

Lindale News & Times

"Your Hometown Newspaper Since 1900"

Find us on Facebook



Thursday, Dec. 28, 2023

Vol. 124, No. 52

1 Section, 12 pages

50¢

Year in REVIEW

2023: It was a year of extremes

By Terry Cannon
Editor

When we look back on the year 2023, there was one overriding factor that will remain in our memory banks: the extremes Mother Nature inflicted upon us just to show everyone she was still in charge.

As the new year dawned, January's temperatures and conditions were close to normal.

Then came February. The first week of the month roared in on an icy transport that knocked out power, felled trees and made travel treacherous. East Texas utility providers reported more than 100,000 people were without power during the first two weeks of the month. Ice-laden trees snapped and blocked roads and highways throughout the region.

Smith County Judge Neal Franklin was forced to issue a disaster declaration.

By March things had thawed significantly so people could be excused for looking forward to a mild spring and hopefully, a somewhat normal summer.

So much for hoping. Summer arrived with the subtlety of a sledgehammer, with triple-digit temperatures the norm while electric bills and temperatures rose with each sauna-like day.

Health officials warned everyone – not just those at risk – not to venture outdoors if it wasn't necessary.

Dozens of people across the state died from the extreme heat, which began in June and didn't abate until late September.

Rejoicing was widespread when temperatures finally dipped below 90 degrees – and that was at 9 p.m.

As far as the coming New Year is concerned, it depends on which forecasts you choose to believe. The Old Farmer's Almanac predicts it will be colder than normal through January and mid-February, while the Climate Prediction Center says it will be wetter than normal and mostly normal temperatures through February.

But one thing is certain. After this past year's bout with weather extremes, East Texans are prepared for anything.

In addition to the extreme weather, other noteworthy items from the past year included the Lindale ISD having another banner year with the Pride of Lindale Marching Band winning yet another state title, the Eagles' football team defeating eventual state finalist Chapel Hill in district before earning another trip to the state playoffs, the volleyball team winning district, the city of Lindale snipping a ribbon to officially open the new Kinzie Community Center in July and earlier this month, securing the right of ways for Centennial Drive which will lead to retail development.

Here's a look back at other top news items for the past year.

JANUARY

Eagles land 19 on All-District, Academic teams

Lindale High School's football team was well represented across the board as the District 9-4A coaches have voted on the All-District Team for the previous year.

Will Hutchens, who signed to play for the Sam Houston State University Bearkats, was named the co-Offensive Lineman of the Year while junior quarterback Clint Thurman was selected to the first team.

Continued on Page 2



LINDALE CHIROPRACTIC CLINIC

GEORGE CRAIG PITTS, D.C.

Neck or Back Pain? We Can Help

Auto Accident • Work Injury
Sports/Athletic Injury

WERE YOU IN A CAR WRECK?
WE'VE GOT YOUR BACK!

— CALL FOR NO COST CONSULTATION —

903-882-1828

1437 S. Main • Lindale

S. Main (Hwy 69)

Major St.

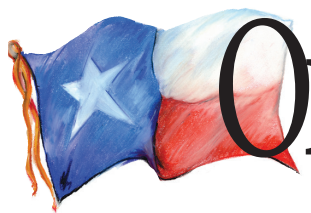
Lindale Chiropractic Clinic

Caudle-Rutledge Daugherty

Funeral Home and Cremation Services

A Daugherty Family Funeral Home

206 W. South St. Lindale, Texas 75771 | (903)-882-3141 | www.crdfh.com



OPINION/COMMENTARY

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 Best of Suzanne Bardwell



It really is a wonderful life!

Column from 2018

The trash is overflowing. The fridge is jam-packed with leftovers. And there is much to be done to get 'Christmas' packed away. What if we didn't pack it all away? What if we held on to the things that make Christmas joyful, sacred and precious?

Of course we won't. We will get too busy, too stressed and too pressed for time to hold the sacred in our hearts in such a way that we share the gifts of Christmas with the folks we rub shoulders with every day.

What if we committed to a better self. Maybe we should go on a social media diet. We certainly could use a little more kindness in our hearts and in our world. Maybe that would be easier if we weren't spending too much of our time looking at a screen and pontificating on our, oh so important, righteous opinions.

What if we tried, really hard to just treat other people with respect? Of course, we would need to embrace the concept that we should "treat others the way we want to be treated". We can't assume to know what other people believe, know and act upon based on our judgment. So maybe we ought to hook onto that lovely but difficult concept of "judge not lest you be judged".

What a wonderful world it would be if we just followed those 2,000 year old instructions. Maybe they should be on our resolution list for 2019.

I have a few gifts I would like to share with you in the Spirit of Christmas. Unwrap them, use them, don't put them in that special drawer to be savored some day in the far distant future only to be lost in the chaos of life. These gifts are for today, and every day, and they are for you.

I wish for you:

—a sense of wonder your whole life though so that life is ever new,

—the realization that the joys of life and good health are not found in things and wealth.

Along with your health may you always keep

The knowledge that to see, and hear, to walk and talk, and think

are miracles, gifts, not a promise that is cheap.

I wish for you love and the ability not to take it for granted, Whether it is a mate, a child or friend,

For we must remember that hearts are the hardest things to mend.

And, finally, when you are overwhelmed with the cares and problems of this life,

May someone remind you that it really is
A WONDERFUL LIFE!

2023: It was a year of extremes

Continued from Page 1

In all Lindale had 19 players voted to the first and second teams. The Eagles finished the season with an 8-5 mark and earned a berth in the Class 4A Regional semifinals.

This year, 10 LHS football players and one trainer earned All State Academic honors from the THSCA for Class 4A.

Senior trainer Aliah Price earned Honorable Mention All-State honors for her work with the team and her classroom work.

On the football side, first team honors were earned by senior defensive lineman Christian King and offensive lineman Will Hutchens. Both King and Hutchens were also unanimous picks to the District 9-4A All District first team.

Second teamers included senior defensive lineman Gabe Hart, senior offensive lineman Ethan Heller, senior offensive/defensive lineman Cory Watts and senior offensive lineman Trey Mazratian.

Senior defensive back/wide receiver Christian Widemon was named to the honorable mention squad as were senior offensive lineman Brandon Pettway and senior defensive back/wide receiver Brett Maya.

Smith County Deputy Constable K-9 retired to live with handler

The Smith County Commissioners Court approved the retirement of Precinct 5 Deputy Constable K-9 Hunter during their regular meeting in downtown Tyler.

Hunter will now live with his longtime handler Deputy Constable Kevin Petty.

Petty has been working with Hunter since 2016, when the dog was donated to the office by Muttnation located in Lindale.

Blaze, handled by Precinct 5 Deputy Constable Alvin Gordon, took over Hunter's duties. He has been on the job for two years and is tasked with locating drugs and other illegal contraband as well as assisting in manhunts. A Belgian Malinois, Blaze, is just over four years old and weighs approximately 70 pounds.

FEBRUARY

Winter's fury hits with full force

Although it wasn't the "Snowmegeddon" of a couple of years prior, winter arrived in a nasty manner, as rain, sleet and cold temperatures chilled East Texans to the bone.

Icy conditions caused numerous trees and limbs to fall, causing damage to homes, buildings and other county infrastructure, as well as power outages throughout Smith County.

Smith County Road and Bridge employees worked around the clock to clear downed trees and limbs on county roads.

Texas Department of Public Safety officials reported troopers had responded to more than 15 wrecks in the county during that time. Meteorologists reported some areas of the county had received up a half-inch of ice accumulation.

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.

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 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.

MARCH

Lindale ISD Education Foundation awards more than \$25,000 in grants

The Lindale ISD Education Foundation awarded \$25,020.19 to Lindale ISD teachers as the much anticipated Grant Patrol surprised teachers across the district with funds for their respective projects.

The money will be used to purchase new and innovative tools for classrooms. Funds provided will make a positive difference for them, said Gay Pyland, foundation president.

The teachers are notified that they are awarded their grants and receive funds by a surprise Grant Patrol through school hallways. The Lindale High School Star Steppers, cheerleaders, donors, administrators and volunteers loudly parade through the campuses, giving away money for several innovative projects.

Lady Eagles rise in state soccer standings

By virtue of their 16-4-2 season record, the Lindale High School Lady Eagles soccer team rose to the No. 19 spot in the Texas High School Girls Coaches' Association state rankings.

Lindale finished the season in second place in District 14-4A and advanced to the bi-district round of the UIL state playoffs where the Lady Eagles defeated North Lamar, 3-0. Lindale fell in the area round to Henderson, 3-2.

The Lady Eagles were 20-5-3 for the season.

APRIL

Eagle netters win district, set for regionals

The Lindale High School Eagles boys and girls tennis teams captured another District 16-4A championship with 13 players going to the regional tournament in Longview.

In 2022, LHS tennis teams advanced to the UIL state quarterfinals. This year's team captured the overall championship as well as the boys and girls championships.

Regional qualifiers, with district standing, are:

GIRLS SINGLES: Bailee Lane, 1st

BOYS DOUBLES: Emilio Rodriguez, Soren Peterson and Hayden Harry, 1st

GIRLS DOUBLES: Taegan Michel and Bre Taylor, 1st

BOYS DOUBLES: Syllas Dutton and Ian Wishart, 2nd

GIRLS SINGLES: Zoe Bozick, 2nd

GIRLS DOUBLES: Recci Morgan, Bailey Thorn, 2nd

MIXED DOUBLES: Jason Herrington, Fiona Turney, 2nd

MAY

Eagles advance in state baseball playoffs

The Lindale High School Eagles baseball team dominated the Paris Wildcats in Game 2 of their bi-district playoff, 13-2, at the Lindale High School Baseball and Softball Complex.

Lindale qualified for the area round of the playoffs.

The Eagles took game one in Paris, 6-3.

The Eagles wasted little time in disposing of the Wildcats on Friday, plating 11 runs in the bottom of the first enroute to the win.

LISD incumbents returned to board

Lindale voters returned Ragan Burgess and Karen Gott to the Lindale ISD Board of Trustees following the May election.

Burgess, the Place 3 trustee, defeated Barbara Cain by 909 votes to 238 votes or 79.2 percent to 20.7 percent.

Gott, the Place 4 trustee, outpolled Rameka Griffin 940 votes to 216 votes, or 81.3 percent to 18.6 percent.

The city of Lindale did not hold an election for two council seats because Bryan Summerville and Bob Tardiff didn't draw opponents.

Eagle track stars earn medals

at state UIL tournament in Austin

Lindale High School's track competitors captured several medals at the UIL Class 4A Track Meet in Austin as the Maya brothers – Colter and Brett – sprinted to a first and third place, respectively, in their events while pole vaulter Justin Seekford won a second place for the Eagles.

The meet took place on Thursday, May 11 at Mike A. Myers Stadium. Colter Maya raced to a first place time of 47.78 seconds in the 400 meters while brother Brett finished third in the 200 meters with a time of 21.7. He also took fourth in the 100 meters with a time of 10.66. Seekford turned in an effort of 15 feet in the pole vault for his second place finish.

Lindale's 4 X 100 relay team of Michael Shannon, Colter Maya, Kaden Baze and Brett Maya turned in a time of 42.36 for fifth place. Gilmer's team of Tyson Wilson, Rohan Fluellen, Ta'Erik Tate and Will Henderson won the event with a time of 41.15. Overall, Lindale's team finished fifth with 32 points. Gilmer's Buckeyes won the 4A boys crown with 58 points.

New city council members take oath, Mayor Pro Tem appointed

Two new, but experienced, Lindale City Council members were sworn in during the council's regular meeting at city hall.

Bob Tardiff, Place 1 and Bryan Summerville, Place 3, took the oath of office before the meeting was called to order by Mayor Jeff Daugherty. Both Tardiff and Summerville served on the council until April of 2022, when they resigned due to the term limits clause in the city charter.

They were unopposed in the May 6 General Election. The council then voted to appoint Place 2 council member Yvette Aguirri Martin as Mayor Pro Tem, a post previously held by Sims.

JUNE

Karen Phillips files \$10 million lawsuit against Smith County

Alleging that Smith County Sheriff's Office deputies made false statements and violated several of her Constitutional rights, Smith County Clerk Karen Phillips filed a \$10 million lawsuit against Smith County, its sheriff and multiple Smith County Sheriff's Office deputies.

Phillips is the wife of Precinct 3 Commissioner Terry Phillips and the mother of Derrick Phillips.

In her lawsuit, Karen Phillips asserts her arrest on April 4 for

Continued on Page 8

SUPPORT LOCAL JOURNALISM

“The newspaper ties a region together, helps make sense of itself, fosters a sense of community, serves as a village square whose boundaries transcend Facebook's filter bubble.”

—Margaret Sullivan, "Ghosting The News"

Relevance Project



NEWSPAPER POWER.

Print, Digital & Social Solutions for our advertisers.



The Lindale News & Times

News & Advertising Deadlines: Noon Monday

104 S. Main St., Lindale, TX 75771
Office Hours: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday
(closed Wednesday)

Telephone: 903-882-8880 Fax: 903-882-8234

Email: classified@lindalenews-times.com

Owners: Jim & Suzanne Bardwell

Publisher: Jim Bardwell

Editor: Terry Cannon

news@lindalenews-times.com

Advertising: Darla Strickland

advertising@lindalenews-times.com



Other Bardwellink publications include: The Gladewater Mirror and White Oak Independent

Notice!
REPUBLIC SERVICES
garbage pickup will be
delayed one day all week
Christmas and New Years

REPUBLIC
SERVICES

WISHES YOU A HAPPY
HOLIDAYS



Where would we be without these things?

Not long ago, I was having a conversation with our first born involving the incredible number of innovations and changes that have become common place in just the past 40-plus years.

Back in the early 1980s, when he was a mere sprout, life was not as wired up as it is now. Consider: the internet wasn't something everyone took for granted, cable television was the norm and computers – if you had one – didn't fit in the palm of your hand.

Phones plugged into the wall and answering machines were still a hot item. Fax machines, not email, is how offices received a good deal of information.

Upscale cars had CD players instead of cassette players and Bluetooth was something your Uncle Lester had in his mouth.

Up until recently, Matt worked for Texas Instruments, a company well versed in innovations, including the first silicon commercial transistor and the first integrated circuit. This led to the development of microchips which are the heartbeat of most everything we use today. It's astonishing to ponder just how much information can be contained in such small spaces.

And, just to show how far we've come in the past several decades there's more computer power in your smart phone than what was aboard Apollo 11, which carried the first moon landers.

The past 40 years have been spent at light speed, as far as technology is concerned. But what about the past 70 or so years? In other words, in my lifetime?

Since I'm never one to turn down an opportunity to make a list, here are 10 things I feel are transformative to our everyday lives.

1. Cellphones. There's nothing more ubiquitous in our everyday lives than the smart phone although you don't have to be smart to use one. Texting while driving, don't you see. Of all the gadgets of the past 70 years, this one is owned by practically everyone, everywhere since 2007. It's



both handy and mind-numbing but our lives would be vastly different without them.

2. Worldwide web. The only reason this isn't No. 1 is because a person can't take full advantage of it without the smart phone. The web has literally connected everyone on the planet and allows humans to become better educated, lends immediacy to our actions while at the same time allowing the transmission of lies, hate and bigotry. The web is nice to have, but the genie has been out this bottle for quite a while.

3. Personal computers. Notice a pattern here with our technology? Without the web, personal computers would be just glorified typewriters. Yet with it, they are as indispensable as anything we own. From desktop versions to tablets to lap tops, they are more than just portable, they are almost essential as being able to work from home during COVID proved. The Apple II and IBM's TRS-80 were launched in 1977.

4. Integrated circuit. In 1958, Jack Kilby, recently hired by TI (see above) demonstrated the first working example of the integrated circuit and the next year, received a patent. The U.S. Air Force bought the first one, and from 1961-69, NASA purchased more integrated circuits (see moon shot, above) than any other entity. Obviously, things took off (so to speak) from then to now. These circuits are in just about everything from rockets to cars to microwave ovens.

5. The Hard Drive. Today's computers store so much information its hard to envision IBM's first rollout of the hard drive in 1956. It was in something called RAMAC

and weighed a ton. But it's future was clear to those brains at IBM.

6. Communication satellites. The first U.S. communication satellite was called Telstar, launched in 1962. It provided television images from space (!) as well as telephone hookups. Prior to that, live TV images from the other side of the globe was just science fiction. And telephone hookups from another hemisphere? Yeah, forget it.

7. Magnetic Resonance Imaging, MRI. Providing pictures of a person's anatomy and the physiological processes of the body MRI's use strong magnetic fields, this major medical breakthrough was first used in 1973. It differs from computed tomography (CT) scans in that doesn't use X-rays or ionizing radiation.

8. Heart bypass surgery, 1967. Thanks to the work of surgeons such as Michael DeBakey (U.S.), Dr. Vasilii Kolesov (Soviet Union) and Rene Favaloro (Argentina), the transplanting of arteries from part of the body to the heart, allowing blood to flow around blocked arteries, heart deaths were cut by half in the United States alone.

9. Global Positioning System, GPS. Before 1978, when the first Navstar Global Positioning Satellite is launched, we were forced to use those glove box maps to find where we were headed on the highway. Now, it's simply a matter of tapping in a destination on your car or phone's GPS and voila, you have someone tell you where and when to turn. President Bill Clinton granted non-military users access to an unscrambled GPS signal in 2000.

10. Bluetooth technology. The first version of the this wonder was unveiled in 1999 but it would be several more years and trials before it became the marvel it is today. This technology is packaged into every conceivable gadget and device and has shown a future without wires. Named after a 10th century Danish king, Harald "Bluetooth" Gormsson, who united tribes in Denmark into a single kingdom. And legend has it, he had a bad tooth that appeared to be blue in color.

Gifts that will continue to keep on giving

Man, how many times have you heard, "What'd you get for Christmas?" I know I've heard it at least a million times. Heck, I've asked it a million times.

I don't ask it as much as I used to, 'cause gettin' stuff doesn't seem as important as it used to.

Oh, I still like gettin' presents, but now-a-days I enjoy watchin' other people get stuff, especially kids. I'm talkin' about little bitty kids, not those ungrateful older kids that nit-pick everything they get.

"It's the wrong color...I wanted that other brand...I can't wear this...I hope you kept the receipt."

It makes you want to puke.

Back when I was growin' up, anything you got, you were grateful for. Back then, it was more like, "Wow! It's just what I wanted, uh, what is it?" Then after openin' everything, you grabbed all you could carry and headed out the door to show your buddies what you got.

Now over the years, I've gotten a lot of gifts and some of them really stand out in my mind. Not all were Christmas gifts, but they were all special to me.

And I do mean me. I don't expect everybody to like the stuff I got. Heck, everybody's tastes are different.

Here are some of the gifts I remember.

A 26 inch Monkey Wards bike -- Santa Claus brought me this bike. Man, what a cool bike. It was black and white, and had two headlights that were built into the metal tank-like thing that covered the bar that ran from the seat to the front of the bike. It also had a button on it that was the horn. It had great big white-wall balloon tires and it was beautiful. Man, I loved that bike.

A Nichols Stallion 45 toy gun: This is the Holy Grail of toy guns. They go for a couple of hundred bucks on resale sites now-a-days. I still have it. I taught myself how to twirl it and spent hours in front of the mirror tryin' to out draw myself, but I never was able to. I was just too fast.

A Daisy BB gun: This was not an ordinary BB gun. When you shot it, it made a ricochet sound. It was really accurate too. There



was a stray cat in our barn behind the house that had four kittens. Her name was Cat and I named the kittens Blue, Manolito (after two characters on my favorite western 'High Chaparral'), Booger, and Goober. I kept that cat and kittens alive with what I shot with that BB gun.

A baseball glove: Not many of us had baseball gloves, so those that did, used them when we were playin' outfield, and we'd let the opponents use them when we were playin' home. Back then, it was a sin to be selfish.

A Magic Eight Ball: You know what these are. You shake them and a yes or no answer comes up. I picked up one in Gibson's once when my dad and I were in there, and I shook it. Then I said, "I will shoot a 12 point buck." The Eight Ball said, "Yes, definitely." Dad and I laughed. That next weekend, I shot a 12 point buck. My dad went up to Gibson's and bought me that Eight Ball. Just for your information, don't ever try to sneak a Magic Eight Ball into school to use on a test. The teachers frown on it.

A Benjamin .177 Cal. Pump-up Pellet gun: I thought I had arrived. You wouldn't believe how much game this little gun brought to the table. I just thought that BB gun was accurate. I could shoot the rubber band off the newspaper that was out in the driveway while standin' in the carport. Mom never did find out why her newspapers had holes runnin' through 'em.

A Remington 550 Semi-Automatic .22 Cal Rifle: Do you see a trend here? No, I'm not goin' to tell you how accurate this rifle was. You wouldn't believe me anyway. I was fortunate enough to have a daddy who not only knew how to shoot guns, but was patient enough to teach me the safe and proper use of them. Plus, he was really a good shot. There's no tellin' how many bullets passed through the barrel of

that .22 rifle. We had a great big oak tree back behind our house that we used as a backstop. We hung targets (metal coffee can lids) on this tree and literally shot until we had shot a hole completely through the tree. The tree finally died. Dad said it died of lead poisonin'.

A Western brand Boy Scout Huntin' Knife: My dad gave me this knife and taught me how to field dress rabbits, squirrels, and deer with it. It's over 40 years old, and you can still shave with it.

A Texas Ranger Commemorative Knife: Janet bought this for me the first year we were married. It cost her 70 somethin' dollars, and we were poor. She had seen me eyeballin' it at Mac's Gun Shop, and she saved up and bought it for me. I'll never sell it.

A Leather Confederate Cap: My sister Teri gave me this one Christmas, and it was my lucky deer huntin' hat for many years, until my head out grew it. I retired it, but it's still the best hat I own.

A Gold Medal Dynamite Blastin' Machine: This is one of those wooden boxes that has the handle on top that you pull up, hook the wires up to dynamite and then to the machine, and when you push down the dynamite blows up. You know-- the kind the bad guys used to blow up train tracks in the westerns. I've never used it with any dynamite, although I bet it would be cool. My mom gave me this thing. She always gave me cool gifts.

A Newhouse No. 15 Bear Trap: Mom gave me this one too. In fact, she gave me several over the years. They have the teeth on them and everything. They, like the blastin' machine, are just conversation pieces now, but man, if they could talk.

A watch with an alarm: Now, I know these new-fangled watches have alarms, but Janet got me one back when we were a young mar-

ried couple. This was back in the olden days before electric watches and all. This watch had a wind-up bell inside. When it went off, it sounded like an old fashion alarm clock. I can't remember the brand, but I still have it around somewhere. I used it when I was out huntin', so I could get up early to get into the woods before daylight.

A wooden plaque given to me by Britni Bristow: Britni gave me this plaque for comin' to speak to her class when she was in the third or fourth grade. Now, I've been fortunate in the fact that I've received several plaques and things over the years, but none of them mean as much to me as this one. It's just a plain piece of board, with the words of a sayin' burnt into the wood. It says, "You can pick you friends and you can pick your nose, but you can't pick your friend's nose!" Several years later, little Britni went to be with the Lord and I still miss her. Her plaque hangs in my office and I think of her often.

A horn that plays Dixie: My son Ray got this for me and helped me install it on my Jeep. I had seen these horns for years in my J.C. Whitney catalogs and had mentioned to him that I was going to get one someday. Anywho, I have really had a good time with it.

A coffee mug: No, this is not a mug that has anything on it. It's just a plan ol' coffee mug. It wasn't new when I got it either. It was an old used mug that my daughter Gator (Michelle) found at Canton, or some other flea market, and she thought I would like it. Well, let me tell you, I don't think I could survive without this mug. It is the best mug in the world, and I get a little upset when I can't find it. Coffee just tastes better out of this mug.

Now, I know what you're thinkin'. You're thinkin' what a bunch of weird gifts, and maybe you're right, but don't even think about tryin' to trade me out of any of them, 'cause they ain't for sell.

And if you tried to steal them, I'd track you down and skin you alive. And believe me; I've got the knife that do it.



EDITOR'S NOTE: This column comes from the archives of the Lindale News and Times, which is available online for \$2.99 per month. Call 903-882-8880 to set up your online subscription.

ONE YEAR AGO, Dec. 29, 2022

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

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.

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."

FIVE YEARS AGO, Dec. 27, 2018

Lindale Mayor Jeff Daugherty and the city council honored three young men from Boy Scout Troop 351 in Lindale for attaining the rank of Eagle Scout. Those Scouts honored were Nicholas Clements, Jaycob Kenney and Henry Waggoner. The Eagle Scout rank is the highest rank and honor achievable for the Boy Scouts of America.

10 YEARS AGO, Dec. 28, 2013

Members of the foundation's Parent and Staff Relations Committee and Lindale ISD Superintendent Stan Surratt visited the LISD Administration Building, Early Childhood Center and Lindale High School to present the awards to six employees with the district's Honor Roll Award for the Fall semester.

Honorees, who were nominated for the award by other LISD staff members, included Lindale ISD Director of Maintenance Ed Reinhardt; Lindale High School Custodian Barbara Calip; Lindale High School Family and Consumer Sciences Instructor Alethea Allen; Early Childhood Center Custodian Janie Lomas; Early Childhood Center cafeteria worker Diana Jarrett; and Early Childhood Center Secretary Aimee Ryzman.



Proudly Serving
Our Lindale Neighbors

Coburn's
Coburn Supply Company

COBURNS.COM

2700B South Main Street // Lindale, TX 75771

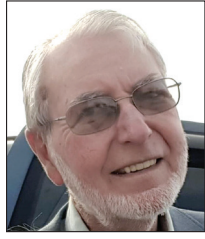
Monday - Friday: 7:00 AM to 4:00 PM

(430) 260-5006

Advertise in the Lindale News & Times! Call 903-882-8880 today!

OBITUARIES

CHARLES W. NORMAN



Charles W. Norman, 80 of Lindale passed away Sunday Dec. 17, 2023 in Lindale.

Graveside services were held Thursday, Dec. 21, 2023 at the Lindale City Cemetery with Mike Coyne officiating. He was born May 5, 1943 in Brownsville, Tenn.

Charles was in the Army and a church member at South Main Church of Christ in Lindale. Charles has lived in Lindale since 1973 and he owned and operated Norman Tire Service in Tyler for 43 years before retiring in 2020.

He is preceded in death by his parents Walter and Rosabelle (Southam) Norman; sisters, Jean N. Mable, Jo Ann N. Fox, Peggy N. Pendergrast; brothers, Donald W. Norman and Benjamin Norman.

He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Trudy P. Norman of Lindale; son, Stephen Norman of Austin; daughters, Lora N. and husband, Danny Rhodes of Lindale, Tami N. and husband, Bryan Tacker of Austin; grandson, Joshua Osinski of Winona; granddaughters, Abby and Emily Tacker of Austin; along with several nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to Heritage Home and Hospice in Tyler at 5070 Kinsey Dr., Tyler, 75703.

Bettie Ford Linnstaedter



Bettie Ford Linnstaedter, 90 of Big Sandy, passed away Tuesday, Dec. 19, 2023. She was born Oct. 21, 1933 in Lindale.

A visitation was held on Friday, Dec. 22, 2023 and a funeral service was held on Saturday Dec. 23, 2023 at Caudle-Rutledge-Daugherty Funeral Home.

Burial was at Hopewell Cemetery.

Bettie was a member at First United Methodist in Big Sandy. She has lived in East Texas her whole life including Lindale, Tyler, and Big Sandy. She was involved in DAR, DRT, Daughters of the War of 1812 and loved her church along with her beloved family.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Victor Roe and Mary Elvira (Ferguson) Ford; brother, Otho Ford; sisters, Johnnie Mae Ford and Jo Satterfield Graham.

She is survived by her husband of 69 years, Bill Linnstaedter of Big Sandy; daughter, Susan Linnstaedter of Big Sandy; son, Kent and wife, Lisa Linnstaedter of Hawkins; sister, Margaret McCain of Fort Worth; grandsons, Justin and wife Janie Linnstaedter of Hawkins, Jason and wife Cecilia Linnstaedter of Hawkins; great grandson, Roe Linnstaedter; along with several nieces and nephews.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

We need to keep Jesus in Christmas

Dear Editor,

If it is Christmas in Lindale, where is Jesus (also known as Emmanuel)? His birth celebration is the reason for the season, the birth celebration for the salvation of all mankind.

So I'm the guy who writes letters the past couple of years around this time of year asking, "where is Christmas in Lindale?" The Spirit of God moves and is so highlighted this time of year. So why isn't the emphasis on Jesus/Emmanuel instead of more and more on fictitious characters like the man in the red suit - almost worshipped.

My previous letters chided city leaders for the lack off Christmas decorations like surrounding towns and cities with multiple nativity scenes on the town squares and main streets. Last year Lindale finally put a few gold tinsel trees on a few light posts and a few gold and silver boxes here and there.

And, wow, inside Picker's Pavilion at the Cannery (they did a nice job) on center stage is makeshift sleight for photo ops, (but) there should be a manger, nativity scene. There's no sign of baby Jesus anywhere but aliens and the Grinch are everywhere.

Have we all gone astray? This area is said to be the "buckle on the Bible belt" but how would we know it if we don't put Jesus back in Christmas?

Sincerely in His love,
Robert R. Rozean

Fleming Farm & Ranch
www.flemingfarmandranch.com

Est. 1963 *OVER 50 YEARS IN BUSINESS!*

Happy New Year!

Closed Sunday, December 31
and Monday January 1.

2518 South Main Lindale • 903-882-3361
"Lindale's Country Store since 1963"
Mon - Fri 8am - 5:30pm • Sat 8am - Noon

Celebrations of Faith

- ASSEMBLY OF GOD**
The Church of Garden Valley - Lindale Campus
307 Eagle Spirit Dr - 903-882-9150
Pastor Jacob Chaffin
- BAPTIST**
- Antioch Baptist Church**
793 CR 313W Tyler TX 75706
903-597-6131
Pastor Stephen Nipp
 - Bethel Baptist Church**
FM 16 West, Lindale, TX 75771
903-882-8275
 - Bible Baptist Church**
16173 CR 431, Lindale, TX 75771
903-882-1454
 - Carmel Baptist Church**
10969 CR 481, Lindale, TX 75771
903-882-3852
James Cheatham
 - Central Baptist Church**
13745 FM 16 East, Lindale, TX 75771
903-882-3179
Byron Howard
 - Damascus Baptist Church**
17052 CR 4105 Lindale, TX 75771
903-882-3392
Bennie Portwood
 - Dover Baptist Church**
21166 FM Road 1995, Lindale, TX 75771
903-882-5106
 - Duck Creek Baptist Church**
Lindale, TX 75771
903-882-9558
 - East Foothills Missionary Baptist Church**
810 E South St, Lindale, TX 75771
903-497-4674
Pastor Craig Kearby
 - Fairview Baptist Church**
Van Highway, Lindale, TX 75771
903-882-9500
 - First Baptist Church**
Hwy 69 (in Swan) Lindale, TX 75771
903-882-6432
 - First Baptist Church of Lindale**
110E Hubbard St. Lindale, TX 75771
903-882-3396
Tom Buck
 - Foundation Baptist Church**
715 S Main St. Lindale 75771
903-881-9490
 - Garden Valley Baptist Church**
17816 CR 442, Lindale, TX 75771
903-882-7671
 - Greater Hopewell Baptist Church**
10480 CR 492 • Tyler, TX 75706
903-882-4726
 - Hopewell Baptist Church**
11804 CR 494, Lindale, TX 75771
903-882-5381



- Hopewell Valley Baptist, Church No 1**
CR 429 • Van, TX
903-882-5136
 - Mt. Sylvan Baptist Church**
13073 Hwy 110 N • Lindale, TX 75771
903-882-3890
Bruce Rudd
 - New Harmony Baptist Church**
10251 FM 724, Tyler, TX 75704
903-593-5811
 - Red Springs Baptist Church**
Red Springs, TX
903-858-2365
 - St Mary Baptist Church**
12050 CR 452,, Lindale, TX 75771
903-882-8066
 - Thompson Hill Baptist Church**
14657 CR, Lindale, TX 75771
903-882-0849
 - Walnut Springs Baptist Church**
211 Walnut Springs,, Lindale, TX 75771
903-882-7858
 - Wood Trails Baptist Church**
11804 CR 494,
Lindale, TX 75771
903-882-5381
- CATHOLIC**
- Holy Family Catholic Church**
16314 FM 849,
Lindale, TX 75771
903-882-4079
Rev. David Bailey, Pastor
 - St. Joseph the Worker Tridentine Latin Mass**
5075 FM 14, Tyler, 75712
903-593- 5055
Rev. Joseph Valentine, FSSP
- CHURCH OF CHRIST**
- Church of Christ - Lindale**
211 W. Hubbard, Lindale, TX 75771
903-882-6455
 - Church of Christ - South Main**
2425 S Main St,
Lindale, TX 75771
903-882-8933

- Church of Christ - Swan County**
Road 471, Lindale, TX 75771
903-882-8009
- EPISCOPAL**
- St Luke's Episcopal Church**
16292 FM 849
Lindale, TX 75771
903-882-8118
Rev. John Carr
- LUTHERAN**
- First Century Christian Fellowship**
10119 Gina Rd., Lindale, TX 75771
Dr. Lawrence Zillmer
- METHODIST**
- ChristPoint Methodist Church**
402 W Hubbard St • Lindale, TX 75771
903-882-8506
Michael Peschke
 - Harris Chapel Southern Methodist Church**
17069 CR 452 Lindale TX
903.253.3175
John Roach, Pastor
 - Mt Sylvan United Methodist Church**
Mt. Sylvan • 903-882-5479
 - Swan-Wood Springs Methodist Church**
Hwy 69, Tyler, TX 75706
903-882-6382
- NON DENOMINATIONAL**
- Clearview Church**
13933 Hwy 110 N
Lindale, TX 75771
903-882-8949
 - Community Christian Fellowship**
15704 Hwy 110 N Lindale, TX 75771
903-882-8501
David Hickey
 - Cross Brand Cowboy Church**
11915 FM 2015, Tyler, Texas 75708
903-535-9155

- Crossroads Community Church**
20465 US Highway 69 North
Lindale TX 75771-4206
903-881-9844
Tim Letsch
 - Bethesda Church**
2401 S Main St
Lindale, TX 75771
903-882-7597
Steven & Camilla Charles
 - Friendship CME Church**
20428 CR 482
Lindale, TX 75771
903-882-7269
 - Garden Valley Bible Church**
17117 FM 1253
Lindale, TX 75771
903-882-9665
 - Grace Community Church**
15567 Wood Springs Rd
Lindale, TX 75771
903-882-3323
 - Hide-A-Way Lake Community Church**
1115 Lake Cross Rd
Lindale, TX 75771
903-882-6966
 - Life of Glory Church**
14623 CR 463
Lindale, TX 75771
903-882-7997
Ed & Becky Colville
 - Life Source Community Church**
1601 S. Main, Lindale
Pastor John Offutt
 - Lone Star Cowboy Church**
23425 FM 1995
Lindale TX 75771
615-480-0289
Jayc Harold
 - River's Edge Church**
18492 Hwy 69 North,
Lindale, TX 75771
903-882-0555 • Phil Brown
 - Trinity Fellowship Church**
Shady Lane Lindale, TX 75771
903-882-3885 • Ben Steen
- PRESBYTERIAN**
- Bethesda Community Church**
FM2710 • Lindale, TX 75771
903-882-3861 • Dr. Everitt Nix
- PENTECOSTAL-CHARISMATIC**
- Rose Heights Church**
12465 FM 16, Lindale, Texas 75771
903-881-5260
- UNITED PENTECOSTAL**
- Pentecostals of Lindale**
18475 FM 1804
Lindale, TX 75771
713-254-3598

The Lindale Area Church Listing and is made possible by the generosity of the sponsors listed herein. Should you have changes, please give us a call at 903-882-8880.

<p>Advertise your business here! Call 903-882-8880 today!</p>	<p> Fleming Farm & Ranch Supply Home & Garden Supplies/Garden Needs 2518 S. Main • 903-882-3361 Mon-Fri 8 am - 5:30 pm, Sat 8 am-Noon Serving The Community For Over 50 Yrs</p>	<p>Advertise your business here! Call 903-882-8880 today!</p>	<p>Parrott Faith Properties Fruitdale Townhomes Remodeled open floor plans Affordably priced 903-882-5181 <i>Go Eagles!</i></p>
<p> Wesley House ASSISTED LIVING 903-882-9296 • 13923 FM 2710 • Lindale www.wesleyshouseassistedliving.com License # 104878</p>	<p> JEFF BUTLERS ASPHALT PAVING & SEAL COATING PAVING • SEAL COATING • PATCHING • STRIPPING ROCK BASE • HOT OIL SAND • CHIP SEAL REFERENCES, HOME, BUSINESS ~ FREE PRICES ~ NOT ESTIMATES CALL 903-780-4247 • HOME 903-882-6158 <small>Joshua 1:9 Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.</small></p>	<p>Advertise your business here! Call 903-882-8880 today!</p>	<p>Lindale Car Care Touchless Automatic or Self Service Car Washes Spot FREE Rinsing HWY 69 & COOPER IN FRONT OF BROOKSHIRE'S</p>

Lindale Police Department call logs for Dec. 15-21

FRIDAY, DEC. 15: Disturbance, 200 block East Hubbard Street, Settled at Scene; Motor Vehicle Crash, 200 block West Hubbard Street, Report; Harassment, 300 block North Henry Street, Report; Lockout, 100 block East Centennial, Settled at Scene; Hit and Run Crash, 3300 block South Main Street, Report; Welfare Concern, 900 block South Main Street, Settled at Scene; Business Alarm, 1400 block South Main Street, False Alarm; Criminal Mischief, 300 block Asher Lane, Settled at Scene.

SATURDAY, DEC. 16: Welfare Concern, 15400 block CR 463, Unable to Locate; Disturbance, 3200 block South Main Street, Settled at Scene; Mental Health Welfare Check, 3500 block South Main Street, Settled at Scene; Suspicious Vehicle, 100 block South Main Street, Settled at Scene; Public Service, 400 block Mallory Street, Settled at Scene; Theft, 700 block Abbey Road, Settled At Scene; Welfare Concern, 100 block Ballard Drive, Settled at Scene; Residential Alarm, 404 Hill Street, False Alarm; Public Service, 13400 block CR 472, Settled at Scene; Traffic Complaint, 3400 block South Main Street, Warning Issued.

SUNDAY, DEC. 17: Welfare Concern, 1300 block Brad Circle, Settled at Scene; Harassment, 200 block Mission Crest Circle, Settled at Scene; Warrant Service, 3400 block



South Main Street, Arrest; Suspicious Circumstance, 500 block South Main Street, Settled at Scene; Motor Vehicle Crash, 900 block South Main Street, Report; Hit and Run Crash, 900 block South Main Street, Report.

MONDAY, DEC. 18: Suspicious Person, 600 block Jack Drive, Unable to Locate; Criminal Mischief, 300 block Helen Drive, Report; Welfare Concern, 1400 block Wood Springs Road, Settled at Scene; Theft, 100 block East Centennial, Arrest; Motor Vehicle Crash, 200 block North Main Street, Report.

TUESDAY, DEC. 19: Public Service, 200 block North College Street, Settled at Scene; Public Service, 300 block Summer Tree Circle, Settled at Scene; Welfare Concern, 200 block Cannery Row, Settled at Scene; Fraud, 3200 block South Main Street, Settled at Scene; Disturbance,

17700 block CR 4112, Settled at Scene; Recover Stolen Vehicle, 17000 block South Main Street, Unable to Locate; Suspicious Circumstance, 300 block East Hubbard Street, Settled at Scene; Parking Violation, 1400 block White Bear Trail, Report.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 20: Suspicious Person, 100 block East Centennial, Unable to Locate; Motor Vehicle Crash, 554 IH-20 East, Settled at Scene; Traffic Complaint, 3500 block South Main Street, Unable to Locate; Suspicious Vehicle, 300 block North Main Street, Settled at Scene; Possession of Controlled Substance, 12800 block CR 472, Arrest.

THURSDAY, DEC. 21: Mental Health Welfare Check, 3200 block South Main Street, Settled at Scene; Stolen Vehicle, 100 block East Centennial, Settled at Scene; Public Service, 300 block East South Street, Settled at Scene; 911 Hang Up Call, 2800 block South Main Street, Settled at Scene; Welfare Concern, 3200 block South Main Street, Unable to Locate; Business Alarm, 2600 block South Main Street, False Alarm; Disturbance, 13400 block CR 472, Report; Possession of a Controlled Substance, 100 block East Centennial, Arrest; Suspicious Person, 100 block East Centennial, Settled at Scene; Assist Smith County, 12500 block Blackberry Drive, Settled at Scene; Suspicious Vehicle, 1100 block South Main Street, Settled at Scene.

Smith County donates surplus computers to Mustard Seed

Smith County donated surplus computer equipment earlier this month to Mustard Seed Ministries that will be refurbished and given to local school children.

Dr. Karen Jones, founder and president of Mustard Seed Ministries, along with volunteers, received the donation from the Smith County Information Technology Department on Dec. 18.

Items included 115 laptops, 96 desktop computers, 51 monitors, 16 servers, 15 printers, and other miscellaneous surplus equipment that cannot be redeployed in the County.

The donation was approved in Commissioners Court on Dec. 5.

Mustard Seed serves about eight school districts throughout East Texas, as well as home-schooled children. As of Dec. 1, they

have distributed 576 computers so far for the year, Dr. Jones said.

For many years, Smith County has donated outdated and broken computer equipment to Mustard Seed Ministries. The nonprofit organization dismantles and reassembles the equipment and donates them to school children who do not have computers.

In 2001, a small group formed to teach a one-time computer class to 15 students. A year later, they received their first donation of salvaged computers. Mustard Seed now has more than a dozen volunteers, including several who teach computer classes.

Mustard Seed Ministries, at 1420 N. Church Ave., is a nonprofit organization and a working extension ministry of the United Methodist Church. For more information, visit www.mustardseedcomputers.com.



AgriLife Conference, Expo planned for Jan. 5

By Greg Grant
Smith County Horticulturist

The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service will be hosting the East Region AgriLife Conference and Expo on Jan. 5 at the W.T. Brookshire Conference Center, 2000 West Front Street in Tyler.

This educational event is geared towards professionals working for city parks departments, athletic fields, golf courses, school districts, pest control services, landscapers, lawn care services, and agricultural producers who are seeking continuing education.

The program for Structural Applicators (SPCS) begins at 8:00 am and the program for Texas Department of Agricultural (TDA) Private, Commercial & Non-Commercial Applicators begins at 8:30 am.

Registration for everyone begins at 7:15 am. 6 SPCS CEU's will be offered (1 Termite, 1 Pest, 2 General, 1 Lawn and Ornamental, 1 Weed). 5 TDA CEU's will be offered (2 General, 1 Laws and Regulations, and 2 Integrated Pest Management).

Registration is online at smith.agrilife.org for both events. The cost is \$10 per person if registered online and on-site registration (pay at the door) is \$20 per person. Cash, checks, or credit cards will be accepted on site. Lunch will be provided. For online registration, go to smith.agrilife.org/erace. The flyer and schedule are posted on the Texas A&M AgriLife-Smith County Facebook

page. If you have any questions, please contact the Smith County Extension office 903-590-2980.

Topics and speakers for Structural License: Termite Identification & Control - Janet Hurley, Senior Extension Program Specialist - IPM Texas A&M AgriLife Extension-Dallas Pest Identification & Control Strategies - Bryant McDowell, Extension Program Specialist - Urban IPM Texas A&M AgriLife Extension-Dallas

Protecting Pollinators: Read the Label First - Janet Hurley, Senior Extension Program Specialist- IPM Texas A&M AgriLife Extension

Laws and Regulations Update - Dr. Mark Matocha, Associate Professor and Extension Specialist Texas A&M AgriLife Extension-College Station

Weed ID and Control - Clint Perkins CEA-AG/NR Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, Smith County

Lawn and Ornamental - Greg Grant, CEA Horticulture, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, Smith County

Topics and speakers for TDAAG License: IPM Strategies for Growing Warm Season Forages in East Texas - Dr. Vanessa Corriher - Olson, Professor and Extension Forage Specialist

Implementation of IPM Strategies in Conjunction with Pesticide Modes of Action - Dr. Mark Matocha, Associate Professor & Extension Specialist

sion Extension Specialist

Feral Hog Toxicants - Dr. John Tomecek, Associate Professor & Extension Wildlife Specialist

Toxic Plant I.D. and Control in Pastures - Dr. Barron Rector, Associate Professor & Extension Range Specialist

Picolinic Acid Training - Rob Brooks,

Range & Pasture Specialist, Envu and Clint Perkins, CEA - AG/NR, Texas AgriLife Extension Service, Smith County

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension agents from Anderson, Cherokee, Gregg, Henderson, Kaufman, Panola, Rains, Rusk, Smith, Upshur, Van Zandt, and Wood Counties will be on hand to assist attendees.



TOBACCO JUNCTION

EST. 1996

ROLL YOUR OWN CIGARETTES STARTING AT: \$14.99/ CARTON

11 EAST TEXAS LOCATIONS
MAIL ORDERS WELCOME:
903-200-4808

Basketball roundup: Boys take win, Lady Eagles falter



Cole Collinsworth of Lindale gets ready to make a move to the basket in a recent game against Brownsboro. (Courtesy photo)

BOYS

The Lindale High School Eagles opened their District 16-4A campaign with a 53-44 win over the Brownsboro Bears in Brownsboro on Dec. 19.

The Eagles jumped out to a 12-8 lead after one period only to fall behind 26-22 at intermission.

But in the third period, the Eagles put the clamps on the Bears' offense to take a 45-34 lead into the fourth period.

Lindale's boys are now 7-6 on the year and were scheduled to host Tyler High School on Dec. 27 then welcome Whitehouse on Dec. 29 for another non-district game.

GIRLS

The Lindale High School Lady Eagles dropped their second District 16-4A contest of the year, a 50-36 decision to Brownsboro on Dec. 19.

Brownsboro took a 14-10 lead after one period but saw that trimmed to 21-20 at the half as the Lady Eagles made a surge before intermission.

In the third period, things went cold for Lindale as the Lady Eagles only scored three points and Brownsboro jumped out to a 37-23 advantage.

Lindale fell on Dec. 12 to co-district leader Canton, 54-39, in Canton.

The Lady Eagles were scheduled to host Van (1-1 in district) on Jan. 2 and travel to Mabank on Jan. 9.

Lindale is 11-8 on the season and 0-2 in district.



Lindale's Ella Hutchens goes up for a shot against Brownsboro in the Lady Eagles game on Dec. 19. (Courtesy photo)

Managing native pines essential in East Texas

By Karen Walker
Smith County Master Gardener

Texas is a region known for our lush pine forests. The combination of suitable climate, soil and historical ecological conditions has created a welcoming environment for our beloved pine trees.

The presence of these trees has not only shaped the landscape but also contributed to the economic and ecological well-being of the region. However, it is essential to strike a balance between preserving native ecosystems and managing pine forests sustainability for the benefit of both people and wildlife.

The Pineywood's contain three native species of Southern Yellow Pine that occupy these commercially important forests: The

Loblolly Pine, the Shortleaf Pine, and the Longleaf Pine.

Loblolly Pine (*Pinus taeda*) is the most common and commercially important pine species in East Texas. It grows well in the region's sandy soils and is a fast-growing tree.

This tree grows well in the region's sandy soils and can reach heights of 125 feet with a trunk diameter of 4 feet. Harvested wood is widely used for lumber, plywood, and paper production.

Shortleaf Pine (*Pinus echinata*) is another important native species in East Texas. This species prefers well-drained soils and can be found mixed with other pines and hardwoods. Shortleaf pine can reach heights of 100 feet and a trunk



diameter larger than two feet. The shortleaf pine has shorter needles as compared to the Loblolly pine. Its wood is used for construction and utility poles.

Longleaf Pine (*Pinus palustris*) is the last of the native species of Southern Yellow Pines in East Texas, but its population has drastically declined due to historical

logging and land clearing. Efforts are being made to restore Longleaf pine ecosystems in the region.

This majestic tree can reach heights of 125 feet with a diameter of 4 feet. This species reaches its greatest size on dry, sandy hills, but also can be found in the southeast Texas flatwood plant communities. The wood is highly valued for its strength and is used in construction, utility poles and high-quality flooring.

The unique structure of East Texas native pine forests, with their open understory and needle-covered forest floor, creates a distinct microclimate that benefits many wildlife species. The presence of the Pineywoods' different native pine species can contribute to all

living things by offering varying habitats and resources. Conservation efforts to protect and restore the pine ecosystem to east Texas are not only important for sustaining timber resources but also preserving the diverse wildlife that depends on these habitats. Proper forest management practices, including controlled burns and reforestation with native pine species, can help maintain a healthy and resilient pine forest ecosystem. So, when in doubt, plant an East Texas native pine tree!

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

Austin Bank Lindale employees honored

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

They were recognized at the bank's 2023 Service Award Luncheon held earlier this month in Tyler.

"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 of the Board 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."

"At Austin Bank our employees are the difference and perpetuate Austin Bank's legacy. Each one has earned and deserves this recognition for their dedicated commitment to the bank and its customers. We are proud of their contributions and accomplishments," said Russ Gideon, President and CEO.

This year's annual luncheon recognized Austin Bank employees who completed five, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30 and 35 years of service in 2023. The honored group of 67 employees makes up a combined total of 841 years of

experience. Lindale recipients of five-year service pins include:

Aracely Barrerra, Loan Assistant in the Kilgore office, began her career with the bank in 2018 as a Teller Operations Supervisor. She has over 14 years of banking experience. A graduate of John Tyler High School, Barrerra has also completed the bank's Leadership I and Loan Assistant school programs. She is a resident of Lindale.

Chris Molina, Senior Vice President and Relationship Manager, splits his time between the bank's Lindale and Tyler West Loop locations. His has more than 15 years in the banking industry. Molina is a graduate of San Marcos High School, the University of Texas at Austin and the American Bankers Association Advanced Commercial Lending School. A resident of Tyler, he and his wife, Melanie, have three daughters. Very active in his community, Molina is a member of Leadership Tyler Class 26 and currently serves as class representative and committee member. In addition, he is a board member of the Tyler/Smith County Texas Exes and the Better Business Bureaus serving Central East Texas.

The Friends appreciate the 2023 Annual Event Sponsors for joining us in support of the library and our community.



*Friends of the
Russell Memorial Library*

· Lindale, Texas ·

2023 Annual Event Sponsors

Best Seller - Anonymous

New Release

Altra Federal Credit Union

Austin Bank

Hide-A-Way Small Animal Clinic

Pets and Friends Crematorium, LLC

Page Turner

Cooperative Teachers Credit Union

Edward Jones Investments-Chet Walters

Lindale Knights of Columbus

Mineola Community Bank

Sanderson Farms Inc

Shelby Savings Bank

Southside Bank



Rotary Club's Day of Giving

Each year the Lindale Rotary Club's Day of Giving provides funds to various organizations throughout the community. Club President Jason Beard is shown with Christ Point Methodist Church Senior Pastor Michael Peschke. The Rotary Club meets each Tuesday at noon at Christ Point Methodist. (Courtesy photo)

**"Alone we can do so little;
together we can do so much."**

**Visit us at
www.lindalenewsandtimes.com**

ETCOG officials announce rail corridor designation

Officials with the East Texas Council of Government's announced this past week that the Federal Railroad Administration has designated the I-20 Corridor Intercity Passenger Rail Service as one of the selected corridors for the agency's Corridor Identification and Development Program.

ETCOG is partnering with the city of Longview on this project.

Officials said this development is a significant milestone for the long-advocated rail connection between Dallas/Fort Worth and Atlanta, Georgia.

The I-20 Corridor long-distance passenger rail connection between Dallas/Fort Worth and Atlanta, Georgia—through Mineola, Longview, Marshall, Texas, and northern Louisiana—has been advocated for and collaborated on by a coalition of county judges,

mayors, local, state, and federal elected officials, and grassroots advocates, for nearly 17 years.

Attending a press conference announcing the designation were several officials from ETCOG.

"This Corridor grant designation by the FRA, connecting Dallas/Fort Worth through East Texas to Meridian, Mississippi, is a significant step forward for the full I-20 long-distance rail route that is envisioned between Dallas/Fort Worth and Atlanta, Georgia, and connecting with the East Coast and New York City," said Chairman, Judge Leward LaFleur. "East Texas is the perfect route for this project, allowing the development of new services to align on existing infrastructure."

"This is outstanding news for our region and all communities along the I-20 Corridor. The east-west



connection across our southern region will bring significant benefits to both urban and rural areas. We thank all who have dedicated themselves to reaching this important milestone," said Judge Bill Stout. "We also want to thank Amtrak, as always, for their very valued and continued partnership and collaboration for our Amtrak Served Communities in East Texas, as well as communities throughout Amtrak's National Network. We look forward to the continued col-

laborative efforts going forward."

The I-20 Corridor Intercity Passenger Rail Service would serve various cities in Texas, Louisiana, and Mississippi. To seek funding for this effort, a joint application was submitted by the Southern Rail Commission to represent the initiative, which was successfully awarded \$500,000 for Step 1 of the program.

In a recent press release, District 1 U.S. House Representative Nathaniel Moran emphasized the importance of the investment.

"Improving East Texas' infrastructure and connecting the First District to metropolitan areas along I-20 is an essential effort for ensuring long-term growth and prosperity," Moran said. "This investment will help better position Mineola, Longview, and Marshall for future economic opportunities

and growth. I have seen firsthand the positive effects of investing in our railroads, and I will continue to work with our local leaders to advocate for programs that better our infrastructure and strengthen our economy."

The I-20 Corridor project is classified under the FRA's New Conventional Rail category, operating at speeds of up to 79-125 mph, primarily on existing rail alignments shared with other railroad operations.

Funding for the FRA's Corridor ID program was allocated by the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), passed by Congress and signed into law by President Biden on Nov. 15, 2021. The IIJA allocated \$66 billion for rail, including \$16 billion for long-distance passenger rail routes, such as the I-20 Corridor.

classif

classifieds



903-882-8880 classifieds@lindalenews-times.com

LEGAL NOTICE

BJ#3760445

SUMMONS (CITACION JUDICIAL)

CASE NUMBER (Número del Caso):
23CV04385

NOTICE TO DEFENDANT (AVISO AL DEMANDADO): Dove Development, Inc., a California corporation; ALL PERSONS UNKNOWN CLAIMING ANY LEGAL OR EQUITABLE RIGHT, TITLE, ESTATE, LIEN OR INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN THE COMPLAINT ADVERSE TO PLAINTIFF'S TITLE OR ANY CLOUD UPON PLAINTIFF'S TITLE THERETO; and DOES 1 through 50, inclusive.

YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF (LO ESTÁ DEMANDANDO EL DEMANDANTE): William Edward Pasich, an individual; Jane Ann Tucker, an individual NOTICE! You have been sued. The court may decide against you without your being heard unless you respond within 30 days. Read the information below. You have 30 CALENDAR DAYS after this summons and legal papers are served on you to file a written response at this court and have a copy served on the plaintiff. A letter or phone call will not protect you. Your written response must be in proper legal form if you want the court to hear your case. There may be a court form that you can use for your response. You can find these court forms and more information at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp/, your county law library, or the courthouse nearest you. If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the court clerk for a fee waiver form. If you do not file your response on time, you may lose the case by default, and your wages, money, and property may be taken without further warning from the court. There are other legal requirements. You may want to call an attorney right away. If you do not know an attorney, you may want to call an attorney referral service. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may be eligible for free legal services from a nonprofit legal services program. You can locate these nonprofit groups at the California Legal Services Web site (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp/), or by contacting your local court or county bar association.

NOTE: The court has a statutory lien for waived fees and costs on any settlement or arbitration award of \$10,000 or more in a civil case. The court's lien must be paid before the court will dismiss the case. ¡AVISO! Lo han demandado. Si no responde dentro de 30 días, la corte puede decidir en su contra sin escuchar su versión. Lea la información a continuación. Tiene 30 DÍAS DE CALENDARIO después de que le entreguen esta citación y papeles legales para presentar una respuesta por escrito en esta corte y hacer que se entregue una copia al demandante. Una carta o una llamada telefónica no lo protegen. Su respuesta por escrito tiene que estar en formato legal correcto si desea que procesen su caso en la corte. Es posible que haya un formulario que usted pueda usar para su respuesta. Puede encontrar estos formularios de la corte y más información en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California (www.sucorte.ca.gov), en la biblioteca de leyes de su condado o en la corte que le quede más cerca. Si no puede pagar la cuota de presentación, pida al secretario de la corte que le dé un formulario de exención de pago de cuotas. Si no presenta su respuesta a tiempo, puede perder el caso por incumplimiento y la corte le podrá quitar su sueldo, dinero y bienes sin más advertencia. Hay otros requisitos legales. Es recomendable que llame a un abogado inmediatamente. Si no conoce a un abogado, puede llamar a un servicio de remisión a abogados. Si no puede pagar a un abogado, es posible que cumpla con los requisitos para obtener servicios legales gratuitos de un programa de servicios legales sin fines de lucro. Puede encontrar estos grupos sin fines de lucro en el sitio web de California Legal Services, (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California, (www.sucorte.ca.gov) o poniéndose en contacto con la corte o el colegio de abogados locales. AVISO: Por ley, la corte tiene derecho a reclamar las cuotas y los costos exentos por imponer un gravamen sobre cualquier recuperación de \$10,000 ó más de valor recibida mediante un acuerdo o una concesión de arbitraje en un caso de derecho civil. Tiene que pagar el gravamen de la corte antes de que la corte pueda desechar el caso. The name and address of the court is (El nombre y dirección de la corte es): Santa Barbara Superior Court 1100 Anacapa Street Santa Barbara, CA 93101 The name, address, and telephone number of plaintiff's attorney, or plaintiff without an attorney, is (El nombre, la dirección y el número de teléfono del abogado del demandante, o del demandante que no tiene abogado, es): Todd A. Amspoker 200 E. Carrillo St., Ste. 400 Santa Barbara, CA 93101 (805)962- 0011 DATE (Fecha): 10/5/2023 Narzralli Baksh, Clerk (Secretario), Deputy (Adjunto) (SEAL) NOTICE TO THE PERSON SERVED: You are served 11/28, 12/5, 12/12, 12/19/23 BJ-3760445#

LEGAL NOTICE

CAUSE NO. 47336G.

GUARDIANSHIP OF § IN THE COUNTY COURT

REBECCA SLOAN (GAY) WILDER, § AT LAW NO. THREE, OF

AN INCAPACITATED PERSON § SMITH COUNTY, TEXAS

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Guardianship for the Estate of Rebecca Sloan (Gay) Wilder, an incapacitated person, were issued on December 7, 2023, in Cause No. 47336G, pending in the County Court at Law No. Three of Smith County, Texas, to:

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.

Jeremy Wilder
c/o: Joe K. Thigpen
Attorney at Law
102 North College, Suite 808
Tyler, Texas 75702

DATED the 18th day of December, 2023.

/s/ Joe K. Thigpen
Attorney for Jeremy Wilder
State Bar No.: 19837400
102 North College, Suite 808
Tyler, Texas 75702
Telephone: (903) 595-0998
Facsimile: (903) 595-1299
joethigpen@yahoo.com

THE CLASSIFIEDS ARE AN

EASY
SELL!



Buy!
BUY!
SELL!
SELL!

BOB'S BASEBALL TOURS

See MLB games in Cincinnati, Detroit, Cleveland, Pittsburgh, Toronto, Boston & NY Yankees. Visit Baseball, Hockey, Basketball, Pro Football and Rock & Roll Halls of Fame. Guided Tour of Manhattan.

August 2-12, 2024 \$3,500/person based on double hotel occupancy Quality motor coach, hotels & game tickets.

Also offering Arizona/Grand Canyon Spring Training Tour & New York/New England Fall Foliage Tour in '24!

Free Brochure: Call or Text 507-217-1326

NEED EXTRA CASH !!! ???

I BUY RVs & MOBILE HOMES

Travel Trailers • 5th Wheels
Goosenecks • Bumper Pulls

In Any Area!!! Any Condition!!!
Old/New!!! Dirty or Clean!!!

I PAY CASH 956-466-7001

No Title – No Problem – We Can Apply For One
ANR Enterprises



WE BUY OIL, GAS, & MINERAL RIGHTS

Both non-producing and producing including Non-Participating Royalty Interest (NPRI)
Provide us your desired price for an offer evaluation.

CALL TODAY: 806.620.1422

LOBO MINERALS, LLC
PO Box 1800 • Lubbock, TX 79408-1800
LoboMineralsLLC@gmail.com

TEXAS STATEWIDE CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING NETWORK

TexSCAN

TexSCAN Week of
Dec. 24-30, 2023

ACREAGE

LAND FOR SALE. Hunting, recreational, retirement. Hill Country, Trans Pecos Region, South Texas. 30-year fixed rate, owner financing, 5% down. www.ranchenterprisesltd.com. 800-876-9720.

ALMANAC

The gift that keeps you learning – the *Texas Almanac 2024-2025* is the premier reference for everything Texas. The entire book is revised with the latest information, including the 254 county maps and population estimates for every Texas town. <https://www.legacyoftexas.com/product/texas-almanac-2024-2025>.

BASEBALL

BOB'S BASEBALL TOURS – August 2-12, 2024. See MLB games in Cincinnati, Detroit, Cleveland, Pittsburgh, Toronto, Boston & NY Yankees. Visit Baseball, Hockey, Basketball, Pro Football and Rock & Roll Halls of Fame, guided Tour of Manhattan. \$3,500/person based on double hotel occupancy. Quality motor coach, hotels & game tickets. Call/text 507-217-1326. Also offering Arizona/Grand Canyon Spring Training Tour & New York/New England Fall Foliage Tour in '24!

ENERGY

Prepare for power outages today with a Generac Home Standby Generator. Act now to receive a FREE 7-Year warranty with qualifying purchase. Call 1-855-704-8579 today to schedule a free quote. It's not just a generator. It's a power move.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Applying for Social Security Disability or Appealing a Denied Claim? Call Bill Gordon & Assoc. Our case managers simplify the process & work hard to help with your case. Call 1-844-494-0689 FREE Consultation. Local Attorneys Nationwide Mail: 2420 N St NW, Washington DC. Office: Broward Co. FL (TX/NM Bar.)

Texas Press Statewide Classified Network

221 Participating Texas Newspapers • Regional Ads
Start At \$250 • Email ads@texaspress.com

NOTICE: While most advertisers are reputable, we cannot guarantee products or services advertised. We urge readers to use caution and when in doubt, contact the Texas Attorney General at 800-621-0508 or the Federal Trade Commission at 877-FTC-HELP. The FTC web site is www.ftc.gov/bizop.

OIL & GAS RIGHTS

We buy oil, gas & mineral rights. Both non-producing and producing including Non-Participating Royalty Interest (NPRI). Provide us your desired price for an offer evaluation. Call today: 806-620-1422. Lobo Minerals, LLC, PO Box 1800, Lubbock, TX 79408-1800, LoboMineralsLLC@gmail.com.

LOG HOMES

Estate Sale Log Homes – Log Home kits selling for balance owed, free delivery. Model #101 Carolina, bal. \$17,000; Model #203 Georgia, bal. \$19,950; Model #305 Biloxi, bal. \$14,500; Model #403 Augusta, bal. \$16,500. View plans at www.americanloghomesandcabins.com, 704-368-4528.

MEDICAL

Portable Oxygen Concentrator May Be Covered by Medicare! Reclaim independence and mobility with the compact design and long-lasting battery of Inogen One. Free information kit! Call 866-747-9983.

DENTAL INSURANCE from Physicians Mutual Insurance Company. Coverage for 350 plus procedures. Real dental insurance - NOT just a discount plan. Do not wait! Call now! Get your FREE Dental Information Kit with all the details! 1-855-901-0467 www.dental50plus.com/txpress#6258

WATER DAMAGE

WATER DAMAGE CLEANUP & RESTORATION: A small amount of water can lead to major damage and mold growth in your home. Our trusted professionals do complete repairs to protect your family and your home's value! Call 24/7: 1-877-727-3027.

WANTED

Need Extra Cash – I Buy RVs & Mobile Homes –Travel Trailers, 5th Wheels, Goosenecks, Bumper Pulls. In Any Area, Any Condition – Old/New, Dirty or Clean! I PAY CASH. No Title – No Problem, we can apply for one. We go anywhere in Texas. ANR Enterprises, 956-466-7001.

Continued from Page 2

allegedly interfering with her son's arrest is erroneous and that she committed no crime and her Fourth, Fifth and Eighth Amendment rights were violated.

Lady Eagles land several players on All-District basketball team

Lindale High School's Lady Eagles placed two players on the first and second teams and three on the honorable mention squad as the District 16-4A basketball coaches voted on the top players for the 2022-23 season. Seniors Marley Keith and Brooke Everest were named to the first team, while Madison Luster and Makenna Burks were chosen for the second team.

Honorable mention selections from Lindale included Jillian Ortiz, Allie Davenport and Elise Pierce. Lindale also placed several on the Academic All District team. They were Jillian Ortiz, Allie Davenport, Elise Pierce, Brooke Everest, Makenna Burks, Marley Keith, Madison Luster, Landri Laing, Lydia Payne, Whitney Dao, Felicity Thiem, Kayli Vickery and Abigail Lee.

JULY

County commissioners unanimously approve Findley as new fire marshal

Smith County Commissioners voted unanimously to appoint Paul Findley as the Smith County Fire Marshal during their regular weekly meeting held on July 5 in downtown Tyler.

Findley served previously as city of Tyler Fire Marshal and Public Information Officer, which he served for 14 years.

He began his new duties on July 10.

"I am excited about this new opportunity, and I look forward to seeking out avenues to connect with our community and to work alongside our public safety partners as we strive to make our county as safe and healthy as possible," Findley said.

Smith County Judge Neal Franklin said they received 15 applications for the job and the top three candidates were reviewed during the Commissioners Court's executive session.

Lindale's Poe chooses Alabama

Casey Poe, one of the most sought after Lindale High School football players in recent memory, announced via social media he will attend the University of Alabama this fall.

Poe, a four-star offensive lineman, had offers from Auburn and LSU of the Southeastern Conference, Texas Tech and Oklahoma from the Big 12 and Clemson of the Atlantic Coast Conference.

"After a long process, which I would like to thank all of the coaches and different fan bases and everyone that has supported me, thank you," Poe said via social media. "Now is the time I would like to let you know I will be furthering my athletic and academic career at the University of Alabama. Roll Tide."

AUGUST

Lindale's Legrow named to all-state team

Lindale High School pitcher Hudson Legrow has been named to the Blue Bell/Texas Sports Writers Association's Class 4A All-State baseball team, publicity officials announced.

Legrow, an incoming junior, helped the Eagles to the Region II Area Championship this past May by tossing a one-hitter against Community in a 10-0, five-inning game.

He allowed just two walks in the series clincher.

Heat forces county to issue burn ban

In response to the withering summer heat, Smith County Commissioners Court voted to issue a burn ban for the county the first week of August.

The Keetch-Byram Drought Index for Smith County was

averaging 632, with the highs in the 700s. The KBDI ranges from 0 to 800 and is used to determine forest fire potential. In the past, Smith County has issued a burn ban when the drought index falls around 700.

"It's no surprise it's hot outside and dangerously so," Smith County Fire Marshal Paul Findley said during his Commissioners Court update. "Looking at the forecast, it most likely will get worse before it gets better."

SEPTEMBER

Council OKs budget, tax rate for FY 2023-24

A budget for fiscal year 2023-24, to be funded by a property tax rate of .36 per \$100 valuation, was approved by Lindale City Council members at city hall during their regularly scheduled meeting. Prior to the voting, a public hearing was held. No one chose to speak during the hearing.

In addition to the tax rate council members voted to approve an ordinance levying the tax rate with a portion of that rate — .1839 — to go towards the maintenance and operations fund. Another portion of the rate — .1760 — was approved by the council to be dedicated to the interest and sinking rate.

All votes were roll call votes, as required by statute. Mayor Pro Tem Yvette Aguirri Martin was absent from the meeting.

OCTOBER

Lady Eagles continue district dominance

Lindale High School's Lady Eagles volleyball team added two more wins to its season ledger by defeating Athens in a District 16-4A match and taking care of non-district foe Neches on Tuesday. In addition to the victories, a personal milestone was reached by junior Addison Ridge who earned her 1,000th career dig during the Athens match.

The Lady Eagles' captain, Ridge is a six rotation player and earned praise from Head Coach Jessica Dimsdle.

"Addison is very fun to coach. She is passionate about the sport and a fierce competitor," Dimsdle said. "I'm so proud of her hard work to accomplish this feat."

With the win over Athens, the Lady Eagles improved to 6-0 in district play and upped their season mark to 28-7 overall.

Eagles stun Chapel Hill, 35-23

The Lindale High School Eagles sent shock waves throughout East Texas with a 35-23 victory over the No. 1-ranked Chapel Hill Bulldogs at Eagle Stadium.

Chapel Hill would eventually make its way to the state championship game where it was shut out by Anna, 26-0.

Lindale used an almost perfect game plan to depose of the Bulldogs by holding on to the ball as long as possible to keep the quick-striking Chapel Hill offense on the side lines.

The Eagles ran 77 plays to just 29 for Chapel Hill and the time of possession was tilted severely in Lindale's favor (39:25 to 8:27), and on their first scoring drive the Eagles held the ball more than 9 minutes.

"Our coaches did a great job planning this game," said LHS Head Coach Chris Cochran. "I've always said I work with the best in the business and they proved that."

NOVEMBER

LHS band brings home another title

The Pride of Lindale March Band from Lindale High School brought home its fourth state title by winning the UIL State Military Band competition at McClane Stadium in Waco.

Lindale won the Class 4A division with Spring Hill High School second, Bullard third and Gilmer fourth.

The previous week, the Lindale band earned a Division I

Sweepstakes at the UIL Marching Band Contest in Nacogdoches for the 49th straight year.

This is the fourth year that the UIL has had a separate Military and Open Style State Marching Band Competition. It allows both styles to be judged based upon criteria specific to each style.

"I am so thankful to get the opportunity to work with the young men and women of the Lindale Band," said Band Director Steven Moore. "They are the best and I am so proud of them. I also want to thank my staff. They are amazing at what they do and I am thankful to call them colleagues and friends. Finally, thank you to the Lindale community, Lindale Band Boosters and band parents, the LISD Board of Trustees, LISD staff and administrators for all of their support."

Several Lady Eagles earn All District honors for 2023

The Lindale High School Lady Eagles were well represented as the District 16-4A coaches recently selected their all-district volleyball squad for the 2023 season.

Lindale's Addison Ridge was voted the Most Valuable Player, Kayli Vickery was selected the Blocker of the Year and LHS Head Coach Jessica Dimsdle and her staff were chosen Coach of the Year. Dimsdle led her Lady Eagles to an overall record of 36-9 on the season and a District 16-4A championship.

In the Bi-District round, the Lady Eagles defeated Paris and then downed Caddo Mills in the Area round. In the Regional quarterfinals Lindale eliminated Farmersville then fell to Caddo Mills in the Regional semifinals.

The Lady Eagles were also well represented on the All-District Academic Team. These players are Reagan Hope, Reagan Cates, Kayli Vickery, Aspen Ives, Ana-Russell Johnson, Callie Schmidt, Addison Ridge, Macy Luster, Maddox Lay, Megan McGee, Maddie Little, Ella Hutchens, Whitney Dao and Alyssa Potts.

DECEMBER

Parade dazzles kids of all ages

Downtown Lindale was dazzling and kids of all ages were delighted as the annual Lindale Rotary Club's Christmas Parade stepped off at E.J. Moss Intermediate School.

Shiny floats, costumed characters and the award-winning Pride of Lindale High School marching band entertained hundreds of spectators, lined four and five deep along U.S. 69 before concluding at Lindale's First Baptist Church.

The night wasn't over after the parade finished however, as the festivities continued at Picker's Pavilion which featured holiday-themed decorations and the important guy himself Santa Claus.

City acquires right of ways on Centennial

In an effort to ease traffic at the south end of the city, Lindale officials secured the right of ways for Centennial Ave. to the east which will eventually hook up with Jim Hogg Road.

City Manager Carolyn Caldwell, while understanding there is more to come on this particular project, points out the initial advantages of securing these strips of land.

"We're just wanting to move traffic," she said. "There aren't any projects planned now but we need to ease that traffic flow down there."

To anyone who has tried to negotiate that area in the busy times of the day, i.e., early morning and mid-to late afternoon, this should be welcome news. Liberty Crossing, which branches off the I-20 service road to the north, will eventually connect with Centennial as it then connects with Jim Hogg Road. This is a joint project with Smith County, and it will eventually be a two-lane road connecting the two. Caldwell said the project will go out for bids in January, 2024.

Does your **FREE** checking pay...

6.17% APY?*

Ask for **KASASA REWARDS™**
It's our superpower.

2500 S. Main | Lindale, TX
430-235-7001 | ssbtx.com

SSB TX
Shelby Savings Bank

Qualification Information: Account transactions and activities may take one or more days to post and settle to the account and all must do so during the Monthly Qualification Cycle in order to qualify for the account's rewards. The following activities do not count toward earning account rewards: ATM-processed transactions, transfers between accounts, debit card purchases processed by merchants and received by our bank as ATM transactions, non-retail payment transactions and purchases made with debit cards not issued by our bank. Transactions bundled together by merchants and received by our institution as a single transaction count as a single transaction for the purpose of earning account rewards. "Monthly Qualification Cycle" means a period beginning one (1) business day prior to the first day of the current statement cycle through one (1) business day prior to the close of the current statement cycle. "Statement Cycle" means the period of time for which our bank provides a summary of the financial activities and transactions that post and settle to the account holder's account. Reward Information: When your Kasasa Cash account qualifications are met during a Monthly Qualification Cycle, daily balances up to and including \$20,000 in your Kasasa Cash account earn an interest rate of 6.00% resulting in an APY of 6.17%; and daily balances over \$20,000 earn an interest rate of 0.25% on the portion of the daily balance over \$20,000, resulting in a blended range from 6.17% to 1.24% APY depending on the account's daily balance. You will receive reimbursements up to an aggregate total of \$25.00 for nationwide ATM withdrawal fees incurred within your Kasasa Cash account during that Monthly Qualification Cycle. We reimburse ATM withdrawal fees based on estimates when the withdrawal information we receive does not identify the ATM withdrawal fee. If you have not received an appropriate reimbursement, we will adjust the reimbursement amount if we receive the transaction receipt within sixty (60) calendar days of the withdrawal transaction. When your Kasasa Cash qualifications are not met, the interest rate earned on the account's entire daily balance will be 0.02% resulting in a non-compounding annual percentage yield of 0.02% and ATM withdrawal fees are not refunded. Interest will be credited to your Kasasa Cash account on the last day of the current statement cycle. Nationwide ATM withdrawal fee reimbursements will be credited to your account on the last day of the current statement cycle. APY = Annual Percentage Yield. APYs accurate as of 10/01/2023. APY calculations are based on an assumed balance of \$20,000 + \$100,000 in your Kasasa Cash account and an assumed statement cycle of thirty-one (31) days. Rates, rewards, and bonuses, if any, are variable and may change after account is opened without notice to you. No minimum balance is required to earn or receive the account's rewards. Rewards less than a penny cannot be distributed. Fees may reduce earnings. Additional Information: Account approval, conditions, qualifications, limits, timeframes, enrollments, log-ons and other requirements apply. \$25.00 minimum deposit is required to open the account. Enrollment in online banking and E-Statements are conditions of this account. Enrollment in electronic services (e.g. online banking, e-statements) and log-ons may be required to meet some of the account's qualifications. Limit of one account(s) per Social Security Number. There are no recurring monthly maintenance charges or fees to open or close this account. This account is not to be used for commercial purposes. If the account is closed, you will forfeit any rewards that have not been credited to your account. Contact one of our bank service representatives for additional information, details, restrictions, reward calculations, processing limitations, cycle dates and enrollment instructions. Member FDIC. SSBTX and Shelby Savings Bank, ssb are the same FDIC-insured institution.

Trademarks: Kasasa and Kasasa Cash are trademarks of Kasasa, Ltd., registered in the U.S.A.

SSBTX is a trademark of Shelby Savings Bank, SSB. Member FDIC.