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Mayor bullish on Lindale's future

By Terry Cannon
Editor

By any measure, the city of Lindale has experienced the type of steady growth that most cities in East Texas would be happy to brag about.

Even during this seemingly never-ending pandemic, the community continues to make positive advances on the economic front, in the quality of life offered to its citizens and the security provided by its dedicated police force and first responders.

But Lindale Mayor Jeff Daugherty isn't one to rest on his, or the city's laurels. There's still work to accomplish to keep his city moving forward in 2021 and beyond and he believes one sure way to continue the growth is to keep the cash registers ringing.

“One of the most important things to look at as far as our continued growth is the sales tax numbers remain strong,” he said.

While the city tightened its belt a bit – mainly because of the pandemic – there hasn't been a drop off of services to the community.

“We closed off some extra spending, but our economy has stayed strong,” he said.

If there is a good thing to come from the pandemic locally, residents had time to undertake home and yard projects they otherwise would have had to delay. The mayor said he believes Lindale retailers reaped the benefits and the sales tax numbers point this out.

Thanks to a steady housing market, Lindale's tax base will be spread out more evenly in the coming years.

“There are a lot of folks looking at Lindale,” Daugherty said. “They want to locate here to live, but just as importantly, they want to move their businesses here.”

When city council members consider the fiscal year budget they must look at future trends and plan accordingly.

“We have always budgeted based on our projections,” the mayor said. “So far, we've been very close on our expectations as to the growth of the city.”

It doesn't take motorists in and around Lindale long to notice roads and highways are being refurbished and redone.

The Texas Department of Transportation is close to completion of the I-20 Ramp Improvement Project, which extends from U.S. 69 to Jim Hogg Road. TXDOT officials report the project – which has a cost of \$14.8 million and is being undertaken by Longview Bridge and Road -- is in the cleanup stage. On ramps and off ramps are fully functional.

On the western side of the city, FM 16 and Loop 49 plans have been in the offing for some time. The mayor is anxious to see this completed.

“I'm really hoping (the FM 16 project) gets under way this year,” he said, adding that parts of FM 16 have been rezoned to accommodate both housing and businesses.

And speaking of Loop 49, its northernmost terminus, just past the city limits, will hopefully continue to bring travelers and businesses to the northern part of the city, Daugherty said.

“(The north) should be the next future area of growth,” Daugherty said. “Because of Loop 49, there will more development and once we get sewer service in place you'll see lots of commercial growth.”

While it would be nice to see positive changes happen overnight, that's not the way the system works, the mayor said.

“You have to look 15 to 20 years in the future,” he said about city planning. “Growth is a steady thing. Right now we are living things that were planning 15 or so years ago.”

Regardless, the city future – driven by a well-tuned engine – hums along.

“We are very happy with the growth, our downtown projects and our planning for the future,” the mayor said. “Very, very happy.”



Construction on the Springhill Suites hotel continues in the north part of The Cannery in downtown Lindale. The hotel will have 89 rooms/suites and is scheduled to open this summer.

Photo by Terry Cannon



Stark beauty

For the first time in several years a significant snow event visited Lindale and East Texas this past weekend with accumulations estimated from 2 to 3 inches in some places, weather officials said. Roads, such as this one just the south of Lindale, were essentially clear of ice by midmorning on Monday. The sun returned on Tuesday afternoon and readings reached the lower 60s by Wednesday and Thursday. No rain is forecast when a weak cold front arrives on Friday but a stronger cold front is expected to arrive in the area on Sunday with a chance of rain.

Photo by Terry Cannon

Lindale-area stained glass artist makes memories with her art

By Susan Duncan

A black swan glistens in a frame on the wall, catching the light, while across the studio a favorite bevel and mirrored-glass piece sits on its easel in a place of prominence.

After traveling for years to create commissioned stained glass pieces for customers, Charis Boucher, owner of The Glass by Charis, decided she wanted to settle down in the Lindale countryside to spend more time with her young son and husband and create her stained glass art in her own studio.

So, she has transitioned to an in-home, public studio where customers can come to visit, and Boucher can have a dedicated area to work on her art.

The glass artist said she needed to stop traveling because in addition to her two grown children, she has an 8-year-old son Jack who keeps her busy.

“It was time for me to localize myself a little more,” she said. “Since we moved here, I have stayed very busy with work, and until a year ago, I would travel to my clients. It's been nice to not worry about that so much.”

Boucher said she was a military brat, so she has lived in many states, but much of her work comes from clients in the South.

“I still get calls from the people who want me to come, but I turn a lot of them down,” Boucher said. “I tell them to please come



Charis Boucher stands with some of her stained glass art in her studio near Lindale. Photo by Susan Duncan

to the studio, and we can sit and talk about what you want, and I can certainly create that for you.”

The artist said that commissions are her livelihood, so she is always open to hear what potential buyers' projects might entail. She said that in the last five years, she has worked on some on-site projects in various places because

the project might include large items like stained glass panels which could run 6 feet tall, which makes them impossible to ship.

“Commissions are where I make my money, so if it is profitable, I will travel for it,” Boucher said, “but I like to stay in the studio and do what I need to do here.”

Booked through the end of 2020, Boucher said she looks forward to reaching out to more locals in 2021 through teaching classes or working on commissioned pieces for those in the East Texas area.

“I'm looking for new, local clients,” she said. “I'm tired of taking the calls from Austin, Houston and Dallas. My studio is a nice, pretty place where I want to stay and work, and that's where I am in my life now.”

Although she knew she was a graphic artist early in her life, as she has matured, she has found a place of contentment in her small home studio on the outskirts of the city, working with her brightly colored prisms.

“Anyone who is an artist is born an artist,” she said. “I love glass. Let's see what I can do.”

With the decision made for a career adjustment, it was time to make the studio a reality.

“I got online and ordered everything I needed to do it, and I did it,” she said. “It connected me back to all the things I had lost over 20 years as far as creativity and being able to heal through art.”

Boucher said she spent the first four years really honing the craft, learning everything she could.

“I self-taught myself everything from books, videos and online services,” she said. “I became

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OPINION/EDITORIAL

Suzanne Bardwell



We need a 'Mr. Smith Goes to Washington' more than ever

Where is starry-eyed, man of character Jefferson Smith? We need him now.

Desperately.

On the edge of global war in 1939 Frank Capra made a film entitled "Mr. Smith Goes to Washington". In it a naive, deeply patriotic young American is appointed to fill the seat of a senator who has unexpectedly died. The good as gold Jefferson Smith heads to Washington, D.C. full of excitement and a desire to do a good job as a senator. And that is when he hits head on the power machine of party politics and big business ties. Because Smith won't be a party to the corruption and refuses to be bought, he wages a one-man senate filibuster to get the truth out.

See, here's the deal, and it's been a long time coming. We no longer treat truth as black and white, fact or lie. "Your truth is not my truth" is just a way of saying it doesn't matter what is true as long as I get what I want. Or, I like and agree with "this truth" so now it is "my truth". Can you see the problem?

The movie clearly shows the way that cynicism and influence peddling can affect, or infect, an entire system. At the end of the film, a worn out, heartbroken, filibustering Jefferson Smith says to the senator he admired who had chosen subverting his convictions in trade for power: "I guess this is just another lost cause... all you people don't know about lost causes. Senator Paine does. He said once they were the only causes worth fighting for and he fought for them once, for the only reason any man ever fights for them: Because of one plain simple rule: Love thy neighbor. And in this world today, full of hatred, a man who knows that one rule has a great trust."

That golden rule has nothing to do with being a Republican or a Democrat.

Last week the mother of three of my former students, was harassed while driving to the point that the driver almost ran her off the road. According to the victim, the truck driver slammed on the brakes when he got in front of her. The truck had a Trump sticker, the mother had a Biden sticker on her car. She believes that is the reason for the harassment. In her words she was "terrified and shaking".

Why is a grandmother, for that matter, anyone, being subjected to violence and danger because they supported a particular candidate? When did it become wrong and unAmerican to disagree on politics? Democracy is built on the compromise of the two-party system. If you know your world history, you are well aware of how dangerous one party systems are.

The radicalization of politics is something that happens in third world nations, right? Or in unstable African or middle eastern countries, right? Not in America...right?

It is time for all of us to work on becoming a little more like Jefferson Smith and help remind people to stick to the plain simple rules that this country was founded on. And, "a little more watching out for the other guy" as Jeff Smith would say.

EDITORIAL

We can do better... we must be better

We should be a people in mourning. A people in reflection and prayer. At the heartbreaking top of the list is the desecration of the People's House, the Capitol Building in Washington, D.C. Regardless of individual politics, far left, far right and all citizens in-between, there are some things which should never happen in the United States of America.

A Capitol Police Officer, Brian D. Sicknick died due to injuries sustained in his attempt to protect the People's House. He died protecting Our House, for us. This young man who went to work in a job his family says he loved dearly, did not go home to the family who dearly loved him. Officer Sicknick was a veteran, a fire team member and leader of the 108th Security Force Squadron, 108th Wing. He served in Operation Southern Watch and Operation Enduring Freedom.

Let's be clear, Officer Sicknick did not die in war, he gave his life protecting the People's House which was under attack by domestic terrorists. There is nothing that can justify his death or the vandalism of our possessions. One of the greatest tragedies of Officer Sicknick's death is that those who caused his death came roaring into the Capitol carrying American flags, a flag this young man served his entire adult life, a flag that will cover him in death.

So, how did this tragedy come to be? Anger. Vitriolic rhetoric. A lost presidential election and concerns about stolen elections in other states laid the groundwork for death and destruction. Regardless of what any of us believes about how elections occurred in those other states let's address one of Texans' most cherished beliefs, the protection of states' rights. If there is a problem in voting in a state, the authorities in those states are the ones who should be correcting it at the behest of their state's citizens. Would any of us, any of us, want someone from Michigan, Pennsylvania, Arizona telling us how to conduct our business in Texas? We think not.

In Georgia, the Republican Secretary of State Brad Raffensperger was pressured in a phone call from President Trump to change the reported results of the senatorial election that would determine control of the United States Senate. In an hour-long phone call that Raffensperger characterized as an attempt at intimidation, the Republican said under no circumstances that he would succumb to because of his polling findings and personal ethics. One of the charges according to the President was that "thousands of dead people voted". The Georgia



Republican officials have found TWO ballots 'cast by dead people' and they are investigating and planning to prosecute the people who cast those ballots. TWO...not thousands.

One of the most powerful and successful of propaganda tools is to repeat untruths long enough, loud enough and convincingly enough without wavering until those statements become perceived as true. All we have to do is turn our eyes to the 20th century to see that gambit played successfully to the destruction of nations and peoples.

We need to turn our eyes to past American statesmen and leaders at all levels as examples. They were often flawed characters, as we all are, but the dividing point is when a public official puts the nation and the safety of its people above their own interests. Let's be clear about this, words have consequences.

One of the consequences of words spoken last week to the thousands of protesters in Washington D.C. was the vandalism of Our House and the death of a police officer and veteran. That should break every American's heart regardless of politics.

We can do better. We must be better. We owe it to each other, our children and our grandchildren. And, we owe it to Officer Brian Sicknick.

THE ECONOMIST

By Dr. M. Ray Perryman

Looking ahead ...

After a rugged and seemingly endless 2020, we are beginning to see the light at the end of the COVID-19 tunnel. We are not done yet, but with vaccination programs ongoing and the disease and effective treatments better understood, we should be able to establish a new normal at some point in 2021. There are myriad challenges, but the path is beginning to emerge.

One key issue for 2021 is the millions who are unemployed. While employment has rebounded substantially from the bottom in April 2020, a full recovery to pre-pandemic levels will take a

couple of years. As expected, the pace of recovery slowed through the fall following large early gains as businesses reopened in the summer. The recent surge in cases has further stymied the comeback.

US unemployment levels decreased to 6.7% in November from the high of 14.7% in April but remain well above the 3.6% rate where we started the year. About 10.7 million people are officially jobless, including 3.9 million without work for 27 weeks or more. About 6.7 million people were working part-time for economic reasons and would have preferred full-time jobs. Yet another 7.1 million wanted to work but were not officially in the workforce. Dealing with these dislocations will be a critical imperative in 2021.



New House speaker lays out challenges

The 87th session of the Texas Legislature opened Tuesday with COVID-19 encompassing every aspect of what the lawmakers do, according to new House Speaker Dade Phelan.

"COVID, obviously, it will be a blanket over the entire session," Phelan told his hometown TV station, KFDM Channel 6, in Beaumont. "We will deal with it in every aspect of policy. It will be a huge determining factor in the budget.

Before the pandemic hit, Phelan said, legislators "were supposed to come into this budget cycle with a surplus, and now we're coming into it with a deficit..." Money will be even tighter for the next two-year budget lawmakers write during the session, he said.

"The No. 1 goal is to get the economy back on track," Phelan said

For opening day, Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick and State Rep. Charlie Geren, R-Fort Worth and chair of the administration committee, laid out safety protocols for lawmakers and visitors to follow at the Capitol, which recently reopened after closing in March because of the pandemic. The opening ceremony was scheduled to be shorter than usual to reduce time spent gathering.

"It's always been difficult to be speaker. It's never been easy, but going into this session, the 87th, given the budget deficit, redistricting, and the fact that we have the first pandemic in 102 years in which to operate, I'm exceptionally proud they've given me this honor," Phelan said of the bipartisan coalition of lawmakers that voted for him to be the new speaker.

Phelan, a Republican, stressed the bipartisan spirit of Texas and cited how well former Gov. George W. Bush worked with Democratic Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock during their time serving together at the Capitol.

"That is the Texas model. We've always worked that way," Phelan said. "If you're sitting at the speaker's dais and you're looking at all the chairs in the House chamber, there is no left side or right side, red, blue, like there is in Washington, D.C. We all sit amongst each other." Lawmakers are scheduled to be in session until May 31.

Trying to speed up

Texas is going big with its approach to COVID-19 vaccinations this week.

Most of the doses available this week are going to 28 larger providers that can vaccinate at least 100,000 people, Texas Department of State Health Services officials said in a statement. Some doses also will be going to smaller providers in more rural parts of the state.

"We are working hard to improve the vaccination process for

One source of relief is the belated stimulus package. The \$900 billion pandemic relief bill was finally enacted after months of delay and weeks of debate. It includes an additional \$600 in payments to individuals, including children, and extends the enhanced unemployment benefit, though the amount is lowered to \$300 per week. The bill also reopens the Paycheck Protection Program for a second round of small business loans and offers support for schools, childcare, renters, and additional food benefits. In addition, the bill provides funds for vaccine doses and distribution and continued assistance for testing.

This infusion of resources will help keep the structure of the economy intact and disseminate much-needed relief for individ-

uals and families. The initial CARES Act was designed to provide aid for only a few months, and as the initial timeline draws to a close, the new stimulus bill will help to bridge the gap until vaccinations are widely completed. It is not sufficient, but it is necessary.

All signs point to robust future expansion in an economy which was basically sound before the health crisis began. As the pandemic recedes, growth potential increases. While the recovery will no doubt be somewhat uneven and many changes lie ahead, 2021 is shaping up to be a year of transition and adjustment, but (hopefully) one that brings much needed and welcomed calm from the unprecedented storms of the recent past. Stay safe!!

Chris Cobler Capital Highlights



everyone," Dr. John Hellerstedt, state health commissioner, said in a statement explaining the pivot to the larger vaccination hubs.

Providers that receive the larger amounts of vaccine will vaccinate health care workers, people 65 and older, and those who have a medical condition that increases their risk of severe disease or death. They also agree to provide a registration phone number and website and to vaccinate people from surrounding areas.

The Texas Department of State Health Services surveyed vaccine providers about their capacity to operate large, community vaccination sites and on Sunday published a list of vaccine hub providers. The hubs will receive a total of 158,825 doses this week.

An additional 38,300 doses will go to 206 providers. Of Texas' 254 counties, 104 will receive vaccine shipments this week.

State health officials stressed that people need to register in advance for the shots and should not just show up at one of the hubs. Officials also urged patience as supplies remain limited.

Model behavior

The small city of Dickinson set an example for how to handle a close election.

The race for mayor ended in a tie, but the two candidates didn't duke it out. Instead, candidates Sean Skipworth and Jennifer Lawrence followed state law, which calls for a random selection in the unlikely event of a tie.

Election officials in Dickinson, population 21,000 in Galveston County, put the candidates' names on ping-pong balls placed in a tophat. Even though her name wasn't drawn, Lawrence didn't demand a "Hunger Games"-style trial by fire.

Mayor-elect Skipworth described a decidedly different scene to KHOU-TV: "We get up there, one of us wins, one of us loses, and we give each other a hug or whatever, say, 'Good job' and wish you the best. Hopefully that's how it's going to be in the country in the future going forward."

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STARLIE RINLEE

Funeral services for Mrs. Starlie Rinlee, 94, of Lindale were held Saturday, Jan. 9, 2021 at the Lindale Church of Christ with Bro. Wayne Fancher officiating. Interment was in the Lindale City Cemetery with services under the direction of Caudle-Rutledge-Daugherty Funeral Home in Lindale.

Mrs. Rinlee died Wednesday, Jan. 6, 2021 at her residence in Lindale. She was born on Aug. 22, 1926 in Savannah, Okla.

GENEVA VIOLA RINGENER SMITH



A memorial service for Geneva Viola Ringener Smith, 88 of Lindale, will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 16, 2021 at Central Baptist Church in Lindale with Bro. Byron Howard officiating.

A private family graveside service will be held at Lindale City Cemetery.

Viola passed away Tuesday, Jan. 5, 2021 in Tyler. She was born May 26, 1932 in Lindale to the late Enoch and Pearl Thelma (Gordon) Kennedy. Viola was a longtime resident of Lindale where she was a member of Central Baptist Church.

She enjoyed reading, crossword puzzles, and spending time with her family. Viola loved the Lord and was in turn a loving homemaker. She was preceded in death by her husband, Floyd Ringener; son,

Richard Lee Ringener; daughter, Geneva Dianne Morrow; stepdaughter, Sherry Lynn McMurray; daughter-in-law, Jana Ringener; and by her loving brothers and sisters.

Viola is survived by husband, Leo Smith of Lindale; children, Donna Baker and husband, Tom Watkins of Capitan, N.M., Craig Ringener of Louisville, Colo., and Lisa Hunt and husband, Nelson of Lindale; sister, Eba Renfro and husband, Mike of Lindale and by numerous grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and other loving family members and friends.

ROBERT E. PATRICK

Memorial graveside services for Robert E. Patrick, 90, of Mount Sylvan will be held at 10 a.m. Jan. 16, 2021 at the Mount Sylvan Cemetery with Rev. Danny Carter officiating, under the direction of Caudle Rutledge Daugherty Funeral Home.

He passed away Saturday, Jan. 9, 2021 in Tyler, he was born Jan. 12, 1930 in Mount Sylvan.

Doyle "Cowboy" McGahey

A memorial graveside service for Mr. Doyle "Cowboy" Burge McGahey, 71 of Lindale is scheduled for 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 23, 2021 at the Damascus Cemetery with Pastor Mike Sullivan officiating.

Services are under the direction of Caudle-Rutledge-Daugherty Funeral Home in Lindale.

Mr. McGahey passed away Monday, Jan. 11, 2021 at Lindale nursing home facility. He was born Sept. 6, 1949 in Tyler.

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Friday, Jan. 1, 2021
 Officer Ramsey responded to a public service at 200 block Margaret St, settled at scene. Officer Wedgeworth responded to a public service at 100 block Ballard Dr, settled at scene. Officer Ramsey and Wedgeworth responded to an animal complaint at 200 block Bonnie St, report taken. Officer Wedgeworth and Ramsey responded to a driving while intoxicated at 100 block S Commerce St, arrest made. Officer Ramsey responded to an assist smith co at 900 block Stewart St, settled at scene. Officer Ramsey responded to an ordinance violation at 15000 block Wood Springs Rd, unfounded. Officer Allen responded to an assist other agency at 600 block Yesterday Dr, settled at scene. Officer Allen and Gillham responded to a welfare concern at 100 block Hamrick St, settled at scene. Officers Allen and Gillham responded to a warrant service at 18200 block HWY 69 N, arrest made. Officer Gillham responded to an ordinance violation at 15600 block Woodlands Dr, unfounded.



at 552 E I-20, report taken.

Sunday, Jan. 3, 2021
 Officer Leevey responded to an assist other agency at 100 block Legends Ct, settled at scene. Officer Trombley responded to a public service at 100 block Ballard Dr, settled at scene. Officers Trombley and Leevey responded to a public service at 2100 block S Main St, settled at scene. Officer Leevey responded to a public service at 100 block Ballard Dr, settled at scene. Officer Leevey and Trombley responded to a criminal mischief at 18000 block CR 4112, settled at scene. Officer Capps and Shurley responded to a suspicious person at 1500 block S Main St, unfounded. Officers Capps and Shurley responded to an assist other agency at 16100 block CR 431, settled at scene. Chief Some and Captain Chambers responded to a suspicious vehicle at 3500 block S Main St, settled at scene.

Saturday, Jan. 2, 2021
 Officer Ramsey responded to a stolen vehicle at 3500 block S Main St, unfounded. Officer Wedgeworth responded to a public service at 100 block Ballard Dr, settled at scene. Officer Ramsey and Wedgeworth responded to an accident at 1100 block S Main St, report taken. Officer Wedgeworth responded to a welfare concern at 200 block Margaret St, report taken. Officer Wedgeworth responded to a criminal mischief at 100 block E Centennial Blvd, report taken. Officer Ramsey responded to a public service at 16800 block W I-20, unfounded. Officer Wedgeworth responded to a stolen property at 100 block S Main St, report taken. Officers Gillham and Allen responded to a deadly conduct at 3500 block S Main St, report taken. Officer Gillham responded to a public service at 15900 block CR 472, settled at scene. Officers Allen and Gillham responded to a residential alarm at 700 block WhitebearTrl, false alarm. Officers Allen and Gillham responded to an assist other agency at 14100 block CR 474, settled at scene. Officers Trombley and Leevey responded to an accident

Monday, Jan. 4, 2021
 Sgt Dworaczyk responded to a found property at 100 block Ballard Dr, report taken. Captain Chambers and Officers Capps, Leevey, Trombley and Shurley responded to an unauthorized use of a motor vehicle at 100 block E Centennial Blvd, settled at scene. Officers Trombley and Leevey responded to an attempt to serve at 3500 block S Main St, unfounded. Officer Trombley responded to a public service at 100 block E Centennial Blvd, settled at scene. Sgt Dworaczyk and Officers Leevey and Trombley responded to a criminal trespass at 3400 block S Main St, arrest made. Officer Trombley responded to an assist other agency at 551 W I-20, settled at scene. Chief Some, Cpt Chambers and Officer Leevey responded to an accident at 1200 block S Main St, report taken. Chief Some, Cpt Chambers and Officer Trombley responded to an

accident at 100 block E Valley Dr, report taken. Officers Leevey and Trombley responded to an assault at 3400 block S Main St, settled at scene. Chief Some responded to an assist LISD at 700 block N Main St, settled at scene. Officers Leevey and Trombley responded to a hit and run at 700 block E Hubbard St, report taken. Officers Trombley and Leevey responded to a driving while intoxicated at 13700 block Harvey Rd, report taken. Officers Capps and Shurley responded to a suspicious circumstance at 100 block Legacy Trail, settled at scene. Officers Capps and Shurley responded to a suspicious person at 100 block E Centennial Blvd, settled at scene.

Tuesday, Jan. 5, 2021
 Officers Leevey and Trombley responded to an accident at 200 block W South St, report taken. Officer Leevey responded to an accident at 200 block E Hubbard St, settled at scene. Sgt Dworaczyk and Officers Philpot and Trombley responded to an accident at 300 block Mount Sylvan St, report taken. Officer Leevey responded to an assault at 3200 block S Main St, settled at scene. Officer Capps and Shurley responded to a welfare concern at 300 block Abby Rd, settled at scene. Officers Shurley and Capps responded to an assist smith co, unfounded. Officers Capps and Shurley responded to a business alarm at 2500 block S Main St, false alarm. Officer Shurley responded to an assist smith co at 13900 block CR 463, unfounded. Officer Shurley responded to an harassment at 100 block Ballard Dr, settled at scene. Officer Shurley responded to an accident at 2800 block S Main St, report taken.

Wednesday, Jan. 6, 2021
 Officer Fortunas responded to an accident at 1500 block

S Main St, report taken. Cpt Chambers and Officers Fortunas and Ramsey responded to an assist other agency at 300 block Perryman Rd, settled at scene. Sgt Flores responded to an accident at 556 W I-20, report taken. Chief Some, Cpt Chambers and Officer Ramsey responded to an accident at 556 W I-20, report taken. Officers Fortunas and Philpot responded to a public service at 15100 block Country Acres Dr, settled at scene. Sgt Flores responded to a business alarm at 3300 block S Main St, false alarm. Sgt Flores and Officer Fortunas responded to a suspicious person at 200 block W Hubbard St, settled at scene. Sgt Flores responded to a disturbance at 400 block Elm Ln, settled at scene. Officers Allen and Gillham responded to a business alarm at 3300 block S Main St, false alarm. Sgt Flores and Officers Allen, Wedgeworth and Gillham responded to a driving while intoxicated at 500 block N Main St, arrest made. Sgt Flores responded to a business alarm at 2800 block S Main St, false alarm. Officer Wedgeworth responded to a disturbance at 200 block W Centennial Blvd, settled at scene. Officers Wedgeworth and Gillham responded to a business alarm at 13800 block N HWY 69 N, false alarm.

Thursday, Jan. 7, 2021
 Officer Fortunas responded to a residential alarm at 200 block Hillside Cir, false alarm. Officer Ramsey responded to an accident at 3500 block S Main St, report taken. Sgt Flores and Officer Fortunas responded to a stolen vehicle at 100 block E Centennial Blvd, unfounded. Cpt Chambers, Sgt Flores and Officers Allen, Ramsey and Fortunas responded to an assist LISD at 1000 block Mounty Sylvan St, Cleared. Officer Fortunas responded to a fraud at 400 block Mission Crest, settled at scene. Officers Allen, Fortunas and Ramsey responded to a welfare concern at 100 block Legends Court, settled at scene. Officers Allen, Wedgeworth and Gillham responded to a public intoxication at 3300 block S Main St, arrest made. Officers Allen and Wedgeworth responded to a possession of drug paraphernalia at 900 block Mount Sylvan St, report taken.

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- CLUES ACROSS**
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 - 6. Relaxing places
 - 10. Humorous monologue
 - 14. Simple elegance
 - 15. Bearable
 - 17. Disobedience
 - 19. Express delight
 - 20. Gov't attorneys
 - 21. Wake up
 - 22. A type of band
 - 23. Remain as is
 - 24. Turfs
 - 26. Battle-ax
 - 29. Volcanic crater
 - 31. The mother of Jesus
 - 32. One's life history
 - 34. "Rule, Britannia" composer
 - 35. Doubles
 - 37. Jacob __, American journalist
 - 38. House pet
 - 39. S. African river
 - 40. Broad sashes
 - 41. Establish as a foundation
 - 43. KGB double agent Aldrich __
 - 45. Part of a book
 - 46. Taxi
 - 47. Pancakes made from buckwheat flour
 - 49. Train group (abbr.)
 - 50. Frames per second
 - 53. Have surgery
 - 57. Formal withdrawal from a federation
 - 58. Guitarist sounds
 - 59. Greek war god
 - 60. 2,000 lbs.
 - 61. Helps escape

- CLUES DOWN**
- 1. Currency exchange charge
 - 2. River in Tuscany
 - 3. Breakfast dish
 - 4. Defunct European currency
 - 5. Upper class young woman
 - 6. Part of a purse
 - 7. Self-contained units
 - 8. Boxing's GOAT
 - 9. Legislators
 - 10. Flightless birds
 - 11. U. of Miami's mascot is one
 - 12. Floating ice
 - 13. Low, marshy land
 - 16. Seldom
 - 18. Lyric poems
 - 22. Law enforcement agency (abbr.)
 - 23. Full extent of something
 - 24. __ Claus
 - 25. Naturally occurring solid material
 - 27. Acquired brain injury behavior science (abbr.)
 - 28. Thirteen
 - 29. Partner to cheese
 - 30. Member of a Semitic people
 - 31. One thousandth of an inch
 - 33. Former CIA
 - 35. Most lemony
 - 36. Engage in
 - 37. Small Eurasian deer
 - 39. Provisions
 - 42. All humans have them
 - 43. Swiss river
 - 44. Storage term (abbr.)
 - 46. Famed Broadway lyricist Sammy
 - 47. Dutch colonist
 - 48. Full-grown pike fish
 - 49. Egyptian sun god
 - 50. Flute
 - 51. Flew off!
 - 52. Scottish tax
 - 53. Young women's association
 - 54. Populous Brazilian city
 - 55. Malaysian Isthmus
 - 56. Pointed end of a pen



Local law enforcement honored
 Students from Paige Ridge's Law Enforcement class from Lindale High School recently honored local law enforcement officials from the Lindale Police Department and the Precinct 5 Constable's Office with goodie bags. Students delivered the goodie bags to the officers at the constable's office. (Courtesy Photo)

Federal inmate pleads guilty in prison contraband matter

TEXARKANA, Texas – A 47-year-old federal inmate pleaded guilty to a federal violation in the Eastern District of Texas this past week, announced Davilyn Walston, public affairs officer for U.S. Attorney Stephen J. Cox.
 Jason Josh Parmeley pleaded guilty to aiding and abetting attempt to obtain contraband in prison today before U.S. Magistrate Judge Caroline M. Craven. In his plea agreement, Parmeley agreed to be sentenced to 60 to 80 months of imprisonment following his current term of incarceration, which will

elapse in 2028.
 According to information presented in court, Parmeley, while an inmate at FCI Texarkana, joined others in smuggling Buprenorphine into the institution. Parmeley facilitated communication between the participants, intending the drugs to be distributed to inmates at the institution. Parmeley was also participating in a scheme and conspiracy to commit wire fraud while he was incarcerated.
 Under federal statutes, Parmeley faces up to 20 years in federal prison at sentencing. The

statutory sentence prescribed by Congress is provided here for information purposes, as the sentencing will be determined by the court based on the advisory sentencing guidelines and other statutory factors.
 This case is being investigated by the Dallas Field Office of the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of the Inspector General, the Fort Worth Division of the U.S. Postal Inspection Service, and the Bureau of Prisons, Special Investigation Service. The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Jonathan R. Hornok.

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Junior High School girls down Spring Hill

The Lindale Junior High School Lady Eagles took on Spring Hill this past Thursday in basketball with the 7th grade A and B teams as well as the 8th grade A team registering wins.

Spring Hill canceled the 8th grade B game. The 7th grade B team won, 17-2, the 7th grade A team earned a 28-15 win and the 8th grade A team took care of Spring Hill by the count of 22-15. For the 7th grade B team, Kirby Klean and Abigail Kelley were leading scorers and leading rebounders. Presley Segroves and Abigail Palecek

were leaders in assists and Kaniya Pierce and Baylee Bass were leaders in steals. Abigail Lee led the 7th grade A team in scoring and rebounding while Abigale Prestridge led in assists. Macy Luster was the leader in steals. For the 8th grade A team, Gaby Saboia was the leading scorer, Haylee Rodriguez was the leading rebounder and Emily Sandifer was the assists leader. Gaby Saboia and Elise Pierce were leaders in steals while Gaby Saboia won the Hustle Award and Elise Pierce won the Leadership Award.



Lindale resident earns LSU degree

Lindale's Hailey Holland recently graduated from Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge with a Bachelor of Science degree in Kinesiology and magna cum laude from the LSU College of Health Science and Education, officials announced. Future plans include attending Texas Tech University to pursue a Doctorate of Physical Therapy. Her awards and honors at LSU include a Tigers' Excellence Scholars Award, the Texas Tigers Scholarship, the National Society of Collegiate Scholars, Delta Zeta Sorority and the CHSE Ambassadors. She is the daughter of John and Amy Holland of Lindale and the sister to Joshua Holland. Lindale resident Hailey Holland recently graduated with honors from Louisiana State University. (Courtesy Photo)



LISD trainer, family helped with donations

The East Texas community rose to the occasion this past week and helped raise \$5,890 for Travis Gray, an athletic trainer with the Lindale ISD who is battling COVID. Area school districts and local families raised money for the family during a "Random Act of Kindness Day" held Friday, Jan. 8. (Courtesy Photo)

Lindale's Jaymond Jackson commits to Lamar University

Lindale High School defensive end/receiver Jaymond Jackson, a key component for the Eagles' and their run to the state title game, has committed to play at Lamar University in Beaumont. Jackson made the announcement via Twitter this past week. During the season, Jackson was a disruptive force on defense, ac-

counting for 59 tackles, 11 sacks, three forced fumbles and an interception. On offense, he snagged nine passes and recorded five touchdowns.

During the season, Jackson was a disruptive force on defense, ac-



Lindale's Jaymond Jackson (4) puts pressure on the Needville quarterback during the area round of the Class 4A Division I state playoffs in December. Jackson has announced his commitment to play for the Lamar University Cardinals. (Photo by Terry Cannon)

PUBLIC HEARING CITY OF LINDALE TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM

The City of Lindale will hold a public hearing at 5:05 PM on Tuesday, January 19, 2021, at City Hall, 105 Ballard Drive, regarding the submission of an application to the Texas Department of Agriculture for a Downtown Revitalization Program Grant (DRP). The purpose of this meeting is to allow citizens an opportunity to discuss the citizen participation plan, the development of local housing and community development needs, the amount of TXCDBG funding available, all eligible TXCDBG activities, and the use of past TXCDBG funds. Citizens are encouraged to participate in the development of this TXCDBG application and to make their views known at this public hearing. Citizens unable to attend this meeting may submit their views and proposals to City Hall. Persons with disabilities that wish to attend this meeting should contact City Hall to arrange for such assistance. Individuals who require auxiliary aids or services for these meetings should contact City Hall at least two days before the meetings so that appropriate arrangements can be made. Los residentes que solicitan información adicional en español o que requieren de un intérprete, por favor póngase en contacto con el Ayuntamiento por lo menos 72 horas antes de la audiencia pública.

For further information, contact David Craft, Finance Director at 903-882-3422.

Even in winter, catfish need feeding

By Clint Perkins
Smith County Extension Agent

It is winter in East Texas and the last thing on a pond owner's thoughts is feeding their catfish.

While it is true that catfish don't eat much feed in winter, pond owners serious about their ponds should not totally stop feeding. The lack of a winter-feeding program in the winter months can negatively impact fish growth the next growing season.

Fingerling sized catfish are particularly susceptible to nutritional deficiencies caused by poor winter nutrition, including emaciation and increased susceptibility of disease

and parasite problems.

Food-size catfish can lose up to 10 percent of their pre-winter body weight without a winter-feeding program. Pond owners should continue to feed a floating ration containing at least 28 percent crude protein during the winter months. Sinking rations should be avoided because of the difficulty in determining whether the feed is actually consumed.

Landowners can feed up to 1 percent of the total fish weight present on warm afternoons. Catfish will respond best on days when water temperatures are 54 degrees or above at the time of feeding. If the fish do not respond to the initial feeding, landowners should discontinue feeding until water temperatures

increase.

Overfeeding may lead to water quality problems next spring.

Although weather conditions will dictate the actual frequency of feeding, every other day feeding has resulted in as much as 18 percent weight gain as a direct result of a winter-feeding program.

The adoption of a winter-feeding program is not for everyone. However, those pond owners intensively managing their ponds for catfish should consider winter feeding to increase fish performance during the next growing season. For more information, please contact the Smith County Extension Office at 903-590-2980.

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A. 4 17 5 19
Clue: Form of play

B. 24 7 21 21 3 19
Clue: Designed to test ingenuity

C. 19 6 18 19 22 18 17 15 6
Clue: Amuse or keep busy

D. 16 18 22 17 18 19 4 13
Clue: Plan of action

Answers: A. game B. puzzle C. entertain D. strategy

WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to puzzles.

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Answers: Words

Guess Who?

I am a rock singer born in Ohio on January 5, 1969. I worked for a music magazine trying to break into journalism. I found success with a music career, marked by horror-inspired fashion and heavy stage makeup.

Answer: Marilyn Manson

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ANSWER: SKIING

Crossword Puzzle

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ACROSS
1. Downhill sport
4. Very breezy
5. Scary film and book
6. In the north
8. A bit cold

DOWN
1. Frozen precipitation
2. Type of metal
3. Blades on ice
7. Snake-like fish

Answers:
1. Snowing 2. Iron 3. Skating 7. Ice
Down
1. Skiing 4. Windy 5. It 6. Northern 8. Chilly

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- 1921: THE REPUBLIC OF TURKEY COMES OUT OF THE REMNANTS OF THE OTTOMAN EMPIRE.
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SPANISH: Abrigo
ITALIAN: Cappotto
FRENCH: Manteau
GERMAN: Mantel

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ANSWER: SNOW TUBE

BBB's resolutions for safe, scam-free 2021

With the holidays behind us, the Better Business Bureau Serving Central East Texas has a few resolutions that can help you fight scammers, prevent identity theft, and find trustworthy businesses and charities in 2021.

BBB Scam Tracker is a great tool for reporting scams or finding out whether that email, text or phone call claiming to be from the IRS or trying to collect a debt was legitimate or a scam.

More than 225,000 scam reports have been filed nationwide since the inception of the BBB Scam Tracker program. BBB uses the tool to track scams and to report fraudulent activity to the National Cyber-Forensics and Training Alliance for analysis and collaboration with law enforcement.

In this day and age, you can't afford to make mistakes, "Mechele Agbayani Mills, President and CEO of BBB Serv-

ing Central East Texas said. "Taking preventive measures is well worth the time and effort to keep from becoming a victim."

BBB provides the following resolutions to help consumers position themselves to have a safe, scam-free 2021:

Always check a business out with BBB before you buy. Not every business meet BBB Accreditation Standards and are qualified to use an Accredited Business seal on their websites and at on their storefronts.

Visit bbb.org to find BBB Business Profiles for nearly 4 million businesses across North America.

Be skeptical of "job offers" that promise easy money. With high unemployment and long job searches common, scammers are targeting people desperate to find jobs. Beware of any job offer,

work-at-home scheme or business opportunity that promises big money for little work and no experience.

Always read the fine print—especially with "free" trial offers. Thousands of consumers reported to BBB in 2015 after signing up for a "free" trial offer online that resulted in repeated charges to their credit or debit cards, sometimes amounting to hundreds of dollars every month. Read the terms and conditions of any "free" trial offer before handing over credit or debit card numbers.

Keep your computer safe. If you haven't already done so, install anti-virus software on your computer and check regularly for software and operating system updates and patches. Don't open attachments or click on links in emails unless you can confirm the email came from someone you trust.

Never wire money to someone you

don't know. Many scams require that the victim wire money back to the scammers. Scammers know that tracking money sent via wire or placed on prepaid cards is extremely difficult. Once you've wired the money, it's nearly impossible to get it back.

Fight identity theft. Shred paper documents that include sensitive financial data and dispose of computers, cell phones and digital data safely. BBB offers tips and checklists on what to shred, and hosts annual Secure Your ID events nationwide to help you stay safe.

Ask BBB for help. Contact BBB if you have a disagreement with a business or go to BBB Scam Tracker if you have been duped by a scammer.

Create a budget and stick to it. Setting a budget can help you stay afloat this year. BBB has advice on how to create

a budget to help you get out of debt and stay out of debt at bbb.org.

Fight fake check fraud. It's easy for scammers to create professional-looking phony checks. Be extremely wary of checks that come with claims that you've won the lottery, are eligible for a government grant or have landed a job as a secret shopper. These are almost always scams.

Get everything in writing. Verbal agreements are often hard for both parties to remember. Put all verbal agreements in writing to limit miscommunication and misunderstandings between what you expect and what the business delivers.

For more tips on how to be a savvy consumer, go to bbb.org. To report fraudulent activity or unscrupulous business practices, call BBB at 903-581-5704 or report it via BBB Scam Tracker.

Monday fire victim indentified

Brittany Stewart, 24, of Smith County has been identified as one of the people who died in a house fire just before noon on Monday, Jan. 11 just off U.S. Highway 271, County Fire Marshal Jay Brooks said.

Three children, ages 5, 2 and 1 also died in the fire. They will be identified upon notification of next of kin, Brooks said.

"It is with great sadness that I must report that four people perished in the house fire," Brooks said during a mid-morning news conference. "A woman and three children were unable to make it out."

At 11:30 a.m. on Jan. 11, the house fire was reported in the 18400 block of Devonne Drive, off of U.S. Highway 271, in the Starville area of Smith County.

A volunteer White Oak firefighter who was in the area stopped to help a male occupant who was attempting to put the fire out and rescue family members inside the burning home.

A unit from UT Health EMS also arrived and assisted, followed shortly by deputies of the Precinct 4 Constable's Office. The fire grew rapidly and hindered rescue efforts.

The man, identified as Edwin Harris, 31, was transported to a Tyler hospital with non-life-threatening injuries.

The cause of the house fire is still under investigation and is likely to take weeks to complete, officials said.

Fire Departments from Winona, Lindale, Red Springs, Jackson Heights, Flint-Gresh-

am and Gladewater, as well as members of the command staff from Emergency Services District 2 and the Smith County Sheriff's Office responded to the fire, which took firefighters about three hours to extinguish.

Brooks urges everyone to check their smoke detectors to make sure they are working.

"That is the one thing that is tried and true. Smoke detectors are known and documented to save lives," Brooks said. "Especially during this time of year when people use space heaters, wood burning stoves and other heating devices to stay warm at night when they are asleep.

We want everyone to have smoke detectors and make sure they are working to stay safe."

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ENGINEERING/ARCHITECTURE/SURVEYING SERVICES PRE-AWARD AND POST AWARD THURSDAY, JANUARY 14, 2021

The City of Lindale plans to apply for the upcoming 2021 Downtown Revitalization Program (DRP) from the Texas Community Development Block Grant (TxCDBG) Program of the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA). Accordingly, the City is seeking to contract with a qualified Engineering/Architectural/Surveying Firm (individual/firm) to prepare all preliminary and final design plans and specifications, and to conduct all necessary interim and final inspections. These services are being solicited to assist the City in its application preparation and project implementation of a Tx-CDBG contract, if awarded, to support sidewalk improvements, ADA compliance activities, and/or other eligible activities in the City of Lindale.

Please submit your proposal of services and a statement of qualifications for the proposed services to:

City of Lindale
Attn: David Craft, Financial Director
105 Ballard Drive (Physical)
P.O. Box 130 (Mailing)
Lindale, TX 75771

Proposals shall be received by the City no later than 3:00 PM on Friday, January 29, 2021. The City reserves the right to negotiate with any and all individuals or firms that submit proposals, as per the Texas Professional Services Procurement Act and the Uniform Grant and Contract Management Standards. Section 3 Residents and Business Concerns, Minority Business Enterprises, Small Business Enterprises and Women Business Enterprises are encouraged to submit proposals.

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Lindale-area stained glass artist makes memories with her art

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a member of the Glass Art Society a couple years ago, and when this COVID thing hit, they had so many resources for glass artists. They have been very good to reach out and to ask what glass artists need and what obstacles they are facing through the pandemic."

Being a stained-glass artist is not for the faint at heart. Stained glass can be dangerous with swollen hands, cut fingers and lots of chemicals involved in the process.

"By the end of the day, once I get started, I'll have glass all over me, and my makeup will be melted," Boucher said. "There's a lot of risk to it, even if you do wear the proper equipment. I take every precaution. I wear aprons, I wear gloves, I wear masks. I wear eyewear, everything you are supposed to wear, even though it's sometimes a hindrance."

Because she has commissions, one after another, she said she has to take care of her hands, or she'll have to take a couple days off to let the swelling go down.

As with any artist, finding the perfect materials is central to making the pieces come alive. Boucher has some favorites.

"This glass is called a Van Gogh mirror glass with antique gold, and it acts like a mirror," she said. "It's a real expensive glass, and it's super beautiful and comes in all kinds of antique colors."

Although glass can be purchased fairly cheaply at a hobby store, all glass is not created equal, according to Boucher, and buyers who

are looking for a heirloom piece of art should beware of adherence to quality standards.

"I tell everyone who is looking for a stained glass artist," she said. "You might not choose me, but you should find someone who works with quality because you are investing a lot of money into a piece that you are going to have for years and years and years, and if you come across someone who uses the cheap glass, it's not going to last for years and years and years."

Although she still ships her pieces when necessary, she said she enjoys having people come to her shop to pick up the finished art. In addition, future plans include having people in her space more often to attend the lessons she hopes to gear toward community members' desires.

"Most people are comfortable with just coming in and learning a real simple thing, but I also have the person who's really interested in starting it as a hobby or making a career in some way," she said.

If someone needs more information about stained glass art or possible instruction, they can visit Boucher's website at TheGlassbyCharis.com for more information.

With 2021 now under way, Boucher knows where she will spend most of her working days -- her perfect little studio in the countryside, making glittering art that will make people happy for years to come.

"I have to create every day," she said, "and I love glass, more than nearly anything in the whole entire world."



NET Health establishes drive-through COVID vaccine waiting list

Officials with the Northeast Texas Public Health District have announced a waiting list has been established for the Moderna coronavirus vaccine and additional drive-through clinic locations will be made available in the near future.

NET Health officials urge residents to get on the waiting list and they will be contacted when the next drive-through vaccine clinics become scheduled.

To get on the waiting list visit: NETHealthCOVID19.org/RegisterForYourFirstModernaVaccine.

This past weekend, those who registered were able to go to Harvey Convention Center in Tyler and receive the vaccine.

NET Health officials said those

enrolling into the waiting list will be the first persons contacted when the next drive-through clinics will become scheduled.

"Anyone who received their first Moderna vaccine from any of the drive-through vaccine clinics at Harvey Hall will be contacted later this month in order to schedule their second appointment to complete their COVID-19 vaccination series," said George Roberts, Chief Executive Officer of NET Health.

The Moderna COVID-19 vaccine is being distributed by the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) to NET Health, local pharmacies, hospitals, and community clinics throughout East Texas.

Texas A&M designates FUJIFILM Diosynth Biotechnologies facility for emergency federal use

BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION – FUJIFILM Diosynth Biotechnologies, and the Texas A&M University System Center for Innovation in Advanced Development & Manufacturing (CIADM) today announced that production has begun in Texas on two different COVID-19 vaccine candidates with support from the U.S. government to meet Operation Warp Speed goals.

FUJIFILM Diosynth Biotechnologies Texas, a subcontractor of the CIADM, recently completed its capacity expansion at its Flexible Biomanufacturing Facility in College Station, Texas, to accommodate large-scale production of the COVID-19 vaccine candidates. FUJIFILM Diosynth Biotechnologies will produce bulk drug substance

of NVX-CoV2373, Novavax' vaccine candidate, which began phase 3 clinical testing in the U.S. and Mexico in December, 2020. NVX-CoV2373- is already being manufactured at commercial scale at the company's plant in Morrisville, North Carolina.

"After several months of intense preparation and hard work, we are ready to produce two vaccine candidates locally here in College Station," said Dr. Gerry Farrell, Chief Operating Officer, FUJIFILM Diosynth Biotechnologies, Texas. "We are pleased to bring our technical expertise and world-class facilities to support the mission of Operation Warp Speed in bringing a safe and effective vaccine to the world."

"The Texas A&M System is proud to be part of this unprecedented manufacturing effort," said John Sharp, Chancellor of The Texas A&M System. "Our partnership with FUJIFILM Diosynth Biotechnologies confirms the importance of the CIADM program for Texas, the nation and the world."

In July, the federal government reserved capacity at the College Station facility through the end of 2021 by tapping into an agreement with the CIADM. To enhance vaccine production, FUJIFILM Diosynth Biotechnologies accelerated its planned capacity expansion investments in the facility by several months. The facility is the largest scale-out cell culture manufacturing facility in the U.S. with a total of 14 2,000L cell culture trains.

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BARBER

Smith County residents doing business with the Smith County Tax Office can now drop their property tax or auto registration information in a new drop box outside of the Cotton Belt Building, said Public Information Officer Casey Murphy

"This drop box will allow customers to drop off something they need to get to us without mailing it or coming in the building," Smith County Tax Assessor-Collector Gary Barber said.

"The drop box just adds another convenient, safe way to do business with our office."

Barber also said they will not accept cash left in the drop box.

He said there is a sign pointing to the drop box, which is on the Glenwood Boulevard side of the Cotton Belt Building, located at 1517 W. Front St. in Tyler. He said they will be installing lights at the drop box and an overhead awning to make it more convenient to use in the rain and at night.

Property taxes are due Jan. 31, 2021.

In October, Barber's office mailed out 186,000 total property tax statements. The bills are due upon receipt, and must be paid online, walked in, dropped off in the new drop box or postmarked by Jan. 31, 2021, to avoid delinquency.

Taxpayers are encouraged to go online at publictax.smith-county.com to pay their tax bills, which is the easiest and fastest way to pay, Barber said.

The Tax Office in the Cotton Belt Building is open 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through and Friday.

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