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## Lindale, area continued to build for future

During 2022, there was a lot of building going on in Lindale, from new facilities in the school district to a new community center to replace the dated one at Pool Park.

Up and down Highway 69/Main Street, new businesses were cropping up. A new dental office is currently under construction and a new Whataburger recently opened on the corner of Highway 69 and Interstate 20.

Domino's Pizza relocated to a spot across from the Old Mill Museum on Highway 69.

Speaking of building, in November Smith County voters approved the construction of a new courthouse at a cost of \$179 million by a 53 to 46 percent vote.

In March, Lindale council members voted to make the city a Sanctuary City for the Unborn after a public hearing was held at Picker's Pavilion.

In April, longtime Lindale City Council members Bob Tardiff and Bryan Summerville submitted their resignations in order to be able to run again in the future if they so choose.

The Lindale ISD continued its run of excellence in academics and extracurricular activities. The Pride of Lindale Marching Band, under the direction of Steven Moore, won its third straight state Military Marching Band championship on Nov. 1.

Also in November, the Lindale High School tennis team advanced to the state quarterfinals.

A look back at the happenings from 2022:

### JANUARY

#### Lindale students selected Texas All-State Musicians

Three members of the Lindale High School Chorale were selected to perform with the Texas All-State Small School Mixed Choir in San Antonio in February after being named All-State Musicians by the Texas Music Educators Association Clinic/Convention.

They are Halle Lambert, Emily Holloway, and Madison Klinkovsky who were students of Kerry Baham.

#### Eagle players named All-District And to All-State Academic Team

Lindale High School senior quarterback Sam Peterson was named the District 9-4A's Most Valuable Offensive Player and sophomore linebacker Jake Curbow was named the Defensive Newcomer of the Year after the league's coaches selected the All-District team for the previous season.

Eight Eagles were named to the first offensive, defensive and utility teams, while another eight were voted to the second offensive and defensive teams.

In addition, six more were voted to the honorable mention team.

Lindale players selected included, first team offense Jacob Seekford, wide receiver; Will Hutchens, Casey Poe and Trey

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Mazratian, offensive linemen; Cason Watts, utility.

On the first team defense, Lindale placed linemen Colton Widemon, Keiler Miller and cornerback Brett Maya.

Nine football players and four athletic trainers earned Academic All-State recognition from the Texas High School Coaches Association.

Tight end Cody Swaim and trainer Meagan McClendon were named to the Academic All-State First Team.

Second team honorees include defensive lineman Cody Davis, quarterback Sam Peterson, wide receiver Isaac Pollard, wide receiver Jacob Seekford and running back Kasey Villarreal.

Earning honorable mention status include wide receiver Evan Alford, trainer Carly Hilliard, wide receiver Judson Long, trainer Chloe Nations, trainer Maddie Villarreal and linebacker/defensive lineman Colton Widemon.

### FEBRUARY

#### No district changes for LHS teams

Following the biennial realignment from the University Interscholastic League, Lindale High School's athletic teams remained in the same districts as the previous two years.

In football, the Eagles stayed in Region III of Class 4A, Division 1 and competed out of District 9-4A with most of the same opponents staying put as well. The only change was Jacksonville coming in and Mabank dropping out.

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

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

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

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

#### Lady Eagles secure District 16-4A title

The Lindale Lady Eagles secured the 2021-22 District 16-4A

championship with a 54-50 victory over the Bullard Lady Panthers in Bullard.

Lindale improved to 19-10 on the season and 10-1 in district and advanced to the state bi district playoffs.

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

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

#### City council sets public hearing date for proposed anti-abortion ordinance

Lindale City Council members set a date for a public hearing concerning a proposed initiative making Lindale a Sanctuary City for the Unborn during their regular at city hall.

The public hearing was scheduled to take place March 24 at 6 p.m. at Picker's Pavilion. The date was proposed by City Manager Carolyn Caldwell and approved by the council.

City bookkeeper Jill Childs read the estimated 18-page document outlining the proposed ordinance to the council in accordance with city guidelines. The reading took approximately 45 minutes.

### MARCH

#### Local anglers bring in big haul

Members of the Lindale High School Bass Club earned a pair of top 20 finishes at the Lake Sam Rayburn bass fishing tournament. Placing sixth was the team of Riley Brown and Fernando Soto with 14.18 pounds of fish while Ryder Dennis and Clint Thurman hauled in 11.03 pounds which qualified for 16<sup>th</sup> place.

#### Judge Moran wins GOP Primary

Smith County Judge Nathaniel Moran secured the GOP nomination for the District 1 seat for the U.S. House of Representatives which was vacated by Louis Gohmert, who was defeated in the Texas Attorney General's Primary by Ken Paxton. Moran defeated Aditya Atholi,

John Porro and Joe McDaniel. Moran tallied 82 percent of the Smith County vote.

Moran garnered 49,144 votes – 63.1 percent – of the overall total, while Jmar Jefferson and Victor D. Dunn were set for a May runoff on the Democratic side.

#### Lindale's Marley Keith named MVP for District 16-4A basketball team

The District 16-4A champion Lindale High School Lady Eagles were well represented on the all-district team with sophomore Marley Keith being named the league's Most Valuable Player and junior Brooke Everest selected co-Defensive Player of the Year.

The Lady Eagles finished the season with a 20-12 overall record and a district-best 11-1 mark. Lindale lost to Paris in the bi-district round, 55-44.

The team was selected recently by the district's coaches.

Marley Keith, Brooke Everest, Kaylie Vickery, Madison Luster, Makenna Burks, Landri Laing, Maggie Spearman, Allie Davenport, Madison Plunkett, Desirae Pennington, Brenley Philen, Felicity Thiem and Jillian Ortiz were all named to the district's All-Academic team as well.

#### Two Lindale Eagles earn first team All-District basketball honors

Lindale's Walter Smith and Ryder Johnson were first team selections as the 16-4A All District boys basketball team has been chosen by the league's coaches.

Second team honorees from Lindale included Taegan Terry, Colby Wood, Cole Collinsworth while Justin Farris, Colton Widemon, Amare Baptiste and Aiden Pierson were honorable mention selections.

The Eagles also landed Walter Smith, Logan Dixon, Ryder Johnson, Taegan Terry, Cole Collinsworth, Colby Wood, Justin Farris, Amare Baptiste, Will Hutchens and Colton Widemon to the All-Academic team.

### APRIL

#### LACC honors dignitaries during 38th banquet

The 38<sup>th</sup> annual Lindale Area

Chamber of Commerce Membership Banquet and Auction – held once against Texas Rose Horse Park – honored leading citizens from the previous year.

Lindale ISD Board President Mike Combs Being was selected as Citizen of the Year, while the Lindale Rotary Club named Joshua Johnson, manager of the Chick Fil A restaurant on Highway 69 as Merchant of the Year. Jill Childs was named the city of Lindale's Employee of the Year.

Kindergarten teacher Cindy Baldwin was named Educator of the Year and Lindale High School's Students of the Year were Ellie Watkins and Cody Peters.

Longtime Precinct 5 Justice of the Peace James Cowart was honored with the Chairman's Award for his service to the chamber and community.

#### Council OKs using grant money for sidewalks

Lindale City Council members approved using \$350,000 in Community Development Block Grant money for sidewalks in the northeast portion of downtown during their first meeting of the month at city hall.

According to City Finance Director David Craft, the council had to approve using the grant money during their regularly scheduled meeting.

Council members also approved an ordinance concerning the city's Extra Territorial Jurisdiction, which was preceded by a mandated public hearing.

#### Council members tender resignations

Lindale City Council members Bob Tardiff and Bryan Summerville submitted their resignations during the council's April 19 regularly scheduled meeting at city hall. Tardiff, Place 4 and Summerville, Place 5, were unable to seek reelection in the upcoming May 7 election due to term limits mandated by the Lindale City Charter. Both Tardiff and Summerville submitted letters of resignation to the mayor and council. Both men said while they can't say for sure if they will seek a council seat in the future, resigning prior to the May election ensures they will live up the Charter's term limits stipulations of being out of office for a year.

### MAY

#### Lindale PD honors Badge of Honor participants

The Lindale Police Department presented plaques of appreciation to groups involved in Badge of Honor classes. Lindale PD officers were Chief Dan Somes, Capt. Brent Chambers and Officer Darren Dailey. Those presented with plaques were Craig Wood of Brisket Love, Bonnie Havens with Chick-Fil-A and Lindale First United Methodist Church Senior Pastor Michael Peschke.

#### Lindale's Casey Poe wins gold at state track meet

Lindale High School sophomore Casey Poe led the way for his school at the UIL Class 4A State Track and Field Championships

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# OPINION/COMMENTARY

## ...from dark to spark

I want to write a 'feel good' column about that post-Christmas glow we should all have, but it is hard to do. So let's just deal with the nitty gritty. Many of you are in a dark place. And if you aren't now, you have been, or will be, struggling with the holidays.

When we were children Christmas was magical. When we were young families and striving to please, we juggled holidays with stress and anticipation. Now we juggle time. And often we find there just isn't enough...never enough.

This Christmas my daughter-in-heart experienced her first without her much loved Dad who died from COVID a few months ago. Her Mom and sister joined us for our family Christmas Eve dinner and presents, but Jim's parents were ill and couldn't come. There was sadness all the way around with everyone doing the best they could.

On Christmas Day my sweetheart, our son and I took dinner and gifts to Jim's folks and tried to stir the embers of Christmas spirit. Then I packed to head to West Texas at the crack of dawn on Sunday to see my Mom, my brother and his family. My sister-in-law and brother now have their time consumed with caring for Mom who at 94 is just flat worn out.

For the first time, for the first Christmas in my life, I didn't see that 'glow' in many of the people I love. I did my best to stir the Christmas coals with special gifts. Everyone in my family makes fun of my abundance of sometimes unusual gifts selected very carefully for each person. Instead of gifts, if I could open Santa's magic bag and pass out miracles, it would be for healing of hearts and bodies, clarity of thought, and joy once more...and most of all time. The one thing we are so very good at letting slip away from us.

My Christmas spirit is fueled by memories of Christmases across the years of my life. This year a new memory of a special gift from my sweetheart fed that spirit. It wasn't the fact that he replaced my favorite Disney purse that touched my heart. I had given that much loved purse to a 6-year old because her mother said she would love it. And before you think too highly of my sacrifice, I have to admit it had become a bit worn.

This purse which is no longer sold in stores, somehow, some way through the magic of Santa's World Wide Web, my elf honey found one that was new. Shiny tears trailed

## The Best of Suzanne Bardwell



down my face when I opened

the gift. Not because my favorite purse was replaced, but because it took great effort to do so. And that dear readers and neighbors is at the heart of Christmas...gifts of love require effort, time and sometimes sacrifice.

I am writing this after driving seven and a half hours to celebrate Christmas once again with my Mom. Bless her precious heart, she thought Jim and our son and daughter-in-heart would be with me. She thought the whole family would be together like we used to be. The truth I live by is that we are...together...even when there are empty chairs at the table. We are bound together forever by love. Love is indeed the 'tie that binds'.

It is a tie that runs from a manger to a Cross through generations. Sometimes we need to remember that our hearts only break where there is great love. That great love will also heal and fill us. It will take the tiny spark of the Christmas glow and build it into a fire filled with memories of joy and the desire to create new memories, sometimes very different from those of our much loved past.

So, whether you are nursing a spark, basking in the glow, or simply struggling to get through and past the holidays, know that you are stronger than you think. You are a miracle meant to share the gift of you with those around you.

Every Christmas, Brian Odom, a former student of mine who was my 2010 high school yearbook editor sends me a text that reads: "You can only take with you that which you have given away". The quote is from my favorite movie, "It's a Wonderful Life". A simple text, a gift, that I have received for the last 11 years. The first time was three weeks before losing my John Wayne of a Dad. Each year that quote has touched my heart in a different way, but I always embrace the fact that this life is meant for living, giving, laughter, love and joy.... and sadness? Well, that is often just a reflection of what has come before which was so very wonderful.

**THE FIRST AMENDMENT:** Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of all the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances.

## THE ECONOMIST

By Dr. M. Ray Perryman

### Around the State

Our latest projections indicate that both large and small Texas metropolitan areas are on track to experience notable employment growth over a long-term forecast horizon.



While temporary fluctuations are inevitable, the population centers of the state are well-positioned for expansion over an extensive period.

All metropolitan areas are forecast to see employment growth from 2021 to 2050, with several outpacing the statewide rate of 1.50% per year over the period. The greater Houston and Dallas-Plano-Irving areas are expected to account for nearly half of the total employment gain. Almost eight of every 10 new jobs in Texas are projected to be added in the seven largest population centers over the next 30 years, as an ongoing pattern of concentration persists (especially in suburban segments).

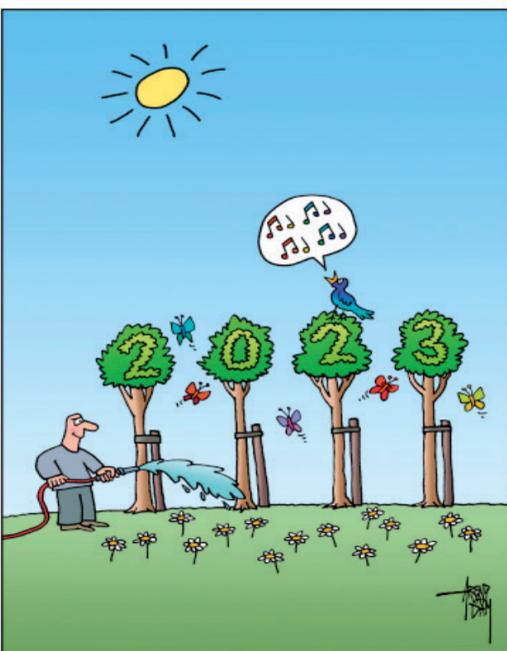
The largest metropolitan statistical areas (MSA) are Houston-The Woodlands-Sugar Land (with total employment of 3.11 million), followed by the Dallas-Plano-Irving Metropolitan Division (MD) with 2.78 million, the Austin-Round Rock-Georgetown MSA (1.14 million), the San Antonio-New Braunfels MSA (1.13 million), the Fort Worth-Arlington-Grapevine MD (1.07 million), the El Paso MSA (352,000), and the McAllen-Edinburg-Mission MSA (277,000).

Among the biggest population centers, Dallas-Plano-Irving is expected to expand at the fastest pace, followed by Austin-Round Rock-Georgetown and McAllen-Edinburg-Mission. Several smaller metro areas with economies more focused on energy and technology-related manufacturing industries (Odessa, Midland, Tyler, and Sherman-Denison) are also likely to outpace Texas' overall performance.

The resilient Houston-The Woodlands-Sugar Land MSA economy is expected to see economic expansion which aligns closely with the state's overall rate. The Fort Worth-Arlington-Grapevine area is on track for steady expansion over the period through 2050, and El Paso is likely to see modest, yet positive growth. San Antonio-New Braunfels is expected to expand in line with other large metro areas, all of which are well above national norms.

Smaller metropolitan areas in the state are also projected to be important contributors to overall employment growth. As noted, the most rapidly expanding MSAs in this category at present are those dominated by energy activity or dynamic production sectors (such as semiconductors or biosciences). Employment expansion in the remaining MSAs is expected to range from 1.24% per year to 1.49% per annum. In descending order of anticipated growth rates, these urban areas include Brownsville-Harlingen, Abilene, Waco, Longview, Laredo, Texarkana, Corpus Christi, Lubbock, Beaumont-Port Arthur, Amarillo, San Angelo, College Station-Bryan, Wichita Falls, Victoria, and Killeen-Temple. Although the pace varies, all parts of Texas are likely to experience sustainable economic gains.

Texas and its diverse metropolitan areas are well-positioned for long-term economic prosperity despite recent challenges. While the largest population centers will remain the primary sources of employment and activity, smaller MSAs are also expected to enjoy notable expansion in the decades to come. Happy Holidays!



## Winter storm called 'once in a generation'

An arctic storm that swept through the state bringing low temperatures and high winds also affected roughly two-thirds of the country's population, according to the National Weather Service, bringing the coldest Christmas in decades to parts of the country.

The *Dallas Morning News* reported around 190 million people across the United States were under some type of winter weather advisory starting last Thursday.

"This is quite the arctic cold air outbreak," said Hunter Reeves, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service in Fort Worth. "This air has been bottled up in Canada and is letting loose, headed straight south."

The Electric Reliability Council of Texas, which manages nearly all the state's electric grid, reported Friday that grid conditions were adequate to handle current demand for power. ERCOT is providing a dashboard that monitors supply and demand across the state. Texas is coming up on the second anniversary of Winter Storm Uri, which resulted in power outages throughout much of the state and at least 137 deaths. The storm resulted in several measures to improve the grid's reliability.

Temperatures in the latest arctic storm were in single digits Friday throughout much of the state.

## Gary Borders Capital Highlights



### Study on antisemitism in Texas released

A committee established by the 2021 Texas Legislature has submitted its first study on antisemitism in Texas, laying out eight recommendations to the state's leaders and lawmakers.

The Texas Holocaust, Genocide, and Antisemitism Advisory Commission (THGAAC) report concludes "antisemitic incidents have grown more frequent and extreme in Texas in recent years," reflecting a national and global trend. Five of the recommendations can be implemented directly by the commission through its ongoing advisory role to universities, school districts, government agencies and law enforcement, largely through training and outreach.

Three of the commission's recommendations require legislative action in the upcoming session:

- Creating a state-funded security grant program to help religious organizations, schools and community centers harden their security infrastructures.
  - Prohibiting state-funded colleges from implementing academic boycotts, such as those promoted through the global Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions (BDS) movement.
- Scheduling "listening tours" for lawmakers to speak with THGAAC, local educators and museum officials to better understand their needs around Holocaust and antisemitism education.

### Drunk-driving prevention program

Through New Year's Day, the Texas Department of Transportation is teaming up with law enforcement across the state to target motorists driving under the influence of alcohol. Nearly one-fourth of all traffic fatalities during last year's monthlong holiday season involved drunk driving.

"With everything going on in the world these past few years, we want everyone to be able to celebrate this joyous time of year without the tragic consequences of drinking and driving," said TxDOT Executive Director Marc Williams. "Get together with family and friends and have a great time, but please find an alternative way home if you choose to drink. You have many options available."

The state has launched a series of public service announce-

ments emphasizing its Drive Sober. No Regrets campaign.

### Tips to prevent space heater fires

With the winter weather comes an increased risk of fires caused by space heaters, which have resulted in several fatalities in Texas during the last few years. The Texas Department of Insurance offers the following tips for keeping the household safe when using these popular heaters:

- Inspect the heaters before using, making sure there are no cracked or broken plugs or loose connections.
- Don't place the heater too close to furniture, bedding or clothing, keeping at least 3 feet of space between the heater and anything that can burn.
- Always plug heaters directly into wall outlets, not into extension cords or power strips.
- Be aware that children or household pets can inadvertently knock over a heater or get too close and burn themselves. Keep heaters out of hallways and other spaces where either two-legged or four-legged critters pass by. Ideally, look for models that shut off automatically when tipped over.
- Never store flammable liquids in the same room as a heater, and always turn space heaters off before leaving the room or going to bed.

### Sustainably dispose of Christmas trees

For those who chose to buy a live Christmas tree either from one of the state's 175 Christmas tree farms or retail outlets, there are several sustainable ways to dispose of the tree once the holidays have passed. The Texas A&M Forest Service offers a number of alternatives to sending the trees to landfills.

Real trees are biodegradable, and many communities have tree recycling programs. Contact your local waste management company for information. Another possibility is mulching the tree to provide insulation around trees and garden plants.

Christmas trees also can be used as pond and wildlife habitat, providing a place for aquatic species to flourish in ponds and lakes. Trees can also be placed in yards and turned into bird habitats by tying bird feed, orange slices or popcorn to the branches.

### COVID-19 cases rise slightly

The number of new COVID-19 cases in Texas during the past week rose slightly to 31,169, with 120 deaths reported by the Coronavirus Resource Center at Johns Hopkins University. The number of lab-confirmed COVID-19 patient hospitalizations also rose slightly to 2,327, according to the Texas Department of State Health Services.



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# A well-deserved thank you to retiring judge

Smith County Commissioners recently honored five long time county employees with a "Key to the County" for their long years of service.

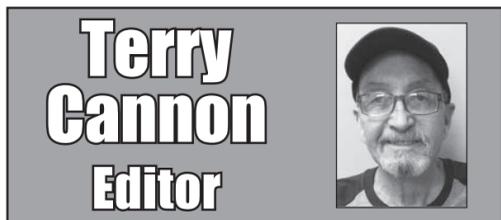
Judge Jack Skeen Jr. of the 241st District Court (40 years), Precinct 4 Justice of the Peace Mitch Shamburger (also 40 years), County Court-at-Law 3 Judge Floyd Getz (23 years), Precinct 4 JoAnn Hampton (19 years) and Precinct 2 Commissioner Cary Nix (11 years) were celebrated.

All deserve thanks from a grateful county for their selfless service but one in particular, the retiring Judge Skeen, is someone worthy of special note.

I've been in his courtroom twice in the past 20 years, not as a defendant or plaintiff but as a prospective juror.

The first time was back in 2006 and I was in the group of about 40 or so who made it to voir dire, or the preliminary examination by lawyers and judge as they attempt to select a jury. I was released from jury duty later that day.

However, about 10 years later, I again made it to the



**Terry Cannon**  
Editor

voir dire stage but this time I was one of the 12 selected to hear a case in Judge Skeen's court.

It involved a two-time felon who was facing yet another drug possession charge and it just so happened this loser had also been accused of physically abusing the woman with whom he was living. But the DA's office focused on the drug possession because it would be easier to prove in order to send him back to prison.

The trial, as Judge Skeen told us jurors at the beginning, probably wouldn't last a week. He was right. We found the defendant guilty and had him sentenced to 25 years in prison by Friday of that week.

But my association with my favorite judge began long before that and as odd as it sounds, our first encoun-

ter was in a baseball dugout.

In the late 1990's I was the coach of my son's youth baseball team, a collection of 7-8 year-olds. A team parent called and asked if I would be interested in having another player, the son of the Smith County District Attorney.

Um, sure, I said. Couldn't hurt to have the son of the county's top law enforcement official on our team. Umpire arguments would be easy to win for sure.

Anyway, our new teammate arrived at our next practice and he was a dandy. Full of energy and a skill level that belied his young age. Hot dang, we had us a great shortstop. Jack Skeen III became a key player in the success of our club.

But so far I hadn't met his dad.

That changed at our next

game a few nights later. After exchanging lineups with the other coach I noticed a man in a suit -- who looked as if he had just gotten off work -- organizing our dugout. Yep, the Smith County DA was making sure a group of young yahoos were in the right place and paying attention.

As I approached our dugout, he smiled, stuck out his hand and began a friendship that I cherish to this day.

See, this is exactly who Judge Skeen is -- a man who can run an impartial district court and help maintain order in a baseball dugout full of overactive youngsters.

During that first time I was in his court in voir dire, the defendant's lawyer asked each of us if we knew any of the court officials. I said yes, I used to coach Judge Skeen's son.

"Did you feel you had to play his son because his dad is a judge?" the lawyer asked, smiling.

"No, I played him because he was talented and he helped us win," I truthfully said, without a smile.

But I noticed the judge was smiling.

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## ONE YEAR AGO, Dec. 30, 2021

Glenda Whisenhunt was honored by the Smith County Commissioners Court for 20 years of service in the Juvenile Services Department as well as in the County Clerk's office as a deputy clerk. While working in Juvenile Services, she was the appointed data coordinator in addition to working as a personnel administrative assistant and as administrative assistant for H.O.P.E Academy.

## FIVE YEARS AGO, Dec. 28, 2017

The Lindale Junior High School girls 8th grade A basketball team defeated Jacksonville, 33-21, in a district game held at the LJHS gym. Brenley Philen and Darby Woodrum were the leading scorers while Kenleigh Aguirre, Emily Havens and Darby Woodrum were the leaders in steals. Philen was also the leading rebounder.

## 10 YEARS AGO, Dec. 27, 2012

Lindale ISD Education Foundation Directors awarded grants to four schools in the district as part of the LISD Honor Roll Award program.

The foundation awarded almost \$10,000 in grants for technology and science projects at Lindale High School and E.J. Moss Intermediate School.

Funding for the grants was provided by Lindale's Red Baron Companies. Jerry Alexander, owner of Red Baron Companies, joined foundation directors for the special grant presentations.

The donated funds were awarded in addition to the foundation's normal grant cycle which provides grants for innovative projects during the spring semester of each school year.

Grant applications for the Red Baron Companies' funds were submitted over a two week period.



These Lindale employees were recently honored by Austin Bank. From left, Tammy Vale, Kelly Kizer and Courtney Watts. (Courtesy photo)

## Austin Bank recognizes Lindale employees

Officials with Austin Bank recently honored employees for their outstanding work and years of service with the company, including three from Lindale, publicity officials said.

"We are proud of all these employees because they work as a team serving our friends, neighbors and businesses located here in East Texas," said Austin Bank Chairman Jeff Austin III. "They are the key to our bank's success. Each one takes pride in the tasks they handle in their job; and at the same time these employees continually strive to provide excellent service to our bank customers."

Kelly Kizer has been with Austin Bank for 15 years and serves as the Assistant Vice President and Retail Office Manager in the Lindale office, previously managing the Grand Saline location.

Kizer is a graduate of Lindale High School and member of the Austin Bank Leadership Class of 2010. She has two children, two grandchildren and lives in Lindale.

Tammy Vale, Loan Assistant, has over 20 years of banking experience, the last 15 being at Austin Bank. A graduate of John Tyler High School, Vale participates in her local bowling league, is a member of the Lindale Rotary Club, and is a mentor in the Austin Bank Mentorship program.

She and her husband, Nigel, are members of First United Methodist Church and reside in Tyler.

They have three children and six grandchildren.

Courtney Watts, Retail Office Manager in the bank's Noonday location, has spent the last 15 of her 19 years in banking at Austin Bank. Watts has held several positions at the bank including floater teller, customer service representative, banking officer, and universal banker.

A graduate of Lindale High School, she has also completed the Austin Bank Leadership program and is an ABA Certified Customer Service Representative. She and her husband, Anthony, reside in Lindale with their sons -- Cason, Cory, and Conner. This year's annual luncheon honored a group of 63 employees with a combined total of 837 years of experience.

## Musings from snippets to pearl snaps

Here are some snippets from some of my past Facebook posts.

Janet and I were drivin' down the Old Troup Road in Tyler recently and I pointed at an overgrown dirt road.

"Remember that road?" I said. She looked to where I was pointin' and then looked back at me. I raised my eyebrows a couple of times, smiled, and nodded my head.

"What are you talking about?" she asked.

"Oh come on," I said. "You don't remember that road?" and I raised my eyebrows up a couple of more times.

"No, I don't remember that road."

"Come on. We used to go parkin' on that road."

"Oh really? And when was this?"

"When we were at Lee."

"Rusty, I didn't start at Robert E. Lee until my senior year and you had already graduated and I've never seen that road in my life."

"Oh, huh....." I said and then looked straight ahead.

"Well?" growled Janet.

"Well what?"

"Do you want to say something?"

I swallowed hard. "Uh, sure," I said. "So, how about dem Cowboys?"

I just had a Tootsie Roll that somebody put in the freezer. Now I know what a dog goes through when it's gnawin' on a rawhide bone.

You know, I'm goin' to quit weighin' when Janet's around. I climbed upon the scales this morning. "Whoa!" I exclaimed. Janet was behind me puttin' on her war paint.

"What's the matter?" she ask.

"This thing says I'm pushin' 200 pounds," I replied.

She turned and looked at me. "That's nothing," she said. "You ought to see what you're pulling."

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Here are 10 things about myself that people may not know.

1. I can see my obituary now; "Rusty bled to death while trying to unwrap a Band-Aid."

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I was drivin' down the road a few weeks ago, listenin' to the radio when the DJ said, "Today is November the 12th. Let's look and see what famous people were born on this day."

Well, I turned up the radio because today is my birthday and I was all excited to hear who the famous people were that share this day with me.

"Well, the DJ said. "It looks like there is just one name on the list. It's Charles Manson."

That figures.

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Tonight Janet said, "Come on. I'm taking you out for your birthday."

"Where are you takin' me?" I asked.

"Well, it's your birthday," she said. "I'm taking you to your favorite place."

We went to Whataburger. Now that, my friends, is a wife.

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Here are 10 things about myself that people may not know.

1. I could swim a lot faster before I had those extra toes removed.

2. I have my Wranglers custom made with a pocket to hold my vestigial tail.

3. I used to use Head & Shoulders, but now I use Mop & Glow.

4. I was raised by wolves, but they gave me up because the extra toes creeped them out.

5. I once found a lost Indian tribe, but I forgot where I put them.

6. I was almost recruited by a Jewish sect, but my

lawyer found a clause in the contract about no bacon.

7. I have a PHD (post hole digger).

8. About a month ago I discovered that I was mis-sin' a rib. I told the waitress at Country Tavern and she brought me another one.

9. When I was a kid I ate so much chicken that Mom pulled the mattress off of the bed so I could roost on the slats.

10. I cannot be cremated because of my history with bacon consumption. They said the grease fire would be uncontrollable.

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The older my hands get, the more I appreciate pearl snap shirts.

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This morning I walked into the bedroom where Janet was makin' up the bed. "I need you to help me find something," I said.

She never looked up. "Don't tell me," she said. "You've put your boxer

shorts on backwards again."

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I was workin' in town today and I met Janet for lunch. We were lookin' over the menu when I said, "Hey, how about a quickie for lunch?"

"Do what?!" she said.

I pointed at an item on the menu, smiled, and then raised my eyebrows a couple of times.

Janet looked where I was pointin'.

She rolled her eyes and said, "That says quiche, you idiot."

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I went to the doctor this mornin' for a routine check-up. When I got home I found Janet in the kitchen.

"Well?" she questioned.

"Well what?" I asked.

"What did the doctor say?"

"He said I'd live," I replied.

"OK," she said. "Then take out the trash."

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I walked into the bathroom this mornin' and Janet was clampin' her eyelashes in one of those plier things. I stepped upon the scales and when I saw what it said, I groaned.

Janet turned to me and asked, "Was that you or the scales?"



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# Applications being accepted for Appraisal Review Board

District Judge Reeve Jackson, administrative judge for the state district courts in Smith County, is accepting applications from Smith County citizens interested in service on the Appraisal Review Board for the Smith County Appraisal District, publicity officials announced.

To be considered, an application should be submitted to Judge Jackson through the SCAD Taxpayer Liaison Officer no later than Tuesday, Jan. 31, 2023, officials said.

The ARB is responsible, by statute, for reviewing the appraisal records and attending hearings where members will make determinations regarding taxpayer protests, motions to correct the appraisal roll and taxing entity challenges.

The ARB is made up of Smith County citizens and has the power to make the necessary changes to solve property tax problems.

The ARB comprises seven regular board members and up to fifteen auxiliary board members. All members are appointed in the same manner, for the same staggered two-year term, and are subject to the same eligibility requirements.

Auxiliary board members may hear taxpayer protests before the ARB and serve on hearing panels.

Auxiliary board members are considered regular board members for all purposes related to the conduct of the hearings. However, they may not vote on any ARB final determination, may not be counted toward a quorum, and may not serve as chairman or secretary of the ARB.

Most protest hearings occur during the months of June and July. Hearings are conduct-

ed by panels of three members with periodic meetings of a quorum of the board.

Typically, members will be needed to serve on a panel for three or four half-days per week during June and July. At other times of the year, board meetings are scheduled as needed, approximately once a month.

Annual training is required for both new and returning ARB members. Workshops are sponsored by the State Comptroller's Property Tax Assistance Division and are held each year in the spring.

Candidates for the ARB must be current residents of Smith County, having resided in the county for at least two years; must be up to date on property tax payments for property in Texas or show that the property tax is being paid under an installment agreement.

Candidates are not eligible to serve on the ARB if they served for all or part of three previous terms as a board member or auxiliary board member.

Persons who fall into any of the following categories are not eligible to serve:

-- Individuals who are currently employed by the State Comptroller of Public Accounts or are a member of the governing body, an officer, or a full or part-time employee of the county, city, school district, community college district, MUD, or any other entity supported by local property taxes. Former governing body members or officers of a taxing unit served by SCAD, are ineligible for four full years from the date they ceased to serve in that capacity.

-- Anyone who personally, or whose spouse personally, has a contract with a local government or the appraisal district. The same

restriction applies if the person, or his or her spouse, owns a ten percent or greater interest in a business which contracts with a local government or the appraisal district.

-- Persons who have appeared before the ARB for compensation as a tax consultant, appraiser, or representative of a property owner less than two years before the date the person is appointed.

-- Any individual who has ever been employed by SCAD or has ever served as a member of the district's Board of Directors.

Applicants who are presently under indict-

ment or have previously been convicted of a felony or misdemeanor involving moral turpitude.

Application forms can be obtained by calling the SCAD office and speaking with Kristi Brown, the Taxpayer Liaison Officer, at 903-510-8600. Applications may also be obtained online at [www.smithcad.org](http://www.smithcad.org). Applications should be submitted to:

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The Lindale Rotary Club recently honored its Day of Giving recipients in the Lindale area. This is an annual donation by the club. This year's recipients include: The Lindale Volunteer Fire Department, Mercy Ships, ShelterBox, Bethesda Health Clinic, Boy Scouts Troup 351, Children's Advocacy Center of Smith County, Heart and Hands of Smith County, David Powell Community Food Pantry, Hope Haven of East Texas, Lillie Russell Memorial Library, Lindale Independent School District Education Foundation and the Lindale Christmas Helpers. The club also presented a check to Methodist Pastor Michael Peschke in acknowledgement of the meeting location provided by the church. (Courtesy photo)

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### Lindale Police Department call logs, Dec. 14-22:

**WEDNESDAY, DEC. 14:** 12:33 p.m., Welfare Concern, 500 blk Sunset Drive; 2:48 p.m., Traffic Complaint, CR 474/S Main Street; 3:40 p.m., Illegal Dumping, 15000 blk Country Way; 4:27 p.m., Assist EMS, 3200 blk S Main Street; 5:36 p.m., Found Property, 13000 blk Harvey Road; 5:56 p.m., Parking Violation, 3500 blk S Main Street; 6:37 p.m., Accident, 13000 blk CR 472.

**THURSDAY, DEC. 15:** 2:27 a.m., Assist EMS, 13000 blk CR 472; 5:41 a.m., Warrant Service, 900 blk E South Street; 11:16 a.m., Public Service, 300 blk Asher Lane, 12:27 p.m., Accident, 200 blk S Main Street; 2:06 p.m., Accident, 3500 blk S Main Street; 3:04 p.m., Public Service, 100 blk Ballard Drive; 5:50 p.m., Reckless Conduct, 900 blk N Main Street; 9:13 p.m., Welfare Concern, 300 blk S Main Street; 9:30 p.m., Suspicious Vehicle, 200 blk Heritage Court; 11:30 p.m., Warrant Service, 13000 blk CR 472.

**FRIDAY, DEC. 16:** 2:39 a.m., Suspicious Vehicle, 100 blk W Hubbard Street; 4 a.m., Welfare Concern, 13000 blk CR 472; 9:30 a.m., Public Service, 300 blk S. Main St.; 11:59 a.m., Assist EMS, 100 blk E. Centennial Blvd.; 2:28 p.m., Suspicious Person, 100 blk E. Hubbard Street; 3:44 p.m., Assist Another Agency, 13000 blk Interstate 20 E; 4:03 p.m., Motorist Assist, 100 blk E. Centennial Blvd.; 5:59 p.m., Assist SCSO, 300 blk Funtier Lane; 6:59 p.m., Suspicious Person, 200 blk Sandy Drive; 9:04 p.m., Suspicious Circumstance, 15000 blk Brittain Court; 9:44 p.m., Suspicious Circumstance, 200 blk Shelley Lane; 10:40 p.m., Assist EMS, 3300 blk S. Main Street.

**SATURDAY, DEC. 17:** 7:21 a.m., Traffic Complaint, 16000blk Interstate 20 E; 8:45 a.m., Motorist Assist, 2100 blk S Main Street; 10:22 AM, Escort, 200blk W South Street; 1:58 PM, Suspicious Circumstance, 100blk E Centennial Blvd; 3:350 PM Hit & Run, 11000 blk Interstate 20 E; 11:26 PM, Assist SCSO, 15000 blk Country Walk Drive.

**SUNDAY, DEC. 18:** 12:02 AM, Welfare Concern, 1100 blk Woodlands Park Drive; 1:09 AM, Missing Juvenile/Runaway, 3500 blk S Main Street; 6:10:39 AM, Alarm Residence, 300 blk Helen Drive; 2:40 PM, Welfare Concern, 13800 blk, Hwy 69 N; 4:09 PM, Assist Another Agency, 3500 blk S Main Street;



4:44 PM, Assist EMS, 13000 blk, CR 472; 7:43 PM, Criminal Trespass, 300 blk S Main Street; 8:56 PM, Reckless Driving, 11000 blk Interstate 20 E; 9:44 PM, Suspicious Vehicle, 16000 blk CR 452; 11:58 PM, Motorist Assist, 17000 blk Hwy 69 N.

**MONDAY, DEC. 19:** 12:06 AM, Public Service, 100 blk Ballard Drive; 4:33 AM, Parking Violation, Freedom Drive; 5:56 AM, Suspicious Circumstance, Camden Court/Corrigan Trails Blvd; 8:31 AM, Alarm Business, 3200 blk S Main Street; 10:24 AM, Assist EMS, 13000 blk CR 472; 10:36 AM, Escort, 200 blk W South Street; 1:44 PM, Accident, 13000 blk Interstate 20 W; 2 PM, Assist Another Agency, 13000 blk Interstate 20 E; 2:30 PM, Accident, 16000 blk Interstate 20 E; 2:37 PM, Alarm Business, 13000 blk Interstate 20 W; 4:31 PM, Public Service, 6000 blk N Main Street; 7:57 PM, Illegally Parked Vehicle, 13000 blk CR 472; 9:50 PM, Suspicious Circumstance, 3300 blk S Main Street; 10:58 PM, Suspicious Vehicle, 200 blk Canery Row;

**TUESDAY, DEC. 20:** 12:29 AM, Suspicious Circumstance, 1000 blk N Park Drive; 4:23 AM, Suspicious Vehicle, 3200 blk S Main Street; 4:39 AM, Assist Another Agency, 13000 blk CR 472; 7:11 AM, Suspicious Circumstance, 400 blk Hill Street; 9:29 AM, Assist EMS, 13000 blk CR 472; 10:39 AM Escort, 200 blk W South Street; 10:50 AM, Accident, S Main Street/W Hubbard Street; 1:28 PM, Disturbance, 300 blk S Industrial Street; 1:58 PM, Accident, Brad Circle/Pierce Street; 3:10 PM, Abandoned Vehicle, 100 blk E Centennial Blvd; 3:53 PM, Motorist Assist, 100 blk E Centennial Blvd; 3:58 PM, Assist

Another Agency, Eagle Spirit Drive/S Main Street; 4:09 PM, Assist Another Agency, FM 16 / Hwy 69; 4:16 PM, Identity Theft, 400 blk Mission Crest Circle; 4:49 PM, Parking Violation, 500 blk S Main Street; 5:56 PM, Accident, 100 blk E Centennial Blvd; 5:58 PM, Suspicious Vehicle, 3200 blk S Main Street; 7:28 PM, Assist SCSO, 12000 blk CR 472; 8:41 PM, Welfare Concern, 500 blk Sunset Drive; 8:45 PM, Welfare Concern, 500 blk N Henry Street; 9:35 PM, Suspicious Vehicle, 200 blk Cannery Row, 11:23 PM, Parking Violation, 700 blk Miranda Lambert Way; 11:56 PM, Disturbance; 3500 blk S Main Street.

**WEDNESDAY, DEC. 21:** 12:59 AM, Suspicious Vehicle, 500 blk Blackberry Blvd; 1:12 AM, Alarm Business, 500 blk S Main Street; 5:58 AM, Public Intoxication, 100 blk E Centennial Blvd; 9:42 AM, Criminal Mischief, 13000 blk Interstate 20 W; 11:20 AM, Theft, 100 blk E Centennial Blvd; 11:57 AM, Harassment, 400 blk Hill Street; 12:16 PM, Check In Passing, 800 blk Pineland Lane; 1:05 PM, Accident, 300 blk S Main Street; 1:52 PM, Welfare Concern, 400 blk Crosby Street; 2:42 PM, Suspicious Vehicle, 3200 blk S Main Street; 4:20 PM, Accident, CR 474/S Main Street; 4:47 PM, Traffic Hazard, 1900 blk S Main Street; 6:02 PM, Accident, 13000 blk Interstate 20 W; 7:49 PM, Alarm Business, 16000 blk Village Lake Drive; 7:56 PM, Suspicious Vehicle, 100 blk E Centennial Blvd; 10:32 PM, Assault- Simple, 100 blk E Centennial Blvd.

**THURSDAY, DEC. 22:** 10:48 AM, Traffic Hazard, 200 blk S Henry Street; 12:04 PM, Alarm Business, 200 blk S Main Street; 12:07 PM, Traffic Hazard, 600 blk S Boyd Street; 1:15 PM, Accident, 3500 blk S Main Street; 1:16 PM, Motorist Assist, 1600 blk S Main Street; 1:46 PM, Alarm Residence, 17000 blk Stacy Street; 3:30 PM, Accident, 13000 blk Interstate 20 W; 3:31 PM, Motorist Assist, 1200 blk S Main Street; 7:56 PM, Cruelty To Animals, 200 blk N Henry Street; 4:02 PM, Motorist Assist, S Main Street/Ballard Drive; 4:24 PM, Accident, 1100 blk S Main Street; 4:44 PM, Public Service, 100 blk Ballard Drive; 5:20 PM, Cruelty To Animals, 300 blk Mt Sylvan Street; 6:16 PM, Warrant Service, 2400 blk S Main Street; 7:13:44 PM, Alarm Business, 17000 blk Hwy 69 N; 8:35 PM, Verbal Disturbance, 100 blk Ballard Drive; 9:29 PM, Reckless Driving, 100 blk E Centennial Blvd; 1:12 PM, Alarm Business, 500 blk N Main Street.

## Retiring Smith County elected officials honored

By Casey Murphy  
Smith County Public Information Officer

Five Smith County elected officials were honored during Commissioners Court on Tuesday, Dec. 13, for their 133 years of combined service as they retire at the end of the year.

"We are among royalty today -- well over a hundred years of service," Smith County Judge Neal Franklin said of all of those retiring.

Elected Officials who were presented with a "Key to the County" included 241st District Judge Jack Skeen Jr., 40 years; Precinct 4 Justice of the Peace Mitch Shamburger, 40 years; County Court-at-Law 3 Judge Floyd Getz, 23 years; Precinct 4 Commissioner JoAnn Hampton, 19 years; and Precinct 2 Commissioner Cary Nix, 11 years.

### JUDGE JACK SKEEN JR.

Skeen was first elected as Smith County District Attorney in 1982. In 2003, he was appointed to 241st District Judge and has been reelected ever since.

After graduating from Baylor Law School in 1971, he worked as Assistant Smith County District Attorney for one year and then became the first full-time City Attorney for Tyler. He was then appointed Tyler Municipal Court Judge, which he served for five years before being elected as District Attorney.

"I appreciate all of the people I've worked for and I'm talking about the people of Smith County that I've worked for over all of these 40 years. They've elected me each time I came up and that's why I'm still here," Skeen said. "It's been an honor to serve the people of Smith County as District Attorney and District Judge."

Skeen recognized his longtime employee, Denise Langston, who began working for him in 1994. She moved with him to the 241st District Court in 2003 and has served as his court coordinator ever since.

"She's just kept me going and I don't know what I'd do without her," he said of Langston, who is also retiring at the end of this year.

"I've had so many people over all these years that have helped me so much, the law enforcement officers, people at the Courthouse who have worked for me and the people of the County," Skeen said. "I've really been very fortunate."

Franklin said that everybody knows Skeen, who he called a legend. "We appreciate your service," he said.

"Judge Skeen I appreciate your service," Commissioner Terry Phillips said. "I think you're a light to some of these other judges who can learn from you. You've got a calm demeanor ... always calm, steady at the wheel, courteous to people."

### JUSTICE OF THE PEACE MITCH SHAMBURGER

Justice of the Peace Mitch Shamburger has served for 40 years, since he was first elected in 1982.

Shamburger has been a lifelong resident of Precinct 4, except for five years serving as a Paratrooper in the 82nd Airborne. In the Armed Forces Medical Program, he became a Licensed Nurse. He has served as Winona Independent School Board Trustee and is a graduate of Winona ISD. He also holds a Bachelor Degree from the University of Texas at Tyler.

"I've had many joyful times," Shamburger said of his time at Smith County. "My staff is of course responsible for helping me get to where I'm at ... I've had a lot of enjoyable moments, I've had some heartbreaks with the County. But through it all, I am hoping retirement is going to be amicable to me. I'll still be around, still be alive so if anyone needs anything from me, give me a call."

"Another legend out there, everybody knows Judge Shamburger," Franklin said.

He said he has heard so many positive things all through the years of the work that Shamburger has done and all of the citizens he has affected in a positive way. "Thank you so much for your service," he said.

Phillips agreed.

"You've been really good to the County, for the County," he said, adding that he has many professions, such as musician, author and poker player. "I hope you enjoy your retirement sir."

"We really appreciate working with you," Commissioner Hampton said.

"Thank you for your service Judge," Nix said.

### JUDGE FLOYD GETZ

County Court-at-Law 3 Judge Floyd Getz has served the county for 23 years, since he was first elected in 1999.

"It has been my pleasure, it has been a joy, it has been a blessing," he said. "I've gotten to work with some really terrific folks. I'm going to miss it tremendously but I have enjoyed the 24 years here so much. ... It has been truly a pleasure to do what we've done here."

Getz recognized his Juvenile Court Coordinator, Patti Simmons, who is retiring along with him. She has worked for the County for 31 years, and went to work for Getz when he started.

"She is very much like family and I just wanted to recognize her and the wonderful, wonderful job she has done ... she truly loves to serve others," he said.

Franklin said he and Getz have gotten to talk quite a bit throughout the last year and he has thoroughly enjoyed their conversations.

"I wish you the best in this retirement and thank you so much for your service in the

juvenile area and training other judges; in everything that you've done," he said. "You've left a mark that is really, really important to this County," he said.

### COMMISSIONER JOANN HAMPTON

Precinct 4 Commissioner JoAnn Hampton has served Smith County for 19 years.

She first served as Tyler City Councilwoman and took office as County Commissioner in 2003. She has served on numerous community boards and commissions throughout the years.

"Thank you for your service to the community, your dedication and your sacrifice," retired Commissioner Jeff Warr said.

Warr and Commissioner Hampton were elected together to the Tyler City Council before both became Commissioners.

"You've made quite an impact on your community," he said. "We didn't always agree together ... but I consider you a friend."

"It's been a pleasure working with you; I'm sure you are going to enjoy your retirement," Phillips said. "Congratulations."

Nix said he has always admired how she was always prepared for court and she always represented her constituents the best she could.

"I consider her a good friend," he said. "I wish you the best."

Franklin said she has given him the best advice since he took office.

"You tell me to vote my heart, vote my gut, stay with my standards and it's really great advice. I really appreciate it and I really have learned a lot from you," he said.

Commissioner Pam Frederick said they have only

worked together for about a month officially, but she has been here watching her for years. "I admire your steadfast dedication to what you believe in and I appreciate that," she said.

### COMMISSIONER CARY NIX

Precinct 2 Commissioner Cary Nix has served the county for 11 years, after first being elected in 2011.

He was born in Tyler and raised in Whitehouse, is a graduate of Tyler Junior College and attended Stephen F. Austin State University.

"What a great legacy you left for your community," Warr said. "Cary, you have I have become great friends. Thank you for your service."

"I appreciate you. We think a lot alike and I just really appreciate all of our conversations and your leadership for me," Franklin said. "You trained me well and I appreciate that and all that you've done for the community ..."

"Congratulations on your retirement. I've enjoyed working with you," Phillips said. "I've really enjoyed working with him and we will still be friends when he leaves and still have a lot of fun times together."

"Cary, it has been a pleasure working with you," Commissioner Hampton said. "We've enjoyed this quiet end of the bench and getting things accomplished ... I wish you all the best in your future."

Commissioner Frederick said even though they have only been working together for about a month, Nix has been very supportive of her efforts to get to her position. "I appreciate the leadership that you showed me and the guidance that you gave me ... Congratulations," she added.

## Lindale residents indicted in death of local woman

Two Lindale residents were indicted by a Smith County Grand Jury this past week for their roles in a hit and run crash that killed Esperanza Hope Guillen of Lindale this past July, officials said.

Ryan Joshua Pruitt, 24 and Kerissa Valenzuela, 27, were indicted by the grand jury for their part in the fatality.

Pruitt was charged with accident involving death and tampering with evidence while Valenzuela has been charged with tampering with evidence.

According to Texas Department of Safety reports of the accident, Guillen, 37, was driving her street

scooter south on County Road 4191 when she collided with Pruitt's vehicle. Pruitt had come around a slight left curve on the wrong side of the road when he hit Guillen, who was then thrown on to the hood of Pruitt's car.

Pruitt slid to a stop and fled the scene before a trooper arrived, according to the DPS report. His car was located a short time later in a wooded area.

The indictments state Pruitt and Valenzuela destroyed and concealed evidence, including a license plate, clothing and blood.

Both are scheduled for arraignment on Jan. 13, officials said.



Ryan Joshua Pruitt and Kerissa Valenzuela

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Lindale High School offensive lineman Will Hutchens was honored by friends and family members this past week as he signed to play football for the Sam Houston State University Bearkats. (Photo by Terry Cannon)

## Lindale's Hutchens signs with Sam Houston

Lindale High School's cafeteria overflowed with family, friends, coaches and teammates of Eagles' offensive lineman Will Hutchens who signed with the Sam Houston State Bearkats on early National Signing Day, Wednesday, Dec. 21.

Hutchens, the Offensive Lineman of the Year for District 9-4A this year and was selected first team Academic All State recently, was a two-year starter for the Eagles who was honored for his on field exploits as well as his academic achievements.

"This is a very special young man," LHS Head Coach Chris Cochran said of Hutchens. "We are very excited to be able to celebrate this with Will and his family."

Cochran said Hutchens will be hard to replace on and off the field.

"We are going to miss who he is as a player and a young man," said Cochran.

A two-year captain of the Eagles, Hutchens helped forge one of the most dominant running attacks in District 9-4A over that time. He started more games — 41 — on the offensive line than any other player in school history.

During his time, the Eagles' offense accumulated nearly 18,000 yards and scored 143 touchdowns. Individually, Hutchens was

responsible for 143 knockdowns and allowed just two quarterback sacks, none in 2022.

He was named first team All-District in 2021.

Linemen teammates Trey Mazratian and Casey Poe shared their thoughts on their relationship with him as well.

"I wouldn't have wanted to share 41 starts with anyone else but you," Mazratian said. "You are going to do great things and I want to congratulate you."

Poe, a junior, reflected on his time playing alongside Hutchens.

"You've been with me a long time," he said. "I appreciate everything you've done for me and it's going to be weird not getting to play alongside you."

Lindale ISD Superintendent Stan Surratt lauded Hutchens for his dedication to academics as well as athletics.

"I just wanted to thank you for the student you've been," Surratt said. "Everyone is so proud of what you've done in the classroom."

LHS Principal Jeremy Chilek echoed Surratt's comments.

"It's always tremendous to see great things happen to great people," Chilek said. "We are very proud of you."

## Lindale opens district season with win over Brownsboro

The Lindale High School Eagles boys basketball team opened District 16-4A play this past week with a 54-45 win over Brownsboro in the LHS Gym to improve to 14-2 on the year.

Cole Collinsworth led the Eagles in scoring with 17 points followed by Ryder Johnson with 11, Masen Rainey 8, Logan Dixon with 8, Amare Baptiste with 6 and Conner McClendon added four.

The Eagles jumped out to a 7-0 lead to open the game as Collinsworth and Johnson hit key baskets. A McClendon drive to the hoop as the first quarter expired pushed the Eagles' advantage to 13-6.

The second period opened with the Eagles enjoying a 6-0 run to expand their lead into double figures. Lindale took a 27-18 lead at intermission.

The Eagles had built their lead to 38-27 heading into the fourth quarter. Key free throws down the stretch helped Lindale secure the win.

The next district game for Lindale will be Jan. 3 in Van, after the Eagles take part in the Wagstaff Tournament Dec. 27-29 at Tyler Junior College.

On Dec. 6, the Eagles hosted the Marshall Mavericks and earned a 52-50, overtime victory and on Dec. 9 Lindale downed Spring Hill on the road, 48-33. Lindale welcomed Pittsburg to the LHS gym on Dec. 12 and downed the Pirates, 53-43.

On Dec. 16, Lindale throttled Henderson 42-26 in Henderson to win No. 13 on the year.

### LINDALE 52, MARSHALL 50 (OT)

With Marshall playing its usual tight defensive game, points were going to be at a premium in this match which was only decided after an extra period.

The Mavericks came into this game after having been very competitive in the Tomball High School Tournament the previous week.

Grotemat knew his club would have its hands full and would have to match the physicality of the Mavericks.

"Our kids really competed on defense, and that energy helped us stay connected despite the offensive woes," he said.

Kysen Ripley, who has been deadily from beyond the three-point arc lately, got things rolling for the Eagles in the early portions of the first quarter.

"(Ripley's) three point shooting has been a real boon for our team of late," Grotemat said. "We definitely need that to continue as we get into district play."

After a back and forth first half, the Eagles managed to jump out to a sizeable lead after a 15-7 run, thanks to a couple of big three pointers courtesy of Amare Baptiste as well as seven points from Ryder Johnson.

Both teams traded leads down the stretch

and the Mavericks hit a game-tying three pointer with just under three seconds left to force overtime, but two big free throws from Connor McClendon and Johnson's 19 point of the game sealed the win for the Eagles.

"If we play as competitively in District 16-4A of which I think we are capable, (the Marshall game) will serve as one of the watershed moments of the season where the boys showed just how tough we can be," said Grotemat.

### LINDALE 48, SPRING HILL 33

In the win over the Panthers, the Eagles were especially tenacious on the defensive end of the floor, limiting Spring Hill to just 2 of 16 from the field in the first half.

"Our defense has been elite this season when the boys play loud, that is, talk through their defensive assignments and rotations in game," Grotemat said. "Good teams talk, but championship teams have literal in-game conversations with each other as they work to solve the problems posed by the offense."

The coach cited the defensive effort of Carson Plunkett and the energetic play of Marcus Field off the bench.

Logan Dixon hit some key shots in the third period and Cole Collinsworth scored on drive to the basket while adding 5 of 6 from the free throw line.

Grotemat also praised the play of senior Will Stirling who has taken his spirited practice habits to game time.

### LINDALE 53, PITTSBURG 43

This was the second meeting of the year for the Eagles and Pirates, which Grotemat and his coaching staff likened to what awaits when district play arrives.

"(In district) we match up with each of our district opponents twice each year, once at home and once on the road," he said. "So (the Pittsburg) game gave the staff the opportunity to use our own game film to plan and adjust in preparation for the opponent."

Offensively the Eagles improved over the first meeting with the Pirates but struggled a bit on defense.

Pittsburg took a 19-14 lead late in the first half, but Baptiste and Masen Rainey combined for 12 points in the second half to tilt the game in favor of the Eagles.

Dixon was on the mark from beyond the arc, hitting five three pointers to lead all scorers with 17 points.

Pittsburg made one last push to cut its deficit to 10 late in the game, but they would get no closer.

"It says a lot about how good I think this team can be that I can be disappointed about a 10 point win against a team we faced in the playoffs one season ago," Grotemat said. "But there is too much potential there to settle for 'good' when 'great' is there for the taking."



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Annie Baldwin, Volunteer Clerk of the Smith County Emergency Services District No. 1, presents a 15 year plaque to Kenneth Smith, Board Secretary, at the Board meeting on Dec. 15. Mrs. Baldwin expressed appreciation to Mr. Smith for his commitment to the Board and his expertise concerning laws and regulations of an emergency services district. Mr. Joe Yeakley, Fire Chief of the Lindale Volunteer Fire Department, thanked Mr. Smith for his 15 years of service and dedication to the fire district and citizens of the community. (Courtesy photo)

## Tips for healthy holiday sleep

By Claudann Jones  
Smith County Extension Agent  
Family and Community Health

The holidays can be a busy and exciting time, filled with schedule changes, travel, and special events.

Make the most of the season by staying well-rested.

Try to keep a consistent sleep schedule by having your family go to bed and get up at the same time every day, even on holiday breaks.

If you are planning to travel to a time zone that is East of yours, have your family go to bed and wake up a little earlier than usual as this will help your internal sleep clocks adjust to different bed/wake times while on vacation.

If you are traveling West, go to sleep and wake up a little later than usual.

Avoid caffeine after lunchtime and large meals right before bed as consuming those can disrupt

Fun fact: turkey doesn't make you any sleepier than other holiday foods!

If you want to nap over the holiday break, aim for a 20-minute nap, which experts say is the best time length to wake up feeling refreshed and ready to go.

Turn down the temperature, even though it may be cold outside. We sleep better when the room is between 60- and 67-degrees Fahrenheit (65-70 degrees for babies and toddlers).

Make sure to stay active over the holidays, as physical activity during the day can facilitate better sleep at night.

Cold weather activities, like skiing and skating, and even walking around the mall to gift shop, are good exercise!

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# Recycling, repurposing "junk" as garden containers

By Jim Powell

## Smith County Master Gardener

Recycling and repurposing are modern day buzzwords. The dictionary would have us believe that junk is "informal or old discarded articles that are considered useless or of little value."

Webster is not right about everything. Often junk articles are discarded, but they still have value as plant containers. Sometimes these items are not only useful but really neat looking.

Finding a new use for an old item goes hand in hand with our gardener's desire to waste nothing.

Securing quirky containers can be a little tricky. There's really great junk and then there's really bad junk. It's best to have a decorating theme in mind

when looking for the perfect item to highlight a plant.

Some cool looking garden décor containers are waiting to be discovered on the curb, at thrift stores, flea markets, estate sales, antique malls or garage sales. When securing a container remember these four rules:

- (1) Space for soil
- (2) Room for roots to grow
- (3) An escape plan for excess water
- (4) Plants that can withstand a container's dryer condition. Keep in mind that some antique items used outdoors will hasten their deterioration.

Here a few suggestions for using recycled items at your home and in your garden:

Use a child's discarded wagon to help elevate

pots of plants.

Planting up an old metal sifter from the 1940s sure beats sifting flour for biscuits.

Succulents look neat landed in a white enamelware dishpan.

For a movable garden planter, plant directly in a discarded wheelbarrow, or use to hold pots.

Old thermos bottles add a bit of whimsy to cut flowers.

After serving their original function, old, galvanized watering cans become unique planters or "vases."

An old kettle or metal cooking pot makes an ideal plant holder. In fact, instead of filling it with potting soil just place a potted plant directly in it and at the

end of the season replace it with another potted plant.

Make a mini Fairy Garden in an old birdbath or a half wooden whiskey barrel.

An old shoe or boot filled with a plant adds character to a flower bed.

Often times an unusual container can highlight a plant the way this English chimney pot does a succulent in the accompanying photo.

It's economical and fun to expand your horizons by repurposing---refreshing--- and re-creating. Give it a try. You'll be pleased with your accomplishment.

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Date: December 20, 2022.

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Attorney for Edgar Bruce Simmons

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

Date: December 20, 2022.

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Attorney for Jerrye Murphy

## LEGAL NOTICE

### PUBLISHED NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that letters of guardianship for the person and estate of Sean Walker, a minor, were issued on November 21, 2022, in Docket No. 46220G, pending in the County Court of SMITH County, Texas, to Kimberly Walker and Gregory Walker, Guardians as guardians of the person and estate.

The residence of Guardians is in Smith County, Texas, and the contact address is: Guardians of the person and estate of Sean Walker, c/o My Texas Estate Plan, Attn: Casey P. Cook, at 7925 S. Broadway Ave, Suite 800, Tyler, TX 75703. All persons having claims against this estate, which is currently being administered, are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law. SIGNED on December 22, 2022.

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Notice is hereby given that letters of guardianship for the person and estate of Chukwuma Osifeso, an incapacitated person, were issued on December 12, 2022, in Docket No. 46796-G, pending in the County Court of SMITH County, Texas, to Manji Osifeso, Guardian as guardian of the person and estate.

The residence of Guardian is in Smith County, Texas, and the contact address is:

Guardian of the person and estate of Chukwuma Osifeso, c/o My Texas Estate Plan, Attn: Casey P. Cook, at 7925 S. Broadway Ave, Suite 800, Tyler, TX 75703.

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

SIGNED on December 22, 2022.

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## STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT EAU CLAIRE COUNTY

In re the Marriage of:  
JOSHUA DAYID WAMPOLE  
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Petitioner,

-and-

MELISSA M. WAMPOLE  
n/k/a MELISSA M. PETERSON  
Respondent.

Case No.14 FA 288

### MOTION TO MODIFY CUSTODY, PLACEMENT, CHILD SUPPORT, AND TAX EXEMPTION

TO: Melissa M. Peterson  
PO Box 1311  
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The petitioner, Joshua David Wampole, hereby moves this Court for an Order the Judgment of Divorce to award him sole legal custody and primary physical placement of the parties' minor child, to wit: B.J.W. DOB: 10/06/2013

Petitioner further requests that his child support obligation be terminated and that Respondent be required to pay child support to Petitioner. Petitioner further requests that he be allowed to claim B.J.W. as a dependent and exemption each year for purposes of filing federal and state income taxes.

This matter shall be heard as follows:

Before: Family court Commissioner Wendy Sue Johnson Place: Eau Claire County Courthouse  
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Date: December 20, 2022  
Time: 11:00 a.m.

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Joshua Wampole, Petitioner

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in Austin by winning a gold medal in the shot put with an effort of 57 feet, 4 ¾ inches in the boys shot put.

LHS was well represented in both the boys and girls divisions as Colter Maya took a silver medal in the boys 400-meter dash with a time of 48.57, Isaac Pollard was fifth in the boys pole vault with an effort of 14 feet, Brett Maya was sixth in the boys 200-meter dash with a time of 21.73, Baylee Daughtry finished seventh in the girls 300-meter hurdles with a time of 46.60.

## JUNE

### New city council member sworn in

Gavin Rasco was sworn in as the newest member of the Lindale City Council on May 17 after votes from the May 7 General Election were canvassed during the council's regular meeting at city hall. Rasco was elected as the council's Place 5 representative. In June, Sallie Black won a runoff election against Jeretta Scott Nance.

### Lillie Russell Library hires Children's Director

The Lillie Russell Memorial Library hired Penny Turner, a native of Virginia and resident of Lindale since 2021, as its new Children's Librarian. She will oversee the weekly Storytime at 10:30 a.m. Fridays as well as other children-related activities.

Born in the rural area of southwestern Virginia, Turner lived in Kentucky and South Carolina before her move to Lindale.

She worked as attorney for 13 years before going back to school to pursue a Master of Arts degree in Elementary Education.

### Lindale voters choose Place 4 council member

Sallie Black was elected as the Place 4 member of the Lindale City Council following a runoff election victory over Owen Scott.

Black received 68 votes (63.55 percent) to Scott's 39 votes (36.45 percent).

The runoff was needed following the May election when Black tallied 36.6 percent of the vote for 31.8 percent for Scott.

Jeretta Nance Pate was third in that race with 31.5 percent of the vote.

## AUGUST

### Council OKs new tax rate for city

The new tax rate for fiscal year 2023 and a proposed budget were approved Lindale City Council members Tuesday night (Aug. 16) during their regular meeting at city hall.

A tax rate of .422 cents per \$100 valuation was unanimously approved by members, who set Sept. 20 as the date for a public hearing on the rate.

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Council members also set Sept. 6 as the date for a public hearing on the proposed city budget for FY 2023.

## SEPTEMBER

### Lindale ISD Trustees lower tax rate, sets new budget

The Lindale ISD Board of Trustees lowered the tax rate for property owners and approved the budget for Fiscal Year 2022-23 for the district during a special meeting held at the LISD Administration Building.

A tax rate of \$1.1696 per \$100 valuation for a budget of \$43,307,583. The budget was approved first by trustees who then OK'd the new tax rate.

The new tax rate is 2.24 cents lower than last year.

### Lindale tops Van, 30-27 for second win of season

A road trip to Van is always a tough assignment but the Lindale High School Eagles football team passed the test with a 30-27 victory over their longtime rival Vandals.

The previous week, the Eagles dispatched Pine Tree at Eagle Stadium, 40-27.

The next test for the Eagles would be a tough one as the No. 2-ranked Gilmer Buckeyes were coming to Lindale.

### Precinct 5 Constable McClenny, Fire Marshal Brooks resign

Smith County Commissioners accepted the resignations of Precinct 5 Constable Jeff McClenny and Fire Marshal Jay Brooks during their regular weekly meeting on Sept. 20.

Commissioners accepted the resignations, which also included that of County Law Librarian Kara Kennedy, following an executive session.

Kennedy's resignation, which she submitted for health reasons, became effective Sept. 30.

## OCTOBER

### County commissioners appoint Hicks interim Pct. 5 constable

Smith County Precinct 5 Deputy Constable Wesley Hicks was appointed by the Commissioners Court to serve as

Interim Constable.

Constable Jeff McClenny is resigning from his elected position to take a job as Police Chief for San Augustine ISD.

He recommended that the Commissioners Court appoint Hicks to take his place.

### Eagles rout Palestine, 57-32

A week after getting pushed around by the Chapel Hill Bulldogs, Lindale's Eagles shoved back and pummeled the Palestine Wildcats, 57-32, in a District 9-4A contest at Eagle Stadium.

With the win the Eagles are one win away of locking up the number three spot in the bi-district playoffs. They secured this by defeating Jacksonville the following Friday at the Tomato Bowl.

## NOVEMBER

### County voters approve \$179 million bond for new courthouse

The \$179 million Smith County Courthouse Bond passed with 53.73 percent of the vote on Nov. 8.

Smith County ballots showed 40,120 people, or 53.73 percent, voted for the issuance of \$160 million in bonds for a new courthouse and \$19 million for the associated parking structure. There were 34,552 people, or 46.27 percent, who voted against the bond.

### Lindale tennis team earns state bid

For the first time in school history, the Lindale High School tennis team earned a berth in the state quarterfinals before being ousted by eventual champion Canyon Randall High School from Amarillo.

Head Coach Randall Namanny is looking for bigger and better things in 2023.

The Eagles were ousted this past week by eventual champion Canyon Randall from Amarillo, but Namanny, who just completed his ninth season at the helm of the program, feels his squad should be primed for another run in 2023.

"We're going to reload for next year," he said. "Our senior group this year was big, but there are some kids coming up who pushed this year's seniors throughout the season."

"They are well-prepared to step into starring roles," he said.

## DECEMBER

### Former Lindale volleyball star earns All-American honors

Kalaya Pierce, a four-year starter and standout for the Lindale High School Lady Eagles, was 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.



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