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to want to keep going back to it. We don't know who will be here in 30, 50 or 100 years, but we will encourage the long-term institution to maintain history and keep the preservation going."

The program employs three full-time staff members. Depending on the current project, the program will also have around 10 students, from library information science majors and journalism majors to English majors, working at one time.

The newspaper program at UNT is externally funded by work the program does for libraries and other groups, but the program encourages the public libraries they primarily work with to apply for grants at various foundations to fund the digitization of their newspaper archives.

The Tocker Foundation, a foundation that partners with community libraries serving populations of 12,000 or fewer, has awarded grants to other Texas towns like Olney, such as Shiner in Lavaca County, Texas, Fairfield in Freestone County, Texas, and Goldthwaite in Mills County, Texas.

The process of newspaper

digitization is a months-long, sometimes tedious, process but rewarding work, Krahmer said.

"A physical newspaper comes to us, usually bound, and it takes about three to four months, depending on the size of the collection, to unbind it," she said. "The first step in digitization is scanning pages. Once scanned, the pages undergo quality control, then are separated into issues. After this, we perform optical character recognition, which allows readers to put in the name of the newspaper in the search engine of the online portal. Finally, metadata is added, and the collection is uploaded to the site."



TDNP Director stands with her team of students at their offices in the Willis Library at the University of North Texas, in Denton, Texas.

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Long-term preservation exists not only on the online portal, but also at the UNT Library, Krahmer said.

"When we are done with the physical copies, we either give them back or preserve them in our 'Special Collections' department. Our collection is available to the public, and anyone can come in and read the physical copies we preserve."

With the support of many funders, such as the Texas State Library Archives Commission

and private foundations, such as historical commissions and societies that contribute their materials, TDNP proudly continues to move forward in their process of historical preservation, Krahmer said.

"The goal is to someday be able to preserve every newspaper in Texas," she said.

For more information on Texas Digital Newspaper Program, visit [www.library.unt.edu/digital-projects-unit/texas-digital-newspaper-program](http://www.library.unt.edu/digital-projects-unit/texas-digital-newspaper-program) or call 940-565-2411.



(ABOVE) Scanning the individual pages of multiple issues in a newspaper collection is the first step in the digitization process.

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(LEFT) This newspaper from January 7, 1960 is among the many issues of Olney Enterprise to be digitized.

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## Update on the Olney City Pool

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As many may have heard, the Olney City Pool has not opened this summer. The pool will not open this summer, City Administrator Dough Hughes said.

In past years, a local couple ran the pool, but they were unwilling to participate this year. The couple had a contract by which they hired people to work at the pool, but the City of Olney had no such luck with possible candidates for employment.

The main reason the pool will not open this summer is due to the lack of manpower, Huges said.

"It was kind of a scramble [trying to get the pool open], but there's just not enough people," he said.

He also said there were not enough qualified applicants to keep the pool taken care during its hours of operation, and the public pool should be

properly manned at all times.

Ultimately, it is the Olney City Council's decision as to whether to open the pool next year.

Hughes said they are working towards it and have faith that, as long as enough qualified applicants apply for employment, they will open the pool in the summer of 2019.



The Olney City Pool sits to one side of Springcreek Road in Olney, and adjacent to Tom Griffin Park.

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For now, there are other options available outside of Olney and in the surrounding area that offer pools open to the public.

On the bright side, Keep Olney Beautiful was recently awarded a \$150,000 matching grant from Texas Parks and Wildlife, which the organization plans to use to install new and better playground

equipment at Tom Griffin Park, adjacent to the city pool.

It is possible the organization could use some of the awarded funds to help better the pool for next year's possible re-opening.