



NO MEETING IN JULY



**Wishing everyone a
happy and safe Fourth
of July!**

**Wichita County
Archives**
Carol Rudd, Archivist

Hours of Operation:
Wednesday, Thursday,
and Friday
10:00am - 4:00pm

Wichita County Texas
Archives is on
Facebook

Program
For August

Paul Bata
Maps and Mapping

MEETING
First Thursday of the
Month
12:00 Noon - 1:00pm
Museum of North
Texas History
720 Indiana

Becky Trammell, Newsletter Editor

**Wichita County Historical Commission
Minutes - June 6, 2024**

Call to Order: Robert Palmer called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

Attendance Members: Billy Clark, Bryce Blair, Brenda Jarrett, Robert Palmer, Katherine Phillips, John Yates, Carol Rudd, Theresa Gilmore, Pam Morgan, Medrith Collins. Russell Miller, Billy Clark, Suzanne Darr, Joyce James, Douglas James

Attendance Guest: S. Hednix, Shirley Banks, Jack Gilmore, Rose Wallace, Karen Montgomery-Gagne, Jeremy Davis

Program: Originally from Duncan, Oklahoma, Lynn Walker has spent most of his adult life in and around Wichita Falls, Texas. He earned a degree in newspaper journalism, worked in radio, and was a newscaster for KAUZ TV. Almost 40 years later, Lynn finally got the chance to put the journalism degree to use. He worked for Wichita Falls Times Record News, which employed over 130 people at that time. Today, only four people work at TRN from their homes and Lynn is the only reporter. Lynn Walker's talk to the Historical Commission was: "How are we going to preserve and make history meaningful to generations to come? Several ideas were shared from the floor, but the challenge still resonated.

Approval of May Minutes: Billy Clark made the motion and Douglas James seconded to approve the May Minutes.

Chairman Reports: None

Program: Douglas James

Cemetery: John Yates

Website: Becky Trammell and Elizabeth Hawley

Markers: Becky Trammell

Old Business: None

New Business: Adoption of the By-Laws

The group unanimously accepted the By-laws. The floor was open for questions, clarification, or general comments. Robert Palmer explained the "Emeritus Membership" (Article 4, Section 6) Motion to accept the By-Laws was made by Billy Clark and John Yates seconded.

Reminder: there will be no Historical Commission meeting in July.

Historical Markers Pending

There are currently three markers waiting to be placed in Wichita County. The markers commemorate Ralph Harvey, Jr., Lloyd Ruby, and the Church of the Good Shepherd. When dedications are scheduled, we'll notify the Commission members.

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Each year the KFDX employees celebrate “Founders Day” by helping others. A crew came to paint, lift and carry up stairs, rearrange file cabinets and furniture at the Museum of North Texas History and the Wichita County Archives. THANK YOU SO MUCH!!

If you are looking for a book in the Archives, it will be much easier to find. The books are now arranged by topic. For example: Women, Journals, Sports, Wichita County, Petroleum, Ranching, Biographies and Family History, Folklore, Cookbooks and many more.

A copy of a manuscript Ralph Harvey hailed as “ the biggest discovery that has been made about early-day Wichita Falls and the people” was found when KFDX rearranged part of the Archives. The 680 page manuscript was written by Frank James Hiegal who died April 3, 1984 and the book was added to the our collection in 1991. Hiegal was one of nine children of French immigrants who arrived in Galveston in 1883 and took a train to Wichita Falls. The loose non-bound pages were put in a box and places on a low dark shelf. If you are interested, the book will be located in “Biographies and Family History.”

The Archives collection of “Old High” yearbooks is almost complete thanks to Cherese Hegseth, Journalism teacher at WFHS. Cherese also gave us a 1951-56 scrapbook from the theater department. It’s in bad shape, but it will be given a face lift.

The last “Thank You” goes out to Ginger Martin for helping in the Archives.

UPCOMING SPEAKERS

August: Paul Bata; **September** “Field Trip”: Valarie Maxwell of Gilbert Creek Gardens (Once the Ice House) in Burkburnett, Texas; **October:** OPEN; **November:** Orlando Sosa; **December:** OPEN
