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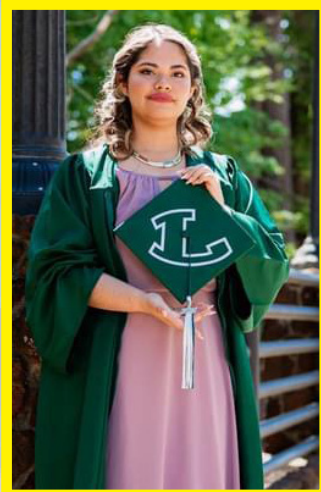
CLASS OF 2024

Seniors ready for the next phase of their lives

While our graduation class of 2024 has spent most of their high school careers dealing their final years that do not match what they grew up expecting, things are certainly looking better.

As they head off to college, trade school, the military, work, or something else, the next stage of their

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Brianna Dzudie receives 2024 'Voice' scholarship

Congratulations to Longview High senior **Brianna Dzudie** for being selected as The Longview Voice Scholarship winner for 2024!

Brianna is the daughter of **Gervais Dzudie** and **Gaelle Ndoumfa** of Longview. In addition to being the vice president of the Multicultural club, Brianna participates in the Book Club, National Honor Society, and serves on the student council.

Selected for her contributions to the Voice as well as her amazing achievements both inside and outside the classroom, Brianna will receive a scholarship to college, and is one of the hundreds of LHS seniors earning scholarships in the Class of 2024.

"This Lobo senior wrote an excellent article about her time as an intern for the district's Community Relations Department. During her time with the department, Brianna has been a huge asset while also preparing for her future career in communications,"

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OPINION

A few words of advice to the Class of 2024

By Matthew Prosser

As you prepare to take the next step in your life's journey, I want to offer you some advice that will help you navigate the challenges that lie ahead.

First and foremost, always be true to yourself. In a world that is constantly trying to tell you who to be and what to do, it is essential that you stay true to your unique self. Embrace your quirks and passions, and don't be afraid to let your true colors shine.

Hard work and perseverance are key to success. It is easy to become discouraged when things don't go as planned, or when you encounter obstacles on your path. However, it is important to remember that success rarely comes easily. Keep pushing forward, stay focused on your goals, and know that even the smallest steps can lead to greatness.

Kindness is a powerful tool. In a world that can be harsh and unforgiving, a simple act of kind-

ness can make all the difference. Treat others with respect and empathy, and never underestimate the impact that a kind word or gesture can have.

Try to find ways to give back to your community. No, that doesn't mean just writing a check. Volunteer your time, donate to a cause, support local businesses, and mentor others. Giving back not only helps others, but it can also be a rewarding experience for you.

Maintain a positive attitude and a growth mindset in the face of adversity. Life is full of challenges, but with the right mindset, you can overcome any obstacle and achieve your goals. Embrace challenges as opportunities for growth and learning, seek out constructive criticism, and persevere in the face of setbacks. Believe in yourself and your abilities, and have the



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courage to take risks and pursue your dreams.

Remember that you have access to a wealth of opportunities and resources to help you achieve your goals. Longview High School offers top-notch academic programs and extracurricular activities, and

you are part of a supportive community that cares about your success.

As you move forward into the next phase of your life, keep in mind that you are capable of achieving great things. Take risks, embrace challenges, and never stop learning. Pursue your passions, embrace failure as an opportunity to learn and grow, and build meaningful relationships. Prioritize self-care, and remember that success requires hard work and perseverance.

Seek truth, beauty, and goodness in all that you do.

Be grateful for every opportunity, even if it comes to you in the form of failure.

Do not squander what you have been so undeservedly given, but look upon it as an inheritance still to be earned. You'll never be able to truly "earn" or "deserve" it, but you must still try.

I congratulate you on this important milestone in your life. I wish you all the best as you embark on the next phase of your journey, and I hope that these words of advice will help guide you along the way. You have everything you need to succeed, so go out there and make your mark on the world.

You have so many who want you to achieve great things and so few hindering your steps, thus you have every reason to succeed and little excuse to fail.

I wish you well.

— An award-winning journalist and photographer, Matthew Prosser is the Communications Director for Longview Independent School District.

A humble 'thank you' to our voters

With a resounding vote of confidence from the Longview community, approving all five propositions in the \$456.2 million bond election by a decisive 60-40 margin, the entire Longview Independent School District is humbled, grateful, and encouraged to continue our unwavering commitment to providing exceptional educational opportunities for all students, ushering in a promising future for our entire community.

We are humbled and grateful for the trust our community has placed in us. A simple "thank you" cannot fully express our gratitude to the many parents, families, business leaders, and volunteers of Vote Yes for LISD Kids who so generously devoted their time and talents to informing our community about this important election.

History will prove that May 4, 2024, was a truly great day for the future of the City of Longview, Longview ISD, and Gregg County. There's noth-



ing but positive things that are going to come from this victory. All of Longview ISD, students, staff, and families, are grateful to our voters for their trust and support.

These remarkable individuals exemplify the very best of our Longview ISD community and are an example to all of Lobo Nation. Their unwavering commitment to our students and

staff is truly inspiring, and we are immensely grateful to have such outstanding people advocating on behalf of our district.

For those who did not support the election with a "yes" vote, we invite you to engage us in dialogue. Allow us to perhaps win you over with the good deeds and strong financial stewardship that will follow from these projects. Please give

us the benefit of your doubts to perhaps win your trust with all that we hope to accomplish in the future.

Once the ballots have been canvassed and the results finalized, Longview ISD will move forward with planning and implementation phases, ensuring fiscal responsibility and transparency throughout the process. We will form a bond advisory committee in the coming weeks, comprising of families, business owners, and other members of the Longview ISD community.

But this is just the beginning of our story. The work does not end here but continues onward into the future. Together, we will achieve great things for the children of Longview ISD. Our commitment to providing exceptional educational opportunities for all students remains unwavering.

More information about this committee is available online at www.LISD.org/bondcommittee or by calling 903-381-2235.

Again: thank you Longview, and GO LOBOS!

Brought to you by the LISD Community Relations Department!



IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

LHS UIL INFORMATION

We are looking ahead to next school year and would love to have students participate in LHS UIL. If your student is interested in UIL competitions for the 24-25 school year, please contact Jeanine Brandon at jbrandon@LISD.org. The University Interscholastic League offers the most comprehensive program of academic competition in the nation. UIL Academics offers more activities than any other UIL division, with 30 contests at the high school level and 20 A+ Academic contests for grades 2-8. More than half a million students participate in UIL academic contests each year.

SUMMER READING PROGRAM

No one wants to experience a “summer slide” in their reading skills. With Longview Library Summer Reading Club, you can have fun and encourage kids to learn and grow while on break.

For six weeks in June and July, we incorporate daily educational and entertaining activities for kids that keep them engaged with learning, and offer prize opportunities for completion of weekly reading goals and activities!

Registration and logging reading time can be done online by signing up with Beanstack. When using Beanstack, caregivers can keep a log of all their children’s reading goals and activities in one place. Upon completion of reading time or activities, kids earn badges they can use to redeem for prizes at the Youth Services desk. If you have used Beanstack already for previous Summer Reading Clubs, then you’ll need to remember what email you used, and what password was set up. If you don’t recall your password and need to reset it, please visit the Youth Services Desk during business hours to reset it.

The Longview Public Library hosts daily/weekly activities to help your child stay engaged with summer reading and have fun! For a list of Longview Public Library weekly summer activities: longviewtexas.gov/2897/Summer-Reading-Club

DID WE MISS YOUR DISTRICT NEWS?

Did we miss district campus or organization news? Send us the pertinent information to ask@LISD.org and we’ll include it in our next issue!

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LHS celebrates Black History Month

By **Quantalane Henry Richard**
AVID Site Team Coordinator

The “melodies from heaven” from the Lobo Choir “rained down” as the inaugural Black History Month Celebration at Longview High School unfolded. **Brayden Revis** recited dynamic poetry. **Lailah Johnson** sang “Summertime” from “Porgy & Bess” leaving hearts touched. The LHS JROTC Color Guard presented the colors, with Cadets **Kel’vona Shephard** and **Ava J. Warren** opening with “The Star-Spangled Banner.” Under **Mrs. Melody McMullen’s** direction, the Lobo Choir sang “Lift Every Voice & Sing.”

Mr. Terrell G. Edwards was the passionate master of ceremonies, dedicating the event to late Principal **James P. Brewer’s** memory. **Ruben Richardson**, who knew Brewer, paid tribute to the leader who celebrated 40 years in education in 2023. The Black History Month Committee agreed to spotlight songs carrying Black Americans through their journey. **Veronica Hawkins** provided the program theme. **Quantalane Henry Richard** researched contents presented by faculty, staff, and AVID student narrators.

Narrators chronicled the transatlantic slave trade, enslavement, Reconstruction, the Great Migration, Jazz Age, Harlem Renaissance, civil rights movement,



Black Power, barrier-breaking, and the millennium’s spirit. Reginald Corpening matched songs to each era. **Marsha Childers’** students recited Black poetry eloquently.

Narrators included **Ruben Richardson, Janice Liner Mosley, Alexander Dillinger, Konstanza “Kay” Johnson, Dr. Wanita Bice Washington**, and AVID students **Madison Anderson, Savannah Barnes, Avianna Alexander, Royal Bailey, and E’Zyveon Shepherd**. Negro Spirituals like “Keep Your Lamps Trimmed & Burnin’” carried enslaved people’s secret messages.

Kieran Moon reminded all “I Don’t

Feel No Ways Tired” after the struggle, saying, “I’ve come too far...Nobody told me the road would be easy. But...He brought me this far to [not] leave me.” Final narrators highlighted achieving civil rights, breaking barriers, and making history where dreams come true.

The trio of **Laila Johnson, Tenda Kavuma, and Kieran Moon** left this message:

**“I sing because I’m happy.
I sing because I’m free.
His eye is on the sparrow.
And I know He watches me.”**

— *Quantalane Henry Richard, the AVID site team coordinator and instructor at Longview High School fostering cultural enrichment, is a lifelong educator with 34 years of classroom experience and TCU graduate. She is also a former Capitol Hill reporter and journalism / yearbook / newspaper teacher.*

Trustees approve new gaming curriculum

The Longview ISD Board of Trustees unanimously approved curriculum plans for new grant-funded gaming and multimedia programs, during their regular meeting Monday, April 22.

Board members received a presentation from **Ms. Rewa Conner**, LISD Gaming Coordinator, about the proposed Gaming Development & Digital Multimedia Art Pathway courses for Bailey Elementary, Forest Park Middle, and Longview Early Graduation High.

“The courses requested for approval are: (Level 1) Video Game Design, (Level 2) Game Programming and Design, (Level 3) Web Game Development, and (Level 4) Career Preparation I or Student to Industry Connection,” Conner said.

For the Gaming Development & Digital Multimedia Art Pathway courses to be placed on LISD campus course schedules, the courses must be approved by the LISD Board of Trustees for campus use.

The program is made possible due to a Magnet Schools Assistance Program grant from the U.S. Department of Education.

Dr. Craig Coleman, LISD Chief Innovation Officer, explained that the five-year \$16.25 million What I Need (WIN) Project grant will fund targeted magnet programs that transform three campuses into whole-school gaming science and digital arts magnets: Bailey Elementary, Forest Park Middle School, and a new “Gaming Science and Digital Arts High School” housed at the Early Graduation campus.



The grant aims to prevent minority group isolation by attracting a diverse mix of students to the magnet programs. It will support innovative real-world project-based learning, data science, and digital arts education.

Some examples include elementary students learning math and science by designing video games, middle schoolers blogging about gaming experiences to hone writing skills, and high schoolers earning industry certifications or internships with local technology companies. Two intervention programs, Peer Assisted Learning Strategies tutoring and a high school mentoring program, will also be implemented.

The six core goals are reducing minori-

ty isolation; boosting academic achievement; promoting innovative teaching; strengthening career-readiness; engaging the community; and ensuring equitable rigorous coursework access.

By making learning hands-on and relevant, the diverse magnet programs aim to prevent further Hispanic and low-income student isolation while serving all families with engaging options.

The board later unanimously approved expenditures up to \$150,000 for miscellaneous classroom furniture with the grant funds.

Board policy requires approval for purchases over \$50,000.

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CHARTERS

Planting the seeds to change students' lives

By Dr. Brian Ziemer
ETAA CEO

I recently visited Red Oak Baptist Church in Longview to attend the 30th Annual Retired Black Educators Recognition service. The



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keynote speaker was Ms. Shalona McCray, Longview ISD's Chief Human Resources Officer. Ms. McCray spoke about the many teachers and mentors who shaped her life's journey, punctuating each vignette by saying, "Seed sown." As she spoke, it occurred to me this is exactly what we strive to do every day: plant seeds that will change our student's life.

Sally Hazelip, Head of School at North Florida



School, addressed this life process in 2020. She observed, "What is planting a seed? It is a simple act of setting something in motion that will create the life you want to lead. The very act of planting a seed requires time and patience, [and a] seed needs to change to grow. When the seed blooms, everyone can see the beauty."

This transformative process is ETAA's calling, goal,

and highest priority for every student: to help our students discover the beauty and potential in their lives that others can see, and most importantly, that they can see in themselves.

What kind of seeds matter most? In 2018, veteran instructional coach Scott Rosberg observed that, "The seeds we sow in our young people will be varied, but more than anything, they will

consist of our words. However, this is where our actions also step in and affect the 'yield' of the crop. While we may be saying all the right things, if we are not acting in accordance with our words or not acting with care, respect, and maturity, the seeds of our words will not grow as they should."

This is why ETAA places great value on professional development and daily teamwork for our teachers and staff, so we constantly encourage each other to make a difference in our students' lives with consistent, effective words and actions.

Above all, ETAA strives to help every student succeed in a process of change that is not always easy. Growing from a seed into a mighty tree is hard work! As Sunstone Counseling observed in 2023, "The visual

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Ned first graders take a field trip to the past

Our 1st graders from Ned had a great time on Tuesday, April 30, at the Kilgore Oil Museum. They learned a lot about what the world used to be like long before cellphones, the internet and other modern technology.



Lobo FFA wins big at FFA Speaking contest

The Lobo FFA team did great on Tuesday, April 30, at the Edgewood FFA Speaking Contest. Congratulations for all of your hard work!

Brynn Woods — 1st place, Soil Stewardship;
3rd place, Natural Resources

Chandler Rotzler — 3rd place, Plant Science
Audry Lewis — 3rd place, Ag Policy

Christian Cruz — 4th place, Ag Tech & Communication

Kaylee Swaim — 7th place, Jr Prepared

Audry Lewis — 8th place, Jr Prepared

Keep up the excellent work!



Two-way bilingual program to start at Bailey, Ware

Beginning next school year, all first-grade students at Bailey and Ware elementary schools will be automatically enrolled in Longview ISD's new Two-way Bilingual Program!

Students will be grouped in Bilingual Pairs to learn from each other's language strengths. The program will foster global leadership skills through technology, creativity, and critical thinking. Interactive Dual Language lessons and activities will keep students engaged and enhance their

grade-level skills and concepts.

All students who live in neighborhoods zoned for Bailey and Ware schools will receive LISD Transportation service to and from school as before (within radius parameters). Non-zoned students will have to provide their own transportation to attend the program.

Longview ISD invites the community to join this exciting bilingual journey! Please feel free to reach out to us for more information.



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Germanwala reelected as Place 3 board member

Voters in Place 3 also reelected **Dr. Samir Germanwala** to a second term on the Longview ISD board.

Dr. Germanwala received 536 votes, or 63.81%, defeating challenger Tiffany Angus, who received 304 votes, or 36.19%.

“It’s such an honor and a privilege to be reelected for Place 3 for the LISD school Board of Trustees,” said Dr. Germanwala. “I would say that there’s been a lot ac-



complished the last three years, but there’s still so much more work to be done.”

As exciting as these results are for all of Longview, Dr. Germanwala said, “There’s lots of exciting things that are coming!”

“It’s a great ‘win’ for our community. Having a strong school district and a good educational program is only going to strengthen our community. Businesses and industries will come in. I’m a strong believer that education for all children is imperative if we want a vibrant district and community, and it’s a great win for the city of Longview.”



Seniors earn National Merit Program Scholars

ELITE STUDENTS

In an exceptional academic achievement, Longview High School seniors **Dominic Pistone** and **Aman Saridena** have been named National Merit Finalists in the 2024 competition. This prestigious honor places them among the top 1% of high school graduates nationwide.

The highly competitive National Merit Scholarship Program initially included

over 1.5 million students. Only 15,000 advanced to Finalist standing after meeting strict requirements. As Finalists, Pistone and Saridena will be considered for prestigious National Merit Scholarships valued at \$2,500 each. Corporate sponsors also offer additional scholarship opportunities.

Both students have secured admission to the University of Texas at Austin’s honors

programs - Pistone in Plan II and Canfield Business, and Saridena in the Turing Scholars Computer Science program.

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Shreemayi Undavalli and **Lonoehu Wacasey**, also LHS seniors, have earned Commended Student recognition in the National Merit program. While not Finalists, their placement among the top

50,000 entrants highlights their exceptional academic promise.

Undavalli received acceptances or waitlists from 7 of the 10 universities she applied to, including UT Austin and Rice. She plans to study biology or neuroscience. Wacasey was offered RIT’s Presidential Merit Scholarship and accelerated master’s program in computer engineering. He gained admission to 6 of 9 colleges.



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Decisive win for May 4 bond election

Longview ISD voters approved all five propositions in the \$456.2 million bond election held on May 4.

Proposition A passed with 3,073 votes for and 1,602 votes against.

Proposition B passed with 2,845 votes for and 1,813 votes against.

Proposition C passed with 2,718 votes for and 1,930 votes against.

Proposition D passed with 2,700 votes for and 1,952 votes against.

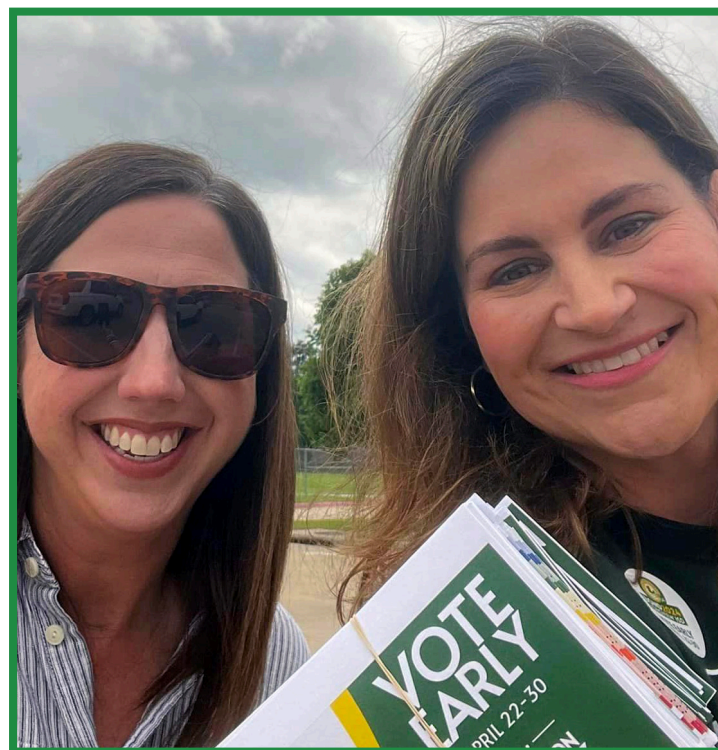
Proposition E passed with 2,815 votes for and 1,837 votes against.

First and foremost, we would like to thank our dedicated parents and community members who volunteered countless hours to inform voters about this important election. Their hard work led to this excellent voter turnout and wonderful results.

We are humbled and grateful for the trust our community has placed in us. This vote affirms our shared commitment to providing exceptional educational opportunities for all children in Longview.

Once the ballots have been canvassed and the results finalized, Longview ISD will move forward with planning and implementation phases, ensuring fiscal responsibility and transparency throughout the process.

The district will also be forming a bond advisory committee in the coming weeks, formed out of families, business owners, and other members of the Longview ISD community.



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Middle school tennis finishes off a strong season

In the culminating event of their season, the 7th and 8th grade Lobo tennis squads showcased their skills at the annual Lobo Middle School invite. Dominating the competition throughout the season, the Lobos clinched 1st place in 11 out of 15 divisions.

Teams from Hallsville, Corsicana, Trinity School of Texas, Longview, Whitehouse, and Spring Hill took part in the invitational.

In divisional competitions, the following athletes clinched top honors:

8TH GRADE FIRST PLACE

Boys A Doubles: **Cohen Hardison** and **Ishan Patel**

Girls A Doubles: **Lucy Archer** and **Sophie Herbert**

Girls B Doubles: **Audry Lewis** and **Aaira Mughal**

Boys A Singles: **Ryan Kitchens**

Girls B Singles: **Reya Srivastava**

7TH GRADE FIRST PLACE

Boys A Doubles: **Elliot Lenhart** and **Research Shrestha**

Boys B Doubles: **Keshav Vattikuti** and **Ram Undavalli**

Girls A Singles: **Ruthie Black**

Boys A Singles: **Henry Mekala** Additionally, in the same competition, the following players attained the 2nd position in their respective divisions:

8TH GRADE SECOND PLACE

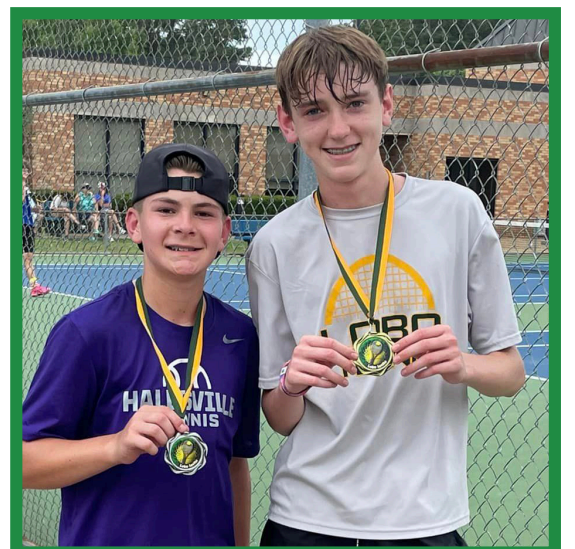
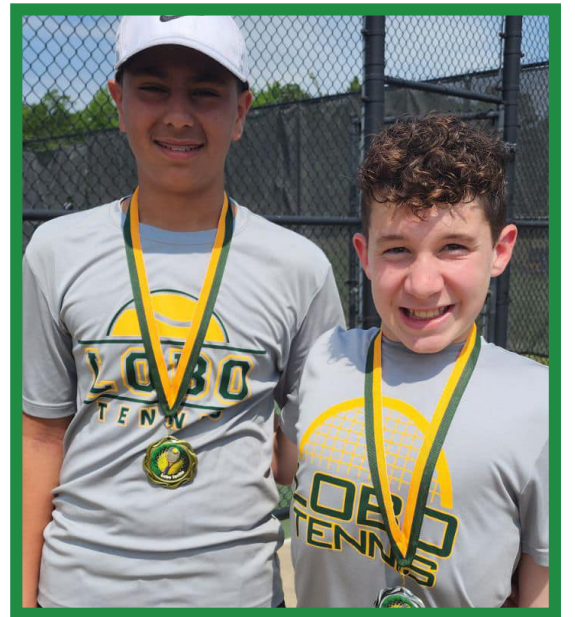
Boys B Doubles: **Gabriel Moussa** and **Jack Hilton**

7TH GRADE SECOND PLACE

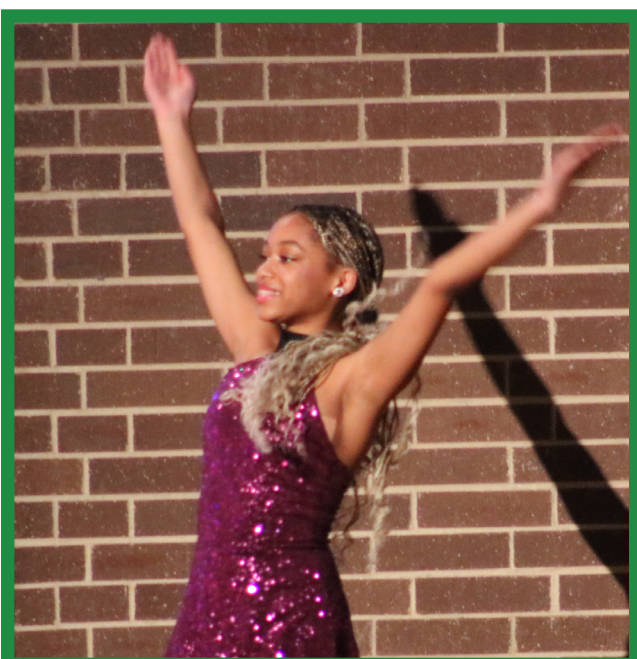
Girls A Doubles: **Libby French** and **Guinevere Burns**

Boys B Singles: **Jackson Sanders**

Girls B Singles: **Namna Patel**



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LOBO GARDEN

Latest news from the garden

**By James Beasley
Coordinator**

In terms of rain, the month of April has seen its share in the garden. With over “25 inches” of rain since January the garden has become saturated in some areas (wrcc.dri.edu). The garden team is continuously working on ways to improve drainage without causing excessive erosion.

One technique that we are using involves the use of earthen berms. They are doing what they are designed to do in terms of holding back the erosion, but as they say in the Engineers “water will always find a way.” Despite the near record amounts of rainfall, the garden is still producing

wonderful produce for the students of Longview ISD.

To date, the garden has harvested 792 lbs. of strawberries, with a month to go in the season. This is an increase over last year of 106 lbs. We fully expect to blow past a thousand pounds sometime near the middle of May. Our lettuce ended the season at 304.4 lbs., which is an increase over last year of 50.4 lbs. The blackberries are starting to get ripe in greater numbers, so be on the lookout for fresh blackberries in the coming weeks.

Other plants we are currently growing include tomatoes, peppers, squash, corn, and lots of green beans. Believe it or not, recent rains



have helped them to green up drastically. Our cantaloupes and watermelons are getting replanted sometime next week if the weather holds. As al-

ways it is our goal to produce the best product we can, and we ask that you continue to pray for the garden and its workers.

Did you know?

1. Bolting lettuce is caused by environmental factors such as heat. They are a cool weather crop.
2. In response to this external stimulus the plant will start to bloom and produce seeds.
3. Other causes include dry soil and too much sunlight.
4. Bolting can cause lettuce leaves to taste bitter and grow more slowly (bhg.com 2023).

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lives promises to be a bright one. But for the moment, this month, we are so happy they will be able to meet this momentous occasion of their lives with the celebration that they deserve for graduation.

Whatever our graduates do this fall, we

wish them the best! We hope that they enjoy the graduation experience and excited as they look ahead to their future.

Congratulations to our 2024 Lobo graduates! We know you will make the Lobo Nation proud!

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of a flower or fruit tree budding can be a beautiful thing. Yet often we want to skip over or dismiss the process it took to get to this point. There were times of uncertainty, messiness, and stillness. Change and growth can be unnerving and exhausting. It can also be incredibly rewarding and

life-changing.” Our vision is to plant seeds in our students, and then stick with them until those seeds bear fruit.

As we reflect on a successful 2023-24 school year with many wonderful outcomes, let’s remember that every child in our schools is growing, changing, and reaching for the sky. Our

guiding purpose is to see the seeds we plant in our students transform their opportunity to live full and meaningful lives, and to know they can become anything they can dream. Seed sown!

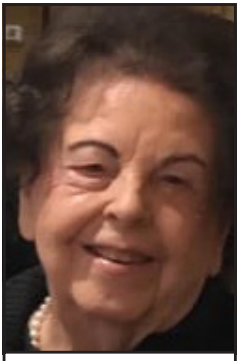
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OBITUARIES

Longview ISD offers our most sincere condolences to our extended Lobo family

Terry Wood



WOOD

Terry Ann Porter Wood was born December 13, 1937, in Longview, TX to Travis Terry Porter and Dotty Elizabeth Grimes Porter. She graduated from Longview High School with the class of 1956 and attended Baylor University. While attending Baylor, her roommate Mae Kunkle introduced her to Dick Randell Wood.

Terry and Dick were married on February 15, 1958, in the chapel of the First Baptist Church in Longview with Dr. W Morris Ford officiating.

Terry and Dick made their home in Longview, TX where they raised two sons. Her initial career included Bookkeeper for Hayes Miller Roofing, Inc. and later at the Gregg County Adult Probation office.

Terry was a lifelong member of the First Baptist Church of Longview, taught Sunday school for 5-year-olds for over 50 years, and

found great joy in this ministry. She was a member of John Tilley Edwards Chapter of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas and The New England Colony Chapter of the Colonial Dame's XVII Century.

She is survived by her husband, Dick R. Wood, son Richard Wood, son Randy Wood and wife Cheryl, grandchildren Logan Wood and wife Mary, Autumn Huffman and husband Jay, and great grandson Beckett Huffman.

Special thanks to the staff at Buckner Westminster Place and her caregivers: Cindy Cox, Melissa Durr, Jessie Shepard, Nelda Smith, Sherry Skinner, Shirlen Spenser, Sonya Paddy, Ann Riley, and Katy Bradford.

In lieu of flowers, the family request charitable donations to the First Baptist Church of Longview or Buckner Westminster Place, 2201 Horseshoe Lane, Longview, TX 75605, in honor of Terry Ann Wood.

A Memorial Service will be held at 10:00AM on Monday, April 29th at the First Baptist Church – Ford Chapel, Longview, TX. Arrangements are under the care of Rader Funeral Home in Longview.

Patricia Horne



HORNE

Patricia Alotto Horne, age 82, of Atlanta, Texas, went to be with our Lord, Monday, May 6, 2024, peacefully at home, surrounded by family. She was born May 16, 1941 in

Longview, Texas to Frank and Martha Alotto. Pat was a member of Laws Chapel Methodist Church in Atlanta. She had a loving, caring heart and witty personality. She graduated from Longview High School and Kilgore College. After college she went to work for Eastern Airlines as a flight attendant based in New York, New York. She met her husband, James I. Horne, Jr while in college and they married in 1962. She was the owner of The Music Box in downtown Atlanta, Texas in the late 70's and early 80's. Pat found her true calling in the mid 80's as a 911 dispatcher at the Atlanta Police Department. She retired as the 911 dispatch supervisor at Cass County Sheriff's Department, with a combined total 32 years of service between the two departments.

Pat is survived by her husband of 61 years, James I. Horne, Jr. of Atlanta, Texas; three brothers, Chuck Alotto and wife Jean of Diana, Texas, James Alotto and wife Susan of Colleyville, Texas, Joe Alotto of Longview, Texas; son, James I. Horne III and wife Sandy of Atlanta, Texas; daughter, Debbie Horne Mayfield and husband Taylor of Atlanta, Texas; grandchildren, Daniel Horne and wife Kristina, Philip Horne and wife Emily, Kaitlin Keener and husband Michael, Nathan Mayfield; great grandchildren, Audie Horne, Kaiden Keener; special children, Jeff Parker and wife Christina, Michelle Parker Nation; and a host of other family and friends.

Funeral services was 3:00 pm, Friday, May 10, in the Hanner Funeral Service Chapel, with Bro. Nathan Mayfield officiating.

Visitation was 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm, before the service.

The family would like to express our love to Maci, Donna, Juanita, Tiffany, Misty and Tish of Heritage Hospice for taking such wonderful care of our Momma, Mawmaw and sister.

Interment was in Laws Chapel Cemetery.

John Walker



WALKER

John David Walker, 50 years old, of Longview, was called to his eternal home on April 7.

Also lovingly known as JD, he graduated in 1992 from Longview High School and continued his higher education at Kilgore College, then transferred to Texas A&M University.

While at A&M, he was involved in a car accident his senior year that resulted in a traumatic brain injury. He spent the next 28 years being loved by his family.

He was studying Landscape Architecture at Texas A&M. He received his Aggie ring in an honorary ceremony after the accident. He wore his Aggie ring proudly!

Even though he was confined to a wheelchair, he enjoyed family get togethers, going to Windridge to ride horses, which also included his favorite activity, grooming the horses. He had seven nephews that he adored and enjoyed watching them grow up.

Before his accident, he was an avid outdoorsman. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, riding horses and loved all animals. He and his friends would spend memorable weekends at "the camp" in Jefferson. They all had nick-

names; JD's was Keeb.

He worked for Kimbrough Animal Hospital while in high school and during his time at Kilgore College. It was at Kimbrough's where he met his treasured dog, BB. He and BB were inseparable. He took her everywhere! She was his loyal friend until she crossed the rainbow bridge several years ago.

He is survived by his parents, John and Ann Walker, sisters and brothers in law, Sharon and husband, Daryl Boles, Kathy, and husband, Cran Endsley and brother, Steven and wife, Ginny Walker. Seven nephews, Jacob and Matthew Boles, Collin and Grant Endsley, and Hayden, Garrett, and Zach Walker. Also surviving him are his aunts, Ann Hull, Brenda Carlton, and Aubra Carlton, as well as cousins.

The family would like to thank all his caregivers for the love and care they provided him throughout the 28 years of his illness.

A Celebration of his Life was held at First United Methodist Church of Longview, 400 N. Fredonia St., on Saturday, April 13, at 11:00AM. Visitation was held 1 hour prior to the service starting at 10:00AM at the church. The interment will be at Rosewood Park following the service. Arrangements are under the care of Rader Funeral Home in Longview.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

Special board meeting set for June 10

Trustees usually meet in the boardroom of the LISD Education Support Center, (1301 E. Young St.) but often set special-called meetings at various locations around the district.

The next meeting is tentatively sched-

uled for 6 p.m. on Monday, June 10. The next regular board meeting is tentatively set for Monday, July 15, at the ESC building.

For more information about the LISD meetings go to **LISD.org**. Agendas and

Minutes can also be found at the website, as well as information on financial transparency.

Information about the areas of the district as well as about the Trustees can also be found online.

City Council meeting set for May 23

Unless otherwise posted, Longview City Council meetings are scheduled at 5:30 p.m., the second and fourth Thursday of the month and are held in City Hall Council Chambers at 300 W. Cotton St. The next one is set for Thursday, May 23.

City Council meetings are televised live on

CityView Municipal Television. These meetings are rebroadcast for one week following the original meeting at 6:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 6:30 p.m., 10:30 p.m. and 3 a.m.

All meetings can also be seen online live or on demand on the CityView Municipal Television or CityView Video Library.

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said **Mr. Dustin Taylor**, Communications Specialist and managing editor of The Longview Voice. “Now in our ninth year of this program, the district has given almost \$20,000 in scholarships to Lobo graduates.”

The Longview Voice is a district-wide newspaper that covers student, staff, and local community news. The paper is produced by the LISD Community Relations department in partnership with Texarkana-based American Classifieds (formerly the Thrifty Nickel), as well as campus staff and volunteers.

“We encourage all our students to contribute articles and photography to The Longview Voice,” said Superintendent **Dr.**

James Wilcox. “That’s why it’s called ‘the Voice,’ because it is a voice for our entire Longview ISD community. We want our students to feel a sense of ownership toward this newspaper.”

Each year the Community Relations department selects a Longview High School senior student who contributes work to The Longview Voice for a scholarship to the school of their choice.

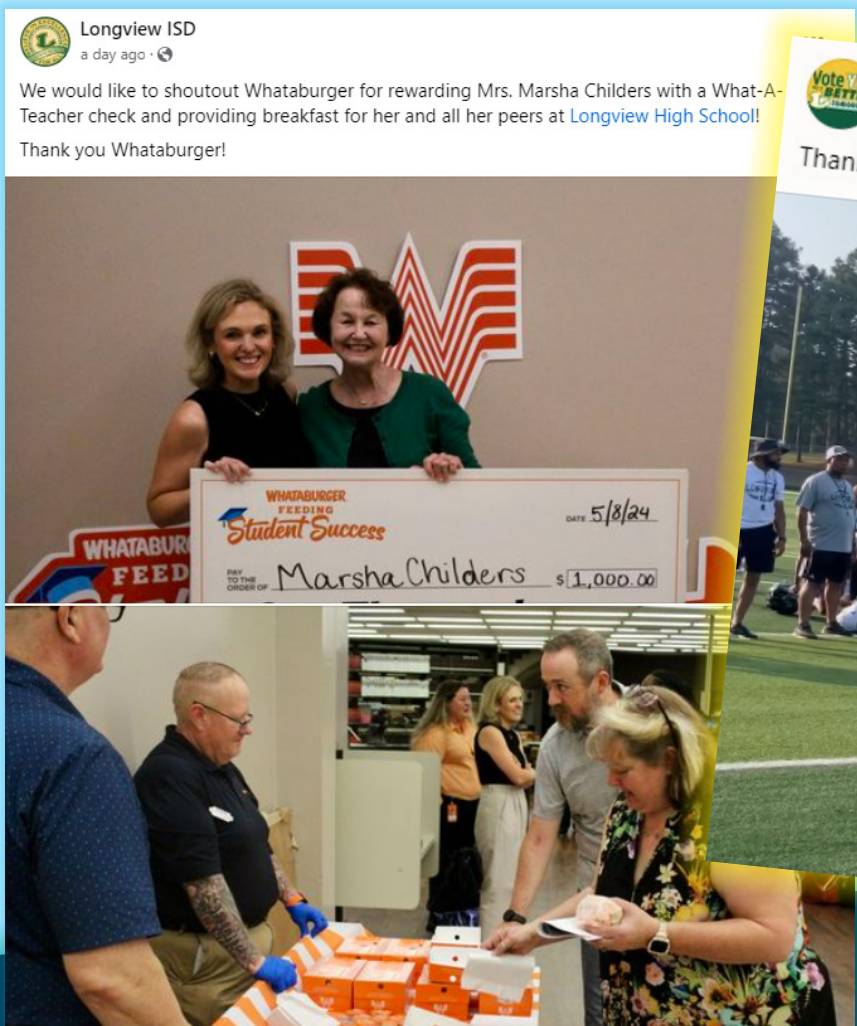
Past Winners include **Estrella Gonzales, Keyarro Hollins, Uwa Ihionkhan, Yosef Ibitayo** (Class of 2016); **Gaylon Wiley** (Class of 2017); **German Zelaya, Jose Velazquez, Michael Vera** (Class of 2018), **Alyssa Shobert, Brady Miller,**

and **Payton Schaap** (Class of 2019), **Jesse Gonzalez** and **Emily Mendenhall** (Class of 2020), **Audrey Smith** (Class of 2021), **Joshua Sanders** and **Adriana Corona** (Class of 2022), **Luke Farr** (Class of 2023), and now **Brianna Dzudie** in the Class of 2023!

Are you a student who is interested in being considered for next year’s scholarship? All you have to do is submit an article for publication in any edition of The Longview Voice newspaper and fill out a scholarship application.

For more information, please contact **LISD Community Relations** via email at **ask@LISD.org** or call **903-381-2200**.

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This Round-Up is for NEW incoming Pre-K and Kindergarten students only. Be sure to bring your child's Social Security card, birth certificate, shot records, utility bill, parent ID, and paycheck stubs/SNAP docs if applying for Pre-K.

There will also be a Vaccination Clinic available from 9:30am - 3:00pm for any required back-to-school immunizations.

Have questions? Call Dr. B at 903-803-5000.

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longviewisd Longview ISD is hosting an eSports tournament on Saturday, May 18 at Forest Park Middle School. The gaming tournament will start at 9 a.m. The Lobo Gaming Tournament will have a middle school division, high school division, and collegiate exhibition division. Don't miss out on the vendor booths from our collegiate eSport teams. Attendees will have the opportunity to talk to college teams about eSports and gaming in college.

Middle school and high schools will have the option to play Smash Brothers or Madden. Collegiate teams will play Call of Duty, Valorant, Overwatch and Rocket League. Please register your students through this google form: <https://forms.gle/HxgK3rH3JaBWA79>.

We will live stream the finals on Longview ISD's YouTube channel (Smash Brothers) and on the Longview ISD Athletics YouTube (Madden). There will be prizes awarded to the top three players in Smash Brothers and the top two players in Madden.

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FOSTER MIDDLE SCHOOL PRESENTS

End of Year
ART SHOW

TUES
MAY 14
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Foster Middle School is pleased to announce its 3rd annual Visual Fine Arts Show, showcasing the extraordinary artistic talent of its students. The event will be held from 5:00 until 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 14th, at Foster Middle School, and is free and open to the public. The art will be representing various mediums from drawings, sculptures, paintings, with over 400 pieces of artworks on display and a "Glow" Gallery!

We invite everyone in the community to come out and support our students, and enjoy a night of art and entertainment.

The event will feature arts activities from all year, as well as student choir performances.

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“In order to meet the goals and objectives of the grant, there are some furniture purchases needed to provide collaborative and theme-based options for students as well as to support the new program,” added Mr. Scott Fisher, LISD Magnet Grant Director.

For more information about this program contact the Longview ISD Office of Innovation at 903-381-2251.

WELLNESS POINTE

Later, Mr. Chad Jones, CEO of Wellness Pointe, spoke about the current state and future plans for the student-staff clinic at Longview High School.

Back in January, the board approved a new on-campus health clinic operated by Wellness Pointe and funded by a \$350,000 federal grant.

Mr. Jones said the clinic has received the required authorizations and is in the final credentialing stages.

Currently, four Longview students and 26 community members are under the care of the clinic’s two licensed professional counselors, with two more counselors anticipated by summer.

Lack of space is a major barrier, with the clinic operating temporarily out of one office, said Mr. Jones.

“Clinic construction is on hold pending outcome of bond election to determine best location,” he added.

Other challenges include medical provider recruitment delayed until adequate space is available, and the need for better communication with school staff. Wellness Pointe has allocated a coordinator to facilitate this.

A significant portion of the grant funds remain unspent in year one, with a request planned to carry over those funds to year two when staffing will allow fuller utilization.

Looking ahead, Mr. Jones said Wellness Pointe is “evaluating substance use counseling services” tailored to student needs, and a nurse is being hired for care coordination with the district.

“Exploring counseling rotations at middle schools and processes for sharing student



information with parental consent are also priorities,” he added.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

During the Superintendent’s Report portion of the meeting, Dr. James Wilcox and the board recognized several student achievements.

National Merit Finalists and LHS seniors Dominic Pistone and Aman Saridena, along with Commended Scholars Shreemayi Undavalli and Lonoehu Wacasey were honored.

Longview ISD students who achieved high honors in the Middle School Scholars program (formerly the Duke Scholars program) were also celebrated. Middle school UIL academic teams, One-Act Play casts, and the top 10 district science fair projects were recognized for their accomplishments.

Judson Middle School, which once again earned the prestigious “Texas School to Watch” designation from the National Forum to Accelerate Middle-Grades Reform and the Texas Association of Secondary School Principals, was highlighted.

The Longview ISD Education Foundation made a presentation, awarding commemorative plaza bricks to the 2023-24 Teachers of the Year: Ms. Stephanie Jones from Johnston-McQueen Elementary as Elementary Teacher of the Year and Mrs. Schrundagale Griffith from Foster

Middle School as Secondary Teacher of the Year.

Mrs. Kay Ray, Executive Director of the LISD Foundation, also provided an update on the 2024 grants program.

Reports were provided on LISD’s public charter school partners as well as data from the Office of Innovation, encompassing visitor management system statistics, student attendance rates,

disciplinary information, and academic performance metrics.

Trustees received the District Services Report from Dr. James Hockenberry, presentations about a community loan program opportunity, and plans for purchasing new Smartboards across the district.



RAY

Longview ISD’s strategic planning process with consultants from Civic Solutions Group was also discussed.

FOR MORE INFO

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