

DEATHS

Diane M. Flores

Diane Martinez Flores, 56, of Uvalde died on Aug. 14, 2018, in San Antonio. Funeral services are pending with Rushing-Estes-Knowles Mortuary. A complete obituary will appear in a future edition of the Uvalde Leader-News.

Richey N. Keller

Richey Norman Keller, 83, of Sabinal died on Aug. 12, 2018, in Humble. A funeral service will be held tomorrow at 10 a.m. at Central Christian Church in Sabinal. Interment will follow at Sabinal Cemetery. He was born on July 28, 1935, in San Antonio to Ruth (Kidd) and Arch James Keller.

He lived with his parents in San Antonio. At the age of 4, he spent time in Loyal Valley, with his aunt and uncle, Cora and Reuben Kidd. He told stories of riding a horse to attend the one-room schoolhouse in Loyal Valley. He and his mother later moved to Uvalde, where he attended high school.

He left Uvalde at the age of 17, striking out for Galveston on his Triumph motorcycle. The family says Keller always had a smile when he spoke about the Triumph; he was very proud of it. He worked at the Balinese Room in Galveston, and often spoke of how the gambling equipment would be pulled up into the ceiling if the police were coming. The family says Galveston remained one of his favorite places in the world; he loved the gumbo, shrimp kisses and the adventures the island offers.

He joined the U.S. Air Force in 1954, serving his country on active duty until 1958, followed by a four-year stint in the reserves. He was last stationed in Little Rock, Arkansas, where he met small-town Louisiana girl Callie O'Neal Hadwin, a nursing student at the local Baptist Hospital. They married on July 31, 1957.

On Sept. 11, 1958, the couple had a daughter, Kathleen "Kat" Keller. He was discharged from the Air Force in October 1958 and the family moved to Uvalde, where he attended Southwest Texas Junior College and obtained an associate degree.

On Dec. 14, 1962, a son, Arch James Keller, was born into the family. The family lived on Park Street in Uvalde until 1969, then moved to Sabinal where they purchased 40 acres of land from the Rucker family. They moved a home from Uvalde to Sabinal via truck, and settled in to their new home. The couple enjoyed camping, fishing and sailing, spending many weekends at Canyon Lake and Lake Amistad.

Keller worked for the Smith Company of Uvalde selling agricultural chemicals, fertilizers and etc. In 1978 he won a sales competition and was rewarded with a trip to Hawaii.

For a few years before retirement, he worked as a residential supervisor for the 38th Judicial District Treatment Center in Uvalde.

After retirement, the couple traveled throughout the United States, including two trips to Alaska and Canada. They were in Niagara Falls on Sept. 11, 2011, and though they were unable to contact them, both their children agreed "Dad would never be in New York City."

Keller's wife preceded him in death in August 2006. The family says to cope with his loneliness he signed up for square dancing lessons, where he met Mary Fitzsimon from Quihi. The family says the two became the best of friends, traveling, going to dinner, and dancing at Quihi Gun Club.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his sister, Betty Keller; his wife; and his son.

Keller is survived by his sister, Janice Foshee and husband, Harrell, of Robert Lee; brother, Homer Keller and wife, Linda, of Austin; daughter, Kathy Keller-Miller and husband, Mark, of Dayton; seven grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

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Angela Villanueva

Angela Villanueva of Uvalde was born and died on Aug. 13, 2018, at Uvalde Memorial Hospital to Guadalupe (Castillo) and Alfredo Villanueva.

A funeral mass will be held tomorrow at 10 a.m. at Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Interment will follow at Hillcrest Cemetery.

She is survived by her parents; maternal grandparents, Rosalinda and Juan Castillo; paternal grandparents, Dora and Juan Villanueva; three sisters, Lizette Ruiz, Aaliyah Villanueva and Mia Villanueva; and brother, Juan De La Cruz Villanueva, all of Uvalde; and numerous cousins, aunts and uncles.

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Learn about aquifer at interactive kiosk

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For the month of August, the Edwards Aquifer Authority has set up an interactive kiosk at El Progreso Memorial Library. Patrons of all ages may charge their Apple and android electronic devices at the kiosk while learning about the importance of the Edwards Aquifer.

In addition to being a charging station, the kiosk offers instructional videos, access to the Edwards Aquifer Authority website and Twitter feed, and digital brochures. It teaches visitors about the natural mechanism involved in recharging the aquifer, along with the aquifer's location and ways to preserve its natural resource.

"It's an all-around educational tool," said Ann-Margaret Gonzalez, communications specialist for the Edwards Aquifer Authority, of the kiosk.

Part of the Edwards Aquifer Authority outreach program, the recharge kiosk will be in place until Aug. 31.

ABOUT THE AQUIFER

One reason the Uvalde public library was chosen was because of the county's position along the aquifer.

Part of a larger, naturally-occurring underground water system, the Edwards Aquifer and its related aquifers extend an approximate 8,800-square miles into parts of Texas, Oklahoma and Arkansas. Its area is roughly the size of New Jersey.

The Edwards alone



EL PROGRESO MEMORIAL LIBRARY

El Progreso Memorial Library staff and visitors show off the Edwards Aquifer Authority kiosk on display at the library.

is part of 11 counties located in South Central Texas.

The San Antonio segment of the Edwards passes through Uvalde County, reaching from Brackettville in the west to Kyle, which is near Austin, in the northeast.

It is divided into three zones: the drainage, or contributing, zone; the recharge zone; and the artesian zone. Uvalde County includes parts of all three zones.

The drainage zone, where water collects into streams and eventually feeds into the aquifer, is found along the Edwards Plateau, also known as the Texas Hill Country. Approximately one-fifth of Uvalde County's land is in this zone.

In this zone, rainwater runs into streams or is caught in the water table aquifer. Runoff from these two then feed into streams which eventually reach the recharge zone.

The majority of Uvalde County lies in the recharge zone. In this zone, streams may abruptly move underground, emptying into

the aquifer. A stream is in the recharge zone if its creek bed rock formations increase in elevation downstream, which indicates that water no longer flows over the rock to erode it.

Another characteristic of the recharge zone is that limestone, a porous, water-bearing rock, comes to the surface. This allows rainwater and runoff to be directly deposited into the aquifer.

"The recharge zone is where you get the best bang for your buck," said Gonzalez. If it rains in the zone, "it recharges the aquifer more than any other rainfall event in the system itself."

The third zone, the artesian zone, receives no rainwater recharge. However, the recharge which flows in from the above zones creates extensive underground pressure, causing springs to flow up to the surface. Approximately one-third of Uvalde County's land is within the artesian zone, including the City of Uvalde.

In this zone, wells can

be dug which, under natural pressure, force water to the surface.

DIFFERENT LOCATIONS

In use since 2017, the recharge kiosk has visited places and events around the San Antonio area, such as the San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo, the Meadows Center for Water and Environment in San Marcos, and BiblioTech, Bexar County's digital library.

This is the second time the kiosk has been at El Progreso in Uvalde.

"We work with libraries, visitors' centers and convention centers," Gonzalez said. "We like to travel across the span of our jurisdiction. We wanted to take it out west."

"We're in the process of securing other locations."

Those interested in having the kiosk at another location may contact Gonzalez directly at agonzalez@edwardsaquifer.org, or send an inquiry to the authority's general inbox, at info@edwardsaquifer.org.

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Did you know!

The city of Uvalde will be sponsoring a class for the 6 continuing education hours needed for plumbers on **Tuesday, August 28, 2018** at the Uvalde Civic Center located at 324 East Main Street in Uvalde, Texas. Class starts at 8:30 a.m. promptly. **Seating is limited to 45 seats.** Plumbers that are interested in attending this class should register by contacting Robert (Bobby) Doran at 1-817-222-1005 or 1-800-445-1768 or register online at www.pcetx.com.

The cost of the class is \$85.00 per student which includes lunch. Checks can be received at the training course or they can be mailed to:
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1001 Haltom Rad
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For Sunday's paper, all submissions must be received by the previous Friday at 9 a.m.

Submissions may be made online or by contacting Julee Keeble:
830-278-3335 OR JKEEBLE@ULNOW.COM