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## LHS Eagles place two on All-State football team

Lindale High School's Will Hutchens and Casey Poe have been selected to the Blue Bell/Texas Sports Writers Association's Class 4A All State football team, officials announced.

Hutchens, a senior offensive guard, has signed to play with Sam Houston State next season, was chosen to the first team while Poe, a junior offensive lineman, was selected to the third team. He has been the focus of college recruiters from across the country.



HUTCHENS

Hutchens was voted Offensive Lineman of the Year for District 9-4A for the 2022 season and was selected first team Academic All State. He was a two-year starter for the Eagles.

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.

Poe was also named to the first team All-District squad for 2022 and has received college offers from Southeastern Conference schools Alabama, Auburn, Arkansas, LSU and Texas A&M as well as Baylor, SMU, TCU, Texas Tech, Georgia Tech and Brigham Young.

Carthage senior quarterback Connor Cuff and Cuero senior linebacker Sean Burks were named

players of the year on the all-state team.

Cuff passed for 4,033 yards with 52 touchdowns and only four interceptions in leading Carthage to a 16-0 record and Division II state title. Burks had 257 tackles, 36 of them for losses. He had 16 quarterback pressures for the 13-2 Gobblers who lost to Wimberley in the Division II semifinals.

Carthage's Scott Surratt was the coach of the year. His state title was his ninth, tying Gordon Wood's record.

### FIRST TEAM

#### Offense

Guards — Keystone Allison, Carthage, 6-5, 270, sr.; **Will Hutchens, Lindale, 6-4, 275, sr.**  
Tackles — Colby Hale, China Spring, 6-1, 240, sr.; Bryce Rasmussen, El Campo, 6-2, 273, sr.  
Center — Jacob McLaughlin, Boerne, 6-2, 285, sr.  
Wide receivers — Tre Halford, China Spring, 6-1, 185, sr.; Dre'lon Miller, Silsbee, 6-2, 190, jr.; Braden Baize, Boerne, 5-11, 180, sr.  
Tight end — Hector Contreras, Seminole, 6-0, 185, sr.  
Quarterback — Connor Cuff, Carthage, 6-4, 200, sr.  
Running backs — Rueben Owens, El Campo, 6-0, 200, sr.; Isaiah Ross, Kilgore, 5-10, 185, sr.; (tie) Landon Thigpen, Godley, 5-10, 160, jr.; Rickey Stewart, Chapel Hill, 6-0, 185, soph.  
Fullback — Aden Rascoe, Lampasas, 6-1, 200, sr.  
All-purpose — Ilonzo "Duce" McGregor, Chapel Hill, 5-10, 160, sr.  
Place-kicker — Thomas Barr, China Spring, 6-0, 165, sr.

#### Defense

Linemen — Jaylen Trotter, China Spring, 5-6, 175, sr.; Greg Salazar, China Spring, 6-1, 270, sr.; Kellyn Raymond, Glen Rose, 5-10, 215, soph.; (tie) Carlton Jones, Bay City, 6-3, 270, jr.; Caleb Hamby, Boerne, 6-3, 190, sr.  
Linebackers — Sean Burks, Cuero, 5-11, 205, sr.; Hulson Hendrix, Boerne, 5-10, 215, soph.; Brandt Patek, Cuero, 6-2, 210, sr.; Javin Cash, Canyon, 6-0, 215, sr.  
Secondary — Skylar Rubio, Calallen, 5-10, 170, sr.; Houston Hendrix, Boerne, 6-3, 200, sr.; Kedrick Harper, Carthage, 6-1, 160, sr.; Jakerrian Roquemore, Carthage, 5-11, 170, sr.  
Punter — Tate Thrasher, Columbia, 6-1, 185, sr.  
Utility — Tristan Exline, China Spring, 6-0, 200, sr.  
Kick returner — Adan Santoyo, Bridgeport, 5-10, 180, sr.  
Offensive player of the year — Cuff, Carthage  
Defensive player of the year — Burks, Cuero  
Coach of the year — Scott Surratt, Carthage

### SECOND TEAM

#### Offense

Guards — Hamish Mpfou, Celina, 6-5, 345, sr.; Gage Spencer, Port Lavaca Calhoun, 6-3, 265 sr.  
Tackles — Caden Romo, Wimberley, 6-4, 250, jr.; Dylan Drummond, Chapel Hill, 6-4, 275, jr.  
Center — Mason Butcher, Stephenville, 6-1, 260, sr.  
Wide receivers — Noah Paiddie, Carthage, 5-9, 160, sr.; Drew Coleman, Godley, 6-1, 180, sr.; (tie) Jamarion Carroll, Wichita Falls Hirschi, 6-1, 180, sr.; Cuyler Cramer, Seminole, 6-2, 175, sr.  
Tight end — Camden Raymond, Glen Rose, 5-11, 210, jr.  
Quarterback — (tie) Cash McCollum, China Spring, 6-3, 212, jr.; Jaxon Baize, Boerne, 5-11, 185, soph.  
Running backs — Elijah Huff, C.C. West Oso, 5-11, 185, sr.; Kiefer Sibley, Waco Connally, 5-10, 185, jr.; (tie) Tycen Williams, Cuero, 5-11, 180, sr.; (tie) Marion Peterson, Wichita Falls Hirschi, 6-1, 210, sr.  
Fullback — Eric Powell, Wichita Falls, 5-8, 180, jr.  
All-purpose — Donte Zeno, Hampshire-Fannett, 5-10, 170, jr.  
Place-kicker — (tie) Diego Gutierrez, El Campo, 6-1, 195, jr.; Patricio Maldonado, Wichita Falls, 5-7, 170, sr.

#### Defense

Linemen — Quinten McCarty, Brownwood, 6-1, 247, jr.; Victor Shaw, Pleasant Grove, 6-4, 245, sr.; Poasa Utu, Kennedale, 6-2, 210, sr.; Javian Frazier, Wichita Falls Hirschi, 5-10, 205, jr.  
Linebackers — Deiontae Marry, Carthage, 6-0, 200, sr.; Caden McKenzie, Glen Rose, 6-3, 205, sr.; Jayron Williams, Silsbee, 6-1, 235, sr.; (tie) Jimmy Vazquez, Greenwood, 5-8, 185, sr.; Jayce Krauskopf, Pleasanton, 6-1, 215, sr.  
Secondary — Jamarion Evans, Center, 6-0, 171, sr.; Zaylon Stoker, Kilgore, 6-0, 170, jr.; Quinton Hall, Nevada Community, 6-0, 175, sr.; Ivy Kelley, Wichita Falls, 5-9, 175, jr.  
Punter — Jace Adams, Sweetwater, 6-1, 170, jr.  
Utility — Damion Moore, Lake Worth, 5-9, 175, sr.  
Kick returner — Lorenzo Johnson, Madisonville, 6-0, 175, jr.

### THIRD TEAM

#### Offense

Guards — Davin Zurovetz, Lago Vista, 6-0, 300, jr.; (tie) Dawson Hall, West Plains, 6-1, 225, jr.; Ayden Guerra, Somerset, 6-1, 260, sr.  
Tackles — **Casey Poe, Lindale, 6-5, 280, jr.**; (tie) Kyle Weghorst, Cuero, 6-1, 275, sr.; Matthew Welch, Lake Worth, 6-5, 290, sr.  
Center — Kourtney Ellis, Dallas Carter, 6-3, 320, sr.  
Wide receivers — Nathan Baker, Randall, 5-9, 150, sr.; Jamel Hardy, Dallas Lincoln, 6-3, 189, sr.; (tie) Jaydon Smith, Ingleside, 6-0, 165, jr.; Jonathan Brown, Anna, 6-1, 210, sr.  
Tight end — Kaden Ford Alvarado, 6-2, 180, sr.  
Quarterback — (tie) Evan Bullock, Anna, 6-4, 212, sr.; Blake Flowers, Seminole, 6-2, 188, sr.; Hudson White, Glen Rose, 5-11, 185, sr.  
Running backs — Kaden Dixon, Center, 6-2, 190, jr.; Nate Palmer, Decatur, 5-11, 185, jr.; (tie) Kaeden Landry, Dallas Carter, 5-10, 185, jr.; Shastin Golden, Davenport, 5-10, 180, sr.  
Fullback — Connor Starr, Livingston, 5-10, 215, sr.  
All-purpose — Rohan Fluellen, Gilmer, 6-1, 178, sr.  
Place-kicker — (tie) Tanner Tipton, Lumberton, 5-9, 155, jr.; Rance Purser, Greenwood, 5-8, 165, sr.; Mauricio Diaz, Brookshire Royal, 6-0, 185, sr.

#### Defense

Linemen — Braelyn Ward, Gilmer, 6-0, 315, sr.; Peyton Christian, Kilgore, 6-0, 290, sr.; Jett Runion, Aubrey, 6-6, 235, sr.; Jacob Vincent, Celina, 6-3, 220, sr.  
Linebackers — Cameron Gould, Wichita Falls, 6-0, 195, sr.; Ezrian Emory, Hillsboro, 5-6, 160, soph.; Beau Barton, Van, 6-3, 205, sr.; Bryan Bejarano, Monahans, 5-10, 170, sr.  
Secondary — Brody McClure, Decatur, 6-0, 180, sr.; Bodee Mausser, Glen Rose, 5-11, 170, sr.; Everson Strain, Aubrey, 5-10, 180, sr.; Landon Wright, Sunnyvale, 6-0, 190, sr.  
Punter — Blake Flowers, Seminole, 6-2, 188, sr.  
Utility — (tie) Isaiah Garcia, Fort Stockton, 6-1, 185, sr.; Tyson Hancock, Smithville, 5-10, 175, sr.  
Kick returner — Tyson Berry, Chapel Hill, 5-8, 175, sr.



The city of Lindale has matched a \$5,000 grant for new playground equipment for Pool Park. Photo by Terry Cannon

## Council awards bid for sidewalk improvements

Hartbeat Construction LLC was awarded the bid for Texas Department of Transportation's Safe Routes to School Sidewalk Project by Lindale City Council members during their regular meeting held Tuesday, Feb. 7 at city hall.

The bid was for \$774,134. The focus of the sidewalk project is to improve sidewalks in Lindale and especially around Lindale ISD schools.

Construction will begin as soon as weather allows, officials said. The bid process began in 2019.

In other matters, council members:

— Approved agreements with the Lindale Baseball and Softball Association and the Lindale Soccer Association for use of the city

fields for the respective associations.

City Manager Carolyn Caldwell noted that the baseball association wants to take over field maintenance following a recommendation by the City Parks Board. Fields will not be locked and select teams using the fields will be required to pay fees for field usage.

The soccer association agreed to a parks board recommendation to expand its season to alleviate crowding at Faulkner Park. Caldwell noted that the size of the crowds has deterred people from using the park for other activities.

— Approved a resolution to authorize continued participation with the steering committees for cities served by Oncor and au-

thorized payment of 10 cents per capita to the steering committee for regulatory funding and other related services. Caldwell said this is something that is done each year and "it is of great benefit" for the city.

— Terminated a Development agreement with Hardy Townhomes based on the company's failure to cure default after notice was given by the city.

— Approved the purchase of new equipment for the playground at Pool Park. Caldwell said Grace Community Church has donated \$5,000 to the project. Council members also approved matching funds for the project.

— Called a municipal election for Places 1 and 3 for May 6, 2023.

## County Elections officer presents report concerning audit of 2020 election

Smith County Elections Administrator Michelle Allcon presented a report to the county commissioners concerning an audit conducted by Grassroots America — We The People — on the November, 2020 election during the court's weekly meeting on Feb. 7.

According to the audit presented to the elections office, 584 absentee ballots weren't counted.

Allcon said she couldn't confirm or deny there was ballot fraud after reviewing the Grassroots America

audit, but did say there was "a lack of consistency and lack of procedure" that led the (Grassroots America) team to believe voter fraud took place.

"There should never be any question of fraud of disenfranchisement," Allcon to the commissioners. "We are doing everything we can to make sure every vote is counted."

She said election workers who were employed in the 2020 election aren't with her office now.

"If looks like to me that a lot of the things on this report were just sloppiness," said Precinct 3 Commissioner Terry Phillips. "Has this been addressed?"

Allcon said the election workers in her office in 2020 are no longer employed.

The biggest issue, she said, "appeared to be a lack of interest on the part of the staff. It's as if they didn't care."

Allcon said there should be no hint of voter fraud.

"If there was fraud and disenfranchisement, then you should know immediately," Allcon said. "And if there wasn't, the appearance of the same is just as bad to an election and the belief on the voter's competence of the election and of the county. That's just as bad of a result."

JoAnn Fleming, executive director of Grassroots America: We The People spoke to the court prior to Allcon.

"Smith County has a slogan of striving for excellence. This was not excellent," said Fleming, adding the review found "numerous election integrity issues" under the county's previous elections administrator.

Grassroots America is a constitutional conservative group, but Fleming said the audit was non-partisan and didn't consider political affiliations.

## Telephone scam hits Sheriff's Office

The Smith County Sheriff's Office has recently been made aware of a new telephone scam involving someone claiming to be a member of the department seeking money from those who have been called.

Sheriff's Office spokesman Larry Christian said the scam involves a voice message being left on the reporting person's phone identifying himself as Sgt. Justin Hall of the Sheriff's Office.

The caller said they needed to call him regarding a legal matter.

Christian said the reporting person did not fall for the scam and contacted the Sheriff's Office.

There is a Sgt. Justin Hall employed with the Sheriff's Office, Christian said, but he has not called anyone leaving voice messages concerning legal matters.

Christian said anyone receiving such a call and would like to verify its legitimacy, you may call the SCSO non-emergency number at 903-566-6600.

All of these scammers are asking for some kind of monetary "fix" to some sort of fake legal matter such as failing to report to jury duty, Christian said.

Scammers tend to prey on the elderly and others who are vulnerable to scare tactics.

No representative of the Smith County Sheriff's Office will ever call and demand money, Christian said.

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# OPINION/COMMENTARY

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## ... The Talk

Have you had 'The Talk'? No, not THAT one. The one you should have been given when you were old enough to think you were an adult but not experienced enough to be one well.

In the movie "Second Hand Lions" Robert Duvall's character had a gift for giving teenage boys 'The Talk' on how to be a man.

Some men have that gift of presence, dignity and power that makes 'The Talk' life-changing.

It is obvious to me that a lot of folks these days have never had 'The Talk' or if they did it sure didn't take.

In Sunday's local daily newspaper there was a short story about a 32-year old young man getting 35 years in prison for cattle rustling

(12 head) and the theft of saddles, tack and ranch equipment.

Now that young man is just a year older than my son who after a week of wildland burn management or firefighting, spends his evening hours as a volunteer firefighter and EMT. He certainly isn't cruising the county roads stealing other people's possessions.

Lots of people are raised right but go crooked. But when a young man has strong men in his life that 'Give the Talk' it is a great deal harder to take the wrong fork in the road.

I once saw 'The Talk' change a kid's life. Our neighbor's live-in nephew was arrested with some of our calves in the trunk of his

**The Best of Suzanne Bardwell**



car. Now these neighbors had never been what you would remotely call 'close' but Dad was a 'turn the other cheek' kind of Christian...at least the first time.

Dad went to the police station, sat down with the young man and gave him 'The Talk'. Then Dad reached out his hand, shook the kid cattle rustler's hand and said "I pray you choose a better life than the one you are working on now".

Dad left the young thief with a handshake, memory of a talk on what matters in

life and what makes a man a man. Then he left without pressing charges.

The young man chose to join the military after graduation that May. He eventually became a non-commissioned officer and made a point of visiting my Dad in his dress uniform, once and only once.

He came to shake his hand. Many years later he came to Dad's funeral and brought his wife and children to honor the man that gave him the talk which changed his life, as well as their's.

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## Outstanding High School Seniors Who Make A Difference!



**AUSTIN STONE** is the son of Vicki and Andrew Stone. He is a section leader in the band and a member of the National Honor Society. Outside of school, Austin competes in Bullseye and Junior Olympic pistol shooting events. He is also a member of the Boy Scouts of America, where he earned the rank of Eagle Scout. Austin believes he is impacting the world through a church leadership and mentorship program, as well as guiding younger scouts and setting an example for younger band members. He plans to attend Texas A&M University and study aerospace engineering. Austin's future goals include working for an aerospace design firm.



**SAVANNAH WARRINGTON** is the daughter of Amanda and James Warrington. She is a member of the student council, leadership team for the band, and the National Honor Society. She also serves on the cheerleading team as the mascot for the high school. Savannah believes she is impacting the world by encouraging her friends and family and inspiring younger friends to achieve their goals. She plans to attend Stephen F. Austin State University and study music education. Savannah's future goals include working as a band director.



**ETHAN GIBSON** is the son of Leslie and Scott Gibson. He is a member of the National Honor Society and the University Interscholastic League competition team for science. Outside of school, Ethan is a shift manager for a local pizza restaurant and a referee for the Lindale Soccer Association. Ethan believes he is impacting the world by seeking opportunities to volunteer and serve in his community. He plans to attend The University of Texas at Dallas and study dentistry. Ethan's future goals include working as a dentist and providing services to those in financial need.

Texas Bank and Trust celebrates the thirteenth anniversary of the Lindale Student Board of Directors, recognizing outstanding seniors from Lindale High School who have demonstrated academic excellence, leadership, and a commitment to community service. We are proud to introduce the following members of the 2022-2023 Student Board.

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# Look up in the sky! Is it a bird, a plane or a spy?

Among her many, many wonderful qualities, the Lovely Bride has a great deal of common sense.

Example: A few days ago we were watching a news report concerning the Chinese balloon that was drifting across the U.S. The talking heads were discussing whether President Biden should order it shot down.

After conferring with military officials at that time, the president said that wouldn't happen.

"Why don't they wait until it's over the ocean and then shoot it down?" the resident genius of our house asked.

Voila! That's exactly what happened a few days later.

"I should work in Washington," she said.

No, no she shouldn't because as I said, she's very smart and not at all a hypocrite, which are two qualities that usually define too many people in the federal government.

Hypocrisy, you ask? Yep, all the Biden foes shook their fists toward the sky, gnashed their teeth and blathered on and on how that wouldn't have been tolerated if The Defeated President was still in office. Well, it turns out the Chinese launched three such balloons -- including one over Texas -- during TDP's too long of a stay in the White House. (Oops, never mind.)

Anyway, my lone, somewhat worthy contribution to our living room discussion was that maybe the Chinese were going to land in Kansas and spirit away Dorothy and Toto from Oz.

## Terry Cannon Editor



This Chinese balloon thing really was a tempest in a teapot if you ask me. China officials said it was a weather research balloon. Doesn't China get The Weather Channel?

The Chinese were spying on the U.S., plain and simple. But it does beg the question as to why any government would utilize such a seemingly outdated form of spying? One theory floated about (see what I did there?) was balloons are cheaper to launch and linger longer over the area being spied upon.

Regardless, all this spy in the sky stuff is nothing new. Even as far back as the Civil War, balloons were used to carry spotters by both the Union and Confederate armies. The U.S. deployed 35 balloon companies over France during World War I.

In World War II, Japan unleashed more than 9,000 balloons toward the United States in retaliation for the Doolittle raid on Tokyo in 1942. Most fell into the Pacific Ocean but approximately 300 made it harmlessly to the U.S.

The only one involving American fatalities was in Bly, Ore., in the spring of 1945 when a family came

upon a bomb in a container attached to a balloon which had settled on a mountain side.

Updated technology since World War II, including spy satellites and high-tech aircraft, have made using balloons (except for the Chinese) almost unnecessary.

The U.S. has been spying from the heavens for decades and unless something goes amiss, no one on the ground is any wiser.

This is what happened on May 1, 1960 when an American U-2 spy plane, flown by Frances Gary Powers, was shot down over Russia. Powers took off from Pakistan and cruising at 70,000 feet was hit by a couple of Soviet ground to air missiles.

Of course Russian Premier Nikita Khrushchev had a field day with propaganda the captured pilot and plane provided for his Communist country.

In response, the Eisenhower White House was, at first, indignant over the matter claiming the Russians had shot down a "weather plane." (Hmm, that sounds familiar). The truth finally came out and a few months later, Powers was jailed for espionage.

However, two years later, another U-2 incident re-

vealed something very sinister going on in Cuba.

Khrushchev, well aware of his country's second-class status in the long-range missile race, took the provocative step of placing mid-range missiles in Cuba. Construction of these bases began in the winter of 1962.

The Kennedy Administration was fully aware the Soviets were planning something there, but until October of that year, didn't have the proof.

This changed on Oct. 16, when U-2 photos clearly showed nearly operational missile bases were indeed in Cuba. They were capable of hitting all of the continental United States except for the extreme northwest.

The next 13 days stretched nerves on both sides to the breaking point. Finally, after back room deals and secret promises were made, Khrushchev backed down and removed the missiles. It is as close as the world has come to nuclear annihilation.

This was perhaps John Kennedy's finest hour as president. He didn't heed the hawks in his cabinet for an invasion of Cuba nor did he choose to do nothing. Instead he traveled the middle ground and helped avoid world destruction.

For decades historians have debated why Khrushchev would have engaged in such folly.

One thing is certain: two years later he was ousted as premier, perhaps because of his ill-fated Cuban decision.

It simply wasn't in the stars for ol' Nikita.



**Mallory speaks at Rotary Club meeting**  
Longtime Rotarian and former Lindale Mayor Jim Mallory was the guest speaker at the weekly meeting of the Lindale Rotary Club. He shared stories of he and his family's time spent in the Middle East working with Aramco. He discussed the cultural differences and special family memories. (Courtesy photo)

## Times of Lindale



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### ONE YEAR AGO, Feb. 17, 2022

The Lindale Junior High School girls basketball teams completed another successful district season as the 7th grade B, 7th grade A, 8th grade B teams won the league title with wins over Bullard and the 8th grade A team was the league runner up.

The 7th grade B team defeated the Lady Panthers, 22-8; the 7th grade A team won 24-15; the 8th grade B team won, 17-8 and the 8th grade A team fell, 46-20.

For the 7th grade B team, Jaelynn Cocolan was the leading scorer, Cambry Andreason was the rebounding leader, Charlize Reed and Brooke Lewis were leaders in assists and Jaelynn Cocolan was the leader in steals.

Emma Watkins led the 7th grade A team in scoring, Ella Hutchens was the leader in rebounds, Ava Grogan and Ella Hutchens were the assists leaders and Ma'Kaylin Smith and Ella Hutchens led the team in steals.

For the 8th grade B team, Mayzie Piccoli was the leading scorer, Alena Garza and Sadie Clay led in rebounds, Kaniya Pierce was the leader in assists and Mayzie Piccoli was the leader in steals.

Alyssa Potts led the 8th grade A team in scoring and rebounding, Abigail Lee and Macy Luster were the assists leaders and Alyssia Romero and Macy Luster were the leaders in steals.

Alyssa Potts won the Hustle Award and Sadie Arriola won the Leadership Award.

### FIVE YEARS AGO, Feb. 15, 2018

Three Lindale High School Lady Eagle soccer players signed national letters of intent with colleges during a ceremony in the LHS Cafeteria.

Taylor Webb, Central Arkansas and Hope Williams and Lauren Sumner, both with Concordia Lutheran University. Central Arkansas is an NCAA Division I school in Conway, Ark. And Concordia Lutheran is an NCAA Division III school in Austin.

### 10 YEARS AGO, Feb. 14, 2013

A request for a letter of support for a senior housing project in Lindale was denied by city council members during their regular meeting at Lindale City Hall.

Several homeowners from the Penny Lane subdivision, where the proposed housing project was to be located, were on hand as the representative of Peach Way Holdings LLC Mark Feaster, made his presentation to the council.

Council members discussed items such as traffic issues in the area, whether there would be more than one access road to the development and whether there was an actual need for the facility.

The proposed project would have been for seniors aged 55 and older and consist of 60 units. According to Feaster the one-bedroom would be \$580 per month and the two-bedroom \$694 per month.

Mayor Pro Tem Jeff Daugherty made the motion to deny the request for a letter of support and the motion passed unanimously.

# Bad breath, John Deere bumpers and creatures

Unbeknownst to me, my wife Janet called somebody up and had them put us on a "do not call" list to keep the phone creatures from callin' us.

I'd noticed that I hadn't been gettin' as many calls as I used to. Phone creatures, for you out there who haven't been readin' this junk I write for long, are what I call those phone solicitors who call you in the middle of supper, or when your favorite program is on the idiot box.

Most people consider them a nuisance, but I like to have fun with them.

Anywho, like I said, I'd been missin' gettin' the calls. I was complainin' one night about it and Janet confessed to what she had done.

Well, I thought I was gonna have to call and get reinstated, when a miracle happened. One of the creatures got through the block.

"Yellow," I said, when I answered the phone. No one said anything. "Yellow," I said again, and then I heard that faint little click that tells you it's a phone creature.

"Mr. Mitchum?" a female voice said. I looked at Janet with a smile on my face. I pointed at the phone receiver. "It's a phone creature," I whispered. Janet rolled her eyes, and then got up and left the room.

She doesn't like to witness what she calls my moronic display of immaturity.

"Speak up," I said loudly.

## Rusty Mitchum Life & Times



"My dog swallowed my hearin' aid yesterday and I ain't got it back, yet."

"Sir?"

"What'd you say?" I said.

"Uh, sir, the reason I called is to find out if you would like to take advantage of a low interest rate Master Card?"

"You say you want to give me some Listerine, a mattress, and a car?" I said.

"Low interest rate Master Card!" she yelled loudly.

"Well, I really don't need no Listerine, but my wife could sure use some. Her breath could stop a semi doin' 90 miles an hour."

"Not Listerine," she said.

"We done tried everything we could think of," I said. "I saw on TV where they said that there was some kind of leaf you could chew on to get rid of bad breath, so I went out in the woods to find her some. Well, I picked some leaves, but I guess I should have worn my glasses, 'cause I got some poison ivy by mistake. My wife chewed on 'em and do you know her tongue swelled up like a summer sausage."

"Sir," the creature tried.

"Yep," I continued. "She couldn't even keep it in her mouth. I had to put a plas-

tic bag over the end of it to keep it from dryin' out and crackin'."

"Sir," she tried again.

"Then I seen where they said that a tongue comb would help git rid of bad breath. Well, I couldn't find no place that had no tongue combs, so I figured I'd make do with a regular comb."

"Sir!"

"I said a regular comb!" I said again loudly. "I figured a comb is a comb. Well now, I started combin' her tongue, and you know that little pink thang that hangs down it the back of your throat? Well, I got that comb hung up on that thang. I thought I never was gonna git it off either. I'd pull and my wife would gag. I'd pull and she'd gag. This went on for a while. I finally got it tore loose. You know, it didn't help. She still had bad breath."

"Mr. Mitchum," she pleaded.

"As for the mattress, I don't really need one. We got a good'un. It was my daddy's before me, and his daddy's before him. Oh, it's sort of swaybacked in the middle, but it's real cozy like."

"Mr. Mitchum."

"We did have to get it

cleaned once. That blamed nephew slept on it that time, and well, I really think he was a little too old to do what he done, but he ain't never been right, you know."

"You don't understand!" the creature yelled.

"As for the car, well we could use one of them. My wife said she's gettin' tired of havin' to ride on the fender of the John Deere. She says the fumes make her hair smell like diesel. I hate to tell her but that's her breath that smells that way."

"Please," the creature cried.

"What's that?" I said.

"Mr. Mitchum, you don't understand!" she yelled.

"Wait a minute," I said. "Hold that thought. It looks like I'm fixin' to git my hearin' aid back." Then I yelled away from the phone. "Maw! Don't let that dog out of your sight!"

When I got back to the phone, it was dead. She had hung up. I replaced the receiver and noticed that Janet had reentered the room. She was lookin' at me with one of "those looks."

"What?" I said.

"I've got something for you," she said sweetly.

"Really, what is it?" From behind her back, she pulled out a comb.

"You ain't crammin' that thing down my throat," I said.

"Throat?" she said. "Who said anything about your throat?"

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Thanks to helpful citizens from Lindale PD

Dear Editor,

The Lindale Police Department would like to give a huge shout out and thanks to the citizens who called in last week on an individual who was observed doing donuts and destroying public property at one of our parks. These calls led to the apprehension, arrest, and towing of the vehicle. This incident caused several thousand dollars of damage and will result in the temporary closure of specific areas of this park while repairs are made.

We ask if you see any such illegal activity, please do not directly interact with this individual and or individuals but please



contact the Lindale Police Department as soon as possible.

It's with your help and awareness that we keep our community safe and public areas open for our families.

Again a huge "thank you" for helping us and keeping our community great!

Sincerely,  
Lindale PD

## Cole Hefner receives committee assignments



District 5 State Rep. Cole Hefner, R-Mount Pleasant, was appointed to the House Committee on Ways and Means, the Committee on Public Education and the Committee on Calendars this past week, publicity officials announced.

"I am eager to begin our important work on these three committees," Hefner said.

"As legislators, we have a tremendous opportunity before us. I look forward to working with my colleagues to protect the freedom of all Texans and to ensure that every student, parent, and teacher are served well."

Hefner is serving his fourth term as the state representative for District 5, which consists of a portion of Smith County as well as Camp, Rains, Titus, Upshur, and Wood counties.

## Rotary Club accepting nominations for annual Merchant of the Year

The Lindale Rotary Club is requesting nominations for its "Merchant of the Year" Award to be presented at the Lindale Area Chamber of Commerce's annual banquet and auction scheduled April 3, 2023, at Texas Rose Horse Park, officials announced.

Nominations will be accepted until 12 noon., Monday, Feb. 27. They should be mailed to Carroll R. Anderson, P.O. Box 1494, Lindale, Texas 75771-1494.

This award has been presented each year since 1991 to a Lindale area merchant who exemplifies the tenets of Rotary International set forth in the service organization's "Four Way Test," which states "Is it the Truth?" "Is it Fair to All Concerned?" "Will it Build Good Will and Better Friendships?" and "Will it be Beneficial to All Concerned?"

Nominees must have exhibited these "Four Way Test" standards in their day-to-day business operations.

Some past winners have been business owners but one doesn't need to be an owner to qualify for nomination.

Previous nominees who haven't been selected may be resubmitted in the same manner as a new nomination.

Nominations should be in writing and explain why the individual is being nominated and how that individual practices the principles outlined in the Four Way Test.

The merchant does not have to be a Rotarian to win the award.

Past Merchant of the Year winners include:

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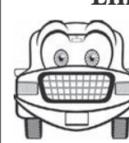
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## Lindale Police Department call log for Feb. 3-Feb. 9

**FRIDAY, FEB. 3:** 10:09:12 AM, Assist SCSO, 1300 blk Jennifer St; 10:15:37 AM, Accident, S Main St / W Hubbard St; 12:11:54 PM, Suspicious Person, CR 4191, / Greenwood Cir; 1:01:35 PM, Traffic Hazard, 300 blk S Main St; 2:12:21 PM, Public Service, 500 blk Ferguson St; 3:30:43 PM, Assist Another Agency, 1500 blk Sugar Hill; 4:17:12 PM, City Ordinance Violation, 300 blk Helen Dr; 5:07:56 PM, Criminal Trespass, 2100 blk S Main St; 5:21:22 PM, Public Service, 3500 blk S Main St; 6:04:24 PM, Theft, 600 blk E Hubbard St; 9:06:22 PM, Suspicious Circumstance, 200 blk W Valley St; 9:45:51 PM, Warrant Service, 1300 blk C R 472; 9:48:56 PM, Alarm Business, 3300 blk S Main St; 10:04:52 PM, Motorist Assist, S Main St / W Hubbard St; 10:11:01 PM, Suspicious Vehicle, 300 blk N College St; 10:27:00 PM, Assist SCSO, 18000 blk C R 4112.

**SATURDAY, FEB. 4:** 12:32:07 AM, Lockout, 3:01:03 AM, Criminal Trespass, 3300 blk S Main St; 3:15:20 AM, Suspicious Vehicle, 13000 blk CR 472, 3:56:20 AM, Motorist Assist, 1500 blk S Main St; 8:24:16 AM, Welfare Concern, 15000 blk Brittain Ct; 10:12:32 AM, Public Service, 100 blk Ballard Dr; 10:46:15 AM, Vagrant, 100 blk E Centennial Blvd; 10:58:07 AM, Motorist Assist, 13000 blk Interstate 20 W; 1:23:58 PM, Public Service, 100 blk Ballard Dr; 2:18:02 PM, Public Service, 500 blk N Main St; 5:09:19 PM, Welfare Concern, 500 blk S Main St; 5:41:15 PM, Assist Another Agency, 17000 blk Interstate 20 W; 10:44:47 PM, Loud Noise Complaint, 15000 blk FM 16 W.

**SUNDAY, FEB. 5:** 12:58:00 AM, Motorist Assist, 16000 blk Interstate 20 E; 2:22:23 AM, Disturbance, 13000 blk CR 472; 8:15:43 AM, Suspicious Circumstance, 18000 blk Interstate 20 W; 10:51:47 AM, Suspicious Circumstance, 2100 blk S Main St; 1:41:10 PM, Welfare Concern, 100 blk E Centennial Blvd; 4:58:00



PM, Traffic Hazard, 15000 blk Interstate 20 E; 6:07:11 PM, Public Service, 100 blk Ballard Dr; 8:32:00 PM, Disturbance, 200 blk Cannery Row; 9:44:21 PM, Criminal Trespass, 100 blk E Centennial Blvd.

**MONDAY, FEB. 6:** 2:51:54 AM, Assist Another Agency, 15000 blk Interstate 20 W; 5:02:13 AM, Assist Another Agency, 13000 blk Interstate 20 W; 5:51:36 AM, Accident, 15000 blk Interstate 20 W; 9:20:40 AM, Public Service, 200 blk Darden Park; 10:57:20 AM, Traffic Hazard, 100 blk N Main St; 11:12:08 AM, Identity Theft, 700 blk Abbey Road; 11:19:12 AM, Alarm Business, 17000 blk Hwy 69 N; 2:59:00 PM, Public Service, 400 blk S Main St; 2:59:06 PM, Damaged Property, 15645 Brittain Ct; 3:11:53 PM, Accident, 400 blk S Main St; 6:04:54 PM, 911 Hang Up Call, 1400 blk S Main St; 7:34:00 PM, 911 Hang Up Call, 3500 blk S Main St; 9:47:11 PM, Miscellaneous, 600 blk N Main St; 11:03:47 PM, Welfare Concern, 3500 blk S Main St.

**TUESDAY, FEB. 7:** 3:21:27 AM, Welfare Concern, 13000 blk Interstate 20 E; 10:34:44 AM, Motorist Assist, E Van St / S Main St; 10:48:28 AM, Assist LISD PD, 15000 blk CR 463; 11:57:06 AM, Traffic Hazard, 16000 blk FM 849; 12:05:13 PM, Suspicious Circumstance, 100 blk E Centennial Blvd; 12:06:33 PM, Motorist Assist, 3300 blk S Main St; 12:09:54 PM, Public Service, 700 blk Circle Dr; 3:06:10 PM, Public Service, 500 blk Sunset Dr; 3:53:14 PM,

Suspicious Circumstance, 13000 blk Interstate 20 W; 4:23:49 PM, Criminal Mischief, 900 blk Mt Sylvan St; 6:10:20 PM, Assist Another Agency, 13000 blk Interstate 20 W; 6:18:01 PM, Abandoned Vehicle, 3100 blk S Main St; 6:59:46 PM, Accident, 13000 blk Interstate 20 W; 7:00:30 PM, Evade Arrest, 15000 blk Interstate 20 W; 7:49:29 PM, Alarm Business, 1400 blk S Main St; 9:08:04 PM, Suspicious Circumstance, 14000 blk Ballard Dr; 10:18:46 PM, Cruelty To Animals, 13000 blk CR 472.

**WEDNESDAY, FEB. 8:** 5:07:03 AM, Welfare Concern, 13000 blk Interstate 20 W; 5:28:21 AM, Accident, 16000 blk Interstate 20 W; 7:53:42 AM, Welfare Concern, 13000 blk FM 2710; 8:37:51 AM, Assist LISD PD, 900 blk E Hubbard St; 9:16:25 AM, Fraud, 3500 blk S Main St; 1:42:57 PM, Assist SCSO, FM 849/CR 473; 2:09:34 PM, Motorist Assist, 3500 blk S Main St; 3:38:57 PM, Theft, 1500 blk S Main St; 6:36:02 PM, Alarm Residence, 17000 blk CR 4112.

**THURSDAY, FEB. 9:** 7:04:35 AM, Welfare Concern, 200 blk Summer Tree Cir; 7:57:20 AM, Accident, 3500 blk S Main St; 10:12:45 AM, Missing Person, 100 blk Ballard Dr; 10:14:28 AM, Parking Violation, CR 472/Freedom Dr; 10:34:22 AM, Assist Another Agency, 13800 blk Hwy 69 N; 10:49:40 AM, Accident, 13000 blk Interstate 20 W; 1:02:47 PM, Found Property, 800 blk Lindale Industrial Pkwy; 1:53:12 PM, Escort, 200 blk W South St; 2:07:19 PM, Assist EMS, 15000 blk Spring Oaks Dr; 3:58:47 PM, Forgery, 100 blk Ballard Dr; 4:05:48 PM, Alarm Business, 3400 blk S Main St; 4:23:07 PM, Lost Property, 100 blk Ballard Dr; 5:49:17 PM, Alarm Business, 17905 Hwy 69 N; 6:39:08 PM, Alarm Business, 600 blk S Main St; 7:38:19 PM, Suspicious Circumstance, 500 blk Noah Ln; 8:08:28 PM, Suspicious Circumstance, 600 blk E Hubbard St; 9:32:37 PM, Disturbance, 1500 blk Pearl St; 10:09:12 PM, Assist SCSO, 12000 blk Interstate 20 W; 11:25:46 PM, Alarm Business, 2500 blk S Main St.

## Jasper County man sentenced for drug trafficking violations

A Buna man has been sentenced to 22 years in federal prison for drug trafficking violations in the Eastern District of Texas, said Davilyn Walston, spokesperson for U.S. Attorney Brit Featherston.

Larry Wayne Free, 40, pleaded guilty on June 30, 2022, to possession with intent to distribute methamphetamine and was sentenced to 264 months in federal prison by U.S. District Judge Marcia A. Crone on Feb. 2, 2023.

According to information presented in court, in January 2021, law enforcement officials received information that Free was distributing methamphetamine from a residence in Nome, Texas. Free was located on Highway 90 and a traffic stop was initiated on the vehicle. A narcotics K9 unit alerted on the vehicle and a search revealed 1,948 grams of methamphetamine in the car. Free was indicted by a federal grand jury on April 6, 2022.

This case was investigated by the Drug Enforcement Administration, the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office, the Beaumont Police Department and the Hardin County Sheriff's Office. This case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Rachel Grove.

### New Yorker indicted for having automatic rifle in school zone

A Brooklyn, N.Y. man has been indicted for a federal firearms violation in the Eastern District of Texas, Walston said.

Ahmed Abdalla Allam, 26, was named in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury on Feb. 1, 2023, charging him with possession of a firearm in a school zone. Allam appeared in federal court before U.S. Magistrate Judge Zack Hawthorn on Friday, Feb. 3 and was ordered to be held pending a detention hearing.

According to information presented in court, on Jan. 29, 2023, Allam was found in possession of a multi-caliber rifle within 1,000 feet of St. Anthony Cathedral Basilica School in Beaumont. Allam also possessed a 30-round magazine and 150 rounds of ammunition. It is a federal violation to possess firearms or ammunition within 1,000 feet of a school zone.

"The community of St. Anthony's, including parents, teachers, and administrator, are to be commended for remaining vigilant and reporting their suspicions," said U.S. Attorney Brit Featherston. "If you see something suspicious – say something. You may save a life."

If convicted, Allam faces up to 5 years in federal prison.

This case is part of Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN), a program bringing together all levels of law enforcement and the communities they serve to reduce violent crime and gun violence, and to make our neighborhoods safer for everyone. On May 26, 2021, the Department launched a violent crime reduction strategy strengthening PSN based on these core principles: fostering trust and legitimacy in our communities, supporting community-based organizations that help prevent violence from occurring in the first place, setting focused and strategic enforcement priorities, and measuring the results.

An indictment is merely an allegation, and all defendants are presumed innocent until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.

This case is being investigated by the Beaumont Police Department, Jefferson County District Attorney's Office, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, FBI, Port Arthur Fire Department, and Montgomery County Fire Marshall. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney John B. Ross.

### Red River Army Depot defendant sentenced

The final defendant has been sentenced in a federal bribery, theft and fraud scheme at the Red River Army Depot in the Eastern District of Texas, said Davilyn Walston, spokesperson for U.S. Attorney Brit Featherston.

Jimmy Scarbrough, 71, of Hooks, pleaded guilty on Aug. 22, 2022, to conspiring with others to defraud the United States, commit theft of government property, and commit bribery.

He was sentenced to 48 months in federal prison today by U.S. District Judge Robert W. Schroeder, III.

Scarbrough was also ordered to forfeit his 1951 Ford F-1 pickup truck and \$229,000 cash.

In September of 2022, Jeffrey Harrison, a former RRAD vendor, was sentenced to 30 months in federal prison and ordered to forfeit \$300,000; Justin Bishop, a former RRAD vendor was sentenced to 12 months and 1 day in federal prison and ordered to forfeit \$55,000; Devin McEwin, a former RRAD official was sentenced to a five-year term of federal probation, including eight months of home confinement and ordered to forfeit \$21,000; and Louis Singleton, a former RRAD official was sentenced to five years of federal probation, including eight months of home confinement, and was ordered to forfeit \$18,000.

"Scarbrough sold his position of public trust for personal gain, all at the expense of the hard-working men and women at the RRAD who support our armed forces around the globe," said Featherston. "We will continue vigorously uprooting corruption and fraud at the RRAD and the vendors that support its mission."

"Today's sentencing is a fitting end for those who conspire to defraud the United States Army," said Special Agent in Charge L. Scott Moreland of the Department of the Army Criminal Investigation Division's Major Procurement Fraud Field Office. "Army CID is proud to work with our federal law enforcement partners to protect the coffers of the U.S. government from those who break the law and threaten the readiness of our Service."

"Today's sentence concludes the tireless work and dedication of multiple agencies to hold a group of people accountable for attempting to defraud and profit off the United States government," said FBI Dallas Acting Special Agent in Charge, James J. Dwyer. "The public can rest assured that we remain committed to aggressively pursuing anyone that uses government programs for their own personal gain."

According to information presented in court, Scarbrough was the Equipment Mechanic Supervisor at the RRAD in Texarkana, Texas, a position he held from November 2001 until May 2019. Scarbrough directed more than \$7 million in purchases from RRAD to Harrison and Bishop through the government purchase card (GPC) program. In order to manipulate the GPC program, which is designed to ensure a competitive bidding process, Scarbrough told the vendors what to bid, including the item, the quantity, and the price. By collecting fake bids from multiple vendors, Scarbrough was able to direct RRAD purchases to his select vendors, in this case Harrison and Bishop, while maintaining the appearance of a competitive bidding process. Scarbrough also defrauded the United States by falsely certifying that he had received the purchased items, therefore causing the RRAD to pay his select vendors. However, the reality was that Scarbrough instructed the vendors not to deliver certain RRAD-purchased items.

## ET logging contractor indicted timber fraud case

A logging contractor has been indicted by a Rusk County grand jury on a state jail felony charge of timber purchase as trustee with intent to defraud.

Terry Aron Beall, 57, of Henderson, doing business as 2-Beall Logging, is accused of stealing between \$500 and \$20,000 in proceeds from a timber sale from a Rusk County landowner in 2021.

Beall had an agreement with the landowner to harvest timber from the property; however, the landowner contacted the Texas A&M Forest Service Law Enforcement Department after noticing discrepancies in the paperwork provided by Beall after the harvest.

After a lengthy investigation, it was determined the landowner was not being compensated for all of the timber removed from the property, Texas A&M Forest Service Law Enforcement Investigator Mike Kuhnert said.

Kuhnert stressed the importance for landowners to protect their investment by monitoring all harvest activities, including having a wood accountability system in place requiring proof of documentation. This can be achieved by the landowner or by utilizing the services of a consulting forester, which is recommended.

"It's always important to trust your gut," Kuhnert said. "When your gut is telling you something isn't right, it's always a good idea to do some research and see what's going on."

An indictment is not a finding of guilt; rather, the grand jury determined enough evidence exists to warrant a trial.

To prevent timber theft, landowners should:

Visit their property frequently.

Have someone they know and trust report any cutting on their land immediately.

Never sign a contract without checking several references of the buyer.

For the best price, insist on getting bids for their timber.

Mark all property lines to assure cutting on adjacent property does not encroach on theirs.

Utilize trail/deer cameras on their property that can record suspicious activity or individuals.

Always hold their timber contractor to the agreed-upon terms.

Landowners who are unfamiliar with selling their timber are urged to contact their local Texas A&M Forest Service office. Texas A&M Forest Service field staff assists landowners with the process of securing the services of a professional resource manager to help select trees for harvest, estimate values and find potential buyers.

To report suspected timber theft or suspicious activity, call the Texas A&M Forest Service law enforcement timber theft hotline at 1-800-364-3470.

For more information, visit <https://tfsweb.tamu.edu/lawenforcement/report-timbertheft/>.

## Easy ways to buy healthier options

By Claudann Jones  
Smith County Extension Agent  
Family and Community Health



Want to make smart food choices but confused by all the health claims, messages and logos on foods?

Use these tips to avoid the brain strain while shopping online or in-person at the store.

-- Read food nutrition labels, even for so-called "healthier" foods. Ingredients and nutrient content can vary a lot by brand and preparation. When there's more than one choice, compare labels. Choose the item with the lowest amounts of sodium, saturated fat, trans fat and added sugars.

-- Beware of sneaky ingredients. For example, sodium and added sugars go by many different names, making it harder to tell just how much is in there.

-- Choose frozen, canned or dried produce when fresh isn't available or practical. It can be just as nutritious as fresh and will last longer. Choose canned fruit packed in water, light syrup or its own juice. With canned and frozen vegetables, choose the product with the lowest amount of sodium.

-- Heavy syrups and sauces can add

unwanted ingredients to your healthy fruits and veggies.

-- Choose whole-grain foods. Lots of products claim to be, but there's a simple way to know for sure. Look for the word "whole-grain" (or "whole" followed by the grain name) as the first item in the ingredients list. And we're talking more than just bread. Include crackers, cereals, tortillas, pasta and other grain foods in your whole-grain quest.

-- Look for the Heart-Check mark to quickly and easily identify foods that can be part of an overall healthy eating plan. When it's on the label, you know the product has been certified by the American Heart Association to meet specific science-based nutrition requirements. The Heart-Check is easy to spot and takes some of the guesswork out of comparing Nutrition Facts label information.

Keep in mind, not all red hearts or check marks on food packages are the trusted Heart-Check mark. Look for the American Heart Association name if you're unsure.

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

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## Lindale's Marley Keith hits 1,000-point plateau

She didn't want to leave any doubt about hitting a career milestone, so Lindale High School junior Marley Keith poured in 38 points to hit the 1,000-point plateau during the Lady Eagles' 76-48 District 16-4A win over Athens this past week.

Keith dropped in a layup with just under two minutes left in the third period to hit her 1,000th point. Allie Davenport got the assist on the record-breaking bucket after stealing the ball and passing to Keith under the hoop.

The game was stopped and Keith's milestone was celebrated with a banner.

Keith then sank a free throw to push the Lady Eagles' advantage to 60-29.

The Lady Eagles had little trouble with the Lady Hornets, opening up a 19-7 at the end of the first period and expanded the

lead to 40-17 at the half.

By the end of the third period Lindale had padded its margin to 63-32.

In addition to her 38 points, Keith had seven assists, four rebounds and four steals for the Lady Eagles.

Lindale senior players Brooke Everest, Makenna Burks, Jillian Ortiz as well as manager Eva Yates played their final game for their school against Athens.

Everest scored 17 in the Lady Eagles' win, while Ortiz scored 6 and pulled down eight rebounds while Burks had 4 points. Other Lindale scorers included Lydia Payne with 4, Abigail Lee with 3, Madison Luster with 2 and Felicity Them with 2.

The Lady Eagles finished their district season with a 14-18 season record and a 4-8 mark in district.

## State agency urges hiring licensed electricians

Many Texas homes and businesses suffered ice damage recently and although repairs to electrical transformers and some lines will be performed by power companies, some repairs may fall to homeowners and business owners because the damage is at their side of the powerline.

Officials with the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation said you shouldn't hire unlicensed electricians to perform this important repair.

Anyone performing, or offering to perform, electrical work in Texas must be licensed by the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation and perform that work through an electrical contractor licensed by TDLR.

The first step in hiring an electrical contractor should be checking the TDLR website ([www.tdlr.texas.gov](http://www.tdlr.texas.gov)) to make sure that they are licensed by TDLR. Licensed electrical contractors must either hold a license as a master electrician or employ a master.

They are required to carry insurance, which protects you as a consumer on completed jobs.

Make sure that the contractor has gotten any required electrical permit through the city or county before any work begins, and never pay upfront for all the work you've agreed to have done.

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## Eagles clinch playoff berth win Canton victory

The Lindale High School Eagles boys basketball team has earned another playoff berth by virtue of its home win against Canton, a 46-45 nailbiter which assured the Eagles of a third place finish in District 16-4A.

Head Coach Chris Grotomat's squad will now take on Paris (17-8, 7-2 in District 15-4A) in the bi-district playoffs on Feb. 20.

Canton, currently in second place in 16-4A, will meet Liberty-Eylau in bi-district.

In the Eagles' win over Canton, Lindale built a 26-17 lead at the half and led going into the fourth period, 31-29. Canton outscored the Eagles, 16-15, in the fourth.

On Feb. 7 in the LHS gym, the second place Hornets clipped Lindale, 50-48 and on Feb. 6 in Mabank, the Panthers dumped Lindale, 46-37.

### ATHENS 50, LINDALE 48

A couple of late free throws from Athens' Jamarrion Williams propelled the Hornets past the Eagles on Feb. 7 in the LHS gym and elevated them to the district's top spot.

With just under a minute to go, Lindale trailed 48-45 with Athens' Eli Perkins going to the line. He missed the front end of a one-and-one and the Eagles' Amare Baptiste yanked down the rebound.

He was fouled and in the ensuing tussle a technical foul was called on the Hornets. Baptiste sank three of the four shots to tie the game.

Lindale also got the ball out of bounds on the technical call but Logan Dixon's shot was off the mark from the lane. Williams was fouled going for the rebound and proceeded to break the hearts of Lindale fans.

The Eagles built an 11-9 lead after the first period but the Hornets battled back to take a 15-11 lead after scoring six unanswered points. Athens led 32-27 at the half, but Lindale's defense clamped down in the third and for nearly eight minutes the Hornets didn't score.

### MABANK 46, LINDALE 37

Earlier in the year, the Eagles hosted the Panthers and came away with a 48-39 victory despite starting out in a 7-0 hole in the first period.

On Feb. 3, things were eerily similar as Mabank once again sprinted out to a 7-0 lead and finished the run ahead, 15-2.

The Eagles, however, regrouped and began to

chip away at the lead. Lindale applied full court pressure that resulted in transition baskets and pushed the Panthers into an up tempo game.

"We know the character of the guys on our roster," Grotomat said. "While we simply could not get out of our own way in the early going, the coaching staff knew that the boys would give everything they had in terms of making a run to get back in it."

Cole Collinsworth and Ryder Johnson paced the offensive attack, while Carson Plunkett and Connor McClendon helped fuel the defensive charge.

Lindale managed to cut the deficit to 25-19 at the half.

In the second half cold shooting and turnovers afflicted the Eagles but Lindale still managed to stay within four going in the fourth period.

With time running short in the fourth, the Eagles took leads of 37-36 and 39-38 but the Panthers managed to secure the win by scoring the final eight points.

"Our team had a number of opportunities to steal this one after the brutal start, but often in these situations, the team on the comeback trail exhausts so much energy getting back into the contest that sometimes there is simply not enough in the tank to seal the deal," said Grotomat.

### LINDALE 47, VAN 38

Even though Van is not in the playoff chase this season, Grotomat and his coaching staff have respect for the spirited play of the Vandals and how they can turn into spoilers as the district season winds down.

With the visitors keeping things close in the opening minutes of the contest, Lindale used the skill of Baptiste to keep Van at bay. The rugged Baptiste scored eight of his 12 points in the first half and found a way to score almost at will.

Grotomat was also pleased with the play of Plunkett and Collinsworth, who scored 14 second half points to help the Eagles' cause.

"Our guys were patient and unselfish, and statistically speaking, the boys pitched a perfect game," Grotomat said.

Even though the three-pointers weren't falling for the Eagles they more than made up for it inside the arc, hitting 16 of 18 shots.

## Attracting bluebirds can mean happiness

By Greg Grant  
Smith County Horticulturist

Thanks to extensive ecosystem and habitat changes, the ever popular eastern bluebird ("the songbird of happiness") was once considered doomed to extinction.

Although their numbers are now stable in America, mostly thanks to artificial nest boxes, the devastating freeze of 2021 killed thousands in East Texas. Late winter is historically the time to either clean out existing bluebird nest boxes or install new ones to help them recover.

It's important to know that bluebirds are country birds, not city dwellers. They prefer wide open spaces like pastures, golf courses, parks, vacant lots, and cemeteries; not neighborhoods and cities packed with people, houses, buildings, or trees.

You can also put away the bird seed, because bluebirds are insect and berry eaters, not seed eaters. This means you need to lay off the insecticides and let your gardens go to the birds.

Adults, as well as their young, all feed on insects during the growing season, supplemented by small berries during the winter.

Some of the best berried plants for attracting bluebirds are possumhaw and other hollies, dogwoods, elderberry, Virginia creeper, pokeweed/pokeberry, snail seed, red cedar, hackberry (sugarberry), wax myrtle, smilax, rattan vine, blueberries, and farkle-berries/sparkleberries (huckleberries).

If you don't have these in your landscape, at least leave them on the edge of your property, a vacant lot, or your place in the country if you have one.

Bluebirds need food, shelter, and water year-round. They have the potential to raise up to three broods a year here. It's amusing to watch the parents trying to wean their first batch while starting a new



Attract bluebirds by using artificial nest boxes. (Courtesy photo)

nest and family. The grown children make quite a racket trying to attract their parents' attention with animated gestures saying, "Feed me. Feed me now!"

One reason East Texas has so many bluebirds is there are both open areas for foraging and nesting, and forested areas full of insects and berries. The margins of woods are great places for adult birds as they can partake of the many insects in the open areas and the shelter, shade, and fruit of the woodland areas.

If you have a choice when placing a bluebird nesting box, however, always choose the most open area you can find. Those boxes placed near wooded areas generally house equally cute Carolina chickadees, tufted titmice, or flying squirrels.

Make sure the nest boxes you put up can be opened so old nests can be removed between broods. Bluebirds like clean houses. Entrance holes should be exactly 1½ inches in diameter.

For more information, visit [texasbluebirdsociety.org](http://texasbluebirdsociety.org).

## Looking back on the colors of a winter garden

By Shelia Preddy  
Smith County Master Gardener

I remember how the dawn of a January morning began with the soft spread of light across the dark garden, bare trees silhouetted first across the lightening sky and then down into the shadows of the garden, soft dots of white appearing along the ground and up into the dark sky.

Little by little the white dots would take shape and reveal themselves to be large white camellia blossoms in the nearly 10 foot tall shrub. At ground level white narcissus came into focus in small patches and on lone stems scattered about the beds.

Greens and browns formed the background for the color yet to emerge. The lawn was mostly tan with a sprinkling of green mixed in. The hollies, evergreen ferns, cast iron and fatsia provided a rich green while the aucuba brought a green and yellow mix.

The burgundy red of the dwarf nandinas stood out against the green and browns and blended well with the azalea's soft brownish-green color and airy texture.

As the morning light brightened, dewy yellow crocuses and yellow narcissus sparked while silvery lamb's ears and dusty miller showed themselves. Some of the many Lenten rose buds, not waiting for Lent, opened and began a show of maroon, pink and white flowers amid their large evergreen leaves.

Early in January the huge holly bush was covered in an amazing crop of red berries until an ocean of cedar waxwings attacked in waves. It only took one day to devour the berries. Then they moved on to the apparently less delicious nandina berries.

About the middle of January, the heavy red camellia buds opened into 3" red flowers. Not only did they cover the huge shrub, but the fallen blossoms covered the adjacent ground, mixing red in with the green ferns and white narcissus below.

Containers of herbs, lettuce, colorful pansies, and beginning to bud dianthus and snapdragons adorned the patio.

Weather fronts bring windy

movement to the garden, but it does not compare with the darting, swooping color that comes with the birds that visit the feeders and plants that provide food and shelter. Migrating blackbirds, cedar waxwings and robins came in flocks filling the yard, the trees and the bird baths with moving color washes.

The feeders bring the blue jays, cardinals, chickadees, tit mice and the ever-present sparrows and wrens. Brown thrashers, woodpeckers, doves, and mockingbirds are also frequent visitors.

January is when I saw a flash of bright blue landing on the top of the blue bird nest box. He showed off his moves for the much less colorful female sitting daintily on a nearby branch. I hope that he convinced her that this is the best place for a nest!

January brought a surprise of snow, but everything emerged intact as the snow melted.

Then came February and more snow and ice and sub-zero temperatures! The deep freeze changed everything! As the snow and ice left, it revealed skeletal plants and a palette of many shades of brown. As the days went by and warm days returned, more shades of brown and more leaves on the ground became the norm.

Then small miracles began to appear. Green Lenten roses with full blossoming flowers shone forth as the blanket of snow and ice melted away, red dwarf nandina looked brilliant against the retreating snow.

Budding narcissus, jonquils, dianthus and some pansies survived and began to open. Now, several weeks into March, it has become a waiting game to see just how indomitable this winter garden is.

Some plants and or shrubs may be gone forever, but Japanese magnolias, redbuds ornamental pears are showing color and some shrubs are showing signs of life as winter passes into spring and the weather and soil warm back up.

Welcome, welcome spring!!

*The Smith County Master Gardener program is a volunteer organization in connection with the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service.*

## Lindale FFA's Creed Rand captures calf during stock show scramble

Lindale High School FFA member Creed Rand caught a calf during the Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo's Calf Scramble (Feb.1) and earned a \$500 purchase certificate for a show heifer and the chance for up to \$16,000 in scholarship awards, publicity officials announced.

He is the son of Holly and Charlie Rand of Lindale. His award was sponsored by Kelly R. Thompson.

Rand will use the purchase certificate toward the cost of a heifer that he will raise and exhibit at next year's Stock Show.

One of the Stock Show's most iconic and popular events, the Calf Scramble gives 20 students an opportunity to catch 10 calves during one of 23 performances of the Stock Show & Rodeo held Jan. 13 through Feb. 4.

Since the Fort Worth Calf Scramble began in 1987, the program has distributed almost \$4 million to nearly 8,000 Texas students providing funds for the purchase of their beef or dairy heifer and more than \$3.6 million in scholarships has been awarded to more than 1,600 students in recognition of their



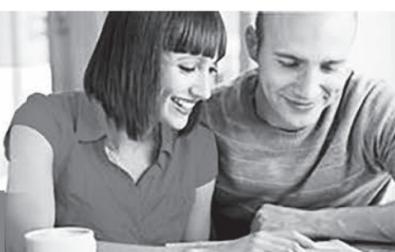
hard work and completion of the program.

Exhibitors that submit monthly reports and a final essay may be eligible for scholarship awards that can range between \$500 and \$16,000.



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**TO: ALL UNKNOWN HEIRS IN THE ESTATE OF BILLY RAY SLOAN, DECEASED:**

On the 1st day of February, 2023, **GERALYN SLOAN** filed an **APPLICATION TO DETERMINE HEIRSHIP** in a proceeding styled **IN THE ESTATE OF BILLY RAY SLOAN, DECEASED** and bearing the number **47167P** in the County Court at Law #3 of Smith County, Texas.

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

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

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

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**TO: ALL UNKNOWN HEIRS IN THE ESTATE OF MARY MAGDALENE JOHNSON, DECEASED:**

On the 25th day of January, 2023, **SHERRY N. JOHNSON** filed an **APPLICATION TO DETERMINE HEIRSHIP WITHIN ADMINISTRATION** in a proceeding styled **IN THE ESTATE OF MARY MAGDALENE JOHNSON, DECEASED** and bearing the number **44866P** in the County Court at Law #3 of Smith County, Texas.

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**KAREN PHILLIPS, COUNTY CLERK**  
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By: Katherine Beard, Deputy Clerk

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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Administration for the Estate of Corries Nichols, Jr., Deceased, were issued on the 9th of February, 2022, in Cause No. 42,061-P, pending in the Probate Court in Smith County, Texas, to: LeRoy Francis.

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.

c/o: **Stephen Hubbard Attorney at Law**  
**100 E. Ferguson St. Suite 714**  
**Tyler, Texas 75702**

**DATED** the 8th day of February, 2023.

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**Notice to Creditors**

Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Flora Jean Williams, Deceased, were issued to Sharon Phelps February 13, 2023, in Cause No. 47160P, by the County Court at Law #3 of Smith Co, Tx. All persons having claims against this Estate currently being administered are required to present them to Sharon Phelps, c/o Richard Patteson, Attorney, at 218 N. Broadway, Ste.304, Tyler, Texas 75702 within the time and manner prescribed by law.

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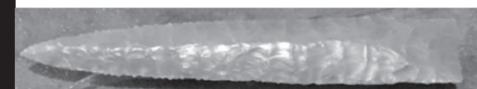
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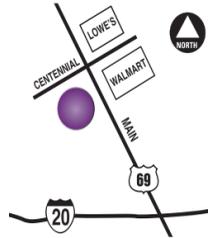
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