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DEATHS



Mr. Blair

Dwain Glen Blair died on Sept. 16, 2019 at the age of 62.

He was born in Lampasas on Feb. 26, 1957 to the late Willie Flynn and Lawana Vonceil Blair. He attended Lampasas schools and was a lifelong resident here.

Dwain loved music and, in his teenage years, was the drummer with Third Day (later known as Woodstock) with fellow band members Don "Cotton" Owens, Billy Peak and Earl Foote.

Dwain spent time working in the oilfields in Odessa, was street supervisor for the city of Lampasas for several years and most recently was an employee of CW Resources on Fort Hood.

He was an avid sports enthusiast, following basketball, golf and his beloved Texas Longhorns and the Dallas Cowboys.

Dwain is survived by his brothers Eddie Blair and wife Jan of Waco, Darrell Blair and wife Luann of Leander, and Mike Blair and wife Sheri of Lampasas; nephews Cody Blair of Cypress, Ryan Blair of Lampasas and Brian Blair of Waco; one niece, Megan Blair of Lampasas; his aunt Bette Morris of Lampasas; and several cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents, grandparents D.C. "Cotton" and Virginia Morris, his son Christopher Jacob Blair, and niece Kelsie Ann Blair.

A graveside memorial service will be held at Sand Hill Cemetery on Nov. 9 at 10:30 a.m.



Mr. Paddie

Bernard Dave Paddie, 82, of Georgetown died Nov. 1, 2019 at Baylor Scott & White Round Rock.

Funeral service will be Nov. 6 at 1 p.m. at Faith Lutheran Church in Lampasas. Burial will follow in Oak Hill Cemetery.

Visitation will be Nov. 5 from 5-7 p.m. at Sneed Funeral Chapel.

Dave was born Jan. 4, 1937 in Noble, Louisiana to Dave and Bessie (Santos) Paddie.

He graduated from Pelican High School in Benson, La., before enlisting in the U.S. Army. He served his country for 20 years with the military.

During his two tours of duty in Vietnam, he received several commendations including the Bronze Star 2nd Oak Leaf Cluster and Air Medal 7th Oak Leaf Cluster with V Device (valor).

After retiring from military service, he went to work for the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. Dave was the first park ranger assigned to what is now Colorado Bend State Park.

He was an avid sportsman who loved fishing. His grandchildren held a special place in his heart, and he allowed them to follow special "Pa Pa's" rules like eating ice cream straight from the carton.

He is survived by his wife of 21 years, Sally Paddie; son, Dave Paddie and wife Ursula of Lampasas; daughters Diana Jackson and husband Randle of Kempner, and Dawn Carpenter and husband Chris of Arlington; stepdaughters Sabrina Bryant and husband Jerry of Georgetown, and Naomi Olofsson and husband Michael of Sweden; grandchildren Marie Paddie (Eric), Sara Burke (Tyler) and Caden Carpenter; step-grandchildren Jay Bryant (Charlie), Dalton Bryant, Hanna Olofsson, Caitlyn Olofsson, Kevin Olofsson, Jaycee Bryant and Katie Bryant; brother, Ray Paddie; sister, Hannah (Hazel) Peavy; and numerous nephews and nieces who called him Uncle Peanut.

Dave was preceded in death by his first wife, Edda; a sister, Marie Paddie Creel; and brothers Maurice (BB), Forrest, Herbert and Marvin (Tash).

Memorials may be sent to St. Jude Children's Hospital or the charity of one's choice.



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City Council ratifies replacement of air conditioner units

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monarch butterflies, and the club will help with the maintenance of the garden.

The project will take about eight months to complete, Saucedo said. He has received bids for the upcoming work, and his mother, Sammy Saucedo, said M.W. Hail Construction Inc. has funded almost all the project.

In other business, the council ratified an expenditure of \$10,596 the city already made with Miller's Service Co. to replace two air conditioning units at the Lampasas Multi-Service Center. The facility houses the senior citizen center and the Head Start program.

On Oct. 11, the city was notified that the units at the facility were not cooling, City Manager Finley deGraffenried said. After checking the units, it was determined that one had failed and the other was about to stop working, deGraffenried said.

"The person that had been working on this facility for a number of years gave us a quote," the city manager said. "We felt like we had to go ahead and move quickly, based on the population served, and authorized the installation."

Although the ratification vote was unanimous, Councilman Randy Clark asked for multiple quotes in the future before the city proceeds with purchases.

"I realize this was an emergency situation with it going out," he said of one of the air conditioning units, "but we have other businesses in town that also do that [work], and I think you can probably get some estimates with a phone call."

DeGraffenried told Clark he understands the councilman's perspective on the matter.

Mayor Misti Talbert read a thank-you note from Multi-Service Center Director Amanda Thomison. The facility director expressed Multi-Service Center con-

gregants' appreciation for the quick replacement of the air conditioning units and the other support the city provides for the facility.

On another matter, the council voted unanimously to purchase a cloud-based video storage system for the police department.

The required video retention term depends on the level of severity of the offense to which the video relates. For first-degree and capital felonies, the retention term is 50 years, Patrol Lt. Chuck Montgomery said.

The police department's existing video storage server is starting to fail, Montgomery said. He added that if the city bought a new physical server instead of using the cloud-based system, the new server would last only about four years.

The cloud-based system will keep data secure, allow for backups and make video-related work more efficient, Montgomery and Information Technology Director Monica Wright said.

The initial cost of the cloud-based storage system is \$7,000. In addition, the per-month storage cost – based on the amount of total data the police department stores now – will be about \$270, Montgomery said.

Recurring annual costs – including software updates and support – will be \$10,620. The actual budget increase for that portion will be only \$5,220, however, because Montgomery said the police department already budgets \$5,400 for software updates and support.

Also last week, the council voted for David Barclay, Marshall Brewer, Phil Garrett, Mike Krieger and Ross Oliver to serve on the Lampasas Central Appraisal District Board of Directors.

In other action, the council approved the following appointments and/or re-appointments:

• Robert Lansford as

a regular member of the Airport Advisory Board, along with Kevin Smith and Mike Watson as alternates. An ordinance to create the two alternate positions must pass a second reading Nov. 12, so Smith's and Watson's appointments will not take effect until that date.

• Ron Jose and Gordon Thornton to the Lampasas Airport Zoning Board of Adjustment Advisory Board.

• Ron Farr, Lesley Greer Richard Procter and Johnny Sanders to the Construction Board of Adjustments and Appeals.

• Joe Bell, Jane Bumpus, Patsy Greaves and Richard Stockman to the Golf Course Advisory Board.

• Steve Hudson, Charlie Pratus, Roland Schaub and Ronnie Vineyard to the Lampasas Economic Development Corp. Board of Directors.

• Ruth Martin, Jennifer Walker and D'Anne Willis to the Library Advisory Board.

• Robert McCauley as a regular member of the Zoning Board of Adjustments; Bob Caughron, Charley Kennington and Laurie Henderson as alternate members.

An executive session at last week's meeting, according to the agenda, related to the assistant city manager position "and other personnel matters as allowed

by Texas Government Code, Chapter 551."

The council took no action when it returned to open session, but deGraffenried answered a few questions about the assistant city manager post.

The job has been vacant about a month, as Gary Cox submitted a letter of resignation Oct. 1. In an email Wednesday to the Dispatch Record, Cox said he is

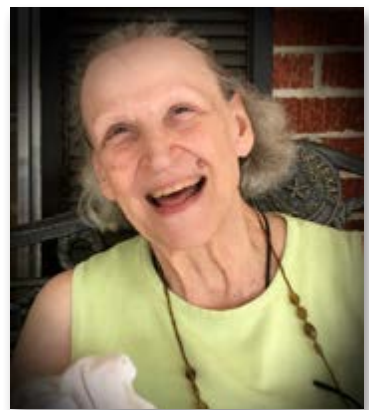


Gary Cox

looking for an opportunity to be closer to his son, who lives in the Houston area. Cox said he appreciates the opportunities and learning experiences he had in Lampasas. He said the city has "a bright future and a great staff which is committed to serving the community."

Although deGraffenried said there is no timeline at this point to advertise for a new assistant city manager, deGraffenried said the role "is a position that we will retain in some form or fashion."

"We may take a look at duties and also look at where we may be able to fit qualifications with the needs of the city," deGraffenried added.



Mrs. Lang

Lois Merle (Hill) Lang, 80, of Lampasas died Oct. 28, 2019 at AdventHealth Central Texas hospital in Killeen.

A memorial service will be held Nov. 8 at 11 a.m. at Sneed Funeral Chapel. Lois' body will be cremated.

Lois was born Aug. 26, 1939 in Lampasas to Grady Hanover Hill and Annie Olivia (Thomas) Hill. At age 6, her family moved to Lampasas from Evant, and Lois remained here until her death.

She married William Gayle Lang on Aug. 26, 1958, and he preceded her in death in November 2018.

Lois was an accomplished musician. She taught piano lessons locally for many years. She also enjoyed painting and art of various types. She had been attending Christadelphian meetings at the local congregation.

She is survived by her son, Daniel G. Lang (Barbara) of Cary, North Carolina, and by a grandson, Jordan Lang of San Francisco.



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bonds to help fund water and wastewater projects in economically distressed areas of the state.

Proposition 3 would allow for a temporary property tax exemption after a natural disaster strikes a county.

Proposition 4 prohibits a state income tax.

Proposition 5 would automatically appropriate all tax revenue derived from sales of sporting goods to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and Texas Historical Commission for the maintenance and improvement of state parks and historical sites.

Proposition 6 authorizes the increase from \$3 billion

to \$6 billion in general obligation bonds on behalf of the Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas.

Proposition 7 would allow increased distributions to the Available School Fund to support public schools.

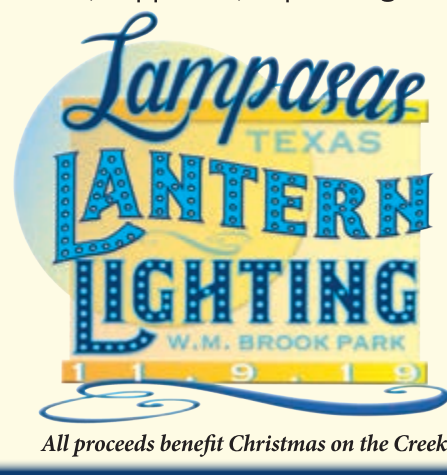
Proposition 8 creates a Flood Infrastructure Fund that could be used to construct flood mitigation and drainage projects.

Proposition 9 exempts from ad valorem taxes any precious metal held in the state depository.

Proposition 10 would allow a law enforcement dog, horse or other animal to be given free of charge to the animal's handler after its retirement from service.

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We invite family, friends, and individuals to experience a **magical night** as we light the water with floating water lanterns. The night will be filled with fun, happiness, hope and **great memories** that you'll cherish for a lifetime.



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All lanterns are 100% biodegradable, eco-friendly, and cost \$5 each. Lanterns will be sold from 5 pm-7 pm at the park. Lantern launch will take place at 7:30 pm.



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Have You Planned for Your Legacy?

Like most people, you probably want to leave something behind for your loved ones and possibly to some charitable organizations. In other words, you want to create a legacy. But how?

To leave the legacy you want, you need to construct a comprehensive estate plan. There's not a "one-size-fits-all" model for everyone, but these are the key elements of most estate plans:

• **Beneficiary designations** – Beneficiary designations are typically found on retirement accounts (such as your 401(k) and IRA) and life insurance policies. In many states, beneficiary designations may also be added to banking and brokerage accounts, where they are referred to as Pay on Death or Transfer on Death designations. These designations can supersede the instructions on your will – yet nearly two-thirds of Americans have not designated beneficiaries for any of their accounts, according to the recent *Leaving a Legacy* survey commissioned by Edward Jones.

Even if you have designated beneficiaries for your 401(k) and other accounts, you may need to revise them periodically in response to changes in your life – marriage, divorce, new child, etc.

• **Will** – A will, sometimes referred to as a last will and testament, can help ensure your assets are distributed according to your wishes. And if you have young children, a will can name a guardian if something happens to you and your spouse.

• **Trusts** – A trust provides you with even greater control than a will. You can dictate exactly how and when your beneficiaries receive the trust's assets, so, for example, if you'd prefer that your grown children not inherit a large sum at once, you can specify that they will get the money over a period of years. And a trust may help your estate avoid the time-consuming, expensive and public process of probate, reducing or eliminating the possibility of intra-family fights over your assets.

An estate plan can be a big gift to your loved ones – so take action soon.

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