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## County to purchase surge suppressant for justice center

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After suffering three hits to the Cass County Law Enforcement and Justice Center building, Cass County Commissioners agreed to purchase a surge suppressant and phase protector for the justice center.

A phase protector is a surge suppressant device that should protect the electrical system including the chiller from becoming damaged due to electrical spikes or surges which are often triggered when limbs fall

and hit power lines. The justice center sustained power outages on June 15, in August and most recently on Dec. 13. Maintenance Supervisor John Avey said the outages were caused from power surges from falling limbs hitting power

lines. He said the county has sustained an estimated \$50,000 in repair cost thus far from the three power surges. The county is covered by insurance and should be able to recoup some of the cost. Meanwhile the repairs must be made to the system.

The power outages at the justice center brought all work to a halt. Avey has since installed a backup generator which allows people to safely exit the building. Commissioner Brett Fitts, who was conducting the meeting See **COMMISH** on page 8

## Linden Cemetery



Photo by ANGELA GUILLORY

A new archway sign was installed on Dec. 19 at the Linden Cemetery. Ridged Industrial in Atlanta recreated the sign and installed it for the Linden Cemetery Association. Association President Kenny Hamilton said the company did an excellent job in duplicating the sign that was originally donated many years ago by the Reynolds Family of Linden.

## Accident results in one fatality

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A two vehicle accident in the early morning hours on Dec. 20 resulted in one fatality.

Texas Department of Transportation officer David Stewart responded to the accident that occurred at 3:03 a.m. six miles west of Linden on State Highway 155, just .3 miles east of County Road 1574.

Stewart noted the road condition was wet when the driver of a 1999 Chevrolet Lumina traveling east on State Highway 155 crossed over the center stripe striking a 2013 Freightliner truck traveling west in the rear quarter panel.

The driver of the Lumina spun around and stopped on the north side of the road. The service truck left the north side of the road and flipped over on the driver's side. Trapping the driver momentarily until rescue crews arrived.

Linden Volunteer Fire Department and Avinger Volunteer Fire Department both arrived and aided in the extraction of the driver from the truck. The driver Juan Carlos Alvarado, 39, of Tyler received minor injuries.

Stewart said Alvarado was mostly just shaken up from the accident. He was taken to Good Shepherd Medical Center - Linden where he was treated and released for non-incapacitating injuries.

The driver of the Lumina, David Michael McBryde, See **FATALITY** on page 2

## Hamilton's journey to be remembered

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Ninety-four Christmases have passed now for Coy Hamilton of Linden. And in all those 94 years, it has yet to be told in print that he lived through a battle that was unlike any ever seen by this country; a battle that turned the tide of war for the U.S. and its allies and made the defeat of the Nazi regime a reality.



Chief Photographer's Mate (CPHM) Robert F. Sargent

WWII: Europe: France; "Into the Jaws of Death — U.S. Troops wading through water and Nazi gunfire", circa 1944-06-06.

Normandy, 1944, was the place marked for the onslaught of U.S., British and Canadian troops to take a beachhead and move inland to take down the "Nazi Warmachine" in one fell blow.

Known as Operation Overlord, the D-Day landings of June 6, 1944, combined U.S. and Allied air drops with beach landings along

Normandy's coast. U.S. paratroopers from the 82nd and 101st Infantry Division dropped onto the Cotentin peninsula to secure bridges, roads and towns vital to allowing the troops landing at nearby Utah Beach to move inland.

June 6, 1944, 160,000 Al-

lied troops landed along a 50-mile stretch of heavily-fortified French coastline to fight Nazi Germany on the beaches of Normandy, France. General Dwight D. Eisenhower called the operation a crusade in which "we will accept nothing

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Courtesy photo

Fairview Reunion Corporation volunteers distribute more than 100 Christmas dinners to families in the community. Pictured from left are Kenneth Smith and Gertrude Hayden.

## FRC Christmas Give program provides dinners for families

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The Fairview Junior-Senior High School Reunion Corporation (FRC) distributed more than 100 unprepared Christmas dinners to families in the community in need at its

Inaugural Christmas Give program on Dec. 21 at the Fairview Community Center.

FRC volunteers handed out food vouchers good for one turkey dinner for Christmas redeemable only at Crump's Food Center in Linden. The

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## Topping off the North Pole!

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