



**Bobby Whisenhunt of Whitehouse and Rita Barnes of Campbell exchanged vows on Aug. 11 at Lake Tyler Baptist Church. Rev. Sherman Mayfield officiated the ceremony. Attendants for the bride and groom were Pat Sager, Robert and Brian Whisenhunt. The couple will reside in Campbell and also spend time in Whitehouse.**



LIBRARY CORNER



**Our new look**

If you haven't noticed the wonderful new look outside the Whitehouse Community Library then slow down and smell the flowers.

We're so excited about the welcoming look of our library with the beautiful flowers. We've even finally gotten our waterfall running and it's gorgeous!

Parents please help us to keep it looking that way. Don't allow your children to walk in our flowerbeds or play in our pond. Also notice our gazebo is looking much more inviting.

Maybe it needs a ceiling fan and a hammock for a comfortable place to read books. Wouldn't that be nice?

**The Great Big Book Sale: Sept. 22-22**

The library's annual book sale is being presented in a new and expanded version that we're really excited about! We have collected thousands of books for this sale. There will be something for everyone—collectibles, best sellers, book series, paperbacks, children's books, how-to books, and lots more.

We will close during regular library hours Thursday, September 20<sup>th</sup> to get ready for the sale.

Would you like to have a *sneak preview* and a chance to *purchase before the sale begins*?

The library will open in the evening Thursday, Sept. 20 at 7 p.m. to those that purchase a \$5 ticket. This ticket entitles the holder to light snacks and to purchase *books by the inch*.

What on earth are we talking about? We will measure the width of the spine of the books and the price will be \$1 per inch. In other words, if the width of the book is 1/2 inch the charge will be 50 cents (if you are only purchasing one book the minimum charge will be \$1). You can get great bargains and we'll have lots of fun.

Tickets will be available beginning Sept. 4.

The sale days will have limited library access. We want to sell as many books as possible during the two-day sale.

**Story Time**

Story Time will start again Wednesday, Sept. 5 at 10:30 a.m.

**Island Sailing**

The theme of the Summer Reading Program has set free a lot of creative activity in the library. The last three weeks had the participants:

- making & launching rockets - sometimes with hilarious results
- having a bird & his caretaker visit & mingle with the youngsters
- a day devoted to island sailing

The rockets were based on a pattern that library director Sandra Knackstedt learned in a NASA outreach workshop. The rocket engines were film canisters powered by water and Alka Seltzer. Some of the rockets flew very successfully but others just sat and fizzled on the launching pad. Many of the "engineers" went home to show their Dads how to make a rocket & talking about the solar system and its components about which

they also learned.

Sailing with Birds brought Jester and his caretaker Kara from Petland for a visit. He is a very tame and people-oriented bird. He sat on shoulders, walked up arms, whistled and bit his nails (a really nasty habit he has). The activities for the day were a flying dove created by the younger children and a floating swan created by the older group. (Thanks to Kiepersol Estates for supplying the corks)

During the Island Sailing activity, the children created an ocean scene, went fishing in an island cove, made their own necklace, and discovered real sea shells. Some of the funniest times took place in the fishing cove when some children caught prizes instead of fish! The discovery of the sea shell took place during the island walk where paper "islands" were laid out like a cake walk. The snack for the day was, of course, fruit.

All children who participated in the Summer Reading program will receive a certificate signed by Gov. Rick Perry, Texas State Librarian Peggy Rudd and library director Sandra Knackstedt.

The finale for the reading program will be a Prize Auction on Saturday, Aug. 25 for those children who:

1. registered for the Summer Reading Club before May 30
2. turned in their final reading logs by July 31

When the children arrive for the auction they will also receive the "library bucks" they've earned.

Question? Call the Library @ 903 839-2429 or email at whitehouselibrary@hotmail.com

**We need you!**

The Board of Directors for the Library is in need of additional directors due to term expirations and a move to another state. If you or someone you know would be interested in this position, please speak with Library Director Sandra Knackstedt. Qualifications for the position don't require you to be a millionaire or have a college degree. What you do need is a desire to help the Library continue to improve. This is a two year term and the board meets once a month.

**New additions to WH library**

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| <p>DVDs:<br/>The Black Dahlia<br/>Déjà vu<br/>The Devil Wears Prada<br/>Happy Feet<br/>The Illusionist<br/>National Treasure<br/>Rocky Balboa<br/>Wallace and Gromit</p> <p>FICTION:<br/>Emma's Secret by Barbara Taylor Bradford<br/>Seizure by Robin Cook<br/>The Divide by Nicholas Evans</p> | <p>6th Target by James Patterson<br/>Lean Means Thirteen by Janet Evanovich<br/>Born O'Hurley by Nora Roberts<br/>Moment of Truth by Lisa Scottoline</p> <p>JUNIOR FICTION:<br/>Captain Underpants and the Preposterous Plight of the Purple Potty People and Captain Underpants and the Wrath of the Wicked Wedgie Woman by Dav Pilkey<br/>A Big, Spooky House by Donna L. Washington</p> |
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**MUSIC**

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initiative designed to increase the number of first-generation students completing a baccalaureate degree.

He is a member of the Texas Choral Directors Association, the American Choral Directors Association and the Texas Music Educators Association.

Angela Smith joined the TJC music faculty in 2001. In addition to her new duties as director of Harmony and Understanding, she instructs music appreciation courses and teaches private voice lessons.

Smith received her bachelor's and master's degrees in vocal performance from the University of Texas at Tyler. She attended TJC, where she was a member of Harmony and Understanding, A Cappella Choir and served as secretary of the TJC Phi Theta Kappa chapter.



In addition to her voice studio at TJC, she has maintained a private voice studio since 1998. Her students have placed in UIL all-state and region choirs and have moved on to successful college careers in music and theater. Her students have competed in national competitions and participated in theater workshops in New York and abroad.

Smith has worked as a guest conductor and voice clinician for area schools. Since 2003, she has instructed a summer voice program at TJC and has conducted a theater camp.

Organized in 1971, Harmony and Understanding is a select group of students from the Tyler Junior College A Cappella Choir. The group averages about 25 appearances a year, including such events as: State Fair of Texas; Texas Rose Festival; Miss Texas Pageant; July 4th celebrations at the Cotton Bowl; Texas Breakfast Club in Washington, D.C.; Nice, France - Carnival; Yachiyo, Japan - Sister City Concert; London Millennium Concert Series and Parade; Military Bases, Hawaii; and Ramstein Air Force Base, Germany.

**Whitehouse grads earn scholarships**

Three Whitehouse High School graduates have been awarded scholarships by the Texas Interscholastic League Foundation.

Brian Keith Crawford received a Southwest Emblem Company Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000, payable \$500 each semester of the first year. This year the Southwest Emblem Company awarded a total of five grants to students who have participated in the University Interscholastic League Academic State Meet and who have compiled an outstanding record of academic and extracurricular achievement.

Crawford competed in computer science at the 2007 UIL Academic State Meet where he finished fourth overall and was a member of the second place team. He also participated in UIL cross examination debate, Lincoln-Douglas Debate, science, mathematics and number sense throughout his high school career. He is the son of

Roy and Elaine Crawford.

Crawford plans to attend Texas A&M University-College Station and major in aeronautical engineering.

Caitlan Danielle Bartle received a Houston Endowment Inc. Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000, payable \$500 each semester for the first year.

This year the Houston Endowment awarded a total of 20 grants to students who have participated in the University Interscholastic League Academic State Meet and who have compiled an outstanding record of academic and extracurricular achievement.

Bartle competed in headline writing and finished first in editorial writing at the 2007 UIL Academic State Meet. She also participated in UIL spelling and vocabulary, ready writing and accounting throughout her high school career. She is the daughter of Kayla and David Bartle.

Bartle plans to attend Tyler Jr. College and major in biology.

Britt Matthew Martin received a Welch Foundation Scholarship in the amount of \$14,000, payable over four years. This year the Welch Foundation awarded a total of 20 grants to students who have participated in the University Interscholastic League Academic State Meet and who plan to major in chemistry, biochemistry or chemical engineering.

Martin competed in social studies at the 2007 UIL Academic State Meet. He also participated in UIL science, number sense and basketball throughout his high school career. He is the son of Stan and Mary Martin.

Martin plans to attend Texas A&M University-College Station and major in chemical engineering.

This year the TILF awarded 377 new awards and will renew approximately 275 awards for a total of more than 600 scholarships for 2007-08, with value of over \$1 million.

**Scholarships available for young artists**

The Texas Commission on the Arts (TCA) is now accepting applications for the 2008 class of the Young Masters scholarships program. The scholarships will help promising young school-aged students in Texas to excel in the arts.

The Young Masters Program will provide exemplary arts students in grades 8-12 with the financial help they need to pursue advanced study in the areas of visual arts, literature, music, theatre, dance and media arts.

Only the most talented young artists will receive the title of Young Master and will be granted \$2,500 scholarships per year to further their studies in their chosen arts disciplines. All proposed artistic training programs should be completed during the period of May 1, 2008 through August 31, 2008. Students are eligible to receive the scholarship for up to three years, but they must reapply annually. Young Mas-

ters scholarships are not available for collegiate study.

"For the past six years, the Commission has seen impressive artistic advancement among our Young Masters who attended such prestigious summer programs as the School of Visual Arts in New York, the Chicago Art Institute, Julliard, the American dance Festival, Ann Reinking's Broadway Theatre Project and Tangkewood," said TCA Executive Director Ricardo Hernandez. "We are eager to give a fresh group of young people this unprecedented opportunity to achieve a mastery that many artists only dream of attaining."

All Texas students who are U.S. citizens and who are participating in a school-based program, a summer institute, or a specialized course of study; or who are receiving private lessons from a qualified professional instructor are encouraged to apply. In order to be consid-

ered, students must maintain passing grades in all academic areas, and it's important to note that the applicants compete against a standard of excellence, not each other.

A brief narrative describing an applicant's course of study and detailing how the student will use the scholarship to advance his/her artistic abilities must accompany all applications. A budget indicating anticipated expenditures will also be required. Applicants must also provide evidence of their previous efforts in the arts by submitting a portfolio, a cassette tape, videotape, slides or some other representation of their creative work.

Applications for the Young Masters program may be obtained by calling TCA at (512) 936-6563 or by visiting <http://www.arts.state.tx.us>. All applications and support documents must be postmarked by Thursday, Nov. 15, 2007.



**Notice**

**of Vote on Tax Rate**

The \_\_\_\_\_ City of Troup  
conducted a public hearing on a proposal  
to increase the total tax revenues of the

\_\_\_\_\_ City of Troup, Texas

from properties on the tax roll in the preceding  
year by \_\_\_\_\_ 17.5 \_\_\_\_\_ percent  
on Aug. 23, 2007 at 6:30 p.m. and Aug. 27, 2007 at 6:30 p.m.

The \_\_\_\_\_ Troup City Council

is scheduled to vote on the tax rate that  
will result in that tax increase at a public  
meeting to be held

on Thursday, August 30, 2007 at 6:30 p.m.

at \_\_\_\_\_ TISD Administration Building .