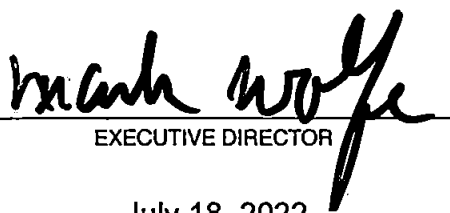


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Navarro County Historical Commission

Summary of 2021 Accomplishments for Distinguished Service Award Presentation

August 8, 2022

by

Dr. MaryJane McReynolds

Good morning. I am Dr. MaryJane McReynolds, Chair of the Navarro County Historical Commission. Our mission is to preserve, protect and promote the historic resources of our County.

The Navarro County Historical Commission was awarded the 2021 Distinguished Service Award from the Texas Historical Commission in acknowledgement of efforts and accomplishments that demonstrate our well-rounded history and preservation related programs that enrich our County.

Calendar year 2021 was busy in spite of still being limited by the covid pandemic. We continued to serve and we held our regularly scheduled meetings, and we engaged in numerous preservation activities and collaborations with history focused organizations in the County, which further strengthened our ability to preserve our historic resources. These included:

- Kerens Veterans Military Museum-outstanding tribute to our military, past and present;
- Frost Heritage Center-contains artifacts, archives and photos from when Frost was settled, including info on surrounding communities
- Pelham Community History Museum-documents this community of Freedmen who settled here after the Civil War
- GW Jackson Multicultural Society and GW Jackson Legacy Park to honor the pioneering educator and civic leaders who served as the founding principal of Fred Douglas School, later renamed GW Jackson High School in his honor.
- Pioneer Village and the Historical Society (City of Corsicana)-reconstruction of an 1800s windmill, to demonstrate how pioneer settlers obtained water.

We made a concerted effort to enhance our online presence in 2021 with an expanded Facebook page. For example, we began adding educational podcasts called, "Navarro County History Minutes," which are brief video presentations about specific moments in our history. I

encourage you to look at our Facebook page, and let us know about topics you think should be included in the future.

We also monitored the physical condition of our historic cemeteries, our Historical Markers and we promoted historical and cultural sites to sustain heritage tourism initiatives.

We routinely communicated or met with citizens regarding a variety of history and preservation topics, such as Historical Marker Applications, Undertold Story Program Applications, and cemetery preservation, such as verifying locations and assisting with applications for Historic Texas Cemetery designation.

Finally, I want to point out that the Navarro CHC is only able to do this work due to the unfailing support of the County Commissioners and Judge Davenport. You trust us to carry out our mission to preserve and protect historic resources, and we are honored to share the Texas Historical Commission's 2021 Distinguished Service Award with you.

I am joined here today by Navarro County Historical Commission member-please stand and come forward to the presentation:

Faith Holt Boyd

Margaret Thomas

Sheryl (Connie) Porter Hicks

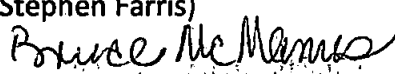
Sheriff Les Cotton

Preston Bonner

Kit Herrington

Bruce McManus

(Not able to join us today is Stephen Farris)



Thank you.