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Community Activities

Troup VFW to meet

The Troup VFW will meet Thursday, May 10 at 7 p.m. at the Troup Library

Arts and Crafts Fair benefit

Trinity Mother Frances Family Care Center will hold its 3rd annual Arts and Crafts Fair to benefit Children's Miracle Network on Friday, May 11, from 9 a.m. - 5:30p.m. in the Wisenbaker Conference Center at Mother Frances Hospital. Over 20 plus vendors will present their wares; from pottery, handmade jewelry, art work, baked goods, plants, embroidery, candles, painted gourds, floral baskets, earrings, beaded necklaces, rings and a large variety of other crafts that will make your Mother's Day shopping easy and unique.

KWB garage sale set

Keep Whitehouse Beautiful is holding a HUGE garage sale on Friday, May 11 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday, May 12 from 8 a.m. to noon. The sale will take place on the parking lot just south of the Sonic on Hwy. 110 in Whitehouse.

Compassionate Friends to meet

The Compassionate Friends of Tyler, a support group for families who have experienced the death of a child will meet Tuesday, May 15 at 6:30 p.m. at 707 West Houston, Tyler, TX. For additional information please visit our website at www.TylerTCF.org or call 903-258-2547.

Seminar concerning foster children offered

Judge Carole Clark is sponsoring a 2 hour seminar on May 18 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The seminar will be held in the 321st District Court in the Smith County Courthouse. The title is "Attachment Disorders in Foster Children." It will be taught by Dr. Caryn Purvis from TCU. This area is her specialty. CLE credits for lawyers is pending. Please RSVP to 903-590-1600 as a light lunch will be served.

Masonic Lodge #1371 to meet

Henry Marsh Bell Masonic Lodge #1371 will meet Monday, May 14 at 7 p.m. at the lodge. All Masonic brothers are welcome to attend.

Troup Genealogical Society hosts presentation

The Troup Genealogical/Historical Society presents Jack Selden who will make a presentation on the Native American Chief Quannah Parker on Saturday, May 19 at 2 p.m. at the Troup library.

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!

Weight loss support group meets Mondays

The Eat Right For Life Support Group meets every Monday from 5:30-6:30 p.m. in the meeting room of the Regions Bank in Whitehouse (across from the Post Office). Meetings are free. For more information, call 903-839-7634.

Church Related Activities

Keith Cooper in concert at First Baptist

Nashville guitarist Keith Cooper will be in concert at First Baptist Church in Whitehouse on Sunday, May 13 at 10:45 a.m.

School Related Activities

WHS Bands present Spring Concert

The WHS bands will present their annual Spring concert on Monday, May 14 in the WHS Arena beginning at 7 p.m. Admission is free.

WHS Band Boosters host Outback Hamburger Supper

Prior to the May 14 WHS band concert, Outback Steakhouse is catering a hamburger supper in the WHS cafeteria from 5-7 p.m. Tickets for the supper are \$7.50 each and are on sale from band students and band booster parents.

WJHS Band Concert set

The Whitehouse Junior High Band Concert will be on Thursday night, May 17 at 7 p.m. in the Whitehouse High School auditorium.

Government Related Activities

Troup trustees to meet

Troup ISD trustees meet Tuesday, May 15 at 7 p.m. at the Troup ISD Administration Office at 201 N. Carolina.

WISD trustees to meet

The Whitehouse ISD trustees will meet on Tuesday, May 15 at 7 p.m. in the Wildcat Drive Annex, 109 Wildcat Drive.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

On behalf of the Troup Academic Booster Club, I want to thank the Leader for your outstanding coverage of Trivia Night and the Art Auction, our two annual fundraisers. The funds raised by these events provide much needed college scholarship assistance to current and former students of Troup High School.

I would also like to extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to our superintendent,

Marvin Beaty. Both of these events are the product of his energy, imagination and leadership. When we held the first Trivia Night and Art Auction a year ago, we were delighted to raise over \$2,200. This year we were stunned when we more than doubled last year's amount. Not only do these events serve a fundraising purpose, they have rapidly become events that bring the members of the community together for fun and fellowship.

The secret of our success is our superintendent. Mr. Beaty served as master of ceremonies at both events, combining great wit and, in the case of the art auction, no small amount of cajoling, to encourage folks to be generous in giving for the benefit of our students. The results speak for themselves.

In my experience, I have found Mr. Beaty to be innovative and

always open to new ideas. He has one overarching goal: excellence for Troup ISD in every area, be it academic, athletic, band, or other UIL competition. Our students and our community are indeed fortunate to have him. Thank you, Mr. Beaty.

Sincerely,
Wes Rivers
President
Troup Academic Booster Club

Dear Editor,

I'm not sure when a park became an unwanted amenity in a neighborhood or city. It certainly sounds like some citizens and neighbors to the proposed new park are most unhappy at the thought of having happy children in ear-shot of their homes.

In checking with some realtors and thinking back on all the meetings I attended held by the VISION 2020 commission, nowhere do I recall any of the experts saying that a park depreciates the value of homes. In fact, it seems that the opposite is the case.

Some of those in opposition of the proposed park say that it will lure a "bad crowd" to our neighborhood. In checking with our chief of police, that does not tend to be the norm, here in Whitehouse anyway.

The biggest issue I'm aware of at the current park next to City Hall is that sometimes there are not enough picnic tables available to hold all the children's birthday parties on beautiful summer days.

As a former mayor and city councilmember I had the privilege of serving the citizens of Whitehouse and listening to their needs and wishes. I will give you the fact that NO ONE wants to pay more taxes for anything. And I understand that as well as the next guy. I pay the same taxes you do. But I can also tell you that for many years the most requested addition to this city that came before the council was the addition of more parks, walking trails and acreage for sports fields. The only other item more requested would have to be for another thoroughfare to Tyler other than

Hwy. 110.

For many years the Parks and Recreation Commission worked to locate suitable acreage for the size park Whitehouse should have as an addition to what we have. Mr. Powers and his faithful crew worked long and hard, hand-in-hand with city employees to convert a little patch of land on Gardenview into a great little neighborhood park.

The VISION 2020 Comprehensive Plan states, "In an almost unanimous voice, citizens speaking during the various public workshops and design charettes touted the need to fund an expanded and improved park system." It goes on to say, "Participants also seemed dissatisfied with the current state of priority park land acquisition, construction, and maintenance received in terms of City budgets."

It was just such citizen input that put the city administration and the

council to work to find land available for purchase.

If you are asking yourself, "Why didn't I know anything about meetings for a comprehensive plan?" I have to ask you if you read this newspaper. Do you go to City Hall and check the agenda once a month? Do you read information that comes in your water bill? The city spent nearly one thousand dollars in 2005-2006 in advertising to get the word out about this plan while it was under construction. The turn out for the series of meetings over several months was quite disappointing. But those in attendance spoke their minds.

You do that this Saturday. Speak your mind with your vote. Vote YES for a park behind my house on Karla Drive.

Suzanne Loudamy

OBITUARIES

Daniel Thompson

Memorial services for Daniel "Danny" Brandum Thompson, 65, of Las Cruces, N.M., formerly of Tyler, were held May 4 in the FLC Den of Green Acres Baptist Church.

Mr. Thompson died April 27, 2007 at his residence. He was born Jan. 16, 1942, in Huntington, W.Va. He moved to Tyler in 1957 and attended Tyler public schools. He served in the Air Force for 12 years. He then worked in avionics at LTV Corp. in Grand Prairie and then in Las Cruces, N.M., before retiring. He was preceded in death by his father, William M. "Tommy" Thompson, and son, Daniel Kevin Thompson. Survivors include his daughters, Kathleen "Katie" Thompson, Las Cruces, N.M., and Kristin Thompson Babek, Arlington; mother, Gloria "Joy" Thompson, Tyler; sisters, Sandra Miller and Marsha Hanna, both of Colleyville, Debbie Partridge, Athens, and Amy Lilly, Whitehouse; brother, Mark Thompson, Sachse; four grandsons; one great-grandson; nieces and nephews.



Kenneth H. Land

HENRIETTA - Kenneth H. Land, 73, of Henrietta, Texas, was called home May 2, 2007 in Henrietta.

Funeral services were May 7 at the Davis Funeral Home Chapel in Henrietta with Rev. Terry Grace, Pastor of the Lake Arrowhead Baptist Church, Lake Arrowhead officiating. Burial was in the Hope Cemetery in Henrietta under the direction of Davis Funeral Home.

Mr. Land was born Oct. 4, 1933 in Grandfield, Okla. He graduated from Loveland, Okla. in 1952. He was a retired civil engineer.

He was preceded in death by his father, Sam Land; brother, Gene Land and sister, Wandene Lee.

Survivors include his mother, Janie Land; two sisters, Elda Greathead and Veldene Larson; five daughters, Kenya Meacham and husband David, Kathy Heath and husband Marty, Karon Williams, Kellie Marsh and husband Jerrill, Hilda Ness and husband Dudley; ten grandchildren, Kody Meacham, Kris, Kassy & Kory French, Josh Williams, John Taylor, Ashly and Kenneth Marsh, Anthony & K'Leigh Bryan; and 13 great-grandchildren.



James Daniel Moon

ARP - Services for James Daniel Moon, 65, of Arp were held April 27 at the Cottle Funeral Home chapel in Troup, with the Rev. Richard Boone officiating. Burial, with military honors, was in the Ebenezer Cemetery, near Arp.

Mr. Moon died April 25 near Wells. He was born Oct. 8, 1941 in San Benito to the late David Daniel Moon and Willie Margaret Andrews Moon. He was a graduate of San Benito High School and received his degree in Physics from the Texas A&M University, Kingsville.

He served in the U.S. Navy for four years, and served four years in the U.S. Air Force, during the Vietnam war.

Mr. Moon had been a resident of the Arp area since 1981 and had previously lived in Laredo, Bishop, and Harlingen. He taught physics and calculus at Arp High School and was currently employed by Mudlogging Company of Houston as a supervisor.

He loved animals including his dogs Daisy and Mattie and his cats Lexie, Ruby Begonia, and Raggedy Andy.

He married Marjorie Douglas in Harlingen, May 14, 1972.

He is survived by his wife of 35 years, Marjorie Moon, Arp; two sons and daughters-in-law, Noel and Tracy Moon, Nacogdoches, and Link and Shanon Moon, White Oak; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Tommy and Ruth Moon, San Antonio, and Billy and Jan Moon, Lakeside, Calif.; seven grandchildren, Dustin Moon, Jeremy Moon, Cole Moon, Taylor Moon, Haley Moon, Hannah Moon, and Weston Moon.



Mattie Bell Smeley

NEW SUMMERFIELD - Graveside services for Mattie Bell Smeley, 93, of New Summerfield were held May 5 at McDonald Cemetery with Bro. Paul Dowdy officiating under direction of Boren-Conner Funeral Home, Jacksonville.

Mrs. Smeley died May 3, 2007, in Tyler. She was born April 19, 1914 in Cherokee County and was a lifelong resident. She was a member of New Summerfield Church of Christ. She worked as a seamstress at Maria's Bras and at Nichols-Kusan. She was a member of the Eastern Star.

She was preceded in death by husbands, Cotton Sowell and Virgil Smeley; brothers, Edwin and Truman Magee; and grandson, Mike Morgan.

Survivors include daughters, Joyce Beam, Tyler, and Gayle Morgan, Troup; four grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

Honorary pallbearers were Barry Mayo, Roel Alonzo, Josh Alonzo, Jeremy Alonzo, Bill Mabry and Tommy Durham.

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First Presbyterian Church

Rev. W. S. "Doug" Blanton, Pastor
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Corner of Carolina & Calvert in Troup



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