

# EPIPHANY TIDINGS

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## Roy's Ramblings...

Hi Everyone,

It is difficult for all of us not being able to see our Stars. I heard from one facility this week that hasn't allowed family visits since this started. It appears this is the norm rather than the exception. I strongly encourage all of you to continue writing to the Stars as much as you can. We can all use encouraging news during these times. Our Stars need our continued encouragement and demonstration of faith.

Grace and Peace,

Roy

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### Epiphany Events

- State Board Quarterly Meeting:  
February 27, 2021



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LOVE OF CHRIST  
TO YOUTHFUL  
OFFENDERS.

**HAPPY THANKSGIVING!**

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# COVID-19 Has Not Stopped Epiphany Mart!

## Epiphany Mart Sent Love and Prayers to the Boys at TJJD Mart

Recognizing the hardships presented by the COVID-19 crisis, which has placed extra demands on TJJD staff and curtailed visitation for youth, volunteers for the Mart campus sent out a prayer call. The volunteers, who normally organize Epiphany weekends for the youth, asked people to contribute to a prayer chain for TJJD and the students and staff at the McLennan County facility in Mart.

Responses flooded in from around the US, from Virginia to Oregon, and states in between, California, Oklahoma, Kansas, New Mexico, Louisiana, Colorado and of course, Texas. Responses arrived even from Germany, Ethiopia, South Korea and Japan.

"We have team members who've worked with us who live in Ethiopia and family members who have relatives in Korea and Japan, just a mix of friends. Epiphany is non-denominational. It's Christ-centered and we're sharing Christ with the

kids," said Kate Mellina, an organizer with the Epiphany group serving Mart.

The paper chain representing the prayers from around the world grew to 754 links long. Each signed prayer simply said: "We are praying for you, the youth and staff at Mart. Hang in there, we hope to see you soon."

Tanya Rosas, Volunteer Coordinator at Mart, recruited students and staff in the Education Department to help display the paper chain, which now resides in the campus visitation room. There, as they participate in virtual visitations, youth can be reminded of the many well wishes sent their way.

"Even though we have not been able to have our scheduled Epiphany weekends due to COVID, our volunteers are always looking for ways to stay involved with not only our youth but staff too," Rosas said.

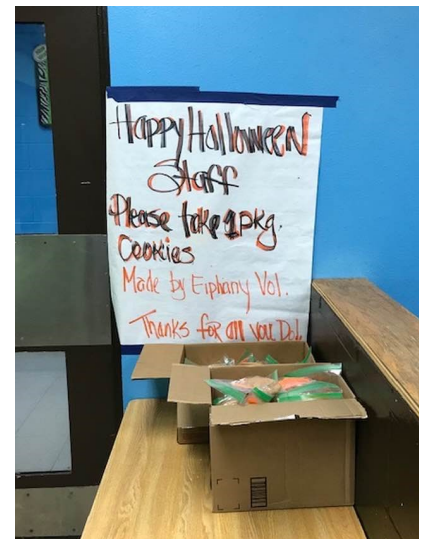
- Texas Juvenile Justice Dept.



Our prayer chain for the youth and staff at Mart TJJD. We wanted them to know they are not forgotten, and we will be back! - Kate Mellina



Making candy bags for youth and cookies for Staff at Mart TJJD. Thanks to all who contributed!





## Epiphany Mart Team Members Prayed and Walked, Not Just Once But Twice!

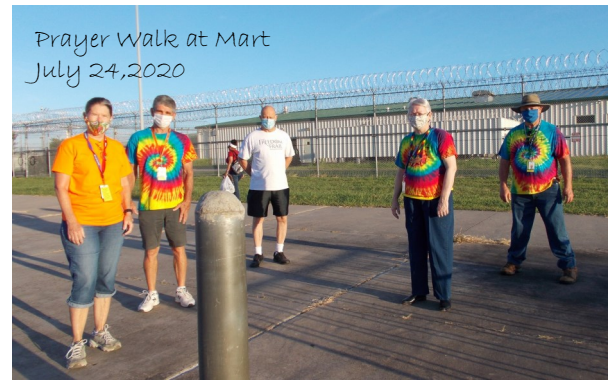
Epiphany volunteers, who normally would be hosting periodic weekend religious retreats for TJJD youth, have decided to wrap the Mart facility in prayer in a way tailored for the times.

They are walking the perimeter of the facility in small groups while praying for the youth, letting them know they're still thought of even though outside volunteer events are suspended. The first walk at the McLennan County facility was July 24 and the second was Aug. 22.

The volunteers hope to impart the same message of love and forgiveness they bring to participating youth during Christian retreats, said Kate Mellina, one of the Epiphany volunteers.

We are "trying to encourage them to forgive themselves and others," she said. "This walk around the facility is to pray for them, hoping they see that others do think of them, pray for them, love them and they are not forgotten." -Texas Juvenile Justice Department

*"For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in the midst of them." Matthew 18:20*



Thanksgiving Poster sent to TJJD Mart

Some pics of our walk Saturday. August 22, 2020



Photos and Mart information courtesy of Kate Melina



We want to wish you a Happy Thanksgiving. We pray you are blessed today and know that we are praying for you.

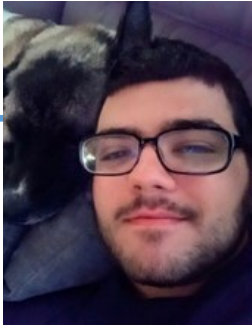
Remember your blessings.

And when you look at the turkey, remember, there is One that sacrificed himself for others.

Hebrews 10:10 'And by that will, we have been made holy through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ once for all

So give thanks for the turkey, yum, yum.

Epiphany team



# Landon Cole Evans

September 9, 1999 - October 17, 2020

## Obituary

Landon Evans, age 21, of West, passed away Saturday, October 17, 2020 near West.

Private memorial services will be held Sunday , October 25, 2002

Landon was born September 9, 1999 in Fort Worth, the son of Russell and Meredith (Evans) Hamilton. He attended schools in Waco before earning his GED. Landon was a member of Lake Shore United Methodist Church. He loved animals, especially his dog Ginny, and hunting with his dad. He was known as a very sweet and loving person and for being a "big teddy bear" who gave the best hugs.

Survivors include his parents, Russell and Meredith Hamilton; a brother, Logan Evans; a sister, Lani Hamilton; his grandmother, Edith Hamilton; four aunts; two uncles; and several cousins, other relatives and friends.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Epilepsy Foundation ([www.epilepsy.com](http://www.epilepsy.com)).

### Lee Ann Radell

He is with Jesus and happy. I'm so sad. Prayers for his family. I loved seeing him at Epiphany meetings. Smiling face!!! 🙏❤️🙏❤️🙏

### Linda McMahan McCartney Heese

I sure will miss Landon. He was a vital part of our kitchen team. He had a heart for those boys and for the Lord. Prayers to his family. RIP Landon.

### Marcia Boggs

Oh, no!!! So sorry to read this. Such a sweet and loving person. Will always remember his smiles and hugs. Prayers for his family. Yes, he will be missed.

### Jimmy Don Fife

We sure enjoyed working Epiphany with Landon. He will be missed.

### Cheri Story White

So heartbreaking and sad. Thankful for the help he was to Epiphany.



Mart Team members gathered to celebrate Landon.

### Sandy Donnell Kimbro

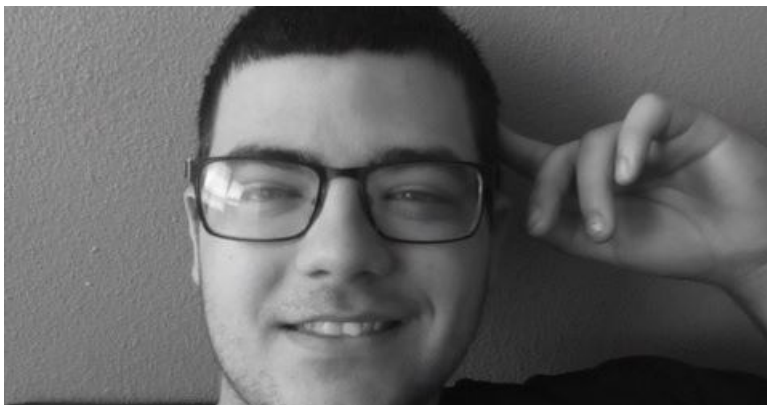
The thing I loved about him from the very beginning was when he would critique talks. He said things from the standpoint of those kids, who were around his age. His insight was priceless. I learned from him.

### Tanya Rosas

Oh no! My ❤️ is sad, prayers for everyone 🙏  
🙏 we will miss him

### Bobby Clark

Such a great guy. He will sure be missed. Praying for everyone the knew him he has touched many hearts.



Holding you in our hearts

*until we meet again*



## Post Epiphany Volunteers Reunite For A Prayer Walk

Saturday September 19, 2020

Five Epiphany Team members were joined by a group of seven volunteers from FBC Post and one facility staff member for a prayer walk. We circled up for prayer and took off walking the perimeter of the Garza County Regional Juvenile Detention Center. After the walk some time was spent fellowshiping and then we closed in prayer and headed home. It was a good day!



### Upcoming Epiphany Weekends

Facility	W/E#	Date	LD	ALD	WC	SD	B. Rep
Brownwood	E 41	Feb '21	Trish Bull				Roy Bradshaw
Ellis	E 1	TBD	Neil Atkinson	Joe Lee	Dan Swanson	Steve Wilson	Roy Bradshaw
Evins	E 11	TBD	Jef Eaton	Graciano Castaneda	Raul Rodriguez	Hamilton Musser	
Gainesville	E 41	TBD	Steve Tacker	Patty Jackson	Nichole Collingsworth	Steven Miller	
Giddings	E 35	TBD	Andrew Perry	Shirley Perry	Sharon Marks	Mike Jones	Neil Atkinson
Krier	E 28	TBD	Chrissie Smith		Mary Helen Silva		
Mart	E 32	TBD	Mike Mellina	Leeann Radell			
Post	E 26	TBD	Paula Swanson	Larae Greer	Mark Wright	E.C. Harlan	



*“Listen closely. Love deeply.  
Serve humbly.”*



## TEXAS JUVENILE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT



As an agency focused on public safety, the highest priority of the Texas Juvenile Justice Department is to protect the youth in our care and our dedicated employees. TJJD remains in daily contact with the Office of the Governor, the Office of the Lieutenant Governor, the Texas Department of State Health Services, and the Texas Department of Emergency Management to remain fully informed and respond to events as the situation changes. Additionally, the agency's leadership team has been meeting throughout each day to ensure services while maintaining safety. The 2,000 employees of TJJD are committed to doing their part to help Texas beat COVID-19.

### POSITIVE TESTS, YOUTH

Since the start of the pandemic, 242 youth at the agency's secure facilities have tested positive for COVID-19:

Evins Regional Juvenile Center: 44  
Gainesville State School: 13  
Giddings State School: 89  
McLennan County State Juvenile Correctional Facility: 69  
Ron Jackson State Juvenile Correctional Complex: 27

### POSITIVE TESTS, STAFF

Since the start of the pandemic, 210 staff members at the agency's secure facilities have tested positive for COVID-19:

Evins Regional Juvenile Center: 65  
Gainesville State School: 13  
Giddings State School: 45  
McLennan County State Juvenile Correctional Facility: 41  
Ron Jackson State Juvenile Correctional Complex: 46

Since the start of the pandemic, 22 staff members at the agency's halfway houses have tested positive for COVID-19.

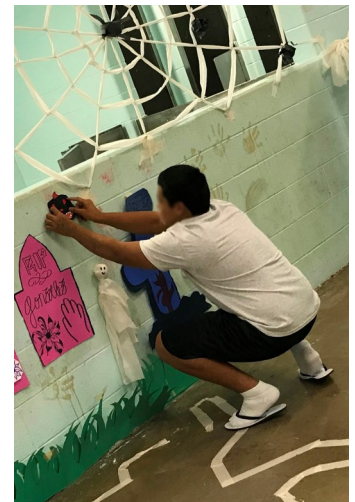
*Case counts are current as of November 12, 2020*

## Stars Enjoy Decorating For Halloween! BOO!



Left and below are samples of decorations and art by the Stars at Ron Jackson State Juvenile Correctional Complex.

The photo below and the one to the right of it were taken of the decorating that took place at Evins Regional Juvenile Center. Nice spiderweb!



Above are colorings by the Stars at McLennan County Facility.