

## BULLETIN BOARD

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## Community Activities

## Parkinsonians of East Texas meeting

Parkinsonians of East Texas will meet Thursday, Jan. 25 at 2 p.m. at East Texas Medical Center Pavilion, 801 Clinic Dr., Tyler. The program will include split group discussions with patients and caregivers. Parking is free for the meeting.

## Friday deadline for band entry

Deadline for entries in the upcoming Battle of Bands is Friday, Jan. 26. There is a \$25 entry fee for all bands that are accepted into the competition. The first Battle of the Bands, hosted by Ambassador Baptist Church, is scheduled for Feb. 24. Call 903-839-7398 for information.

## WH Baseball/Softball league meets Sunday

The Whitehouse Baseball/Softball League will meet on Sunday, Jan. 28 at 2 p.m. at the ballpark, just off FM 346 East. The meeting is open to all current coaches and anyone interested in coaching or working with the league.

## Blood Drive Monday

East Texans unite for life through a blood drive Monday, Jan. 29 from 7:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. in the auxiliary gym at Whitehouse High School. Stewart Regional Blood Center reminds you to eat prior to donating and bring your driver's license.

## ET Writers Guild to meet

The East Texas Writers Guild will meet Monday, Feb. 5, at The Texas Store in Bullard. The business meeting is at 6:30 p.m. and the program will start at 7 p.m. Speaker Vincent Alexandria will discuss "Setting Up Your Story in 30 Minutes or Less". ETWG meetings are open to published and aspiring writers of every genre on the first Monday of every month except on holidays when meetings will be on the second Monday. The Texas Store is located at 51559 Highway 69 in Bullard. From Tyler, take 69 S approximately 10 miles from Walmart; proceed 1 mile past FM 344. The Texas Store is on the right. From Jacksonville, go north on 69 approximately 14 miles. The Texas Store will be on the left side of the road.

## Whitehouse Recycle Center hours

The Whitehouse Recycle Center is open every Wednesday 7-10 a.m. and 3:30-5 p.m. as well as the first and third Saturday 8 a.m. to noon. Bring your recyclable paper, newspaper, cardboard, plastic, aluminum cans and tin cans. The Recycle Center is located on Railroad Ave.

## 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.

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## OBITUARIES

## LaVerne Melton

Services for LaVerne Melton, 89, of Tyler were held Jan. 20, at Stewart Family Funeral Home chapel with Rev. Gene Steger and Rev. Karen Jones officiating under direction of Stewart Family Funeral Home.

Mrs. Melton passed away Jan. 18, 2007, at the Azalea Place Nursing Home in Tyler after a long illness. LaVerne was born June 27, 1917, in Upshur County to the late Wesley and Gaudia Pruitt. She moved to Longview at an early age where she graduated from Longview High School and from BMI of Business in Longview. She moved to Tyler, where she has lived for 58 years. After working in the business world for a few years, Mrs. Melton became a homemaker, who loved to take care of her home and grandchildren. She was a Presbyterian.

Mrs. Melton was preceded in death by her son, Winston Dwayne Melton; brother, Talmadge Pruitt; and sister, Virginia Nelson.

LaVerne is survived by her husband of 57 years, John B. Melton, who has been her loving caregiver for several years. She is also survived by her daughter, Virginia Dorsey and husband Carl of Tyler; grandsons, Eric Dorsey of Whitehouse and Winston Melton of Tyler; granddaughter, Pauline Montgomery of Tyler; great-grandchildren, Gunnar and Alexa Dorsey of Whitehouse, Cody Montgomery, Samantha Lowery, Stephanie Ritter and Becky Melton, all of Tyler; four great-great-grandchildren; sister, Myndall Harris of Phoenix, Ariz.; nephews, Byron Nelson of Tyler, Kyle Nelson of Longview; and niece, Cathy Been of Troup.

Memorials in honor of LaVerne may be made to Heart to Heart Hospice; 401 E. Front St., Tyler, 75702.

For more information or to express condolences, visit [www.stewartfamilyfuneral.com](http://www.stewartfamilyfuneral.com) or go to [www.tylerpaper.com](http://www.tylerpaper.com) and click on obituaries.

## Daisy Bryant

PRICE - Graveside services for Daisy Cardwell Bryant, 75, Carlisle, were held Jan. 20 at Pinecrest Cemetery, Troup, with the Rev. Andy Cox officiating under direction of Cottle Funeral Home, Troup.

Mrs. Bryant died Jan. 14, 2007, in a Henderson hospital. She was born July 16, 1931, in Shreveport, La., to the late John Clark and Jessie Mae Robinson Canfield. She graduated from Carlisle High School and was a member of Carlisle United Methodist Church. She was a cashier for Beall's Department Store in Jacksonville for many years and lived in Oregon for 25 years, returning to Carlisle in 1996. She was preceded in death by her husband, Claude A. Bryant, in 2004.

Survivors include son, Douglas Cardwell, Buffalo, Wyo.; daughter, Glennia Searcy, Troup; brother, William H. Canfield, Columbus, Ohio; four grandchildren; one stepgrandchild; and four great-grandchildren.

## Betty Inez Howard

Services for Betty Inez Howard, 69, Troup, were held Jan. 20 at the Arbor at Union Grove Cemetery near Troup with the Rev. Jim Norman officiating. Burial will be in Union Grove Cemetery under direction of Cottle Funeral Home, Troup.

Mrs. Howard died Jan. 17, 2007, in a Tyler hospital. She was born Feb. 21, 1937, in North Wilkesboro, N.C., to the late Lattie Richard and Leona Church. She was a homemaker and a member of Union Grove Baptist Church. She was preceded in death by her husband, Jerry Lee Howard, on April 16, 2006; grandsons, John Griffin and Seth Oliver; and brothers, Tommy Church, Edward Church and Rayford Church.

Survivors include sons, Johnny Hill, Whitehouse, and Jimmy Howard, Tyler; daughters, Terri Heard, Troup, Sharon Lynn Ray, Corpus Christi, Karen Forshee, Jacksonville, and Jerri Marie Hall, Tyler; brother, L.C. Church, North Carolina; sisters, Shirley Dyer and Mary Lou McGee, both of Roaring River, N.C., and Jean Howard, Troup; 13 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; nieces and nephews.

## Thomas H. French

HENDERSON - Memorial services with full military honors for Thomas H. French, 70, Henderson, were held Jan. 19 at Charles Rader Funeral Home, Henderson, with Chaplain Tony Ciomperlick officiating.

Mr. French died Jan. 15, 2007, at his residence. He was born Oct. 14, 1936, in Blue Ash, Ohio, and lived in the Henderson area since 1995. He retired from the Air Force on March 31, 1980, after 20 years service. He was an electronics instructor to the Royal Saudi Naval Forces. He was a member of Academy of Model Aeronautics, Non-Commissioned Officers Association and Trinidad Veterans of Foreign Wars post.

Survivors include his wife, Connie French, Henderson; sons, Alan French, Biloxi, Miss., and Charles Boyte, Troup; daughters, Annice Kessler, Suffolk, Va., and Tandy Powell, Waco; brother, Bob French, Boyce, La.; sister, Jane Goff, Boyce, La.; and 10 grandchildren.

If desired, memorials may be made to American Cancer Society.

## Things just 'duckie' at Whitehouse library

What are two rubber duckies doing floating in a bowl of Hawaiian Punch at the Whitehouse Community Library? Having a birthday bash!

Excited rubber duckie owners braved the "duck-friendly" weather and flooded the library on Saturday, Jan. 13. They sang "Happy Birthday," ate cake and drank punch all to celebrate the birthday of that wonderful bath toy, the rubber duckie.

A wading pool was provided for the duckies to socialize and get acquainted. Later, the rubber duckies were proudly displayed by their owners as certificates were awarded for the Smallest

Duckie, "Reddest," "Pinkest" and Most Traveled, etc.

The library's ducks were dressed in their sports uniforms and served as hosts for the party.

Rubber duckies have a long history. They were patented by Elam Fisher of the Detroit area in 1870.

Most babies receive rubber duckies during their first two years of life. They become cherished possessions whose owners have fond memories of splashing in the tub.

They have become fads and tub drains and the subject of jokes.

## Roy James Lawrence

On Sunday, Jan. 21, 2007, Heaven gained another loyal golfer as Roy James Lawrence teed off in Heaven.

He was born June 11, 1943 in Sinton, TX. Roy was quite the athlete, having played basketball at East Texas Baptist University, also attending the University of Texas Austin. Needless to say, he was an avid UT fan. He also served in the U.S. Navy, where he continued to excel in sports, having played basketball there as well.

Roy made his home in Tyler over 20 years ago. He loved golfing at the Cascades, and often remarked at how beautiful that area was. He made his church home at Friendly Baptist. At Friendly, he was a member of the Department Five Men's Class, taught in Department Five, and served on the budget and finance committee. He also served on the board of directors of Mentoring Men for Christ ministries, and served as president on the Yesteryear board in Whitehouse.

Roy loved his job with Whitehouse ISD. He was well known as the "bus yard" principal. He also was in partnership and co-owned Southland, Chapel Hill and Troup pharmacies, and the Medicine Shoppe in Whitehouse, and also did the bookwork and accounting. Roy also loved cats and everyone knew that if there was a stray cat, he was sure to take it in.

He was a loving husband, father and grandfather who will always be remembered for his kindness and the values shown in everything he did.

His survivors include his wife of 11 years, Jane Lawrence of Tyler; children, Stephanie Allen and husband Charles of Ft. Campbell, Ky., Leslie Lawrence of Nashville, Tn., Jeffrey Carroll of Virginia Beach, Va., Jessica Norwood of Tyler; mother, Celia Lawrence of Round Rock; brother and sister-in-law, Kirk and Sandy Lawrence of Austin; sisters and brother-in-law, Nancy and Ben Howe of Ketchum, Id., Linda Lawrence of Hendersonville, Tn.; grandchildren, Hope, Abby, Tristan and Madison Allen.

His father, Norman Lawrence, preceded him in death.

A reflection of Roy's life will be held at 3:30 p.m. Thursday at Friendly Baptist Church with the Revs. Charles Moore and Dale Perry officiating. Burial will follow at Cathedral in the Pines Cemetery under the direction of Burks Walker Tippit Funeral Directors.

Pallbearers will be Bill Langley, Steve Sherwood, Gary Easterling, Bob Langley, Joe Tucker and Donny Wayne Morris.

Honorary pallbearers will be members of the Department Five Men's Class and Dick Lane.

If desired, memorials may be made to missions at Friendly Baptist Church, 1903 E. Front St, Tyler, 75702

## SILVER

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1997 J.L. and Frances Hayes  
1998 Ray and Nancy Terry  
1999 Lawrence and Juanita Smith  
2000 Georgia Brown  
2001 Glendal and Mary Pike  
2002 Elmer and Nelda Stanley  
2003 Richard and Judy Waller  
2004 Bob and Juanita Hagan  
2005 Acker and Bobbie Hanks  
2006 Robert and Delois Pettigrew  
For 2007, individuals and organizations are invited to nominate someone who has made a contribution to the community and is deserving of recognition. The nomination may be for a couple or an individual.  
Mr. and Mrs. YesterYear will

be honored with a tea that is open to the community. They will be guests and recognized at the annual Coronation and Ball, June 16, and the Review, June 22, at Whitehouse High School. On Saturday, June 23, they will be given a place of honor in the annual parade and will be introduced during the festivities in the Whitehouse City Park.

To nominate a deserving person or couple, mail your nominations to YesterYear, P.O. Box 1574, Whitehouse, TX 75791. Please include the address and telephone number of your nominees.

Also include your contact information as well as a description of their contributions and why you nominated them. Deadline for receiving nominations is Jan. 31.

## First Presbyterian Church

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