Honoring the Chief

Browne to be Recognized by City Council

The Seminole City Council will honor outgoing Seminole Police Dept. Chief M.D. "Mickey" Browne on Monday evening, as part of the Council's six-item business agenda scheduled for a 7 p.m. start at Seminole City Hall.

Browne

Browne, after spending 22 years with the Seminole Police Dept. as the Chief of Police, and over 40-years in law enforcement, will officially retire on Nov. 1.

Browne, earlier this summer, announced his plans for retirement with City of Seminole leaders.

Browne began his law enforcement career with a stint as a deputy sheriff in Runnels County from 1966 to 1969. He followed that venture with a seven year stint (1969-1976) as a lieutenant with the Midland Police Dept., followed by a one year stop as the Assistant Police Chief for the Alpine Police Dept.

Between November 1977 and August 1985, Browne served as the Vice President of Operations/Security for Gibsons Discount Center. After a short stint as a self-employed polygraph examiner (August 1985 through March 1986), Browne served as a Captain with the Odessa Police Dept. from March 1986 through October 1990.

In October 1990, Browne was sworn in as Chief of Police for the SPD.

On Nov. 1, former Midland Police Dept. Lt. Bernard "Bernie" Kraft will assume the role of Chief of Police for the Seminole Police Dept, after being hired by Seminole City officials just a few weeks ago.

Kraft, who was one of four candidates who had applied for the position, has been in law enforcement since 1990, has worked in various positions in law enforcement which include patrol division, SWAT team member, detective, and gang unit team leader before moving up the ranks to Sergeant in February 1997 and then lieutenant in May 2006.

Monday's meeting of the Seminole City Council is open to the general public, for those local residents who wish to attend.

Council: Project to take '4-to-8 Months'

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oversee the installation, repairs and maintenance of the pipeline, while Gaines County will will reimburse the City of Seminole for pipeline installation, maintenance and repairs to the line, as well as a 40-cent for each 1,000 gallon of discharged water delivered by the City through the pipeline to the County.

According to the agreement, the cost of the discharged water would be re-evaluated every ten years, and adjusted as applicable by 1/3 of the cost of living adjustment for the previous ten years.

In mid-September, Gaines County Commissioners agreed to their portion of the deal which began with informal negotiations between the two entities several months prior.

County officials, in a late July meeting, said they were currently suffering a water shortage at the 18-hole golf course facility that averaged roughly 400,000 gallons daily. On a peak summer day, according to Gaines County leaders, the GCGC could stand to use 900,000 to 1 million gallons of water to water the course.

To help alleviate some of the water issues, Gaines County recently completed the installation of a roughly 5 million gallon water reservoir at the course as a way to provide additional water storage and give some relief to the course's groundwater pumping systems.

According to both City of Seminole and Gaines County officials, the project could take anywhere from 4-to-8 months to complete.

Also on Monday evening, the Council will consider the following business items:

- conduct a public hearing on a requested zone change of Lots 1-2, block B, Mathews Addition from Single Family 4 (SF4) to Muli-family 2 (MF2) and consider a recommendation from the City of Seminole's Zoning Board on the change;
- consider the purchase of a new utility roller for the City of Seminole;
- consider approval of the City of Seminole's 2012 tax roll; and
- recognize Seminole Police Dept. Chief M.D. "Mickey" Browne for his 22 years of service with the City of Seminole.

Local News Briefs

CoC Seeks Citizen, Keenager Nominations

Nominations will be accepted through Friday of next week for the Seminole community's top civic honors -- the Citizen of the Year and Keenager of the Year. Awarded annually, the 2012 Citizen of the Year and Keenager of the Year honors will be bestowed to selected, nominated residents during the Seminole Area Chamber of Commerce's 2012 Chamber Appreciation Banquet.

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The Chamber banquet is slated to be held Nov. 14, beginning with a catered meal at 11:30 a.m., at the Gaines County Civic Building in Seminole.

"This is an opportunity for local residents to nominate someone they feel is deserving of these honors, so that they can be recognized for their service and dedication to our community," said Shelby Concotelli, President/CEO of the Seminole Area Chamber of Commerce.

Nomination forms can be filled out at the Seminole Area Chamber of Commerce's Offices, located at 119 S.E. 2nd St. Nominations can also be submitted by e-mailing president@seminoletxchamber.org, by faxing nominations at (432) 758-6698 or by calling (432) 758-2352.

The Chamber's Citizen of the Year honor has been given to local residents on an annual basis since 1969, and has included five co-Citizen of the Year recipients during that span.

Seminole resident, and Director of the Gaines County Museum's Seminole Division, Roy Barnes, was awarded the 2011 honor.

Nominations for the Citizen of the Year can be of any age, race and sex, while nominations for the Chamber's Keenager of the Year must be local residents 65-years of age and older.

Keenager of the Year honors were first awarded in 1996, and has included three Co-Keenager of the Year award winners.

Last year's Keenager award was bestowed to Joyce Dow and her husband, the late Gene Dow.

Memorial Fund Established for van Zielst

A memorial fund has been established in honor of William van Zielst at West Texas National Bank.

van Zielst, 25, passed away suddenly last weekend at a location west of Seminole.

Funeral services for van Zielst were held Friday and he is survived by his parents, Marteen and Katy van Zielst of Seminole, and one brother.

For more information on the memorial fund, contact WTNB's Seminole branch at (432) 758-5845.

Windbreak Tree Orders Being Taken by GCSWC

The Gaines County Soil and Water Conservation District is sponsoring a windbreak tree project in cooperation with the Texas Forest Service for 2012/2013.

You may place your order for trees in person at the Gaines County USDA /FSA Service Center located at 1301 South Main. Payment must be made when your order is placed.

This year's evergreen trees are: Afghanistan Pine, Austrian Pine, Pinyon Pine, Oriental Arborvitae, Lacebark Elm, Four Wing Saltbush, and Italian Stone Pine, Desert Willow. Evergreens are sold in multiples of 30 seedlings.

Hardwood Species available include American Plum, Black Cherry, Green Ash, Hackberry, Honey locust, Bur oak, Chinkapin Oak, Post Oak, Shumard Oak, Osage Orange, Pecan, Red Mulberry, Redbud, Sand Plum, Aromatic Sumac, Smooth Sumac. Hardwoods are sold in multiples of 25 seedlings. .

Delivery of the seedlings is scheduled for Thursday, February 28, 2013. All orders will need to be placed by noon on Wednesday, February 20, 2013.

Windbreak trees provide a variety of benefits ranging from controlling wind erosion in fields to decorating around homes.

For more information please contact the Gaines County Soil and Water Conservation District located at 1301 S. Main in the USDA/FSA Service Center or call 758-3722, extension 3.

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Obituaries

Emma Cortez

Funeral Mass for Emma Cortez, age 68 of Seminole were celebrated Wednesday, October 17, 2012 at St. James Catholic Church at 10 a.m. with Father Paul Kerriakatt officiating. Burial followed in Gaines County Memorial Cemetery. All services were under the direction of Boyer Funeral Home. Rosary was held Tuesday, October 16 at St. James Catholic Church from 7 to 8 p.m.

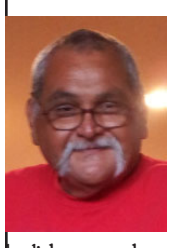
Ms. Cortez passed way Saturday, October 13, 2012 at West Over Hill Rehab Center in San Antonio. She was born February 9, 1944 in Eagle Pass to Lola (Moreno) and Santos Herrera. She has lived in Seminole since 1984.

Emma loved her grandchildren dearly. She enjoyed dressing up and crocheting. She is preceded in death by her parents; one son Andrews in 1978; and one brother.

Ms. Cortez is survived by common law husband, Pedro Ogeda of Seminole; two sons, Anselmo Gomez and wife Carmen of Seminole, Albert Gomez and wife Lucinda of Seminole; three daughters, Jhovita Lara of Seminole, Lisa Barnes and husband Jeff Foresman of San Antonio, Jo Ann Hererra and husband Ty Valdez of Seminole; six brothers, Rey Herrera of Poth, Albert Herrera of Poteet, David Herrera of Poteet, Ernesto Herrera of West Palm Beach, Florida, Ricardo Herrera of Seminole and Jose Herrera of Canyon Lake and 10 grandchildren.

Ricardo M. Herrera

Funeral services for Ricardo M. Herrera, age 56 of Seminole will be held Monday, October 22, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. at First Assembly of God Church with Pastor Gary Griffin officiating. Burial will follow at Gaines County Memorial Cemetery. All services are under the direction of Boyer Funeral Home.



Mr. Herrera passed away Thursday, October 18, 2012 at his home in Seminole due to an illness. He was born November 23, 1955 in San Antonio to Lola (Moreno) and Santos Herrera. He had lived in Seminole for the past twenty-eight years, moving from Poteet.

Mr. Herrera was an active member of the Christian Motorcycle Association. He enjoyed making people laugh, doing yard work, gardening, decorating for the holidays, and watching his nephews play sports. He also loved playing the drums. He was a member of First Assembly of God Church.

Ricardo Herrera is preceded in death by his parents; one sister Emma Cortez, and one brother Santos Herrera.

He is survived by five brothers, Rey Herrera of Poth, Albert Herrera of Poteet, David Herrera of Poteet, Ernesto Herrera of West Palm Beach, Florida, Jose Herrera of Canyon Lake ; two nephews Anselmo Gomez and wife Carmen of Seminole, Albert Gomez and wife Lucinda of Seminole three nieces Jhovita Lara (caregiver) and son Donte Gomez and his dog Bubba of Seminole, Lisa Barnes and husband Jeff Foresman of San Antonio, Jo Anna Herrera and husband Ty Valdez of Seminole and numerous nephews and nieces.

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