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## Building for continued success

LISD enters 2022 with new facilities, familiar names in new places

By Terry Cannon  
Editor

As the new year begins, the Lindale ISD will look forward to another successful semester featuring new additions as well as familiar faces in new places.

New classrooms are currently being built at the Early Childhood Center and College Street Elementary which will also get a new cafeteria.

Jessica Dimsdle will serve as girls athletic director and Chris Cochran will be boys athletic director going forward, replacing Mike Maddox, who retired at the end of the first semester.

Superintendent Stan Surratt noted the additions to ECC and College Street will come at no extra cost to the district's taxpayers.

"We were able to pay for these improvements with cash we saved from the previous bond package," Surratt said of the \$7 million project. "This gives us room for future growth at all three (elementary) campuses."

Velma Penny, which houses first through third grades, will benefit from the expansion at College

Street, which also has first through third graders.

ECC is for pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten pupils.

In 2020, the district completed its expansion of the high school, adding 23 classrooms as well as adding room to the cafeteria.

### FAMILIAR FACES

Maddox announced his retirement at mid-semester, concluding 40 years in public education, the last five coming in the LISD. This was his third stint with the district.

Dimsdle is the head varsity girls volleyball coach and now will be the girls athletic director.

Cochran is the head football coach and will serve as the boys athletic director.

"We are so very thankful for the job Coach Maddox has done for the district," Surratt said.

He added the district "will save some money" by utilizing Dimsdale and Cochran in their new roles.

### OTHER ITEMS

With the new semester now under way, Surratt feels as though any health threats associated with COVID will be mitigated because



New classrooms are currently being constructed at the Early Childhood Center and College Street Elementary School.

Photo by Terry Cannon

of the proactive measures the district has in place.

"We are constantly following any developments and are making sure our students, staff and parents are kept informed," he said.

The first semester was relatively uneventful as it related to COVID, he added.

"Things went extremely well in the first half of the year," he said. "Any cases we had were very mild."

All in all, Surratt said he was very pleased with the first half of the school year.

"It was a great semester," he said. "All our programs had great

success, our students, teachers and staff all had a great year."

The future continues to be bright for the LISD, he added.

"We are very fortunate here," he said. "There's a lot of economic growth, our tax rate is one of the lowest in the state and we have a lot to be proud of."



The NET Health Clinic has relocated to 815 North Spring Street in Tyler.

## NET Health's COVID clinic relocates

Officials with the Northeast Texas Health District have announced its COVID Vaccine Clinic has relocated to 815 North Spring Street in Tyler and has resumed regular operating hours from 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The clinic is directly behind NET Health's main office at 815 North Broadway Avenue in Tyler.

NET Health officials continue to encourage anyone who has yet to become vaccinated to start their COVID vaccine series as soon as possible to protect themselves and their loved ones.

"Vaccination remains the best strategy to reduce the spread of COVID-19 in our communities," says George Roberts, NET Health CEO. "All COVID-19 vaccines may be co-administered with other vaccines, including the seasonal influenza vaccine, during the same visit."

Anyone over the age of 18 years and older can receive the Pfizer vaccine or the Moderna vaccine. Anyone between the ages of 5 and 17 can only receive the 2-Dose Pfizer vaccine.

Parents and guardians of children who are now eligible to receive the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine should consult a healthcare provider if they have questions about the benefits and risks of their child(ren) receiving the COVID vaccine."

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) endorsed booster doses for anyone age 18 years and older to receive a booster dose of the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine at least six months after their second dose, as well as booster doses of the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine for adolescents age 16 or age 17 who received their 2nd Pfizer vaccine at least six months ago.

If anyone has questions about their risks from COVID-19 and whether a booster dose is beneficial, it is advised that you consult your primary healthcare provider.

For more details about our COVID vaccine clinics or about available COVID testing locations, visit [NETHealthCOVID19.org](http://NETHealthCOVID19.org)

## Perryman to deliver Economic Forecast today

Dr. Ray Perryman, a Lindale native and renowned Economist and President/CEO of The Perryman Group, will present his 38<sup>th</sup> annual Economic Forecast beginning at 11:30 a.m., Thursday, Jan. 6 at the Crosswalk Conference Center at Green Acres Baptist Church in Tyler, publicity officials announced.

The forecast will be for the East Texas region as well as the rest of Texas and the U.S.

Tickets are \$40 and can be purchased through Eventbrite.

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January 3 2022	COVID-Positive Cases in NET Health's 7 County Jurisdiction							Totals
	Smith	Gregg	Anderson	Henderson	Van Zandt	Wood	Rains	
Mar 8, 2020 - Dec 11, 2020	11198	5774	2062	2976	2136	1749	403	26298
Dec 12, 2020 - Mar 5, 2021	7796	4959	1120	2627	1875	1524	366	20267
Mar 2021 - July 2021	3321	1363	500	793	832	468	128	7405
August 2021	4048	2410	365	1115	975	823	157	9893
September 2021	8351	4099	1290	1901	1731	1587	386	19345
October 2021	2005	723	287	384	539	399	84	4431
November 2021	504	121	51	149	165	122	11	1123
Dec 1 <sup>st</sup> - 9 <sup>th</sup>	298	95	42	82	71	62	9	659
Dec 10 - 16	203	59	33	53	46	40	6	440
Dec 17 - 23	251	87	55	77	45	55	19	589
Dec 24 - 30	630	194	82	86	89	47	12	1140
January 3rd	622	251	53	137	92	73	13	1241
All Cases	35092	18783	5376	9481	7643	6257	1461	92831
Counties	Smith	Gregg	Anderson	Henderson	Van Zandt	Wood	Rains	Totals

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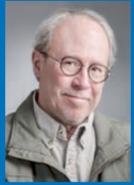
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**THE FIRST AMENDMENT:** Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of all the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances.

## Gary Borders Capital Highlights



### ...laugh it up in 2022

One of my New Year's resolutions is to laugh... a lot, with a twinkle in my eye. After the last couple of years I figure this is the best resolution of all.

In this first 2022 issue of the newspaper, let me see if I can leverage a grin from you dear readers, with a chuckle or two thrown in for good measure with my New Year's Resolutions and a teeny bit of help from the vast wasteland of the world-wide web:)

Hello 2022, I resolve to:

Live my best life and only buy pants with elastic waists.

Sign up for a 5K as an act of confidence and not run as an act of self-preservation.

Tattoo "New Year, New Me (JK)" on my arm.

Manage to go the entire year without accidentally telling someone random on the phone "Love you" as the call ends. Although my dentist's receptionist did seem to appreciate it.

When asked what political party I belong to proclaim loudly that I belong to the: Barefoot Country Girl's Party and proud of it! Followed by, "You got a problem with that buster?"

When someone makes fun of my accent I resolve to speak more slowly and add more syllables.

I will wield every spare wrapping paper tube I come across as a makeshift lightsaber.

At Halloween I will dress King the 85 lb. Wonder Dog as a Bantha and trick or treat despite the fact my 'child' is a grown man and unavailable as cover for candy patrol.

I will try to stop daring people to lick frozen flagpoles... and...stop googling symptoms on WebMD

I will perfect my charcuterie board skills...for obvious reasons.

## Suzanne Bardwell



When someone doubles down on political rants and raves I will sing off key "Time will tell" after every sentence they utter.

I will help all my friends gain 10 pounds so I look skinnier. I will tolerate fools more gladly, provided this does not encourage them to take up more of my time.

I will buy new clothes big enough to account for next year's holidays. Preparation is the key to success.

This new year I will consider taking up a new hobby such as procrastination.

The most common New Year's Resolution is to get in shape. I choose round.

I was going to quit all my bad habits for the new year, but then I remembered that nobody likes a quitter.

I don't call them New Year's resolutions. I prefer the term: casual promises to myself that I am under no legal obligation to fulfill.

My goal for 2022 is to accomplish the goals of 2021 which I should have done in 2020 because I promised them in 2019 and planned them in 2018. Everyone should have a 5-year plan.

One last thing pals, just remember every day in 2022 what my wise old pappy used to say:

"Honey, you have to laugh to keep from crying."

### Twenty-nine new laws in effect in January

More than 20 new state laws went into effect as Texans rang in the New Year, with another half-dozen to go on the books on Jan. 18, the Fort Worth Star-Telegram reported. Those laws include a ban on transgender athletes competing on sports teams that reflect their gender identity, and penalties for illegally restraining dogs. Other new laws include:

- Require landlords to disclose to potential renters if a property has ever flooded or is in a flood plain. Texas becomes only the second state in the nation with such a requirement, joining Georgia.

- Allow homeowners to take a homestead exemption in the same year they buy their home, instead of having to wait until the following year, potentially saving on property taxes.

- Require people accused in Texas of a violent crime to post a cash bond. Before, a judge could agree to release the accused on a personal bond that does not require a cash payment.

- Provide a slate of new benefits for Texas veterans and their families, including exempting new veteran-owned businesses from paying the franchise tax.

A full listing of new laws can be found at the Legislative Reference Library's website.

### Abbott seeks more testing sites, antibodies

Texas is seeking more federally funded COVID-19 testing locations and additional federal allocations of monoclonal antibodies used to treat the virus in six counties facing increased cases because of the omicron variant: Bexar, Cameron, Dallas, Harris, Hidalgo and Tarrant.

"Testing sites, additional medical staff and continued shipments of therapeutics from the federal government will help us continue to save lives and mitigate the spread of COVID-19," Gov. Greg Abbott said in making the request.

The Texas Department of State Health Services has also requested additional allocations of an antibody therapeutic proven effective in fighting the omicron variant, as well as other treatments used to reduce hospitalizations. DSHS also requested three teams of medical personnel to support urban hospitals that don't have DSHS-contracted health-care staff.

### COVID-19 cases double in state from previous week.

The number of new Texas cases of COVID-19 has more than doubled in the past week to 108,719, according to the Coronavirus Resource Center at Johns Hopkins University. A total of 422 new deaths were recorded, up 58% from the previous week's total of 266.

DSHS reported as of Sunday there were 5,523 COVID-19 patients in Texas hospitals, up nearly 64% from the previous week. The total number of Texans who are fully vaccinated now stands at 16.45 million, according to DSHS, which is 56.7% of the total population. In addition, 4.678 million of the state's residents have been vaccinated with a booster dose.

### First phase of election audit completed

The initial review of the 2020 general election results in four Texas counties showed relatively few discrepancies between electronic and hand counts of ballots. The Dallas Morning News reported that out of the 11.3 million votes cast statewide, Secretary of State John Scott found potentially 509 cases where people may have cast ballots both in Texas and another state, and 67 possible cases of votes cast in the name of dead people.

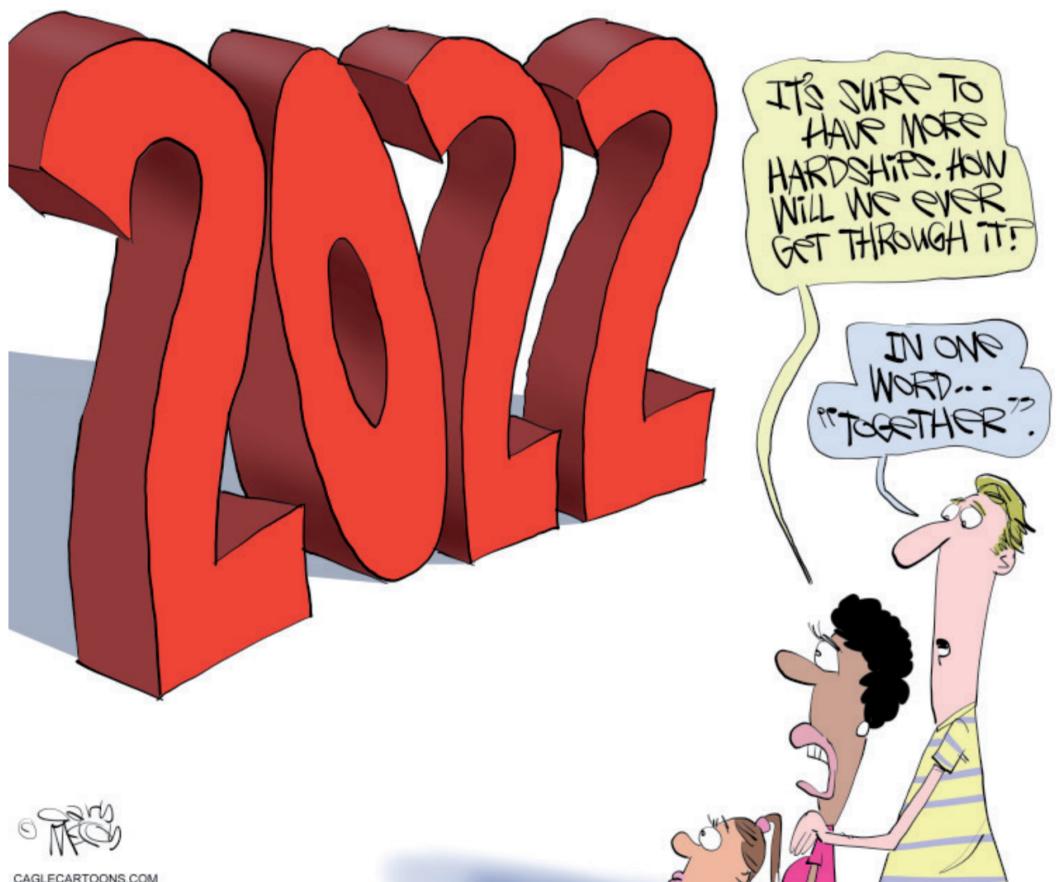
The audits are being performed in Dallas, Harris, Tarrant and Collin counties. During the next phase, officials will conduct "a comprehensive records review to ensure election procedures were properly followed in 2020."

Former president Donald Trump called for the audit in September, despite having handily won the state. Trump has pressured the governor to add an election audit to a special legislative session, but Abbot thus far has not done so.

### It rained fish in Texarkana last week

Instead of cats and dogs, it rained fish in Texarkana last Wednesday. The Texarkana Gazette reported that as strong thunderstorms moved through, residents in at least four locations reported fish falling from the sky. In a Facebook post, city officials explained the rare phenomenon.

"Animal rain is a phenomenon that occurs when small water animals like frogs, crabs, and small fish are swept up in waterspouts or drafts that occur on the surface of the earth," officials wrote in the post. "They are then rained down at the same time as the rain. While it's uncommon, it happens, as evidenced in several places in Texarkana today."



## THE ECONOMIST

By Dr. M. Ray Perryman

### The Long-Term Economic Forecast for Texas Metropolitan Areas...

Metropolitan areas across Texas have regained most of the jobs lost due to COVID-19. While growth that would have otherwise occurred has been foregone or at least delayed, the long-term outlook remains quite positive.

More than three fourths of all jobs across the state are currently found in the state's seven largest metropolitan areas, a proportion which has been rising steadily over time.

Through 2045, the Houston and the Dallas areas will likely each account for approximately one fourth of net new jobs, with the greater Austin, San Antonio, and Fort Worth regions each contributing between 8% and 9% of the total gain.

The fastest-growing metropolitan centers as measured by percentage changes in jobs are expected to be those with significant concentrations of energy activity (though some of these are coming back from steep initial declines and lingering vestiges of COVID-19) including Odessa (up by a compound annual 1.90% per year through 2045), Midland (1.87%), San Angelo (1.85%), and Tyler (1.81%). These smaller MSAs are projected to equal or exceed the most rapidly expanding large metro areas (such as Dallas-Plano-Irving with 1.85% annual growth and Austin-Round Rock-Georgetown

with 1.80%).

Employment in the Fort Worth-Arlington-Grapevine Metropolitan Division is likely to increase at a 1.68% annual pace, while El Paso is projected to experience modest job growth through 2045 at a rate of 1.55% yearly.

The Houston-The Woodlands-Sugar Land MSA economy has recently struggled due to sluggish recovery in the energy sector, but these problems are likely to resolve over time. Employment in the area is expected to expand at an annual rate of 1.74% through 2045.

The McAllen-Edinburg-Mission MSA is projected to see 1.76% annual job growth through 2045. The San Antonio-New Braunfels MSA economy's expansion pace is likely to be maintained, with employment anticipated to rise at a 1.70% yearly rate over the period.

Texas' smaller metropolitan areas are also projected to enjoy notable gains over time. As mentioned, areas with significant energy activity are projected to see particularly strong job growth as the industry recovers from pandemic-related demand



decreases and other issues. Sherman-Denison (1.73%) is also expected to outpace the state rate of expansion. Most of the other smaller MSAs are predicted to advance by 1.50% or more through 2045.

While residual effects of the coronavirus and the emerging omicron variant may cause issues in some areas over the next few years, Texas metropolitan areas are likely to see notable long-term expansion. The largest population centers are projected to generate the highest numbers of net new jobs, but several smaller metros will likely keep pace in terms of relative increases. There are challenges to be sure, but the overall prospects are quite encouraging.

Happy New Year.

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# There's hope for TV yet, but maybe not for baseball

Let's start 2022 with another bargain edition -- two for the price of one:

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Many decades ago, there was a fellow named Newton Minow who coined one of the most infamous -- or depending on your viewpoint, famous -- sayings concerning the television industry.

Minow was chairman of the Federal Communications Commission from 1961-63 and in a speech he delivered to the National Association of Broadcasters in May, 1961 he called television "a vast wasteland."

Now this was the three-network era -- ABC, CBS and NBC -- and depending on where you lived, PBS was available as well.

But TV options were definitely limited. In fact, most stations went off the air at midnight and didn't return until the next daybreak.

His complaint with the television industry stemmed from what he perceived as a lack of interest among broadcasters to serve the public interest.

"When television is good, nothing -- not the theater, not the magazines or newspapers -- nothing is better," Minow said at the time. "But when television is bad, nothing is worse."

"I invite each of you to sit down in front of your television set when your station goes on the air and stay there for a day without a book, without a magazine, without a newspaper, without a profit and loss sheet or a rating book to distract you. Keep your eyes glued to that set until the station signs off. I can assure you that what you will observe is a vast



From left, Jason Sudeikis, Brendan Hunt and Nick Mohammed, stars of Ted Lasso.

wasteland."

Considering how long ago Minow made this declaration and how TV was still in its relative infancy, it's remarkable how it still applies.

Sure, there are hundreds more channel choices but essentially the offerings are nothing more than mind candy.

Yet, there are glimmers of light shining through the wasteland. For proof, I submit "Ted Lasso."

At times hilarious as well as heart-tugging, "Ted Lasso" (currently available on Apple TV+) tells the story of a former U.S. college football coach hired to coach a Premier League soccer team in London.

On the surface, the premise seems to be hard to sustain. But the show works because of Jason Sudeikis in the lead role as well as the supporting players and the writing.

"Ted Lasso" earned seven

Prime Time Emmy Awards after its first season and 20 overall nominations, including outstanding lead actor in a comedy series (Sudeikis), outstanding supporting actress (Hannah Waddingham) and outstanding supporting actor (Brent Goldstein).

Definitely binge-worthy, "Ted Lasso" has completed two seasons and a third is supposed to arrive this summer.

Reportedly, the show's second season attracted the biggest audience of any original film or TV offering on Apple TV+ and, according to Apple, racked up more Apple TV Plus accounts that streamed the season premiere and opening weekend in late July than any previous launch.

For sure, it's not part of the "wasteland."

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Are you missing the warmth provided by the "Hot Stove Season?"

If so, you no doubt understand what the "Hot Stove Season" is and how it is one of the three main seasons for all baseball fans.

"Hot Stove" usually begins in late fall, builds up steam in the winter which leads to spring training which then leads to Opening Day (which I've always maintained should be a national holiday).

Anyway, this year's "Hot Stove Season" has been chilled by the lockout instigated by team owners which became official on Dec. 2. As is always the case in pro sports labor issues, money -- and how it is divvied up -- is the sticking point.

Those who write about baseball for a living seem to feel no serious discussions between the players' union and the owners won't take place until sometime this month.

Two of the more pressing issues are service time structure (or how long it takes for a player's free agent clock to start) and playoff expansion have to be ironed out first, followed -- probably -- by the competitive balance tax, which is an owner-instigated penalty for teams exceeding payroll limits. Rich teams, i.e., Yankees, Dodgers, etc., aren't phased by the luxury tax, but smaller-market teams can't afford to pay these type penalties.

So here we are, watching and waiting, hoping for a resolution soon enough to keep spring training on schedule.

Cooler heads need to prevail, so we can warm our hands in the glow of what's left of the "Hot Stove Season."

# This meal had some bite to it

I found out the other day that I may be the fastest eater in the world. I'm serious. Janet and I were out eatin' at a restaurant the other day and I was chowin' down like I always do, and when I looked up, everyone was starin' at me.

Not just the people around us, but everyone in the restaurant. Well, that's not entirely true. Janet was not starin' at me. She was lookin' down tryin' to hide her embarrassment.

"What?" I said loudly, and then everyone turned away and acted like they hadn't been lookin'. Well, all but one man.

"Man, you eat fast," a man at the table next to us said.

"No," I replied. "Everyone else eats slow."

"Slowly," he corrected.

"What?"

"Slowly. The word is slowly."

"What word?" I asked.

"You said, everyone else eats slow, and instead of the word slow you should have used the word slowly."

I looked over at Janet. She gave me her "Be nice or I'll kick you under the table" look. I composed myself.

"What's your name?" I asked him.

"Charles," he replied.

"So Charlie," I smiled, "what are you an English teacher or somethin'?"

"It's Charles," he said. Again, I looked at Janet, and she gave me another look. I smiled again.

"OK Charles. What do you do for a livin'?"

"I'm a consultant."

"Fascinatin'," I said and went back to scarfin' down my food.

"You know, you really



shouldn't eat that fast," Charles said. I set down my fork.

"Look Chuck," I said.

"Rusty," warned Janet. I looked at her for a few seconds, and then I smiled and looked back at the man.

"It's Charles," he said again. I gritted my teeth but continued to smile.

"Sorry. Charles. You are probably right. I shouldn't eat so fast."

"You should savor every morsel," he said. I looked back at Janet my eyes pleading. She shook her head. I looked down and worked up another smile.

"Thanks," I said. "I'll try that."

"Glad to help," he said.

"I know," I said. "Why don't you show me how to savor?"

"Rusty," warned Janet.

"How do you mean?" said Charles.

"Well, you see, I've been eatin' like this all my life. I really do not know how to savor somethin'. Take French fries for instance. I eat them five or six at a time, after, of course, draggin' 'em through a pile of catsup. Should I eat them one at a time?"

"Well, I'm not really a French fry eater."

"Of course you're not," I replied.

"But," he said, "I can see where eating them one at a time might give you more pleasure."

"Really," I said, and then put one of my elbows on the table and my chin in my hand as if I was really interested in what he had to say. "Do tell."

"Well, by eating them one at a time, not only can you enjoy the eating experience, but it is better for your digestive system."

"Wow," I said. He smiled smugly.

"Yes," he continued, "but mostly it is about the eating experience."

"So," I asked, "I shouldn't be eatin' M&Ms a handful at a time then?"

"Oh no," he said. "They should be eaten one at a time; that is if you are into eating sweets."

"Sweets are a no-no then."

"Absolutely."

"What about bacon?"

"Oh please," he said.

"Don't get me started on bacon."

"You know," I said. "I bet you are in favor of our government telling us what to eat, aren't you?"

Janet kicked me under the table.

"Well," he said. "Not everybody needs to be told what to eat, but I think that some need to be educated as to what would be best for them."

"Really," I said. "Watch this."

Hey waiter!" I yelled. The waiter turned and came to our table.

"Sir?"

"You got any chocolate cake?"

"Yes sir we do?"

"Good," I said and smiled at the man. "Now, do you have any bacon, you know like for makin' your BLT's and such."

"Uh, yes sir, I'm pretty sure we do."

"Good. Will you please get me a piece of chocolate cake, with bacon on top?"

"Well, I don't know, but I'll see what I can do."

"Thanks," I said, and he walked away.

"Now, Chucky, Charlie, or whatever the heck your name is, let's pretend you're the government, and you are gonna take my bacon cake away from me when it shows up. I'm really interested in seein' how you're gonna do that. Now, to be fair, I'm gonna warn you; I am not goin' to just roll over let you take it. Oh no, I'm gonna fight for my bacon cake. Now, are you ready to play?"

"Humph," he said, and got up.

"Aren't you goin' to finish your supper there Chucky? You're leavin' a lot to be savored."

He put his nose up into the air, turned, and left.

I turned and looked back at Janet. Her upper eyelids were halfway down her eyes. She was givin' me "The Look."

"What?" I said. "He started it by meddlin' in my business. I tried to be nice." She continued to stare.

"So," I said. "You goin' to split this cake with me or what?" She sighed.

"You get the bacon," she said.

"That's my girl," I replied.



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**ONE YEAR AGO, Jan. 7, 2021**  
Smith County Commissioners reappointed County Fire Marshal Jay Brooks of Lindale to a two-year term, which went into effect on Dec. 20, 2020 during the board's final meeting of the year on Tuesday, Dec. 29.

Brooks, who has served as Fire Marshal since 2019 after replacing Connie McCoy-Wasson, also served in that position in 2014.

He began his association with the county as a volunteer in the fire marshal's office in 2007.

"I'm real excited about what's going on in our office and excited about the cohesiveness in our office we are excited about the future of our office," Brooks said.

Motion to approve the appointment was made by Precinct 4 Commissioner JoAnn Hampton and seconded by Precinct 3 Commissioner Terry Phillips.

**FIVE YEARS AGO, Jan. 5, 2017**  
Smith County Precinct 4 Deputy Bobby Sanders, 76, announced his retirement after 47 years on the job.

He began his law enforcement career in Marshall in 1969 after being told he was too short to work for the Tyler Police Department.

Soon after, he believes he was the youngest deputy sheriff to have worked for Smith County at the time.

After graduating high school in Marshall, Sanders took a job as a mechanic for Montgomery Ward in Tyler. He later began a part-time job for Commercial Communications, working on police radios, and met several local and state law enforcement officers along the way.

**10 YEARS AGO, Jan. 5, 2012**  
The Lindale Veterinary Clinic received accreditation from the American Animal Hospital Association after receiving a review of its facility, medical equipment, practice methods and pet health care management.

AAHA officials said only 15 percent of small animal veterinary practices in the U.S. achieve accreditation and the Lindale Veterinary Clinic must be evaluated regularly to maintain its accreditation.

The Lindale facility is one of four in the East Texas area to earn accreditation.

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# TXDOT continues county road work

Texas Department of Transportation crews are scheduled to work on roadways in Smith County this week said TXDOT spokesman Jeff Williford.

Schedules are subject to change due to weather conditions, equipment failure, or other unforeseen issues.

Officials urge drivers to slow down and pay attention in work zones.

**US 271 Rehab, Turn Lanes, and Pavement Overlay**

Limits: From FM 16 going southwest to I-20

Contractor: Madden Contracting Company, LLC

Cost: \$12.4 million

Anticipated Completion Date: October 2022

Crews will be installing driveway culverts on the northbound and southbound sides. Traffic control will be managed by flaggers as needed. The project consists of paving, structures, MBGF, and pavement markings from I-20 north to the Gregg County line. The

portion from I-20 to FM 16 also includes turn lanes and pavement rehabilitation.

**FM 2493 Widening Project**

Limits: From FM 2813 in Gresham south to FM 346 in Flint

Contractor: Highway 19 Construction, LLC

Cost: \$14.5 million

The contractor is scheduled for miscellaneous project clean up. No lane closures are anticipated. The project will widen FM 2493 from two lanes to a four-lane divided roadway with a flush median.

**US 69 Overpass at FM 346**

Limits: At FM 346

Contractor: Longview Bridge & Road, Ltd.

Cost: \$16.7 million

Contractor is scheduled to complete punch list items and project cleanup. Temporary lane closures will be in place for asphalt repair. The work zone speed limit is 60 mph on US 69. The project consists

of building a new US 69 bridge over FM 346.

**SH 155 Resurfacing Project**

Limits: From Loop 323 in Tyler, southwest to the Anderson County line

Contractor: Madden Contracting Company, LLC

Cost: \$17 million

Anticipated Completion Date: Summer 2022

Expect lane closures when work is in progress. When in progress, hours will be from 8 p.m. to 5 a.m., Sunday through Thursday nights. Expect delays. The project will resurface the roadway, upgrade drainage structures, and repair bridge joints.

**Sidewalks at various locations in Smith County**

Limits: SH 64 in Tyler (Entrada Ln. to Parkdale Dr.); SH 110 in Troup (CR 2138 to FM 347);

SH 135 in Troup (FM 13 to Tiger Dr.)

Contractor: Highway 19 Con-

struction, LLC

Cost: \$3.5 million

The project is adding sidewalks along SH 64W in Tyler, SH 110W, and SH 135N in Troup.

**SH 135 Widening Project**

Limits: From Arp to Troup

Contractor: Brewery Construction Co. Inc.

Cost: \$9 million

No work is scheduled. The work zone speed limit is 45 mph. The project is adding passing lanes, improving drainage structures, and pavement resurfacing.

**US 69 (Glenwood Blvd.) Resurfacing Project in Tyler**

Limits: From Spur 147/Gentry Pkwy to SH 31/Front St.

Contractor: East Texas Bridge, Inc.

Cost: \$1.3 million

No work is scheduled. When in progress, work will be conducted from 8 p.m. to 5 a.m., Sunday through Thursday nights. The project consists of pavement re-

surfacing.

**FM 344, etc., Safety Improvements**

Limits: FM 344 – From FM 756 east to SH 110; FM 768 – from Loop 456, S to FM 22

Contractor: A R Brothers Construction Services, Inc.

Cost: \$1.8 million

The contractor is scheduled to complete driveway and cross culvert upgrades on FM 768. Lane closures will be in place. The project consists of improving drainage, culvert work, and guardrail upgrades.

**Tyler State Park Bridge and Resurfacing Project**

Limits: Park Maintenance Road in Tyler State Park SW to Cedar Point Camping Area Exit

Contractor: Encino Landscape

Cost: \$2.4 Million

Anticipated Completion Date: Summer 2022

No work is scheduled for this project. The project will consist of bridge and pavement resurfacing.



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Friday, Dec. 24, 2021

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Saturday, Dec. 25, 2021

Officer Shurley responded to an assist smith county at 15300 block Doris Dr, settled at scene. Sgt Houghton and Officers Capps and Shurley responded to a suspicious circumstance at 500 block Sunset Dr, unfounded. Officer Shurley and Officer Allen responded to a disturbance at 600 block Brad Cir, settled at scene. Officer Capps and Officer Allen responded to a loud noise complaint at 15200 block CR 467, settled at scene. Officer Capps responded to a loud noise complaint at 300 block Braziel St, unfounded.

Sunday, Dec. 26, 2021

Officer Trombley and Officer Jackquet responded to an accident at 553 W I-20, report taken. Officer Jackquet responded to a disturbance at 1200 block Brad Cir, settled at scene. Officer Jackquet responded to a public service at 300 block S Main St, settled at scene. Officer Trombley and Officer Jackquet responded to a stolen property at 3500 block S Main St, settled at scene. Officer Trombley and Officer Jackquet responded to a simple assault at 100 block E Centennial Blvd, report taken. Officer Trombley and Officer Jackquet responded to a welfare concern at 400 block Baker St, settled at scene. Officer Jackquet responded to a theft at 100 block E Centennial Blvd, settled at scene. Officer Trombley and Officer Shurley responded to an accident at 556 W I-20, settled at scene. Officer Trombley responded to a damaged



property at 3500 block S Main St, settled at scene. Officer Capps and Officers Shurley and Allen responded to an assist other agency at 13400 block CR 472, settled at scene. Officer Capps and Officers Shurley and Allen responded to an assist smith county at 2200 block FM 16 W, settled at scene. Officer Allen responded to a suspicious person at 100 block Ballard Dr, settled at scene. Officer Capps responded to a public service at 800 block E Dawson St, settled at scene. Officer Capps and Officer Allen responded to an attempt to serve at 3500 block S Main St, settled at scene. Officer Shurley responded to a business alarm at 800 block Industrial Pkwy, false alarm. Officer Capps and Officer Allen responded to an accident at 2800 block S Main St, report taken. Officer Capps and Officer Shurley responded to a public service at 200 block Bonnie St, settled at scene.

Monday, Dec. 27, 2021

Cpt Chambers, Sgt Flores and Officers Trombley and Jackquet responded to a disturbance at 500 block Pierce St, settled at scene. Officer Trombley and Officer Jackquet responded to an accident at 552 E I-20, settled at scene. Lt Lazarine responded to a public service at 100 block Ballard Dr, settled at scene. Officer Trombley and Officer Jackquet responded to an accident at 552 E I-20, settled at scene. Cpt Chambers and Officers Trombley, Jackquet and Shurley responded to an accident at 3500 block S Main St, report taken. Officer Trombley and Officer Jackquet responded to an accident at 3200 block S Main St, settled at scene. Officer Shurley responded to a suspicious circumstance at 13800 block Hwy 69 N, unfounded. Officer Trombley and Officers Jackquet and Shurley responded to a public service at 100 block Ballard Dr, settled at scene. Officer Capps and Officer Allen responded to a suspicious circumstance at 13400 block CR 472, settled at scene. Officer Capps and Officers Shurley and Allen responded to a suspicious circumstance at 200 block W Valley St, report taken. Officer Capps responded to an assist smith county at 558 W I-20, settled at scene. Officer Allen responded to a suspicious vehicle at 300 block S Industrial St, settled at scene.

Tuesday, Dec. 28, 2021

Officer Trombley and Officer Jackquet responded to a theft at 100 block E Centennial Blvd, report taken. Cpt Chambers responded to a criminal mischief at 200 block Cannery Row,

settled at scene. Officer Trombley and Officer Jackquet responded to a suspicious circumstance at 300 block E South St, settled at scene. Officer Jackquet responded to a public service at 300 Jane Ln, settled at scene. Officer Jackquet responded to a public service at 200 block Robyn Ln, settled at scene. Cpt Chambers, Sgt Houghton and Officers Fortunat, Trombley, Shurley and Jackquet responded to a stolen vehicle at 100 block Ballard Dr, arrest made. Cpt Chambers, Sgt Houghton and Officer Shurley responded to a business alarm at 3200 block S Main St, false alarm. Sgt Houghton and Officers Jackquet and Shurley responded to an accident at 3400 block S Main St, report taken. Officer Allen responded to a suspicious vehicle at 200 block Stadium St, settled at scene. Officer Capps and Officer Allen responded to a possession marijuana at 3200 block S Main St, arrest made.

Wednesday, Dec. 29, 2021

Cpt Chambers and Officer Philpot responded to a residential alarm at 700 block N Boyd St, false alarm. Officer Wedgeworth responded to a public service at 400 block N College St, settled at scene. Officer Wedgeworth responded to a public service at 100 block Ballard Dr, settled at scene. Sgt Dworaczyk and Officer Ramsey responded to a public service at 100 block E Centennial Blvd, settled at scene. Sgt Dworaczyk and Officer Ramsey responded to a city ordinance violation at 3500 block S Main St, settled at scene. Sgt Dworaczyk responded to an assist smith county at 14600 block CR 463, settled at scene. Officer Leevey responded to a suspicious vehicle at 13400 block CR 472, settled at scene.

Thursday, Dec. 30, 2021

Officer Philpot and Officer Ramsey responded to a business alarm at 400 block W Hubbard St, false alarm. Officer Philpot responded to a sexual assault at 3500 block S Main St, report taken. Officer Philpot responded to a suspicious person at 500 block Sunset Dr, settled at scene. Officer Ramsey responded to a public service at 13400 block CR 472, settled at scene. Officer Ramsey responded to a 911 hang up at 200 block W Van St, settled at scene. Sgt Dworaczyk and Officers Philpot and Ramsey responded to an assist smith county at 11400 block W I-20, report taken. Sgt Dworaczyk responded to a business alarm at 500 block S Main St, settled at scene. Sgt Dworaczyk and Officer Philpot responded to a welfare concern at 300 block Bowers St, settled at scene. Sgt Dworaczyk responded to an assist other agency at 100 block Ballard Dr, settled at scene. Sgt Dworaczyk and Officer Philpot responded to a disturbance at 100 block E Centennial Blvd, settled at scene. Sgt Dworaczyk responded to city ordinance violation at 100 block Ford St, settled at scene. Sgt Dworaczyk and Officers Leevey and Gillham responded to a loud noise complaint at 15200 block CR 467, settled at scene. Officer Leevey and Officer Gillham responded to a warrant service at 13400 block I-20, settled at scene. Officer Leevey and Officer Gillham responded to a business alarm at 55 block Miranda Lambert Way, false alarm. Officer Leevey and Officer Gillham responded to a suspicious person at 600 block N Main St, settled at scene.

## ET Fruit, Nut, Vegetable Conference set Jan. 14 in Tyler

The annual East Texas Fruit, Nut and Vegetable Conference, scheduled for Friday, Jan. 14 at the Cross Brand Cowboy Church will offer both professional and amateur gardeners tips on blackberries, blueberries, fire ants, native fruits and nuts, pecan grafting, peppers, and tomatoes, said Smith County Extension Agent Greg Grant.

Cross Brand Cowboy Church is located at 11915 FM 2015 in Tyler.

Registration will begin at 8 a.m. followed by the first session at 8:30 a.m. Lunch is provided.

Cash, checks, or credit cards will be accepted at onsite registration. Program cost is \$25. The program will be held in person only. Registration is required for a lunch head count.

No Texas Department of Agriculture CEU's will be awarded for this event but there will be five CE hours will be awarded for Master Gardeners.

Topics and speakers include:

Growing Tomatoes and Peppers in East Texas, Kim Benton, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service. Kim is the county horticulturist in Cherokee County, home of the famous "Jacksonville tomato."

Growing Berries in East Texas, Dr. David Creech, Professor Emeritus, Stephen F. Austin State University. Dr. Creech is the director of SFA Gardens in Nacogdoches and the leading expert on blueberries in Texas.

Fire Ant Control, Janet Hurley, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension, Senior Program Specialist. Janet is an entomologist and contributor to the popular Insects in the City website (citybugs.tamu.edu).

Grafting Pecans, Truman Lamb, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service. Truman is the county agent in agriculture and natural resources for Anderson County and has a lifetime of experience grafting and growing pecans.

Native Fruits and Nuts, Greg Grant, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service. Greg is the county horticulturist in Smith County and is also a past winner of the Lone Star Land Steward Award for his property in Shelby County.

This event was organized to meet the growing demand for information about fruit, nut, and vegetable produc-

tion for home gardeners and commercial growers in East Texas.

It's an opportunity to learn tips from specialists and

agents on how to be successful, how to avoid common pitfalls, and how to learn more as you grow.

The East Region AgriLife

Conference and Expo will be held the same day, at the same time at the same location.

The Expo on site will be

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19.	Goldsmith, Texas	257	02-10-21	41.	<del>Mason, Ohio</del>	34,792	10-25-21
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21.	Gorman, Texas	1,083	03-04-21	43.	Slaton, Texas	6,235	12-13-21
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\* Two cities have recanted their ordinances outlawing abortion. (02) The City Council of Omaha, TX repealed their ordinance outlawing abortion in exchange for a non-binding resolution on October 14th, 2019. They did so upon the advice of their City Attorney after the ACLU filed an open records request. The City of Omaha is the only city to have recanted of their ordinance outlawing abortion after being intimidated by the ACLU's open records request. (41) The City Council of Mason, OH repealed their ordinance on December 13th, 2021 after new leadership, openly against the ordinance, were elected to the Mason City Council in the November 2nd, 2021 election.

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# Eagles top Tyler Legacy in Wagstaff tourney

Lindale High School's bombardment from beyond the three-point line proved to be the difference as the Eagles clobbered Class 6A Tyler Legacy, 77-60, this past week at the Floyd Wagstaff Holiday Classic.

Eagle deadeye Walter Smith tossed in 28 points while also hauling down six rebounds to lead Lindale. With the win, the Eagles squared their season record to 8-8.

The Eagles connected on 55 percent of their shots from behind the arc, with Smith nailing five of 11 of the long distance tries.

After falling behind 6-5 in the early going, Lindale rattled off eight unanswered points to grab the lead for good.

A layup from Smith with just under 10 seconds left in the opening quarter gave the Eagles a 17-12 lead.

Lindale expanded its lead to nine, 37-28, at intermission.

A Legacy three-pointer trimmed the deficit to 42-35 in the third, but Lindale's Taegan Terry fired in three-straight from beyond the arc to fuel an 11-0 run for the Eagles.

After three periods, the Eagles had earned a 55-39 advantage.

With the Red Raiders trimming their deficit to 70-60, Lindale went on a 7-0 run to close out the game.

For the Eagles, Ryder Johnson scored 13, Terry scored 11, Colby Wood contributed 9 points while Ayden Pierson scored 6, Amare Baptiste scored 4, Cole Collingsworth scored 4 and Justin Farris added 2.

TYLER 62, LINDALE 55

In their first action of the Wagstaff Classic, the Eagles fell in overtime to the Tyler High School Lions, 62-55 on Monday, Dec. 27.

The game was a nip-and-tuck affair, with the Eagles taking a 51-50 lead with just 13 seconds remaining in the fourth quarter.

But the Lions got a free throw to tie the game on their ensuing trip down the floor. Lindale's Ryder Johnson missed a three-pointer at the buzzer to send the game into the extra period.

Tyler built a 58-51 lead in the first couple minutes of overtime and eventually was able

to expand the margin to 62-51.

Walter Smith scored 18 points to lead Lindale, while Taegan Terry scored 11 and Johnson scored 10.

Also in the scorebook for the Eagles were

Collinsworth with 7, Colby Wood with 6, Justin Farris with 2, Amare Baptiste with 2 and Colton Widemon with 2.

The Eagles connected on nine of 16 from the line.



Lindale High School's Taegan Terry fires a jumper over Tyler Legacy defenders recently in the Wagstaff Holiday Classic. (Courtesy photo)



Lindale junior Ryder Johnson battles for possession on a jump ball with a Tyler Legacy player recently at the Wagstaff Holiday Classic in Tyler. (Courtesy photo)



Freshman Ayden Pierson drives the basket during Lindale's win over Tyler Legacy in the Wagstaff Holiday Classic in Tyler. (Courtesy photo)

## Jarvis delays start of spring semester

HAWKINS – Officials with Jarvis Christian College have announced the return of students to campus has been delayed until Wednesday, Jan. 19 due to the rapid surge of the Omicron virus.

Classes are scheduled to start virtually online on Monday, Jan. 10. Face-to-face classes will resume on Monday, Jan. 24, 2022.

Jarvis faculty and staff will not return to in-office hours until normal business hours resume at 8 a.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 5.

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# Suspect in minister's murder could have competency restored

According to 7th District Court Judge Kerry Russell, there is a "substantial" chance Mytrez Deunte Woolen, 22 of Marshall, could have his competency restored so he can stand trial for the Jan. 3, 2021, killing of Starrville United Methodist Church pastor Mark McWilliams in Winona.

Russell declared Woolen incompetent to stand trial in December.

Defense attorney Jeff Haas requested the competency exam saying his client often displayed "extremely bizarre behavior" during interactions with attorneys.

Smith County District Attorney Jacob Putman joined Haas in a virtual hearing on Woolen's competency in October. Russell issued his order on Dec. 13.

All parties agreed Woolen needed restorative care following findings from Dr. Mitchell H. Dunn.

Russell's order said Woolen must be committed to and confined at the North Texas State Hospital — Vernon Campus or any other facility designated by the Texas Department of State Health Ser-

VICES for a period of no more than 120 days.

His confinement will be for further examination and treatment in an effort to restore competency for trial.

During the Dec. 13 hearing Woolen was reportedly moving his head around and often had his face buried into his hands.

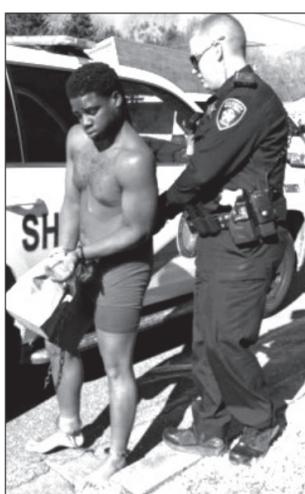
Haas cited "numerous interactions" with Woolen where he displayed "extremely bizarre behavior."

The defense attorney further stated in the interest of justice and fairness, Woolen needed specialized help from a mental health expert to determine whether he is fit to stand trial.

During his arraignment hearing in April, Woolen entered a plea of not guilty. In Texas, a capital murder charge for a person means they're eligible to receive the death penalty.

Woolen remains in the Smith County Jail on a \$3.5 million bond.

According to arrest reports



Mytrez Deunte Woolen is led away by a Smith County Deputy following the shooting of a pastor on Jan. 3, 2021, in Winona. (Courtesy photo)

from the Smith County Sheriff's Office, Woolen was hiding in the church bathroom from Lindale police following a pursuit on Jan. 2 after Lindale PD responded to service calls regarding the driver of a Volkswagen Jetta brandish-

ing a firearm from the sunroof at the intersection of FM 849 and Interstate 20.

Just after 7:30 p.m. on Jan. 2, county sheriff's deputies located the suspect in the parking lot of a convenience store at 303 S. Main St. in Lindale.

The suspect fled at a high rate of speed — with the pursuit reaching 100 mph at times — eventually heading south on FM 849 then east on I-20, exiting at Highway 271 then turning left onto FM 757 before running off the road at the Starrville United Methodist Church.

The suspect exited the vehicle and ran into a densely wooded area.

Officers established a perimeter, utilizing K-9 Deputies and a drone in the search for the suspect. After several hours, it was determined the suspect had escaped the perimeter.

Evidence was located within the suspect vehicle leading law enforcement to a possible identity of the suspect. A shotgun was

located within the fleeing vehicle which is believed to be the firearm that was brandished during the pursuit.

Before the church's service, McWilliams, his wife Rosemary and another man, Harris Victor Little, opened the bathroom door the morning of Jan. 3 to find Woolen with the church bank bag.

When McWilliams opened the door, he took out his handgun while telling Woolen to leave the church, according to the arrest affidavit.

Smith County Sheriff Larry Smith said McWilliams used his firearm to make Woolen get down on the floor, but the pastor got distracted with his wife.

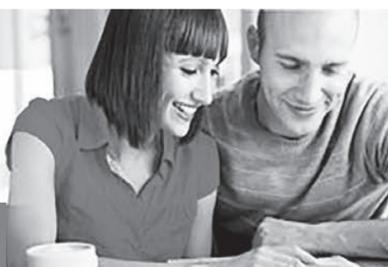
Woolen lunged toward McWilliams, took his gun and shot the pastor, Smith said. McWilliams died of his injuries before police arrived on the scene.

Little told police Woolen shot McWilliams in the chest several times and he tried to shoot at Rosemary, who was hiding behind the stove, the affidavit stated.



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# Coronavirus in the U.S.: Where cases are growing and declining

New Year's celebrations in the United States were dialed back as COVID-19 cases surge, soaring to an average of 344,000 per day for the past week. Compared to two weeks ago, hospitalizations are up 19 percent, while deaths have fallen 5 percent. The number of people who have died from COVID-19 in the U.S. now exceeds 822,000.

The worst U.S. outbreaks are largely in the Midwest and Northeast, but cases are also rising again in the Southeast. After a dramatic summer wave followed by a November lull, cases in Florida are skyrocketing. In Washington D.C. daily cases have risen 800 percent in the past two weeks as the

District continues to lead the country in cases per capita. Ohio, Delaware, and Indiana have the highest rates of hospitalization.

To help overburdened hospitals around the country, 13,000 members of the National Guard have

been activated in 48 states to support the COVID-19 response with everything from vaccinations and testing to clinical care. This is in addition to 1,000 military doctors, nurses, and EMTs being sent around the country, some of whom are already on the ground in Indiana, New Mexico, Wisconsin, and New Jersey.

The surge is largely due to the rapid spread of the Omicron variant, which is more infectious than Delta. Within just one month, Omicron went from causing less than 1 percent of new COVID-19 cases to almost 60 percent, becoming the dominant variant in the U.S.

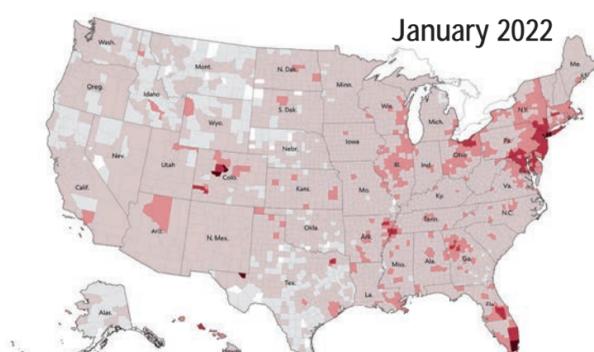
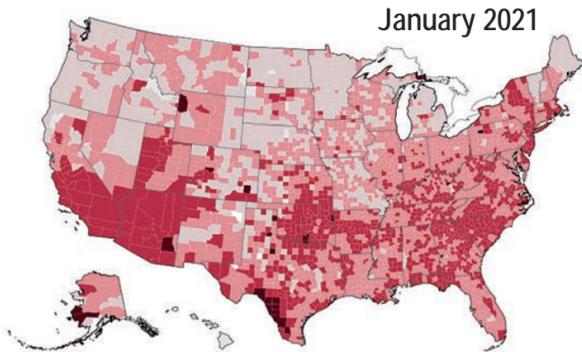
This week the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention updated their guidance on isolation and quarantine, stating that infected individuals only need to self-isolate for five days rather than 10. Rochelle Walensky, director of the CDC, explained that these changes reflect new studies that show that people who are infected with SARS-CoV-2 are most likely to spread the virus during the two days before they develop symptoms and up to three days after. "We

do know the vast majority of viral transmission happens in those first five days, somewhere in the 85 to 90 percent range," Walensky said at a White House briefing on Wednesday. "So if a person can isolate for the first five days, they absolutely should."

Concerns about Omicron are spurring more people to get vaccine shots, including boosters. About one million people received a shot each day for the past week, bringing the number of fully vaccinated Americans to 62 per-

cent. That still leaves some 40 million Americans who are eligible for a vaccine but have not yet received a shot.

"The risk of severe disease from any circulating variant, including Omicron, is much, much higher for the unvaccinated," Anthony Fauci, director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, said on December 29. "And so, adults and children who are eligible: Get vaccinated. And vaccinated people: Get boosted when eligible."



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