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Dear League City Parks Board,

Before NASA came to this area, League City was a typical small Texas town. In the early 50's a young high school basketball coach came to Webster High School named George Carlisle. Like most Texas towns, pride was brought to a community mostly through football until Coach Carlisle arrived.

In 1956 the Webster Wildcats made their first appearance at State (Final Four of High School) in Austin. Proudly, from 1956-68, Clear Creek had twelve years of basketball excellence in the Lone Star State. This brought much pride to this town and community that continues to this day, similar to the movie Hoosiers.

League City's twelve year reign of basketball is associated deeply the Lenox Family. No other high school program has had four relatives in the same family achieve the honors to themselves and their town as the Lenox Family. During those twelve years a Lenox family member was on each team. The 1964 State Championship Team had Lenox players. In those twelve years, the Webster/Clear Creek Wildcats had seven state appearances in Austin with a Lenox player on each team. Each Lenox player got superior full scholarships in basketball (3 at Texas A&M and one at the University of Texas). Listed below are their names. All have been inducted into the CCISD Athletic Hall of Honor.

Bennie Lenox- All State UIL (two years)
High School All American
Texas A&M

Jimmie Dale Lenox- All State UIL
Texas A&M

Curley Lenox- All State UIL
Texas A&M

Joe "Scooter" Lenox- All State UIL (two years)
MVP of Texas (Senior Year)
University of Texas

These men were coached by Coach George Carlisle, but their home basketball court was the initial court at League Park. This court was more active than any Little League fields in Texas. The Lenox family and their fellow teammates, occupied that court constantly and that helped lead Webster and Clear Creek High School to be known state wide. This is reminiscent of other towns like Buna, Snooks, Dimmitt and others.

Therefore, I would ask the League City Parks Board to consider naming the basketball court as Lenox Court in honor of this family who were the catalyst for this town's emergence as a state power in basketball. I am a seventy year old proud city resident who witnessed it all from the beginning.

Blessings,

C. Lynn Davis, DDS

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Distinguished CCISD Graduate, 2014

CCISD Athletic Hall of Honor Founder

CCISD Athletic Hall of Honor President

American Association of Orthodontists

Laddie Howard
CCHS 1967

Naming of Basketball Courts at League Park

Growing up in the 50's and 60's in small town League City was a simple life. Basketball became the key sport in town. A new coach was hired named Carlisle and he had a string of talent with names like James Davis, Paul Timmons and three brothers and their uncle named Lenox. This talent, along with a fast paced game of full court press, became the start of a true Texas sports dynasty - Webster/Clear Creek Basketball.

The facilities were simple and in heavy use all the time. But the training for young kids were found on 2 concrete courts in a tree shaded city park. Often pick-up games were played with players from elementary school through high school. These games were year-round and it was not uncommon to see young neighborhood kids getting "coached" by their high school heroes. The Lenox family were regulars at these courts in addition to being stars on the high school court on Tuesday and Friday nights. For 12 years Clear Creek was a team to be counted upon to go deep into the playoffs. For many of these years a Lenox led the team.

Bennie Lenox, the oldest of the brothers, started the Lenox reign. Bennie was All-State his junior and senior year and a high school All American his senior year. The team went to the State playoffs every year Bennie played. He received a full basketball scholarship to Texas A&M where he was a starter for Shelby Metcalf's Aggies for three years. While playing high school basketball he worked at Lawrence Mop Company with my grandmother. When not practicing or working he could be seen at League Park shooting hoops with the younger kids. Bennie continued in basketball becoming an assistant coach at University of Texas and, ultimately, the head basketball coach at Texas.

Curly followed in Bennie's footsteps leading the Wildcats into the playoffs for all three years he played. He was recognized as an All-State player and received a scholarship to Texas A&M where he was a starter his junior and senior years.

Jimmie Dale was the uncle of Bennie and Curly and played for "Creek" in the mid-sixties. He was also an All-State player and went to Texas A&M on a basketball scholarship. Jimmy Dale was also an outstanding high school football player.

The youngest of the Lenox clan was Scooter, who played from 1966-1968. Scooter was a two time All State player and his senior year was named the MVP basketball player in Texas. He signed with University of Texas so he could play for his brother Bennie, then coach of the Longhorns.

The role of basketball in League City greatly influenced activities in town. When Clear Creek played at home all games were standing room only. When they went out of town businesses would close early and the visiting Wildcats usually had a crowd outnumbering the home team. During "Creeks" 12-year run, it regularly had 30 wins per season. When it was playoff time, the businesses would close in time to allow fans to get to the game. It was often said "the last person out of town needed to turn off the lights".

While I did not play basketball, the program at "Creek" influenced me greatly. I learned the importance of high school sports and my football coaches were great role models.

I was lucky enough to watch Curly and Jimmy Dale play at A&M and made my decision to attend A&M because of my introduction to the Aggie Spirit while watching them play.

No name would be more appropriate than Lenox to be featured on the newly renovated basketball courts in League Park.

Thank you for your consideration.

I am Laddie Howard, a 1967 graduate of Clear Creek High School, who after a short time in Houston, made League City the place to raise my family and start a business. Lisa and I retired to our farm in Kansas to take care of her elderly parents. We have many fond memories of League City.

Lynn Davis (Gmail)

From: Lynn Davis (Gmail) [cldavisortho@gmail.com]
Sent: Saturday, August 01, 2020 9:01 PM
To: DavisOrtho
Subject: ** Lenox Court / Coach Buddy Carlisle **

Coach Buddy Carlisle
CCHS 1970

From: Buddy Carlisle [mailto:bcarlisle100@gmail.com]
Sent: Saturday, August 01, 2020 4:41 PM
To: Lynn Davis (Gmail)

To: League City Parks Board

I have driven by all the construction in downtown League City as the League City Park is being renovated. I would like to second the motion by my friend, Lynn Davis, that the basketball court there be named Lenox Court in honor of the Lenox family. I was fortunate to watch Bennie, Curley and Jimmy Dale Lenox play at Clear Creek since my dad, George Carlisle, started the winning tradition for Webster and Clear Creek High School basketball. And, I played with Joe Scooter Lenox on the 1968 district champion Wildcat team when I was a sophomore.

There is no doubt that Clear Creek Basketball established a winning tradition like no other school in Texas and the Lenox family played many a day on that court near the railroad tracks. I was honored to end up coaching at Clear Creek from 1976-2006, continuing the winning tradition my dad started. And, I was blessed that the court at the George Carlisle Field House at CCHS is named Buddy Carlisle Court in my honor.

I hope that the League City Park court can be named Lenox Court honoring the family who helped make League City and Clear Creek synonymous with winning basketball.

Thanks for your consideration and I look forward to seeing Lenox Court when the entire project is completed.

Thanks for your consideration,

George B. Carlisle ,Jr.(Clear Creek 1970)

Lynn Davis (Gmail)

From: Lynn Davis (Gmail) [cldavisortho@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, August 05, 2020 9:35 AM
To: DavisOrtho
Subject: ** Lenox Court / Joe McKinney (CCHS 1965) **

*Joe McKinney
CCHS 1965*

TO: LEAGUE CITY PARKS BOARD

I would like to add my unqualified support for the naming of the basketball court at the League City Park the Lenox Family Basketball Court. The entire League City area/CCISD benefited from the state wide reputation the powerful Clear Creek basketball program had in the 1950's and 60's. The basketball program was the direct result of having four members of the Lenox family playing for Clear Creek during this time period. I had the honor of playing with Curley Lenox and Jimmie Dale Lenox and being a member of the 1963 Clear Creek Basketball State Championship Team! I was raised in League City and had the privilege of attending Clear Creek from First Grade thru Graduation in 1965. This is fitting to honor a family which has brought so much fame, honor, pride and enjoyment to the Clear Creek area. Thank you for your consideration.

Joe C. McKinney
CCHS '65
Distinguished CCISD Graduate 2010
Inaugural Inductee, CCISD Athletic Hall of Honor 2016
Texas Bankers Hall of Fame 2019

Lynn Davis (Gmail)

Tony "Buzzy" Barcelona
CCISD 1968

From: Lynn Davis (Gmail) [cldavisortho@gmail.com]
Sent: Saturday, August 01, 2020 9:03 PM
To: DavisOrtho
Subject: ** Lenox Court / Tony "Buzzy" Barcelona **

From: Tony Barcelona III/ "Buzzy"
RE: Basketball Court League City Park
Date: August 1, 2020

League City, Texas a small town community, rich in hard working families back in the 1950's and 1960's, was blessed with one particular family , the Lenox Family. Some members attended Webster High School then others went on to what we know today as Clear Creek High School rich in many traditions. Basketball played an important role for many students, but this family had Bennie, Curley, Jimmie Dale and Joe (we all knew him as "Scooter") spent many hours on the Park Basketball Court working and perfecting their skills.. They were model citizens and players that people looked up to for years. They brought us joy and many honors to our community with their athletic ability. They, as a family, put basketball on the map. We made many State Championship appearances with a Lenox on the team.

Bennie, Curley, Jimmie Dale and Scooter are all members of the CCISD Athletic Hall Of Honor. Each went on to college and had outstanding careers. We as a community were blessed to go to a basketball game and watch and cheer for our home team. A great honor would be for the League City Parks Board to rename the basketball court at the park as the " Lenox Court ". Their hard work and dedication would allow people in the community to recognize this family and what each brought to basketball with their talent and skills.

I truly hope this honor can be bestowed upon this great family who were well respected in the League City Community.

Respectfully,

Tony Barcelona III / " Buzzy"
Class of 1968

William "Bart" Goforth

Lynn Davis (Gmail)

From: Lynn Davis (Gmail) [cldavisortho@gmail.com]
Sent: Sunday, August 02, 2020 9:10 AM
To: DavisOrtho
Subject: ** Lenox Court / Bart Goforth

CCIS 1969

Naming of Basketball Court at League Park

I write The League City Parks Board to gain its consideration of naming the remodeled basketball park The Lenox Family Court in honor the great contribution of the family to Clear Creek Independent School District. I grew up in League City and either watched or played sports with all the Lenox family members. My family was very involved with the education efforts of CCISD and Goforth Elementary School is named in honor of my mother Patsy Ruth and father, Arthur Crook Goforth. I am a 2018 inductee into The Clear Creek Independent School District Hall of Honor and am honored to be mentioned in the same conversation with The Lenox Family. Naming the court after the Lenox Family will rightfully reflect the contribution they have made to the community. Please give it your highest consideration.

Sincerely,

William A. (Bart) Goforth II

Clear Creek High School, football 1969

" Scratch'em Cats !"

Danny Powell
CCHS 1968

Naming of the Basketball Court at League Park

I came to the Clear Creek area in 1954. I was fortunate enough to make the basketball team in my 7th grade year where I played with Scooter Lenox and started hearing the many stories of the Lenox family and their dominance on the basketball court – and how they helped Clear Creek become a recognized powerhouse throughout the state of Texas.

I played all through high school, ending up the starting point guard on the 1968 team. We won district every year from 7th grade through the end of my senior year. This was not unusual, since at that time, the high school teams had won about 15 district championships in a row, and earned berths to the State Tournament multiple times. There always seemed to be a Lenox on those teams, and they were always All-District or All-State or even All-American in their times. Bennie, Curley, Jimmy Dale, Scooter – the Lenox names and their talents were synonymous with that long, dominating stretch of Clear Creek High School basketball history.

Clear Creek and basketball excellence were very well known. As an example, after high school, I went to Texas Tech University. I decided to try out for the team, but hurt my knee just before tryouts and couldn't participate. I went anyway and told the coach that I was the starting point guard at Clear Creek my senior year. He looked at me like he'd just won the lottery, told me I didn't need to say anything more, and welcomed me to the team. I ended up starting every game that year (on the freshman team). I tell this story for two reasons (1) Clear Creek's reputation in basketball was remarkable and very closely tied to the role of the Lenox family, and (2) being able to play alongside one of those Lenox teammates just continually raised the level of the way the team played – and the other individuals on those teams. Naming the basketball court near the railroad tracks in League City where the Lenox family played as youngsters just seems the right thing to do if you want to preserve a part of history that so significantly affected so many people. It would be such a positive influence for the upcoming generations of kids who enjoy the sport to know about the effect one family had on the area – hopefully give them encouragement to become better themselves.

We name streets and buildings after individuals who have had significant roles in making an important impact on the area and the people in that area. I see this no differently. I would like to strongly ask that the League City Parks Board consider naming this basketball court as the Lenox Court in honor of the impact that family had in helping a small Texas town gain such a recognized and respected reputation in a sport that has meant so much to so many.

Sincerely,



Danny Powell
CCHS Class of 1968

PS: If you would like to discuss this with me further, please feel free to call me at 217-649-6335

Lynn Davis (Gmail)

From: Lynn Davis (Gmail) [cldavisortho@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, August 03, 2020 6:02 PM
To: DavisOrtho
Subject: ** Lenox Court / Dr. Dale Pitts

Dr. Dale Pitts, a former coach & teacher during the 60's in CCISD. Lynn

From: Dale Pitts [mailto:drdalepitts@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, August 03, 2020 4:20 PM
To: Lynn Davis (Gmail)

Dr. Dale Pitts (Angleton HS 1958)

League City Parks Board
League City, Texas

Dear Board Members:

I am a graduate of Angleton High School and played against Clear Creek High School many times. We always performed well against the Clear Creek Wildcats in football and always got our clock cleaned in basketball. I became friends with Bennie Lenox and grew to admire him not only as a great player but also as a good person.

After graduating from college, my first coaching job was at Clear Creek where I resumed the friendship as Bennie and I both coached summer league baseball. I only coached football and track in the Clear Creek schools but had the privilege of getting to know Scooter and seeing him play. I remember thinking, "There is really something special going on with this Lenox family". I didn't get to see the other Lenox's play basketball but have no doubt they were of the same mold and a credit to the Lenox family.

After 3 years at CCHS, I left to become Head Coach and Athletic Director at a high school on a US Naval Base in San Juan, Puerto Rico. We hired all of our coaches from the mainland. I hired a basketball coach from New Orleans and one day while visiting with him I mentioned having coached at CCHS. He said he actually went to high school in Beaumont, Texas, and had been to League City a number of times to watch the Lenoxs play. What are the chances I would run into someone 2500 miles away, on an island in the Caribbean, who knew League City. The Lenoxs were such good ambassadors for League City that I'm sure it happens far more than we are aware.

League City gave the Lenoxs their start. They reciprocated by bringing recognition to their hometown. I think it is only fitting that the park area be honored by carrying the Lenox name and the Lenox name be honored in perpetuity for bringing honor and recognition to League City.

Living and coaching in League City was one of the highlights of my career. Even though my 2 sons got to travel and live all over the United States, they have said several times, "I wish we had stayed in League City". Truth be known - me too! I have been a superintendent of schools and college professor at many places. Few have provided as many pleasant memories as being a Clear Creek Wildcat.

Thanks for your consideration and good luck in your endeavor.

John Turner - Bay Area Courier
CCHS 1967

Naming of Basketball Court at League Park

Growing up in League City in early the 60's I learned the name George Carlisle and the history of Basketball to my new hometown. Our family moved to League City in 1962 and I quickly learned the importance of sports in our part of Texas.

I heard the stories of the 1956 Webster Wildcat basketball team and how they made their first appearance at the State championship in Austin. That was the start of great basketball in our area from 1956 through 1968, Webster/Clear Creek High School had twelve years of winning basketball in the State of Texas. This brought pride to the small town of League City that continues to this day.

Clear Creek's twelve years of great basketball is tied to that same family, the Lenox Family of League City. Clear Creek High School has had four members of the Lenox family achieve honors for themselves, League City and the entire Clear Creek area. A Lenox family member was on each of these winning teams. The 1964 State Championship Team had Lenox players. In those twelve years, the Webster/Clear Creek Wildcats had seven state appearances with a Lenox player on each team. Each Lenox player received full scholarships in basketball (3 at Texas A&M and one at the University of Texas). All have been inducted into the CCISD Athletic Hall of Honor.

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This great tradition of winning started at the old basketball court that was across the street from the first city hall and was the first courts in League Park. The Lenox boys and many of their teammates, played on that court day and night throughout the early years in League City. Therefore, I would ask the League City Parks Board to consider naming the basketball court at League Park as the Lenox Court in honor of this family who were the start of this town's emergence as a state power in basketball power.

Sincerely

John Towner
1532 Perugia Street
League City

John Peskuric

CCHS 1970

US Naval Academy 1974

August 2, 2020

John G. Peskuric
11904 Corner Brook Pass
Austin, TX 78739-7511

To Whom It May Concern:

I have been informed that there is a potential for the outdoor basketball court at the League City Park by the railroad tracks to be named after the Lenox family.

I could not agree more.

As the child of a NASA engineer, our family moved to the Clear Lake area in 1965. I was only an 8th grader who played on the basketball team, but even then, it did not take me long to hear about and experience the legacy of the Lenox family on the basketball court.

Throughout my years participating in sports at Clear Creek, there were four names that were ubiquitous to the success of the Clear Creek basketball program....Carlisle, Bauerschlag, Krueger.....and Lenox. The first three names were coaches but the last name...Lenox...was all pure player talent.

In 1967, I was a sophomore at Clear Creek High School. I was a starter on the Varsity football team. However, when it came to Clear Creek basketball, it was clear that Scooter Lenox and Clear Creek basketball was on a completely different athletic plane. It was a magical year for the Wildcat basketball team. Creek should have won State and ended with a 35-1 record. Scooter Lenox received All-State First team honors that year, along with teammate Richard Huhn.

As magnificent Scooter's play was that year, the Lenox legacy went back to the 1950s with superior athletic accomplishments from Bennie Lenox, Curley Lenox, Jimmie Dale Lenox and finally, Joe "Scooter" Lenox.

After Clear Creek, the Lenox family continued to show incredible prowess at the University levels at both Texas A&M and the University of Texas-Austin.

It did not stop there as another generation of Lenox successes started in the Liberty Hill District.

In these days of increased scrutiny of historical memorabilia, I can assure League City that naming a basketball court in honor of the Lenox family will incite inquiries as to what the Lenox family did for League City...and the answer will only result in awe.

Respectfully,

Lynn Davis (Gmail)

From: Lynn Davis (Gmail) [cldavisortho@gmail.com]
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To: cldavisortho@gmail.com

MIKE DAVIS-CCHS 1960

It's been 66 years since I bounced a basketball on the concrete court at what is now called League Park in League City. I was to enter the 5th grade that fall along with a gangly chum named Bennie Lenox, who could drain frog-kick jumpers. He drew the attention of Clear Creek High School coach George Carlisle.

A basketball power on the high school level was in the making led by Bennie, who went on to all-state honors at CCHS and all-American honors at Texas A&M.

Then along came Curley, Jimmy Dale and Scooter Lenox to put the finishing touches on a 12-year run of district, regional and state titles.

And I still remember it all began at the League Park court in the hot days of summer in 1954.

It's a no-brainer. The court(s) should be named for the Lenox boys.

I, Mike Davis, am a 1960 grad of Clear Creek and later a sports writer and sports information director, having followed the Lenox boys during their high school and college careers.

Lynn Davis (Gmail)

From: Lynn Davis (Gmail) [cldavisortho@gmail.com]
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Subject: ** Lenox Court / Jill Rauscher **

Jill Rauscher
CCHS 1968

From: Jill Rauscher [<mailto:jrsod@comcast.net>]
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To: Lynn Davis (Gmail)

The Lenox Family was a Basketball Dynasty when I attended CCHS in the late 60's. I gained a love (as a spectator & cheerleader) for a game that I'd never had much interest in. My most memorable times were going to the State Play-offs in Austin. I was quickly "educated" about the importance of this sport by the Lenox family. It would be a real tribute to the Lenox Family to have the park named after them & their years of dedication .

Sincerely,

Jill Rauscher (CCHS 1968)