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King Around Town

by Grice King

A little birdie told me that the local Lions Club is celebrating their 75th year so I wanted to give a quick thanks to all those who participated in this civic organization over the years! They are currently asking to find some photos from their 75 year history so they can showcase them during their celebration. If anyone has any old (older the better) photos from participants or events in the Lions Club history, please go to their facebook page to send the photos. Their page is facebook.com/GainesvilleTX-Lions. This town has quite a few great groups that have been helping the community and the Lions Club is among them. Happy 75th Birthday!

Here is some more of what's happening around town this week.

Abigail's Arms is partnering with the Boys and Girls Club of Cooke County to host a "Coordinated Care for Child Victims of Crime" parents info meeting. The meeting will be Tuesday, January 24 from 6:45 to 8:45 pm at the Boys and Girls Club located at 315 N. Denton Street in Gainesville. Doors open at 6:30 pm - please enter through the front (north) side of the building. Childcare and snacks will be provided.

During the program you will learn the digital vulnerability for children, digital security, red flags, safety planning, sexual exploitation, child trafficking and resources for youth and their families. Please register by January 19 by calling 940-665-2873 or visiting www.abigailsarms.org.

The Gainesville Parks and Recreation Department will be hosting the 18th annual Kid's Trout Fishing Derby, Saturday January 28, 2023 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The Trout fishing outing is for the youth, ages 16 and under. The event will be held in Keneteso Park Pond. The program's goal is to release catchable size rainbow trout in Keneteso Park Pond and encourage the youth in Gainesville and the surrounding cities to have a chance to

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Muenster Police Dept to Purchase Digital Radios

By Delania Raney
The Weekly News

MUENSTER - The City of Muenster has agreed to set aside funds to purchase digital radios for its police department.

Councilmembers voted unanimously during the Monday, January 9 regular council meeting to purchase three digital radios at a total cost of \$20,420.

The city planned for the expense during its last budget season, City Manager Adam Deweber said.

The decision comes at a time when county officials and technicians are working out some kinks with the county's new radio communications system, an upgrade which has been two years in the making.

"The county assured us that when they switched to digital, the analog system was still going to be live and active," Deweber said. "But we need to just start phasing in radios. Over the last month they made that switch and there was a lot more problems than what they ever anticipated."

He said analog stations are "no longer being monitored by the county."

"So when we only have one officer working and they're trying to call out to dispatch, nobody is

there listening to them," he said. "Chief [Tom Barr] was actually having to use his cell phone and call dispatch because no one was answering him on the radio."

The city budgeted for two digital radios at \$6,000 each, Deweber said.

"So, I budgeted around \$12,000 where the actual cost

for two radios is \$13,615.32," he said. "...I'd recommend that we purchase three which would be \$20,420.98. It's a little bit more than what we had budgeted but Chief and I talked about it. We also budgeted for shields and some other police equipment that we wouldn't have to purchase this year. I feel like the radio and our officers' communication is more of a safety [priority] than them having shields going in... I think we can make it work with ordering three [radios]."

The council also approved a consent agenda which included minutes of the December 5 council meeting and monthly bills.

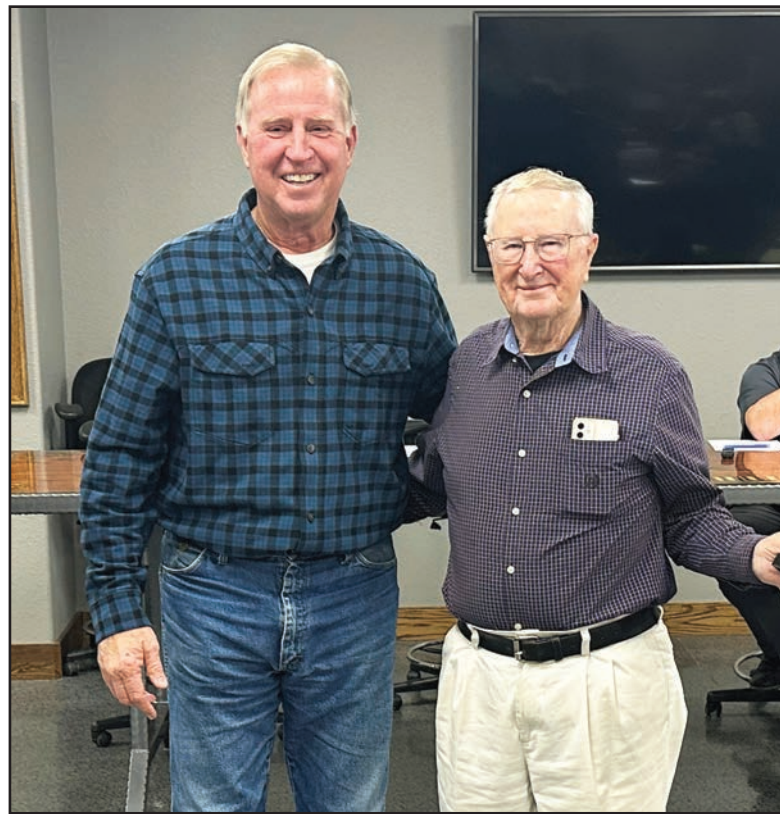
Deweber briefly discussed the December bills.

"The total is \$171,624.81," he said. "The big-ticket item is the fire department had about \$11,000 worth of tires and equipment that they purchased. Part of that was going to be paid through the fire department but it came through the city."

Another \$15,000 was required for the city hall construction project.

"That includes everything they've done now and the floors," Deweber said. "Shouldn't be much more after that."

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Celebrating 50 years of Service - Muenster City Council presented a plaque to Henry Weinzapfel for 50 years of service on the Muenster Water Department Board of Directors. Mayor Tim Felderhoff, left, presented the award to Weinzapfel at the January 9 Muenster City Council meeting. (The Weekly News Photo)

Gainesville Hospital District Approves Bids for Sale of Properties, Agrees to Buy Land near NTMC

By Delania Raney
The Weekly News

GAINESVILLE - The Gainesville Hospital District Board of Directors voted unanimously to accept bids for the purchase of property at 818 North Morris Street, 822 North Morris Street and 801 North Grand Avenue during a January 12 special called meeting.

In addition to accepting bids for

\$550,000 from Ghalambor Properties for the North Grand property and \$35,000 from Prakash Bhakta for the 818 and 822 North Morris properties, the board voted to purchase 1431 West Highway 82 for \$200,000. Board president Jeff Isbell noted the property the district is set to buy is east of the intersection of Highway 82 and Hospital Boulevard.

Four bids for Lot 1 were submitted, and four bids were

submitted for lot 2. Bids for 801 North Grand ranged from \$550,000 to \$335,000. Bids for the North Morris Street properties - which were sold in one lot - ranged from \$35,000 to \$25,000.

Board members agreed at the July 25 regular meeting to sell properties the district owns at 818 North Morris Street, 822 North Morris Street, 817 North Grand Avenue and 801 North

Grand Avenue.

The hospital district board voted unanimously following an executive session held at the Monday, November 28 regular meeting to accept a bid of \$300,000 for 817 North Grand Avenue and to repost advertisement of bids on the remaining lots.

Board member Ken Atterbury voted against the 1431 West Highway 82 purchase.

County Works to Iron Out Kinks in its Radio Communication Upgrade

By Delania Raney
The Weekly News

GAINESVILLE - The county's ongoing radio communication project caused some ripples during the Monday, January 9 Cooke County Commissioners Court meeting.

Commissioners Court approved a \$4.5 million Motorola proposal in January 2021 to upgrade the county's radio communications system. Cash to fund the project came from the general fund bolstered in part by American Rescue Plan Act money.

The system includes communication for local law enforcement,

fire departments and emergency medical services.

The plan was to add two additional towers for increased coverage. The coverage would include both analog and digital communication technology.

In December 2020, commissioners approved Motorola for the upgrade project to install a 700 MHz system.

The system is up and running but Precinct 1 Commissioner Gary Hollowell -- who has been the liaison between the county and its radio suppliers throughout the two-year-plus project -- said during the January 9 commissioners court meeting,

he knows some fire departments have been having trouble with the communication system. Issues including garbled transmissions and dropped conversations, he said.

Hollowell also acknowledged the "push to go digital is creating some friction" but said the move to digital must be carefully considered.

At issue is the cost of securing digital two-way radio compared to the cost of current analog radios.

Analog radio strength decreases as one nears the maximum signal range until it becomes white noise. Digital radio is more con-

sistent in quality regardless of the distance to or from maximum range.

Precinct 3 Commissioner Adam Arendt who has volunteer firefighter experience said he's aware of firefighters having trouble communicating with other departments on one channel. He asked the commissioners if some department members could begin testing digital radios to determine their effectiveness.

Hollowell said the problems are being addressed, adding Emergency Management Coordinator Ray Fletcher, who is the county's point of contact with its

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The bills also included nearly \$2,000 for banners for the streets. The new banners are set to be displayed within a week or two, Deweber noted.

He said the bills are "about where we normally sit between \$150,000 and \$160,000 if you take those items out."

The council also presented an award to Henry Weinzapfel for his 50 years of service to the Muenster Water District Board of Directors. Mayor Tim Felderhoff presented the award.

"I want to thank you on behalf of the city," Felderhoff told Weinzapfel. "You were also on the council and [served as] mayor for 12 years. We appreciate what you've done for the city over the years."

In addition, the council approved final plat for the Lakeside Meadow Subdivision Unit III.

Water and sewer lines are at the site. Final paving is expected to begin when the weather is warmer, Deweber said.

Next, the council approved a proclamation designating 113 North Main Street a historic building.

The 3,475 square foot building was built in 1920 and was once a medical practice. It later became the site of the Muenster Library and was most recently Doc's Bar and Grill.

The proclamation states the city encourages "creativity and architectural diversity while ensuring the overall historic character of the city of Muenster is protected."

It further states the Doc's building has historical significance for residents as well as visitors.

The council also approved a specific use permit for the 113 North Main Street building.

"As they renovate this older building, [the owner] would like it to be a multi-functional building with businesses on the first floor and short-term rental on the second floor," Deweber said.

The building is part of a trend toward renting homes and bedrooms on sites such as Airbnb.

"It's kind of a new form of hotels," Deweber said. "And they're wanting to do the same thing here."

City ordinances state commercial properties are treated like motels, he continued.

"So, if you're going to rent it out to other people, you have to actually live there," he said. The situation is similar to that of the Schilling House which includes a dental office, rental property and private residence, he said.

"This doesn't change the zoning ordinance," Deweber said. "It's still going to be zoned commercial. It's just an exception to allow them to have that building multi-functional."

Next, the council approved a new Nortex phone system and Wi-Fi upgrade for city hall.

"Currently the phone system at city hall is out of date," Deweber said. "We can't buy new phones. We can't add any phones to it. There's three phone lines. One is a dedicated fax line and the other two are

talking lines."

The only way to upgrade the phones is to get a new system, he said.

Officials also require Wi-Fi capabilities in the courtroom.

The total package for both phones and Wi-Fi is \$3,900, Deweber said. The package will include eight phones at \$25 per line per month for an increase of about \$100 per month over the present analog phones.

The council also discussed the upcoming election noting there's no need to call for an election unless there's an open seat on the council or a new candidate files for election. The first day to file for a council seat is January 18. The last day is February 17.

Deweber also said the Park Board/Tree Board had become redundant and has disbanded. A total of \$22,000 in the organization's coffers will be donated to West Park for playground equipment. The funds will be added to \$10,000 officials had already earmarked for playground equipment.

The council tabled action on food inspection services.

City department reports:

Fire Department – 24 total calls in December, 20 medical, 3 grass fires and one crash.

Police Department – 45 calls for service, 5 incident reports, 2 arrests, no accidents.

Water and Sewer Department– In December, the sewer plant averaged 270,000 gallons per day with 341,000 permitted which is 79 percent of the permitted amount. Water production was 6,205,000 and the highest day was 262,000. The department also replaced 50 feet of sewer line on Maple Street.

Parks and Street De-

partment – Water leaks at the city's municipal pool have been patched. More repair work is expected.

City Manager Update – a total of 87 building permits were issued in 2022 compared to 35 in 2021. Fifteen new homes and three major remodels were permitted. Sales tax for December 2022 was up 11 percent over December 2021. The fire department is overbudget because of some expenses but the department is expected to help pay some of the expenses. The floor is set to be installed in city hall and the overall renovation is nearly complete, Deweber said.

He also noted a time capsule from 1989 has been recovered from the building and will be opened during a reception and open house. Another time capsule is set to be opened in 2089.

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Correction

Information provided to and published in the "Gainesville City Council Authorizes FM 1201 Site For Vehicle Storage" story in January 11, 2023 edition of *The Weekly News of Cooke County* was incorrect.

The authorization for a vehicle towing facility and storage location at 250 FM 1201 approved at the January 2, 2023 Gainesville City Council meeting was a separate issue from a previous request for a rezone from commercial to industrial requested at 3910 E. Highway 82. The authorization approved was for a Hunter's Towing vehicle storage facility at 250 FM 1201. The request by Dennie's Towing to rezone property at 3910 E. Highway 82 from commercial to industrial was disapproved by the council 4-2 at the December 20, 2022 meeting.

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Obituaries



Teresa Karen Jenkins

Services
Teresa Karen Jenkins, 75, of Rosston, passed away peacefully at her home on Friday, January 13th, 2023. There will be a visitation on Sunday, January 15th from 5:00 to 6:00 PM at Geo. J. Carroll & Son Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held on Monday, January 16th at 1:00 PM at the funeral home. The burial will take place immediately following in Rosston Cemetery where Teresa will be laid to rest close to her parents.

History
Teresa was born December 17th, 1947 to John and Willie Mae Richardson in Fort Worth. After Teresa graduated from Samuel High School, she went on to study medical transcription at Baylor Hospital then to work at several different hospitals until the birth of her daughter.

Teresa had a loving and vibrant personality. She loved to laugh and had a very quick wit and sense of humor. Teresa had a passion for art and many of her works adorn the walls of the home she shared with Jimmy for over 50 years. Teresa also loved photography and was rarely without a camera in her hand capturing special moments. Teresa was an avid reader and enjoyed spending time losing herself in a great book. Teresa loved to listen to music from a variety of artists including Elvis Presley and the Bee Gees. Finally, and most importantly, Teresa believed in eating dessert first and that, of course, it must be chocolate.

Survivors
Teresa is survived by her devoted and loving husband Jimmy Jenkins, the love of her life for over 56 years, and her daughter Amy Siler, and son-in-law Chris Siler. She is forever cherished and remembered by her 2 granddaughters, Arrington Siler,

and Amelia Siler. Teresa is also survived by siblings Debra, Joan, Delaina, and Johnny along with several nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends. Teresa was preceded in death by her parents John and Willie Mae Richardson.

You may sign the online register at www.geojcarroll.com.



Susan Sandmann Fetsch

Services
Susan Marie (Sandmann) Fetsch, of Muenster, passed away January 11, 2023, at her home surrounded by her daughters. Mass of Christian Burial is scheduled for 10:00 am on Wednesday, January 18, 2023 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Muenster with Rev. Joe Keating officiating. Interment will follow at Sacred Heart Cemetery in Muenster. A Rosary with visitation will begin at 6:00 pm on Tuesday, January 17, at Geo. J. Carroll & Son Funeral Home, Gainesville.

History
Susan was born on October 21, 1958, the eldest daughter of Edward and Aileen Sandmann of Lindsay. She graduated from Lindsay High School in 1977. Susan married her fun-loving sweetheart Garry Fetsch on June 24, 1978. Together they farmed and raised three daughters near Muenster. They were faithful members of Sacred Heart Catholic Church and volunteered in various capacities as their daughters were active in the school and church. Since 2004, Susan thoroughly enjoyed her work and friends at First State Bank in Gainesville.

Susan was known as the friendliest, joy of the party. She never met a stranger and had a story to entertain even the most stoic of farmers. She loved her family fiercely; always able to find just the right gift to bring a smile

to their faces. She cooked tables full of delicious foods and baked many desserts to satisfy her family's sweet tooth. Susan held her own working hard with Garry on the farm each day. She lived her life loving and being loved.

Mrs. Fetsch was preceded in death by her husband Garry Fetsch, mother Aileen Sandmann, and brothers-in-law Paul Becker and Lee Campbell.

Survivors
Survivors include daughter Janet and husband Robert Rickman of Muenster, daughter Kelly and husband Christopher Hotovec of Tulsa, Oklahoma, daughter Christine and husband Lee Dawson of Tulsa, Oklahoma; four grandchildren; father Edward Sandmann of Lindsay; sister Brenda Becker of Muenster; sister Carol and husband Curtis Conaway of Lindsay; sister Jacqueline and husband Tracy Ebarb of Lavon. Also brother-in-law Robert Fetsch and wife Lu Benke; sister-in-law Evelyn and husband Kenneth Melvin; sister-in-law Monica and husband Robert Noyes; sister-in-law Joan Campbell; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers are Robert Rickman, Lee Dawson, Joe Becker, Michael Conaway, Kevin Conaway, Nate Hamilton, Lee Ueckert, Patrick Lutkenhaus.

Donations
Memorial contributions may be made in her honor to the Muenster Jaycees PO Box 726, Muenster, Texas 76252. You may sign the online register at www.geojcarroll.com.



Virginia "Ginger" Louise Latham

Services
Virginia "Ginger" Louise Latham, 87, longtime resident of Gainesville, most recently of Lewisville, passed away January 9, 2023 in Lewisville.

A funeral service is scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on Friday, January 13, 2023 at Geo. J. Carroll & Son Funeral Home with Rev. Benny Strong officiating. Interment will follow at New Resthaven Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 12 at the funeral home.

History
Ginger was born July 5, 1935 in Gainesville. She graduated from Gainesville High School and married Alfred Earnest Latham on November 26, 1953. Mrs. Latham was totally devoted to God and her family – these were at the center of her life for its entirety. She was very close to her sisters and her door was always open to extended family. Mrs. Latham was a member of Grand Avenue Baptist Church and served on the Bereavement Committee. She loved the mountains, vacationing in Colorado, and Country and Bluegrass music.

Mrs. Latham was preceded in death by: husband of 58 years, Alfred Earnest Latham; mother Edna Pearl (Fox) Kitchens; son Michael Latham; and sisters Norma Price, Arlie Bell Flusche, Norene Blakely, and Zeddie Shuppert.

Survivors
Survivors include: daughter Joaneta Cayce of Irving; son Marc Latham and wife Gina of Lewisville; son Kevin Latham and wife Desiree of Corinth; 11 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; sister Audra Harmon of Whitesboro; and brother-in-law Jimmy Latham and wife Melinda of Athens.

Donations
Memorial Contributions may be made to the Dementia Society of America. You may sign the online register at www.geojcarroll.com.



Cynthia "Cindy" Carrington Fugate

Services
Cynthia "Cindy" Carrington Fugate, 61, of Saint Jo, passed away January 6, 2023 in Denton.

A memorial service is scheduled for 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 11, 2023, at Geo. J. Carroll & Son Funeral Home.

History
Cindy was born August 11, 1961 in Dallas and was raised in Cedar Hill. She graduated Cedar Hill High School before earning her Associate degree from Cooke County College. Cindy always had a special way with animals and was

particularly fond of horses. She will be remembered for her love of George Strait and her kind disposition.

Mrs. Fugate was preceded in death by her father Royal Carrington and brother Clay Carrington.

Survivors
Survivors include: husband Donald Fugate of El Paso; daughter Alissa Doyle of Georgetown; mother Pat Gray of Saint Jo; and sister Annette Carrington of Saint Jo.

Donations
Memorial contributions may be made to the PKD Foundation (Polycystic Kidney Disease). You may sign the online register at www.geojcarroll.com.



James Wayne Jones

Services
The family of James Wayne Jones will receive friends 1:00-2:00pm Wednesday, January 18, 2023 at the Geo. J. Carroll & Son Funeral Home located at 602 Lindsay Street, Gainesville, TX 76240. The funeral service will be held immediately after the visitation at 2:00pm in the chapel followed by burial at Valley View Cemetery located at I-35 North Frontage Road Valley View, Texas 76272.

History
James Wayne Jones was a man of Godly principle, faithfully serving God Almighty throughout his life, and devoted to his family. Humble and extremely reserved, incredibly strong, wonderfully loving of all people, he was always welcoming. He always cared about others, and was a calming presence in life's storms. He married Elnora Christine Jones on November 30, 1957 in Irving, Texas. He passed away on January 13, 2023 after a courageous battle against cancer in Valley View, Texas. Born on August 14, 1936 in Dallas, Texas to parents J.S. Jones and Elsie Lorene Gravelly Jones, very early in his youth, James dedicated his life to serving the Lord Jesus Christ and sharing the Gospel with everyone he came into contact with, demonstrated by his actions and his few words. He served in multiple capacities in the church, from a member to an elder leader. Every job he did for the Lord God Almighty was of utmost importance and he successfully accomplished them all. For many years, he was the song service leader at First Assembly of God church in Sanger, Texas which he faithfully attended for over 50 years.

After graduating high school in 1954, he went to work for Magnolia Oil Company (Mobil) as a field surveyor. In 1959, he was drafted into the US Army where he served as a Signal Corps Communications Non-Commissioned Officer in the 7th Infantry Division, 7th Aviation Company along the DMZ in the Republic of South Korea. After honorably serving his country, he separated from the US Army, returning to work for Mobil Oil Corporation. Then, after working 38 years for Mobil Oil Corporation he retired as a oil exploration senior supervisor in 1993 to spend more time at his home in Valley View, Texas with his wife, Elnora "Christine" Jones, whom he doted upon with love, honor and care.

James loved the outdoors, just being outside in God's wonderful creation was a daily blessing for him. He delighted in the outdoors, fishing, camping, hunting, exploring as well as enjoying walking around his property. Throughout the years, his garden produced many varieties of vegetables which made meals wonderfully delicious. His woodworking abilities were well known, he hand-built beautiful picture frames for family members, as well as numerous trellis's for mom's flowers and for other family members too. He had incredible mechanical skills, able to repair just about anything mechanical. It was truly amazing what he could do and he kept everything maintained in operational condition. It was truly amazing how skillful he was. He was truly a jack of all trades.

Survivors
James' family, which he loved and constantly prayed over, is a legacy to his reserved, Godly example which he daily demonstrated for all. Along with his wife of 65 years Christine, he is remembered by his siblings: Gary and wife Dorothy, Norman and his wife Dianne, Ronny and his wife Stacey, and sister-in-law Shirley Jones; sisters Joyce and husband Phillip Mitchell, Carol Newton, Judy and her husband Doug Neu. He is remembered by his children Jerry and his wife Myla who live in Weatherford, Texas and Sandra and her husband Mike Kelley who live in Gainesville, Texas. He is remembered by his grandchildren, Michael Zysko and his wife Bailey of Valley View, Texas, Paul Jones and his wife Erika of Cove, Arkansas, Alicia Drury and her husband Robert of Dublin, Texas, Shanna Grothe and her husband Michael of Springtown, Texas, Travis Arnold and his wife Micah of Roanoke, Texas. He's remembered by his eight great-grandchildren: David, Jeffery, Jason, Sarah, Barrett, Gwendolyn, Josephine and Mason; numerous nieces and nephews, plus innumerable friends and church family.

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What the Democratic Trifecta Hath Wrought



By Michael Barone

America has just exited a biennium of Democratic trifecta -- control by the nation's and the world's oldest political party of the White House and majorities in the Senate and House of Representatives. It is only the third such biennium in the last 40 years, since 1993-95 and 2009-11, the first two years of the Clinton and Obama administrations.

It was a rare opportunity, then, for the party in an era going back most of a cen-

tury when divided government has been the norm. How did the Democrats do?

Macroeconomically, the verdict is mixed -- a disappointing result for a party that once enjoyed a reputation gained in the 1930s for economic stimulus and redistribution. It's plain that Democrats applied too much stimulus and disappointingly little redistribution. They doubled down on Trump administration stimulus spending and would have gone further but for two senators' rejection of the Build Back Better bill.

One result was not just transitory but persistent inflation that, previous experience suggests, may take years of slow growth to staunch. Another result was reduced workforce participation, particularly among men, as compared to pre-COVID years.

One consequence is slow-

er economic growth, even with historically low unemployment rates. And male idleness seems correlated with increased substance abuse, physical and mental health problems and reduced life expectancy.

As for redistribution, economic gains in the Trump years were, for the first time in decades, greater in percentage terms for low earners than for the affluent. That's at risk now and in the next few years if the hugely increased flow of illegal immigrants, encouraged by Biden administration policy, results in newcomers undercutting Americans in job markets. It's not clear how America benefits from the perhaps 2 million illegal immigrants President Joe Biden has allowed to enter and linger in the United States, though Mexico's president just thanked him for building not 1 meter of wall.

Similarly, policies sup-

ported by the Biden administration and the Democratic Congress, and pressed forward by state and local Democratic officials, have inflicted severe damage on public sector institutions long dominated by liberals -- damage from which they have yet to recover.

Public school enrollment has fallen nationally, with the sharpest declines in states where teachers unions pushed successfully for extended lockdowns and masking and vaccination requirements.

Meanwhile, alternatives to standard and union-dominated public schools are thriving. Charter school enrollment rose sharply in the early months of the pandemic, and that growth has been sustained. And the home-schooling population has increased by 1 million students.

Instruction over computer screens not only

produced plummeting test scores, especially among children in disadvantaged homes, but it also showed parents repugnant things some schools were pushing, such as critical race theory and gender identity politics.

No part of American society is more tightly controlled by the politically correct than higher education. And "controlled" is the right word for colleges and universities that have more administrators than teachers.

COVID gave them excuses to bully students -- adults, legally -- with unneeded masking and vaccination requirements. Ever since, college and university enrollment has been in decline. It hasn't even been revived by the Biden student loan forgiveness program -- an example of upward economic redistribution.

Speaking of which, the

public health agencies repeatedly disgraced themselves during the COVID pandemic. The Centers for Diseases Control and Prevention waddled in late with COVID tests, failed to conduct useful research and took dictation from teachers unions on school restrictions. Recent Twitter revelations have shown how public health authorities tried to squelch the fact that COVID infection conferred immunity comparable or superior to vaccination.

And no part of the public sector has been more grievously damaged than mass transit. Office buildings emptied out during the pandemic in the densest downtowns, and they have not been refilled. Mass transit ridership is thus running about two-thirds of 2019 levels in New York, which accounts for half of American transit users, and in the five other systems (Boston, Philadelphia, Chicago, San Francisco and perpetually mismanaged Washington), which account for most of the rest. Commercial real estate operators, a canny lot, will adjust to high vacancy levels, often through bankruptcy. But it's hard to see how state and local transit agencies, even with some temporary funding from 2021-22 Biden Democrats, can maintain anything like current service.

So while private entrepreneurship may be thriving, as analyst Joel Kotkin argues, the Biden Democrats, who came to power determined to show that government can solve problems, have done quite a bit to prove the opposite.

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Biden's Border Policies: Better but Not Good Enough



By Froma Harrop

Joe Biden has done so many things well -- saving Ukraine, confronting China, signing a bipartisan gun control bill. And in a week of right-wing crazytown, he stood out as a comforting keeper of stability.

But there's one thing he hasn't gotten right: curbing the chaos at the border. The problem isn't just the policies themselves, which are a mixed bag. It's the messaging. It's the air of apology when he does something real to stop illegal border crossing. He seems afraid to displease some progressives in his party who think anyone poor should get in.

Biden's repeated vows for a "humane" process sound

good. The reality, however, is that a gentle approach is hard to maintain when thousands of migrants are surging across one's border.

Canada and Australia have big, generous immigration programs, but neither tolerates breaking of the laws nor do they express any guilt over their strict enforcement. It can be argued that their systems are more humane because clear rules dissuade dangerous attempts to get around them. This said, Democrats should not have the border mess hanging around their necks and not Republicans' as well. Polls show most Democrats want an orderly immigration system. And Republicans continually stymie serious efforts to get there.

It happens that illegal immigration to this country hit a 50-year low, not under Donald Trump, but under Barack Obama. Identity activists accused Obama of being "deporter in chief," but he persisted. Biden must learn to hang tough against inevitable sniping from a vocal minority on his side.

In 2013, a bipartisan Sen-

ate passed an immigration reform bill that would have required all employers to electronically verify a new hire's right to work in this country while legalizing the status of many undocumented migrants. Obama's strenuous enforcement program may have been intended to calm concerns that the legislation would be just another amnesty.

The bill would have also passed the House with Democratic and significant Republican support. But then-Speaker John Boehner refused to put it up for a vote because a majority of Republicans were not willing to vote yes. And so America to this day does not have a federal law mandating that all employers use E-Verify, the electronic system that could have greatly weakened the economic magnet that draws most of the illegal entrants.

When President Trump was asked whether he would support a national law requiring E-Verify for all new hires, he said no. It would be too "tough" for farmers. Other Republican big-mouths on border security have similarly preserved

that access to cheap illegal labor.

Gov. Ron DeSantis signed a bill that requires only state government and large Florida businesses to check the immigration status of job applicants. Left out were the very industries heavily dependent on illegal workers: restaurants, hotels, maintenance companies and so on.

Texas Gov. Greg Abbott signed an even sneakier bill. It forces only state agencies and institutions of higher learning to use E-Verify. In other words, almost nobody. When border hawks called on him to expand E-Verify for all private employers in Texas, Abbott went limp. Rather than taking real steps, he puts on little shows, like depositing lightly dressed asylum seekers in Washington on a freezing Christmas Eve.

Biden has gotten tougher. He has added 300 new Border Patrol officers and just made it easier to turn back unauthorized migrants who just show up at the border. And he's keeping for now Title 42, a pandemic-era measure that lets migrants seeking asylum be quickly

turned away.

Of course, we can restore order. But that will require breaking up the marriage of cheap-labor Republicans and diversity Democrats. Biden should push harder for that and hold the apologies.

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To the Editor,

Texas Monthly Magazine gave Austin the 2022 "Bum Steer" award. All of Texas has real problems. Water

management, broadband connectivity (our county spent the federal funds designated for broadband for a new sheriff radio system to crow about lowered tax rate). A cruel shortfall in mental health -- unfilled state mental health positions but no rooms for mentally ill patients (we held a mentally unstable person in our county jail for over a year with no place to send).

We are the most uninsured state (unlike Oklahoma, New Mexico or Louisiana our legislature will not put

Medicaid on the ballot). We compete for the lowest pay for school teachers, recruit our teachers from other countries. The electrical grid is unstable but on sunny/windy days we cannot sell our over-production to any US States, or Mexico for that matter.

We will complete a 16 foot wall Brownsville to El Paso, keep our 60,000 existing employees multi-billion yearly in state funds on the wall (it will change nothing, immigration is complex systemic issue). Our law says anyone over

18 can have any gun they want, carry it anywhere they want no registration/training required (changed nothing). Abortion is outlawed (changed nothing). Simple sound bite "fear" issues are gone. When will we address water, electrical power, mental health, homeless, healthcare, affordable housing, public education, broadband, high speed rail, highway capacity? Texas is getting a Bum Steer.

Sherman Moore
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Cooke County Junior Livestock Show Results

GAINESVILLE – The Cooke County Junior Livestock Show was held Monday, January 2 through Friday, January 6. Livestock events were held at the Cooke County Fairgrounds. FCS entries were displayed and judged at First Christian Church in Gainesville. The show was established to support the 4-H, FFA & FCCLA youth of Cooke County and is a Cooke County United Way partner. The following results were released by Cooke County Junior Livestock Show and will be published in two sets beginning this week. The second half of results will publish in the January 25 edition of the *The Weekly News of Cooke County*.

BREEDER
ARB - Class 1
Breed Champion – Jolie Bryson, Muenster 4-H
Brahman - Class 1
Breed Champion – Marisa Sutton-Bergman, 4-H Livestock Club
Brangus - Class 1
Breed Champion – Bailey Hartman, Muenster FFA
Santa Gertrudis - Class 1
Res. Breed Champion – Savannah Roessler, Gainesville FFA.
Santa Gertrudis - Class 2
Breed Champion – Denton Roessler, 4-H Livestock Club
Second place – Savannah Roessler – Gainesville FFA
Charolais - Class 1
Breed Champion – Brian Fuhrmann, Lindsay FFA
Polled Hereford - Class 1
Breed Champion – Kamden Crisp, Valley View FFA.
Reserve Breed Champion Camp Love – Callisburg FFA
Red Angus - Class 1
Breed Champion – Bryson Craigie, Lindsay FFA.
Red Angus - Class 2
Res. Breed Champion – Bryson Craigie, Lindsay FFA
Shorthorn - Class 1
Breed Champion – Kanin Crisp, Valley View FFA
Res. Breed Champion – Arlie Bayer, Lindsay 4-H.
Shorthorn - Class 2
First place – Katelyn Murphy, Gainesville FFA
Second place – Ryder Gann, Muenster FFA
Shorthorn Class 3
First place – Joseph Fisher, Lindsay 4-H
Main Anjou - Class 1
Res. Breed Champion,

Bryce Martin, Gainesville FFA
Main Anjou - Class 2
Breed Champion – Gavin Anderle, Lindsay FFA
Chianina - Class 1
Res. Breed Champion – Elyssa Clark, Valley View FFA
Breed Champion – Caylee Cheaney, Lindsay 4-H
Simmental - Class 1
Breed Champion – Kora Bayer, Lindsay 4-H
Simmental - Class 2
Res. Breed Champion – Hailey Peterson, Era FFA
Second place – Julissa Medina, Gainesville FFA
Simmental - Class 3
First place – Kari Bayer, Lindsay 4-H
Commercial Heifer - Class 1
Breed Champion – Marisa Sutton-Bergman, 4-H Livestock Club
Longhorns - Class 1
First place – Brody Fritz, Muenster FFA
Second – Rhett Walterschied, Muenster FFA
Grand Champion Heifer – Caylee Cheaney - Lindsay 4-H
Reserve Champion Heifer – Kamden Crisp - Valley View FFA
Jr. Showmanship Champion – Ella Rauschuber - 4-H Livestock Club
Sr. Showmanship Champion – Elyssa Clark - Valley View FFA
DAIRY
Dairy - Class 1
1 - Camillus Bayer, Lindsay 4-H
3 - Julia Fuhrmann, Lindsay 4-H
2- Levi Fuhrmann, Lindsay 4-H
4 - Ariana Bayer, Lindsay 4-H
Dairy - Class 2
3 - Nate Becker, Lindsay 4-H
1 - Konrad Bayer, Lindsay 4-H
2 - Ryder Gann, Muenster FFA
Dairy - Class 3
4 - Anna Marie Becker, Lindsay 4-H
1 - Rita Becker, Lindsay 4-H
2 - Heidi Becker, Lindsay 4-H
3 - Justin Dill, Lindsay 4-H
Grand Champion Dairy Heifer - Konrad Bayer - Lindsay 4-H
Reserve Champion Dairy Heifer - Rita Becker - Lindsay 4-H
Jr. Showmanship Champion - Justin Dill - Lindsay 4-H
Sr. Showmanship Champion - Anna Marie

Becker - Lindsay 4-H
EQUINE
Halter-Mares - Class 1
1-Champion Mare - Emma Clark, Rowel Rollers 4-H
2-Res. Champion Mare – Victoria Kirchman, Rowel Rollers 4-H
Halter- Geldings - Class 2
1-Champion Gelding – Rosemary Hartman, Rowel Rollers 4-H
2-Res. Champion Gelding – Charlotte Rondon, Rowel Roller 4-H
3-Eleanor Hartman, Rowel Rollers 4-H
4-Madeline Neu, Lindsay FFA
Sr. Western Showmanship
1-Madeline Neu, Lindsay FFA
Sr. Ranch Showmanship
1-Eleanor Hartman, Rowel Rollers 4-H
2-Emma Clark, Rowel Rollers 4-H
3- Charlotte Rondon, Rowel Rollers 4-H
4-Rosemary Hartman, Rowel Rollers
Sr. Western Horsemanship
1-Madeline Neu, Lindsay FFA
Sr. Ranch Horsemanship
1-Rosemary Hartman, Rowel Rollers 4-H
2-Charlotte Rondon, Rowel Rollers 4-H
3-Eleanor Hartman, Rowel Rollers 4-H
Sr. Western Pleasure
1-Madeline Neu, Lindsay FFA
Sr. Ranch Pleasure
1-Rosemary Hartman, Rowel Rollers 4-H
2-Eleanor Hartman, Rowel Rollers 4-H
3-Charlotte Rondon, Rowel Rollers 4-H
Sr. Trail
1-Madeline Neu, Lindsay FFA
Jr. Ranch Trail
1-Victoria Kirchman, Rowel Rollers 4-H
Sr Ranch Trail
1-Eleanor Hartman, Rowel Rollers 4-H
2-Rosemary Hartman, Rowel Rollers 4-H
3-Charlotte Rondon, Rowel Rollers 4-H
FCS
Art - Drawing-black and white
Grand Champion, Class Champion- Heidi Becker, Lindsay 4-H Class Champion, blue ribbon
Sarah Samek, Valley View 4-H, red ribbon
Peyton Peyrot, Era 4-H, red ribbon
Crew Davis, Valley View 4-H, red ribbon
Sydney Miller, Muenster FCCLA red ribbon
Reserve Champion, Simon Clark, Muenster 4-H Reserve Champion,


blue ribbon
Victoria Kirchman, Rowel Rollers 4-H, blue ribbon
Duwayne Schilling, Muenster 4-H red ribbon
Rebekah Gomulak, Lindsay 4-H, blue ribbon
Branton Noles, Valley View 4-H, red ribbon.
Erika Hitt, Valley View 4-H, blue ribbon.
Art-Drawing-Color
Avery Reiter, Valley View 4-H, red ribbon
Class Champion, Sarah Samek, Valley View 4-H, blue ribbon
Reserve Champion, Kenadee Jones, Gainesville FCCLA, blue ribbon
Samantha Zimmerer, Red River 4-H, red ribbon
Mary Colwell, Lindsay FCCLA, red ribbon
Portraiture
Class Champion, Sarah Samek, Valley View 4-H, blue ribbon
Opaque Painting
Reserve Champion, Alexis Wheeler, 4-H Livestock Club, blue ribbon
Duwayne Schilling, Muenster 4-H, blue ribbon.
Reserve Grand Champion, Class Champion, Trista Griffith, Valley View FCCLA
Keli Cox, Lindsay FCCLA, red ribbon
Reagan Swaney, Lindsay FCCLA red ribbon
Joshua Zimmerer Jr, Red River 4-H red ribbon
Transparent Painting

Rachael Schneider, Valley View 4-H, blue ribbon
Baylie Busby, Muenster FCCLA, red ribbon
Class Champion, Della Hartman, Rowel Rollers 4-H, blue ribbon
Madelyn Williams, Lindsay 4-H, blue ribbon.
Krista Bayer, Muenster FCCLA, red ribbon.
Reserve Champion, Althea Acayan, Muenster FCCLA, blue ribbon
Nate Becker, Lindsay 4-H, blue ribbon
Mix Media - 2D
Class Champion, Heidi Becker, Lindsay 4-H, blue ribbon
Mix Media - 3D
Class Champion, Victoria Kirchman, Rowel Rollers 4-H, blue ribbon
Clothing - Pajama shorts/pants
Class Champion, Alana Sharp, 4-H, blue ribbon
Reserve Champion, Callie Sharp, Lindsay 4-H, blue ribbon
Clothing - Blouse or Shirt
Reserve Champion, Class Champion Clothing - Raegan A. Neu, Lindsay 4-H
Clothing - Dress, Casual
Reserve Champion, Addison Wilkinson, Lindsay 4-H, blue ribbon
Samantha Zimmerer, Red River 4-H blue ribbon
Class Champion, Raegan A Neu, Lindsay 4-H, blue ribbon
Clothing - Dress, Formal
Class Champion, Grand Champion, Raegan A Neu, Lindsay 4-H, blue

ribbon
Clothing - Specialty/Costume/Uniform
Alexis Wheeler, 4-H Livestock Club, red ribbon
Clothing - Recycle/redesign
Class Champion, Kennedy J Neu, Lindsay 4-H, blue ribbon
Zoe Gibson, Valley View FCCLA, red ribbon
Creative Arts - Fleece
Brooklyn Sterling, Callisburg FCCLA, red ribbon
Class Champion - Ariana Bayer, Lindsay 4-H, blue ribbon
Reserve Champion, Callie Sharp, Lindsay 4-H, blue ribbon
Julia Fuhrmann, Lindsay 4-H, blue ribbon
Levi Fuhrmann, Lindsay 4-H, blue ribbon
Creative Arts - Housing Accessories
Class Champion - Raegan A Neu, Lindsay 4-H, blue ribbon
Miranda White, Courageous Canines 4-H, red ribbon
Creative Arts - Wreath and Flower Arrangements
Savannah Hill, Muenster FCCLA, blue ribbon
Chanlin Smith, 4-H Livestock Club, blue ribbon
Reserve Champion - Taylor Laceyfield, Lindsay 4-H, blue ribbon
Erika Hitt, Valley View 4-H, blue ribbon
Alana Sharp, Lindsay 4-H, blue ribbon
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New Assistant DA - District Attorney John Warren is proud to welcome Austin Caldwell as an Assistant District Attorney for the Cooke County District Attorney's Office. Austin is a graduate of Callisburg High School. He received his Bachelor Degree from the University of Houston and his law degree from Oklahoma City University. Prior to joining the office, Austin worked for Stange Law Firm in Oklahoma City. Pictured left to right are District Attorney John Warren, Assistant District Attorney Austin Caldwell, and First Assistant District Attorney Eric Erlandson. (Courtesy Photo)



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Gainesville Police Receive Reports

GAINESVILLE – Gainesville Police Department received the following incident reports.

Possession of a controlled substance less than 400 grams was reported in the 1800 block of East Highway 82.

Theft of services less than \$100 was reported at Pizza Hut in the 700 block of North Grand Avenue.

Two citations for solicitation without a per-

mit were issued in the 700 block of South Dixon Street.

Albert Zamora reported theft less than \$100 in the 1800 block of Lawrence Street.

A citation for minor in possession of tobacco product was issued in the 4800 block of East Highway 82.

Trent Lewis Westerfield reported criminal mischief less than \$2,500 in the

1800 block of Lawrence Street.

A citation for possession of drug paraphernalia was issued in the 1500 block of North Grand Avenue.

Arrest Log

Michael T. Kirk, 40, theft of services less than \$100.

Cheaney D. Purvey, 26, five misdemeanor warrants.

Alex V. Jasso, 18, posses-

sion of drug paraphernalia, misdemeanor warrant.

Donald J. Healey, 50, Denton County misdemeanor warrant.

Jessica J. Gonzalez, 21, possession of marijuana less than two ounces.

Ramiro Landaros, 21, two misdemeanor warrants, possession of marijuana less than two ounces.

Joshua S. Kreager, 41, felony warrant.

Gainesville PARD Readies for Kid Fish

GAINESVILLE – The Gainesville Parks and Recreation Department will be hosting the 18th annual Kid's Trout Fishing Derby, Saturday January 28, 2023 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00

p.m. The Trout fishing outing is for the youth, ages 16 and under. The event will be held in Keneteso Park Pond. The program's goal is to release catchable size rainbow trout in Keneteso

Park Pond and encourage the youth in Gainesville and the surrounding cities to have a chance to experience hands on fishing. The Parks and Recreation Department will have our

pond stocked with over 2,500 trout the day before the event to increase the odds of a memorable fishing experience.

This event is absolutely free for the kids and over the years our attendance has increased to over 300 participants.

Sponsorships are available to area business and individuals. This will help offset the cost of the free program for our kids. We will handout door prizes for the participants, prizes for the biggest fish, heaviest stringer, smallest fish and casting contest.

The Park & Recreation Department has two levels of sponsorship left: \$500.00 level or a \$250.00 level.

Your contribution will help offset the cost of the trout that will be purchased and for the door prizes. And your contribution will make it possible for kids in our surrounding area to experience an afternoon of quality time with their love ones and a little bit of fishing as well.

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Sentences Issued for Felony Indictments

COOKE COUNTY- The following sentences were issued for felony indictments and filed in 235th District Court.

Matthew John Fleitman, 39, was sentenced to five years probation, 15 days confinement, a \$10 fine and court costs in connection with the January 3, 2020 third degree felony offense of assault-impede breathing.

Connor Shane Nelms, 24, was sentenced to three years' probation deferred plus restitution and court costs in connection with the November 29, 2020 state jail felony offense of possession of a controlled substance less than one gram.

Ashley Nicole Klassen, 31, was convicted of the lesser included offense of possession of a controlled substance less than one gram in connection with the November 10, 2020 third degree felony offense of possession of a controlled substance less than four grams. Klassen was sentenced to six months confinement in a state jail facility plus restitution and court costs.

Shannon Dale Woodard, 52, was convicted of the June 18, 2021 third degree felony offense of unlawful possession of a firearm by a felon and was sentenced to two years suspended time, eight years confinement in a state jail facility, two years' probation and court costs.

Allisha Y. Jackson, 29, was sentenced to seven years' probation deferred and a \$1,500 fine in connection with the May 24, 2021 third degree felony offense of pro-

hibited substance in a correctional facility.

Misty Ramona Jackson, 29, was convicted of the March 3, 2022 first degree felony offense of possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver less than 200 grams and was sentenced to 18 years confinement plus restitution and court costs.

Milthon Zavala Pangagua, 27, was convicted of the May 4, 2022 state jail felony offense of driving while intoxicated with child under 15 years of age and was sentenced to two years suspended time, two years confinement in a state jail facility, five years' probation, a \$2,500 fine plus restitution and court costs.

Taylor Lee Smith, 29, was convicted of the April 12, 2022 state jail felony offense of possession of a controlled substance less than one gram and was sentenced to two years' probation deferred, a \$500 fine plus restitution and court costs.

Christopher Lee Wofford, 39, was convicted of the June 8, 2022 first degree felony offense of fraudulent use/possession of identifying information, 50 or more items and was sentenced to five years confinement in a state jail facility and court costs. Wofford was also convicted of the July 19, 2022 state jail felony offense of possession of a controlled substance less than one gram and was sentenced to one year, three months confinement in a state jail facility plus restitution and court costs.

Eva Marie Becker, 25, was sentenced to five years' probation deferred, a \$1,000 fine plus restitution and court costs in connection with the September 28, 2022 second degree felony offense of possession of a controlled substance less than 400 grand.

Randall Wayne Mayo, 55, was convicted of the September 5, 2022 first degree felony offense of possession of a controlled substance intent to deliver less than 200 grams and was sentenced to eight years confinement in a state jail facility plus restitution and court costs.

Armando Olvero-Trevino, 28, was sentenced to five years' probation deferred, a \$1,000 fine and court costs in connection with the August 1, 2022 third degree felony offense of assault family/household member impede breathing/circulation.

John Stacey Scholl, 34, was convicted of the July 7, 2022 first degree felony offense of unauthorized use of a vehicle and was sentenced to one year confinement in a state jail facility and court costs.

Cutberto Cruz, 18, was convicted of the lesser included offense of possession of marijuana less than two ounces in connection with the November 8, 2022 state jail felony of possession of a controlled substance less than one gram and was sentenced to three months, 15 days confinement in a state jail facility plus restitution and court costs.



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Cooke County Sheriff Logs Incident Reports

COOKE COUNTY – The following incidents were reported to the Cooke County Sheriff's Office.

Unlawfully carrying weapon was reported in the 500 block of I-35 northbound.

Sunmount Paving Company reported theft of petroleum products less than \$10,000 at County Road 134 and FM 371.

Kevin Shane Johnson reported theft of service less than \$30,000 in the 1200 block of Kiowa Drive East.

Possession of drug paraphernalia was reported in the 1000 block of Cumberland Trail in Valley View.

Possession of a controlled substance less than one gram was reported in the 500 block of North I-35.

Prohibited substance/item in a correctional/civil community facility was reported in the 300 block of County Road 451.

John Dwayne Beck reported forgery of an elderly individual if at trial in the 200 block of County Road 123.

Public intoxication was reported at 16 Donelson Street in Road Runner.

Dollar General in Oak Ridge reported Class C

theft at 50 County road 105.

Arrest Log

Trever W. Cooley, 22, reckless driving.

Robert Stephen Breiner, 44, driving while intoxicated (bond enhancement).

Bethany Victoria Mayo, 21, burglary of a habitation- failure to appear,

burglary of a habitation – motion to order increase bond.

Bobby Lee McBath, 59, possession of a controlled substance less than one gram, failure to appear.

Savannah Lenore Morgan, 29, possession of drug paraphernalia, failure to appear.

Gerardo Romero-Men-

dez, 17, failure to identify-giving false/fictitious information.

Tyler Daniel Canvass, 18, possession of a controlled substance less than 28 grams (bond enhancement).

James Allen Hastings II, 39, aggravated assault with deadly weapon-failure to appear.

Valley View ISD Holds Annual Award Ceremony

VALLEY VIEW - On January 3, 2023, Valley View ISD held a presentation ceremony for the Fall 2022 Eagles Above and Beyond Award recipients, Johna Gordon and Rocio Rico.

Johna Gordon is a 7th/8th grade math teacher as well as UIL coordinator for the middle school. She has been employed with the district for 2 years. Her nomination follows:

Gordon is in her second year with Valley View and has already stepped up in so many ways to make a difference for our students but also stepped up in taking on more responsibilities. Gordon has the patience that can only come from God because middle school math is a true calling. She offers tutoring after school and also allows kids to come during activity period for extra help. In addition, she has a YouTube channel that has all her lessons available for parents and students to watch. I know making those videos is extra time for her but those are a wonderful resource. This year Gordon has also taken on UIL coordinator for middle school; she has been wonderful with communication and keeping everyone up to date. Mrs Gordon has also taken over GT for middle school and I know the kids are enjoying all her activities she has been doing with them.

Gordon has been a wonderful addition to our teaching staff. She always has a fun loving attitude.

Rocio Rico is a secretary/ translator who has been employed with the district for two years. She is also a graduate of VVHS. Her nomination follows:

Rocio exemplifies the Eagles Above and Beyond mentality daily in her job. She is always available to serve as an interpreter or transcribe paperwork into Spanish for any of us. Ms. Rico took it upon herself to reach out to parents to help them fill out the beginning of the year on-

line information. These parents came up to the school when it was convenient for them and Rocio met with them to help them with the online process. We received a list of students who did not have all their paperwork completed. Rocio reached out to these parents to see

if they needed help with that paperwork. She always checks with administration before she does these things but it has been her idea to make a bridge between the school and the community, especially Spanish-speaking members. She is more than deserving of this award.

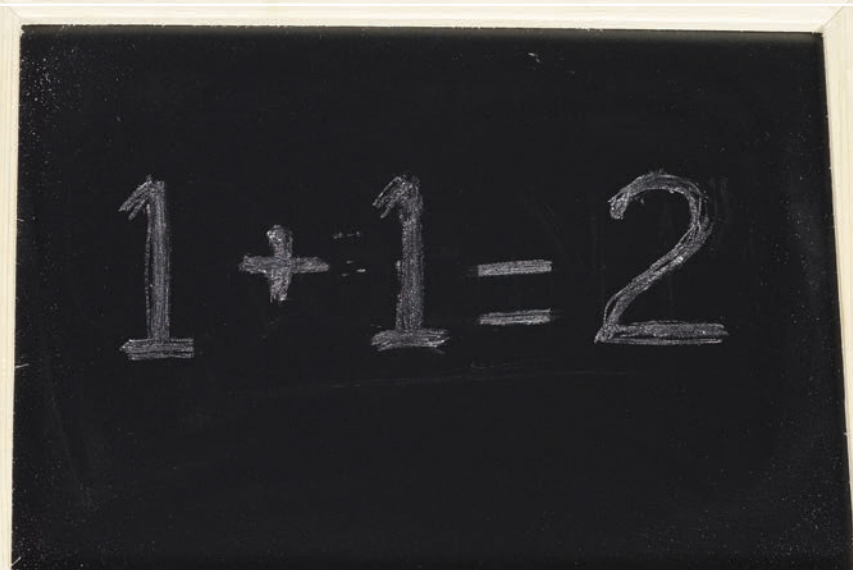


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Julia Fuhrmann, Lindsay 4-H, blue ribbon
Anna Clark, Muenster 4-H, blue ribbon
Class Champion - Cate Davis, Valley View 4-H, blue ribbon
Creative Arts – 3D Project Display
Reserve Champion - Branton Noles, Valley View 4-H, blue ribbon
Crew Davis, Valley View 4-H, blue ribbon
Levi Fuhrmann, Lindsay 4-H, blue ribbon
Class Champion - Isaiah Foraker, Lindsay 4-H, blue ribbon
Creative Arts – Food art
Class Champion - Kishilo Korson, 4-H Sharpshooters, blue ribbon
Reserve Champion - Joseph Fisher, Gainesville FCCLA, blue ribbon
Arianna Korson, 4-H Sharpshooters, blue ribbon
Creative Arts – Jewelry
Class Champion - Mary Schilling, Muenster 4-H, blue ribbon
Reserve Champion - Chanlin Smith, 4-H Livestock Club, blue ribbon
Creative Arts – Trash to treasure
Anna Marie Becker, Lindsay 4-H, blue ribbon
Grand Champion Creative Arts - Arlie Bayer, Lindsay 4-H Class Champion, blue ribbon
Reserve Champion - Nate Becker, Lindsay 4-H, blue ribbon
Kennedy J Neu, Lindsay 4-H, blue ribbon
Peyton Peyrot, Era 4-H, blue ribbon
Creative Arts – Holiday decorations
Rita Becker, Lindsay 4-H, blue ribbon
Tatum Fleitman, Lindsay FCCLA, blue ribbon
Reserve Champion - Reese Jezek, Lindsay 4-H, blue ribbon
Class Champion - Addison Wilkinson, Lindsay 4-H, blue ribbon
Creative Arts – Woodcraft
Elisha Korson, 4-H Sharpshooters, blue ribbon
Alexis Wheeler, 4-H Livestock Club, blue ribbon
Class Champion - Reserve Grand Champion Creative Arts, Conor Williams, Era 4-H, blue ribbon
Reserve Champion - Duwayne Schilling, Muenster 4-H, blue ribbon
Mikayla Hesse, Muenster FCCLA, blue ribbon
Branton Noles, Valley View 4-H, blue ribbon
Foods-Chocolate Chip Cookie
Emilie Scott, Muenster FCCLA, red ribbon
Aliyah Lewis, Callisburg FCCLA, red ribbon
Alexus Samuel, Gainesville FCCLA, red ribbon
John Jaksch, Era 4-H, red ribbon
Isabella Motomochi, Red River 4-H, red ribbon
Reserve Champion - Julia Fuhrmann, Lindsay 4-H, blue ribbon
Katie Walterscheid,

Muenster 4-H, blue ribbon
Class Champion - Elizabeth Hawkins, Lindsay FCCLA, blue ribbon
Jasmine E. Whited, FCCLA, white ribbon
Brandon Sharp, Lindsay 4-H, blue ribbon
Savannah E McNeely, Callisburg FCCLA, red ribbon
Blakely Hall, Valley View 4-H, red ribbon
Foods – Drop, sliced, shaped, rolled cookie
Jayden Buckaloo, Callisburg FCCLA, red ribbon
Isaac Reiter, Lindsay 4-H, red ribbon
Cate Davis, Valley View 4-H, red ribbon
Ava Hillis, Muenster FCCLA, blue ribbon
Alexis Wheeler, 4-H Livestock Club, white ribbon
Cole Branson, Lindsay 4-H, blue ribbon
Ella Ritchey, Valley View 4-H, blue ribbon
Reserve Champion - Leilani Land, Red River 4-H, blue ribbon
Cookie Division Champion - Macey Hawkins, Lindsay FCCLA, blue ribbon
Foods- Bar Cookie
Cookie Division Reserve Champion - Abby Noles, Valley View 4-H, blue ribbon
Rebecca Klement, Muenster FCCLA, red ribbon
Reese Jezek, Lindsay 4-H, red ribbon
Reserve Champion - Jayden Buckaloo, Callisburg FCCLA, blue ribbon
Rachel Ritchey, Valley View 4-H, blue ribbon
Addison Wilkinson, Lindsay 4-H, white ribbon
Abigail Hernandez, Callisburg FCCLA, red ribbon
Alyda Cunningham, Lindsay FCCLA, blue ribbon
Foods-Scratch Cake (single layer)
Class Champion - Emileigh Friddell, Callisburg FCCLA, blue ribbon
Callie Sharp, Lindsay 4-H, red ribbon
Brooklyn Sterling, Callisburg FCCLA, red ribbon
Reserve Champion - Melanie Jaramillo, Gainesville FCCLA, blue ribbon
Emma Clark, Muenster 4-H, blue ribbon
Foods-Scratch Cake (multi-layer)
Samantha Zimmerer, Red River 4-H, blue ribbon
Joseph Fisher, Gainesville FCCLA, blue ribbon
Cake Division Reserve Champion, Reserve Champion - Savannah E McNeely, Callisburg FCCLA, blue ribbon
Katelyn Fuhrmann, Lindsay FCCLA, blue ribbon
Class Champion, Reserve Grand Champion Food (Cake Division Champion) - Hailey King, Gainesville FCCLA, blue ribbon
Alana Sharp, Lindsay

4-H, blue ribbon
Foods-Creative Cake
Class Champion - Abby Noles, Valley View 4-H, blue ribbon
Foods- Cupcakes
Joseph Fisher, Gainesville FCCLA, blue ribbon
Levi Fuhrmann, Lindsay 4-H, blue ribbon
Emery Reiter, Valley View 4-H, red ribbon
Class Champion - Elizabeth Hawkins, FCCLA, blue ribbon
Abigail Hendley, Muenster FCCLA, white ribbon
Jenna Parkhill, Lindsay 4-H, red ribbon
Marisol Ruiz, Gainesville FCCLA, red ribbon
Lucy Klement, Muenster FCCLA, blue ribbon
Kari Bayer, Lindsay 4-H, red ribbon
Reserve Champion - Mary Gomulak, Lindsay 4-H, blue ribbon
Foods- Cake balls/Cake pops
Class Champion, Brooklyn Sterling, Callisburg FCCLA, blue ribbon
Reserve Champion, Aliyah Lewis, Callisburg FCCLA, blue ribbon
Foods-Quick Breads-Loaf
Branton Noles, Valley View 4-H, red ribbon
Callie Sharp, Lindsay 4-H, red ribbon
Jenna Parkhill, Lindsay 4-H, red ribbon
Addison Lawson, Lindsay FCCLA, blue ribbon
Taylor Sicking, Muenster FCCLA, red ribbon
Crew Davis, Valley View 4-H, blue ribbon
Denton Roessler, 4-H Livestock Club, blue ribbon
Class Champion, Reese Jezek, Lindsay 4-H, blue ribbon
Laynie Binford, Muenster FCCLA, blue ribbon
Gisselle Segura, Callisburg FCCLA, blue ribbon
Reserve Champion - Autumn Hedrick, Lindsay FCCLA, blue ribbon
Katelyn Fuhrmann, Lindsay FCCLA, red ribbon
Foods-Quick Breads-Muffin
Reserve Champion - Jacy McCartney, Callisburg FCCLA, blue ribbon
Class Champion, Bread Division Reserve Champion - Abigail Hernandez, Callisburg FCCLA, blue ribbon
Brandon Sharp, Lindsay 4-H, red ribbon
Elizabeth Hawkins, Lindsay FCCLA, blue ribbon
Foods-Yeast Breads
Jordan Woods, Callisburg FCCLA, white ribbon
Savannah E McNeely, Callisburg FCCLA, blue ribbon
Audry Colwell, Lindsay FCCLA, red ribbon
Sam Lockhart, Muenster FCCLA, red ribbon
Kennedy J Neu, Lindsay 4-H, blue ribbon
Alyda Cunningham, Lindsay FCCLA, blue ribbon
GRAND CHAMPION FOOD

(Bread Division Champion), Class Champion - Cole Branson, Lindsay 4-H, blue ribbon
Joan Schilling, Muenster 4-H, blue ribbon
Reserve Champion - Gisselle Segura, Callisburg FCCLA, blue ribbon
Grace Beedle, Era 4-H, blue ribbon
Foods- Biscuit/Scones
Reserve Champion - Anna Clark, Muenster 4-H, blue ribbon
Class Champion - Cate Davis, Valley View 4-H, blue ribbon
David Samek, Valley View 4-H, red ribbon
Foods-Traditional pastry pies
Arianna Korson, 4-H Sharpshooters, red ribbon
Reserve Champion - Joan Schilling, Muenster 4-H, blue ribbon
Class Champion - Macey Hawkins, Lindsay FCCLA, blue ribbon
Foods-Other pie pastry
Jacy McCartney, Callisburg FCCLA, red ribbon
Class Champion - Emileigh Friddell, Callisburg FCCLA, blue ribbon
Foods-Candy
Class Champion - Meadow Walterscheid, FCCLA, blue ribbon
Macey Hawkins, Lindsay FCCLA, blue ribbon
Callie Sharp, Lindsay 4-H, blue ribbon
Mary Schilling, Muenster 4-H, red ribbon
Emily Meinen, Valley View FCCLA, red ribbon
Reserve Champion - Braxton Fine, Era 4-H, blue ribbon
Emileigh Friddell, Callisburg FCCLA, red ribbon
Foods-Food Preservation
Arlie Bayer, Lindsay 4-H, red
Cole Branson Foods 16 - Food preservation Lindsay 4-H red
Katelyn Fuhrmann, Lindsay FCCLA, white ribbon
Simon Clark, Muenster 4-H, red ribbon
Joseph Fisher, Lindsay 4-H, red ribbon
Class Champion, Misc Food Division Champion - Joanna Reiter, Lindsay 4-H, blue ribbon
Reserve Champion - Kennedy J Neu, Lindsay 4-H Reserve, blue ribbon
Macey Hawkins, Lindsay FCCLA, blue ribbon
Foods-Dehydrated food
Misc. Food Division Reserve Champion, Class Champion - Peyton Peyrot, Era 4-H, blue ribbon
Reserve Champion - Joseph Fisher, Lindsay 4-H, blue ribbon
Anna Warren, Muenster FCCLA, blue ribbon
Parker Rhoades, Callisburg FCCLA, red ribbon
Foods-Modified Recipe
Class Champion - Erika Hitt, Valley View 4-H, blue ribbon
Kenadee Jones, Gainesville FCCLA, red ribbon
Reserve Champion - Eli Walterscheid, Muenster 4-H, blue ribbon
Madelyn Williams, Lindsay 4-H, red ribbon
Photography-Animals-Domestic
Marisa Sutton-Bergman, 4-H Livestock Club, red ribbon
Simon Clark, Muenster 4-H, blue ribbon
Emma Clark, Muenster 4-H, red ribbon
Abby Noles, Valley View 4-H, blue ribbon
Charlotte Rondon, Rowel Rollers 4-H, red ribbon
Savannah E McNeely,

Callisburg FCCLA, red ribbon
Kenneth Scoggin, Valley View 4-H, red ribbon
Peyton Peyrot, Era 4-H, blue ribbon
Anna Clark, Muenster 4-H, red ribbon
John Jaksch, Era 4-H, red ribbon
Class Champion - Eli Neu, Lindsay 4-H, blue ribbon
Conor Williams, Era 4-H, blue ribbon
Emily Meinen, Valley View FCCLA, red ribbon
Reserve Champion - Payton Smith, Callisburg FCCLA, blue ribbon
Julia Fuhrmann, Lindsay 4-H, red ribbon
Rosson Smith, 4-H Livestock Club, blue ribbon
Ryleigh Jezek, Lindsay FCCLA, blue ribbon
Addison Wilkinson, Lindsay 4-H, blue ribbon
Emma Baker, Lindsay FCCLA, red ribbon
Levi Fuhrmann, Lindsay 4-H, red ribbon
Madelyn Williams, Lindsay 4-H, blue ribbon
Rhealyn Bridwell, Red River 4-H, blue ribbon
Photography-Animals-Wildlife
Kenneth Scoggin, Valley View 4-H, blue ribbon
Class Champion - Conor Williams, Era 4-H, blue ribbon
Reserve Champion - Rachel Ritchey, Valley View 4-H, blue ribbon
Keli Cox, Lindsay FCCLA, red ribbon
Della Hartman, Rowel Rollers 4-H, red ribbon
Brandon Sharp, Lindsay 4-H, red ribbon
Isabella Motomochi, Red River 4-H, red ribbon
Alexis Wheeler, 4-H Livestock Club, blue ribbon
Alana Sharp, Lindsay 4-H, blue ribbon
Addison Wilkinson, Lindsay 4-H, blue ribbon
Photography-Details and Macro
Della Hartman, Rowel Rollers 4-H, blue ribbon
Madison Riley, Lindsay FCCLA, blue ribbon
Reserve Champion - Eli Neu Photography, Lindsay 4-H, blue ribbon
John Jaksch, Era 4-H, red ribbon
Callie Sharp, Lindsay 4-H, red ribbon
Class Champion - Lincoln Idleman, Lindsay 4-H, blue ribbon
Photography-Dominant Color
Reserve Champion - Madison Riley, Lindsay FCCLA, blue ribbon
R E S E R V E GRAND CHAMPION PHOTOGRAPHY, Class Champion - Raegan A Neu, Lindsay 4-H, blue ribbon
Alana Sharp, Lindsay 4-H, blue ribbon.
Photography-Elements of Design
Joseph Fisher, Lindsay 4-H, blue ribbon
Abby Brennan, Lindsay FCCLA, blue ribbon
Chanlin Smith, 4-H Livestock Club, blue ribbon
Class Champion - Jennifer Brandle, Lindsay FCCLA, blue ribbon
Reserve Champion - Mary Colwell, Lindsay FCCLA, blue ribbon
Photography – Enhanced
John Jaksch, Era 4-H, blue ribbon
Class Champion, Grand Champion Photography - Caylee Cheaney, Lindsay 4-H, blue ribbon
Madison Riley, Lindsay FCCLA, blue ribbon
Heidi Becker, Lindsay 4-H, red ribbon

Eli Neu, Lindsay 4-H, red ribbon
Reserve Champion - Lincoln Idleman, Lindsay 4-H, blue ribbon
Isaac Reiter, Lindsay 4-H, red ribbon
Kenlea Reaves, Lindsay 4-H, red ribbon
Photography – Food
Ella Ritchey, Valley View 4-H, red ribbon
Class Champion - Lincoln Idleman, Lindsay 4-H, blue ribbon
Simon Clark, Muenster 4-H, red ribbon
Reserve Champion - Elliegh Friddell, Callisburg FCCLA, blue ribbon
Chanlin Smith, 4-H Livestock Club, blue ribbon
Photography – Landscape/Nature
Callie Sharp, Lindsay 4-H red ribbon
Savannah E McNeely, Callisburg FCCLA red ribbon
Anna Clark, Muenster 4-H, red ribbon
Mary Gomulak, Lindsay 4-H, red ribbon
Class Champion - Conor Williams, Era 4-H, blue ribbon
Ella Ritchey, Valley View 4-H, blue ribbon
Abby Brennan, Lindsay FCCLA, red ribbon
Rachel Ritchey, Valley View 4-H, blue ribbon
Madison Riley, Lindsay FCCLA, blue ribbon
Rhealyn Bridwell, Red River 4-H, white ribbon
Rosson Smith, 4-H Livestock Club, blue ribbon
Jordan Woods, Callisburg FCCLA, red ribbon
Jennifer Brandle, Lindsay FCCLA, red ribbon
Leilani Land, Red River 4-H, blue ribbon
Kenneth Scoggin, Valley View 4-H, red ribbon
Eleanor Hartman, Rowel Rollers 4-H, red ribbon
Emma Clark, Muenster 4-H, blue ribbon
Simon Clark, Muenster 4-H, blue ribbon
Levi Fuhrmann, Lindsay 4-H, white ribbon
Elisha Korson, 4-H Sharpshooters, blue ribbon
Anthony Schad, Muenster 4-H, red ribbon
Charlotte Rondon, Rowel Rollers 4-H, white ribbon
Addison Lawson, Lindsay FCCLA, white ribbon
Elliegh Friddell, Callisburg FCCLA, white ribbon
Nate Becker, Lindsay 4-H, white ribbon
Mary Colwell, Lindsay FCCLA, white ribbon
Reserve Champion - Autumn Hedrick, FCCLA, blue ribbon
Emma Mauldin, Lindsay FCCLA, blue ribbon
Photography – Motion/Action
John Jaksch, Era 4-H, blue ribbon
Kenneth Scoggin, Valley View 4-H, red ribbon
Erika Hitt, Valley View 4-H, blue ribbon
Reserve Champion - Lincoln Idleman, Lindsay 4-H, blue ribbon
Class Champion - Eli Neu, Lindsay 4-H, blue ribbon
Abby Noles, Valley View 4-H, red ribbon
Chanlin Smith, 4-H Livestock Club, red ribbon
Isabella Motomochi, Red River 4-H, red ribbon
Photography – Night
Class Champion - Erika Hitt, Valley View 4-H, blue ribbon
Abby Brennan, Lindsay FCCLA, red ribbon
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will receive a unique 8 x 10 picture of the event and you will be thanked as well in our local pa-

pers. If your Business can pick it up and hang the banner the day of the event.
To become a sponsor or

for any questions, please contact Hayley Skinner with Gainesville Parks & Recreation at 940-284-1736 or email hskinner@cogtx.org.

Obituaries

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He was truly a blessing to everyone who knew him. James was preceded in death by his parents J.S. Jones and Elsie Jones, and by his dear brother Leslie Earl Jones.

You may sign the online register at www.geojcarroll.com.

Paul L. Bentley

Services

Paul Lynn Bentley, 81, of Gainesville, TX, passed away January 6, 2023 at his home in Gainesville surrounded by his family and two loyal dogs.

A memorial service is scheduled for 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, January 12, 2023, at Crossroads Baptist Church. A time of visitation will begin at 10:00 a.m.

History

Mr. Bentley was born August 26, 1941 in Gainesville. He graduated from Newsome Dougherty Memorial High School and served in the U.S. Air Force. Mr. Bentley operated his family's grocery store, Bentley's Food Mart, then worked at Scivally's Grocery for many years before retiring in 2020. His favorite aspect of his career in the grocery business was his interaction with the public and clientele. Mr. Bentley enjoyed caring for his animals over many years and his family's vacations to Galveston Island.

Mr. Bentley was preceded in death by: parents Luther and Hazel (Reeves) Bentley; and brother Gary Bentley.

Survivors

Survivors include: wife Connie (Idell) Bentley of Gainesville; daughter Sheri Stockwell and husband Phillip of Gainesville; daughter Lauri Bryan and husband Jeff of Gainesville; 12 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and sister Diane Burleson of Denton.

Donations

Memorial contributions may be made to Noah's Ark Animal Shelter or the Parkinson's Foundation.

You may sign the online register at www.geojcarroll.com.

Ritta Marlene Fields

Services

Marlene Fields, 97, of Whitesboro, passed away January 11, 2023 at her home in Whitesboro surrounded by her family.

A graveside service is scheduled for 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 14, 2023 at Oakwood Cemetery, Whitesboro. The family will receive friends from 5:30 to 6:30 on Friday, January 13 at Geo. J. Carroll & Son Funeral Home, Gainesville.

History

Marlene was born August 30, 1925 in Delaware Bend to M.D. Sissney and Bessie Stowers Sissney. She graduated from Whitesboro High School in 1942 and married Sherman Scott Fields on July 18 of that year. They raised three children during their 52 years of marriage before Sherman's passing in 1994.

Mrs. Fields was a key punch operator for UCLA in Los Angeles, CA and she retired from Baldwin Park School District in 1976. She was extraordinary at crocheting and cooking. Mrs. Fields enjoyed gardening and doing puzzles. She loved to ride her lawn mower and was known for keeping an immaculate yard. In recent years she treasured the time she was able to spend with her beloved sisters. Mrs. Fields was the matriarch of her family and she held that title proudly.

Survivors

Survivors include: daughter and son-in-law Joyce and Dean Reed of Whitesboro; son Stanley Fields of Whitesboro and partner Charlotte Henry; grandchildren Beryl Reed, Joe and Toni Reed, Penny Reed, Steven Fields, and Laura and Joe Meek; great-grandchildren Pepper Reed, Katheryn Long, Ashleigh Reed, Tessa Kight, Todd Fields, Jackson Reed, Connor Reed, Christa Brown, and Jace Meek; great-great-grandchild Bria and Mason; sisters Dena Underwood of Whitesboro and Nelma Underwood of Whitesboro; and numerous nieces, nephews, and friends.

Mrs. Fields was preceded in death by: parents M.D. and Bessie Sissney; husband Sherman Fields; daughter Phyllis Chapman; brothers

Phelan Sissney and Homer Sissney; and sister Joan Underwood.

The family wishes to thank Birdie Hospice in Sherman for their loving care.

You may sign the online register at www.geojcarroll.com.

Jonathan Wesley Webb

Services

Funeral Service for Jonathan Wesley Webb will be Saturday, Dec. 31, 2022 at First Baptist Church Gainesville, TX. Officiating: Randall Templin - Pastor First Baptist Church of Sunset TX. Interment: Swisher Cemetery, Lake Dallas. Arrangements By: Meador Funeral Home - Gainesville

History

Jonathan Wesley Webb - 38, Known by all as "JON" was born to Randy Webb and Kim "Honse" Webb of Lake Dallas, on September 29th 1984 at Lewisville Hospital in Lewisville, TX. He passed away at his home in Sunset, Texas on Saturday, December 24th 2022.

From as early as three years of age, Jon knew exactly what he wanted to be... a fireman. He followed in the footsteps of his grandfather, dad and many relatives who served and are still serving communities in the Fire Service whether Volunteers or Professional.

Jon was his dad's assistant at Arch Fire Dept. in Arch New Mexico as they served that community and helped to do the maintenance on the equipment. Later the Family moved to Mountainair, NM where He joined the FD at the age of 15 as Junior Fireman and was able to even attend calls while in High School as duty-called. He really enjoyed the "getting out of class" part ... when the fire pager would sound.

After the family moved back to Texas, Jon Graduated Lake Dallas High School in 2003 and even on his class ring had the Fire Department emblem engraved on the side below his name. In 2004, he joined the Highland Village FD and served there while attending Fire Academy and began

his Paramedic Training. And then in 2005 He achieved his Goal of being on a paid Fire department and became a Paramedic on the Kennedale Fire department where he served until Dec. of 2011 as Driver-Engineer / Paramedic.

Since January of 2012, Jon has served as Firefighter / Paramedic on the Hurst Fire Department where he attained more than 15 certifications. All throughout his career, he wanted to grow in his knowledge and anytime some sort of FD training was offered he would say, "Sign Me Up".

Jon moved to Justin TX while at Kennedale and soon joined the Justin VFD where he and Angie met and served for several years together. In approx. 2016, Jon purchased property in Sunset, TX. While living there on the property in a travel trailer, He and Angie built their home. They were married on their property May 19th 2018. Their home overlooks their small lake. They had cattle, sheep, dogs, catfish, wild hogs, deer, and lots of cats. Jon's hobbies included... hunting, fishing, building, farming, time with Angie and time with family.

Jon Is Preceded In Death By: Cousin, Matthew Webb, Grandmother, Nancy Flanagan, Grandfather Bill Honse and Grandfather Wesley Webb.

Survivors

He Is Survived By: Wife - Angie (White) Webb of Sunset, Parents - Randy & Kim Webb of Callisburg, Sister - Tanya & husband Rob Schnetzer & their sons Hudson Wesley & Jericho Zane of Gainesville - Stepsons - Garrett & Chelsea White & their sons Theo & Levi of Lindale, - Brady White and Tara Nichols of Kodak, TN. Grandmother, Dolores Honse of Denton, - Grandfather - Bob Flanagan of Grapevine, (Uncles & Aunts) Rickey Webb of Lake Dallas, Butch & Yvonne Honse of Highland Village, Kevin Honse of Corinth, Sherry Honse Clearman & Dickie of Denton, Ric & Mindy Flanagan of Paradise, Paul & Tracy Fields of Grapevine, Robin Allen of Robert Lee, and many cousins...and extended family including a huge family of the Firefighter Brotherhood.

Honorary Family Members: Joe & Andi, Shari, Chris & Bea, Jack & Pam, & Clinton.

Jon will be greatly missed by all who loved & knew him... "God Speed Jon Webb... We'll Take It From Here"

Virginia Raye (Welch) Proffer

Services

A memorial service for Virginia Raye (Welch) Proffer, age 72, of Myra will be held at 10:00 AM on Saturday, January 14, 2023 at First Baptist Church of Muenster.

History

Virginia was born in Marietta, Oklahoma on November 5, 1950 to Virgil Ralph and Edith Marie (Howard) Welch.

She married Finley Randall Proffer on September 17, 1970. They moved to Myra where Virginia raised her family and lived until her passing.

Saved in 1981 at Tabernacle Baptist, she was passionate about raising her family to know Christ.

She spent most of her time taking care of her children and grandchildren. She was her grandchildren's biggest fan during sports and hardly ever missed an event.

Virginia loved her family, loved to sing, enjoyed fishing and driving during thunderstorms just to watch the lightning. She will be missed.

Survivors

She is survived by her husband: Randy Proffer; mother: Edith Welch; children: Finley Michael and wife Jane Proffer, Virgil Daniel and wife Natalie Proffer, and Samuel Robert and wife Mandi Proffer; grandchildren: Felicia Whaley, McKenna Fuller, Grace Mayhew, Faith Hassell, Anna Proffer, Hope Proffer, and Cale Proffer; great grandchildren: Alice Whaley, Amelia Whaley, and Henree Whaley; sisters: Barbara Keen, Brenda Pierce, Kathy Green, and Susan Tuggle; and brother: John Welch.

She was preceded in death by her father: Virgil R. Welch; sister: Edith Ann Clark; and brother: Virgil Eugene Welch.

Kenneth Evert Ing

Services

Kenneth Evert Ing, 75, of Gainesville, Texas was called home to a glorious reunion in Heaven on Sunday, January 8, 2022.

Funeral services honoring Kenny will be held at 2:00 PM on Tuesday, January 17, 2022 at Meador Funeral Home of Whitesboro, officiated by Rev. Joe Patterson. Interment will follow at Nelson Grove Cemetery in Woodbine. A time of visitation for family and friends will be held from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM on Monday, January 16, 2022 at the funeral home in Whitesboro.

History

Kenny was born on October 5, 1947 in Durant, Oklahoma to Charles Duke and Mary Frances (Colwell) Ing. He was a member of Legacy Pointe Baptist Church in Whitesboro. Kenny married Diane Morgan on June 2, 1978 in Gainesville, Texas. He was a loving family man who enjoyed the time he spent with his family, especially the grandchildren. He was a hardworking man who built up a wonderful following of friends and customers over the last 25 years in the Gainesville and Whitesboro Truck stops and as the owner of Poor Boys Café. He enjoyed showing horses and raising cattle.

Survivors

He is survived by his wife of 44 years, Diane Ing of Gainesville; son, Daniel Ing and wife, Georgie of Gainesville; son, John Ing and wife, Alecia of Gainesville; son, Cruz Mejia Jr. of Gainesville; daughter, Gena Fleitman and husband, Eric of Gainesville; daughter, Faith Reed of Collinsville; daughter, Brandi Ing and wife, Michaela Monson of NorthLake; grandchildren, Londyn, Trevor, Seth, Evie, Austin, Triston, Kaleb, Jessie, Corban, Luke, Kenzytin, Moses, Mark, and Jasmine, brothers, Wayne Ing, Jimmy Ing, Dean Ing and sister, Linda Dickerson, as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

Kenny was preceded in death by his parents, Charles and Frances Ing and brother-in-law, Lanny Dickerson.

To sign the online registry, please go to www.meadorfuneral.com.

Cooke County Junior Livestock Show Results

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Class Champion - Joseph Fisher, Lindsay 4-H Class Champion blue Photography - People Brandon Sharp,

King Around Town

by Grice King

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experience hands on fishing. The Parks and Recreation Department will have their pond stocked with over 2,500 trout the day before the event to increase the odds of a memorable fishing experience. This event is absolutely free for the kids and over the years the attendance has increased to over 300 participants.

Lindsay 4-H, red ribbon Addison Wilkinson, Lindsay 4-H, blue ribbon Marisa Sutton-Bergman, 4-H Livestock Club, red ribbon Connor Williams, Era 4-H, red ribbon Reagan Swaney, Lindsay FCCLA, white ribbon

Reserve Champion - Ella Ritchey, Valley View 4-H, blue ribbon John Jaksch, Era 4-H, red ribbon Kenneth Scoggin, Valley View 4-H, red ribbon

Class Champion - Eli Neu, Lindsay 4-H, blue ribbon Lincoln Idleman, Lindsay 4-H, blue ribbon

Photography - Plant-Flora Marisa Sutton-Bergman, 4-H Livestock Club, red ribbon Mary Gomulak, Lindsay 4-H, red ribbon

Audry Colwell, Lindsay FCCLA, red ribbon Reagan Swaney, Lindsay FCCLA, blue ribbon

Reserve Champion - Addison Wilkinson, Lindsay 4-H, blue ribbon Brandon Sharp, Lindsay 4-H, red ribbon Madison Riley, Lindsay

FCCLA, white ribbon Kenlea Reaves, Lindsay 4-H, red ribbon Kishilo Korson, 4-H Sharpshooters, red ribbon Lincoln Idleman, Lindsay 4-H, blue ribbon

Elliegh Friddell, Callisburg FCCLA, red ribbon Rhealyn Bridwell, Red River 4-H, red ribbon Class Champion - Rosson Smith, 4-H Livestock Club, blue ribbon Anna Clark, Muenster 4-H, blue ribbon

Eli Neu, Lindsay 4-H, red ribbon Rachel Ritchey, Valley View 4-H, red ribbon Photography - Shadows/Silhouette Reserve Champion - Alexis Wheeler, 4-H Livestock Club, blue ribbon Emma Clark, Muenster 4-H, red ribbon

Photography - Theme: My Home Town Reserve Champion - Lincoln Idleman, Lindsay 4-H, blue ribbon

Miranda White, Couragous Canines 4-H, blue ribbon Addison Wilkinson, Lindsay 4-H, blue ribbon Class Champion -

Leilani Land, Red River 4-H, blue ribbon Rhealyn Bridwell, Red River 4-H, blue ribbon Savannah E McNeely, Callisburg FCCLA, red ribbon

Mary Colwell, Lindsay FCCLA, blue ribbon Keli Cox, Lindsay FCCLA, red ribbon Audry Colwell, Lindsay FCCLA, red ribbon

Photography - Catch-all Class Champion - Eli Neu, Lindsay 4-H, blue ribbon Reserve Champion - Brandon Sharp, Lindsay 4-H, blue ribbon

Raegan A Neu, Lindsay 4-H, red ribbon Textiles - Quilting Savannah E McNeely, Callisburg FCCLA, blue ribbon

R E S E R V E CHAMPION TEXTILES, Class Champion - Raegan A Neu, Lindsay 4-H, blue ribbon Reserve

Champion - Ariana Bayer, Lindsay 4-H, blue ribbon Textiles - Stuff Animal/Doll Class Champion - Isabella Motomochi, Red River 4-H, blue ribbon

Textiles - Misc. Textiles Faith Sicking Textiles 07 - Misc Textiles Muenster FCCLA, red ribbon

Class Champion - Lupita Luna, Valley View FCCLA, blue ribbon Reagyn McGee, Valley View FCCLA, blue ribbon Alana Sharp Textiles 07- Misc. Textiles Lindsay 4-H, blue ribbon Reserve Champion - K Madi Waugh, Lindsay FCCLA, blue ribbon

GOATS Market Goats - Light Weight Division, Class 1 1- Claire Graves, Muenster FFA

2- Cooper Graves, Muenster FFA 3- Hank Hennigan, Muenster FFA

4- Debra Huchton, Muenster FFA 5- Kendra Ratliff Market, Valley View FFA

6- Eli Walterscheid, Muenster 4-H 7- Amber Clopton, Callisburg FFA

Market Goats - Light Weight Division, Class 2 1- Claire Graves, Muenster FFA

2- Cooper Cooper, Muenster FFA 3- Hank Hennigan, Muenster FFA

4- Cash Fuhrmann, Muenster FFA 5- Kinley Dangelmayr, Muenster FFA

6- Emma Walterscheid, Muenster FFA 7- Cooper Carroll, Lindsay FFA

Lt. Weight Division Champion - Claire Graves Lt. Weight Division Res. Champion - Claire Graves

Market Goats - Medium Weight Division, Class 3 1- Debra Huchton, Muenster FFA

2- Claire Graves, Muenster FFA 3- Kinley Dangelmayr, Muenster FFA

4- Maddox Sewell, Muenster 4-H 5- Kendall Ratliff, Valley View FFA

6- Finley Carroll, Lindsay FFA 7- Natalie Montoya, Gainesville FFA

8- Kyan Cain, Muenster FFA 9 - Cain, Kyan Muenster FFA

Market Goats - Light Weight Division, Class 1 1- Claire Graves, Muenster FFA

2- Cooper Graves, Muenster FFA 3- Hank Hennigan, Muenster FFA

4- Debra Huchton, Muenster FFA 5- Kendra Ratliff Market, Valley View FFA

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All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

c/o: **Derrell L. Comer**
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DATED the 10th day of January, 2023.

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STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF COOKE COUNTY COURT AT LAW

IN THE ESTATE OF HAROLD WAYNE BULL
PR18229

CITATION BY PUBLICATION

To all persons interested in the Estate of HAROLD WAYNE BULL:

On 1/9/2023, JOY BULL filed a(n) **Application to Determine Heirship** in Cause No. PR18229 in the County Court at Law of Cooke County, Texas.

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Cooke County Courthouse
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DATED the 10th day of January, 2023.

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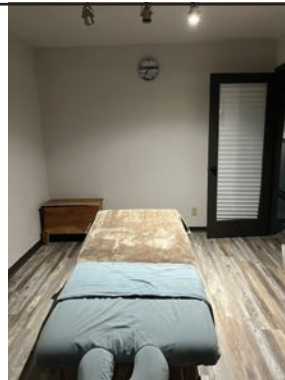
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County Works to Iron Out Kinks in its Radio Communication Upgrade

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volunteer fire departments, was set to speak with various VFDs last week to help pinpoint the cause of the problems which could include hardware issues or software issues.

"But we're in the process of collecting data for the departments in addition to some software adjustments," Hollowell said.

There are four radio communication towers in the county or twice what the county had in 2021, he said.

He also noted some change in the way messages sound is to be expected when signals are sent between the four towers.

"It's going to sound different," Hollowell noted. "But after talking to the Motorola engineers/techs, I have absolutely no reason to believe that we won't have adequate audio."

Tweaks including tower and microphone adjustments should help alleviate some of background noise during radio communications, he said.

Arendt said if the analog adjustments don't work, digital might just be a better option.

"I'm hearing if we go to digital, we won't have that garbled stuff," he said. "If we go to digital with this inventory, how many radios are we going to need? If we do that... what number is that going to be?"

Hollowell said the county must first collect the numbers and determine the cost of the radios adding he thinks "all that's

premature at this point."

The cost of the radios would be huge, Hollowell said. One hundred radios at \$2,500 each would be a quarter million dollars, he said.

"I know there's a push to go digital," he said. "Everybody wants to go digital but right now if we can make analog that works correctly, you know, we're not putting so much life at risk, my thing is we go fix our analog before we look at digital."

Hollowell also said non-operational radios and those radios that are non digital-capable should be identified but "testing" digital radios in some departments is not a sound idea.

"I personally think that would be putting the cart before the horse," Hollowell said. "I think that's trying to push us towards digital before we're financially ready."

He said if the county spends \$400,000 on its new Main Street parking lot and another \$250,000 on digital radios, the county is digging into its budget for wants rather than needs.

But digital radios could help save lives, Arendt countered.

"We have digital radios now," he said. "Every department's got some, but can we do some testing on the digital side? It might just be clear like we want it, and then look at the money and find it."

Limited use of digital radios would cause communication problems between fire departments,

Hollowell said.

"The problem is, if you start out there, [if] anybody goes digital, everybody needs to go digital... You've got some on analog. Some on digital so they can't communicate," Hollowell said.

The digital capability is available, he continued. "The issue is the number of radios," Hollowell said. "The concern is if you put a mixed breed out there, a mixed match because you've got some folks that's chomping at the bit to go test [digital], we're going to end up on fire out there. Everybody can't communicate..."

Garbled communications must be corrected, Hollowell said, adding "But I don't see us right now, we can make analog work... I don't think we're going to spend a quarter million dollars on digital radios."

Precinct 2 Commissioner Jason Snuggs said it's important to identify the number of radios required.

"Eventually, we're going to go digital on it," he said. "So, the time spent to get the numbers together is not going to be time wasted," he said. "We're going to have a plan to eventually go to that whether it's a year or five years."

He noted he joined a VFD in 2012 and EMS and the sheriff's office had already transitioned to digital.

"We will [go digital for fire departments] but I don't know that we'll get there as soon as everybody would like us to," Hollowell said.

Snuggs said the radio situation is stressful for first responders.

"I'm hearing everything what Adam [Arendt] is hearing," he said. "Hopefully within the next day or two we will have the tweaks so everyone can start seeing the difference and not be panicking about it."

"I just want to have that digital backup plan," Arendt said. "I'm not saying we're going to vote on money right now." He added money could likely be freed up from the budget to fund the radios.

"If we start moving money from some other project to fund this, then how do we backfield that project?" Hollowell said.

County Judge John Roane said he's fairly new to the county communications upgrade project but as he sees it, fire, EMS and sheriff departments should all have everything they need to conduct their business. It comes down to protecting lives and property, he said.

"To me [it] sounds like they ought to all be able to have digital," he said. "Yeah, the cost is one thing but I think, in general, the public if they knew that we were spending the money on the emergency services, I think the public would accept that."

The radio project is historically significant, Hollowell said, adding it's the third largest infrastructure investment in Cooke County in the last 18 years.

No action was taken on the radio communications project during the meeting. The item will remain on the agenda.



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Jeffrey Rhees Whitson, 24, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma and Rachel Anne Stanforth, 25, Oklahoma City.

235th District Court Cases Filed, Decided

COOKE COUNTY - The following cases were filed and decided in the 235th District Court.

Cases Filed

Katelin Mae Clayton vs.

Benjamin Scott Clayton, divorce.

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