneficial to individuals looking for employment (assuming they have the needed skills), it's a problem for businesses. Not only are expansion plans jeopardized, but so are normal operations. They are generally a sign of strength, but also a harbinger of capacity limits going forward. Texas is blessed with an expanding pool of current and potential future workers but must invest in education and training to transform this resource into reality.

In Texas, there are almost twice as many job openings as there are unemployed persons. The Texas unemployment rate in September was 3.8%. In some metropolitan areas, it was below 3.0% (such as Amarillo (2.8%), Austin-Round Rock-Georgetown (2.8%), and Midland (2.9%)).

Economists generally consider 4.0% to be "full employment" which is the level of maximum jobs with the economy still able to function efficiently. When it goes much below that, issues arise such as not being able to fill jobs promptly.

A million open jobs across the state is a two-edged achievement. It's no doubt a sign of economic vitality and dynamism, but also of the potential for worker shortages. Having a large cadre of available jobs is far better than rampant unemployment, but can become problematic. Thus far, Texas has successfully navigated the tight labor market conditions and continued to add jobs at a notable pace. To sustain this pattern will require concerted action.

Stay safe!

The family historian ...

I am the irritating family member with a camera. I try to record the moments that matter and some that don't, true. But moments matter. It is those bits and pieces of life that make it what it is.

Jim and I are trying something risky, exhausting and delightful. We worked so hard trying to get everything done so we could fulfill a promise to our daughter-in-heart Jennifer. We promised to take her, and our only child Josh, to Disney World.

And here we are, after a loooong day of driving and a very short night of sleeping finally heading south to the 'Happiest Place on Earth'.

I have already videoed the 'kids' and hubby much to everyone's chagrin and we haven't even gotten close yet. Josh is patiently weaving through dense interstate traffic. Jennifer is eagerly reading about MouseWorld and Jim is coughing and napping.

We have yet to make a family trip where someone wasn't sick, getting sick or getting over being sick. And you know what? That's okay. Because moments with family are the best moments of all. Even under trying circumstances. It takes growing up a lot to grasp that life lesson. It usually requires some losses that leave you wising for lost moments.

Well, we are piling up the moments and memories for the next few days and we are excited to be with our adult children. We have pretty much made that transition from parenting to sharing. Isn't that an amazing moment? When you realize that you raised your children well. They have survived the dangerous waters of youth and have become even more than you envisioned. And, to top all that, they have chosen wisely their life's partner.

Our son is a wildland firefighter and forester. He is also a writer. On this Never-ending Journey to sunny Florida he has critiqued and improved my story on C.B. McKenzie. We have

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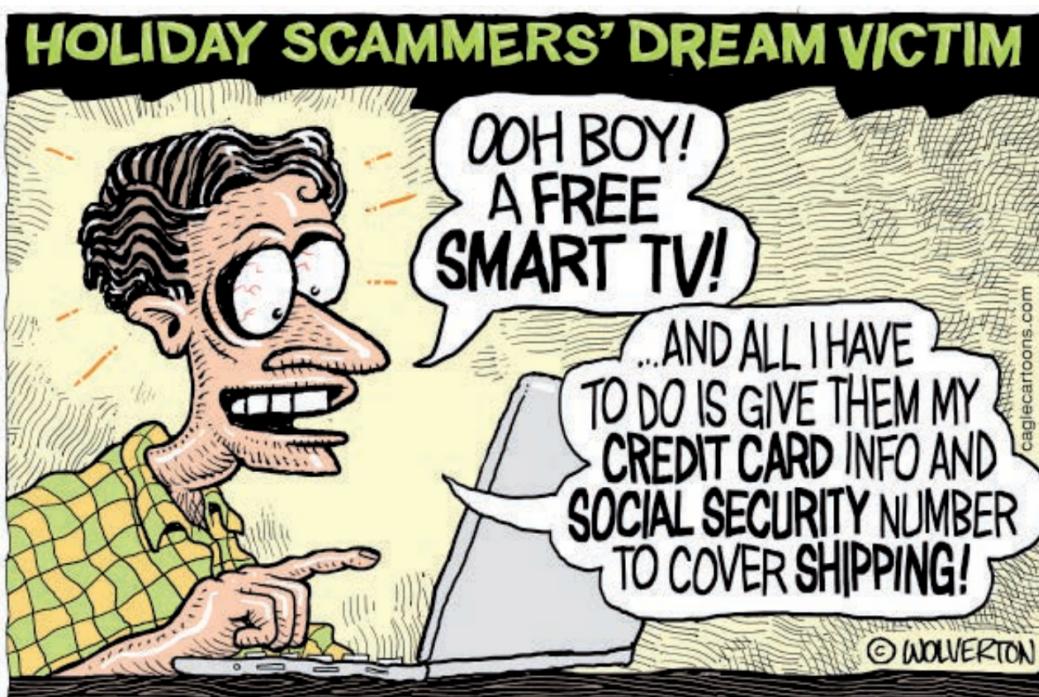
solved national and international issues. We have recalled moments from past family vacations. We have teased, laughed and gotten tired and cranky and back to sunny and silly. And, we haven't even gotten to our destination yet.

As much as I treasure all, and I mean all my memories of Josh's childhood, this is an exciting new time in our lives.

Of course, there will be plenty of pictures to record these precious moments, and some of the off-kilter ones. And yes, even some silly ones.

Life is good. Life is great when it is shared.

I feel the "pixie-dust" already spreading the joy from the 'Happiest Place on Earth' to memories that will last a lifetime, or at least in the pages of my photo album.



When shopping online during the holiday season—or any time of year—always be wary of deals that seem too good to be true. Do your part to avoid becoming a scammer's next victim.

Every year, thousands of people become victims of holiday scams. Scammers can rob you of hard-earned money, personal information, and, at the very least, a festive mood.

The two most prevalent of these holiday scams are non-delivery and non-payment crimes. In a non-delivery scam, a buyer pays for goods or services they find online, but those items are never received. Conversely, a non-payment scam involves goods or services being shipped, but the seller is never paid.

According to the Internet Crime Complaint Center's (IC3) 2021 report, non-payment or non-delivery scams cost people more than \$337 million. Credit card fraud accounted for another \$173 million in losses.

Similar scams to beware of this time of year are auction fraud, where a product is misrepresented on an auction site, and gift card fraud, when a seller asks you to pay with a pre-paid card.

The IC3 receives a large volume of complaints in the early months of each year, suggesting a correlation with the previous holiday season's shopping scams.

Tips to Avoid Holiday Scams

Whether you're the buyer or the seller, there are a number of

ways you can protect yourself—and your wallet.

Practice good cybersecurity hygiene.

Don't click any suspicious links or attachments in emails, on websites, or on social media. Phishing scams and similar crimes get you to click on links and give up personal information like your name, password, and bank account number. In some cases, you may unknowingly download malware to your device.

Be especially wary if a company asks you to update your password or account information. Look up the company's phone number on your own and call the company.

Know who you're buying from or selling to.

Check each website's URL to make sure it's legitimate and secure. A site you're buying from should have https in the web address. If it doesn't, don't enter your information on that site.

If you're purchasing from a company for the first time, do your research and check reviews.

Verify the legitimacy of a buyer or seller before moving forward with a purchase. If you're using an online marketplace or auction website, check their feedback rating. Be wary of buyers and sellers with mostly unfavorable feedback ratings or no ratings at all.

Avoid sellers who act as authorized dealers or factory representatives of popular items in countries where there would be no such deals.

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Score one for steady, American jurisprudence

There are times when it seems our nation's judicial system moves at a snail's pace, leaving law-abiding citizens to shake their heads – and sometimes their fists – in the direction of the courts, judges and lawyers.

Yet as slow as it is, our system is still the best on the planet. Frustrations aside, the alternative isn't palatable.

And there are instances when verdicts are handed down that justify our patience, such as the one rendered this past week in the case of Stewart Rhodes, found guilty of seditious conspiracy for his role in plotting to overthrow the U.S. government on Jan. 6, 2021.

Rhodes, the bellowing and bombastic founder of the Oath Keepers – a far-right militia group who blindly supported The Defeated President – could face up to 20 years in prison for his stupid tantrum, which resulted in deaths, destruction and the interruption of the peaceful transition of power unique to the U.S.

Those who weren't familiar with Rhodes and his screeds received an education into his and his group's hatred of our democracy on Jan. 6.

Terry Cannon Editor



Fellow conspirator, Kelly Meggs, head of the Florida chapter of the Oath Keepers, was also convicted of the same charges and could face serious jail time as well.

During the trial, jurors heard Meggs' message to Rhodes: "We are Militia! We don't have to play by their rules! We make the rules."

If, by now, you are still enamored with TDP and his minions – such as the Oath Keepers, the Proud Boys, et al., -- there's not much that can be said to sway your thinking.

TDP knew of these insurrectionists' plans, encouraged them and knew they were armed and extremely dangerous as they gathered on that Jan. 6 day in Washington D.C.

He didn't care. As is the case with everything else in his sordid, unsavory life, TDP used others to carry out his schemes and it didn't matter that brave people would lose their lives trying to preserve our democracy.

Currently, TDP is up to his double chins in legal trouble, ranging from his role in the insurrection, to stealing classified documents from the White House and stashing them in his Florida estate, trying to skirt tax laws in New York and yet another sexual assault lawsuit.

This past weekend he called for the dissolving of the U.S. Constitution because he lost the 2020 election.

As far as Rhodes is concerned, he actually benefited from the very system he seeks to destroy.

It's not hard to imagine his fate had he tried the same thing in places such as China, North Korea or Russia.

If there were a trial in those or any other non-democratic countries, Rhodes would not have had the benefit of professional legal counsel, a jury of his peers or a fair hearing.

His "trial" would have been over in a matter of

hours and he would be cold in the ground right now.

The nightmare that unfolded on Jan. 6 was truly unsettling. In the hours and days that followed and facts started to come to light, the true horror of what could have happened proved to be a genuine nightmare.

If Rhodes and his law-breakers had accomplished their mission and killed Speaker Nancy Pelosi and Vice President Mike Pence, there would have been chaos the likes of which this country has never seen.

And TDP would have been sitting in the White House, safe from the carnage and greedily plotting his next step to become the nation's first dictator.

Yet, thankfully, our democracy is made of sterner stuff than those nutcases yelling above the din, looking to burn our government to the ground.

Rhodes and his minions found out that while democracy's court system can be slow, it's nonetheless effective. Hopefully, he'll ponder this as he grows older in a federal prison cell.

And let's also hope those who fostered this lawlessness will also be slapped by the steady hand of justice.

Christmas in verse and rhyme

Since it's nearly Christmas, I decided to share one of my old Christmas poems.

'Twas the night before Christmas

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

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

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

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

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

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ONE YEAR AGO, Dec. 8, 2021

Smith County Judge Nathaniel Moran announced his candidacy for the U.S. House of Representatives from District 1 during a ceremony in downtown Tyler. Moran was seeking the seat vacated by former Rep. Louie Gohmert, who became a candidate for Texas Attorney General. Also, Smith County Precinct 1 Commissioner Neal Franklin announced his candidacy for the Smith County Judge position. Franklin was elected to the commissioners court in November, 2020.

FIVE YEARS AGO, Dec. 8, 2017

Lindale High School sophomore Christian Wood

Times of Lindale



was named co-Defensive Newcomer of the Year after the District 17-5A coaches selected the league's all-district teams.

LHS senior defensive end Ty McDaniel was named to the first team as was senior outside linebacker Justin Little. Jordan Robinson, a senior running back, was selected to the second team on offense as was junior wide receiver Colton Brown and guard Cason Cheney. Senior inside linebacker Bryan Edwards was named to the second team as well.

Eagles on the honorable mention team included junior defensive lineman Jonah Flores, sophomore linebacker Nico Flores, junior defensive back Chase Crumpton, junior defensive back Jaron Covey, senior defensive

back Kollin McCartney, junior quarterback Dillon Heinaman, junior offensive lineman James Sandifer, junior wide receiver Brennan Moore and junior wide receiver Cody Pike.

10 YEARS AGO, Dec. 8, 2012

Lindale's Lady Eagles earned a berth in the finals of the annual Hoop Heaven basketball tournament at Lindale High School, but fell to the Pine Tree Lady Pirates, 39-35, in the cham-

pionship contest.

Meanwhile on the boys side, the Eagles advanced to the tournament's third place game, but fell to Spring Hill, 55-42.

Scorers for the Eagles included Dakota Heinaman with seven, Garrett Sir Louis with four, Mason Terry with four, Kolton Pierce with three, Connor Lind with three, Ryan Dudley with five, Dietrick Fry with four and Jacob Capo and Brian Boaz with two apiece.

For the girls, Zhanelle Geathers scored 14 to lead Lindale, while Natasha Malone added seven, Neely Doss had five, Symonne Brookins scored four, Paige Murphy had three and Bailee Glasscock added two.

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Longtime Lindale residents Lawrence and Joyce Nadine Bradway recently celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary with family and friends. The happy couple was married Dec. 7, 1952 in Red Oak, Iowa. (Courtesy photo)

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City officials have decorated Picker's Pavilion for the Christmas holidays outside and inside the facility. There are many holiday-themed displays residents can enjoy throughout December. (Photo by Terry Cannon)



Kids Games

Youngsters enjoyed a variety of games this past Saturday behind the Lillie Russell Memorial Library as the Christmas season officially got under way. (Photo by Terry Cannon)



Post Offices closed on Dec. 26, Jan. 2

Since Christmas and New Year's Day fall on Sunday this year, U.S. Postal officials said all Post Offices will be closed for the observation of both federal holidays on Monday, Dec. 26, 2022 and Monday, Jan. 2, 2023.

There are no residential or business deliveries on Dec. 26 and Jan. 2 except for Priority Mail Express, which is delivered 365 days a year in select locations for an additional fee.

All Post Office locations will be open for business and regular mail delivery will resume after the holidays on Tuesday, Dec. 27 and Tuesday, Jan. 3.

Some Post Offices may have extended hours leading up to the holidays, while others may have limited hours on Christmas Eve, Saturday, Dec. 24. There are currently no plans for limited hours on New Year's Eve, Saturday, Dec. 31. Customers are advised to always check with their local Post Office for hours of operation.

Blue collection boxes with final collection times before noon will not be affected by an early closing Dec. 24. If a box normally has a final collection time after noon, its mail may be picked up earlier that day. For mail pickup on Dec. 24, customers are asked to either put their mail into blue collection boxes by noon regardless of the final collection times posted on the box or take their items to one of our more than 34,000 Post Office locations.

Customers who are unable to mail items before the scheduled collection box pickup times on Dec. 24 should visit the online Postal Locator tool at tools.usps.com to find Post Office locations that may be open late.

As a reminder, blue collection boxes are not serviced on Sundays or holidays.

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FRIDAY, NOV. 25: 7:19 a.m., 405 Cannery Row, missing person; 9:56 a.m., 920 E. Hubbard Street, escort; 4:26 p.m., 130000 block CR 4198, animal at large; 6:09 p.m., South Main/West Hubbard, accident; 6:29 p.m., 105 Ballard Dr., suspicious circumstance; 7:03 p.m., 55 Miranda Lambert Way, welfare concern; 7:05 p.m., 178000 block highway 69 north, accident; 8:03 p.m., 700 Abbey Road, DWI; 8:58 p.m., 556 I-20 west, motorist assist; 9:54 p.m., 3511 South Main, accident.

SATURDAY, NOV. 26: 3:56 a.m., 500 block Sunset, loud noise complaint; 5:57 a.m., 18000 Highway 69 north, traffic hazard; 7:47 a.m., 3512 S. Main, stolen license plate; 10:43 a.m., 553 I-20 West, accident; 1:24 p.m., 75 Miranda Lambert Way, theft; 1:38 p.m., 100 block E. Centennial, motorist assist; 4:17 p.m., 17905 Highway 69 north, business alarm; 8:10 p.m., 1500 S. Main Street, criminal trespass; 8:42 p.m., 507 S. Main, business alarm; 10:33 p.m., 1510 S. Main, suspicious circumstance; 10:59 p.m., 200 E. Hubbard, suspicious vehicle; 11:59 p.m., I-20 service road/Main Street, possession of marijuana.

SUNDAY, NOV. 27: 12:24 a.m., 800 Lindale Industrial Parkway, business alarm; 8:34 a.m., 3512 S. Main, public service; 4:38 p.m. 105 Ballard, public service; 6:29 p.m., 17080 I-20 west, assist sheriff's department; 10:55 p.m.

8:34 a.m., 105 E. Centennial, lockout; 6:55 p.m., 3512 S. Main, suspicious person.

MONDAY, NOV. 28: 6:55 a.m., 3512 S. Main, suspicious person; 7:11 a.m., CR 472/Freedom Drive, parking



violation; 8:17 a.m., 13411 I-20 West, disturbance; 8:32 a.m., 1229 Forest Trails, suspicious vehicle; 8:53 a.m., 1229 Forest Trails, accident; 11:17 a.m., 1420 S. Main, criminal mischief; 12:07 p.m., 3511 S. Main, traffic; 1:03 p.m., 1510 S. Main, hit and run; 1:23 p.m., 300 block Asher Lane, public service; 2:15 p.m., 1510 S. Main, disturbance; 3:08 p.m., 3203 S. Main, disturbance; 3:50 p.m., 14500 FM 849, suspicious vehicle; 3:53 p.m., 3318 S. Main, business alarm; 6:07 p.m., 105 Ballard Drive, public service; 9:24 p.m., 900 Mount Sylvan Street, suspicious vehicle; 9:41 p.m., 21206 Highway 69 north, suspicious vehicle; 11:52 p.m., 554 I-20 West, warrant service.

TUESDAY, NOV. 29: 6:32 a.m., 16140 CR 4197, found property; 6:56 a.m., 800 block Greenwood Circle, residence alarm; 8:53 a.m., 555 I-20 East, suspicious vehicle; 9:26 a.m., 553 I-20 East, accident; 12:41 p.m., 15000 Block Wood Springs Road, welfare concern; 1:23 p.m., 107 E. Hubbard, business alarm; 3:15 p.m., 521 S. Main, verbal disturbance; 8:44 p.m., 1400 S. Main, verbal disturbance.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 30: 12:13 a.m., 3512 S. Main, public service; 1:40 a.m., 3401 S. Main, suspicious vehicle; 6:22 a.m., 13000 Block Choice Circle, assist sheriff's office; 7:06 a.m., Baker Street/Pierce Street, traffic hazard; 7:19 a.m., 200 block Walnut Spring Road, assist EMS; 7:46 a.m., 13000 block FM 2710, welfare concern; 8:12 a.m., 3512 S. Main Street, accident; 9:49 a.m., 920 E. Hubbard, welfare concern; 10:09 a.m., 3222 S. Main Street, lockout; 11:53 a.m., 1307 S. Main, fraud; 3:24 p.m., 2150 block S. Main, motorist assist; 3:38 p.m., 17000 Block Stacy Street, residence alarm; 4:44 p.m., Highway 69 south, stolen vehicle; 5:26 p.m., FM 16 East, reckless driving; 6:31 p.m., 105 E. Centennial, suspicious person; 6:56 p.m., Whataburger, reckless driving; 8:37 p.m., 310 East North Street, suspicious vehicle.

THURSDAY, DEC. 1: 12:40 a.m., 13429 I-20, suspicious circumstance; 4:35 a.m., 907 S. Main, motorist assist; 10:22 a.m., 1511 Bellwood Road, assist another agency; 11:30 a.m., 105 Ballard, fraud; 11:56 a.m., 1200 block S. Main, suspicious circumstance; 12:49 p.m., 500 block Sunset, suspicious vehicle; 2:53 p.m., 600 block Sweetgum Lane, accident; 3:56 p.m., 3511 S. Main Street, accident; 5:42 p.m., 304 N. Main, business alarm; 8:04 p.m., 3318 S. Main, business alarm; 8:43 p.m., business alarm; 9:08 p.m., 55 Miranda Lambert Way, criminal trespass; 11:15 p.m., 318 S. Main Street, suspicious circumstance.

FRIDAY, DEC. 2: 12:21 a.m., 15000 block County Road 463, suspicious vehicle; 1:29 a.m., 101 S. Main Street, possession of drug paraphernalia; 7:43 a.m., 320 S. Main Street, suspicious circumstance.

Smith County Sheriff's Office investigate Sunday shooting

Smith County Sheriff's Office deputies continue to investigate a shooting which took place at a mobile home park at 11300 Highway 271 on Sunday, Dec. 4, said spokesman Larry Christian.

The shooting victim, an unidentified 17-year-old, was shot once in the face and once in the arm. He was transported to UT Health Center North by personal vehicle.

He was then taken to the main UT Health facility in Tyler. Officials believe this was a gang-related shooting and it remains under investigation, Christian said.

The county crime scene unit arrived after the shooting and began collecting evidence. Christian said it appears the shooting suspects entered the area on foot.

Investigators are continuing to work the shooting and are asking if anyone has information pertaining to the case call the Smith County Sheriff's Office at 903-566-6600.

Houston men get fed prison terms for conspiracy to commit bank fraud

Three Houston men have been sentenced to prison this past week for federal violations in the Eastern District of Texas, said Davilyn Walston, spokesperson for U.S. Attorney Brit Featherston.

Marvin Charles Collins, 33; Aquinis Marquis Green, 23; and Antonio Thomas Foster, 21; each pleaded guilty on July 19, 2022, to conspiracy to commit bank theft.

Collins was sentenced to 29 months in federal prison and ordered to pay restitution of \$257,789; Green was sentenced to 46 months in federal prison and ordered to pay restitution in the amount of \$70,324; and Foster was sentenced to 21 months in federal prison and ordered to pay restitution of \$70,324.

The sentencing hearings were held in front of U.S. District Judge Robert W. Schroeder, III.

According to information presented in court, Collins, Green, and Foster, along with four other co-conspirators, conspired to burglarize ATMs (automated teller machines) in the Bowie County area.

On Jan. 26, 2021, an ATM located at the Texar Federal Credit Union on Gibson Lane in Texarkana, Texas, was burglarized and approximately \$127,654.00 was stolen. On Feb. 2, 2021, an ATM located at the Texar Federal Credit Union on W. 7th Street in Wake Village, Texas, was also burglarized and approximately \$10,513.00 was stolen. In each burglary, one of the co-conspirators stole a pickup truck and then the defendants attached chains to the ATM and used the stolen truck to break open the ATM. There was approximately \$60,000 in damage done to each ATM.

This case was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Wake Village Police Department, the Texarkana Police Department, and the Queen City Police Department. This case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Alan R. Jackson.



Josefina Valle was presented with a plaque by Smith County Facilities Director Ed Nichols for her 20 years of service to the county. She was honored during the weekly meeting of the county commissioners. (Courtesy photo)



Smith County Commissioners recently honored Shane Scott for five years of service to the Pre-Trial Services Department. (Courtesy photo)

County employees honored for service time

By Casey Murphy
Smith County Public Information Officer

Josefina Valle was honored during Commissioners Court on Nov. 29 for 20 years of service to Smith County.

"It is my pleasure to have this opportunity to recognize Mrs. Josefina Valle for the 20 years of dedicated service that she has provided to the county," Facilities Services Director Ed Nichols said.

Born in Michoacán, Mexico, Valle moved to Tyler and began working at Luby's Cafeteria in 1984, when she was 23.

"She had a good career there before coming here," Nichols said, adding that she worked at the restaurant for 19 years.

Valle began working as a custodian for the Facilities Services Department in November, 2002 and became a supervisor in February, 2011.

When asked what she has liked most about working for Smith County, she said, "I enjoy getting to know the people here at Smith County."

Nichols said as custodial supervisor since 2011, Valle has done an excellent job of mentoring, training and leading the employees under her supervision.

"Many challenges and changes have arisen over the years, both from within our department and throughout the County," Nichols said. "Some examples include the COVID-19 pandemic, changing elected officials and department heads, as well as staffing shortages. However, Josefina has never shied away from hard work or challenges. Her dedication to duty and

flexibility displayed with her team has enabled our department to ensure clean and safe environments for all who enter the County's facilities. She is a leader who leads from the front and always gets the job done no matter the circumstances, without hesitation or fail."

Valle plans to retire at the end of December to relax and enjoy life while spending time with her family. She and her husband of 41 years have three children and three grandchildren.

"We will sorely miss her being here with us and rest assured that whoever replaces her as supervisor will have big shoes to fill," Nichols said. "Josefina, congratulations and I want to personally thank you for everything you have done for me over the years. I will miss our conversations and I sincerely wish you the best of luck in the next chapter of your life!"

Pre-Trial Services Director

Shane Scott was recognized during Commissioners Court on Nov. 29 for five years of service to the Pre-Trial Services Department, although he has worked for Smith County for more than 30 years.

Scott recently became Pre-Trial Services Director after Gary Pinkerton left the position to become Chief Deputy at the Sheriff's Office.

"I am proud to have been appointed as the Director of the Pre-Trial Release and Personal Bond Office, and I look forward to leading the office as it continues to serve the citizens and clients with professional service."

Pinkerton joked that he and Scott started working for the Sheriff's Office 37 years ago, when both of them had

a lot of hair.

"Shane is dedicated, devoted to his family and he's a company man," Pinkerton said. "He's got some big shoes to fill but you can do it."

Scott began working for the Sheriff's Office as a detention officer in 1987, and worked his way up to detention sergeant, patrol deputy and patrol sergeant. In 2007, he was promoted to lieutenant and assistant jail administrator at the low and medium risk jail facility, overseeing jail operations, horse patrol and the stray livestock program. After 25 years, he retired from the Sheriff's Office in 2012.

From 2012-2016, Scott worked for the Precinct 4 Constable's Office. During that time, he served as a Special Deputy U.S. Marshal, working with the Joint East Texas Fugitive Task Force. Scott again retired from Smith County in 2016.

In 2017, he began working for the Lindale Police Department, but soon left to return to Smith County as a bond investigator for Pre-Trial Services.

Scott was born and raised in Tyler and he and his wife of 34 years, Jeri Lynn, have two children and one grandson.

WORK ANNIVERSARIES

Other employees celebrating a work anniversary in November but who were not in Commissioners Court include:

30 Years: Merlin Hilbrand, District Attorney's Office

20 Years: Dewayne Gray, Sheriff's Office

5 Years: Corey Johnson, Road and Bridge Department; and Sylvia Smith and Vonda Taliaferro, Sheriff's Office.



The annual Lindale Rotary Club's annual Christmas parade was enjoyed by old and young alike as it made its way down Highway 69 this past Saturday. (Photo by Terry Cannon)



Many Christmas-themed floats took part in the Lindale Rotary Club's annual Christmas parade this past Saturday. (Photo by Terry Cannon)

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Lindale 16U team brings home 2nd place at Longview tourney



The Lindale Eagles 16U select baseball team recently competed in the Home Town Challenge tournament in Longview and brought home second place honors. Team members include top row from left, assistant coach Rodgers, Truett Richardson, Hayden Gateley, Isaac Rodgers, Karter Flemming and assistant coach Laing. Front row from left, coach Gateley, Carson McKnight, Lincoln Laing, Jackson Legrow, Dax Derfelt and Jackson Parker. Not pictured, Justin Powell. (Courtesy photo)

The Lindale Eagles' 16U baseball team, made up of 8th, 9th and 10th graders from the LISD, took second place recently in the Home Town Challenge Tournament held at Lear Park in Longview.

The HTC tourney is comprised of teams representing their respective school districts.

Teams entered included two from Hallsville ISD, Rusk ISD's JV squad, two teams from Spring Hill, the Tatum ISD

sophomore team, Kilgore ISD's 9th and 10th grade teams, Henderson ISD and Marshall's ISD sophomore team.

Taking on these teams from across East Texas as well as some chilly weather, the Lindale team earned a berth in the championship game after defeating Spring Hill, 3-1.

The Eagles then fell to defending champion Hallsville in the title game, 1-0.

Overall, the Lindale team played five games in the tournament with the pitching staff striking out 25 of 105 batters faced and allowing just 15 hits and scoring 19 runs.

Dax Derfelt fanned 15 during the tournament over eight innings, while Karter Flemming had three strikeouts in five innings pitched, Isaac Rodgers struck out three in three innings and Jackson Parker, Justin Powell and Jackson Legrow combining for four strikeouts in three innings.

Offensively, the Eagles were led by Powell who hit .667 and had a home run, Derfelt had five hits including two doubles and Hayden Gateley and Flemming combined for six hits and scoring six runs.

Defensively, the Eagles only committed four errors during the tournament.

On Saturday, Lindale played a double header against Hallsville's freshman team first and won 6-1 then beating Rusk's Junior Varsity, 3-1.

These wins enabled Lindale to be the No. 2 seed going into Sunday's bracket play.

On Sunday, the Eagles played Hallsville again and won, 8-3. This enabled Lindale to take on Spring Hill's sophomore team and won 3-1, despite losing Powell for the tournament with a pulled hamstring.

This put Lindale into the championship game against the Hallsville sophomore team.

Lindale dispatches three quality opponents

With District 16-4 play set to begin on Dec. 20, the Lindale High School boys basketball team continued to build its resume with some impressive non-district victories during the Thanksgiving break.

The Eagles defeated Texas High, 54-40, on Nov. 19 in Texarkana, went to overtime on Nov. 21 to defeat Whitehouse on the road, 55-53 and returned home and defeated La Poynor, 68-46.

The Eagles finished this stretch with a 5-1 record.

Head Coach Chris Grotemat understands the value of the pre-district schedule, which can go a long way in terms of building a solid foundation for district play.

"These next 6-8 ballgames are important as our coaching staff works to accumulate analytical data so that we can begin to identify and accentuate positions of strength while also targeting areas for improvement," he said.

The non-district schedule also allows for opportunities for the Eagles to mesh as a team, Grotemat said.

"This is an important part of the journey (leading up to) our Dec. 20 district opener," he said. "But so too is our efforts to grow in terms of the things one cannot so easily quantify-how our teams responds both in times of adversity and prosperity, the authenticity with which teammates treat each other, and how our team members begin to carve out roles on the team."

LINDALE 54, TEXAS HIGH 40

Early turnovers allowed the Tigers to jump out to a 16-11 advantage, but in the second and third quarters Lindale began to assert itself and outscored Texas High 32-10 to take control of the game.

"We hit some impressive shots, but the defensive effort was the real catalyst," Grotemat said.

The Eagles forced nine turnovers during that stretch and held the home team to just 5-18 shooting and turned the first quarter deficit into a commanding 43-26 lead heading into the fourth.

Ryder Johnson led the charge with a game high 18 points for the Eagles on six of eight shooting from the field.

Junior Cole Collinsworth scored 15 points to help the Lindale cause. He and Johnson tallied their 33 points on 23 shots and handed out eight assists.

Yet it was the play of rugged Amare Baptiste that Grotemat cited as a key component in the win.

"I loved his work tonight," Grotemat said. "He contributed seven points, but of greater importance, was a menace on the defensive end."

Baptiste's ball handling skills also impressed the coach.

"We will need him to serve as a primary facilitator at times as opponents work to deny Ryder and Cole the basketball," Grotemat said.

Other offensive standouts included Masen Rainey, Logan Dixon and Kyesen Ripley.

LINDALE 55, WHITEHOUSE 53

The Eagles traveled into unfriendly territory on Nov. 21 to take on Whitehouse's Wildcats and escaped with a 55-53 overtime victory.

Ryder Johnson's pinpoint shooting (9 points) helped the Eagles get out to an early lead and along with Kyesen Ripley's two three-pointers in the second period allowed the Eagles to take a 27-24 lead at

intermission.

"I liked the pace with which we played and our shot selection, but we were a little disengaged defensively in the early going," Grotemat said. "I am not suggesting in any way that we did not play hard or were not focused, but we had a slew of uncharacteristic mistakes -- giving up points on multiple baseline-out-of-bounds plays, miscommunications in ball screen defense and other facets of the game that are typically strengths of ours."

In the third period, Masen Rainey scored a couple of key buckets in the lane as the Eagles built a nine-point lead in the third. Logan Dixon's long range basket gave the Eagles a five-point cushion heading in the fourth.

We struggled to move the ball as well as we did in the early stages of the game, and every time I felt like we had a chance to put the game away, the Wildcats would answer with a run," Grotemat said.

Whitehouse appeared primed to take the lead in the fourth, but Cole Collinsworth pinned a Wildcat shot to the backboard and Ryder Johnson's bucket gave the Eagles a two-point lead with time running down.

After a late Lindale shot didn't fall, the Eagles went to overtime for the first time this year. Collinsworth scored six of Lindale's first eight points in the extra time and with the score tied at 53 with 30 seconds left, Collinsworth scored the game winner on a nice feed from Johnson.

"We played hard enough to win a rivalry game on the road on a night when we weren't at our best," Grotemat said. "A team has to do that sometimes, and our coaching staff is proud of our young men for finding a way to win."

LINDALE 68, LA POYNOR 46

On the surface it would seem that a Class 4A program such as Lindale taking on Class 2A La Poynor would be a mismatch but the Flyers have already taken down Class 6A The Colony and Class 5A Frisco Lebanon Trail.

"Classification does not matter much when it comes to the top teams in each division," Grotemat said about La Poynor.

The Flyers jumped out to a 5-0 lead, but Collinsworth scored 11 points during a 16-2 run to build a Lindale lead going into the second period.

With Logan Dixon connecting from the outside, it opened the floor for drives by Johnson, Collinsworth and Baptiste.

Grotemat was pleased with the performance of Masen Rainey, especially on the defensive end of the court.

"(Rainey) played arguable the best defensive game of his career," Grotemat said. "He was one of the keys in keeping (the Flyers') offense in check."

Lindale raced out to a 31-18 lead at intermission and kept the pressure on during the third period.

"Our team was so efficient after halftime, and once we tightened things up on defense, we were finally able to put the nail in the coffin," Grotemat said.

A quick 10-2 spurt highlighted by a Baptiste slam dunk helped the Eagles extend their lead to 25 points.

Carter Davis gave the back court some added punch in the fourth quarter, and Will Stirling, Parker Primeaux and Chris Ahmet contributed to the effort in the fourth to finish the Flyers.

Junior High Girls rout Van in basketball

The Lindale Junior High Lady Eagles' basketball teams swept four games from the Van Junior High Lady Vandals this past week with the 7th grade B team winning, 28-0; the 7th grade A team scoring a 44-5 win; the 8th grade B team winning 30-12 and the 8th grade A team taking a 32-14 victory.

For the 7th grade B team, Charli Morgan was the leading scorer while Jaci Whitson was the leading rebounder. Breeelyn Gordon led the team in steals and Bridget Speerly was the assists leader.

Joclyn Grogan led the 7th grade A team in scoring, while Zaidyn Chamberlain was the leading rebounder. Rachel Kelley led the team in steals and Joclyn Grogan led

the team in assists.

For the 8th grade B team, Emory Schmidt was the leading scorer and leading rebounder while Kaidance Smith, Claire Means, Kyndal Thurmon and Emory Schmidt were the leaders in assists. Naomi Muhr won the Hustle Award and Emory Schmidt won the Leadership Award.

Madison Devisscher was the leading scorer for the 8th grade A team and Tessa Daniels was the leading rebounder. Lyla Hernandez and Ella Hutchens were the leaders in steals and Ma'Kaylin Smith and Lyla Hernandez were the leaders in assists.

The Hustle Award was won by Tessa Dennis and Madison Devisscher won the leadership award.



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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.



The much loved Christmas movie "It's a Wonderful Life" is captured in this scene at Picker's Pavilion which depicts "It's a Wonderful Life in Lindale."

Photo by Terry Cannon

Another good season in the books for LHS

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and his staff have implemented, the Lindale community should enjoy many more Friday nights in the future.

"Our success has provided us with the chance to be a positive influence on our school and in our community," said Cochran.



Lindale quarterback Clint Thurman rushes for a first down against Kilgore in the Eagles recent Regional Semifinal game with Kilgore. Thurman will return for his senior year in 2023.

Photo by Terry Cannon

Lindale man remains jailed on child pornography charges



Colin Wade Turner, 66 of Lindale remains in the Smith County Jail after being arrested and charged with indecency with a child and possession of child pornography, officials said.

Bond was set at \$2 million.

In addition to the possession charges, Turner is accused of grabbing a young girl.

According to the arrest affidavit, law enforcement officials received a tip on Oct. 27, 2021 from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, which revealed several files of child pornography had been uploaded using an internet search site.

Officials then began an investigation into the sus-

pected individual and an IP address was obtained.

A search warrant was issued for the suspect's apartment on CR 472 in Lindale where law enforcement found more than 2,100 photos depicting child pornography.

The affidavit also stated the young girl made a complaint that Turner had grabbed her inappropriately.

Former Lindale volleyball star earns All-American honors

Kalaya Pierce, a four-year starter and standout for the Lindale High School Lady Eagles, was recently named to the National Junior College Athletic Association's Division III Second Team All-American team while playing for the Dallas College Cedar Valley volleyball team.

Pierce finished second in the nation in total assists with 1,033 as Cedar Valley advanced to the NJCAA DIII Southwest District championship match for the first time since 2003.

She was a First Team All-Dallas Athletic Conference selection and was named the league's Setter of the Year.

Pierce finished her two-year Suns career with 1,814 assists, 583 digs, 73 blocks and 73 aces. She had a career-high 56 assists in a five-set win over Seminole State College Sept. 24.

She recorded 40 or more assists in six matches this season and reached 30 or more in 15.

The Suns finished 15-21 overall, 6-4 in the DAC.

In her final season with Lindale in 2021, Pierce helped the Lady Eagles to a 27-1 record, which propelled them to the No. 2 team in the state during the season.

In her senior year at LHS, she had 762 assists, 43 kills, 21 blocks and 171 digs. Pierce was named Setter of the Year by the district's coaches after her senior season.

She also played for the Lady Eagles' basketball team that finished 24-5 in 2021.

In addition, Pierce was named Women's Volleyball Player of the Week from Sept. 25-Oct. 1 by the Dallas Athletic Conference with 12 kills, 146 assists, 41 digs, five solo blocks and five block assists in 15 sets.

Pierce was also named as a First Team All-DAC selection.



Former Lindale High School volleyball standout Kalaya Pierce was recently named National Junior College Athletic Association Division III Second Team All-American.

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