

David Lyons

David Francis Lyons was born in Kings Park in 1928. The first of five children of Clarence and Margret Donovan Lyons. He attended Kings Park Central School as all the Lyons children would. By al standards David had a successful student career.



He was the very first Eagle Scout in the history of Kings Park. He was also in the National Guard. Syracuse University was his destination in 1946. In 1950 he received a Bachelor of Arts. From 1953 on he was attached to journalism and newspapers. Various positions were held in Texas papers and at Ashville, North Carolina Citizen Times.

The Odessa American became Dave's golden years. Olef Frandsen, former editor of The American, says of David, "He built the Odessa American into a place where young aggressive journalists could learn their trade and at the same time keep Odessa informed. To my mind he really just helped us earn a measure of respect", and a 1988 Pulitzer Prize.

Being involved was a normal pastime for David. He was in music groups, theatre groups and even had minor roles in two movies. He put his stamp on journalistic efforts by fighting for the Freedom of Information Law for which he won recognition from State and National groups.