

**BULLETIN BOARD**

**Birthday greetings to:**  
Floyd Richardson - Sept. 18th

**VISD**

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Byrd also said the district was working to stay in compliance with the education commissioner and he thanked VISD nurses for, what he termed, going above and beyond to ensure student health and safety.

He also touched in remote instruction. He said he felt the state commissioner has created an unrealistic process.

“We can offer (remote), but the requirements are ridiculous. It is so confusing that I wouldn’t know how to present it to this board,” he said, adding just two districts that he knew of in this region were currently offering remote.

He said there were two groups of kids that he was concerned about and they were providing services to the homebound the best they could.

“Very few that need it would qualify because of the requirements set forth by the state,” he said.

Byrd updated on the recently opened Opportunities Center.

“I want to brag on the Opportunity Center. It is doing everything we hoped it would. It’s going to sell itself and people will be fighting to get in there,” he said.

Jerry Utley, the lead principal at the Center, reported they had 12 currently enrolled with five more applicants expected to be added at the six weeks.

“The system has been great. We’re pretty optimistic,” he said, adding five students had already completed credits

Byars asked for an update on the testing for credit in Spanish. He was told 20 had tested out – “double what we had last year.”

The trustees, on a motion from Hawkins, approved adding Interim Principal Glen Hutchins to the Waggoner National Bank- High School Student Activity Account. Hutchins is serving as the interim due to principal Tommy Cummings being out on medical leave.

On a motion from Hawkins, the trustees approved the sale of tax properties including East of Nabers between Maiden and Olive St, 1403 Eagle St, the Southwest corner of Fannin and Yamparika, 1711 Eagle St, Northeast corner of Lexington and Maiden, and 1601 Pease St.

A Contractual Agreement with Vernon College was approved on a motion

by Parmer. The College provides a certified nurse for the CAN program. Superintendent Byrd said nothing had changed with the contract.

A resolution for the Wilbarger County 4-H Organization to be sanctioned as an extracurricular activity and approval of the Extension Staff Adjunct Faculty Agreement with Vernon ISD were both approved on a motion from Scott. Byrd said granting extracurricular status allowed for excused absences for 4-H events.

Hawkins was appointed, and Byars reappointed to serve as the VISD’s two directors on the Wilbarger County Appraisal Board.

**PERSONNEL**

Personnel Presented included employed: April Isnhower: Life Skills Aide, Middle School; Clifford Winship, Paraprofessional, Middle School; Isaac Vasquez, Food Service; Jackie Vaughn, Food Service; Charles Howard, Sped Teacher/Coach, VMS & VHS; and Carmen Viruegas, Food Service.

Resigned included Taylor Bodine, Paraprofessional, Shive; Felix Montes, Food Service; Madison Garrett, Paraprofessional, Shive; Claudia Campos, Food Service Manager, McCord; Suzanne Rawlins: Paraprofessional, High School.

Reassignment included Rosemary Cervantes, moved to manager position, McCord.

**POLICE AND FIRE CALLS**

**ARRESTS**

Marvin Lafayette Sharp III, 33 of Vernon, arrested for Evading Arrest/Detention. At around 5 a.m. Saturday, a caller reported a possible prowler. A white male, with a backpack was in the yard checking car doors. Officers located the alleged subject walking in the 2900 block of London. The subject allegedly took off running and was caught after a pursuit.

Benjamin Thomas Skelton, 29 of Vernon, arrested for Possession of Controlled Substance PG 1 less than 1 gram. At 3:332 p.m. Saturday, Vernon Police made a traffic stop at Lexington and Marshall on a bicyclist for disregarding two stop signs. The subject allegedly admitted to having drug paraphernalia. A search was conducted and allegedly located a clear baggy with a white crystal substance believed to be meth.

A 62-year-old Vernon man was arrested for Criminal Mischief greater than \$100 less than \$750; Criminal Trespass. Police responded to Gilbert Street at 4:30 p.m. Monday for a man possibly intoxicated.

Heather Renee Tomison, 43 of Fort Worth, was booked into the Wilbarger County Jail for a Probation Violation warrant on an original charge of Evading Arrest/Detention with a Motor Vehicle. At 10:52 p.m. Friday, Vernon police were called to the Budget Host motel in the 700 block of Wilbarger, for a female banging on room windows. The subject was located and an ID check revealed she had an active warrant.

Anthony Terrell Banks, 23 of Hurst, Texas arrested by Texas DPS for Possession of Marijuana less than 5 pounds, greater than 4 ounces.

Joshua Lee Brown, 40 of Vernon, arrested for Violation of a Protective Order; Bond Surrender – Controlled Substance PG 20.

Vincent Lamont Carter, 51 of Electra, arrested for Possession of a Controlled Substance PG 1/1-8 greater than 1 gram less than 4 grams.

Michael Ray Grantom, 35 of Vernon, was booked into the Wilbarger County Jail on a Motion to Revoke – Assault Family Violence/Impeded Breath.

A 33-year-old Vernon woman was arrested for misdemeanor Assault Cause Bodily Injury Family Member. At 6:58 p.m. Saturday, officers were called to the 2800 block of Mesquite for a domestic disturbance. An intoxicated female was arrested for allegedly assaulting a juvenile female.

David Harvey Hines, 60 of Albuquerque, New Mexico was booked into the Wilbarger County Jail for Probation Amendment, Possession of Controlled Substance, PG 1 greater than 4 grams less than 200.

Marcario Hurtado III, 57 of Vernon, was booked into the Wilbarger County Jail for a Motion to Revoke warrant off an original charge of Stalking.

Walter Leon Payne, 42 of Vernon, was booked into the Wilbarger County Jail for an Archer County warrant for Controlled Substance PG 1 greater than 1 gram less than 4 grams.

**POLICE CALLS**

-- 5:00 p.m. Thursday, two unrelated sexual assaults were reported at the police station.

-- 2:01 p.m. Friday, a minor accident was reported at Stadium Drive and Cottonwood.

-- 9:35 p.m., a terroristic threat was reported in the 900 block of Olive. A male subject reported another male threw a beer through a window and said he was coming back with a gun.

-- 10:38 a.m. Saturday, a minor parking lot accident was reported at Hillcrest Plaza in front of Dollar tree.

-- 7:51 a.m. Sunday, a female subject reported someone had hit her parked vehicle in the 1900 block of Gordon and fled the scene.

-- 9:28 a.m., a theft of a wallet was reported at East Hop-In. Police have a person of interest following a review of video evidence.

-- 2:42 p.m., theft of a magnetic car topper was reported in the 3100 block of Mansard.

-- 8:08 p.m., police responded to a 911 call from the 1200 block of Ross. A female advised a verbal altercation had become physical. Parties were separated.

-- 8:27 p.m., an unwanted guest was reported in the 1900 block of Houston. A subject was banned.

-- 8:29 a.m. Monday, a minor two vehicle accident was reported at the Housing Authority in the 3300 block of bacon. A HA vehicle backed into a parked car.

-- 3:42 p.m., criminal mischief to a vehicle and residence was reported in the 1400 block of Texas.

-- 1:00 p.m., public intoxication by juveniles was reported by the School Resource Officer at the High School.

-- 8:58 p.m., burglary of a building was reported in the 3200 block of Cumberland. Six pair of jeans were missing from a washing machine in a attached garage.

--11:15 a.m. Tuesday, possible burglary of a building was reported on Main Street.

**FIRE CALL**

--9:57 p.m. Saturday, the Fire Department was dispatched to the 2200 block of Bismarck for smoke in the air. A controlled unauthorized burn was located.

-- 12:31 p.m. Monday, a lawnmower was reported on fire in the 9300 block of 287, across from the old XXX.

**OBITUARIES**

**Ruth Sanders**

Ruth Sanders of Vernon, Texas, passed away Sept. 13, 2021 after a lengthy battle with cancer then contracted Covid. She was born March 5, 1943 in Grand Saline, Texas to Paul and Gladys Shadwick and she was the youngest of four kids.

After retiring from North Texas State Hospital, she enjoyed spending time with her pets and working in her garden, but what she really loved to do is her arts and crafts projects. She had a booth at Blessings and Something More where she spent most of her time pestering her buddy Anna “Buzzy” Hawkins. Ruth stayed busier than most people half her age, even getting sick didn’t slow her down much. She was finishing and starting new projects the day before she was hospitalized.

Ruth was a tough and a fighter she fought until the very end. She beat breast cancer, hospitalized several times with pneumonia, diagnosed with lung cancer and never let it get her down, she also contracted Covid and beat it but it made her so weak that the pneumonia was too much. She is loved and will be missed by everyone that knew her.

Ruth is survived by her son Rodney “Zeke” Sanders and several nieces and nephews.

Ruth is preceded in death by her husband of 55 years William Frank Sanders, a daughter Jennifer Sanders, two sisters Billie Hickson, Bobbie Owens and a brother Charlie Shadwick.

Funeral service will be announced at a later date. Online condolences may be made to the family at [www.sullivanfuneralhomevernon.com](http://www.sullivanfuneralhomevernon.com)

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**Bond**

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High School addition and renovations:

- Updated front entry
- Four new classrooms in place of the existing library

Media Center addition:

- Includes breakout spaces, collaboration spaces, and potentially a maker-space area
- Will be readily accessible to all students based on its proximity to the existing classrooms
- Will serve as a storm shelter for all students and staff

Vernon ISD residents will have the opportunity to vote on the 2021 Bond beginning with early voting October 18 - 29 and on Election Day, November 2, 2021.

Please visit Vernon ISD’s bond website for more information at [VernonISDBond.com](http://VernonISDBond.com), or reach out to me personally with any questions: [jeff.byrd@visdtx.org](mailto:jeff.byrd@visdtx.org)

Mr. Jeff Byrd  
Superintendent of Schools  
Vernon Independent School District

**LEARN MORE: FUTURE BOND TOWN HALLS PLANNED**

A Town Hall meeting will be held at the Wilbarger Auditorium on Tuesday, Sept. 28 from 6:30 to 8 p.m..

A second will meeting will be held Wednesday, Oct. 13 in the Forum Room of the Wilbarger Auditorium from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

Watch the VernonRecord for more bond information.

**WEATHER**

**Rainfall**  
Last 7 days: **0.00**  
2021: **21.15**  
2020: **27.86**

**OBITUARIES**

**Mary Lynn Moreland Abernathy**

Mary Lynn Moreland Abernathy, 73, of Vernon, Texas, died on Monday, Sept. 20, 2021 in Vernon, Texas.

Services will be Wednesday, Sept. 22, 2021, at 2 p.m. at Sullivan Funeral Home Chapel with graveside services at Wilbarger Memorial Park to follow. Officiating will be Rev. Brooks Kimmey.

Lynn was born on Monday, Oct. 6, 1947, in Tulsa, Oklahoma. She was the daughter of the late Bobby Joe Moreland and the late Mary Smith Moreland. She married Larry Abernathy on Aug. 30, 1969, in Tulsa. She was a graduate of Nathan Hale High School in Tulsa, and Oklahoma State University with a degree in education.

Lynn was an elementary school teacher for 20 years. She taught four years in Houston, Texas, then sixteen years in second grade at Central Elementary School in Vernon. Lynn was a member of the First Baptist Church of Vernon, Texas.

Lynn is survived by her husband Larry, their three children: Stacy Abernathy Jackson and husband Jeffrey (Lindale, Texas), Lyle Abernathy and wife Megan (Vernon), Leigh Abernathy (Dallas, Texas), and three grandchildren: Mark Jackson, Luke Jackson, and Maggie Jackson. She is also survived by a brother, Bob Moreland, and wife Leslie (Leawood, Kansas).

Memorials can be made to the Hospice of Wichita Falls, P.O. Box 4804, Wichita Falls, Texas 76308.

Online condolences may be made to the family at [www.sullivanfuneralhomevernon.com](http://www.sullivanfuneralhomevernon.com)



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**Amelia Ann Hall**

Amelia Ann Hall passed away peacefully on Aug. 16, 2021, at the Hospice Unit at Dallas Methodist Hospital in Dallas, Texas, after long hard-fought battle with heart disease.

Amelia held a corporate position at Dallas Methodist Hospital for the past 15 years. She was a 1970 graduate of Vernon High School and a 1981 graduate of Texas A&M University. She always proclaimed to be a Proud Aggie.

Amelia was born to the late Cecil (Pete) and Lucille Brite Cook on Oct. 11, 1951, in Vernon, Texas. She was preceded in death by a sister Janet Sue Thomas, and two brothers, Carl Keith, and Robert Kent Cook, nieces Brenda Kay Cook and Holley Diane Wade along with several aunts, uncles, and cousins. She is survived by husband Doyle of the home and her loving Schnauzer, Rosy, a son Pete Allen Hall, daughter-in-law Melissa, and granddaughter Penny Lane of Mansfield, Texas; also by nieces Becky Alexander, Suzy Wade, Laurie Jill Guerra, and Kristie Hutchinson; nephews, Lee, Keith, David and Cody Cook, many friends and co-workers.

A memorial service for Amelia Ann will be Sept. 25, 2021 at 2 p.m. at Western Trail Cowboy Church in Vernon, Texas. Services by Pastor Luke Morrison.



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