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A majority of Olney citizens want to know how people discovered and chose to live in Olney. Mankins said his process was a simplistic one. “When trying to decide where I wanted to practice medicine, I took a map of the Wichita Falls area and drew a circle within a 90-mile radius. I contacted all the hospitals in the smaller communities. Some towns did not need a doctor and some towns were desperate for a doctor. Olney happened to be the right fit at the right time. Although they weren’t desperate for a doctor, I know they needed a one, so I applied. Olney is the place I felt most comfortable with,

and one of his favorite things about being in Olney is the friendly people”, said Mankins. With more than 30 years residing in and practicing medicine in Olney, Mankins has become a staple in the community, and he has a vast network of colleagues and friends. “When you’ve been here as long as me, patients become your friends,” he said. While reflecting on his longevity in medicine, Mankins shared his views on medicine and his vision for Olney. He said although medicine has changed during the last decade, his medical philosophy remains the same, providing

quality care to all patients. His vision for Olney Family Clinic is aligned perfectly with his medical philosophy. “We do our best to provide quality care. I want to continue to do that. At one time, Olney was the place where surrounding counties would travel to for good medical care. This is something I want to maintain,” said Mankins. “We have a great staff here that help us achieve this goal. Ginger Glaze has been with me since the beginning. I would not be where I am without her help. I am grateful for her and all staff.”

How to honor the fallen

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Americans love a good tradition. That’s why sales of chocolates skyrocket on Valentine’s Day and watching football on Thanksgiving is so popular. Next Monday, we will observe one of our greatest traditions, Memorial Day. For the past 46 years, businesses and government agencies nationwide have closed on the last Monday in May to honor the fallen men and women who have honorably and bravely served our country. Someone once said, “Our flag does not fly because the wind moves it. It flies with the last breath of each soldier who died protecting it.” Never has a statement been more true. Before our minds to start to spin over the grocery list for that family barbecue, let’s take a moment to reflect on those who paid for our freedom with their lives.
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A few of Keathley’s notable posthumous achievements include the George D. Keathley United States Army Reserve Center in Lawton Oklahoma, U.S. Transport ship namesake, Olney Family Clinic memorial, and Keathley Hall at Texas A & M University to honor his attendance during the years of 1933-1940 before his enrollment in the armed services in May 1942. An earlier issue of the Fort Worth Star-Telegram (Jan. 25, 1945) reports a detailed account of Keathley’s last moments in battle. “He became limp in my arms, and I saw a cloudy mist come into his eyes. I had to turn away, for I had witnessed the death of the bravest and most

heroic man I have ever known, and one man who was undoubtedly responsible for preventing the annihilation of three rifle platoons...” said Charles Dozier. Olney veterans have similar stories of ties that bind men and women together in battle as they fight for our freedom and liberty. Chris Koontz—veteran Joint Service Accommodation Award-Winner and past Commander of American Legion Post 414 in Olney—says it is hard for some veterans to talk about their experiences, which further strengthens the need for civilians to show their support. Let’s pause on Memorial Day to honor the men who lay down their lives for our freedom.

Correction:

In last week’s issue, we incorrectly listed a scholarship recipient at OHS Senior Day. The Friends of OHS scholarship was presented by Dr. Greg Roach to Oscar Rodriguez Rosales, Javier Martinez Turcios, and Esmeralda Hernandez.
We apologize for the error.

2018 OHS Graduation



Payton Meade gives the salutatory address.

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The graduating class stands for the presentation of diplomas by Superintendent Dr. Greg Roach and Board of Education President Jake Bailey.

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Students proceed to the stage to the tune of “Pomp and Circumstance.”

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