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Community Activities

Quilter's Guild of East Texas to meet

The Quilter's Guild of East Texas will meet Thursday, Jan. 11 at 10 a.m. at the TASCAs building, 3402 Old Omen Rd. in Tyler.

Troup VFW meeting

Troup VFW will meet Thursday, Jan. 11 at 7 p.m. at the Troup Library.

Blood Drive Saturday

East Texans unite for life through the Battle for Life Blood Drive Saturday, Jan. 13 from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. at the First Assembly of God Church in Whitehouse. Stewart Regional Blood Center reminds you to eat prior to donating and bring your driver's license.

Rabbit clinic on Friday

Whitehouse 4-H will host its 4th annual Rabbit Clinic Jan. 13 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. The clinic will be held at the Smith County Extension Service located at 1517 W. Front St., Room 116, in Tyler. Guest speakers include Pam Heaton of Heaton Rabbitry, April Reeves, a Texas A&M rabbit research specialist and Holly Anderson, TRBA youth chairman. For more information call 903-590-2980.

Youth fishing program on Saturday

Adults are invited to bring a child and mentor them while fishing for rainbow trout during the Trails to Trout program Saturday, Jan. 13 from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. The fishing events will be held at the Texas Parks and Wildlife Nature Center pond on Bascom Road between Tyler and Whitehouse.

Rubber Duckie, You're the One!

Bring your Rubber Duckie and help celebrate Rubber Duckie's birthday at the Whitehouse Community Library Saturday, Jan. 13 at 3:30 pm.

Chili Cook Off fund-raiser ahead

Azalea Gardens Church of God invites the community attend a Chili Cook Off on Saturday, Jan. 13 from noon to 3 pm. Entry cost is \$10 with prizes for the top three entries. Come and enjoy the entries for \$5. Bring two canned goods and receive a free dessert. Call Susan Dudley at 903-262-0380. The church is located at 11788 Hwy. 64 E. in Tyler.

Vietnam Veterans of America to meet

Vietnam Veterans of America, Tyler Chapter, will meet Thursday, Jan. 18 at Golden Corral at 7 p.m. All veterans are invited to attend. For info, call Robbie at 903-876-4935.

Romance Writers gather for meeting

The East Texas Chapter of Romance Writers of America meet at 11:00 a.m. on the third Saturday of each month at Ryan's Family Steakhouse in Tyler. For more information please visit their website, www.easttexasrwa.com.

Saturday Night Worship in Troup

First United Methodist Church in Troup is beginning a new worship service this Saturday, Jan. 13 at 6:30 p.m. It is a worship service designed for those of us who are out of gas when Sunday rolls around. It is for those of us who have something scheduled every day of the week EXCEPT Sunday. NO SUITS ALLOWED! Join us for casual, relaxed, heart-felt worship in a place where you can belong.

Whitehouse library activities

The Whitehouse Library offers these activities: Story time is on Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. and scrapbooking nights are the third Friday of each month at 6:30 p.m. Come visit the library!

The website for the Whitehouse Community Library's Online Public Access Catalog (OPAC) is <http://whitehousetx.booksys.net>. Once the site loads, click on "display" to see the search screen.

Weight loss support group meets Mondays

The Tyler Area Low Glycemic Weight Loss Support Group meets every Monday from 5:30-6:30 p.m. at 5111 Troup Hwy., Ste. 108 (corner of Shiloh and Troup Highway) in Tyler. Meetings are free. For more information, call 903-839-7634.

Karing Kitchen

The Karing Kitchen offers free hot meals to anyone in need on Monday evenings from 6-7 p.m. The Karing Kitchen is sponsored by five Tyler Churches of Christ and is located at 420 W. Erwin in the fellowship building of West Erwin Church of Christ. For information, call 903-592-0809.

Troup American Legion hosts karaoke

Troup American Legion Post 418 has karaoke every Saturday night from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m.

Women's revival at Jacksonville church

Amen Sister Girlfriend Holy Water Revival is coming to Fellowship Bible Church, 1817 E. Rusk, St., Jacksonville, on Jan. 27. The nationally-known women's tour group includes Dove-Award winning singer/songwriter Kim McLean, author/speaker and syndicated radio host Devon O'Day, humorist Donna K. Rice, and author/radio personality Debra White Smith. The event will be a one-day spiritual celebration from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is free. A love offering will be taken.

Government Related Activities

Whitehouse town hall meeting

The public is encouraged to attend a town hall meeting to discuss future park development and water needs and solutions for the City of Whitehouse. The meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 18 at Cain Elementary.

OBITUARIES

Dalton Holloway

Services for Dalton Holloway, 82, Whitehouse, were Saturday, Jan. 6 at Tyler Tabernacle with the Revs. Mike Littlefield and J.C. Milligan officiating.

Graveside rites followed at Tyler Memorial Park under the direction of Tyler Memorial Funeral Home.

Mr. Holloway died Jan. 4, 2007.

He was born Jan. 4, 1925 in Brownndel to C.H. and Evie Holloway. He resided in Buna and re-tired from Fina Oil Co. in 1984. He moved to Whitehouse in 1996.

He was a Navy veteran, 1942-1945, serving on the USS Bon Homme Richard and USS San Francisco in World War II, receiving a Presidential Unit Citation. He was a longtime member of Tyler Tabernacle and Texas Peacemakers.

Mr. Holloway is preceded in death by parents C. H. and Evie Holloway and sons Donald E. and Douglas G.

Survivors include his wife, Eloise Holloway, Whitehouse; daughter, Carolyn Westbrook; sons, Paul Holloway and Raymond Holloway; numerous family members and friends.

Joanne Sebastian Utz

Services for Joanne Sebastian Utz, 75, Flint, were Saturday, Jan. 6, 2007 at Stewart Family Funeral Home Chapel with Dr. Johnny Beard and Pastor Donald R. Hampton officiating. Burial followed in the Tyler Memorial Park Cemetery under direction of Stewart Family Funeral Home. Joanne passed away Wednesday, Jan. 3 at East Texas Medical Center in Tyler.

Joanne was born June 14, 1931 in Marshall to the late Alton Edward and Alice Bernice Sebastian. She was a member of Green Acres Baptist Church.

Joanne lived in the East Texas area most of her life and graduated from both Tyler High School and then from Tyler Junior College. TJC is where she received her associate's degree and supported her school as an Apache Belle. Joanne was an accomplished artist displaying in New York and throughout East Texas and receiving numerous awards for her work. Mostly, Joanne was a committed Christian, who was devoted to her family as a wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother.

Joanne was preceded in death by her parents and loving husband, William (Bill) Utz.

Joanne is survived by her loving family including her two sons, Jim Utz of Tyler and Alan Utz and wife Kamla of Tyler; four grandchildren, Melinda, Zachary, Megan and Matthew Utz; two great-grandchildren, William and Cassie Bush; and one brother, Ed Sebastian and his wife Georgetta of Tyler.

Pallbearers were Don Sebastian, Dave Sebastian, Thomas Utz, Johnny Hammons, Rod Craig and Elvin "Punkin" Utz. Honorary pallbearers were Toby Utz and Bazil Couch.

Memorials in honor of Joanne may be made to a church/charity of your choice.

Bruce Eugene Welch

Memorial services for Bruce Eugene Welch, 53, Whitehouse, were Jan. 6 at Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, Whitehouse, with Malcom Washington officiating.

Mr. Welch died Dec. 28, 2006 at Hospice HomePlace.

He was born May 18, 1953 in Fort Smith, Ark., to the late Bobbie Welch. He was a tile and natural stone contractor and a member of Kingdom Hall, Jehovah's Witnesses.

Survivors include his wife, Renee Susan Welch, Whitehouse; sons, Chris Welch, Gladewater, and Aaron Welch and Ben Welch, both of Tyler; daughter, Andrea Barnes, Whitehouse; brothers, Mark Welch, Baltimore, Md., and Gary Welch and Robert Welch, both of Houston; sisters, Rhonda Tieman, Whitehouse, and Tracey Pethick, Bullard; and eight grandchildren.

If desired, memorials may be made to Hospice of East Texas, 4111 University Blvd., Tyler, 75701.

Ora Berry Blake

CANTON - Graveside services for Ora Berry Blake, 88, Canton, were held Monday at Restland Memorial Park, Dallas, with the Rev. Steve Glosup officiating under direction of Eubank Funeral Home, Canton.

Mrs. Blake died Jan. 4, 2007, in Canton.

She was born July 27, 1918, in Hogan, Ark., to the late Owen and Cynthia Jane Groves Betty. She grew up in Arkansas and lived in Oklahoma City, Okla., during World War II where she worked for Douglas Aircraft. She then moved to Dallas and attended Draughn's Business School. She was a commercial artist for Garland Daily News for several years, and after retirement moved to Whitehouse. She lived in Canton for the last 11 years, and was a member of Pleasant Hill Baptist Church of Tyler. She was preceded in death by her husband, Vernon Blake, one brother and three sisters.

Survivors include son, Carey Blake, Austin; sisters, Deborah Dunn, Navarre, Fla., and Hallie Fay Holden, Benicia, Calif.; six grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. Pallbearers are Carey Blake, Chris Blake, Rex Wilt, David Dunn and Joe Dunn Jr.

William Darnley

Services for William Foley Darnley, 55, Whitehouse, were held Jan. 5 at Stewart Family Funeral Home chapel, Tyler, with the Rev. Jim Reiter officiating.

Mr. Darnley died Jan. 2, 2007, in a Tyler hospital.

He was born Sept. 17, 1951 in Keyser, W.Va., to the late John H. and Madge M. Darnley.

Survivors include his wife of 29 years, Ann Darnley, Whitehouse; daughters, Jill Darnley, Austin, and Diane Darnley, Whitehouse; sister, Kreugh Shaffer, Tyler; brother, John D. Darnley, Annapolis, Md.; and one aunt.

GOOD FOR YOU

Citgo cashier Cindy Marcoux was her own best customer last week when she sold herself a winning \$25,000 lottery ticket. Marcoux plays Express tickets every Monday with her mom, but says she only buys other tickets "every once in a great while." Marcoux said she "about passed out" when her \$2 Price is Right ticket turned out to be a winner, and would have hit the floor if not for her boss's son catching her. Marcoux's first purchase with the lottery winnings was to pay off her mom's bills, and then she has a few other things planned.



Joel "Dick" Thedford

Joel "Dick" Thedford, 74, passed away in the home he built 50 years ago after a long struggle of Lewy Body disease and heart trouble. Services were held Saturday, Jan. 6, 2007 at Stewart Family Funeral Home chapel, with burial at Cathedral in the Pines.

Joel was born in the Dixie Community on Aug. 16, 1932 to Hubbard and Vivian Richardson-Thedford. He was a member of the Dixie Baptist Church for a number of years. He attended school in Noonday, Tyler High School, Dale Carnegie and Tyler Junior College.

He served in the U.S. Navy as a Seabee in the Philippines and Alaska from 1950-1953. After his discharge he married his sweetheart, Wilma Marlene Camp, on July 18, 1953.

Joel worked for Texas Power & Light in Tyler and Lufkin until March of 1977 with 23 years of service. He then started his own business building homes and then eventually began to work as a power line contractor for TP&L until his retirement in 1996. He was associated with the Smith County Investment Group since 1984.

He was best known for his generosity, love for playing dominoes, cards, hunting and fishing with his friends, and most of all having his family and friends around. His children and grandchildren were very special to him.

Joel served as president of the Noonday Volunteer Fire Department for several years. He was a 32nd Degree Mason for 46 years in Tyler Lodge 1233 and currently in Henry Marsh Bell Lodge, Whitehouse.

Joel is survived by his loving wife, Wilma; daughter and son-in-law, Marlena and Ronald Bartlett of Flint; and son and daughter-in-law, Randy Joel and Kelly Thedford of Tyler; two sisters, Donna Bacon of Oklahoma City, Okla., and Linda Jean Riddle of Houston; three grandchildren, Chad Aaron Thedford of Tyler, Christopher Michael Bartlett of Tyler and Eric Scott Thedford of Tyler; and three great-grandchildren;

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Jack Thedford of Woodbury, N.J.

Pallbearers were Murray Lancaster, David Miller, Arthur Beeler, Glenn McTee, Steve Phillips and Charles Oldham.

Mike Lafferty

Graveside services for Mike Lafferty, age 58, of Troup, were held Jan. 8 at Knoxville Cemetery between Troup and New Summerfield with Brother Steve Butler officiating under the direction of Burks Walker Tippit Funeral Home, Tyler.

Mr. Lafferty died Jan. 2, 2007; at his residence.

He was born March 31, 1948, in Wellsville, N.Y., to the late Charles F and Alice Bunnell Lafferty. He was a retired owner/operator truck driver and had lived in the East Texas area for over 27 years.

He is survived by son, Chuck Lafferty and wife Jeannie of Henderson; daughter, Leslie Jorritsma and husband Jeff of New York; brother, Tim Lafferty and wife Debra of Porter; two sisters, Sharon Sage and Jan Bower, both of Georgia; and four grandchildren.

Honorary pallbearers will be Glenn Taylor, Tommy Neeley, Eddie Fleming and Gib Brown.

To view and sign guest book online, go to www.burkswalkertippit.com.

First Presbyterian Church

Rev. W. S. "Doug" Blanton, Pastor
 Sunday Worship Service 9:00 AM
 Children & Youth Sunday School
 Corner of Carolina & Calvert in Troup



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Come Home to the Heart of Troup
 Sunday School 10 am • Worship 11 am
 Children's Choir ~ Wed. 6 pm
 Adult Choir ~ Wed. 7 pm
 Mike Cline, Pastor

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