

Obituaries

Dixie Hill

Dixie Lee Spurlock Hill passed from this life early on Monday, Jan. 23, 2017. She was a resident of Perryton at the time of her death.

Dixie was born in Dawson on April 18, 1927, to Otis F. Spurlock and Lula Brown Lawler Spurlock. Dixie was the oldest of four children. The family moved to Kerens when Dixie was about six to open a grocery store.

Dixie married William Harold Hill on July 13, 1946. Dixie and William Harold had two sons, Tony and Mike. The family moved to Mount Pleasant in 1954. Hill and Dixie lived in Mount Pleasant until 1998 when they moved to Tyler. After Hill's death, Dixie moved to Nacogdoches and then to Perryton.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, and sister, Mary Earl. She is survived by brother; Otis Ray; sister, Ruby Ann Stovall; brother-in-law, Robert Earl; Tony Hill and wife Kelley of Perryton; Mike Hill and wife Debby of Kerens; grandchildren, Ashley Hill and wife Candy of Mansfield, Alyson Le and husband James of Georgetown, Daphne Pesina and husband Robert of Desoto, Rachel Bates and husband Richie of Hewitt and Bradley Hill of Kerens. She is also survived by 13 great grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 27, 2017 at the First United Methodist Church in Kerens with burial immediately following at the Kerens City Cemetery.

Arrangements by Paschal Funeral Home.



Dovie Garritty-Felton

Dovie Lavon Garritty Felton, 74, passed away on Saturday, Jan. 21, 2016. She was born Dec. 23, 1942. She was a resident of Fort Worth.

She is survived by her children, April McGary, Sonya Carter (Darrell), Gregory Felton, Jeffrey Felton and Jolana Felton; brothers, Willie Garritty (Mary) and James Garritty (Glenda); sisters, Eula Catherine Williams, Annie Ruth Smith and LaNell House along with a host of grandchildren, family and friends.

Visitation will be held from noon to 9:30 p.m. The family will be in attendance from 8:30 to 9:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 27, 2017.

Funeral services are set to begin at 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 28, 2017 at the Gregory W. Spencer Funeral Home chapel. Interment to follow at Pleasant Hall Cemetery in Winkler.



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The first was the appointment of Karie Denny as the City of Corsicana's new Main Street Director. She will be filling the position left vacant by the December resignation of Sara Beth Wilson.

Denny moved to Powell with her husband and three children in August.

"I am honored and excited to be appointed as the new Main Street Director for the City of Corsicana," she said. "While we've only lived here for a short time, we immediately fell in love with the city and the charm of its people. I am looking forward to the opportunity to serve our community and continue efforts to make Corsicana a great Texas destination."

Greg Olsen, senior vice president of lending at Community National Bank and Trust, was appointed to the Civil Service Commission, to fulfill the remainder of Larry Morrison's unexpired term which ends in 2019. Jon Ketcham and George Burrell are also on the Civil Service Commission. Commissioners serve as unpaid volunteers.

"I look forward to working with Mr. Ketcham and Mr. Burrell," Olsen said. "I appreciate the trust the city has put in me."

The Civil Service Commission consists of three commissioners

who serve a three-year term and is charged with providing recruitment and selection of all police officers and firefighters for the City of Corsicana. It also coordinates all testing mandated by the State of Texas.

The council also approved an award of bid to The Payment Group, LLC for 24 hours per day online citation payment services for Municipal Court fines and fees.

Joanna Fritz, president and CEO of the Corsicana and Navarro County Chamber of Commerce, presented the Corsicana Convention and Visitors Bureau Annual Report to the council.

The reports stated the Bureau counted:

- \$40, 620 in event grants
  - 11,401 attendees at funded events
  - 38,020 attendees at funded arts events
  - \$46,000 funding provided for local arts
  - 11 states and five countries from which attendees came
  - 1,695 room nights generated by funded events and arts events
- Other items approved Monday night by the council included:
- Award of bid to Alliance Geotechnical Group to provide material testing services for the Lake Halbert Spillway Flood Drainage Improvement Project, a Texas



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City Council meets at 6 p.m. The second and fourth Monday of each month in the Council Chambers of the Corsicana Government Center at 200 North 12th Street.

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Q&A with new Main Street Director

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here in the pursuit of small, historic town, charming life. I want to see it succeed. I have an extensive background with design and marketing and am excited to bring new ideas to town.

**What do you intend to bring to the Main Street Director office?**

My first goal is to really do my research and obtain a strong understanding of the people in Corsicana and find out what their needs and wants are in business, retail, and dining. More than anything to understand the community and its merchants.

**What have you done so far to promote our city?**

I have reached out to some contacts in Arizona who are doing some downtown revitalization projects to ask them what has worked for them in the

past. I also reached out to the Hable sisters (former Corsicana residents who founded the New York-based textile company Hable Construction) to find out what their thoughts are. I'm interested in other people's visions of what Corsicana can be.

**What is your vision for the future?**

The Main Street Director's role is to nurture local business and promote tourism. If we can create a place the community wants to be other people will want to come here too.

I'm very excited to get started, I know it may take time to see results but I'm ready to get things in motion.

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Police Beat

Corsicana Police Department

- Police arrested a person for reckless driving and driving while intoxicated second offense Jan. 23 in the 900 block of Oaklawn Dr.
  - Someone reported a person broke a window to a business Jan. 23 in the 800 block of W. Seventh Ave.
  - Police were dispatched in reference to a disturbance Jan. 23 in the 300 block of Wesley Dr.
  - Someone reported a person tried to cash a forged check Jan. 23 in the 2500 block of W. Seventh Ave.
  - Police arrested a suspect for public intoxication and resisting arrest Jan. 23 in the 800 block of W. Seventh Ave.
  - Police were dispatched when a person reported a runaway Jan. 23 in the 1700 block of E. Third Ave.
  - A person reported theft Jan. 23 in the 100 block of N. 15th St.
  - Someone reported forgery of a financial instrument Jan. 23 in the 2500 block of W. Seventh Ave.
  - A person reported a burglary Jan. 23 in the 2100 block of W. Second Ave.
  - A person reported criminal mischief Jan. 23 in the 300 block of N. 37th St.
  - A suspect was transported to Green Oaks on Jan. 23.
  - A person reported someone broke into a rent house Jan. 23 in the 2500 block of N. Beaton St.
  - Someone reported criminal trespass Jan. 23 in the 200 block of S. 15th St.
  - A person reported someone stole money from a bank account Jan. 23 in the 100 block of Dobbins Rd.
  - A person reported being assaulted Jan. 24 in the 1900 block of N. Beaton St.
  - Someone reported criminal mischief Jan. 24 in the 1600 block of Northwood Blvd.
  - A person reported a child was sexually assaulted Jan. 25 in the 1200 block of Lake Halbert Rd.
- Navarro County Sheriff's Office**
- A person reported being assaulted by a family member Jan. 20 in Rice.
  - Deputies issued a citation to a suspect for driving with license expired without insurance Jan. 20 in Richland.
  - Deputies arrested a suspect for evading arrest with previous conviction Jan. 20 in the 4300 block of NW CR 1150.
  - A person reported illegal dumping Jan. 21 in the 100 block of NW CR 0017.
  - Deputies arrested a suspect for driving with invalid license and failing to maintain financial responsibility Jan. 21 in the 300 block of FM 2452.
  - Someone reported a burglary Jan. 22 in the 400 block of Pecan Point Dr.
  - A person reported loose livestock injury Jan. 22 in the 1600 block of FM 2452.

Online ticket payments accepted soon

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online payments as an alternative.

As soon as we get it set up, people with tickets will be able to go to www.trafficpayment.com and pay them online. The company running this service for the city will report all payments within 24 hours. The Court will lift any warrants for nonpayment as quickly as we can once we receive notice of the payment.

The company that runs this service will not be charging the city anything to do so. Instead, it makes all of its revenue by adding a convenience fee of 6.5% or \$3.95, whichever is greater. For example, a \$100 ticket would cost \$106.50 to pay online. Nobody has to pay online, of course, but it

is an option. I am pleased we have found an online payment provider that will help the court function without costing the city anything. Hopefully, with your help and feedback, we can continue to move the Municipal Court forward so that we may better serve justice and our community's citizens. I would be remiss if

I did not thank the Court Administrator, Sharon Jennings, for her help with this project. City Manager Connie Standridge and City Finance Director Ginger Richardson also deserve recognition for their help with soliciting and evaluating bids.

Together, we are

working on making the city government work for you.

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Corrections and Clarifications

In the Dec. 22 article titled 'Texas Central Suffers Setback,' It was inaccurately printed that District Judge Joseph Halbach ruled against Texas Central concerning its ongoing project for a high speed rail service from Dallas to Houston. The judge did not rule on the merits of the case, he only moved the proceeding to be set for trial at a later date.

Gary Morris

Texas singer & actor comes to the Palace Theatre at 7:30 p.m. February 23. Hits include: "Why Lady, Why," "Headed For A Heartache," "100% Chance Of Rain," "I'll Never Stop Loving You," "Wind Beneath My Wings and more. Tickets \$40-\$30-\$20 at box office, corsicanapalace.com or 903.874.7792

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