

## BULLETIN BOARD

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## Community Activities

## Quilter's Guild meet today

The Quilters' Guild of East Texas meets on the second Thursday of each month at Pollard United Methodist Church. Fellowship starts with coffee and goodies at 9:30 a.m. Night meetings are also held on the second Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. at Pollard United Methodist Church.

## Troup VFW to meet

The Troup VFW will meet Thursday, Nov. 8 at 7 p.m. at the Troup Library

## Troup G/H Society hosts code talker

Joe Martinez, grandson of a WWII European Theater code talker, will present a program on his grandfather, Charles Chibitty. The program will be presented Saturday, Nov. 10 at 2 p.m. at the library in Troup.

## ET Celiac support group to meet

The East Texas Celiac support group meeting will be Saturday, Nov. 10 from 10 a.m. to noon at the Benevolent Center of the West Erwin Church of Christ at 215 S. Bonner St. in Tyler. There will be an open discussion about Celiac Disease and the Gluten Free diet.

## Henry Marsh Bell Masonic Lodge meeting

Henry Marsh Bell Masonic Lodge #1371 will meet Monday, Nov. 13 at 7 p.m. at the lodge hall. All Masonic Brothers are welcome to attend.

## Whitehouse 4-H Club to meet

The Whitehouse 4-H Club will be meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 13 at the Whitehouse United Methodist Church at 7 p.m. If anyone is interested in learning more about 4-H, please attend this meeting. Plans are under way for their Rabbit Clinic to be held in January.

## Troup American Legion Auxillary to meet

Troup American Legion Auxillary will meet Tuesday, Nov. 13 at 6 p.m. at the legion hall.

## Tyler Aggie Mom's Club meeting

The Tyler Aggie Mom's Club will meet Thursday, Nov. 15 at 7 p.m. at Pollard Methodist Church in Tyler. The scheduled speaker is Dr. Wayne Terrell, Associate Director for the Career Center at Texas A&M.

## Whitehouse library activities

Story time is every Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. Regular library hours are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday noon to 6 p.m. and Saturday 11-4. Questions? Call the library at 903-839-2949 or email at [whitehouselibrary@hotmail.com](mailto:whitehouselibrary@hotmail.com).

## Church Activities

## Community-wide Thanksgiving service

Whitehouse First Assembly of God Church will play host to the Ministerial Alliance's annual Community-wide Thanksgiving service on Wednesday, Nov. 14 at 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

## School Activities

## WH schools offer Veterans Day events

Cain Elementary students will be making banners honoring those with military service and veterans will be speaking in various classrooms on Friday, Nov. 9.

Brown Elementary's program is set for Monday, Nov. 12 at 1:15 p.m. in the gym.

Higgins Intermediate's program is set for Friday, Nov. 9 at 1:30 p.m. in the cafeteria.

Whitehouse Jr. High's program is set for Friday, Nov. 9 at 9 a.m. in the gym.

## Government Activities

## Troup trustees to meet

Troup ISD trustees meet Monday, Nov. 12 at 6:30 at the Troup ISD Administration Office at 201 N. Carolina.

## Troup City Council to meet

The regular monthly meeting of the Troup City Council is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 13. The meeting will be held at the Troup ISD Administration Office at 201 N. Carolina.

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## OBITUARIES

## Marjorie "Margie" Louise Sewell

Services for Marjorie "Margie" Louise Sewell, 80, of Troup were held Nov. 3 at First Baptist Church, Mixon.

Burial was at Laurel Land Memorial Park, Fort Worth, under direction of Laurel Land Funeral Home, Fort Worth.

Mrs. Sewell died Oct. 31, 2007.

She was born Oct. 11, 1927 in Fort Worth to the late Howard and Gladys French.

She graduated from Paschal High School and lived most of her life in the Fort Worth area.

She was preceded in death by brothers, Roy and Earl French, and son-in-law, Scott Fraser.

Survivors include her husband of 12 years, Lynn Sewell, Troup; sons, John E. Rhoads, Wichita Falls, and Mike Rhoads, Dallas; daughter, Mary V. Fraser, Fort Worth; stepson, Gary Sewell, Price, Tib Gray and Mike Gray, both of Saginaw; stepdaughter, Judy Stenbridge, Bridgeport; four grandchildren; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

If desired, memorials may be made to American Stroke Association, P.O. Box 15186, Austin, 78761; or charity of choice.



## Jerry Bob Parker

Services for Jerry Bob Parker, 64, of Tyler were held Nov. 2 at Burks Walker Tippit Funeral Home chapel, Tyler, with the Rev. Ron Byrd officiating.

Burial was in Whitehouse Cemetery.

Mr. Parker died Oct. 30, 2007 at his residence.

He was born Feb. 11, 1943 in Tyler to the late Cecil and Gladys Barner Parker.

He lived most of his life in Tyler and retired from Southern Utilities.

Survivors include son, Brian Parker, Whitehouse; daughters, Rachel Parker, Tyler, and Cynthia Evetts, Killeen; sisters, Dolores Parker Bain and Kay Johnson, both of Tyler; four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Charles Parker, Marvin Parker, Jerry Don Johnson, David Campbell, Steve Smiley and Gary Thorn.

Honorary pallbearers were the TASCAs coffee club members.

Memorials may be made to Meals on Wheels, 3500 Old Omen Rd., Tyler, 75701; or to Criss Cole Rehabilitation Center, 4800 N. Lamar, Austin, 78756.

## Emma Tomlinson

Graveside services for Emma Tomlinson, infant daughter of Samantha McFaddin of Whitehouse and Rusty Tomlinson of Tyler, were held Nov. 3 at Whitehouse Cemetery.

Arrangements are with Burks Walker Tippit Funeral Directors, Tyler.

The infant was born and died Oct. 30, 2007 in Houston.

In addition to her parents, survivors include grandparents, Ricky and Ginger McFaddin, Whitehouse, Jack and Cindy Tomlinson, Tyler; great-grandparents, aunts, uncles and cousins.



## Richard L. Gerla, Jr.

A Funeral Mass for Richard L. Gerla, Jr., 62, of Troup was celebrated Nov. 3, at Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church, Jacksonville, with the Reverend Mark Kusmirek officiating. Burial was in the Griffin Cemetery under the direction of Cottle Funeral Home, Troup.

Mr. Gerla died Oct. 31, 2007 in a Tyler hospital.

He was born April 15, 1945 in El Campo to the late Richard L. Gerla, Sr. and Antonia Angeline Hubenak Gerla.

He is a veteran of the US Army and served in the Vietnam War.

He received his bachelor's degree from the University of Houston and his master's degree in counseling from Sam Houston State University, Huntsville.

He married Jacqueline Kay Parten January 18, 1969 in Houston.

He was a math teacher at Carlisle ISD.

Mr. Gerla was an avid sportsman who loved to fish and hunt. He was a wonderful husband, father, son, brother, and teacher.

Survivors include his wife of 38 years, Jackie Gerla of Troup, a son, Jeffrey Jack Gerla of Troup, an adopted son, Chad Meroney of Troup; his mother, Tonnie Gerla of El Campo; three brothers and two sisters-in-law, Anthony Gerla, of El Campo, Lawrence and Susan Gerla of Louise, and Ray and Kathy Gerla of El Campo; his father-in-law and mother-in-law, Jack and Jeanette Parten of College Station; a sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Suzanne and Kendall Hay of College Station; and several nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers were Lawrence Gerla, Ray Gerla, Anthony Gerla, Chad Meroney, Brent Hay and Joe Reed.

Honorary pallbearers were Jack Parten, Kendall Hay, and Robert Milne.

If desired, memorials may be made to the Richard Gerla, Jr. Memorial Scholarship Fund, Carlisle ISD, P.O. Box 187, Price, TX 75687.

Online registration and condolences are available at [www.cottlefuneralhome.com](http://www.cottlefuneralhome.com).



## Will "WL" Castleberry

Services for Will "WL" Castleberry, 67, of Troup, were held Nov. 4 at Mount Zion Bethlehem Baptist Church with the Rev. German officiating.

Burial was in Pleasant Plain Cemetery under direction of Mercy/McGowan Funeral Home, Jacksonville.

Mr. Castleberry died Oct. 31, 2007 in a Tyler hospital.

He was born May 16, 1939, in Cherokee County and was reared and a Baptist.

He was preceded in death by parents and brother.

Survivors include son, Walter Lee Castleberry, California; brothers, A.C. Castleberry, Jacksonville, Chester Castleberry and McKenley Castleberry, both of Troup; sisters, Nancy Caldwell, Tyler, Georgia Castleberry, Troup, and Canzata Price, Corpus Christi.

Pallbearers were Shawn Hollins, Shawn Castleberry, Herman Castleberry, Derren Castleberry, Elmer Dudley and Vanel Gossett.

Honorary pallbearers were David Sutton, Noble Wesley and Norris James Montgomery.

## H.B. Fountain

HENDERSON - Graveside services for H.B. Fountain, 83, of Henderson, were held Nov. 3 at Zion Hill Cemetery with Jason Butte officiating under direction of Crawford-Crim-Bryan Funeral Home, Henderson.

Mr. Fountain died Nov. 2, 2007 in Longview.

He was born July 12, 1924 in Tilley, Ark., to James Edward and Lela Ross Fountain. He was owner/operator of Fountain Sheet Metal & Roofing.

Survivors include sons, James Fountain, Round Rock, Harvey Fountain and Arie Fountain, both of Kilgore; daughter, Linda Sipes, Henderson; brother, J.L. Fountain, Longview; sisters, Dutch Pierce, Oklahoma, Ola Faye Tarbutton, Tyler, Mattie McKinzie, Troup, Betty Jean Foster and Shirley Holland, both of Henderson; 11 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

## Willie Vann Jr.

Services for Willie Vann Jr., 76, of Tyler were held Nov. 1 at O.T. Allen & Son Funeral Home, Alto, with Pastor Todd Peavy and Brother Howard Vann officiating.

Burial was in Shiloh Cemetery near Alto.

Mr. Vann died Oct. 31, 2007 in Jacksonville.

He was born Feb. 17, 1931 in Franklin to the late Will and Verna Mauk Vann. He lived in Franklin most of his life and served in the Army during the Korean War. He retired from Crain Plumbing Co. in 1991. He owned and operated a cattle ranch in Franklin and was a member of First Baptist Church, Franklin.

He was preceded in death by one sister and four brothers.

Survivors include his wife, Marva Black Vann, Tyler; daughter, Teresa Wright, Caldwell; sons, Ronnie Vann, Caldwell, and Gary Vann, Scurry; stepsons, Paul Black, Whitehouse, and Jerry Black, Tyler; sisters, Alpha Dooley, Maudi Barnette and Mozelle Sanders, all of Franklin, and Loretta Barnett, Milano; brother, Howard Vann, Bremond; eight grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers were nephews, James Ray Barnett, Rogan Dooly, Bill Vann, Barry Vann, Larry Sanders and Mike Barnett.


Honorary pallbearers were Dr. Saade and the staff of Twin Oaks Nursing Home.



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Worship 11 am  
Children's Choir ~ Wed. 6 pm  
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