

The Doctor is In, Olney: Dr. Mark Mankins

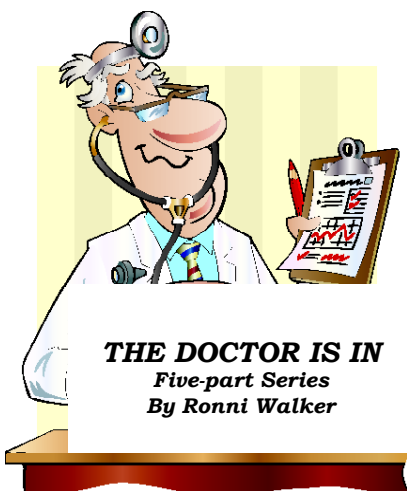
Father-figure. Caring. Smart. Comforting. If you walk through the hallways at Olney Family Clinic, you may hear the staff use these words to describe Dr. Mark Mankins. He is the omniscient doctor with a friendly bedside manner who could easily be considered the patriarch of the clinic. His story completes Part Four of our Five-part series, “The Doctor is in Olney.”

Dr. Mankins was born and raised in Dundee, a small town in Archer County, Texas. Dundee is located between Wichita Falls and Seymour and has a current population of fewer than 500 people. It is the place where Mankins discovered his love for medicine.

“I was 14 or 15 years old when I developed an interest in medicine. My love of science was part of my desire to learn more about medicine. Also, the exposure I had to the team doctor is what made me decide to practice medicine.”

Mankins agreed that knowing your purpose is an integral part of finding joy in the profession you choose.

“I feel that practicing medicine is what I was created to do. It is easy to know your purpose when you have an idea that does not leave you. God gives us specific gifts, and we must utilize those gifts. Part of knowing my purpose always



has been the urge to help others,” Mankins said. Helping others is what he gets to do daily. Although the discovery

of your purpose is essential, Mankins said it is equally important to take the right steps to reach your goal. He began his career as an undergraduate student at Texas Tech University. He studied pre-med and was accepted to medical school at Texas Tech University Health Science Center School of Medicine without obtaining a bachelor’s degree. Mankins’ residency soon followed at Waco Texas Family Medicine Residency Program. The Waco Family Medicine Residency Program is the oldest accredited Family Medicine residency west of the Mississippi River and has been around since 1970 according to a recently published article in Waco’s Magazine.



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With a specialty in Family Medicine and as a board-certified physician in Family Practice, Mankins stands beside the highly-credentialed medical staff at Olney Family Clinic. Many of the staff doctors are board-certified by American Board of Family Medicine.

The family is equally important as medicine. Mankins is currently married to Cyndi Mankins, an RN at Olney Hamilton Hospital. His blended family comprises five children ranging in age from 25-33.

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George Keathley-Medal of Honor winner

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Many Young County residents who served in the military rose to positions of honor, which has brought immeasurable esteem and pride to the towns from which they come. Olney Community Library and Arts Center’s military displays bring life to the stories of servicemen such as Olney resident Sgt. George Dennis Keathley—son of Olney residents Mr. and Mrs. W.F. Keathley—who was posthumously awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor for his service in World War II.

Keathley died in Italy on September 14, 1944. His last words to his wife evoke emotions today. According to an article in the Fort Worth Star-Telegram (April 12, 1945), Keathley’s dying request was in a letter to his wife, Geneva Keathley. “I did everything I could for her and my country,” said Keathley.

There are several reports that Keathley showed excellent leadership in the midst of battle as he shouted commands and words of encouragement to his men, thus earning him the Congressional Medal of Honor—the highest military award bestowed for bravery and represents the courageous price members

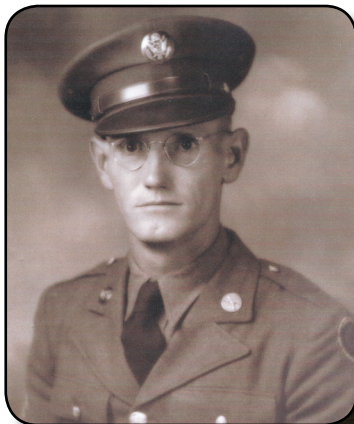
of the armed forces paid for our freedom.

To honor the lives of the men who lay down their lives for our country, President Franklin Roosevelt said, “He [the soldier] stands in the unbroken line of patriots who have dared to die that freedom might live, and grow and increase its blessings. Freedom lives. And through it, he lives—in a way that humbles the undertakings of most men.”

The NCVM has met its fundraising goal and will receive a matching grant from the Perry Foundation in Olney, TX. With funds to expand the wall, the NCVM committee

hopes to honor Young County servicemen and servicewomen in a way that is indicative of President Roosevelt’s intention to honor bravery that stands on the precipice of humility. The names on the wall represent the reality that the war is not a distant endeavor, but close to home as it brings light to the service and sacrifice of Young County soldiers who may not have the same visibility as Keathley, who has numerous dedications and wide-spread recognition.

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Keathley in 1937.
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Update on Former Interim Police Chief Robert Cross

Former Interim Police Chief Robert Cross was booked into the Wichita County Jail on May 18. According to the Wichita County Sheriff’s Office, charges include two counts of sexual assault, one in Wichita County and one in Young County, two counts of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, both in Young County and two counts of official oppression, both in Young County. Cross is currently incarcerated at the Wichita County Jail.

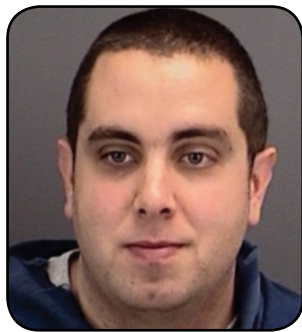


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Search for new police chief down to one candidate

The search for Olney’s new police chief is still underway, with one candidate, Connie Clay, remaining. An executive session to discuss the search was scheduled for the regular city council meeting on May 16, but has been rescheduled for a special meeting on Thursday, May 24. Olney Enterprise’s attempts to contact city secretary Tim Houston for comment were unsuccessful. We will continue to reach out to city administration for additional details as the search continues.

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WEATHER STATS: Courtesy of The Weather Channel

	DATE	HIGH	LOW	RAIN
Thursday	5/24	89	67	20%
Friday	5/25	92	67	0%
Saturday	5/26	95	69	20%
Sunday	5/27	96	71	0%
Monday	5/28	98	71	0%
Tuesday	5/29	96	69	10%
Wednesday	5/30	95	70	10%

COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEF

The Baileys will have the grand opening celebration of their coffee shop on June 26. Some of the menu items will include espresso-based coffee, Frappuccino® , cold and hot tea, ice-coffee, smoothies and more.

Lunn Funeral Home will have flags available on Thursday, May 24th and Friday, May 25th for families who wish to place a flag on the grave of their loved one for Memorial Day.

We are opening up our newspaper content meetings to the public once a month. Join us starting Friday, June 1.

Hoofprints have been spotted leading into the future site of the Olney Heritage Museum. There have also been reports of suspicious moo’ing. Follow #cowaboutit on Olney Enterprise’s Facebook and Twitter for updates as the investigation progresses.

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Lake Levels



Lake Graham:	1,073.8	94.0% Full
Lake Arrowhead:	924.38	90.1% Full
Lake Kickapoo:	1042.4	83.7% Full
Possum Kingdom	997.68	95.7% Full



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