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## BART CHAMBERS INTERVIEW

Tell us about yourself and why you chose to volunteer with Weston Fire and Rescue.

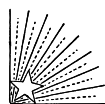
I was born in Grass Valley, California and raised in the small, rural town of Ben Lomond in Northern California. I was a volunteer firefighter at the age of 18 in my community and that was the foundation of my firefighting career. I am a 21-year military veteran having served in the United States Navy from March 6, 1984 to April 2, 2005 as a Navy Corpsman. I joined the Navy between my junior and senior year in high school, and upon graduation, went on active duty for tech school and assignment as a Gunner's Mate. In 1987 I did a rate change to Hospital Corpsman and graduated from the Naval School of Health Science in San Diego.

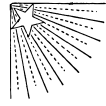
After completing Field Medical Service School, I was assigned to 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion 23<sup>rd</sup> Marines and deployed to Operation Desert Shield/Storm with 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion 23<sup>rd</sup> Marines. Post deployment, I transferred to 4<sup>th</sup> Light Armored Reconnaissance (4<sup>th</sup> LAR) Battalion until October 2000, where I was assigned to Inshore Boat Unit 16 (IBU 16). I was deployed numerous times with IBU 16 and to the Middle East for Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF) and Operation Enduring Freedom. Upon returning from deployment, I returned to 4<sup>th</sup> LAR where I retired in April of 2005 as a first class Petty Officer (HM1 FMF) as the Senior Battalion Medical Advisor.



My fire service and law enforcement career started when I was 18 as a volunteer in the community of Ben Lomond where I grew up. I have spent over 33 years in public safety. I worked for numerous fire departments at the start of my career, starting with CAL FIRE as a seasonal firefighter, Lockheed, Nevada County Consolidated, Moffitt Field, and back to CAL FIRE. I have held numerous positions within CAL FIRE throughout the state of California. My experience includes positions as Fire Apparatus Engineer (FAE), Fire Captain, Fire Captain Specialist(Law Enforcement), Battalion Chief, Division Chief, and Deputy Chief. I was also a sworn state peace officer for CAL FIRE's law enforcement program for over 15 years. I retired from CAL FIRE as the Deputy Chief of Law Enforcement at CAL FIRE's Headquarters in Sacramento overseeing law enforcement operations and 172 peace officers. I was instrumental in enhancing the department's law enforcement program prior to retiring and going to Nevada as the Nevada State Fire Marshal.

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In March of 2017, I became the 11<sup>th</sup> State Fire Marshal for the State of Nevada's Department of Public Safety and oversaw state firefighter training, for the State Emergency Response Commission, Fire Investigation & Law Enforcement, licensing of fire protection companies, hazardous materials reporting, and fire engineering and inspections. I also obtained my POST certification, becoming a sworn state peace officer in the State of Nevada. I retired from the State of Nevada when my mother became ill.

Professionally, I have been a member of the international Association of Fire Chiefs, International Association of Police Chiefs, International Association of Arson Investigators, National Association Fire Investigators, Fraternal Order of Police, National Fire Protection Association and International Fire Marshal Association. I am an active member of the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars. I hold numerous fire and law enforcement certifications and I still go to school to further my knowledge. Ongoing training and education is essential in this profession. I am finishing a degree in Homeland Security/Emergency Management. I am also a board member of Tier One Tranquility Base dealing with veterans and their families struggling with PTSD.

When I came to Texas, I was looking to settle in the community of Weston as it had the same small-town atmosphere in which I grew up. While I was settling into my new home, I drove through Weston and saw the sign on the side of Cowan's garage intermingled with the vines looking for volunteers. I submitted my application and became a member of the department. The department is the foundation of what I grew up with and my career is to provide for my community by giving back to those that have supported the profession.

I have three adult children, a girl and two boys and have five grandchildren, all of whom are boys. The community of Weston is one of the best places I have had the opportunity to be a part of through my travels and career. It is truly the foundation of what we see in community, god and country.

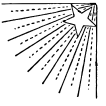
**How was your experience fighting fires out west this summer?**

My experience with the fires this summer resulted in my position assisting at the State Operations Center with state agencies over 17 days. I had the opportunity to travel and see the impact the Caldor fire did to the Eldorado National Forest as well as the surrounding areas of the Lake Tahoe Basin. In many cases, we have seen such growth into the rural areas that we forget that we need to address what fire history the areas have.

Many of these areas were inhabited in years past and the forest management then was really not necessary as Mother Nature would clean these areas through fires from natural causes. Over the last 30 years, many of these areas have seen development and increased population. As this occurs, many of the residents embrace the natural habitat and some areas look to establish such programs as a fire wise community or a Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP). This is instrumental so those "living with fire" as it would, can establish their own needs with thinning and looking at fire prevention programs that the community drives with assistance from the fire department.

The impact I saw these fires have is significant and is no different than the other places I have fought fire in the Western United States. More people are moving to rural areas and we need to educate our communities on how to live with fire and provide them with information, tools and assistance.

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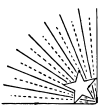
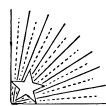
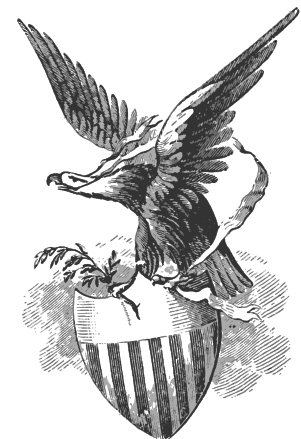
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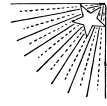
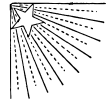
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## Why is it important for Weston to implement a Community Wildfire and Protection Program (CWPP)?

A CWPP is one of the best tools we have to take strides to adapt our community to a wildfire-prone environment. The CWPP contains hazard and risk analyses and will suggest projects that can efficiently reduce risk of loss of life, property loss, and environmental damage.

Every community is unique and has different conditions, terrain, indigenous vegetation, evacuation routes, and local support facilities. Comprehensive information, relevant to each community, in a user-friendly format has proven to be extremely effective because it motivates residents to read it, retain it and take appropriate action. In the wake of the wildfires that have decimated entire communities as what we have seen in California, and in Texas in years past, there is a need to inform and educate residents on what they can do to prevent the spread of fires and, most importantly, how to prepare for a disaster and what to do in case of a wildfire. It starts with those within the community and it's a fire prevention plan ultimately addressing fire risks. There are really three requirements for a CWPP:

**Collaboration:** Collaboratively developed with input from a large variety of stakeholders including but not limited to: community members, non-profit and other group cooperators, local agencies, state agencies, and federal agencies

**Prioritized Fuel Reduction:** Identifies areas for hazardous fuel reduction and recommends types and methods of treatment such as chipping, control burning through fuels management, fuel breaks, thinning, and land scape modifications.

**Recommends:** Measures to reduce structural ignitability in communities at risk to wildfire and describes modifications to buildings that can reduce the chances that they will catch fire. This can be done through fire prevention education and planning, fire code applications, and collaboration with developers.

## What are some changes happening at the fire department we can expect to see over the next few years?

Since March of this year when I was appointed as Chief of the Weston Fire Department, the changes we will be looking at over the next few years will be increased fire apparatus, replacement fire apparatus, increased numbers of volunteers of which most are from outside our community which we are actively trying to change and transitioning to a combination fire department meaning both paid (career) and volunteers. We also plan on reducing our ISO rating or Public Protection Classification from a class 7/7X; working with the developers to establish a better infrastructure for the fire services within the City of Weston, specifically, which means a new fire station as we do not have the capability currently to have firefighters stay overnight at the station; enhancing our emergency medical services and the training of our firefighters to move towards paramedicine; and establishing "Coffee with the Chief" events so that our residents/community can ask any questions about their fire protection and its future.

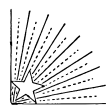


For the fire apparatus, we recently purchased a new fire engine which is currently being built to add to our current fleet. With recent grant awards, we were able to obtain through federal firefighting program, a military truck and monies to upfit the vehicle which will be converted into a water tender carrying 1200 gallons of water. It will also be able to be utilized as a brush truck for wildland fires. These grants that were awarded to the department were in excess of \$110,000.00 for the increased fire protection for our community.

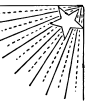
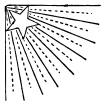
We established a scholarship program that we are hoping to have in place by November 1, 2021. This will help our membership as well as our local youth who may have a desire in this career field. In addition to this program we will be starting, at the first of the year, an explorer program from those that are 15 years of age within the district who are considering a career in the fire service.

We are also in the process of working with an outside firm to submit grants for additional personal protective equipment, turnouts and wildland nomex, and self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA's) to replace our aging equipment and bring it up to current standards. We have established a community risk reduction specialist position within the department to help with fire prevention education through our community. We will be sending a few of our members to the National Fire Academy which is sponsored by the federal government, for classes that will assist in our developing department to better provide services to those we serve in the district.

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All of our members are receiving training to be in line with Texas Department of Emergency Management, becoming NIMS (National Incident Management System) compliant as well as receiving further training in fire suppression, technical rescue and basic emergency medical services.

This has been a very aggressive approach which has been embraced by the members in the department and will help reduce the ISO rating for our community. This means that those within our community will see potential savings in their homeowners insurance premiums for fire insurance.

**What are some of the struggles facing Weston Fire and Rescue?**

There are many struggles facing the fire service in general throughout the nation. Weston Fire and Rescue is facing some of these same struggles. Some of these struggles include getting the community more involved and aware of fire protection services. The fire department receives monies only from the county for fire protection and through donations from our citizens in and outside of the city. We cover over 55 square miles of land, mostly county area, to provide fire protection and emergency medical services. The City of Weston does not provide or pay for fire protection within its city limits and relies on Weston Fire and Rescue for these services. The county pays approximately \$54,000.00 annually along with our average donations of \$20,000.00 from our citizens that we serve in our fire protection district.

As the area grows, the fire department will be integrated into the City of Weston. Depending on how this process is managed, it is possible that the public safety service plan that the developers and City will be utilizing for its fire protection could result in a neighboring city providing fire protection and emergency medical services (EMS) to the developments within the city limits which could potentially eliminate the Weston Fire and Rescue. This is a concern as it could result in response times of over 15 minutes to these developments and would result in mutual aid from Weston fire and Rescue until the other agency arrives on the incident. This issue could impact those currently relying on our services in the city and county area in which we serve as the other agency would be receiving funding.

We also need to get our community members involved with volunteering. As I stated before, we had to look outside the district in order to get members who were willing to volunteer as firefighters. Many of these members are seeking a career as a firefighter and are looking for experience. As I said previously, the scholarship program and the explorer program will be instrumental to get our local youth and families involved back into our community and the fire department. As we transition into a combination department, the volunteers are a critical part of this foundation and instrumental in the increased service delivery we will be providing.

Last, we need an increased focus on emergency medical services which will be set through a cooperative partnership with the local EMS provider along with developing our firefighters into paramedics. If we accomplish getting the infrastructure in place as I have envisioned and done in my past with other cities, we would have a fire station able to house 24/7 firefighters, paramedics and the local EMS provider having a station to place their staffed ambulance. The fire station would also be a place for the community to utilize as well as having a small office for local law enforcement to use. This is the foundation of a community based public safety plan that encompasses what our rural community should have and hopefully come to fruition with the Weston Fire and Rescue.

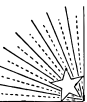
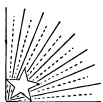
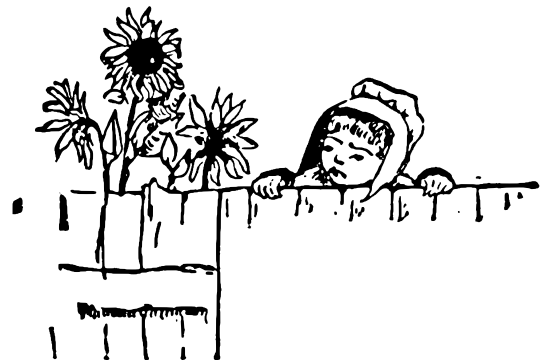
I have embraced the community and the City of Weston and am passionate about providing the best fire protection and medical services possible, every day. I grew up in a small town like Weston and have never forgotten where I came from both in my personal and professional career. It's a collective approach starting with our community to provide these services to achieve what we want with our fire department.

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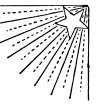
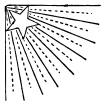


**Coloring Page Submissions**

Do you like to draw? We would like to include a coloring page that celebrates life in Weston. We are looking for simple, black-and-white line drawings with a one-sentence statement about the picture. We are hoping to receive submissions featuring local farm life, city buildings, scenes from our 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade, or historical pictures. Please contact [thewestonpost@protonmail.com](mailto:thewestonpost@protonmail.com) for more information.







# MAYOR'S CORNER

By Jim Marischen

Residents of Weston and our surrounding area, fall is here and I hope you are enjoying the cooler weather. The City has sponsored several events over the last three months including the National Night Out and Clean up Weston. We collected over \$450 for the Weston Fire and Rescue during the Clean Up event and made Weston beautiful once again. The City also hosted a very large block party to celebrate Steve Goldstein's birthday. Happy Birthday Steve!

Although there has been little visible progress on the new Venetian and Weston Trails developments, a lot has been going on. The Venetian Club House and Lagoon Site Plan were submitted for approval to the City council but were rejected due to insufficient information. The 2-acre Laguna at Weston continues to be contentious due to its intended public access. There is also a new buyer, Matrix Equities Ltd, for the west side of FM 543 property in Weston Trails. The City will have to wait until the contract is approved before understanding their plans. We are also contending with several Municipal Utility Districts (MUDs) popping up in the City Extra Territorial Jurisdiction (ETJ).

Good news! The City has acquired the funding for the Weston Town Center sewer in an escrow account. Unfortunately, it looks like the Weston Wastewater Treatment Plant schedule is slipping a bit and it will likely be early 2023 before the sewer in Weston is complete. The City is also working with Anna Public Works to join them in a Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant project that is scheduled to be online in early 2023. This project may allow Weston to shut down our treatment plant over time.

We recently reviewed the Weston Thoroughfare Plan with Anna and Celina and received their support. Soon, we will present the plan to the County to get the County Thoroughfare Plan synced up with Weston's plan. Our city planner is nearly complete with the draft of our new Vision Statement and Comprehensive Plan. Once that is finished, he will start into the update of the Weston Land Use Plan.

Hopefully, you voted on November 2<sup>nd</sup>. However, Weston did not have anyone on the ballot this year. All of the candidates ran unopposed so it was unnecessary. Tim Wilson will be your new City Councilman, and Maria Whitworth and I will remain for another two-year term.

Weston is planning several events for the holidays. The Light Up Weston event will take place on the Sunday after Thanksgiving, from 5:30p.m. to 7:30p.m. And, there may be a surprise Christmas event this year, so stay tuned.

Please provide any questions for me either through the Weston website or directly to Susan at the City Hall.

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# ORAL HISTORY REQUEST

By Michael Hill

*Michael Hill lives in Weston and currently serves as alderman on the Weston city council.*

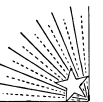
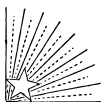
Sadly, it is much too normal that the many personal stories of our elders are lost. Thus, I am starting a Weston historical project to share the stories of those who were born in Weston, grew up, or lived a long life here. Using interviews and research, I seek to discover stories about life in Weston and how it was lived in the past.

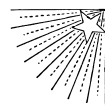
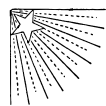
My first interview with Mary Sue Cowan was a great success and I will write more about it in the future. I am grateful to have captured her stories before her recent passing. Last month, I sat down with Louis and Scooter Cave and it was like catching up with old friends. Every story left me wanting to know more and made me realize how rare and special such accounts are.

I would like to conduct more interviews and am looking for locals willing to share stories. If you would like to participate, please let me know.

*Do you have a story to tell about the old families of Weston? Or would like to share a story about Weston history? Please email [thewestonpost@protonmail.com](mailto:thewestonpost@protonmail.com) or contact Michael Hill at [weston.hills@hotmail.com](mailto:weston.hills@hotmail.com).*

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# BRIGADIER GENERAL CARL ROGERS DARNALL

By Dr. Jeri Hallman

*The following piece is an excerpt from a longer article written by Dr. Hallman. Dr. Hallman recently retired after a long career as a general, trauma, and critical care surgeon. For the past three years Dr. Hallman served the US Army as an ICU physician at Darnall Army Medical Center at Ft. Hood, Texas.*

## Introduction

Brigadier General Carl Rogers Darnall, a career US Army medical officer, is one of the most important figures in the history of public health. His technique for chlorination of water eliminated bacterial contamination of public water systems. This has saved millions of lives worldwide. He was a native Texan, born and raised in Collin County.

## Home and Education

Carl Rogers Darnall's parents, Joseph Rogers Darnall and Mary Ellen (Thomas) Darnall settled in the Cottage Hill community in northeast Collin County, an area now only historically remembered, between the present towns of Celina and Weston. Joseph Rogers Darnall would become a successful farmer and a respected Christian minister. He founded Corinth Church near Weston and preached widely throughout north central Texas. There is no Corinth church now; Corinth cemetery is currently (2020) being restored on CR 92.

Carl Rogers Darnall was born on the Cottage Hill farm on December 25<sup>th</sup>, 1867, the first of seven children. Education was an important family tradition. He was educated in local community schools; none exist now. For higher education, Carl at age 17 was sent to Carlton College in Bonham, Texas. Carl transferred to Kentucky University in Lexington, Kentucky, and graduated in 1888.

After Kentucky University, Carl Darnall entered Jefferson Medical College in Philadelphia [and] graduated in 1890. Carl's youngest brother, Moses Hubbard Darnall, followed the same educational path as Carl; graduating from Kentucky University, then medical school at George Washington University in Washington, DC. The physician brothers would be reunited by the US Army in Washington, DC as World War One approached.



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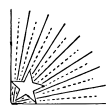
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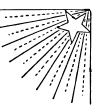
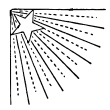
After completing Jefferson Medical School in Philadelphia, Carl Darnall started a practice in Milford, and later Trenton, New Jersey, both just across the Delaware River from Pennsylvania. In 1892 he married Annie Estella Major from Erwinna, Bucks County, Pennsylvania, just downriver from Milford. Their first two of their three children, all sons, were born in Milford. In October 1896 young Dr. Darnall made a historically propitious decision to leave private medical practice and join the US Army.

At that time newly appointed military physicians would spend the first six months at the Army Medical School in Washington, DC. There they would learn Army protocol and the unique medical needs and practices of military medicine. Graduating in 1897 with his commission as 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant Carl Darnall's first posting would take him home to Texas.

Darnall's quiet posting in south Texas would not last long. Since 1895, revolutionaries in Cuba had been fighting for independence from the Spanish colonial government. The US public and their government under President McKinley followed the news. Sympathy was with the rebels. In early 1898 President McKinley sent the US warship *USS Maine* to Havana harbor for protection of American citizens and commercial interests. On February 15, 1898 the *Maine* exploded killing 260 of the 400 US sailors. At the time some news reports attributed the disaster to a Spanish mine in the harbor, but historical review has suggested a possible fire in the ship's munitions compartment. Hostile claims were exchanged between Spain and the US. War was soon declared by both.

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The Spanish-American War was the first military conflict with the routine use of antiseptic dressings for treatment of wounds. This recently acquired knowledge linking disease and bacteria was growing and was certainly absorbed by a newly minted medical officer. Battle casualties were far exceeded by those from disease. Yellow fever, malaria, typhoid, and dysentery were so severe that a month after hostilities ceased, it was reported that only one-fourth of the 22,000 soldiers sent to Cuba were still fit for service. Certainly this was noted by [Darnall] and must have planted an interest that would later lead to a great public health breakthrough.

With the defeat of Spain, the USA acquired the Philippine Islands which had been under Spanish colonial control for almost 400 years. Immediately after hostilities ceased in Cuba, US troops were sent to the Philippines. A rebellion there to achieve independence

had long been underway just as it had been in Cuba. The organized rebel army wanted independence for the Philippines, and interpreted entry of the US Army as the beginning of another colonial era. Attacks on US troops led to a bitter and bloody Philippine-American War that started immediately in 1898. President McKinley, and subsequently President Roosevelt, sent William Howard Taft to be Governor General. He was able to reassure the Philippine people that there would not be a return to harsh colonial rule, but the fighting did not end until 1902 with the surrender of the last rebels.

Through 1902 1<sup>st</sup> LT Darnall was Assistant Surgeon and pathologist aboard the USS Relief at Iloilo City on the historic island of Panay, commander of the hospital in Iloilo City, and Assistant Surgeon at Military Hospital Number One in Manila.

In 1902, Captain Darnall left the Philippines and reported to the Office of the Surgeon General and the Army Medical School in Washington, DC. He would remain there until 1914—twelve formative and inventive years. He would be Secretary of the Faculty, instructor for sanitary chemistry, and instructor for operative surgery. Major Walter Reed had done much of his research at the Army Medical School. In addition to discovering the mode of transmission of yellow fever, Reed had connected typhoid fever to contaminated food and water. At this time in history, the transmission of disease by bacteria, the science of bacteriology, was still new. Unfortunately, Walter Reed died of appendicitis in November 1902, so it is unlikely the two physicians were able to collaborate.

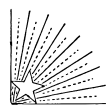
Captain Darnall became an active teacher at the Army Medical School, a clinician and surgeon, and a researcher. He was well-regarded as a teacher and was promoted to Major. One of the most important research projects was producing safe drinking water for soldiers in the field. The solution to this problem would become the most important public health innovation of that era.

Knowledge of the many disease-causing bacteria that could be transmitted by drinking water was increasing, and it was known that chlorine in water became an oxidative agent that could kill bacteria. Coalescence of these two facts was needed. The French pharmacist Antoine Labarraque had introduced a sodium hypochlorite solution as a disinfectant and deodorizer in 1825, a generation before Pasteur and Lister had birthed the bacteria and antiseptic revolutions.

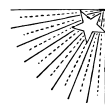
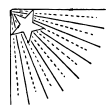
The first use of hypochlorite compounds for water treatment was their use in flushing the water delivery systems during a typhoid fever outbreak in Maidstone, England in 1898. The first use of hypochlorite compounds to attempt sterilization of drinking water was directed by Dr. John Leal in Paterson, New Jersey in 1908. Calcium hypochlorite (chloride of lime) was efficient in clearing bacteria from the lake water source, but its use was difficult. Judging the dose, regulating its administration into flowing water, measuring chlorine levels in water, handling the powdered compound, and the need for personnel to manage all these tasks was formidable and laborious. Even then maintenance of proper chlorine level in the treated water was unreliable.

At the Army Medical School Major Darnall developed the idea of using liquefied chlorine as a water sterilizing agent. Large quantities of chlorine gas were made during the electrolysis of salt and in the manufacture of caustic soda (sodium hydroxide). Chemically pure anhydrous chlorine was dried and liquefied under pressure, then stored in steel cylinders. It was readily available and inexpensive.

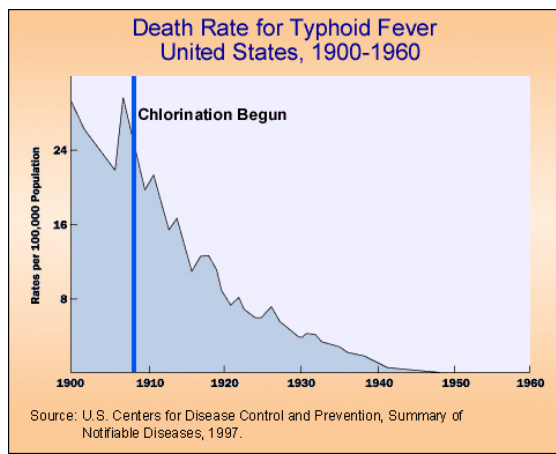
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Major Darnall postulated this chemically pure chlorine could sterilize water. Measured quantities of the dried compressed gas could be accurately dosed into measured quantities of moving water. Conducting experiments from 1908 to 1910 at the Army Medical School and in the basement of his Washington, DC home, Darnall tested infusing this liquefied chlorine gas into Potomac River water. After removal of gross debris the effect of chlorine immediately sterilized the water. The level of chlorine in the treated water could be controlled. Chlorine combines with hydrogen in the water molecules creating a mild hydrochloric acid solution. Release of the nascent oxygen leads to oxidation with destruction of bacterial cell walls and of internal bacterial cellular proteins. All bacteria are killed. Most viruses are similarly eliminated. Darnall built an apparatus that he dubbed the “chlorinator.” His research was published in 1911.



Anhydrous liquid chlorine in measured volume would be infused into a measured volume of flowing water and the resulting chlorine concentration could be measured. Careful experimentation proved this to be completely successful for the production of clean bacteria-free water. The same plan of the “chlorinator” is the basis for all modern water purification systems. With the spreading adoption of water chlorination the scourge of water-borne infections finally began to disappear.

### Legacy of Clean Water

The human lives that have been saved and the suffering that has been prevented by clean water is incalculable. Worldwide, the number must be in the hundreds of millions. Sadly, many in the world today live without clean water and are still subject to the many hazards of water-borne infections. As effective water disinfection progressed throughout the USA the once ubiquitous presence of typhoid fever steadily disappeared.

When Carl Darnall first demonstrated his “chlorinator” he was urged to obtain a patent. He replied “no”. He stated he had created his invention while in US government service, so it belonged to the country and additionally should be available to all mankind. Though Darnall didn’t patent his technique for chlorination of water, others soon would. Providing safe drinking water was certain to become a large commercial business. And it did. Today the use of liquefied chlorine gas, and sometimes now liquefied ozone gas, suffused into water, just as Darnall originally described, remains the prevalent worldwide method for water disinfection.

It all began because Carl Rogers Darnall, born and raised on a farm in Collin County, Texas, had parents who stressed education and love of God, fulfilled his duty in the US Army, honored his country, solved the problem of water purification, and served his fellow man. Remember him the next time you turn on your water tap.

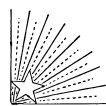
### In Memoriam

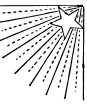
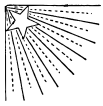
Father Joseph Rogers Darnall died on the family farm in Cottage Hill in 1909. Mother Mary Ellen (Thomas) Darnall was cared for by the youngest daughter, Henrietta, who never married, and died in 1923 at a home on Benge Street in McKinney, Texas. The parents and some of their seven children, the siblings of BG Darnall, are buried in the peaceful Cottage Hill Cemetery in rural Collin County between Celina and Weston. BG Darnall’s younger brother, Moses Hubbard Darnall, who followed him into medicine, and who served in the wartime Army as medical officer in France, stayed in Washington, DC, died 1950, and is buried in a VA cemetery in Maryland.



In retirement, BG Carl Rogers Darnall stayed at his home in Washington, DC. His devoted wife, Annie Estella (Major) Darnall, who had followed him throughout his long Army medical career, supporting him while raising a family in the faithful way so many Army wives do, received *his* support when she became ill in her last years. She died in 1941. Six days later BG Carl Rogers Darnall died January 18, 1941 at Walter Reed Army Hospital, aged 74 years. They are buried together at Arlington National Cemetery. (Section 3 Site 2801-A) Their three sons all served in the US Army, two of them being career soldiers, one of those a career medical officer.

All lives and all careers come to an end; inevitably, all fade and most are forgotten. But some of us leave behind a legacy that lives on even as our memory of them disappears. In 1965, the hospital at Fort Hood, Texas, was named the Carl Rogers Darnall Army Medical Center (CRDAMC) in memory of this Texan.





# LIVE, LOVE, RESCUE

By Kim Stark

*Kim Stark is a volunteer with Donkey and Horse Rescue in Celina.*

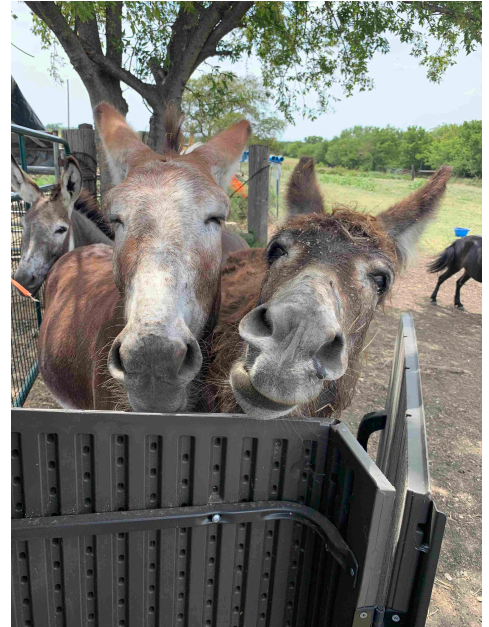
A wise person once said “until one has loved an animal, a part of one’s soul remains unawakened”. Truly, we volunteers at Donkey and Horse Rescue, a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization operated by Donkey and Equine Haven USA, experience this deep love for animals every time we rescue an animal in need. It is our mission to help reduce equine abuse and neglect through education and outreach within the Community. Located at the big field on the corner of Preston Road and Sunset Boulevard, this sanctuary provides for neglected and abandoned donkeys and horses and finds them new homes.

We are volunteer operated and dedicated to the rescue, rehabilitation and rehoming of abused, neglected, and abandoned equine animals. Each donkey, mule, or horse that comes into the rescue receives the veterinary, farrier, and nutritional care it needs to return to full health. Furthermore, they are provided with extensive evaluation, training, and socialization to help them overcome past mistreatment or neglect and help them reconnect with people. The ultimate goal for every animal that comes into the program is adoption into a loving home. But until they find that home, they will be lovingly cared for at Donkey and Horse Rescue.

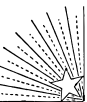
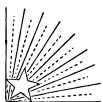
Please consider donating or volunteering with Donkey and Horse Rescue. Your support helps save and care for the animals we rehabilitate and rehome. Many of the donkeys, horses and mules we rescue have been neglected to the point of starvation, illness and injury that requires medical care and special treatment to become healthy and adoptable. Many animals that are rescued from the kill shelter have to be “bailed” out from the kill lot. Donations help us cover some of the costs incurred for food, medicine, veterinarian care, farrier services, supplies and equipment just to name a few.

Together with your help we can save more animals and with rehabilitation give them a second chance at the life they deserve and be adopted to a new home where they will be loved and cared for properly. We are grateful for your support!

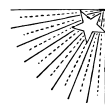
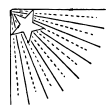
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## 2<sup>ND</sup> LT LOWELL E. KINNEY, US ARMY AIR FORCE OF CELINA—ONE OF THE EARLY ONES

By Colin Kimball

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If you travel up Preston Road between Celina and Gunter, you drive your car right over the foundation footprint of the old Alla Hubbard Estate where Lowell Kinney grew up. A straight-A student, Kinney Graduated from Alla Hubbard High School in May 1938, which incidentally is where the new Celina High School is located. He then ventured off to North Texas State Teachers College, now known as North Texas State University, and later transferred to the University of Texas in Austin. While I am uncertain of his motivation, perhaps it was the winds of war in Europe or perhaps it was the draft motivated by those winds of war, but Lowell was one of the early ones to join the Army on November 10, 1941 in Houston, Texas before Pearl Harbor was attacked.



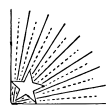
Kinney took his pilot training at Goodfellow Field in San Angelo, Tx then proceeded to Ballenger field in nearby Ballenger, Texas for twin engine training. Commissioned as a 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant, Lowell Kinney was assigned to the 423<sup>rd</sup> Bomb Squadron of the 306<sup>th</sup> Bomb Group based at Wendover Field in Utah. In August 1942 he picked up a brand-new B-17F serial number 41-24508 that was delivered to the US Army Air Force on July 22, 1942 and ferried that plane to Westover Massachusetts. From Westover, he would begin a great adventure and ferry this aircraft with the 306<sup>th</sup> Bomb Group's compliment of brand new B-17's across the Atlantic via the Northern route to Labrador, Newfoundland, Iceland and Great Britain where they would be assigned to the VIII Bomber Command, the forerunner to the 8<sup>th</sup> Air Force. He arrived at Thurleigh Air Field, north of Bedford, England in September 1942.

The 306<sup>th</sup> was one of the first Air Force bomb groups to arrive in the European theater. At wars end, they became the oldest operational bomb group in the European Theater earning the nickname of the Reich Wreckers. The 306<sup>th</sup> flew their first operational combat mission on October 9<sup>th</sup>. This was the 14<sup>th</sup> Mission of over 980 missions that the 8<sup>th</sup> Air Force would complete during the war. Their target was the steel and locomotive freight car works outside of Lille, France. 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt Lowell Kinney of Celina, Texas with less than a year of experience as a pilot, was now a co-pilot in a heavy B-17F Bomber in a complement of 89 aircraft sent to this target. On this mission, 123 tons of bombs were dropped, two aircraft were shot down, 46 were damaged and 12 airmen lost their lives. Lowell Kinney as well as the 306<sup>th</sup> Bomb Group had received their baptism of fire.

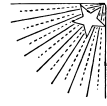
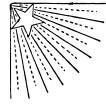
The 306<sup>th</sup> Bomb Group would participate in additional missions on the 21<sup>st</sup> of October, and the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> of November attacking Nazi U-boat pens at Lorient and Brest France as well as a return to the locomotive works at Lille, France. Kinney likely participated as a copilot in at least two of these missions. On the 9<sup>th</sup> of November, VIII Bomber Command launched what would be an experimental mission to attack the heavily fortified German U-boat pens at Saint Nazaire France. This would be the 18<sup>th</sup> mission of the fledgling 8<sup>th</sup> Air Force. Thirty three B-17s of the 94<sup>th</sup> and 306<sup>th</sup> Bomb Groups would be designated to attack the target at low level of between 7,500 and 10,000 feet. An additional force of 14 B-24's from the 44<sup>th</sup> and 93<sup>rd</sup> Bomb Groups would attack the target at high altitude between 17,500 and 18,000 feet.

2<sup>nd</sup> Lt Lowell Kinney suited up the morning of the 9<sup>th</sup>, one day shy of his first anniversary in the Army and entered the cockpit to co-pilot a B-17F serial number 41-24509 that was christened as "Miss Swoose." A swoose was a mythical creature: a cross between a swan and goose, popular in a song of that era. Kinney's mission was to fly at a low level and release a payload of high explosive bombs on the U-boat pens at Saint Nazaire. One can only wonder what entered his mind. We will never know, but one thing is certain, his sense of duty carried him into that copilot seat. The U-boat pens at Saint Nazaire were fortified with more than twelve feet of concrete and steel plates making them relatively immune from aerial bombardment. As a testament to their durability, these pens are in use today for peaceful purposes and are a prominent feature in the Port of Saint Nazaire.

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Miss Swoose, flying at low level to begin her bomb run, was hit by intense anti-aircraft fire after she crossed the Initial Point. Winds aloft at their altitude, slowed her down and coupled with her lower altitude, made her an easier target for the Nazi gunners on the ground. Hit in the Number 3 Engine, a massive fire ensued, crippling the aircraft as well as several crew members. Kinney's aircraft was able to release its bomb load and proceed over water of the Bay of Biscay with intentions of ditching near an island in hopes that the crew could be rescued. The fire was too intense and the crew was forced to bail out. Four of the crew members, Pilot 1<sup>st</sup> Lt John Barnett, TSGT Francis Councilman, SGT Frederik Mannello, and PVT Walter Crawford were rescued by German boat crews and taken prisoner. Kinney along with 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt Thomas Hall, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt Norman Nelson, SSGT Walter Crawford, SSGT Bernard Papeika, SSGT Charles Wilson, and SGT Jack Madison were killed-in-action. Lost at sea, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt Lowell Kinney is presumed to have drowned and his remains were never found.



Prior to Kinney's loss, Collin County lost Navy LT JG Weldon "Stokes" Stallcup of Celina, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt Rudd Mann of McKinney, SSGT John Arnold of Anna, PVT Cleo Standford of Farmersville, and Cleo Stiles, rank unknown, from Collin County who were all lost in aircraft accidents while training or while in service overseas. As one of the early ones, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt Lowell Kinney of Celina would earn the distinction of being the very first airman from Collin County known to be killed-in-action in any war. Of the 33 B-17s that flew the low-level profile of this mission, three aircraft were shot down, 22 were damaged, 23 airmen were killed, and eight airmen were taken prisoner of war. Comparatively speaking, the 14 B-24s that attacked the target at high level all returned home with only one suffering any combat related damage. The

impact of the losses from this low-level bomb run motivated commanders to cease using heavy bombers for low level bombing missions in Europe for the rest of the war. As an experiment, it was a hard lesson to learn.

Ironically, the B-17 41-24508 that Kinney ferried across the Atlantic, was involved in a training accident a little more than a week before Kinney flew the next airframe off the assembly line, Miss Swoose, on what was to be their final mission. Kinney would earn the Purple Heart, Air Medal, American Defense Service Medal and the European North Africa Campaign Medal. His remains were lost at sea and he is listed as missing in action. His name is recorded on the Tablets of the Missing at the American Cemetery in Cambridge, England. Unfortunately, his mother never accepted his loss and a memorial marker in his name at the Cottage Hill Cemetery in Celina remained absent until after her passing in 1996.

Perhaps while he was on a weekend liberty while transitioning through Westover Massachusetts, Kinney went to New York City and had his portrait made by a prominent photographer E.F. Foley, known for his work with famous politicians and celebrities of that era. This striking portrait would be used as a base to create a portrait of his likeness that permanently graces the Hall of Heroes in the Russell A Steindam Courthouse in Collin County. The most bitter irony of his duty is that 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt Lowell Kinney of Celina was killed-in-action one day shy of completing his first year in service to our nation. One of the early ones, Lowell Kinney became the first man from Collin County, Texas to die as a soldier in the sky - an Airman of the United States Army Air Force. 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt Lowell Eugene Kinney had the courage to accept a high risk mission and ultimately helped liberate an oppressed nation. May he rest in peace and may his family take comfort that his sacrifice will not be forgotten. Every time I travel up Preston Road to Grayson County, thoughts of this brave Airman haunt me.

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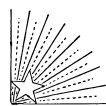


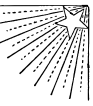
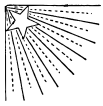
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Weston is requesting contact information for all of its residents, city and ETJ, to be used for emergency notifications and informational messages. Your help with this is very important. If your phone number is not in the database, you cannot be notified. Please call City Hall at (972) 382-1001, email [cityhall@westontexas.com](mailto:cityhall@westontexas.com), or fill out the contact form at [www.westontexas.com/page/Resident\\_Contact\\_Information](http://www.westontexas.com/page/Resident_Contact_Information).

### Thinking about Homeschooling?

Many families are new to the homeschool world. Weston has a thriving homeschool community that is willing to help you meet your learning goals. If you need help navigating curriculum or locating enriching activities locally, then please contact Brittany at [classroomcounterpoints@protonmail.com](mailto:classroomcounterpoints@protonmail.com).





# LEARN WITH LANDON ABOUT COLLIN MCKINNEY

By Landon Mullin Johnson

*Landon is a 7-year-old homeschool student from Anna. He is the elementary school winner of the Collin County Historical Commission's essay competition. He chose to write on the following topic: Select a person who played a noteworthy role in Collin County history. Describe your historical figure and explain why he or she is significant.*

Collin McKinney helped make Texas its own country. He signed the constitution and helped create it. He split the counties and he protected people. Also, he brought people to Texas. Collin McKinney was born in New Jersey in 1766. He was the second child of 10 children! His family moved fairly a lot. Collin McKinney had no school because he had to help his family when his dad was in the Revolutionary War. His dad finally came home when Collin McKinney was 14. They moved to a place called Kentucky. They build a fort named McKinney like their last name. Native Americans attacked McKinney station! Collin McKinney was a spy and a brave protector. In 1793, he served in the Kentucky militia.

In 1794, Collin McKinney was married to Amy Moore. Amy Moore and Collin McKinney had four kids. Two babies died. In 1804 Amy Moore died. In 1805, Collin got married to Betsy and they had 7 kids. Collin McKinney was a magistrate in Kentucky and made sure people obeyed the law. He moved to Tennessee in 1818 to manage an estate. Then over time, he managed a trading post in Kentucky. In 1824, he moved to Arkansas. In 1831, he moved to Red River County, Texas.

Mexico was at war with Texas in 1835. It was called the Texas Revolution. In 1835, Collin McKinney was elected as a delegate for a meeting of the San Filipe de Austin. They wanted their government closer to them. In 1836, Texas was part of Mexico. The citizens of Mexico did not have a lot of rights. A lot of United States people lived in Mexico. In 1836, Collin McKinney was reelected as a delegate for a meeting at Washington on the Brazos. Texas decided to become its own country at Washington on the Brazos meeting. He wrote the Texas Declaration of Independence with 4 more people. The battle that Texas won for our freedom was The Battle of San Jacinto. Texas became independent in 1836. On March 2 1836, Collin McKinney signed the Texas Declaration of Independence. Collin McKinney was the oldest member. He got the pen for the Texas Declaration of Independence. 60 people signed the Texas Declaration of Independence. Texas became its own country for 10 years.

Collin McKinney was part of the group that made the constitution for the Republic of Texas. A republic is a type of government that a lot of people participate in. Collin McKinney was a member of congress which is the legislative branch that wrote laws. Collin McKinney was a surveyor. That means someone who measures land. Collin separated the counties.

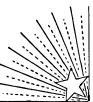
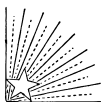
There was no one living on 180 million acres of land in the Republic of Texas. Congress gave grants to companies to bring 200 people per year for 3 years to the land. A family got 1 mile per family and one man got  $\frac{1}{2}$  a mile. Also, the people got guns and bullets. Also, people got help with making cabins. Also, corn was the most important crop. Life was hard. People had to hunt for their food.

He helped people travel to Texas for owning land in 1844. In 1845, he moved to Van Alstyne and built his house made of wood. In 1846, Collin County was named after Collin McKinney. In 1848, people made McKinney City. It was named after him. He died in 1861. He was 95 years old. He was buried in Van Alstyne.

Collin McKinney was important. He helped sign the constitution and helped us have rights. He measured the land. He brought people to the land. That is why Collin McKinney is important to Collin County and Texas.



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## FIRE SAFETY MESSAGE FROM WESTON FIRE AND RESCUE



As we enter the holiday season, Weston Fire and Rescue wants to make sure you are keeping fire safety in mind. From indoor cooking safety, to fire-safe decorating, please consider the following advice to keep you protected from fire dangers.

### Cooking Safely

The kitchen is the heart of holiday celebrations. However, cooking-related fires are the number one cause of home fires resulting in serious injuries and deaths. The leading cause of these fires is unattended cooking so be sure to stay in the kitchen while you are cooking your turkey.

The kitchen gets busy during the holidays, especially since children are home from school and love to help in the kitchen. Supervise safe cooking tasks and keep them 3 feet away from the stove, especially when liquids are boiling. Keep electric cords, knives, and hot gravy away from the reach of tiny hands.

Children and guests can create lots of messes. Keep your kitchen floor clear so you don't trip over toys, purses, and bags. Be aware of your dish towels, oven mitts, and anything else that can catch fire. Clutter around the stovetop can become a fire hazard so keep your kitchen tidy, especially near heating elements.

If you have a small grease fire on the stovetop, turn off the burner and smother the flames using a pot lid. Leave it covered until everything has cooled off. If you have a small oven fire, turn your oven off and close the oven door.

When in doubt that you can fight the fire, GET OUT and call 911. If you need to leave your home due to fire, remember have two ways out and ensure everyone knows where your meet-up point is located.

### Decorating Dangers

Christmas is the time where many of us go hog wild with decorating both the inside and outside of our homes with lights, garland, and, of course, a Christmas tree. As friends and families gather to celebrate, it's important to be mindful of decorating hazards. When using string lights, pay attention to the labels. Some decorative lights are made only for indoor or outdoor use, but not both. Also, read the instructions to learn how many string lights can be safely connected together. Don't use nails to hang lights—use clips, instead! Nails tend to damage cords which can create fire hazards. Also, replace your light string if you have a damaged cord or loose bulb connections.

Candles are great for setting the holiday mood. However, over one-third of home decoration fires are ignited by candles so avoid keeping lit candles near flammable decorations. Also, keep candles away from the easy reach of children and pets and keep lighters and matches locked in a cabinet. Other home decoration fires are caused when decorations are placed too close to a heat source so it may be wise to consider decorations that are made with flame-resistant materials. Remind your guests who smoke to smoke outside and ensure they have a large, deep ashtray.

The Christmas tree is the centerpiece of home holiday décor. However, a fire that spreads to the tree can grow rapidly. When choosing a tree, pick one with fresh, green needles that do not fall off easily. Before your tree goes into the stand, cut two inches from the base of the trunk and be sure your tree is placed at least 3 feet from heat sources like fireplaces, radiators, and candles. Water your tree daily and be sure the tree isn't blocking any exits. Don't forget to turn off your tree lights before you leave the house or go to bed.

After Christmas, be sure to get rid of your tree, especially when it is dry. Keep your tree away from your home's immediate surroundings and investigate Christmas tree recycling options. Whether you plan on a quiet Thanksgiving dinner or a huge family Christmas party, Weston Fire and Rescue wishes you a great and safe holiday season!

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# LOCAL HISTORY: HANDING STUDENTS THE KEY TO THEIR FUTURE



By Sophie Hardt

*Sophie is a 15-year-old homeschool student. She is the high school winner of the Collin County Historical Commission's essay competition. She chose to write her essay on the following topic: Collin County is experiencing major population growth as people relocate from other parts of the country and the world. Given this trend, do you think it is more important for students to study local, national or world history? Explain.*

History is the story of how a place came to be; its origin, its hardships, its triumphs, all circumstances and decisions leading to the present moment. History is commonly viewed as the events that took place decades ago, but the truth is that history is happening *now*. There is no better example of this than the year 2020. Economies, communities, and lifestyles around the world were completely reshaped just in the last two years by the coronavirus pandemic.

Across America, our nation is experiencing “the great migration” as people flee oppressive states with restrictive laws, high taxes, and high costs of living. Many see Texas as the modern day Manifest Destiny because its ideals and history align with the constitutional premise of the right to “life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.” As opportunities decrease in other states due to the laws they’ve set in place to address the pandemic, Texas’ rich history should be well understood and respected by all who settle here if our community is to have a promising future. Learning and honoring the local history of the great state of Texas will keep the communities of Collin County flourishing.



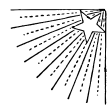
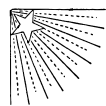
In 2020, businesses all over the country were completely shut down in an effort to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Business owners struggled to support themselves and their families. Job opportunities decreased significantly and many were permanently lost. The shut-down lasted longer in some states than others. On March 2, 2021, Governor Abbott issued the reopening of the state of Texas. With the dissolution of mask mandates, Texas allowed its citizens to choose the best preventative practices for themselves rather than dictate the precautions they should be taking as individuals.

Restaurants were reopened at lower capacities as early as May 2020 and all businesses could operate at full capacity by March 2021, should they choose to do so. California, by comparison, allowed partial reopening of restaurants on July 1, 2020. However, in places like Los Angeles County, those restaurants were permitted a reopening period of a mere 90 minutes before they were shuttered again for a second shutdown lasting well into 2021 in many places. In other California counties, reopenings lasted just a few months; better than 90 minutes, but not nearly enough

time to give local businesses a chance at revival. The freedom to operate and patronize businesses caught the attention of many living in states with significant restriction, thus painting the Texas government as more supportive of their personal rights.

The importance of religion cannot be overlooked at any point in history, and certainly not in the recent past that is 2020. “Research shows that the Bible was the primary source of ideas for early Americans. It was their instruction manual for building a civil society.” America’s currency, landmarks, and ethics are all deeply rooted in Christianity. Texas is a part of the Bible Belt and home to many communities that put their trust in God. Collin County is no exception. Proof of this lies in the establishment of the First Christian Church in McKinney. In April of 1848, two years after Collin County’s founding, the First Christian Church was established. The group that began the church originally practiced their prayers in their own homes. In hopes of starting a real church for the town, they trekked to the county seat of McKinney, “[...] desiring that the first institution in the town be a religious body.”

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The First Christian Church still exists today, spreading their message just as faithfully as they did in 1848. The pandemic has increased religious faith in Americans and many churches in Texas, much like the First Christian Church in McKinney, have seen an increase in attendance. The same cannot be said for California, whose state government seriously restricted the ways they were allowed to worship. Singing—a part of worship that remains favored by many—was strictly prohibited. For a country whose founding ideals include freedom of religion, this filled people with fierce indignation. In Texas, Governor Abbott claimed religious services were essential and left the manner of worship to the discretion of the congregations. Here in Collin County, one will discover a large community that places their trust in God, just as our predecessors and founders trusted Him to assist in the development of our country.



At the start of the pandemic, schools across the country closed for in-person instruction. Children were sent home with laptops and the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year saw classrooms moved online. The lack of in-person instruction and regular socialization between friends and peers resulted in major setbacks, both academically and emotionally. The Texas Education Agency (TEA) estimated that the learning loss for the 2019-2020 school year was roughly 5.7 months.

The social lives of teenagers were completely decimated. Lack of contact with peers led to serious mental health issues in adolescents all over the country. From April to October of 2020, the number of adolescents aged 12 to 17 who visited a medical center for mental health assistance rose by 31 percent. Despite all information pointing to students' learning loss and decline in mental health, a number of states across the U.S. ordered school campuses to remain closed. States like Texas made the choice to reinstate in-person instruction. Children in Texas now have the freedom to study and interact alongside their peers, resulting in great improvements to academic learning and overall mental health.

History is happening now. It is important to learn what has happened—what *is* happening—in places around the world, but the events taking place in other countries don't necessarily impact our daily lives. National history is important to study because the principles upon which our country is founded influence our belief systems and guide many of our goals. Yet it is local history that shapes our lives daily, determines where it is most beneficial to work and attend school, and as last year has shown, determines if we can even worship freely.

In the last 18 months, local elected officials of many states and communities have made decisions that steer population growth towards certain places and away from others. The laws made by our local governments have played a massive role in the population growth of Collin County and Texas as a whole. The success of the communities established here relies on students' understanding of who leads their local governments and what beliefs they hold. Students should be able to recognize and support elected officials whose beliefs align with their own. Additionally, they should be able to recognize when communities are flourishing or floundering and the reasoning behind its success or failure. All of these skills are best taught through the study of one's local history. The history we teach today will provide guidance to future leaders and give voters the information needed to elect strong leaders. Most importantly, it will give students the tools they need to shape the future of their own communities.

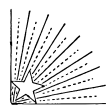
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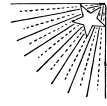
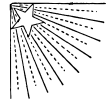
### Attention Citizen and Student Writers!



Do you want to write an article about a cool project or tell us about farm life? Interested in contributing a piece about home-schooling or local history? Want to cover a current event?

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# FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH FOOD DRIVE

By Kimberly Tisserand

The current economic conditions related to the pandemic have caused many families and individuals to have to go without the bare food essentials that they need. First Christian Church of Weston felt the call to assist with making sure every person in this area had access to food. The church has partnered with Community Lifeline of McKinney and Feeding Friends and Families to provide a monthly food distribution to anyone needing assistance. Feeding Friends and Families is a low/no touch drive-thru event built to provide needed food to families at no cost to them.

On the third Sunday of each month from 3:00p.m. to 5:00p.m., you can drive to the church and our congregation members will fill your car with dairy products, fresh fruit and produce, snacks for children, and non-perishable items at no cost to you. Upcoming distribution dates will be December 19, 2021; January 16, 2022; and February 20, 2022. This will be an ongoing food distribution, so mark your calendar for every third Sunday of the month to come pick up your food items. Spread the word, so we can help as many people in need as possible. Visit [feedingfriendsandfamilies.org](http://feedingfriendsandfamilies.org) for more information.



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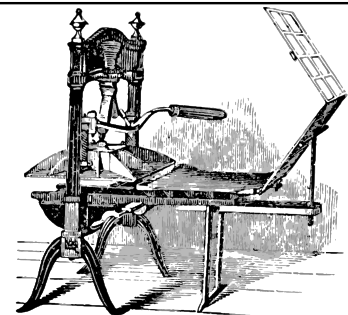
## Gotta Have Faith



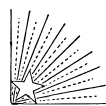
If you don't have a local faith community, then consider contacting one of Weston's three churches: Calvary Chapel Honey Creek ([www.calvarychapelhoneycreek.org](http://www.calvarychapelhoneycreek.org)); First Baptist Church of Weston ([www.fbcwestontx.org](http://www.fbcwestontx.org)); or First Christian Church of Weston ([www.firstchristianweston.com](http://www.firstchristianweston.com)).

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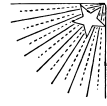
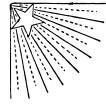
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# COFFEE AND CRUMBS

By Dana Leach

*Dana lives in Weston with her family. She is the founder of Inkorporated, a 501(c)(3) organization created to model, promote and provide inclusive opportunities for purposeful employment, meaningful relationships, creative expression, and community living for individuals of ALL abilities.*

When my husband, Jim Bob, and I went to the hospital in April of 2005 for the birth of our 4<sup>th</sup> child, we had no idea that he would be born with an extra copy of the 21<sup>st</sup> chromosome, and thereby receive a diagnosis of Trisomy 21, also known as Down Syndrome. This extra chromosome brought extra doctors, extra hospitalizations, and extra therapies. It also brought extra opportunities for growth, extra friends, extra struggles, victories, joys, and a firsthand insight into the world of disability.

As the baby of the family, James Ryan was included in every aspect of our family's life and activities. As a result, our eyes were opened to the numerous advantages of including individuals with disabilities in daily living. Also, we quickly learned that far too many are excluded from activities in schools, churches, and many workplaces and I was determined to bring awareness to this issue in the community where my children would grow up. To that end, we founded the Inkorporated Community for the purpose of promoting and providing inclusive opportunities for recreation, employment, education, and advocacy for individuals ages 16-23.

In 2020, I opened the first employment effort of the Inkorporated Community and hired a team of eight students to work in a Shasta Trailer mobile coffee unit named Dot. The students work together to create a full menu of delicious espresso-based drinks, teas, lemonades, hand-crafted Italian sodas, and plant based energy drinks.

Our organic coffee bean is sourced from a farm in Honduras that serves their community while ensuring that the coffee bean and the earth where it grows are treated with the utmost respect. Our team is making plans for a trip to Honduras to meet and serve those who give such careful attention to every coffee bean that is selected for your cup.

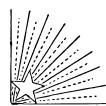


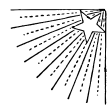
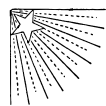
Our Leach family of 6 (almost 7) has been in Weston with our dog and two kittens since August of this year and are looking forward to being a part of this community. My son, Jonathan is a senior computer studies major at Dallas Baptist University and is captain of the soccer team. Jonathan is engaged to Tessa, who is a senior pre-law student at Abilene Christian University. My eldest daughter, Jayna is a junior at Oklahoma Christian and is a family studies/social work major. My youngest daughter, Jessica has been employed at Starbucks in McKinney for 3 years and is currently a resident of Weston. My youngest son, James Ryan, is a Freshman at Celina High School and is a member of

the JV Orange team. He also helps run his online business selling men's fashion accessories and fun socks for the whole family. You can check out his business at [rythetieguy.com](http://rythetieguy.com).

My husband, Jim Bob, works from home as the Engineering Manager for TDi Industries in Plano. As for me, I am very involved with my son's schooling and am always driving back and forth to Celina High School. However, I spend most of my time advocating for those who are marginalized by society and managing the operations of the non-profit and the coffee trailer.

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October is Down Syndrome awareness month. Here are some facts about Down Syndrome and disability employment:

- People with Down Syndrome have a life expectancy of 60 years which is up from 25 years in 1983.
- People with Down Syndrome experience the same emotions as anyone. They are not “happy all the time.”
- People with Down Syndrome can learn. There is no point at which they plateau and can not learn. Many can make supported decisions about their own lives, business and growth opportunities.
- There is not a “spectrum” of Down Syndrome. People cannot have a mild or severe case of Down Syndrome. You either have it or you don’t. Ability is dependent on the individual, not the diagnosis.
- 85% of people with an intellectual disability are unemployed as adults.
- Youth who have two work experiences in high school are five times more likely to have a job after high school.
- Per capita, employees with disabilities have some of the highest rankings for job retention and satisfaction, and the lowest absenteeism.

Visit [inkorporated.org](http://inkorporated.org) for more information about their plans for the future and be sure to follow them on social media at [Coffee.N.Crumbs](https://www.facebook.com/Coffee.N.Crumbs) to see where they will be serving each week or to book them for your event.

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## FALL SWEEP

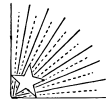
On Saturday, October 9, Weston hosted its fall community clean-up day held in conjunction with the statewide “Keep Texas Beautiful” Fall Sweep. Thanks to Alford Services and Champion Waste and Recycling Services for donating a dumpster for the event, residents had the opportunity to dispose of extra trash. Volunteers, including Mayor Jim Marischen, helped residents unload their garbage and haul it in the dumpsters. Coffee & Crumbs served hot coffee to locals looking to dump their trash and volunteers helping with the event.

Bubb Fundrasing allowed Weston residents to raise \$461.00 for Weston Fire and Rescue by paying cash for donated items. Volunteers, including city council members Maria Whitworth, Carol Decker, and Heather Richardson, helped direct vehicles on Main Street and guided folks to the community center where they could drop off their donations. We received 50% more in electronics and other recycled items!

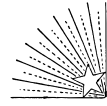
A team of volunteers helped clean up the Weston roadsides. Josie London with the Grapevine Police Department came out to volunteer with us! She worked with the kids getting trash from around Weston Town Center, and tackled a stretch of FM 543 and Chambersville Road with Heather and Maria. Altogether, the dumpsters were full and our volunteers picked up lots of trash bags of litter from local roads.

Many thanks to our volunteers: Weston Volunteer Fire Department; Jim Marischen; Maria Whitworth; Carol Decker; Heather Richardson; Epi Goldstein; Susan Coffey; Josie London; Hunter Hankins; Kristen Gray and her children Lilah and Joey; and the Weston kids, Jimmy, Warren, and Cedar. And thank you to our sponsors: Alford Services, Champion Waste and Recycling, Bubb Fundraising, Coffee & Crumbs Coffee Truck, and Keep Texas Beautiful,

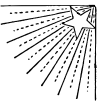
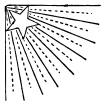
Don’t be discouraged if you missed out on dumping your items—Weston will host another clean-up event in the spring.



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# NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

Weston, along with many other cities and towns across the state, celebrated National Night Out on Tuesday, October 5, 2021. According to [natw.org](http://natw.org), "National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live. National Night Out enhances the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement while bringing back a true sense of community. Furthermore, it provides a great opportunity to bring police and neighbors together under positive circumstances."

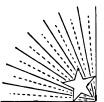
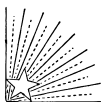
Weston Fire and Rescue, Deputy Sheriff David Crossland, and Jennifer Baxter from the Collin County Sheriff's Office, joined the Weston community to celebrate National Night Out. Officer Crossland and Ms. Baxter had loads of kid friendly activities and trinkets to share with the local youngsters. Four-year-old Sarah "loved the cookies, lemonade, and bracelets." Mayor Jim Marischen and members of the city council mingled with the residents while neighbors introduced themselves to newer members of the community. Weston's very own Coffee & Crumbs food truck treated the town to delicious lemonade drinks. Overall, Weston's National Night Out was a delightful experience that will hopefully recur next October.



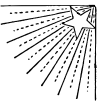
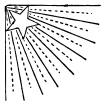
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## Weston Water Supply Corp News

Weston Water Supply Corp has a brand new website at [westonwater.com](http://westonwater.com). You can now pay your bill online and even setup automatic payments! On the site you can sign up for alerts to your phone and/or email for boil notices, supply outages, and other notifications. There will be a letter sent out to customers soon detailing all the latest changes.







# CELEBRATING LOCAL HISTORY LOVERS

By Paula Ross

*Paula serves as the chair of the Collin County Historical Commission.*

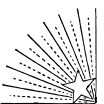
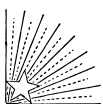
Collin County Historical Commission’s *Preservation Celebration* was held on September 18, 2021 in Anna, Texas at the historic First Christian Church fellowship hall. The Anna Area Historical Preservation Society hosted our event for us and later provided tours of the recently restored Anna train depot.

The event is usually held in May of each year during National Historic Preservation Month and typically hosted at a different Collin County location each year. Rotating the location keeps with the Collin County Historical Commission’s mission statement to serve as the umbrella organization for heritage and preservation groups within the county. This event began 15 years ago and seeks to thank and recognize all the preservation groups, businesses, local governments and individual volunteers who work tirelessly to preserve Collin County history and to make a difference in the quality of life in the county’s local communities.

Approximately 100 professional and volunteer historians attend the annual event. It is eagerly anticipated each year and is a wonderful opportunity to network and to be recognized by peers and local officials. Typically there is a speaker on local history—this September it was Elden Baker, Director of the Anna Depot. He spoke about ‘*the spark that started it all*’ describing how the railroad changed this part of North Texas.

The speaker was followed by the awards. Sarah Harper received the *Excellence in Historical Education Award* which recognizes an individual or organization that has promoted historical education about Collin County. Brian Bristow received the *Leadership in Preservation Award* which recognizes an exemplary Collin County city/town, business or developer that has promoted a respect for the county’s past through historical projects and/or renovation of historic buildings or sites. Pat Rodgers received the well-deserved award of *Living Legacy of Collin County* which recognizes the outstanding achievement of an individual citizen of Collin County who has significantly enriched our cultural heritage through a lifetime of dedicated service to the ideals of preservation, education, and respect for our rich past. Additional nominees for 2021 were: Debbie Brumit, , Renae Ollie, and Nick and Yvonne Brown.

Next year—2022, the Celebration will be held in Wylie, Texas and will be hosted by the Wylie Historical Society.





# STEVE'S BIRTHDAY PARTY

On Saturday, October 23, Weston residents partied on Main Street to celebrate Steve Goldstein's 65<sup>th</sup> birthday. Party goers enjoyed wine, margaritas, delicious tacos, barbecue, and cake while jamming out to the amazing band, Two Tons of Steel. The legendary cowboys and Russ the magician joined the celebration as well. Longtime Celina resident and owner of the famous Texas Range Honey, Steve is a cherished member of the Weston Community. Thank you, for everything you do for Weston!





## MEDICAL ADVOCACY HELP

One of the best things you can do for yourself or a loved one if you get sick and need inpatient care in a hospital is hiring a medical advocate, especially one who stays educated and up to date on all the successful treatment protocols for respiratory illnesses. If you find yourself needing help, consider contacting the advocacy services at Wonderfully Made Wellness Sanctuary.



**Wonderfully Made**  
Wellness Sanctuary

Michelle Rowton and the other advocates at Wonderfully Made Wellness Sanctuary provide support and information to patients. They are willing to step in and advocate for preferred treatment protocols requested by the patient or family to the hospital staff. They walk with you through the chain of command within the hospital system to ensure and demand better care. You can learn more about Michelle's advocacy efforts in the Fall 2020 issue of *The Weston Post* and can contact advocacy services at [advocacy@wmwsanctuary.com](mailto:advocacy@wmwsanctuary.com).

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## Light Up Weston

Watch Weston light up with Christmas cheer at the Community Center on Sunday, November 28 at 7p.m. Join us for treats and holiday fun with your friends and neighbors.

## Christmas In Weston

Weston Village Christmas Storytime is back! On Monday, December 20 from 3:30p.m.-5:30p.m., the Community Center will be decked out with festive decorations and yummy treats. Kids will have a chance to do arts and crafts, munch on some snacks, and enjoy story time by the Christmas tree. Also, at 4p.m., there will be a visit by one of Santa's reindeer!

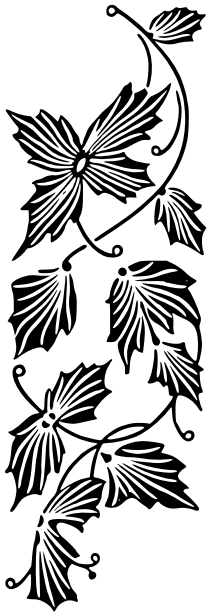
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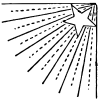
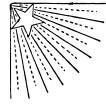
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## Tax Rate Change

The City of Weston adopted a tax rate that will raise more taxes for maintenance and operations than last year's tax rate. The tax rate will effectively be raised by 39.6% and will raise taxes for maintenance and operations on a \$100,000 home by approximately \$65.







## HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

As we celebrate with our friends and families this Thanksgiving, it is important for us to express our gratitude for God's blessings in our lives.

### Psalm 100: A Psalm of Thanksgiving.

<sup>1</sup> Shout with joy to the LORD, all the earth!

<sup>2</sup> Worship the LORD with gladness.

Come before him, singing with joy.

<sup>3</sup> Acknowledge that the LORD is God!

He made us, and we are his.

We are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

<sup>4</sup> Enter his gates with thanksgiving;

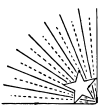
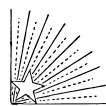
go into his courts with praise.

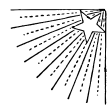
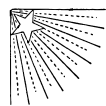
Give thanks to him and praise his name.

<sup>5</sup> For the LORD is good.

His unfailing love continues forever,

and his faithfulness continues to each generation.





## JOIN OUR TEAM

Volunteering with the Weston Fire and Rescue is your chance to truly make a difference in your community and get involved in something rewarding and meaningful.



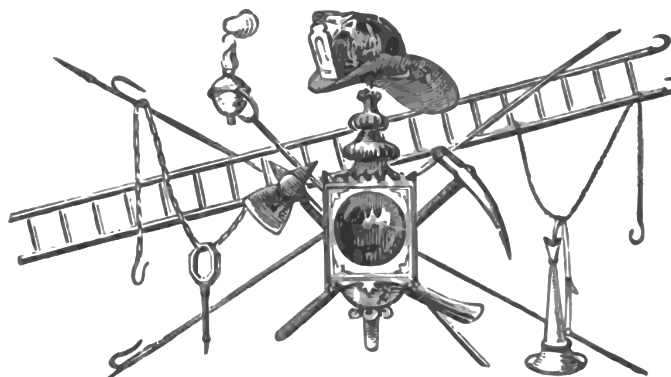
Weston Fire and Rescue is currently asking the residents of Weston Fire District to become volunteers. You will receive training in firefighting or emergency medical services. All the training provided to you is FREE of charge and is always ongoing. Your responsibilities as a member will include responding to emergencies (either fire, rescue, or ambulance calls), attending monthly meetings, and training exercises.

If you think you are ready to take the next step, visit [westontxfd.org/services/](http://westontxfd.org/services/) and complete the application. You are also encouraged to attend one of our bi-monthly meetings on the first and third Tuesday of each month at 7p.m. at the Weston Fire Station just behind the Weston Community Center.

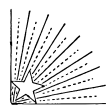


Photos: First Responders Photography

**You must remember that you will be volunteering your time and that we provide emergency service 24 hours a day, seven days a week.** In becoming a volunteer you will be providing the residents of your community, possibly your friends and neighbors, with an outstanding and dedicated fire department. You can make a big difference in your life and the lives of others by volunteering your time.



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## THE GOOD OL' DAYS



The following piece is a transcript of a letter from Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Constant written on September 10, 1863. It describes the divisions of Union and Confederate loyalty amongst friends and neighbors and gives their own story of being refugees. In addition, they report that their crops are doing well but there aren't enough laborers to work in the fields.

*Troy, Madison Co., Illinois*

*Thursday, Sept. 10<sup>th</sup>, 1863.*

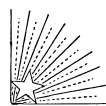
*Mr. C. D. Moor*

*Sir, yours of the 6<sup>th</sup> installment is before me and I seat myself hurried to reply.*

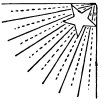
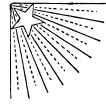
*You are, I suppose are, a refugee, but left your home before we began to realize the horrors of the rebellion and a happy escape you made, though Mc Kinney is a loyal town, or as much so as any place can have the boldness to proclaim.*

*My acquaintance is very much limited about Mc Kinney but if you will address R. C. Campbell, Springfield Ills. you may doubtless obtain important information as he formerly did business for Mr. Slaines of said place, but was a member of Capt Harte's Co. and had to make his escape as best he could from Tex. last March in company with my husband D. C. Constant and through much tribulation they got back to "God's Country". I am acquainted with Moors in Hunt Co. My father lives ten miles from Greenville and they are his neighbors. Old Mr. + Mrs. Moor are rebels of the darkest dye. Their daughter wanted to prepare the rope to hang my brother, but she didn't get to. Sam Moor, his son, is as black as night. He causes more trouble than any other reb in father's vicinity except Dr. Pennice. All the Moors except Tha's are rebs, but they are not the kind to fight but push Union men out. Tha's is a Union man and if tried by fire he will be anything but I guess they will, if not already, have to go to fight for their rights. I guess they begin to think they are getting them now or at least I do about the way our Batteries at Charleston bellows at them. Gen. Blunt will give them their rights when he gets into Texas. The down trodden Union people will look up then. I am not much acquainted at Mantana but all our county about there was strong Union. I know Dr. Leslie he is Union and tries to live on neutral grounds.*

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I knew a Mr. Brown in Weston, relative of Mrs. Stinnetts at Pilot Grove, he is rebel, but most of the people out in that direction are Union. As far as my acquaintance extends about Sherman they are Union people generally, for is about like Mc Kinney, both will be good headquarters for Gen. Blunt.

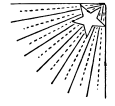
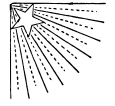
I am acquainted with the the Glammers and Wallaces, saw Saml Glammer + wife about nine or ten weeks ago. He like some others now was not much rebel, he has got sick of it, was on furlow. Mr. Wallace, Mollie's brother, was Union. He and his sister arrived safe from Tenn. and owing to his poor health kept out of the army up to the time I left. He has not suffered only like the rest of us. Your Kentucky Town friends are notorious rebels, ready for mobs at anytime. Throckmorton is a big rebel. He has gone down with both parties. He is in the army somewhere. Dr. Seales of Kentucky Town is a rebel mob leader—Drye of Pilot Grove had in many respects made himself the terror of our vicinity. Morgan of Ky Town was killed by a rebel in the town, + hundreds of dark deeds perpetrated which would fill volumes. Crops look fine—abundance of everything was raised there this year. More wheat than there were laborers to take care of it. Had fine rains and up to the time I left Texas no indications of a drought. My husband had to leave Texas last March in company with Mr. Hudson of Pilot Grove + Mr. Campbell. I thought him dead—and determined to stay to longer so I got aboard the Stage (a regular line between San Antonio + Little Rock) went to Little Rock from there hired a private conveyance to within ten miles of Helena and a good Union man took us through our lines and "Uncle Sam" conveyed us to my home—so you see when Northern blood is pent up it is ready to overcome most any barrier to be free. I can't tell you the half here, but this is the outlines. What is your sister's name? I might know something about her. I should be glad to meet you also, I presume you would be astonished to hear my husband's adventures and my own experience. He + I are alone, and hope sometime to point the finger of scorn at those rebs who have persecuted all refugees. Remember us to all our refugee friends.

We remain Yours truly

Mr. + Mrs. D. C. Constant

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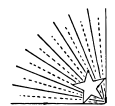
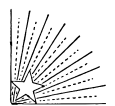
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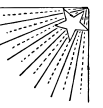
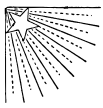


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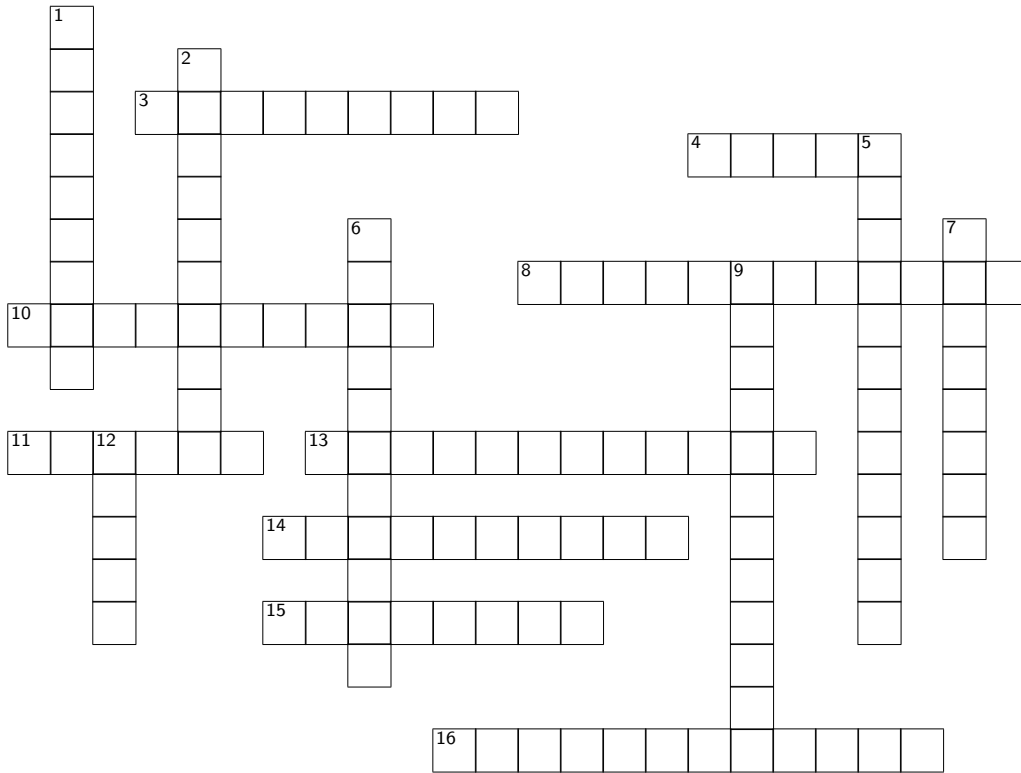
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By Tralyn Tadlock





# CROSSWORD



### Across

- 3 New Weston alderman
- 4 In 1863, Weston's Mr. Brown was a \_\_\_\_
- 8 Water borne illness
- 10 Won Living Legacy of Collin County award
- 11 \_\_\_\_ and Horse Rescue
- 13 Born in Grass Valley, CA
- 14 Collin McKinney burial location
- 15 Wonderfully Made \_\_\_\_ Sanctuary
- 16 Also known as Trisomy 21

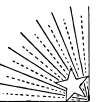
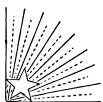
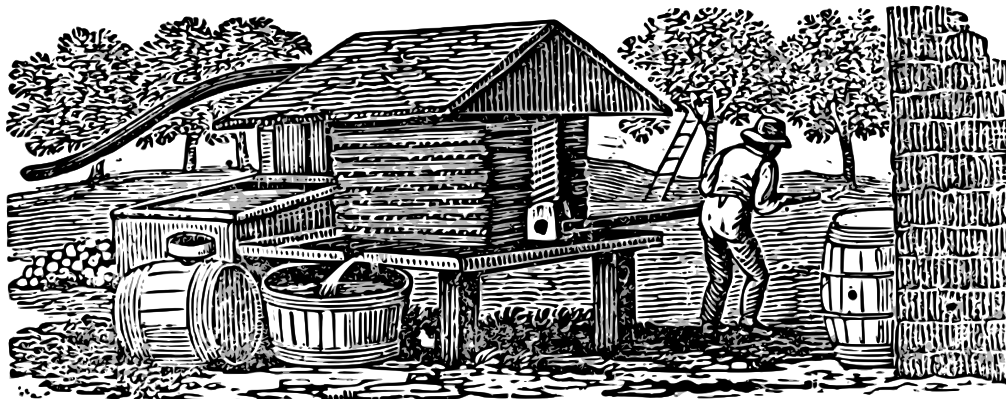
### Down

- 1 Water this tree daily
- 2 Name of Lowell Kinney's B17
- 5 1<sup>st</sup> Collin County soldier to die in air
- 6 Saved lives with his water chlorinator
- 7 Will visit Weston on Dec 20
- 9 501(c)(3) founded by Dana Leach
- 12 National \_\_\_\_ Out

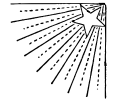
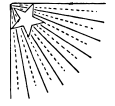
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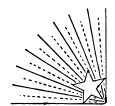
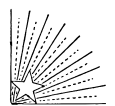
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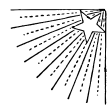
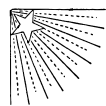


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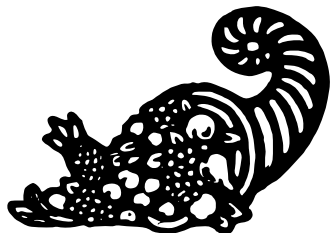


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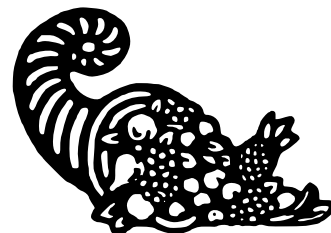
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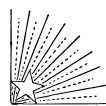


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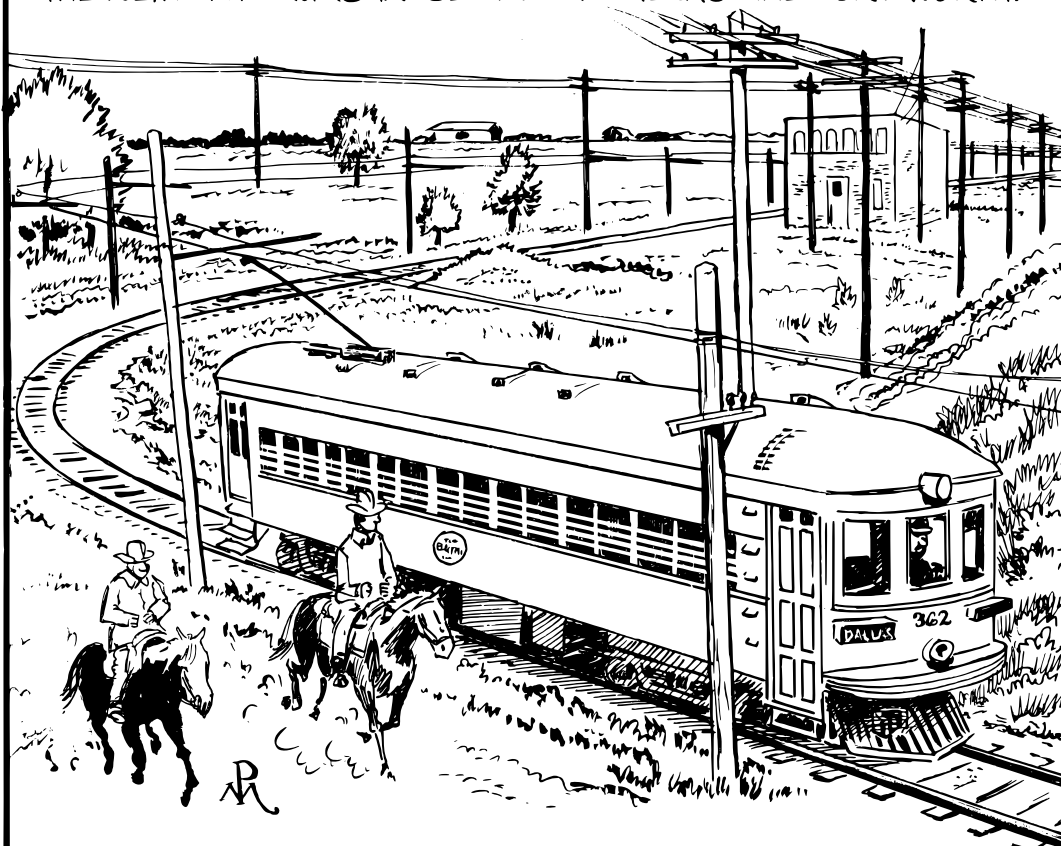


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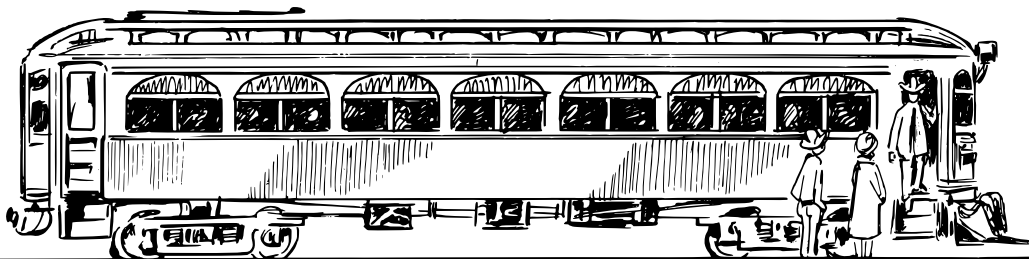
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## Interurban Trolley Lines

WERE BUILT TO CONNECT CITIES AND TOWNS IN THE EARLY 1900'S. THE FIRST INTERURBAN IN TEXAS WAS 10½ MILES LONG BETWEEN DENISON AND SHERMAN, COMPLETED IN 1900 BY THE TEXAS TRACTION CO. TWO YEARS LATER, THE NORTHERN TRACTION CO. STARTED THE NEXT INTERURBAN BETWEEN DALLAS AND FORT WORTH.



THE TEXAS TRACTION CO. OPERATED NORTH OF DALLAS, WHILE THE SOUTHERN TRACTION CO. RAN INTERURBANS TO CORSICANA AND WACO. THEY MERGED IN 1917 TO FORM THE 250 MILE TEXAS ELECTRIC RAILWAY. THE COMPANY REACHED ITS PEAK DURING WORLD WAR II WITH PASSENGER REVENUES OF \$2 MILLION A YEAR.

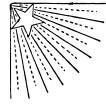


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# UPCOMING EVENTS

- ★ **November 25** Thanksgiving
- ★ **November 28** Light Up Weston at Weston Community Center 7p.m.
- ★ **December 1** Christmas on the Square in downtown Celina 5p.m. to 9p.m.
- ★ **December 5** Holiday Market at Luscombe Farm in Anna 10a.m. to 4p.m.
- ★ **December 14** Weston City Council Meeting at City Hall 7:30p.m.
- ★ **December 15** Weston Water Supply Corp Meeting 7p.m.
- ★ **December 20** Weston Village Christmas Story Time Weston Community Center 3:30p.m to 5:30p.m.
- ★ **December 25** Christmas
- ★ **January 1** New Year's Day
- ★ **January 11** Weston City Council Meeting at City Hall 7:30p.m.
- ★ **January 17** Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- ★ **January 19** Confederate Heroes' Day
- ★ **February 8** Weston City Council Meeting at City Hall 7:30p.m.

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# ELECTION NEWS

The Weston election was cancelled as all the candidates have been certified as unopposed and are hereby elected. Mayor Jim Marischen and Alderman Maria Whitworth will serve a second term while Alderman Tim Wilson will serve his first term.

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# Gardening Tip



From Texas A&M Agrilife Extension's Fall Vegetable Gardening Guide for Texas:

"Cabbage is mature and as large as it will get when the head becomes solid and the sides or top cannot be pressed in with the thumb. Mature heads often split open. To delay the harvest of mature cabbage yet prevent this splitting, twist the entire plant slightly to break several roots. The breakage will reduce the uptake of water from the soil and delay splitting."



# Meeting Schedule



**Weston Fire and Rescue**  
1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday  
7p.m.  
203 Main Street



**Weston Water Supply Corp**  
Last Monday  
7p.m.  
406 Chicken Street

*"We Should Give As We Receive,  
Cheerfully, Quickly, And Without Hesitation,  
For There Is No Grace In A Benefit  
That Sticks To Our Fingers."*

—Seneca

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