

Calhoun County Historical Commission
2019 Cemetery Report
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CCHC members continued volunteer efforts in 2019 to maintain historic burial sites/cemeteries in Calhoun County.

Mary Belle Meitzen and her husband check the cemetery on the ridge and the Indianola cemetery two or three times each month while also checking to see if the Weyers-McGuire Cemetery path has been mowed. County Commissioner David Hall's crew repaired the gate around the grave on the ridge since the man she had contacted to repair the broken gate had not completed the repair.

On Wednesday, March 6, John Kassner weed-eated the area around Little Mary's gravesite.

Cemetery committee members needed to determine which cemetery should be worked on next. On March 29, Joe D. Brett and John Kassner looked at Clark, Sonnemann, Weyers-McGuire, and the two at Indianola. The ground at Sonnemann looked like it had been overrun by cattle and hogs, and they determined that it required more work than could be handled at the time. Weyers-McGuire had been mowed but needed weed-eating, yet still looked satisfactory. The Indianola cemeteries had been mowed and looked satisfactory. Clark Cemetery needed mowing and weed-eating so it was determined to be the best choice for clean-up at the time. A work day was set for Saturday, April 27 at 8:00 a.m.

On Saturday, April 27, Joe D. Brett and John Kassner spent two hours mowing, weed-eating, and cleaning Clark Cemetery.

In late Spring, Mary Belle spoke with Wayne, the man who is in charge of the city parks because Ranger Cemetery had not been mowed for Memorial Day. She also met with the man who puts out the American Flags at the cemetery. She noted that Ranger Cemetery is now being mowed on a more frequent schedule.

On Monday, July 15, John Kassner cleaned the cistern at Indianola.

Mrs. Sue Traylor requested epoxy to repair a gravestone at Sunrise Beach at Cape Carancahua. On Monday, September 2, John Kassner took her the epoxy for the repair. He received a thank you note from Mrs. Traylor on September 20 after she completed the repair.

On Saturday, November 23, Joe D. Brett mowed and cleaned Clark Cemetery.

On Wednesday, December 18, Gary Ralston received an email from Marjo Landon, the cemetery committee chair of the Hays County Historical

Commission. She included research and a photo of a gravestone for Margaret Clement which they believe is a missing headstone belonging in Indianola Cemetery. It was found on property near Kyle, Texas and no one knows how it ended up there. The gravestone is expected to be returned to the Indianola Cemetery sometime soon in the new year.

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