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COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT 9-1-1 DISPATCHER HAS A WIDE-ANGLE LOOK AT NEW CONSOLE VIDEO SCREENS

Modern technology with 'Computer Aided Dispatch' system will benefit MCSO dispatchers and residents

By Marlene Bohr

New technology installed in the dispatch office of the Morris County Sheriff's Department is leading to a safer world for the citizens of Morris County, whether in the county or in a city within the county.

Chief Dispatcher Cheryl Murphy said that the Ark-Tex Council of Governments awarded a grant to provide all of the desktops in the dispatch office.

"They did everything," Murphy said. "They applied for our 9-1-1. Then Sheriff Jack Martin, Chief Deputy Robbie Gray and Deputy Ross Dickson applied for a grant from Justice Assistance Grant for the CAD, which is Computer Aided Dispatch System.

This integrates 9-1-1 that our system we run travels through to get with our in-house computers. It automatically provides addresses from the 9-1-1 system and plots them on a Google Map.

"If someone is calling from a cell phone, it gives us the tower location. The 9-1-1 system is working on this. They are working on a new system where you will be able to text 9-1-1."

This new computer aided dispatch is much faster, according to Murphy.

"It automatically checks for wanted or stolen stuff and eventually will automatically tell if someone is wanted or something is entered as stolen," she said. "We have four new computer screens with this program, making a total of 11 screens in the dispatch office. You have to watch six at a time.

"Right now the addresses are going into it as we get the calls and eventually it will tell us if we have been to that address before and what type of call it was."

This new system is much faster and more in depth, according to Murphy. "The system gives us more information at a faster rate," she said.

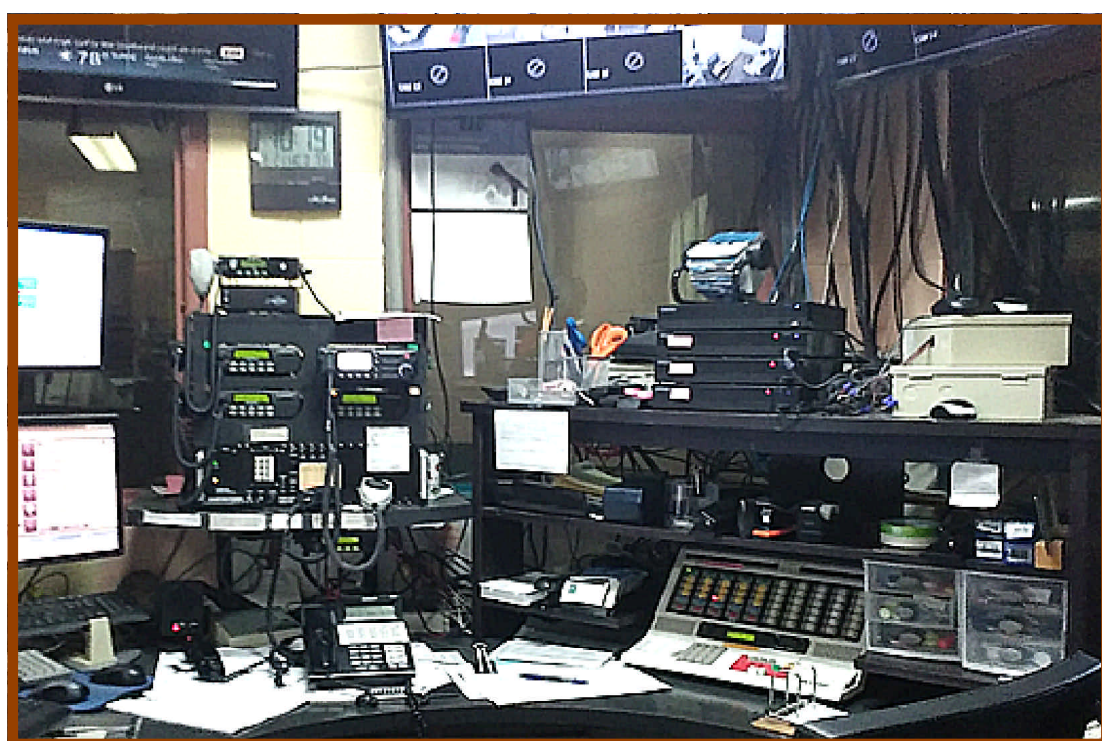
Sheriff Jack Martin said he is really excited about the improvements in the dispatch

office. "The new system will speed up getting help in the county or the cities for people calling 9-1-1," Martin said. "This new technology is what we needed. This is good for the officers' safety as it will be a faster way of checking to see if someone is wanted or dangerous.

"I am excited about this advantage we have over the old system. This saves us from having to write everything down by hand. This new technology is great."



CHIEF DISPATCHER CHERYL MURPHY AT NEW STATION



A LOOK AT THE OLD DISPATCH CONTROL SYSTEM BEFORE REMODELING



VIDEO CAMERAS AND SCREENS MONITOR INSIDE AND OUTSIDE ACTIVITY



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MORRIS COUNTY SHERIFF JACK MARTIN AND HIS 9-1-1 DISPATCHING DEPARTMENT

Grace in Truth

"What do I do now?" This is a question that we all face after milestones in our life. Often, we ask this question because we are in territory where we have never tread. One instance of this is when a couple experiences "empty nest" syndrome. They just don't know what to do. We could sit down and make a list of moments in life that lead to this question. Sorry, if you are facing an empty nest, I am not writing about that today. We have just finished a large celebration in the church. Now what?


Well . . . you keep going. Some of you went to church for the first time in a long time - keep going. Maybe you picked up your Bible to read and see if the movie "The Ten Commandments" matched the account in Exodus - Keep reading. Did the season turn your attention back to God and the gift of salvation that we have through Jesus Christ? Then, keep your eyes on Him. To put it simply . . . keep going.

This was the desire of Paul in 1 Corinthians 9:24-27. Scripture says, "Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one receives the prize? So run that you may obtain it. Every athlete exercises self-control in all things. They do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable. So I do not run aimlessly; I do not box as one beating the air. But I discipline my body and keep it under control, lest after preaching to others I myself should be disqualified."

What does Paul want the church at Corinth to do? Keep going! Some of you like to run and others have no desire to run. Whether you are a star athlete or a couch potato, running is hard. It is something that pushes your body. He doesn't use the image of a like job, but he says they are to run a RACE. They are to push themselves. Paul uses this kind of running to tell the church they must keep moving forward.

There are times that every believer struggles with things like going to church, reading the Bible, praying, and any other spiritual disciplines. We cannot just quick; we must push forward. After Easter, it is not okay to coast in your spiritual life; you need to keep running the race. Push forward. The message of the Gospel compels our hearts to keep running and when we don't feel like it, we run anyway. So, I encourage you today - Keep going!

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Area Deaths

EVELYN SPENCER WADE
August 9, 1921 - April 12, 2017

Graveside services for Mrs. Evelyn Marcelle Spencer Witt Wade, 95, of Longview, were Saturday, April 15, 2017, at Springhill Cemetery near Naples, under the direction of Harrison Funeral Home of Naples.

Evelyn Marcelle Spencer Witt Wade was born August 9, 1921, in Naples, to Monroe and Hattie Spencer. She died April 12, 2017.

She was preceded in death by her daughter, Cynthia Ann Witt Brown; both parents; all of her siblings; and her husbands, Lloyd Witt and William Wade.

Evelyn was the sister to Johnny Spencer; Viva Mae Spencer; Harvie Dee Carpenter, Everett Spencer, and Charles Spencer. They all grew up in and near the Naples/Omaha communities.

After World War II, she moved to the Dallas/Ft. Worth area. She stayed in the DFW area until 1997 when she moved to Lake O' the Pines. In 2003, she moved to Longview to live with her grandson and his family.

Evelyn is survived by her grandson, Franklin Duane McCarty and his wife, Amy Geiger McCarty; her three great grandchildren, Emily, Rachel and Ian McCarty; and her many nieces and nephews, all of whom she loved and cared for as if they were her own.

Evelyn grew up in a time long forgotten. She was the daughter of a sharecropper living in the rural farm lands that supported her family. She was picking cotton and peas from a young age of eight. 'Life was hard and work was harder' is something she used to say.

She worked at the Lone Star Ammunition plant next to the Red River Army Depot during World War II. Shortly after the war she and her husband, Lloyd Witt, moved to Dallas with their daughter, Cynthia Ann. Evelyn was a resilient woman. After her first marriage ended, she persevered and was a trailblazer for working women in the 1950's through the 1980's.

She championed for single working women through her activities in the Oak Cliff chapter of American Business Women Association and worked at many places in the Dallas area, even owning her own janitorial cleaning company that she and her second husband, Bill Wade managed together.

Evelyn was sure in her faith of God and her redeemer, Jesus Christ. Her health prevented her from going to church at the end of her life, but she loved God and truly wanted to show God's love and comfort through her actions.

Everyone in her family will tell you stories of how she helped make sure people in her family had food and clothing. She would genuinely give the coat off her back to help someone else. She did this because she loved life and she loved her family and because she wanted to share God's love with all she knew.

She and her siblings were so close. They were her first set of best friends. She loved them so much even after they were buried. She loved her daughter, Cynthia; with ever breathe of her soul. When she lost her daughter, she knew her mission in life was to give her only grandchild the life she wanted for herself and for her daughter. She was always a part of Frank's life.

When her mental health started to decline, the best thing for her was to move into her grandson's home. In that time she made such deep and tight bonds with her great grandchildren. She brought into the house family stories and tales that could have been lost. She loved her family so much.

She became the completing piece to the home. She brought such loving memories to our home. She would sit and play video games with her great-grandson; she taught her great-granddaughters how to make banana pudding and beauty tips. She liked to sing songs to the family while doing things around the house.

Evelyn had dementia, just like her sisters. The disease is a sad way of taking a person away, but her family worked hard to let her die with dignity.

She helped the kids with homework and she told everyone the recipes that she remembered. She loved helping in the vegetable garden and loved being outside in the spring and fall. All of these things helped keep her brain strong. Dementia took a longtime to claim her body.