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Community Activities

Keep Whitehouse Beautiful to meet

Keep Whitehouse Beautiful will meet Thursday, Nov. 30 at 11 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall of the 1st Assembly of God Church in Whitehouse. The public is welcome to attend.

Reindeer Run set for Dec. 1

Tyler YMCA's Reindeer Run is scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 1. The day includes a 5K and a one half mile Family Fun Run. For registration information call the YMCA at 903-593-7327.

Aggie Moms hold fund-raiser garage sale

Aggie Moms will hold their annual scholarship garage sale on Saturday Dec. 1 from 6:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. INSIDE the Family Life Center of Gateway Baptist Church on Hwy 110 South of Whitehouse.

Troup Band Boosters to meet Monday

The Troup Band Boosters will meet Monday, Dec. 3 at 6:30 p.m. in the THS band hall.

Baptist Forerunners meet

On Monday, Dec. 3 at noon, Dianne Layne will host a Christmas luncheon for the Forerunners, Senior Adults of First Baptist Church, Troup at her home at 503 E. McKay. Sharon Hudspeth of Tyler will present "Christmas Stories from the Heart." Food is furnished.

Dixie Masonic Lodge to meet

The Dixie Masonic Lodge #272 in Troup will meet Tuesday, Dec. 4 at 7:30 p.m. at the lodge hall.

Troup American Legion to meet

Troup American Legion will meet Tuesday, Dec. 4 at 7 p.m. at the legion hall.

ET Celiac Support Group meeting

The East Texas Celiac Support Group's December meeting is a Holiday Dinner on Tuesday, Dec 4 at 6 p.m. at the Potpourri House, 3320 Troup Hwy in Tyler. Join us for a holiday outing and Gluten-Free dining. Reservations are required. For information and reservations call Bonnie Scott, 903-316-8764

Game Time for Seniors

Game Time for Senior Citizens will be Wednesday, Dec. 5 from 1-3 p.m. at the Troup library. All senior citizens are welcome to attend.

Aggie Moms Christmas Dinner

Tyler Aggie Moms will hold their annual Christmas dinner on Thursday, Dec. 6 at 6:15 p.m. at the Holiday Inn Select.

Troup Sons of the Legion to meet

Troup Sons of the Legion will meet Thursday, Dec. 6 at 6 p.m. at the legion hall.

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.

Church Activities

Bluegrass gospel music at Mixon

Mixon Missionary Baptist Church is hosting Bluegrass Gospel Music and hamburger/hotdog supper on Saturday, Dec. 1. Supper starts at 4 p.m. followed by the music at 6. Cost is \$6 per plate with the proceeds benefiting the church. Call Ms. Kirby 903-842-4774 for more information.

Government Activities

WISD trustees to meet

The Whitehouse ISD trustees will meet on Monday, Dec. 3 at 7 p.m. in the Wildcat Drive Annex, 109 Wildcat Drive.



Holiday Happenings

Lanes Chapel hosts Breakfast with Santa

Hey Kids! Come ready to eat breakfast and have your picture made with Santa on Saturday, Dec. 1. Breakfast begins at 9 a.m. at a cost of \$5 per child. Adults are \$3. Lanes Chapel UMC is located at 15475 FM 2493 in Tyler.

Christmas Stories on the Farm

Pre-K through third grade children are invited to attend an afternoon of fun on Saturday, Dec. 1 from 1-4 p.m. at Camp Tyler Farm. Reading with the animals, art activities, cookies and hot chocolate and door prizes are all being sponsored by the International Honor Society in Education and Patriots Association for Childhood Education International. To save your spot call Kathy at 903-262-1269 or email at Kathy@camp Tyler.org.

Christmas Ballet concert

Ballet Tyler is holding its annual Christmas Ballet Friday, Dec. 7 at Bergfeld Park amphitheatre at 7 p.m. The company will perform the traditional Christmas story through the art of dance. The performance is free to the public.



OBITUARIES

Billy J. Allen

ARP - Services for Billy J. Allen, 57, of Arp were held Nov. 21 at Rose Heights Church of God, Tyler, with the Rev. Bo Richardson officiating.

Burial was in Elkins Cemetery, Omen community, under direction of Cottle-Pearson Funeral Home, Overton.

Mr. Allen died Nov. 19, 2007 in a Tyler hospital.

He was born Jan. 31, 1950 in Overton to the late Willie Samuel and Marie Hanson Allen. He was a lifelong resident of the Arp area, graduated from Arp High School and retired in September 2006 from Delek Refining in Tyler after 22 years. He was a member of Rose Heights Church of God in Tyler and was vice president of Arp Youth Sports Association.

Survivors include his wife of 22 years, Robyn Womack Allen, Arp; sons, Mat Allen, Whitehouse, and William Allen, Arp; daughters, Toni Laird and Gena Allen, both of Arp; brother, Sammy Allen, Arp; and seven grandchildren.



Mitchell "Mickey" Jackson

FLINT - Services for Mitchell "Mickey" Jackson, 51, of Flint were held Nov. 24 at New Hope Baptist Church with the Rev. Donald Hampton officiating.

Burial was in New Hope Cemetery, Bullard, under direction of John R. Harmon Undertaking Co., Tyler.

Mr. Jackson died Nov. 19, 2007 at his residence.

He was born Sept. 5, 1956 in Smith County and was a lifelong resident. He graduated from Whitehouse High School and was a member of New Hope Baptist Church. He was preceded in death by his father and grandparents.

Survivors include sons, Brad Hawkins, Flint, and Jermain Jackson, Whitehouse; daughter, Latoya Warren, Tyler; mother, Lois Dunning, Flint; brothers, Wiley Jackson Sr., Dallas, Milton Jackson and Darren Alford, both of Flint; sisters, Darlene Roy, Fort Worth, Pam Alford, Flint, and Yolanda Alford, Tyler; and six grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Troy Kelly, Tory Stewart, Melvin Pettigrew, Jerry Spikes, Eric Williams and James Bowie.

Honorary pallbearers were D'Andre Alford, Wiley Jackson Jr., Keith Jackson, Miccal Jackson, LaCurtis Mayes and Da'Mon Alford.

COUNCIL

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Not this year, maybe not for three years."

Adams said he had researched the number of water connections in the city and said it would cost each bill payer \$7.56 "to ensure a \$6 million insurance policy to have water." Adams was referring to the estimated cost of a 20-year contract with the City of Tyler and the cost of paying a monthly demand fee of almost \$20,000 regardless of the amount of actual water purchased.

Representatives of the engineering firm of Stokes & Associates were on hand to discuss the timeline for the Lake Striker plan as well as possible alternatives for the short term, including getting water from the City of Troup.

Ralph Stokes told council that a 16" pipeline from Troup to Whitehouse would cost \$3.5 million and could be done in nine to 12 months, depending on right of way issues.

"It wouldn't be wasted," Stokes told council, as Whitehouse and Troup are partners in the Lake Striker option contract and a pipeline between the two cities would be needed eventually.

Although Mayor John Whitsell said Troup would be glad to help, he said his city could not sustain Whitehouse's current usage without another well or two on this end.

State guidelines require that Whitehouse provide approximately 15,060 gallons per minute for its 2,600 connections; the current production is 890 gallons per minute.

The well at Lilly Road is scheduled to come online by Feb. 17 and is expected to pump 300 gallons per minute, which means the city still needs roughly 370 gallons to meet its minimum daily requirement.

Based on its connections,

Troup must pump 580 gallons per minute and is currently producing 1,120 from three wells.

Adams reiterated his reluctance to pursue more wells.

"We spend \$2.5 million for every hole we put in the ground - that's silly. I don't want to keep drilling wells; that's not the answer," he said.

In a related matter, the council gave approval to publicize notice of intention to purchase certificates of obligation for a proposed well on Mountainview. Adams voted against this item.

If approved, this well should come online in July as the city heads into its peak summer usage. Financial director Jed Dillingham said after the meeting that 20 percent of the Lilly Road's expected production would have covered the purchases the city made from Tyler this past summer.

Jeff Tomlin, director of public works, said water was a concern for him and the state requirements reflected a minimum flow. "It could be 10 times that this summer," he said.

In other agenda items, council voted unanimously to confirm and ratify all actions taken during the Sept. 25 and Oct. 23 meetings due to uncertainty about the mayor's residency and its legal effect.

Council approved this action after Adams called a point of order when Jacobson said he was going to remove the item because he had not been asked or notified about its being on the agenda. After some heated exchange, council voted 3-2 to allow the agenda item (Bill Powers and Danny Hogden voted no, with Adams, Gene Champion and Dale Moran voting yes).

(Due to space constraints, a more detailed story on the council meeting will be in next week's newspaper.)

SCHOOLS

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"This is a great honor for our students and teachers," said Driver. "Our teachers really care about the kids here and do a great job."

Driver added that this was definitely the result of a "team effort," including parents, teachers, tutors and admin staff, and that any success on his campus was "well-paved at the middle school and elementary level."

Troup Middle School and Troup Elementary are both "Recognized" campuses, with the middle school earning that mark three years in a row.

"The success at all of our schools has been phenomenal," said Beaty, who joined Driver in sharing the praise with principals Ava Johnson and Debbie Moxley, as well as curriculum director Dr. Katie Preadst.

This is the fourth time *Texas Monthly* has published a list of the top public schools in the state, and the second consecutive year that the higher performing schools are ranked according to the number of subjects in which they excel.

Joyce Marie Conner

Services for Joyce Marie Conner, 71, of Tyler were held Nov. 28 at Stewart Family Funeral Home, Tyler, with the Rev. Rhett Ansley officiating.

Burial will be in Rose Lawn Cemetery.

Mrs. Conner died Nov. 26, 2007 in a Tyler hospice.

She was born Aug. 11, 1936, in Ganado to Bernard H. and Frances Sless Mamerow. She was a homemaker, a member of the Frankston Garden Club and a volunteer for the Whitehouse Library.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, one sister, and grandson, Stephen Marshall Conner, in 2001.

Survivors include her husband of 53 years, T.W. Conner, Tyler; daughters, Dana Conner, San Antonio, and Valerie Frazier, Swansea, S.C.; sons, Tom Conner, Whitehouse, and Mark Conner, Bullard; eight grandchildren; nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers were Brad Setera, Jeff Macek, Gerd Conner, Ralph Conner, John Porter and Ronnie Bean.

Honorary pallbearers were members of the Women's Bible Study of Hollycreek Village.

Memorials may be made to The Salvation Army, 633 N. Broadway Ave., Tyler, 75702.

Janet Tomlin

Memorial services for Janet Tomlin, 58, of Tyler were held Nov. 21 at Marvin United Methodist Church with the Rev. Doug Baker officiating.

Private burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery under direction of Stewart Family Funeral Home, Tyler.

Ms. Tomlin died Nov. 19, 2007 at her residence.

She was born Dec. 25, 1948 in Gainesville to Alba Robert and Jo Ann Stewart Murdoch. She grew up in Tyler and graduated from Robert E. Lee High School in 1966 and from Tyler Junior College. She attended North Texas State University and Texas A&M University. She retired in June 2004 as a bank teller from Southside Bank after 23 years of service. She was preceded in death by her father, Bob Murdoch.

Survivors include daughter, Melissa Eeds, Whitehouse; mother, Jo Ann Murdoch, Tyler; sister, Dianne Cavazos, Humble; and three grandchildren.

If desired, memorials may be made to American Diabetes Association, 4100 Alpha Road, Suite 100, Dallas, 75244; or Humane Society of Smith County, 1823 CR 386, Tyler, 75708.



Thelma Jean Ables

Private family memorial services for Thelma Jean Ables, 87, of Whitehouse will be held at a later date. Arrangements are with Hilliard Funeral Home, Van.

Mrs. Ables died Nov. 20, 2007 in Tyler.

She was born June 13, 1920 in Stillwater, Okla., to the late Thomas Jessie and Ida Mae Bolieu. She lived in Whitehouse for about 45 years, was a homemaker and a member of St. Francis Episcopal Church. She was preceded in death by her husbands, Dr. Bowden Beaty, David Boice and Johnny Ables; and a daughter, Carol.

Survivors include son, Clyde Beaty; daughters, Luan Mendel and Margaret Livings; seven grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

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