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Murder charge reduced to robbery

In 27th District Court proceedings Friday, Bobby Ray Stratton, 26, of Lampasas was sentenced to a total of 8 ½ years in the Texas Department

of Corrections. Stratton is one of four men charged in the January 2013 murder of Curtis Lee Shed, 43, of Copperas Cove.

A charge of murder against Stratton was reduced to robbery, and he received eight years in jail.

A possession of a

controlled substance charge over one gram and under four grams netted Stratton an additional six-month jail sentence.

Mural unveiled Thursday on Key Avenue

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chairman Libby Bluntzer noted. Imposed over the yellow ribbon are the service emblems of the branches of the military, as well as of various law enforcement and emergency response agencies.

VL's eighth mural began with an idea from Lampasas Walmart, Mrs. Bluntzer said, and a Walmart grant provided funding for the project, which Mrs. Bluntzer said took about a year to plan and prepare.

Volunteers painted more than 600 hours total in 25 days and six nights, the mural committee chairman said. First responders

and members of the armed forces painted the patches on the mural.

At the dedication ceremony Thursday, members of Girl Scout Troop 6010 posted the colors and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Afterward, Robert Mattson sang "God Bless America," and retired U.S. Air Force Col. Jack Shelton spoke of the feelings the "Patriot" mural has evoked for him.

Shelton said four words -- "pride," "respect," "humility" and "thanksgiving" -- continue to fill his thoughts when he considers the mural.

Shelton said he is proud to be an American and to enjoy the American way of life, which he said includes respect for individual rights, and a quest for "liberty and justice for all."

The speaker also mentioned gratitude for veterans and first responders -- the "holders of the shield" who defend their fellow citizens.

"May we never lose our respect for them and, with a humble heart, thank them for what they

do for our community and other communities like it," Shelton said.

The veteran also said he is thankful for those who made the mural possible, and Shelton said he is grateful to live in a place "where we can declare we are 'One Nation Under God' and can say 'In God we Trust.'"

As one Lampasas project celebrated completion, another marked its beginning.

A groundbreaking ceremony Thursday at the library commemorated the start of work -- which contractor Mike Hail said actually began three days earlier -- to renovate and expand the facility.

Work will include enclosing the courtyard on the northwest side of the building, which will add 700 square feet to the library.

In addition, adult fiction books will be moved to create space for a meeting room with a kitchenette. An exterior door on the west side of the building will allow entry to the meeting room for night events when the library

is closed.

Other upcoming changes include expansion of the director's office, installation of a new circulation desk and placement of one-way glass to separate the patron area from the library staff's main work room.

Also, the library will receive a new roof, along with new windows, flooring and paint.

Years of fundraising by the Library Foundation of Lampasas, Texas generated the majority of the money for the renovation. Foundation president Sheryl Hausmann also thanked the city -- which will contribute \$100,000 toward the renovation -- and the Pierian Club, which she said has been a steadfast supporter since Lampasas dedicated a public library in 1904.

The facility will remain open as much as possible during renovation, officials have said. Work is estimated to last four months, said Hail, owner of project general contractor M.W. Hail Construction Inc.

New council members plan for future

Misti Talbert

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Christmas on the Creek, a committee of volunteers raising funds to line Sulphur Creek with professionally installed holiday lights from the U.S. Highway 281 bridge to the Key Avenue bridge.

Mrs. Talbert said from her youth she was taught to take responsibility for serving her community.

"You don't sit back and ask," the new City Council member said. "You get up and do."

When a few people in town encouraged Mrs. Talbert to run for a council seat, she spent a lot of time seeking the advice of friends and family, especially her husband, she said. The longtime community volunteer -- who works for Lori Graham CPA, P.C. -- eventually decided to seek a seat on the council, which Mrs. Talbert described as "an all-encompassing position" that ties together many city issues important to her.

Lampasas has reached a "pivotal point," Mrs. Talbert said, as she believes the city has growth potential and a council -- with a good mix of experience, youth and vision -- ready to move forward in addressing the town's needs.

Mrs. Talbert said Lampasas' quality of life is her primary focus, and she said economic growth plays a key role in providing residents with the amenities they expect. The city, she said, needs an increase in jobs and businesses to provide more revenue for services without an increase in property taxes. At the same time, Mrs. Talbert said it is important that Lampasas maintain its "small-town values" and remain a place where people feel connected to their community.

To plan for Lampasas' future, Mrs. Talbert said, City Council members should listen with an open mind to residents to understand what people think are the town's greatest needs.

Mrs. Talbert said because of her many activities, she is in contact constantly with people from all over town and from many backgrounds. In the few weeks since she joined the council, many people have contacted her to share their opinions, she said. Mrs. Talbert encouraged residents to contact her about city matters by e-mail at misti@cityoflampasas.com.

The councilwoman said public involvement in city affairs is important to her. She said she often asks people -- particularly those who have shared ideas about how to improve Lampasas -- if they would be willing to serve on one of the many municipal advisory groups.

Mrs. Talbert also said she hopes development of a new, roomier City Council Chambers will promote increased attendance at public meetings.

The City Council is responsible for a variety of matters, and Mrs. Talbert said municipal operations are more complex than many people -- herself included -- often realize. Consequently, the new council member said she is taking advantage of as many training opportunities as possible to help her learn about city governance.

"Being on the City Council is a responsibility, and you have to be sure you do everything to empower yourself to take that responsibility seriously," she said.

"I don't believe the council is seven people who know it all," she added. "It's seven people who took on the responsibility to listen, and then to be a voice and the leaders of action."

Chuck Williamson

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old house on West Sixth Street, where their son, Charles, and his wife, Julie, now live with their two children.

Chuck Williamson served on the city's Parks & Recreation Advisory Board about 15 years -- including about 10 years as chairman. He also volunteered approximately 10 years on the Capital Improvements Program Committee -- which advises the City Council about major purchases, including equipment, street work, improvements to facilities and other projects.

Williamson said his approaching retirement gives him an opportunity to be more involved in the city. The councilman said he hopes Lampasas can encourage business owners and residents of all ages to participate in municipal matters so they can comment on issues and share their vision for the city's future.

"I firmly believe the time is right, now, for us to be able to bring together the different entities [and age groups] within the community," Williamson said.

The councilman noted he is pleased three young members are volunteering their time on the City Council. The combination of young people's perspectives and older members' life experiences will benefit the city, he said.

With three major highways, a public utility system, good parks, active efforts in economic development and a sense of community, Lampasas has many features that make it an attractive place to live, Williamson said. He said he hopes the city can plan ahead to be prepared for growth and to maintain a good quality of life for residents.

"A lot of the things that the city is now beginning to look at are going to be proactive," Williamson said.

For example, the councilman said Economic Development Director Kathi Masonheimer is doing a good job of working for business growth.

Williamson said it is important to ensure Lampasas is attractive to companies seeking to relocate, and he said another priority is for the city to address the needs of existing businesses and the downtown area.

New businesses can help the city's tax base grow so Lampasas can generate enough revenue for future needs, he said. Utility extensions to the business park on U.S. Highway 183 South, Williamson added, will be important for Lampasas economic development.

Williamson also said he hopes to see tourism increase in Lampasas, as he believes that can provide a significant economic boost to the city.

On infrastructure, the councilman said the city needs to take care of what it already has, as well as set priorities for needed improvements.

Municipal staff and the City Council are "very proactive," Williamson said. He added that the Capital Improvements Program Committee has shown foresight with recent plans -- such as its suggestion, which the council followed, of selling unused city-owned buildings.

The longtime CIP member said he hopes the committee's quarterly meetings will help identify both current and future needs for Lampasas.

Williamson said one of his main goals is to hear from Lampasans and to get the whole community involved in working for the city's future.

"Lampasas has so much going for it," he said, "and we just kind of need to bring it all into focus, and I think it will be a dream come true."

Help Wanted

The Lometa Police Department is now accepting applications for a Full-time Police Officer and two Reserve Police Officers. Applicants must be TCOLE certified and able to pass a background investigation. Applicants must be able to work evenings and weekends. You may submit your application at the Lometa City Hall located at 100 E. San Saba St., Lometa, TX.



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BID NOTICE

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1. Electronic copies of the Bid Specifications may be obtained for no charge. E-mail requests to shirley@cityoflampasas.com. Hard copies of the Bid Specifications may be obtained at 312 East Third, Lampasas, Texas (512)556-6831.

2. All qualifying bids will be tabulated and submitted to the City Council for consideration of award of bid.

3. Bids not meeting specifications will generally not be considered. However, the City reserves the right to waive specifications or irregularities when to do so would be in the best interest of the City. The City also reserves the right to reject any or all proposals.

4. A contract for purchase does not exist until an official Purchase Order is issued by the City.

5. The City may award a bid either to the lowest responsible bid contractor or to the bid contractor who provides goods or services at the best value for the municipality. Loc. Gov. Code 252.043(c).

/s/Shirley Elders,
Public Works Secretary