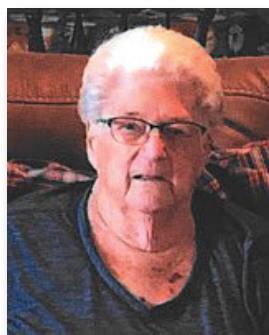


DEATHS



Mrs. Baker

Patsy Ann Baker, 85, of Lampasas died Jan. 1, 2019 at AdventHealth hospital (formerly called Metroplex) in Killeen.

Graveside funeral will take place Jan. 4 at 10 a.m. at Oak Hill Cemetery. Visitation was held Jan. 3 at Sneed Funeral Chapel.

Patsy was born Oct. 7, 1933 in Lampasas County, the daughter of Albert G. Randall and Mary Hudson (Atkinson) Randall.

She graduated from high school.

Patsy married Dalton Doyle Baker in May 1954.

She worked as a cook for Lampasas ISD for many years. She was a member of Adamsville Baptist Church.

She is survived by daughter, Debbie Lindsey and husband Terry; son, Vernon Baker and wife Lisa; brother, Kenneth Randall; sister-in-law, Margaret Baker; grandchildren, Tracie Chapa (Marcus), Kristy Marcellus (Justin), Jennifer Harris (Jon Paul), Jessica Fincher (Justin) and Kassie Baker (Shawn); and great-grandchildren, Jonathan, Kade-Ann, Kaelie, Radley, Rylan, Greyson, Kaylor, Myken, Karis and Maddox.

Patsy was preceded in death by her husband, a granddaughter, a great-grandson, and some brothers and sisters.

Memorials may be sent to the Alzheimer's Association at alz.org.



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Mrs. Cook

Alice Marie Harrell was born in Adamsville on Jan. 12, 1931 to Arthur "Bill" Harrell and Mabel Scott Harrell.

She died after a short illness on Dec. 25, 2018 at The Wesleyan at Scenic in Georgetown, Texas.

She spent her adult life in the Lampasas area taking care of her family and helping in their farming, ranching and construction company endeavors. She and John finally retired to their lake house on Lake Buchanan in 2002.

She is survived by her husband, John V. Cook; three sons, Randall Cook (Linda), Lynn Cook (Don) and Mike Cook (Terri); two grandchildren, Michelle Cook and Ginnefer Cook; three great-grandchildren; sister Wanda Allen; sister-in-law Wanda Harrell; and three nieces and five nephews.

She was preceded in death by her brother, Larry Harrell.

A private graveside service will be held at a later date. The Gabriels Funeral Chapel and Crematory in Georgetown has charge of arrangements.

## Rancher's records show big rainfall for Lometa in 2018

Lometa-area rancher Travis Herring recorded 47.15 inches of precipitation on his ranch in 2018.

That is more than 50 percent above Lampasas County's average annual rainfall, which the Texas Almanac reported to be 31.08 inches.

The Lometa area has had a wet and icy start to 2019, Herring added Thursday.

# Subdivision construction a big topic in 2018

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to bring the total cost to approximately \$1.2 million.

Officials plan to begin holding City Council meetings in the renovated building in March after completion of the work.

Developer Deorald Finney received preliminary approval in March 2018 for the Stone Valley subdivision in northwest Lampasas off Nix Road.

In all, 67 single-family residences are included, although Finney plans to develop the subdivision in phases, with 10 houses to be built initially. Finney estimated home prices would range from \$150,000-\$180,000.

Four new roads will provide access to the subdivision. Cutting of roadways, creation of house pads, and work on water/sewer/electrical infrastructure began in August.

Among the city initiatives still in the development phase at the start of 2019 is a recommendation for urban deer control.

In response to numerous complaints from residents about wildlife – and predominantly whitetails – city officials held a town hall discussion in September. Texas Parks and Wildlife Department Technical Guidance Biologist Kevin Schwausch presented extensive information on options for deer control if Lampasans choose to pursue some restrictions.

Schwausch recommended formation of a local wildlife committee to study the issue and provide public education.

Assistant City Manager Gary Cox indicated at the time that the issue would be brought to the Lampasas City Council for consideration at a later date.

And after opening a citizens collection station in March 2018 at the public works yard, the city began offering a recycling drop-off program at the same Brown Street site in December.

The citizens collection station accepts brush and leaves, old appliances, scrap metal, construction debris, and automotive items such as tires and batteries. A fee is charged for use of this service.

By mid-May, officials said the collection station already had accepted over 17 tons of construction debris.

Drop-off of recycling items is available four days a week to Lampasas residents only. There is no fee for this service, although the city now assesses a \$0.50-per-month fee to utility customers to recoup the expenses associated with the recycling program.

"Single-stream" recycling is offered, which means all recyclable items may be placed in a single container without having to be



Road work began in August on property between Nix Road and North Willis Street, where developer Deorald Finney is constructing Stone Valley subdivision. Finney said he plans to develop in Stone Valley phases and ultimately put 67 single-family houses in the subdivision.

separated. City officials, however, have reiterated the importance of following specified guidelines so non-recyclables will not contaminate an entire load.

### PUBLIC SAFETY AND LAW ENFORCEMENT NEWS

A fire on May 31 at the River Park Village East Apartments displaced 14 residents and kept firefighters and other first responders busy for several hours at the site. In total, eight units at the Central Texas Expressway apartment complex were affected.

No one was hurt in the fire, and its cause was deemed accidental by Fire Marshal Ronnie Withers.

Firemen had to battle hot weather conditions, however, as the temperature soared to 97 that day with humidity of 44 percent.

The community may see the resolution of a murder-for-hire case in the coming year.

Troy Walker Neville was arrested in November 2017 on two charges of capital murder while remuneration after authorities alleged he attempted to hire two contract killers to murder his ex-wife, Rebecca Neville, and her sister, Lampasas Chief of Police Sammy Bailey.

As of early December, Walker remained in Coryell County Jail for a court trial that officials said would be scheduled in 2019.

On Oct. 31, members of the Fort Hood Explosive Ordnance Disposal Company were called to a home on West First Street when a worker found a mysterious explosive device in the rubble of a house where a fire had occurred about two weeks earlier.

Lampasas Police Department conducted an investigation in conjunction with the Federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms



A May 31, 2018 fire at the River Park Village East Apartments on Central Texas Expressway displaced more than a dozen residents. The cause of the fire was deemed accidental.

and Explosives and determined the device to be a benign bundle of commercial fireworks. Authorities said no ill-intent was determined, and the case was closed in late November.

A stabbing made headlines last month when authorities said Eric James Morales

of San Diego, California stabbed his brother, Anthony Bradley St. John, on Dec. 1.

Lampasas County Sheriff Jess Ramos said the two brothers hadn't seen one another in quite some time, and Morales was believed by police to have driven all the way from California to the

Kempner residence where St. John was staying to assault him.

St. John was hospitalized, and Morales was jailed on a charge of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon. The motive of the alleged crime has not been announced by law enforcement officials.

## City issues more building permits in 2018 than in previous year

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DISPATCH RECORD

The city of Lampasas issued 625 building permits in 2018, including 53 for new structures.

The peak of activity came in May, when 77 permits were issued for a total job valuation of \$17,647,502.

Construction in 2018 reached a total job valuation of just under \$28.8 million.

Total number of permits issued this past year was a little higher than the 580 issued in 2017, but lower than in 2016 – when 701 permits were issued.

2018 BUILDING PERMITS BREAKDOWN BY TYPE	
Plumbing	167
Electrical	156

Remodel/addition	124
Mechanical	68
Building (new structure)	53
Sign	18
Sprinkler	15
Fence	14
Pool	4
Demolition	3
Shed/patio/deck	3

2018 BUILDING PERMITS BY MONTH	
January	48
February	43
March	60
April	40
May	77
June	64
July	65
August	45
September	30
October	61
November	56
December	36



Pictured here: Olson and Preston sons of Drs. Trampus and Kelli Isom.

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