

Deaths



**Irene Miller
Mrs. Miller**

Irene Elizabeth Miller, 85, of Lampasas died July 7, 2009.

Funeral services were July 11 at Sneed Funeral Chapel with Dr. Rick Willis officiating.

Mrs. Miller was born Aug. 24, 1923, in Lampasas County, the daughter of Enoch January and Eula Groves.

She was married to Arniel Tomlinson, and he preceded her in death.

She then married Woodrow Miller, who also preceded her in death.

Mrs. Miller, a lifelong resident of the county, was a member of First Baptist Church. She worked as a secretary for MHMR.

Survivors include a daughter, Kay Owens of Lampasas; a brother, Ronnie January of Lampasas; sisters, Connie Havins of Lampasas and Jeneau Carroll of Crosby; grandchildren, Renee Cummings and husband, Jody, and Blaine Oestreich and husband, Rustin, all of Lampasas; and great-grandchildren, Jordan Cummings, Mykenzie Cummings and Radley Oestreich.

Memorials may be made to Groves Cemetery.

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**Martina Torres
Mrs. Torres**

Martina Perez Torres, 75, died July 7, 2009. Funeral services were July 10 at El Buen Pastor Church in

Lometa. Burial followed at Senterfitt Cemetery in Lometa.

Mrs. Torres was born April 25, 1934, in Burnet, the daughter of Pedro and Emelia Garcia Perez.

Survivors include children, Ciriaco Torres and wife, Ernestina, Dominga Torres, Maria Soria and husband, Manuel, Josefina Torres, Elias Torres Jr., Daniel Torres and wife, Felisha, Celia Ramos and husband, Jose, Juana Hill and husband, Ronald, and Olga Naranjo and husband, Miguel; siblings, Marcelino Perez, Domingo Perez, Juan Perez, Pablo Perez, Rosa Bills, Amelia Olaiz, Petra Rodriguez, Linda Cantu, Beatrice Marrujo, Thomas Perez and Felix Perez; 30 grandchildren; and 40 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Elias Torres; by four daughters; two sons; and two sisters.

Arrangements by Greenwood Funeral Home of Fort Worth.



**Duain Tyson
Mr. Tyson**

Funeral services for lifetime Priddy resident Duain Tyson, 80, were July 10, 2009, at Zion Lutheran Church in Priddy with Pastor Don Kingman officiating. Burial was at Zion Cemetery.

Mr. Tyson died July 8 at Hamilton Hospital.

He was born Dec. 31, 1928, in Comanche, the son of Thomas Matthew and Luthicia Stewart Tyson.

He married Elizabeth Kunkel on March 12, 1949, in Priddy.

Mr. Tyson was a farmer and had served in the U.S. Army during World War II. He was a member of Zion Lutheran Church.

Survivors include his wife of Priddy; six children and their spouses, Annie and Chester Henry and Kathy and Perry Alexander, all of Goldthwaite, Helen and Dana Ledbetter of Eldorado, Clyde and Donna Tyson of Lampasas, Anthony and Karen Tyson of Comanche and Vicki and Bobby Hughes of Mansfield; 19 grandchildren; and 38 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a great-grandson, Cane Alexander; four brothers; and one sister.

Arrangements by Stacy-Wilkins Funeral Home of Goldthwaite.

Governor selects Gail Lowe to chair SBOE

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Church, where Mrs. Lowe serves on the financial review board.

Up until two years ago, Mrs. Lowe volunteered as a classroom mentor at Hanna Springs Intermediate School and previously at Kline Whitis Elementary to assist children with their reading and math skills.

"With my family, work and State Board of Education-related responsibilities, I don't have the time I once did to work individually with students and teachers," Mrs. Lowe said, "but I remain committed to pursuing policies that provide a solid education to meet the needs of the students of our state."

Foundation hires architect to draft library expansion plan

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years ago that such a tunnel would cost about \$130,000.

A grant writer has told Library Foundation members they will need to reserve about one-third of the estimated cost for the facility expansion in order to qualify for grant funding. Based on past estimates provided to the foundation, the project may cost about \$1 million, Mrs. Lilley said.

The Library Foundation has \$203,000 in assets, according to treasurer Jennifer Ewing. A Barbecue for Books fund-raiser is scheduled in the fall to generate more funds for library expansion, Mrs. Lilley noted. A similar event in April 2008 was a success, she added.

"There was a lot of good-will created in the community the last time we did it," Mrs. Lilley said.

New superintendent at LISD helm

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plans to meet with board members and district administrators. "I want the opportunity to sit down with them one on one and get to know each other. For me, it's an opportunity to learn what is important to them and what their philosophy is, and it will give them an opportunity to get to know me and my philosophy and what's important to me."

Hoyer, a Moulton native, graduated with 27 other seniors in his class prior to attending Blinn Junior College. From there, he attended Southwest Texas State University (now Texas State) and graduated in 1981.

He started his career at Class 4A Rockport-Fulton, where he taught and coached junior high for three years.

The superintendent then moved to Class 1A Nueces-Canyon Consolidated School District to take the head boys' basketball coaching position. He remained there two years.

Hoyer headed to Class 2A Lexington, where he taught and coached boys' basketball for four years before his most recent stop in Columbus, a Class 3A district.

There, Hoyer coached boys' sports before switching to coach girls in basketball, track and volleyball for four years.

He then accepted a junior high school principal's job for six years before taking the principal's post at the high school for three years.

From there, Hoyer transitioned to the assistant superintendent's job for a year before taking the top spot in the district.

"Career-wise, advancing to administration was a good decision," he said, likening it to "a calling." Hoyer said if he intended to make a career in education, moving up the ladder was a natural progression.

"I also took a cue from my father, who was a school superintendent. He spent his entire career (37 years) at Moulton; he never left. He was a teacher, a coach, a principal and a superintendent there for 18 years. I patterned my career after him."

Hoyer's mother spent 22 years as a high school English teacher. She even taught her son for three years -- as happens in small school districts.

Hoyer's wife, Mary K, plans to finish her 30th year as a high school English teacher and retire at Columbus ISD before joining her husband in Lampasas next May. That will give the couple time to ready their house for sale before she makes her move to Lampasas.

Though his wife plans to leave education, Hoyer said that is not his plan. "I'm only 50 years old, and I have about 10 years of work left, at least. If it works out that I can retire in Lampasas, that would be wonderful," he said.

Hoyer also noted that just because he was seeking a post at a larger school than where he was doesn't mean he plans to do that again. "I'm not looking for a Class 5A job. I like the 4A school districts."

"My goal here is to try to grow personally while helping Lampasas grow to the next level. I would like to buck the trend and stay longer than the previous superintendents did," he said.

"I know in the nature of this job, I will make some people happy and other people mad. But I have come here with no hidden agenda and no prejudice."

"I have 28 years of educational experience I want to share," he continued. "My background and experience affords me the opportunity to look at how things can be done in the best way possible for the district and for the community. And every day I do this job, I learn something new."

Hoyer said he appreciates the opportunity the board of trustees is giving him to be in Lampasas.

"They are a very dedicated group of individuals. They want the students to receive a quality education and are very committed to that," he said. "They have spent countless hours on the building projects and superintendent search, and people don't give that kind of time to something unless they are dedicated to a cause. Their cause is the educa-

tion and success of every child in this district."

The superintendent also said he appreciates LISD Business Manager Shane Jones for his dedication and commitment.

"I applaud him. I don't know what the LISD would do without him. He is a really sharp individual who has had his plate running over for the past year," said Hoyer. "His job as a business manager is full time, and then when you add the building projects into the mix and the superintendent leaving, everything has fallen on him."

"Nothing would be running as smoothly if not for the hours, time and effort Shane puts in."

Hoyer said his long-term plan is to create an era of stability and continuity, starting at the top with himself, principals and the administrative team.

"I want to develop a trust and confidence, and get the lines of communication open and have us all on the same page."

"Then, I want to target the instructional program and look at curriculum alignment to make sure

all of our students are getting the best bang for the buck."

Hoyer said things are not going to change overnight. But he knows what direction he wishes to head.

The superintendent likens his situation to that of a head football coach.

"It takes about three years for a

coach to make the team 'his team,'" he said. "He may know the philosophy and the offense and defense, but it takes time to get everyone to have the same mindset, and then you can start targeting the details."

And Hoyer is ready to move his team forward.

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