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City approves reappointment of two to Housing Authority Board

By **DI DUNCAN**
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At the most recent meeting of the Mount Pleasant City Council, Darleen Durant told the council that Steve Martin, Executive Director of the Mt. Pleasant Housing Authority, had requested that the City approve the reappointment of Kellye Cooper and Martine Cummings to the Housing Authority Board.

Cooper currently serves as a board member, and Cummings serves as resident commissioner and member of the board. This reappointment would give Cooper and Cummings another 2-year term in these positions.

"We always appreciate the citizens that step up and agree to serve in these capacities among the different boards that we have within the city," said Mayor Pro Tem Tim Dale. "I just want to say, 'thank you,' to them for doing this."

Mayor Tracy Craig said that he sees no issue with the reappointment and opened the floor to the council members for comment. Dale motioned for approval of the reappointment, and Councilman Henry Chappell seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

County continues repairs to Justice Center

By **DI DUNCAN**
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Titus County officials are continuing repairs to the Justice Center after the building was significantly damaged during the February snowstorm. Pipes bursting in the freezing temperatures caused water damage on ceilings, floors, supplies and equipment, as well as security issues.

County Commissioners unanimously voted on February 22 to authorize Justice of the Peace, Precincts 1, 3, and 4 Steve Agan to file a claim with the Texas Association of Counties (TAC) and follow instructions with replacement of supplies and equipment as needed.

The water damage also caused mold to grow in the building, which needed to be eradicated before any other repairs took place.

On March 8, Agan presented a full scope of the damages from the winter storm to the court. Agan had been in contact with Brett Anderson from Texas Association of Counties about the claim. Agan had also begun talks with Interstate Restoration to assess and inspect the damage.

Glen Calvert from Priefert Complex Designs was present to discuss and answer any questions pertaining to upgrades to the Justice Center that are not related to damages by the winter storm.

Interstate Restoration began work on the site shortly after. According to Judge Brian Lee, the company has done a very good job.

During that meeting, a motion was made by Commissioner Fitch and seconded by Commissioner Parker to hire Calvert and Priefert Complex Designs to determine the scope of work and develop a set of plans to be put out for bid for repairs and enhancement to the Justice Center. Motion passed unanimously.

Commissioners will now decide on Monday if they will hire Priefert Complex Designs to develop

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Vandals target grounds of Titus County church, cemetery



FROM STAFF REPORTS

Titus County Sheriff's Office is seeking information from anyone with knowledge of the perpetrators who intentionally created a large number of ruts on the grounds of the Lone Star Church and Cemetery located on the 2600 block of County Road 3130. The vandals struck sometime between 5 p.m. on Tuesday, April 20, and the following morning.

"This damage is a desecration of a place where many of our resident's loved ones are laid to rest," said TCSO. "We are asking that anyone with good information regarding who is responsible for this damage to contact the sheriff's office at (903) 572-6641 and ask to speak with any deputy or investigator regarding the information."



COURTESY PHOTOS

MPHS UIL qualifies for State



The MPHS Regional Champion Speech team (L to R): Taylor Hubbs, Ryan Sharp, Connelly Cowan, Isabella Greco, Reid Pinckard, Anthony Orellana, coach Enrique Martinez

COURTESY PHOTO

The Mount Pleasant High School UIL Academic team competed at the Region 2 AAAAA UIL Academic Meet on April 16-17 with some students competing at Whitehouse High School and others competing online. Overall, MPHS is sending three students to State with three others claiming alternate spots.

The Mount Pleasant High School Speech and Debate team claimed the team Regional Championship, outscoring fifteen other teams in Region II. Individually, in Informative Extemporaneous Speaking, junior Connelly Cowan claimed the Regional Championship with senior Ryan Sharp placing 3rd, advancing them

both to the State meet. In Persuasive Extemporaneous Speaking, senior Isabella Greco placed 2nd and advanced to State with senior Reid Pinckard placing 5th and claiming a state alternate spot. And in Lincoln Douglas debate, sophomore Anthony Orellana placed 4th and is an alternate to State. MP Speech and Debate is coached by Enrique Martinez.

In Calculator Applications, senior Miguel Segura placed 4th and is a state alternate. The Math teams are coached by Osias Hernandez.

The online UIL Speech State Meet will be May 25-26.



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to define the repair and replacement of finishes inside the building and on the exterior, as well as up-grades to the Justice Center.

County Judge Brian Lee gave an update on the progress of the repairs at the most recent meeting of the Commissioners Court, saying, “I was very impressed with the work that [Interstate Restoration] did and the cleanup that was performed.” Lee also noted that there was significantly less tear-out performed than he expected.

While repairs are made and contracts are developed, county officials have been moved to other offices. Justice of the Peace Precinct 1, 3 & 4 has relocated to the NW corner first floor of the courthouse, and the constable has moved to the office adjacent to the treasurer’s office. Justice of the Peace Precinct 2 and constable have relocated to the conference rooms and jury room at the Adult Probation office.

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All Proceeds from the raffle benefit the Washington on the Brazos Historical Foundation, a nonprofit organization, existing to help preserve the rich history of the heroic actions taken by our forefathers at Washington on the Brazos with the signing of the Texas Declaration of Independence from Mexico, on March 2, 1836.

- Raffle and prize details:**
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 - The heifers will each weigh between 700-800 lbs.
 - The drawing will take place June 30, 2021---at Bar-

rington Farm, Washington on the Brazos. It will be live streamed on Facebook.

- Tickets may be purchased through the park association website, <http://wheretexasbecametexas.org/gift-shop/product/brazos-raffle-ticket/>, or by calling Ginger Moreland at 979-830-1824. Payment can be made through PayPal, credit card, checks or cash.
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Notice of meeting of the Commissioners’ Court of Titus County

Brian Lee, County Judge – 903-466-6666
Jeff Parchman, Pct. 1 – 903-573-3030
John Fitch, Pct. 2 – 903-563-2867
Dana Applewhite, Pct. 3 – 903-563-3173
Jimmy Parker, Pct. 4 – 903-573-6202

Notice is hereby given that a Special Meeting of the Commissioners’ Court of Titus County, Texas, will be held on the 26th day of April 2021 at 9:00 o’clock a.m., in the Titus County Courthouse, County Courtroom, 100 West First Street, Room 205, Mt. Pleasant, Texas 75455, at which time the following subjects will be discussed not necessarily in the order presented:

- INVOCATION
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
1. Public Comments and/or Requests for Information on Non-Agenda Items in Accordance With Section 551.042, Texas Open Meetings Act
 2. Consider and Possibly Approve Minutes from April 12th, 2021 Regular Meeting of the Commissioners’ Court
 3. Report From Commissioners Regarding Road Work Status
 4. Update on repairs and improvements to Justice

- Center including scope of work with possible action
5. Consider and Possibly Approve hiring Priefert Complex Designs to develop plans to define the repair and replacement of interior and exterior finishes as well as requested upgrades to the Justice Center with possible action to follow
 6. Discuss development of the Courthouse Annex property and consider services of an architect/planner with possible action
 7. Discuss supplement of steel toe boots for full-time Precinct road employees with possible action
 8. Consider and Possibly Decline a single bid received for a wheeled excavator for Pct. 4
 9. Consider and Possibly Approve any changes to the TCDRS Retirement Plan for 2022
 10. Consider and Possibly Approve Bank Depository Contract with Guaranty Bank & Trust
 11. Approve Oral and Written Reports of County Officials
 12. Consider and Possibly Approve Treasurer’s Report
 13. Approve Budget Amendments
 14. Sign Pay Orders and Approve Payments
 15. Closing Comments by County Judge and Commissioners, if any
- ADJOURN

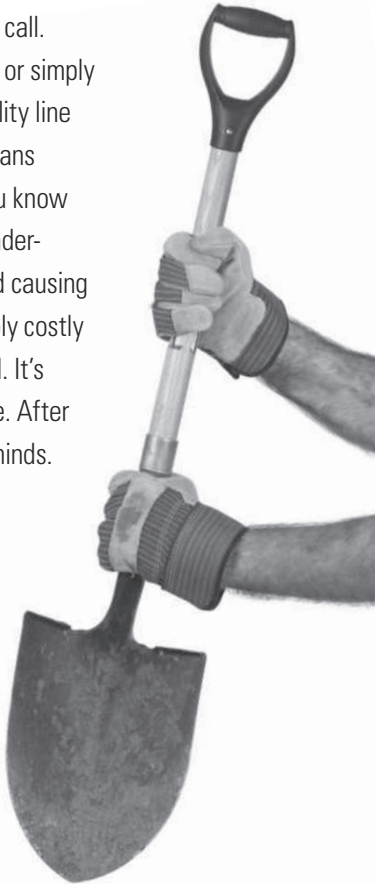
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Crime & Courts

- ### Arrests

 - BROWN, KALABE JAMES, 20 of Mt. Pleasant for ROS-UNAUTH USE OF VEHICLE X 2 and ROS-POSS CS PG 1<1G
 - THURSBY, CORNELIUS, 60 of Mt. Pleasant for BURGLARY OF VEHICLES
 - RODRIGUEZ, JORGE, 28 of Mt. Pleasant for DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED
 - FEAGIN, SHAUN, 42 of Mt. Pleasant for POSS MARIJ < 20Z and PUBLIC INTOXICATION
 - GAY, MAURICE BRYANT, 44 of Opelika AL for ASSAULT CAUSES BODILY INJ and INTERFER W/EMERGENCY REQ FOR ASSISTANCE
 - GLINTON, DORIAN CHRISTOPHER, 20 of Mt Pleasant for AGG ROBBERY
- BATTLE, QUARMONTE, 26 of Clarksville for ASSAULT BY CONTACT -FV
 - THOMAS, MICHAEL CHARLES, 65 of Mt. Pleasant for DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED
 - DYKE, BRADY JOE, 20 of Mt. Pleasant for THEFT PROP >=\$2,500<\$30K
 - PILGRIM, MICAH NICOLE, 31 of Mt. Pleasant for -FORGERY OF GOVERNMENT NAT. (MATAGORDA CO), NO FISHING LIC. WHEN REQ. (MATAGORDA CO), FTA-BAIL JUMPING (MATAGORDA CO)
 - LOZANO, JOSE MANUEL, 45 of Mt. Pleasant for FAIL TO ID FUGITIVE FROM JUSTICE, THEFT U/\$100, FTA, FAIL TO MAINTAIN FIN. RESP. (CAMP CO), TA AND BAIL JUMPING (CAMP CO),
- CPF-THEFT U/100 (CAMP CO) and NO DRIVERS LICENSE (CAMP CO)
 - QUIRARTE, ELISEO, 30 of Mt. Pleasant for DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED BAC >= 0.15
 - MORAN, KEVIN JIMENEZ JR., 21 of Mt. Pleasant for POSS MARIJ > 40Z<5LBS and -ACC. INVOLVING DAMAGE TO VEHICLE>=\$200
 - JACOBO-AARANZA, JUAN ANTONIO, 31 of Mt. Pleasant for TAMPER/ FABRICATE PHYS EVID W/ INTENT TO IMPAIR, POSS MARIJ < 20Z, and ACO DOG/CAT RUN AT LARGE (WRNT)
 - DICKERSON, TIANA JEAN, 30 of Mt. Pleasant for BENCH WARRANT
 - ZAMUDIO, EDUARDO MENA, 25 of Mt. Pleasant for MISAPP TRUST FUND >=\$500 DEFRAUD
 - HAMILTON, DESHAUN DEANDRE, 22 of Mt. Pleasant for DRUG PARAPHERNALIA/OTHER WARRANT, FAILURE TO APPEAR-CAPIAS, ASSAULT-FAMILY VIOLENCE-CAPIAS and DOC-LANGUAGE-CAPIAS

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- ### Marriages
- Jose Marcelo Chavez and Andrea Gonzalez, April 12
 - Joseph Austyn Houston Durant and Hattie Grace Mendoza, April 12
 - Francisco Rene Carbajal and Mata Roxana Rodriguez, April 12
 - Jose Miguel Gonzalez and Kenia Itzel Luevano, April 14
 - Jerry Dale Bowles and Kimberly Ann Dyke, April 16

Obituaries

MARTIN

Amy Martin, age 42, passed away on April 15, 2021 in Mt. Pleasant, TX. She was born on August 7, 1978 in Titus County to Billy Martin and Debra Whorton.

A funeral service will be held on Wednesday, April 21, 2021 at 1:00 PM at Curry-Welborn Funeral Home. There is no formal visitation scheduled. Interment to follow at Gladewater Cemetery.

Amy was a loving mother to her children, and cherished nothing more but spending time with them and her family as well as being a Daddy's Girl. She loved to read, knitting, and watching her Texas ATM Aggies football. Amy was also a member of Highland Park Baptist Church.

She is survived by her children, Jacob and Mia McCallum, Andres "Andy" and Emma Aguirre; parents, Billy Martin and Lisa Martin, Debbie and Larry Whorton; siblings, Amanda Carroll and husband Rob, Trista Davenport and husband Nathan, Shannon Dale, Rance Martin and wife Kaity, Randy Brown, Kerry Whorton and wife Jennifer, Jeff Whorton and wife Michelle, as well as numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Preceding her in death are her grandparents Paul and Doris Martin and Weldon Horn.

SIMPSON

Funeral service for Willie C. Simpson, 66, a resident of Mt. Pleasant, will be Tuesday, April 27, 2021 at 11:00 A.M. at Mt. Moriah Baptist Church, Daingerfield with Bishop C.D. Mitchell, Pastor/officiating. Burial in Forest Lawn Memorial Park, Mt. Pleasant under the direction of Tumey Mortuary, Mt. Pleasant. He was born December 1, 1954, in Fulbright, Texas and died April 18, 2021.

Public viewing will be Monday, April 26, 2021 at the funeral home from 12 pm to 6 pm. Online condolences can be left at www.tumeymortuary.com. We're politely asking all in attendance to please wear their mask and to practice social distancing.

SELF

Ella Sanford Self, age 62, passed away at her home on April 19, 2021. She was born on August 18, 1958, in Pittsburg, TX to John Wayne Sanford and Mary Sanford.

A memorial service will be held at Curry-Welborn Funeral Home on Saturday, April 24, 2021, at 11:00 A.M. with Bro. Tony Deornellis officiating. Visitation will be held 1 hour prior to the service. Honorary pallbearers will be Cody Smith, Tell Smith, Clint Collier, Joey Maples, Quincy Morton and Jake Sinclair.

Ella was married to her late husband Tift Self on April 2, 1986. She loved her animals, 5 dogs, and horses and was a barrel racer.

She is survived by her daughter Jennifer Veal and husband Waylon Koehler; granddaughter, Josie Veal; grandson, Noah Veal; sister, Kathy Jones; brother, Johnny Sanford and wife Gay; brother-in-law and sister-in-law's, Danny Smith, Mandy Smith, Bill Priefert, Shane Priefert and Amber Newman, as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

Preceding her death is her husband Tift Self, parents Mary Osburn and John Wayne Sanford.

DUNCAN

Elbridge Weldon "Sonny" Duncan passed away on April 18, 2021 in Tyler, Texas. Sonny was born on November 6, 1921 in Cass County, Texas to Elbridge Winright and Nile Elizabeth (Ball) Duncan. He graduated from Linden High School and received an Associates degree from LeTourneau Technical College.

Sonny served in the United States Navy during World War II as an Aviation Machinist Gunner Mate, flying missions over the English Channel searching for Germany submarines as a nose gunner in a B24. While on a night mission he witnessed the bombing of D-Day.

Sonny and Verda Laver Wade were married on May 26, 1945 in Hutchinson, Kansas. She preceded him in death in 2006. His youngest son, Gary Chester, also preceded him in death in 2019. He is survived by two sons, Ronny and Carol Duncan of Troup; Clifton and Glenna Duncan of McKinney, one daughter in law, Ruth Ann Duncan of Krum. Eight grandchildren, Greg and Valerie Duncan, Amy and Jason Fennell, Alan Duncan, Sarah and Kevin Parker, Brad and Amy Duncan, Scott and Hannah Duncan, Kevin and Krystal Duncan and Jason Shaddox. Fourteen great grandchildren and one great great granddaughter as well as numerous nieces and nephews.



Amy Martin



Willie C. Simpson



Ella Sanford Self

Sonny was also preceded in death by his parents, Elbridge Winright and Nile Elizabeth Duncan, two sisters, Trixie Dickson Smith, and Evelyn Taylor. Five sisters in law, Wilma Wade, Essie Earnshaw, Dene Davis, Nova Wade and Chessa Dixon. Seven brothers in law, Olean Wade, George Earnshaw, K.T. Dickson, Jeff Smith, Harold Dixon, Ray Taylor, and Hilton Davis. One grandchild, Vance Shaddox.

Sonny retired from Exxon Mobile. He was hired by Humble Oil (Exxon) as a pitcher for their company baseball team. He spent his entire career of thirty years in Talco, Texas. He enjoyed working with his cows and baling hay in his spare time. Dancing was a favorite past time. He spent many enjoyable hours traveling all over dancing with his beloved Verda. Sonny loved his family and his many friends. He was a great conversationalist who never met a stranger. He enjoyed sharing stories of his childhood and family with others. He will be missed by many.

Family will receive friends at Bates-Cooper-Sloan Funeral Home on Friday, April 23, 2021 from 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM. A funeral service will be held at Bates-Cooper-Sloan Funeral Home on Saturday, April 24, 2021 at 10:00 AM with a burial to follow at 1:00 PM at Flat Creek Cemetery in Cass County.

An online registry is available at batescoopersloanfuneralhome.com.

WHITE

Funeral Service for Eartha Lee White, 88, a resident of Mt. Pleasant, will be Wednesday, April 28, 2021, 11:00 A.M. at Greater Hope Church of God in Christ, Mt. Pleasant, with Pastor Michael Aikins Brannon, officiating and Host Pastor is Dr. Francis Rundles. Burial in Forest Lawn Memorial Park, Mt. Pleasant, under the direction of Tumey Mortuary. Mrs. White died, Tuesday, April 20, 2021.

Public viewing at the funeral home on Tuesday, April 27, 2021, from 10:00 a.m.- 6:00 p.m. Online condolences at www.tumeymortuary.com.

We're politely asking all attendees to wear their masks and to practice social distancing.



Eartha Lee White

GOHMERT

Louis Buller Gohmert was born in Cameron, Texas on January 17, 1926 to parents Louis F. Gohmert and Carrie Buller Gohmert. He grew up in Cameron and graduated from Cameron Yoe High School. He attended Texas A&M University and was a member of the Corps of Cadets, played on the Texas A&M Baseball team, and majored in Architecture. While squaring to bunt during a baseball game, an inside pitch broke his finger. With his finger in a cast, Louis was summoned by the Dean of the Architecture Department where he was offered a choice: he could play baseball or he could pursue architecture, but he could NOT do both. Seeing a brighter future for himself in Architecture, he wisely chose to spend his career designing buildings that came to life as he dreamed them.

As Louis was finishing his degree at Texas A&M, he met a young schoolteacher who had recently graduated from Baylor. He was quickly smitten and married Sue Brooks on August 21, 1948 at Columbus Avenue Baptist Church in Waco, Texas.

The newlyweds moved to Midland, and then to San Angelo where Louis began his apprenticeship by opening an office for Hank Avery Architects. A year later they moved to Corpus Christi where he finished his second year of apprenticeship working for Richard Colley. Louis and Sue returned to Dallas where he finished his apprenticeship by working for Christenson and Christenson Architects.

During his last year of apprenticeship while visiting Sue's Aunt and Uncle, Polly and Arnold Anderson in Mt Pleasant, they saw a community where they could rear a family and Louis could build his dreams in a community that he said was "full of life and potential." They moved to Mt Pleasant in 1951 when Louis opened his own firm, Louis B. Gohmert Architect and Planner. That same year they had their first child, Susan and two years later their son Louie, followed three years later by son David, and in 1961 their son Bill.

Louis and his family were very active members of the First Baptist Church of Mt. Pleasant where he was a member at his death. Through the years, Louis served the community through many avenues such as the Rotary Club, Industrial Board, and Titus County School Board, just to name a few. He was also part of a group of men who started a new baseball league for younger players.

In the early days of his practice, Architects in Northeast Texas had to travel to Dallas or Houston to participate in American Institute of Architects activities. For that reason, he and several others chartered the Northeast Texas Chapter of the AIA and he remained a member long after his retirement.

During his nearly fifty years of Architectural practice, he completed over 300 projects which included



Louis Buller Gohmert

schools, churches, banks, office buildings and houses, with notable clients such as Pilgrim Industries, Hinton Oil Company, and a variety of state and federal agencies. In the late 1960s, he was selected by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to design a community friendly low-rent housing project in Mt Pleasant. It was recognized nationally for its outstanding design and later replicated in other parts of East Texas and beyond.

His Architectural influences were represented in his designs, with his favorites being Frank Lloyd Wright and Oscar Niemeyer. His contemporary Architectural style is often recognized throughout East Texas, with locals often asking him if he had designed a certain building because of its unique and contemporary form. He always wanted to let natural light into his building spaces, noting that "the Lord's light is always best."

After the passing of his wife, Sue, Louis married Marjorie (Margie) Rheman in 1991 with whom he shared the last 29 years of his life. Along with Margie's love and devotion, she was constantly cooking new, creative and delicious foods to meet Louis' numerous dietary restrictions and preferences in his later years. He always looked forward to seeing what new and delicious delicacies she would cook to surprise him. Louis and Margie enjoyed an active life of traveling and faithfully serving and worshiping in the First Baptist Church of Mt. Pleasant where they were worshiping as usual on the Sunday before his sudden passing.

While attending a European conference years ago, Senator Bill Ratliff of Mt Pleasant met a man who gave him a card that he brought back to Louis because the man's last name was also Gohmert. This event launched Louis on a journey of many years, searching his family genealogy and compiling it into a book that he then gave to all of his family members.

Louis was preceded in death by his parents, Louis and Carrie Gohmert, his first wife, Sue, his son, David and his sisters Dorothy Garner and Rebecca Chandler Brown as well as his nephew David Chandler.

He is survived by his wife Marjorie, his daughter Susan Josephs and husband Al, son Louie and his wife Kathy, son Bill and wife Andrea; grandchildren Joshua Josephs, Whitney Josephs Trevino and husband Abraham, Kathryn Gohmert, Caroline Gohmert Moore and husband Kyle, Sarah Gohmert, Elizabeth Gohmert, Daniel Gohmert, and great grandson Eli David Trevino. He is also survived by stepdaughters Janis Arnold and husband Steve, Ginger Wheless, Vicki Emerson and husband Allen, Nina Walker and husband Lanny, and stepson Thomas Rheman. He is also survived by step-grandchildren Mary Kay Hunt and husband Thomas, Chris Hillhouse, Will Arnold and wife Alex, Faith Brons and husband Charlie, Joy Rheman, Michelle Rheman, and step-great-grandchildren Matthew Hunt, Elizabeth Hunt, Oryn Arnold, Zoe Rheman, Kaila Brons, and Skylar Brons.

The Funeral Service was held on Friday, April 2nd, at 2:00pm at the First Baptist Church of Mt. Pleasant, with Visitation preceding the service at 1:00pm.

Memorial Donations may be made to the First Baptist Church Mount Pleasant Building Fund.

Online registry is available at batescoopersloanfuneralhome.com

GRISSOM

Sandra Kay Grissom, age 73, of Mt. Pleasant went to be with her Lord and Savior on April 21, 2021 in Paris, TX. She was born on November 22, 1947 in Lamesa, TX to William and Ruby Jarrett.

Sandra was married to her loving husband Jerry for over 50 years. She was a member of Damascus Missionary Baptist Church, and cared so much for her church family as well as being the church pianist. Sandra loved more than anything being a loving wife, mother, and Nana to her grandchildren.

She is survived by her husband Jerry Grissom; children, Warren Grissom and wife Melissa, Brian Grissom and wife Chessy, Jenna Denman and husband Eric; grandchildren, Maegan Moulton, Jacob Grissom, Brooke Grissom, Bryce Grissom, Lyric Grissom, Evan Grissom, Raymie Denman, Brynlie Denman; 2 great-grandchildren, Trulee Moulton, Jethro Moulton; sister, Patsy Rowden, as well as numerous nieces, nephews and cousins. Preceding her death are her parents.

A private funeral service will be held at a later date.



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On Gardening

By DAVID WALL

well known chef was known to say the pods were large enough to stuff!!!
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The unhandy-man saga

For some reason, the water pressure on the hot-water side of our bathroom sink has been practically nonexistent for a couple of months now. For some reason, my wife said she couldn’t live another day with it like that and I needed to do something about it “or else.” For some reason, I thought she was overreacting a bit, but I kept that to myself.

“I can’t even wash my hands or face in here anymore. You either need to hire someone to come fix it, or learn how to fix it yourself.”

But dear, it’s not like there’s NO hot water coming out of that side. See it dripping out? Isn’t that good enough?

My parents raised me to read music, write an acceptable haiku, and fish for rainbow trout. Not once did they ever think it would be necessary for me to know anything about plumbing. Or electricity. Or shingling a roof. Or flushing out the radiator on a 1977 Chevy Luv Pickup Truck.

“HmMMM. There’s a lot of white smoke puffing out of your tailpipe. I think you cracked a head gasket. What were you attempting to do to this thing?”

I tried to answer my father-in-law (this was back in the ‘80s, when he was considered an outstanding shade-tree mechanic), but I just mumbled a sonnet full of gobbledy-gook that completely flummoxed the both of us. He stood there shaking his head, no doubt thinking his daughter had married well beneath her.

I’m a firm believer that if something is not quite working right – like a dishwasher or, let’s say, a bathroom hot water faucet – I believe if you wait long enough, the whatever it is will fix itself. No, the pickup truck didn’t, but I once had a broken vacuum cleaner that up and fixed itself one day before it exploded all over the...

So, I watched a lot of YouTube “It’s so easy to replace a bathroom faucet” videos, then went out to the “You Can Fix Anything Yourself” store and picked up a new faucet and a sundry of other “as seen on TV” items that I’d probably never need – but you never know.

It took a long time for me to actually open up the box and take out my newly-purchased faucet. It took an even longer time for me to turn off the water and commit myself to the project. (It only took about three minutes to figure out I’ll never understand how a basin wrench works.) And finally, after what seemed a lifetime of cutting, wrenching, pulling, pushing, tugging and triple checking to make sure no errant drops of water were leaking from my new pipes and faucet, I was done. And everything worked.

“See, honey. I knew you could do it if you just set your mind to it and got off the couch and noticed the house is practically falling apart around us and if you don’t fix it, who will?”

Yes, knowing I COULD fix something and not have to call a “professional” to come and repair what I had just tried to fix (i.e. the air conditioner unit in ’94), I experienced a completely new feeling of empowerment. The whole experience was so awe-inspiring, I thought, “Shoot, if I can repair one faucet, I can repair them all!”

And if I can repair all the faucets, then surely I can fix the leaky skylight in the kitchen; remodel the bathrooms; build a new deck and put in a swimming pool. The options are endless.

But that’s for the future. Today I’ll be happy just admiring my new faucet.

The Bradford Family in South Carolina has been producing great watermelons for well over 150 years. During the time since, they’ve also grown okra, but they kept it in the family. In the 1950s, however, they began harvesting okra seed and provided it to feed stores in surrounding local counties. Seed was not made available outside this area.

In 2017, the Bradford family began making seed available to chefs throughout the state. As a result, word began to get out regarding this remarkable plant. For those of us in the NETSEO area, one of the main preferred plants is Clemson spineless okra. This plant’s pods are best harvested at 2-3” in length. If allowed to exceed 4”, pods become tough to very tough!

Bradford Family okra (BFo) is unique in that the pods still break off clean at lengths of up to 8”, and they are still tender, even though very large. One

never tasted an okra pod this sweet. So, how does one get BFo seeds?

The public release of BFo seeds was very limited for 2018, and additional releases (unknown quantities) have been announced for 2018. As far as I know, the company was the only company authorized to sell the seeds is online at SowTrueSeeds.com. A packet of 90 seeds is \$3.95, and this is the only size packet available.

Though the pods are still tender and tasty up to 8”, do not leave the pods on the stalk for long periods. Okra will continue to produce as long as the pods are picked. Delays in doing so will definitely lower the overall yield.

“Hot Dog” mayor shocks Dallas status quo

When the last vote was counted on Apr. 23, 1929, Dallas had a new mayor cut from a vastly different political cloth.

J. Worthington “Waddy” Tate broke the mold for Big D’s elected leaders. A former druggist and retired railroad worker, he was not rolling in money nor did he belong to the upper crust. A colorful champion of the “common people,” his idea of how Texas’ second largest city ought to be run gave the rich and powerful ample reason for alarm.

During his first campaign for mayor in 1927, Tate made no secret of his populist views. In a sarcastic response to an opponent’s suggestion that a swanky supper club be built with tax dollars on White Rock Lake, he proposed a hot dog stand where citizens of the most modest means could afford to eat.

The elite had a good laugh at Tate’s expense and expressed their contempt for the grass-roots candidate labeling him “Hot Dog.” Waddy not only took the ridicule in stride but embraced the nickname in order to make it clear which side he was on.

Tate ran a surprisingly competitive race in 1927 finishing a respectable second. That should have been enough for establishment types to take him seriously a couple of years later, but they were too busy fighting among themselves to pay him any mind.

The Citizens Association, which had dominated Dallas politics for years, split into two hostile factions. The United Dallas Association, an alliance of major retailers, picked Temple Houston Morrow, a grandson of the “Hero of San Jacinto,” to be their standard bearer. The Greater Dallas Association, a united front of businessmen, put forth Col. William Everett.

The Times Herald endorsed Morrow for mayor and The Morning News threw its support behind Everett. Waddy Tate, who was already weeks into his campaign, received no endorsements, and that was the way he liked it. One of his favorite lines was that he was interested only in the votes of people who “liked to fish or owed money.”

On the last Saturday before the election, Tate invited his supporters to Fair Park for a free hot-dog feast. Thousands came, ate their fill and on Election Day turned out for the candidate who seemed to give a hoot about them.

Falling short of an outright majority in the first round, “Hot Dog” faced his closest rival in the runoff. It was no contest as Tate trounced Sam Houston’s grandson with 58 percent of the vote.

The custom was for the mayor-elect to hold his inaugural ball at a fancy downtown hotel. But Tate wanted no part of that preferring instead to throw a



This Week in Texas History

By BARTEE HAILE

big come-one-come-all party in the Automobile Building at Fair Park.

The “people’s mayor” set to work instituting changes designed to improve the daily lives of ordinary Dallasites. He abolished the office of

“Censor of Movies” with the explanation that theater owners could be trusted not to corrupt public morals. He ordered the removal of the spikes from the brass rails surrounding City Hall, which he claimed had been put there by “some aristocrat to keep the plain folks from sitting around.”

He had a bone to pick with the police, who cleared the city parks at ten o’clock every night. In addition to having all “keep off the grass” signs removed, he issued a proclamation permitting the homeless to sleep in the parks. “The grass is there for the people as well as the chiggers.”

Tate instructed the municipal greenhouse to send a potted plant to the funeral of every deceased Dallasite. He also tossed around the idea of holding funerals after dark as a way to reduce daytime traffic congestion and to increase the attendance of mourners unable to take time off from work to pay their respects.

A popular campaign promise had been to provide donkeys at the zoo for children to ride. A personal friend, the mayor of Mineral Wells, donated the 20 donkeys that Tate led through the streets to Marsalis Park, where signs hailed him as the city’s “greatest burro-crat.”

Mayor Tate also kept his word on the issue of city-owned swimming pools. “By the time a man pays a fee, rents a suit and a towel and buys a bottle of pop, it could cost him fifty cents just to go swimming,” he said in citing the need for change. Overcoming stubborn opposition, he waived the admission fee three days a week so that even his poorest constituents could take a dip.

We will never know if “Hot Dog” Tate could have won a second term. A controversial change in the city charter took the power to choose the mayor away from the voters and gave it to a newly constituted council. Naturally the members of that body selected someone from their own ranks to replace the incumbent.

That was the end of T. Waddy Tate’s political career. He lived another seven years but never again sought public office. Still many Dallasites would long remember the entertaining mayor who had their interests at heart.

“Murder Most Texan” is a must read for fans of true crime and Texas history. Order your copy for \$24.00 by mailing a check to Bartee Haile, P.O. Box 130011, Spring, TX 77393.

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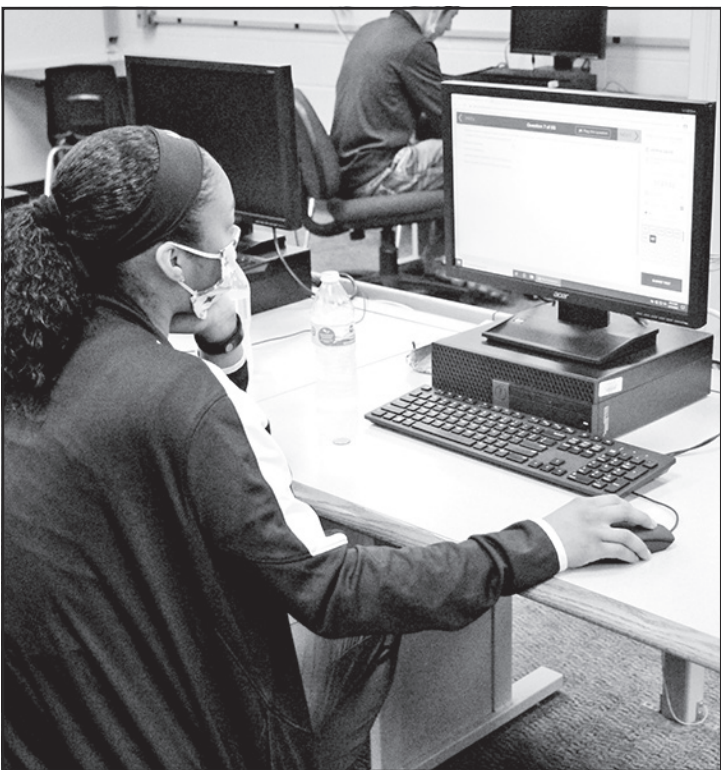


On April 21, the Mount Pleasant Chamber of Commerce announced that WIN Auto had become their newest member. WIN Auto is located at 200 E Ferguson Road. COURTESY PHOTO

MPHS prepares students for future careers in business

Mount Pleasant High School's Career and Technology Education (CTE) department is readying students from freshman year to graduation with the MPHS Business program. All freshmen begin in Freshman Skills, an introductory course where students explore college and career options and learn computer skills. Freshmen can also begin in Principles of Business, Marketing, & Finance where students analyze the sales process and financial management principles while gaining knowledge and skills in economies and private enterprise systems, the impact of a global business, marketing goods and services, advertising, and product pricing. From there, students can continue in several elective options in Business, Marketing, Business Information Management, and Accounting.

If your student is interested in the Business program at MPHS and would like more information, contact our CTE Director, Karl Whitehurst, at kwhitehurst@mpisd.net.



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Give wisely this East Texas Giving Day

East Texas Giving Day is an effort to raise funds and awareness for local nonprofits and takes place on Thursday, April 27. And while according to the Chronicle of Philanthropy, the number of donors increased by approximately seven percent in 2020, nearly half of the charities surveyed expect to see a decline in fundraising this year despite an increased need for aid. Better Business Bureau serving Central East Texas (BBB) reminds donors to research charities and to make educated decisions before making donating decisions.

“During challenging times, it’s even more important to make wise donating decisions,” Mechele Agbayani Mills, President and CEO of BBB serving Central East Texas said. “This helps ensure your donations are going to legitimate organizations and your funds are used in the way which you intend.”

BBB encourages giving and provides the following tips from BBB Wise Giving Alliance when making donations any time of year:

Watch out for name similarities. When charities seek support for the same cause, their names are often similar. Before you give, be sure you have the exact name of the charity to avoid a case of mistaken identity.

Review the website carefully. A responsible charity



Marketplace Issues

by MECHELE MILLS

will include the following facts on its website: its mission and programs, measurable goals, and concrete criteria that describe its achievements. You should also be able to find information on their finances. Keep in mind, the type of work a charity does will affect its costs.

Avoid on-the-spot donation decisions from unfamiliar organizations. Don’t succumb to pressure to make an immediate giving decision. Responsible organizations will welcome your gift tomorrow as much as they do today. Instead of making an impulse decision based on emotion, do some research first to verify that your selected charity operates ethically.

Check with state charity officials. In many states, charities are required to register with the office of the attorney general before soliciting. Checking your

state’s appropriate office is an easy way to detect if an organization is legitimate or not. You can find this information on the National Association of State Charity Officials (NASCO) website.

Avoid charities that don’t disclose. Although participation is voluntary, charities that don’t disclose any of the requested information to BBB WGA raise a critical red flag for donors. Visit Give.org to find out if your selected charity is nondisclosure.

Rely on standards-based evaluations. Charities can demonstrate they are trustworthy by agreeing to in-depth evaluations such as the 20 BBB Standards for Charity Accountability. Get free access to charity reports at Give.org.

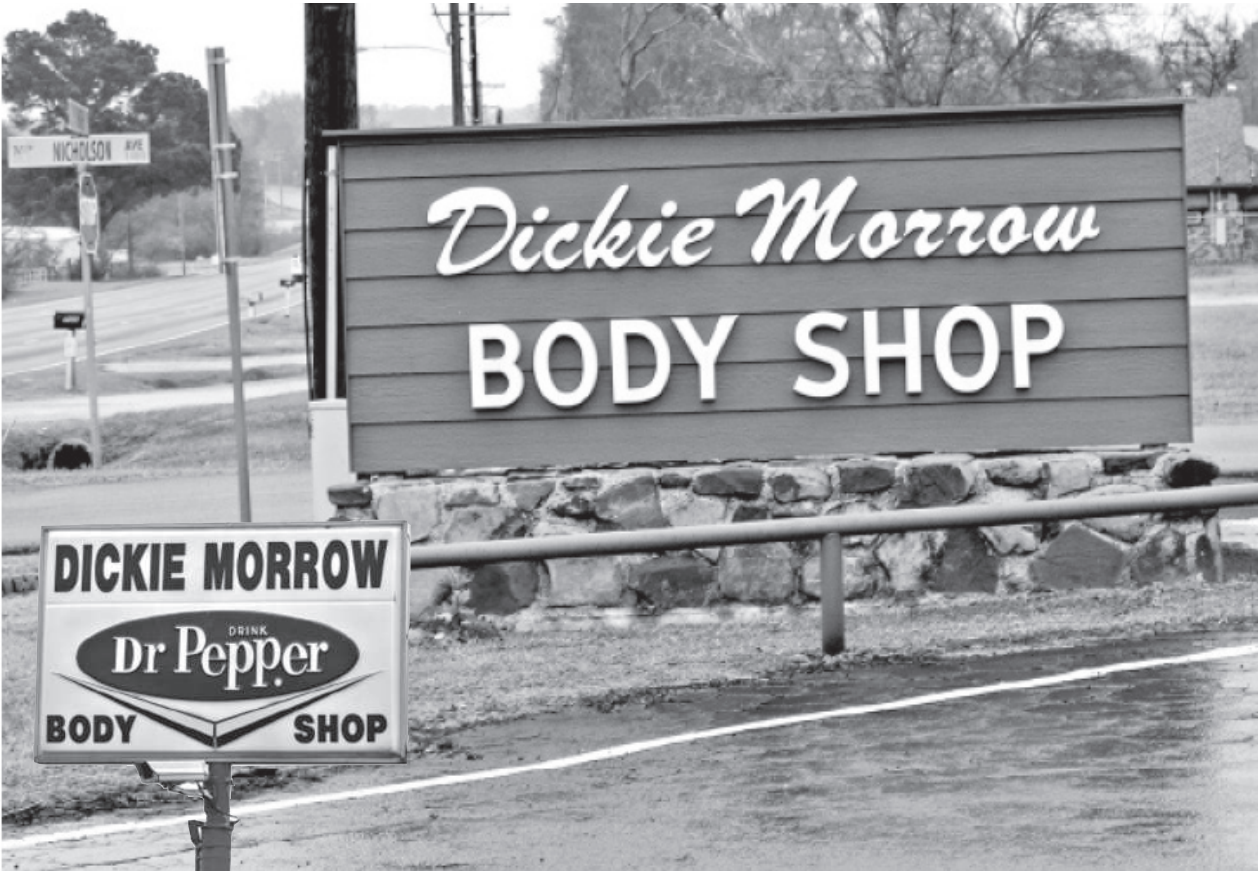
Research tax status. Don’t assume every organization claiming to do good is a tax-exempt charity. You can check an organization’s tax status with the IRS Tax Exempt Organization Search tool. Also, make sure your contribution is tax deductible.

For More Information

For more tips on how to be a savvy consumer, go to bbb.org. To report fraudulent activity or unscrupulous business practices, call the BBB Hotline: 903-581-8373 or report it via BBB ScamTracker.

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The Court has authority in this suit to enter any judgment or decree dissolving the marriage and providing for the division of property that will be binding on you.
Issued and given under my hand and seal of the Court at Mount Pleasant, Titus County, Texas, on this the 24th day of March, 2021.
Marcus Carlock
Clerk of the District Court of Titus County, Texas
By: [Signature] Deputy

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STATE OF TEXAS
TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE ESTATE OF JERRY COOK, DECEASED
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The City of Mount Pleasant is giving notice of the City's intent to submit a Texas Community Development Block Grant Program grant application to Texas Department of Agriculture for a Main Street Program grant request of \$350,000.00 for sidewalk improvements in the Main Street area of the city on Jefferson street between 3rd and 4th street and on 4th street between Jefferson Avenue and Madison Avenue. The application will be available for review at the Mount Pleasant City Hall during regular business hours. Para obtener una copia en español, comuníquese con municipalidad al 903-575-4000.

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4th annual Jake Wilson Memorial Tournament to be held May 1

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About the event:

The Jake Wilson Memorial Bass Tournament was organized to celebrate the life and legacy of Jake Charles Wilson. Jake passed from this life on August 30, 2017. Jake had a passion for fishing, hunting and singing. He loved the Lord and cherished his children with all his heart. In his 34 short years, Jake served as Children's Pastor, worked in Prison Ministry and led Praise and Worship services. Jake was also well respected in the Gas Pipeline Industry and made many friends he considered family. We thank the Lord for the relationship we had with Jake and the lasting impact he made in our lives. Until we are reunited in Heaven let us lift others up and to speak words of life daily!

Please contact Diane Wilson for more information via at 940-208-JAKE (5253) or 972-567-5215, or via email at dwtouchy@aol.com.



Titus County Cares celebrates volunteers during National Volunteer Week. Volunteers at Titus County Cares were shown a little extra appreciation this week during National Volunteer Week with gifts of "THANK YOU" donuts and a large sign displaying the gratitude TCC has for its helpers.

Crossword Solution for April 17

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April 24
Cookville School Reunion is scheduled for Saturday, April 24th at 4:00 pm. There will be a business meeting, entertainment and a cover dish meal served. Please bring a covered dish to add to our menu. Lots of activities planned by the Reunion Committee Officers.

April 25
Snow Hill Cemetery Association will meet beneath the shade trees at the cemetery Sunday, April 25, at 1:30 p.m. Please bring your lawn chairs for seating. The meeting will inform members of recent activities and honor burials from 2019 and 2020 since a meeting was not held last year due to Covid-19. Two new trustees will be elected at this meeting. Due to continued caution being observed in crowds, there will be no service or meal served with this year's meeting.

April 29
Spring Masterworks Concert - Featuring the LeTourneau Singers, the Longview Civic Chorus, and orchestra. Maryah McHam, soprano, Jon Starling, tenor, Elijah Dmitrievsky, piano, and Dr. Jim Taylor, conductor. Thursday, April 29, at 7 p.m. at the LeTourneau University Belcher Center.

LeTourneau University's Fine Arts Department will present a Spring Masterworks Concert on Thursday, April 29, 2021, at 7 p.m. at the Belcher Center on the LeTourneau University campus in Longview. The LeTourneau Singers and Longview Civic Chorus will be accompanied by full orchestra, with vocal soloists Maryah McHam, soprano, and Jon Starling, tenor. Admission is open to the public and is free of charge. For this concert, the chorus, orchestra, and audience will all be socially distanced in the vast Belcher Center, which can accommodate an audience of up to 500 with proper spacing. For more information contact Dr. Taylor at (903) 233-3379 or jimtaylor@letu.edu.

May 1
The Piney Cemetery Association: It's that time of year again for dues to be paid. The cost is

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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still \$20 per family. Dues can be mailed to Piney Cemetery Association at PO Box 1671, Mount Pleasant, TX, 75456. If you have any questions, you can call your collector or Chaz Curtis at (903)285-9523, or Vivian Craddock at (903)563-3448. Decoration will be May 1.

The annual decoration day for the Winfield Cemetery will be held on Sat., May 1. Business meeting will begin at 1:00 pm. Please mail donations to Winfield Cemetery Association, P.O. Box 10, Winfield, Texas 75493. Any questions please contact: Sharon Cutler, Secretary Treasurer, 903-572-6502.

Damascus Cemetery Association Annual Association Meeting - The meeting will be held at the Damascus Missionary Baptist Church at 394 County Rd 1135 at 11 a.m.

May 2
Concord Cemetery Association Decoration Day Services - Annual Decoration Day services and activities are planned at Concord Missionary Baptist Church on County Road 3306 in Omaha. Business meeting will open the day at 9 a.m. in the fellowship hall. Decoration Day program will begin at 10:30 in the sanctuary, followed by dinner on the grounds. Bro. Ray Richey will be guest speaker, and Quida Henson will play piano.

The Tranquil Cemetery Association will have its annual meeting and decoration at 2 p.m. Sunday, May 2, 2021 at Tranquil Cemetery. Anyone interested in the preservation of the cemetery is invited to attend. The cemetery is located approximately three miles north of Hwy 67 on CR 1070. A short business meeting will be followed by a guest speaker. Graves may be decorated prior to or after

the meeting. Donations may be mailed to James Maxton, 1963 CR 4330, Omaha, TX 75571.

May 2-5
Southside Church of Christ Spring Gospel Meeting: Mark White will be the speaker in the Spring Gospel Meeting (May 2 through May 5) at the Southside Church of Christ at 1220 E. Ferguson Rd in Mt. Pleasant. He will be preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ, which is God's power to save us. He has been with us in previous meetings and is a very knowledgeable and talented evangelist. Come and See! He works with Cyfair Church of Christ in the Houston Area. Schedule of services: Sunday at 9:45 a.m., 10:30 a.m., and 5 p.m. Monday-Wednesday at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. The elders, deacons, preachers, and members of the Southside Church welcome everyone to attend. No monetary collections will be taken from non-members.

May 7
The Extension Service will host a Beef Cattle Program on Friday, May 7 from 8 AM to 2 PM at the Titus County Extension Office located at 1708 Industrial Rd in Mount Pleasant, TX. The cost for registration will be \$20 and covers topics such as an update from Texas Animal Health Commission, Product updates from animal health representatives and maximizing your calf crop. A catered meal will be served and is included in the registration fee. The cost is \$10 per session. If you have any questions or would like to register for one of the educational programs, please contact Callie Zoeller at the Titus County Extension Office at (903)-572-5201 or callie.zoeller@ag.tamu.edu

May 8
East New Hope Cemetery Decoration Day: The East New Hope Cemetery Decoration Day will be held this year on May 8. This will be on the second Saturday in May instead of the first as in the past. In an effort to minimize contact between individuals and maintain social distancing as much as possible, a barbeque lunch will be served beginning at noon in the church hall, followed by a short business meeting. A love offering will be taken to offset the cost of the lunch. For those who will be unable to attend, donations may be mailed to East New Hope Cemetery Foundation at PO Box 181, Mount Pleasant, Texas 75455.

May 12
There will be a Summer Horticulture Series offered beginning May 12th from 10 AM- 12 PM at the Titus County Extension Office discussing Viticulture and growing grapes in Northeast Texas. Other topics throughout the Summer Series include Fruit and Nut Trees held on June 9, Water Conservation and Rainwater Harvesting held on July 7, and Fall Gardening held on August 11. The cost is \$10 per session. If you have any questions or would like to register for one of the educational programs, please contact Callie Zoeller at the Titus County Extension Office at (903)-572-5201 or callie.zoeller@ag.tamu.edu

May 22
White Oak Springs Cemetery Association will hold this year's decoration day on Saturday, May 22. The business meeting will be held at 11:00. Donations are needed for help in continuing upkeep of the cemetery and grounds. Donations can be mailed to: White Oak Springs Cemetery Association, 7138 FM 1402, Mt. Pleasant, Texas 75455

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1 Nachos, for instance
6 As a joke
11 Shout from Scrooge
14 Charged toward
15 Icelanders' ancestors
16 Leave amazed
17 Dickensian lad
19 Jazzy horn
20 Circle of friends
21 Become weary
22 Hardships
24 Stamped and sent
26 Talk nonsense
30 Spectrumshowing glass
32 Banishment
33 Where Buttigieg was mayor
37 French fashion mag
38 Duct for laundry
39 Slangy suffix for switch
40 High schooler's infatuation
42 Hunter in the sky
43 Actress Keaton
44 Not in school today
45 Holler
48 "Expertise" power-tool brand
50 Son of Odin
51 "Whew! What a day!"
56 Piece of barbecue
57 Thanksgiving side dish
61 ___ Baba
62 Make late

63 Loosen, as laces
64 ATM ID
65 Manage to avoid
66 Opinion piece DOWN
1 Gator cousin
2 Angelic ring
3 "What's ___ for me?"
4 Cover with cobblestones, say
5 Germ-free
6 Spy's acquisition, for short
7 Even as we speak
8 Two days from Wed.
9 Battleship letters
10 After-tax amount
11 Herb in pesto sauce

12 Well-informed
13 Cast a spell on
18 Enrage
21 Wooden beams
23 Husbands and wives
24 Tiny amount
25 Fireplace residue
26 Red veggie
27 Wheel shaft
28 Bad temper
29 Shake-making appliance
31 Babe of baseball
33 Keep away from
34 Buffalo's lake
35 Halfway to tomorrow
36 "___ be too sure!"

38 Overstuff
41 Undercover org.
42 On a slant
44 Objectives
45 Wristwatch holder
46 Spicy hot-dog topping
47 Singer associated with spring
49 Rap star West
52 Hamburger holders
53 Feasts on
54 Where Siberia is
55 Unnamed ones
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Sudoku Solution for April 17

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MPISD teachers, employees of year chosen



Frances Corprew Elementary



Vivian Fowler Elementary



Mount Pleasant High School



Mount Pleasant Junior High

COURTESY PHOTOS



P.E. Wallace Middle School

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On April 16, Mount Pleasant ISD announced its winners of the Teacher of the Year and Employee of the Year awards.

Teacher of the Year at Mount Pleasant High School is Crystal Jentsch, and Employee of the Year at MPHS is Nurse Dusty Pettiet.

At MPJH, Karen Stayton was named Teacher of the Year, and Trudi Steen earned the Employee of the Year title. Stacy Winkle won Teacher of the Year and Yesenia Jaimes won Employee of the Year at P.E. Wallace Middle School.

At Vivian Fowler Elementary, Gloria Rodriguez was named Teacher of the Year and LaShandra Lewis won Employee of the Year. Juan Manuel Serna Licona earned the title of Teacher of the Year at Frances Corprew Elementary, and Cendy Zuniga was named Employee of the Year.

Congratulations to each winner.

MPHS Culinary Arts cake competition

The Mount Pleasant High School Culinary Arts department held their first annual cake competition at MPHS on Friday, April 16. The competition was open to all students and staff members at MPHS with plans to add a Gingerbread House contest in the fall and to open the competitions to the Mount Pleasant community in the future.

Senior Cecilia Garcia earned Best of Show honors for her island cake made of chocolate cake, chocolate ganache, and gelatin.

Juniors Isabela Banda, Jasmin Ramirez, and Maritza Castro took 1st place for their “Up” themed cake.

Juniors Zuli Mejia, Joanna Velasquez, and Briseida Solis won 2nd place for their “Coco” themed cake.

And MPHS Algebra teacher, Candice Berend, placed 3rd with her “Wizard of Oz” themed cake.

Judges for the competition were Chef Brenda Young and MPHS culinary alumnus and current NTCC culinary student, Isai Baltazar. Donating prizes for the winners were Army Staff Sergeant Trevor B. Meek, Marine Staff Sergeant Mitch Seneff, Texas Army National Guard Sergeants Caleb Ingram and Allie Hacic, Herschel’s, Jo’s Downtown, and Gamestop. Special assistance was provided by MPHS Career and Technology teacher, Donna Davis, with decorations and plants provided by MPHS Horticulture teacher, Susie Hearron.

The MPHS Culinary Arts classes are taught by Chef Kathleen Anker.



Best of Show



1st place



2nd place



3rd place

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MPISD students compete in Robotics



Corprew Team One



Corprew Team Two



Brice Team One



Brice Team Two

Five teams of students from the E.C. Brice and Corprew Elementary campuses competed in the Texas Computer Education Association (TCEA) virtual Robotics contest at the beginning of March with two teams earning accolades for their creations.

The TCEA Whirli-bots Motion Commotion Robotics contest challenged students to create their own Robotic Whirli-bot. Using Robotics Kits purchased through a grant from the MPISD Education Foundation, the students created and built their Whirli-bot and created a video to showcase their creation.

Brice Team One earned a Best Design Award in the Grades 3-5 division. Team members Evie Dominguez, Jaylen Gutierrez, Corbin May, and Chelsi Campbell created a multi-gear robot efficiently using one motor to create two spinning rectangle frames as a unique whirligig.

Corprew Team One earned an Honorable Mention award in the Grades 3-5 division. Team members Emili Carrillo, Christian Maldonado, and Jassy Pena-Petatan created a unique horizontal whirligig using one motor and several axles connected with spinning end pieces.

Brice Team Two, made up of Sage Jordan, Katie Snider, and Edgar Moreno made a music themed whirligig that used a unique combination of flexible tubes and spinning gears.

Brice Team Three, made up of Abigail Wooten, Christian Martinez, and Ian Brown paid tribute to our fire-fighting heroes. Their whirligig was on fire with a fireman trying to put out the flames.

Corprew Team Two, made up of Francisco Equihua, Juliet Luna, Ana Martinez, and Nathan Martinez created a bright blue whirligig with a large gear and a motor carefully balanced on a narrow base.



Brice Team Three

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The MPISD Robotics teams advisor, Jamie King, said “This is the first time for our elementary robotics teams to be recognized in a TCEA competition. We could only achieve this with the help of the MPISD Foundation Grant we received last year that allowed us to purchase the required robotics kits for the competition. We are so thankful for the MPISD Foundation and the wonderful learning experiences we can achieve as a result of the heartfelt support it gives our students!”

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