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NEW LOCAL BED & BREAKFAST CALLS MINERAL WELLS HOME

BY ARISSA VIERING

MINERAL WELLS, TX - A new set of neighbors just moved 'inn' to Mineral Wells and their names are Jeremy and Magen, new owners of what is now known as The Magpie Inn!

THE MAGPIE INN: HISTORY

Located at 415 NW 4th St, the Magpie Inn has a rich history in the hospitality world. The property began previously as the Silk Stocking Row Bed & Breakfast and, later, became the Tygrett Hotel Bed & Breakfast before being acquired by Jeremy and Magen.

Growing up, Magen was affectionately known as 'Magpie' by her nana who has lived in Mineral Wells for a long time. Jeremy and Magen have four years of experience in the hospitality industry and are very excited to start welcoming new guests.

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The lovely couple has previously managed two properties in downtown Fort Worth and Fredericksburg while attending international hospitality conferences along the way to obtain experience and knowledge within the industry. Magen serves on the Texas Bed & Breakfast Board and has a background in the culinary arts as well.



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"WE ARE VERY GUEST-DRIVEN AND ARE KEEPING UP WITH THE INDUSTRY TRENDS."

AMENITIES

The Magpie Inn has five spaces available for reservation all with their own, private bathrooms that will be available starting September 1st, 2020. Just two blocks from North Oak and a five minute walk from the Famous Mineral Water Company, this new B&B is at the perfect location for new guests visiting Mineral Wells.

With her experience in the culinary arts, Magen will be creating delicious brunch boards for guests. The Magpie Inn will also be partnering with several local businesses within Mineral Wells to offer all-inclusive packages to guests. With their connections and experience in the industry, Jeremy and Magen can offer full concierge services or "be as hands-off" as future guests would like.

A DREAM COME TRUE

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"WE JUST BOUGHT A HOUSE THAT WASN'T FOR SALE IN A PLACE THAT IS GOING PLACES."

With the COVID-19 pandemic in full force, Jeremy and Magen overcame many obstacles to begin their new business. However, with a lot of support and belief in their dream, they were successful. Serving as an inspirational example to new businesses within Mineral Wells, the couple has some words of advice:

NEW LOCAL BED & BREAKFAST CALLS MINERAL WELLS HOME (CONT.)

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The Goodday Mineral Wells team welcomes you, Jeremy & Magen, and we look forward to seeing the future of The Magpie Inn! Welcome to Mineral Wells!

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"ONE OF THE BEST QUOTES IS FROM RANDY NIX AND THAT'S KIND OF WHAT GOT US HERE: 'SOMETIMES, YOU JUST HAVE TO JUMP AND BELIEVE THAT EVERYTHING GOOD COMES AFTER THAT JUMP.' WE LITERALLY MOVED HERE WITH NO JOBS, NO HOUSE, AND SAID 'WE'RE ALL IN. WE BELIEVE IN THIS TOWN. WE BELIEVE IN US.'"



LETTER FROM THE DESK OF SUPERINTENDENT JOHN KUHN

BY ARISSA VIERING



MINERAL WELLS, TX - Superintendent John Kuhn released a public address to all students, families, teachers, and staff regarding the upcoming school year preparations on 8/10/2020.

"Today is a big day in Ramland. We sent everyone home except for maintenance, food services, technology and a few others in March, then we let central office and campus administrators and some office staff back into their buildings on July 6, and now today we are bringing back the rest of our staff: teachers, aides, clerical workers, and the rest.

Like with everything else, we face a tough task this week. We need to train our people on many changes: a whole environment of new safety protocols and a new Remote Instruction Academy chief among them. We also need to touch on the things we look at every year: changes to the employee handbook, student handbook, code of conduct, technology plan, and so forth.

But we also need to make sure our teachers have time to work in their rooms. We left in such a hurry last spring and each teacher was only given a few hours to get their rooms empty for summer cleaning, so things weren't left as well-organized as in a typical summer. I know this because I helped my wife vacate her room and a lot of stuff got crammed into cabinets when she wasn't looking. They will have to have time to rebuild before the kids come back.

I have the privilege of starting things off this morning. It will be so different. We usually start with all the MWISD employees shuffling among kiosks in the high school where local merchants have giveaways and door prizes. We have photo booths and breakfast and an MC and a speaker.

This year we will be on Zoom. I'll be alone in my office talking to my computer screen. And I have so many things I want to say but I won't have time to say them all.

I want to welcome our 22 new teachers by name, and I want to tell everyone that before we gave our teacher raises we would normally have over 60 new teachers each year. I want to tell them how we had teachers choose us over larger schools to our East because they're hearing good things and because we pay competitively now.

Then I want to tell them how their job is as important as any, how we don't have a job but rather a mission—to educate for the future, to teach and model leadership and character and integrity and acceptance of others, to leave the world better than we found it.

I want to tell them that though we live in a divided time, we have to be 100% united in this mission, and we have to rise above the pettiness that has somehow become a defining characteristic of modernity. We have to put aside our preferences and our biases and our personal hobbyhorses and work side-by-side, shoulder-to-shoulder, to lead, model, and teach kids.

I'll spend the time I have going over the MWISD Prevention and Response Protocol. I want to make sure everyone understands it. What are the rules on hygiene, disinfecting, social distancing, and face coverings? What do we do if we have fever or a cough? What do we do if a student isn't feeling well? How will we handle lunches, PE, bus drop off, and everything else?

I'll go fast through it and encourage them to read the document and learn it and ask questions of their direct supervisors if anything is unclear.

Others will talk to them about our new remote learning model and about Human Resources and COVID leave and—in the middle of all of it—about the importance of continuing our trend over the past several years of improving our students' academic performance.

Thanks to those of you praying for us and rooting for us. We want to do a great job—we want to do right by our community, our parents, and our taxpayers. We want excellence in every facet. And most of all right now, we want to keep our kids and adults safe and healthy.

We need parents more than we ever have.

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BY ARISSA VIERING

Education has always been a triple responsibility, and I've seen how well education works toward incredible human outcomes when the teacher and parents and student all embrace their responsibilities. When all three parties rise to the challenge, education never fails to produce strong, prepared people.

Our nation's need for strong, smart, curious, honest, and decent people hasn't gone away. If anything, the need is amplified now. That's our job. That's why we're coming back, even though it's dangerous. In my mind, I liken it to our roads. Thousands are injured and killed on them every year, but the state keeps them open because we need to be able to move around, to ship foods and medicines and so on. So we buckle up and we drive on them, knowing it's the most dangerous thing we do daily. Likewise, schools have implemented layered safety precautions that, like seatbelts, may not be popular but will help keep us all safe. But safe doesn't mean perfect, and we know there are risks.

I wish COVID wasn't here. I wish we had a solid treatment already. I wish we could put 500 people in the high school this morning and feed them breakfast and welcome each other back like we always do.

That day will come. Until then, we will do our best to recognize and hold onto the things that remain unchanged. Light bulbs will still come on when students learn a new concept, whether on a Zoom or in-person. Friendships will still blossom this year. Kids will have favorite teachers and subjects. Students will learn a new passion, maybe will be inspired to pursue a career.

School will still be school. And in Mineral Wells ISD, for our 3000+ students, it all starts with our teachers walking onto their campuses this morning, rolling up their sleeves and adjusting their face coverings, and getting prepared.

I'm ready to see these people. Elbow bumps all around. Let's roll.

Go. Rams."

Superintendent John Kuhn

From the Goodday Mineral Wells Team:

To the students, families, teachers, and staff as you prepare to begin the upcoming school year in the midst of this pandemic, you have our thoughts, our prayers, and our well wishes.

The Mineral Wells community is strong and we will make it through these unprecedented times.

As fellow parents with children who are preparing for this school year, the Goodday Mineral Wells team stands alongside you. We will support you in your upcoming endeavors as best as we can. We will do everything we can to promote proper access to information, news, and announcements throughout this pandemic. We hope that a cure or vaccine will soon be found. We hope that all families, students, teachers, and staff remain safe, healthy, and well-supported throughout the entirety of this school year and beyond. We look forward to showcasing your future achievements, as we know they will be great and plentiful in numbers.

Our community is a strong one and we are so proud to be a part of it. Thank you to our schools for all that you do!

-Jonny Goodday & Arissa

RIBBON CUTTING

August 18th | Noon

Mineral Wells Area Chamber of Commerce



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MINERAL WELLS AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE WELCOMES NEW BUSINESS!

BY ARISSA VIERING

MINERAL WELLS, TX - On 8/10/2020, the Mineral Wells Area Chamber of Commerce announced the upcoming ribbon-cutting event for a new local business within Mineral Wells: Goodday Mineral Wells News & Media.

The Goodday Mineral Wells team has been working tirelessly to establish connections, provide news and updates, and investigate new stories. The new media source began serving the Mineral Wells community on June 26th, 2020 by providing an online news source at gooddaymineralwells.com. Shortly after, the news source began issuing updates within an online e-newsletter that is created weekly.

Their current timeline and plans include creating provisions and obtaining the capital needed to create a print and online newspaper for the Mineral Wells community and its surrounding areas. The team is currently seeking support via GoFundMe and with the help of advertisers. The business is solely self-funded and crowd-funded.

The Mineral Wells Area Chamber of Commerce plans to hold the ribbon-cutting ceremony on August 18th, 2020 at noon.

We appreciate your support, Mineral Wells! We wish you a goodday!

-Arisa, Writer

COVID UPDATES

Precautionary measures that may be taken against COVID-19:

- Avoid close contact.
- Stay at least six feet (two arm-lengths) apart from others.
- Wash your hands often.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Cover your nose and mouth with a cloth face cover when around others. Cover coughs and sneezes.
- Clean and disinfect.
- Monitor your health daily.

END OF WEEK COVID-19 CASE COUNTS

August 14th, 2020 COVID-19 Case Counts, Palo Pinto County

Active: 57

Fatalities: 10

Recoveries: 287

Estimates per Texas Department of State Health Services data for Palo Pinto County.

COVID-19 UPDATE

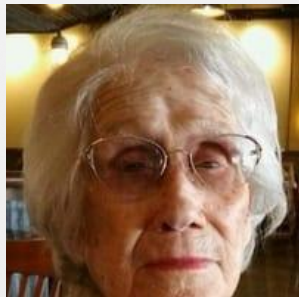
Tested at PPGH: 1,896
Negative reported to PPGH: 1,582
Pending for PPGH: 48
Total positive in Palo Pinto County: 354

*Numbers may not total due to testing done on patients who reside outside of Palo Pinto County and testing done at other facilities.

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AUGUST OBITUARIES



In Memoriam: Katherine Cecila Jenkins
February 24, 1926 - August 2, 2020

Katherine Cecila Jenkins passed away Sunday, August 2, 2020 at the age of 94. She was born in Dodson Prairie and lived in the Palo Pinto County area all her life. Katherine was preceded in death by her parents, John and Pauline Beyers Nowak; husband, W.L. Jenkins; 5 brothers; and 4 sisters.

Survivors include her son Tommy Jenkins and wife Bettye; daughter, Patricia and Albert Rogoski; 8 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; 3 great-great grandchildren; numerous nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be come and go with masks from 4-8 Tuesday at Baum-Carlock-Bumgardner Funeral Home. Graveside services will be 2 p.m., Wednesday, August 5 at Dodson Prairie Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers donations can be made to Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, St. Francis Catholic Church or a charity of your choice.



IN MEMORIAM: Glen Zumwalt Albin
May 29, 1928 - August 3, 2020

Affectionately known as 'Grandpa,' Glen Zumwalt Albin, 92, passed away August 3, 2020 in Mineral Wells, TX. Glen was born May 29, 1928 in Crider, MO to Emery Lorraine and Lucy Zumwalt Albin. As one of nine children, Glen loved growing up in the heart of the Ozarks with a farm load full of siblings. When the Korean War broke out, he enlisted into the military. This led to his eventual move to Fort Walters in Mineral Wells, TX.

He met the love of his life, Rosa Fern Atkins, in 1951 at the movie theatre downtown. Fern once told a co-worker, "I will marry that short little man someday." They soon dated and on April 29, 1952, Fern married her short little man. Glen and Fern began a 63-year adventure together filled with memories, love and laughter until her passing in 2015. Glen loved attending all activities involving his children and grandchildren. He was an active and dedicated member of the Mineral Wells Church of God family. Glen's real passion however was music, particularly the violin. Since childhood, he found music to be his tool of expression. From those early years with his hometown friend, a then unknown Country Music Legend, Porter Wagner to music festivals across the country, he truly loved to play. His music will live on in the instruments he created and the music he played throughout his life.

He is survived by sons and daughter-in-law: Harold Albin of Granbury, Mark and Johnna Albin of Mineral Wells, grandchildren and spouses: Toby and Kristi Albin of Mineral Wells, Felicia and Nicholas Kuo of Dallas, Taylor Albin and Dean Kelley of Orlando, FL, great-grandchildren: Jaxon Albin, Kennedy and Asher Kuo, sister-in-law: Maxine Albin of West Plains, MO, Evelyn Atkins of Hurst, numerous nieces, nephews, family and friends. He is preceded in death by his beloved wife, Rosa Fern Albin, parents: Emery and Lucy Zumwalt Albin, son: Tim Albin, daughter-in-law: Vada Albin, brothers and sisters: Nadine Albin,

Evalina Albin, Charles Albin, Ralph Albin, Doris McGregor, Blanche Wright, Porter Albin and Dennis Albin, along with numerous other family and friends.

For the safety of all our family and friends in attendance of Glen's service, please be aware of all local and state COVID-19 guidelines. Masks will be required at all times and we ask that you practice social distancing. Disposable masks and hand sanitizer will be provided upon request.



IN MEMORIAM: Joe "Eddie" Ed Oaks
October 20, 1978 - July 29, 2020

Joe Ed "Eddie" Oaks, 41, passed away Wednesday, July 29, 2020.

Funeral Service: 2 p.m. Tuesday, August 4, 2020 at White's Mineral Wells Chapel, 101 N. E. 4th Avenue, Mineral Wells, Texas 76067.

Interment: Staggs Prairie Cemetery, Palo Pinto County.

Visitation: 12 Noon - 8 p.m. Monday at White's Funeral Home in Mineral Wells.

Eddie was born October 20, 1978 in Rochester, Minnesota, son of Eddie Oaks and Cindy Daniels Oaks. He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Joe and Jenny; uncles, Harold, Dale, Jim, Johnny; and aunt, Sundie.

Eddie is survived by his dad and mom, Eddie and Cindy Oaks; sister, Lisa Jeffrey and husband, Domino; kids, Dominic, Jay, and Ceecee; sister, Jessie Truesdale and husband, James; and kids, Jersey and Jo Lee.

He will be deeply missed by his family.



IN MEMORIAM: Frieda Mae Norman
May 7, 1927 - August 1, 2020

Frieda Mae Norman passed away Saturday, August 1, 2020 at the age of 93. She was born May 7, 1927 in Fredricksburg, Texas. Frieda was preceded in death by her parents, Perez Norman and Josphine Prince Norman; her brother, David P. Norman and his wife Weta. Survivors include her nephews, David P. Norman, II and wife Darlene and Robert A. Norman and his partner Dona Reeves; 2 great nieces and 4 great nephews.

AUGUST OBITUARIES



IN MEMORIAM: Ruben Morales
December 4, 1967 - August 5, 2020

Ruben Morales passed away Wednesday, August 5, 2020. He was born December 4, 1967 in Las Vegas. Ruben attended Central United Methodist Church. He was preceded in death by his mother.

He is survived by his special friend, John Reeder; his Pop Charles and Mom Joan Yarbrough; special aunt, Norbertha; cousins, Janie, JoAnn, Sylvia, Sally, Linda, Anna Marie, Cindy, Jacob, James, Jessie, Johnny; and Bonnie Rose.

A memorial service will be held 10 a.m., Saturday, August 15 at Central United Methodist Church, Matt Stephens officiating.



IN MEMORIAM: Shelia Jean Ward
January 03, 1955 - August 06, 2020

Shelia Jean Ward went to be with her Lord and Savior on Thursday, August 6, 2020.

Graveside Service: 10 a.m. Tuesday, August 11, 2020 at Perrin Memorial Garden Cemetery.

Shelia was a loving mother, grandmother, and friend. She was a devoted mother who worked hard all her life raising her kids and grandkids and helping on the farm. She was a selfless, God serving woman and a true angel on Earth.

She was preceded in death by Larry Tanner Sr.; Lawrence Douglas Lyon; and by her parents, William and Eudean Pierce.

She is survived by her children, Larry Tanner Jr., Chad Tanner, and Jennifer Tanner; her grandchildren, Brandon Tanner, Cameron Tanner, Dylan Tanner, and Clayton Tanner; and one great-grandchild, Gunner Tanner. She is also survived by longtime special friend, Betty Fox and numerous nieces and nephews.



IN MEMORIAM: Coy Melton Couch
January 03, 1955 - August 06, 2020

Coy Melton Couch passed away Tuesday, August 4, 2020. He was born February 19, 1949 in Hobbs, New Mexico. Coy loved working with his hands as a cedar hacker or working on old cars. He was preceded in death by his parents, Aud and Dorothy Couch; 2 sons, Bo Couch and Bubby Couch; brothers, Rickey O'Neal Couch, Danny Merl Couch, Troyce Couch, Audie Lee Couch, and Fred William Nelson.

Survivors include his wife, Bonnie Couch; children, Cody Alan Couch and Lindsay of Brad, Bonnie Rogers of Stephenville, Shawnda Edwards and husband Josh of Waco; sister, Dorothy Jo Couch of Mineral Wells; brother, Eugene Couch of Mineral Wells; numerous grandkids, great-grandkids, cousins, nieces, nephews and friends.

Graveside services will be 2 p.m., Thursday, August 13 at Brad Cemetery. Visitation will be at Baum-Carlock-Bumgardner Funeral Home 6-8 Wednesday.

In lieu of flowers donations may be sent to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital.



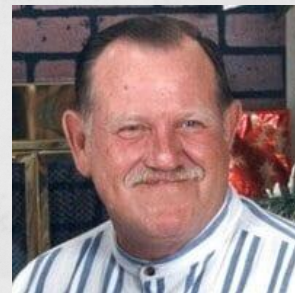
IN MEMORIAM: Patricia "Patty" Sue Smethers
October 1, 1979 - August 3, 2020

Patricia (Patty) Sue Smethers 40 gained her wings on August 3, 2020 at home in Millsap, TX. She was born October 1, 1979 in Weatherford, TX to Scott and Donna Smethers.

A memorial to celebrate Patty's life will be at Freedom Fellowship 1308 SE 9th Ave Mineral Wells on August 15, 2020 at 11:00 am.

She is survived by her father Scott Smethers; her sisters Joyce Blackwood, Shannon (Jack) Warren, Brandie (Mickey) Qualls; her brother Scotty Smethers (Toni Morris), numerous nieces and nephews also great nieces and nephews, aunts, uncles and cousins.

She is preceded in death by her mother Donna Smethers; grandparents: Joe Wayne Smethers, Patricia Ann Smethers, Velda Sue Toler and RC Steward.



In Memoriam: Troy Lee Thornton
March 9, 1939 - August 10, 2020

Troy Lee Thornton was born March 9, 1939 in Lone Camp to Bob and Josie Thornton. He died at his home surrounded by family on Monday, August 10, 2020 at the age of 81. Over twenty years of his life were spent in service to Cantex, thirty plus years as plant manager at US Brick. He was a devout Church of Christ Disciple, however enjoyed fellowship at the Palo Pinto County Cowboy Church. Gaither Homecoming, dancing, and front porch conversations were weekend favorites at the Thornton Ranch.

AUGUST OBITUARIES



In Memoriam: Barbara Ann Chittum
April 22, 1941 - August 11, 2020

Barbara Ann Chittum, 79 passed away peacefully on the afternoon of August 11, 2020 in Mineral Wells, Texas at the Mineral Wells Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.

Barbara was born on April 22, 1941, in Stephenville, Texas daughter of Juanita Snider and John Chittum and sister of Bruce Chittum of California. She grew up in White Settlement, Texas where she was raised by V. M. Melton and her mother, Juanita. After completing her education at Castleberry Highschool, she found joy in her work with the Head Start students at the Mineral Wells campus. She loved cooking and enjoyed jewelry and flowers.

Barbara leaves behind two loving sisters, Pat Barnes and Donna Wells and numerous nieces and nephews.

A viewing will be held Friday, August 14th from 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm at Baum-Carlock Funeral home in Mineral Wells and there will be a graveside service on Saturday, August 15th at 10:00 am at The Old Gordon Cemetery in Gordon, TX.



In Memoriam: Rubye Doris Holliman
September 02, 1934 - August 13, 2020

Rubye Doris Holliman, 85, beloved wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister, and friend, passed away Thursday, August 13, 2020 in a local care center.

Graveside Service: 10:00 a.m. Thursday, August 20, 2020 at Woodland Park Cemetery, Mineral Wells.

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Visitation: Mrs. Holliman will be Lying in State from 12:00 - 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 19, 2020 in White's Mineral Wells Chapel, 101 N. E. 4th Avenue, Mineral Wells 76067.

Visitation with the family will be from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Wednesday at White's Funeral Home, Mineral Wells.

Rubye was born September 2, 1934 in Navarro County, daughter of Dan Oliver Sutton & Lettie Mable Smith Sutton. She graduated from Dunbar High School on May 20, 1952 and from Prairie View A & M University on May 20, 1956 with Bachelor's Degrees in Business and Elementary Education. Rubye taught in the Mineral Wells ISD for 31 years. She met the love of her life, Clarence Holliman, and they married on March 26, 1960, and spent 60 happy years together.

Rubye was the First Lady and a faithful member of Bethel Baptist Church in Breckenridge. She was very active in her community, serving on the Mineral Wells School Board for 17 years and as a member of the Dunbar Neighborhood Council. Rubye was also a member of the AB Dement Civic Club.

Her faith, followed by her family were the most important parts of her life. They were her greatest treasures and blessings.

Rubye was preceded in death by her parents; sister, Annie Pearl Cade; and brother, Dan Sutton, Jr.

Survivors: Husband of 60 years, Clarence Holliman; children, La Tressia Wilmer and husband, Archie Wilmer, III, William Clarence Holliman, and Glenn K. Holliman and wife, Pamela; nine grandchildren; ten great-grandchildren; sisters, Betty Summerfield and Ethel Young; as well as many extended family members and countless friends.

The family would like to express a special "Thank You" to Vida Ray, Mildred Bass, and April Dotie, for their loving care of Rubye during her time of illness.



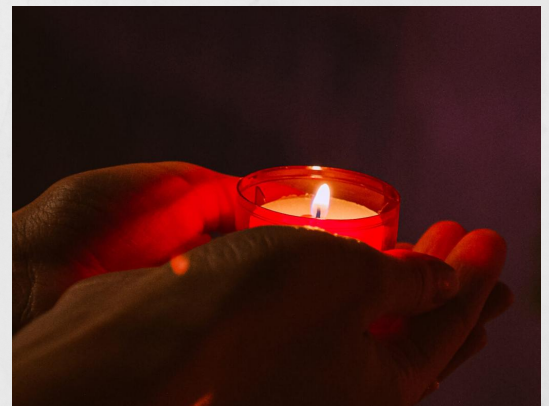
"LIKE A BIRD SINGING IN THE RAIN, LET GRATEFUL MEMORIES SURVIVE IN TIME OF SORROW."

-ROBERT LOUIS STEVENSON

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HAVE YOU TESTED POSITIVE FOR COVID-19?

PALO PINTO COUNTY, TX - If you have tested positive for Covid-19, The Palo Pinto Baptist Association would like to bring you some Tylenol, soup, masks and other essentials.

Please call Debra Hanlon @ 940-452-2317 or Ferel Gage @ 940-452-1336 for a contactless drop off.

Please share. Thank you.





COVID IN MINERAL WELLS: "IT'S A BALANCING ACT..."

BY ARISSA VIERING

MINERAL WELLS, TX – The COVID-19 pandemic continues. Numbers continue to rise. Data continues to become more and more evident of the spread. Restrictions mandating masks in businesses or large groups are continuing to accrue. Local businesses, schools, and citizens are witnessing the impact of the most recent legal mandates. The COVID pandemic is affecting every single citizen on some level.

The United States is seeing it, Texas is seeing it, and Mineral Wells is seeing it. So, what can be done about it?

THE NUMBERS – WHY FOCUS ON THEM?

On 5/29/2020, Palo Pinto General Hospital (PPGH) and the City of Mineral Wells reported twelve total positive cases and three active cases. Yesterday, 7/27/2020, 143 total positive cases and twenty-nine active cases were reported.

We could discuss further about the percentage of the total population in Palo Pinto County that has an active case of COVID. We could also talk about the steady rise in cases that has been seen.

We could pick apart these numbers and compare them to other cities within Texas. We could compare our city to metroplexes, the state, and even the country as a whole. There would be huge limitations to these numbers and, ultimately, one of the conclusions that we would come to is that not all numbers could be relied upon. The state numbers being reported are behind, the amount of testing that has burdened our laboratories has been difficult to keep up with, and not all individuals within Palo Pinto County will be tested at PPGH.

However, comparing the numbers won't solve the problem.

We've spoken to many individuals within Mineral Wells regarding the numbers and, ultimately, the greatest need being communicated right now is for everyone to stop focusing on the numbers.

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The daily numbers reported are a tool for the leaders of the city, the county, and the hospital to track trends. If any number should ever be focused on, it should be the number of fatalities. This number represents a life lost too soon, someone's loved one, someone's parent, someone's husband or wife, someone's child...

The number of fatalities symbolizes a heavy warning to all citizens in Palo Pinto County as it holds the heaviest consequence of COVID.

ACTIONS TAKEN BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Just after the announcement of these growing numbers and Governor Abbott's mask mandates, Mayor Tammy Underwood sent a message to the people of Mineral Wells on July 3rd, 2020:

"The action does not come as a surprise based on the escalation in positive test results in Palo Pinto County. It is believed that social gatherings during the Memorial Day holiday weekend contributed to the increase in not only our community but the entire state of Texas . . . I certainly understand and support the Governor's actions requiring the face coverings. Compliance with wearing face coverings and doing what is right to prevent the spread of the virus is up to each individual citizen in Mineral Wells and Palo Pinto County. Every citizen is being called to do what is right for the protection of themselves and others."

CONCERNS IN THE COMMUNITY

The Goodday Mineral Wells team has received several questions from concerned citizens in Mineral Wells. Specifically, there are members of the Mineral Wells community that are concerned with going to work or visiting businesses when they have become aware of positive cases in the workplace. There are also several citizens that are seeing the negative impacts that the COVID pandemic and recent restrictions have placed upon local businesses. There are opposing views that surround this topic and many individuals are perplexed as to how to approach it while maintaining a good balance between COVID precautionary measures and ensuring the prosperity and wellbeing of the Mineral Wells community.

Many whispers about the COVID pandemic circulate through the town. Some businesses are checking temperatures at the door. Others are rumored by some citizens to not be encouraging quarantine even after fellow employees have tested positive. Some businesses are still operating after positive cases have been confirmed, per individual reports. Schools have released hundreds of pages of guidelines and the guidelines released by employers all vary. However, there is a good reason for all of this: "There's no one-size-fits-all solution."

CONCERNS REGARDING MASKS

One great example of a difficulty surrounding masks is discussed by Holly Hoover. Holly is a Mineral Wells Native and Admin for a Facebook group containing 216.2K members: BRT*BackRoads of Texas*.

Holly takes pride in her hometown of Mineral Wells and was even born in the Crazy Water Hotel. A couple weeks ago, Holly took a trip to a well-known supermarket in Decatur to purchase some fabric for masks. She was made aware that she would need to wear a mask to enter the facility. After putting on her mask and exiting her vehicle, she noted a police officer and several employees at the front of the market that were there to ensure masks were being worn.

Upon walking down one of the aisles, Holly overheard a group of employees chatting with a customer. She asked for one of the employees to assist with helping her to cut some fabric. The employee asked if she was making masks to which she confirmed. Suddenly, the employee made a statement that concerned Holly greatly:

"Well, I don't know if I should tell anyone this, but we have had three employees test positive for COVID in the last two days. They [management] just told us we didn't have to self-quarantine or anything."

Over the loud speaker, Holly could hear various announcements stating that customers were required to wear masks while in the store. After hearing what the employee had just stated to her, she became quite concerned.

"They weren't enforcing what I understood to be the rules."



Regan Johnson, Business Owner of the Brazos Market & Bistro in Mineral Wells, provides a different perspective on the COVID pandemic. Johnson discusses some of her greatest concerns surrounding COVID:

“We are talking about our youth – we don’t know how they’ve been affected socially or psychologically. We’re talking about our senior citizens: the greatest generation that has lived through so much that we can’t even imagine. They can’t even hug their grandchildren and I can’t imagine what that’s like.”

Johnson compares coronavirus to a bad roommate. Imagining that an individual is living in a college dorm room where a “bad” roommate moves in, several solutions must be created to ensure that the individual can get past the roommate’s actions. Now, imagine coronavirus is the bad roommate:

“We may as well all assume we’ve had a bad roommate named Coronavirus move in so how do we live with it? How do you manage that and how do you mitigate it?”

Regan provides the answer to her questions easily:

“There’s no one-size-fits-all solution. Everybody’s level of dealing with this is gonna be, and should be, based on their own risk level, at their own concern level, and based on their own exposure . . . We need to stop with the judging because what the best decision for you is probably not the best decision for me, but I can respect the fact that that is your decision.”

One important point that she lays out: “Fear has not ever produced anything positive so that’s not the way to move forward through this. That’s not the attitude to have to fix it . . . the only person’s behavior you can control is yours.”

CONCERNS REGARDING RESPONSIBILITY

Mayor Tammy Underwood has been watching the numbers carefully each morning. She works alongside team members to create solutions within Mineral Wells to combat Coronavirus daily.

“It’s every citizen in this community’s responsibility to abide by what’s right . . . I can’t beg our citizens enough to take heed of what our experts are telling us.”

CONCERNS REGARDING NUMBERS

We have received numerous requests inquiring further about the reported COVID numbers in Palo Pinto County and Mineral Wells.

We spoke to several leaders within the community who wanted to make one point clear: the numbers should not be focused on.

Instead, prevention measures and how to implement them are what is most important and the precautionary measures that can be taken are solutions that can be practiced by every citizen to help their community. These precautionary measures can prevent the entire county from entering a future where resources are no longer accessible to those who need them most.

MINERAL WELLS, YOU ARE HEARD

All of the above are concerns that have been noted throughout the last two weeks and one point is very important through all of this: There is a solution for every problem.

Cultivating an environment of fear or judgement is not the answer to this problem. Compulsively following the numbers reported is not the answer either. Practicing the precautionary measures is the answer and, by doing so, our community will be avoiding the ultimate consequences of the COVID pandemic: further fatalities.

Stay strong, Mineral Wells!



MINERAL WELLS ANIMAL SHELTER IN NEED OF DONATIONS!

MINERAL WELLS, TX - The Mineral Wells Animal Shelter is in need of donations and could use your help. Currently, the shelter has sixty-one cats and kittens. The shelter continues to see more cats and kittens in need of a home or treatment come in daily. With such high numbers, donations of supplies including food are desperately needed.

If you are able, please donate the following items to the Mineral Wells Animal Shelter or you may also donate Walmart gift cards:

The shelter currently has 61 cats and kittens in the shelter with more coming in daily. We are running low on several kitten items.

These items are on the top of our wish list.

Canned Kitten Food – Dry Kitten Food – Kitten Milk Replacement – Clorox wipes



We could use your help!

#SAVEOURCHILDREN ON MINERAL WELLS BRIDGE



BY ARISSA VIERING

MINERAL WELLS, TX - On August 12th, 2020, #SAVEOURCHILDREN was placed on the fence covering the Lake Mineral Wells State Trailway Bridge. The sign can be seen upon entering town from SH 180 and represents a national movement.

#SaveOurChildren is a social movement that has a primary goal of ending child sex trafficking. According to the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children, "Child sex trafficking has been reported in all 50 U.S. States. Today, the average age of child sex trafficking victims reported missing to NCMEC is only 15 years old."

A protest is planned on August 16, 2020 at Weatherford Heritage Park at 1PM. The protest is planned to speak out against "abuse, pedophilia, porn, sex trafficking/exploitation, slavery, & extraction of organs."

If you are a victim of human trafficking or wish to report human trafficking, call the Human Trafficking Hotline at 1-888-373-7888, text 233733, or live chat online here: <https://humantraffickinghotline.org/>

THE NORWOOD HOSPITAL

BY JONNY GOODDAY



A Founding Hospital of Mineral Wells

Many have passed by this old building only to gaze up at the upside-down crosses at the peaks of the columns, wondering “what is this building?” Some speculate that the building itself holds an evil past and was once the place where horrible experiments were performed on people during the earlier days of Mineral Wells. After conducting extensive research, I hope to eliminate such speculation. Only standing one block away from the Crazy Water Bottling Company, this historic hospital has a pretty interesting story to tell...

Dr. and Mrs. R.R. Norwood moved to Mineral Wells in 1904 after living in Weatherford for a short time. They had both graduated from the Southern School of Osteopathy and had married on their graduation day.

Shortly after moving to Mineral wells, Parry & Spicer Architects worked with Goodrum, Murphy & Croft Contractors to build the Norwood Hospital. Originally, it was only two stories. The addition of the third floor was

not to be added until a later time. A two-story building was built behind it, creating the women’s clinic. Many of the original buildings in Mineral Wells carried symbols on top of them for different reasons. The Norwood Hospital displayed upside-down crosses at the height of their columns to symbolize the cross of St. Peter - not an “anti-christian” symbol.

Norwood Hospital was the first hospital in Mineral Wells, carrying with it the responsibility to grant further, prime innovations that were the first of their kind in the area. The first x-ray machine, the first cancer education center, and the first hernia operation to be performed via injection were but a few on the list that Mineral Wells has witnessed. For a building that many know little about, the Norwood Hospital was a place where both the science and the art of medicine promoted healing within the most humble of beginnings.

Dr. R.R. Norwood was a pioneer of the medical field during the administration of Gov. Neff. He was a member of the State Board of Medical Examiners. He and his wife, Dr. Regina Norwood, both practiced medicine in Mineral Wells. After Dr. Regina Norwood’s retirement from medicine, Dr. R. R. Norwood continued to practice until 1952. That same year, he would pass away at the age of eighty-two.

The building was donated to the Mineral Wells Historic Foundation. Plans were announced to convert the clinic to a Bed and Breakfast facility, but no progress towards such a conversion ever came forward. Now, the possibility to turn the Norwood Hospital into a museum remains an unlocked potential for the future, but nothing is official.

Full gallery and sources can be viewed at gooddaymineralwells.com.



TURKEY CREEK FIRE AT SH 254 EAST OF GRAFORD

BY ARISSA VIERING



GRAFORD, TX - BREAKING NEWS 8/14/2020: A 247 acre fire broke out at YL Ranch on SH 254 east of Graford. The fire was full contained.

Graford Fire Department and Mineral Wells Fire Department responded to the scene. Three single engine air tankers have made 6-8 trips to try to contain the fire. Four bulldozers from the Texas A&M Forest Service were sent to create a path for better access to the fire. Due to the spread of the fire, three additional airplanes and one helicopter were sent to assist with containment, per Mineral Wells Fire Chief Mike Pool.

Chester Yates has been leasing the grass at the property at YL Ranch since 1998. He has twenty-six cows, one bull, and calves totaling to approximately fifty cattle. Luckily, he was able to help the cattle escape before the fire spread. The fire has been the worst fire at the ranch that Yates has seen since 1998. The cause of the fire is still unknown at this time.



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A LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Dear Goodday Mineral Wells Audience,

Welcome to Goodday Mineral Wells.

Our sole purpose, as the Goodday Mineral Wells news team, is to provide accurate, accessible news that is reflective of the Mineral Wells communities and surrounding areas.

Goodday Mineral Wells is a general partnership comprised of a small group of individuals that are dedicated to helping the community that is Mineral Wells. John L. Partesius, aka Jonny Goodday, is the founder of Goodday Mineral Wells. As a passionate artist, master photographer, servant leader, and gifted cinematographer, John wishes to utilize his talents to help others within the community. After five years of experience in growing the brand that is Jonny Goodday, John has moved forward to create a host of businesses to better serve Mineral Wells.

Three companies coexist to serve Mineral Wells under the Jonny Goodday name: Goodday Media Group, Goodday Mineral Wells, and The Wishing Well of Mineral Wells. Goodday Mineral Wells serves as the local news source of Mineral Wells. Providing informational graphics, descriptive and explanatory articles, real-time polls, filmed reporting, online reporting, and print news, Goodday Mineral Wells has much to offer.

Goodday Media Group is a marketing network that serves local businesses and individuals within the community as they pursue their goals. Many skills are combined to create solutions for clients: photography, videography, graphics design, web design, website development, cyber security, writing, copywriting, editing, networking, creation of print materials, branding, acting, sound engineering, lead generation, social media management, content creation, advertisement creation, animation, and more.

The Wishing Well of Mineral Wells is a non-profit organization that will become a 501(c)(3) after a foundation of robust research is collected. Arissa Viering is the original founder of The Wishing Well of Mineral Wells. The primary goals of this nonprofit are to: analyze the culture and community of Mineral Wells through an anthropological lens, collect data through demographic analyses, observation, and surveys, create goals that will further the development of resources for the people of Mineral Wells, present data to key stakeholders, and create resources for the community to be utilized as tools to better the core social determinants of health.

Goodday Mineral Wells is on week four since going live. Right now, we have so many great goals to meet for Mineral Wells. We are actively adding more news categories to our website at gooddaymineralwells.com. This includes an animal shelter and chamber of commerce page.

As a team, we couldn't possibly be more excited or passionate to serve our community, a place we plan to call home for our children until they are far past graduating.

Determined to move forward, we are presenting this newsletter. There is so much more that will come from this. You can count on us to make this a comprehensive snapshot of all that is occurring within Mineral Wells.

The newsletter will always be free online. It can be printed from the comfort of your home as well. We would like to provide this in print for many individuals in the town who are in need. We are currently seeking sponsors and advertisers to help us do just that. If you are interested in donating, please go to our website to donate to our GoFundMe. If you are interested in advertising, please place an advertisement request on our website.

A comprehensive newsletter will begin to be emailed to our subscribers on July 26th, 2020.

Arissa Viering

Editor in Chief & Writer

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