

BULLETIN BOARD

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Community Activities

Parkinsonians of East Texas meeting

Parkinsonians of East Texas will meet Thursday, Feb. 22 at 2 p.m. at East Texas Medical Center Pavilion, 801 Clinic Dr., Tyler. The speaker will be Gina Baxter, Exercise Specialist. Her topic will be Parkinson exercise and guidance program.

Volleyball silent auction Thursday

Come and bid on themed baskets before the First Ladies Spring Spectacular on Feb. 22. Proceeds go to support Lady Cat volleyball teams. Auction runs from 5:30-6:45 in the sports lobby at WHS.

Word of Life Tabernacle hosts celebration

The Bethany Word of Life Tabernacle, 6808 Paluxy Drive in Tyler, will host its annual church celebration Feb. 23-24. Church service on Friday will be held at 7 p.m. The church's pastor, Elder Ed Sanders, will be the speaker. On Saturday, the women's ministry will host a breakfast at 10 a.m. Evangelist Daisy Sanders, from Cedar Hill, will be the guest speaker. For more information, call 903-839-7846.

Troup Little League sign up closing

Saturday, Feb. 24 is the last day to register for summer league baseball/softball for ages 4 to 15. Registration will be from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Troup Baseball Complex located on Hwy. 135. New players need a copy of their official birth certificate and any fees must be paid by this date. Cost is \$50 per player with discounts for families with more than one player.

Troup Athletic Booster Club meets Monday

Troup Athletic Booster Club will be having their next monthly meeting on Monday, Feb. 26 at 7 pm at Troup High School. All parents with 9-12 grade athletes are strongly encouraged to attend.

WHS PTSA meeting Monday

The WHS PTSA will meet Monday, Feb. 26 at 7:30 p.m. in the lecture hall. Items on the agenda include election of a nominating committee, prom committee meeting and graduation lock in planning. Parents and students interested in helping with prom and the graduation lock in are asked to attend. For more information call Pat at 903-534-9727.

True Love Waits begins for THS

True Love Waits (a Christian abstinence program) is offering two class times, 3:30 and 6:30 p.m. on Mondays starting March 5. The program will be over a four-week period and will consist of four one-hour sessions. Those interested can pick up permission forms the front office. If you have any questions, call Jim or Tammy Tollett at 903-842-3807.

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!

Troup American Legion hosts karaoke

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

Church Related Activities

Prince of Peace plans pilgrimage

Teens and adults from Prince of Peace Church in Whitehouse will be embarking on a pilgrimage to Italy from July 11-23, 2007. The tour will include a visit to Rome and Vatican City. Contact Dee Bice of Bice Travel at 903-839-8264, or by email at bicetravel@suddenlink.net. The deadline is Feb. 28.

Government Related Activities

Whitehouse City Council to meet

Whitehouse City Council will meet Tuesday, Feb. 27 at 6:30 p.m. in the Whitehouse City Council and Court chambers at 311 E. Main.

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OBITUARIES

Larry Neil Bentz

LONGVIEW - Memorial services for Larry Neil "Big Daddy" Bentz, 44, Longview, were held Feb. 17 at Welch Funeral Home chapel, Longview, with Dr. Mike Daniels officiating.

Mr. Bentz died Feb. 13, 2007. He was born Sept. 11, 1952, in Tyler to the late Carl and Frances Bentz. He owned and operated Larry Bentz Painting in the Longview area for 15 years and attended Landmark Baptist Church in Tyler. He was preceded in death by son, Larry Wayne Bentz.

Survivors include his wife of 29 years, Rose Ann McInnis Bentz, Longview; daughters, Rose Hernandez and Heather Stevenson, both of Whitehouse, and Misty Hembrough, Lewisville; sons, Jason Skelton DeLeon, Jourdanton, and Chris Yarbrough, Gilmer; brothers, Dennis Bentz, Tyler, and John Bentz, Dallas; and nine grandchildren.

If desired, memorials may be made to Longview Cancer Center Volunteer Fund, 1300 N. 4th St., Longview, 75601; or Longview Community Ministries, 405 N. 5th St., Longview, 75601.

Malyer 'Tacky' Mitchum

Graveside services for Malyer "Tacky" Mitchum, 76, Tyler, were held Feb. 17 at Whitehouse Cemetery with Rev. Josh Blizard officiating.

Mrs. Mitchum went to be with her Lord and Savior on Feb. 15, 2007.

She was born April 23, 1930, in Waycross, Ga. After graduating Valedictorian from Whitehouse High School, Tacky married Ray W. Mitchum on June 20, 1948. They have shared 58 wonderful years together.

As a longtime Tyler resident, Mrs. Mitchum was a member of Lanes Chapel United Methodist Church. She was also a member of the East Texas Cattlettes. Her hobbies were baking, sewing, gardening, writing, and she was an award winning painter. She has been a resident at Pinehurst Alzheimer's Special Care Facility since May 2004.

Mrs. Mitchum was preceded in death by her parents, Gordon J. Dodd and Myrtle Morgan Dodd; sister, Peggy Ray; one brother, Ray M. Dodd; and grandson, Cody M. Patton. Mrs. Mitchum is survived by her husband, Ray W. Mitchum; one daughter and son-in-law, Teri and Tony Patton of Tyler; one son and daughter-in-law, Rusty and Janet Mitchum of Tyler; three brothers, Byron Dodd of Whitehouse, Weldon "Buddy" Dodd of Mixon, and George Dodd of Jacksonville; three grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and her best friend since fourth grade, Ruby Stanton of Overton.

The family requests in lieu of flowers that memorials, if desired, be made to Alzheimer's Alliance of Northeast Texas, 3613 S. Broadway Ave., Tyler, 75701; or Hospice of East Texas, 4111 University Blvd., Tyler, 75701; or charity of your choice. Tacky's family would like to thank each and everyone of the staff at Pinehurst Alzheimer's Special Care Facility and Hospice of East Texas for their abundant love and care.

She is now safe in the arms of Jesus.

Christene Knight

Services for Christene Langley "Mother Dear" Knight, 95, Tyler, were held Feb. 17 at The Heritage Building with the Rev. Billy Paul Cleaver officiating.

Burial will be in New Canaan Cemetery, Whitehouse, under direction of John R. Harmon Undertaking Co., Tyler.

Mrs. Knight died Feb. 10, 2007, at her residence. She was born June 15, 1911, in Whitehouse and was a lifelong resident of Smith County. She attended Blackjack schools and was a domestic worker and a member of Bethel Temple Church of God in Christ. She was preceded in death by her husband, two daughters, one son and 12 siblings.

Survivors include sons, George Knight and Joe Knight, both of Tyler; brother, Ozell Langley, Whitehouse; and three grandchildren.

Pallbearers were James Langley, Patrick Johnson, Leonard Heartsfield, John Carter, Glenn Ross, Mozell Langley, Floyd Ross and James Langley.

Thomas E. Pritchard

CHANDLER - Services for Thomas E. Pritchard, 80, Chandler, were held Feb. 16 at Chandler Memorial Funeral Home chapel with Rev. Tommy Weems officiating.

Burial was in Rockhill Cemetery in Henderson County. Mr. Pritchard died Feb. 14, 2007, in Tyler.

He was born Nov. 1, 1926, in Angus. He moved to Chandler in 1994, moving from Garland. He was a member of Rock Hill Baptist Church and a retired carpet salesman. He was an Army veteran, serving in World War II and the Korean War.

Survivors include his wife, Bertha Pritchard, Chandler; son, Thomas Arthur Pritchard, Chandler; daughter, Bonnie June Castle, Whitehouse; sister, Marian Hayes, Corsicana; and three grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Nathan Castle, Brandon Castle, Micah Pritchard, Frank Hood, Ron Epperson and Terris Bailey.

Honorary pallbearers were Dr. Neil Adelman, the staff of Colonial Manor of Tyler and staff and caregivers of Heart to Heart Hospice.

Election Filing Update

Troup City Council

Place 1 - no filings
Place 3 - no filings
Place 4 - no filings

Whitehouse City Council

Place 1 - Bill Powers
Incumbent
Place 3 - no filings
Place 5 - Dale Moran
Incumbent

Troup ISD Trustees

Place 6 - Johnny Johnson
Incumbent
Place 7 - Bill Lacy
Incumbent

Whitehouse ISD Trustees

Place 6 - no filings
Place 7 - Vince Primo
Incumbent

Those interested in running as a candidate for any of these positions must file by March 12. For City Council positions, contact the respective city secretary, and for a position as a trustee, contact the school superintendent's secretary.

Election Day is May 12, with the Whitehouse polling location the United Methodist Church and Troup's voting spot the Cameron-J. Jarvis Troup Municipal Library.



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

Eldonna Womack

Graveside services for Eldonna Womack, 67, Troup, are scheduled for 10 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 22, at the Union Grove Cemetery, near Troup, with the Reverend Gaylon Taylor officiating. Burial is under the direction of Cottle Funeral Home, Troup.

Mrs. Womack died Monday, Feb. 19, 2007, in a Troup nursing home. She was born Sept. 16, 1939 in Conroe to William A. and Evelyn L. Athey Smith.

She was a graduate of Willis High School and the nursing school at Henderson Memorial Hospital. She had been employed for 16 years as a LVN at Westwood Convalescent Home, Troup.

Mrs. Womack had lived in Troup for 46 years and was a member of West Duval Baptist Church, Troup. She married Dwayne Womack on Nov. 23, 1957.

She was preceded in death by a son, Stephen Womack in 1985 and a daughter, Dee Ann Guthrie in 2000.

Survivors include her husband of 49 years, M. D. 'Buddy' Womack, Troup; one son and daughter-in-law, Tommy and Becky Womack, Troup; one daughter and son-in-law, Mona and Eric Ables, Whitney; one brother and sister-in-law, David and Diana Smith, Lake Striker; six grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers will be nephews. If desired, memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Online registration and condolences are available at www.cottlefuneralhome.com.



Louise Banks Lavender

Services for Louise Banks Lavender, 99, Troup, were held Feb. 20 at the Cottle-Pearson Funeral Home chapel, Overton, with the Rev. Dr. Ron Klingsick officiating.

Graveside services were Feb. 21 at Laurel Land Memorial Park, Dallas, with the Rev. Tommy Harden officiating.

Mrs. Lavender died Saturday, Feb. 17, 2007 in a Tyler hospital. She was born Aug. 7, 1907, in Daingerfield to the late Robert Burl and Irene McFarland Banks.

She was a longtime resident of Dallas before moving to the Arp area in 1995.

Mrs. Lavender was a traveling representative for the Roux Company and later worked for Nieman-Marcus.

While living in Dallas, she was a member of the East Dallas Christian Church, the Order of the Eastern Star, the Porcelain Art Guild, the Kathryn Hail Travis Art Club, and the TCU Women's Club.

Currently, she was a member of the Arp Emmanuel Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Cameron Dorroh; her second husband, E. King Lavender; and her daughter, Corinne Dorroh Wilson.

She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, C.D. and Pat Dorroh, Troup; her granddaughter, Cindy Jehlen, Longview; and three great-grandsons, Dustin Jehlen, Denton, and Chris and Eric Jehlen, both of Longview.

Honorary pallbearers were John Frank Lanham, James Lanham, Montza Williams, Jimmy Lanham, Kenneth Cuvelier and Dr. David Beard.

Online registration and condolences are available at www.cottlefuneralhome.com or go to www.tylerpaper.com and click on obituaries.

Diane C. Anderson

GILMER - Services for Diane Cookson Anderson, 59, Gilmer, were held Feb. 16 at Grubbs-Loyd Funeral Home chapel, Gilmer. Burial was in Anderson Family Cemetery, Upshur County.

Mrs. Anderson died with her daughter, Jessica Stickney, in Troup on Feb. 12, 2007.

She was born Oct. 19, 1947, in Portland, Maine, to the late Carol and Mary Cookson. She was preceded in death by her husband, Edward Anderson.

Survivors include son, Jason Stephen Stickney; daughter, Jamie Elizabeth Clemens; brothers, Howard Cookson and Steve Cookson; sister, Carroll Bragg; and five grandchildren.

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

Thank you from the family of Brandon Driggers

The family of Brandon Driggers wish to express our love and appreciation to all our many friends and family for their thoughts and prayers. Thank you for all the love shown through visits, phone calls, emails, flowers and food during the loss of our Brandon. God bless each of you.



Mike, Debbie, Ashley, Shannon & Ashlee

March 11, 1977
February 7, 2007