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## Welcome to Tyler County!!

A special section inside this issue highlighting Tyler County Chamber of Commerce activities and information needed by newcomers!

# The Tyler County Booster

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## Doucette man dies following shooting

**DOUCETTE**—A 24-year-old Doucette man was being held in the Tyler County Jail this week under a \$100,000 bond after being charged with murder in connection with the shooting death of Billy Ray McNeal, 34, also of Doucette.

Gary Lynn Skinner surrendered to Tyler County deputy sheriffs Saturday afternoon and was charged with murder before Justice of the Peace Tom Parker.

According to Sheriff Gary Hennigan, deputies were called to the Rump Shakers Cafe in Doucette about 1 a.m. Saturday in connection with a shooting incident. Witnesses reported that an argument between McNeal and Skinner developed into a fight inside the cafe.

"During the fight, the victim was shot a number of times. The two then

went outside where the victim was shot several more times before the suspect reloaded his gun and ran from the scene," Hennigan said.

McNeal was taken to Tyler County Hospital by Eastex EMS Ambulance where he was pronounced dead later that morning.

Skinner turned himself into deputies at the Tyler County Justice Center at 2:20 p.m. Saturday.

Although the exact number of gunshot wounds inflicted on McNeal will not be known until the completion of an autopsy, Hennigan said that the man suffered "multiple wounds" including those to his chest and face.

All of the gunshots are believed to have been inflicted by a .25 caliber pistol at close range. The murder weapon has been recovered, Hennigan said.

## Exchange of gunfire leaves one man dead

**WOODVILLE**—A 17-year-old Tyler County youth was being held in the Tyler County Justice Center late Tuesday afternoon following an exchange of gunfire which left his step-father, David Currier, dead.

Robert Wayne Hoffman was charged with voluntary manslaughter. Bond was not yet set at press time.

According to Sheriff Gary Hennigan, deputies were called to the Currier residence in the Fox Landing area off Recreation Road 255 at about 12:40 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 25. The residence is located in northeastern Tyler County.

Currier, 44, was subsequently pronounced dead at the scene by Justice of the Peace Tom Parker.

"Witnesses said that the victim, David Currier, started shooting at his step-son and that Hoffman managed

to get to a gun and return the fire," Hennigan said.

Hoffman told investigators that he and his step-father had been having problems but that the shooting was unexpected.

"He said he was working on his vehicle when he heard a shot go by him. He told us that it scared him and that he ran into the house and got a gun," Hennigan said.

Although it was unknown Tuesday how many times Currier may have fired at his step-son, Hennigan said that Hoffman fired a .44 caliber rifle only once, striking Currier in the left side.

The sheriff said the investigation in the incident was continuing and that the case would be presented to a Tyler County grand jury.

## One killed, two hurt in Sunday accident

**WOODVILLE**—A Jasper man was killed and two others injured in a one-car accident reported Sunday afternoon on Highway 190 in Tyler County.

Mark McGuire Cannon, 37, died after being thrown from a 1993 Chevrolet two-door car. The driver of the car, Justin Lee Hamm, 19, of Brookeland and Alvis Clarence Greenway, 20, of Warren were treated and released from the Tyler County Hospital for minor injuries, officials said.

All three are employed as correc-

tions officers at the Terrell Prison Unit near Livingston and were returning home from work, traveling east on Highway 190. According to reports, Hamm fell asleep about 3:30 p.m. and the car began veering into the opposite lane of traffic.

Hamm apparently woke up and tried to steer back onto the road but instead went into a spin and struck a tree, authorities said.

Cannon was not wearing a seat belt at the time of the accident.



**A BEGINNING AND ENDING**—Bob Bell (left) formally assumed the duties of president of the Tyler County Chamber of Commerce last week after presenting the 1993 President Dr. Stephen Porcari (right) with an plaque of appreciation. See story on page 2A (Photo by Greg Peak).

## WISD buys computer network system

By Dale Gazzaway  
Staff writer

**WOODVILLE**—The Woodville ISD board of trustees last week approved the purchase of a computer network system from Texas Computer Associates to the tune of over \$35,000. The system will be used in the upgrading of the high school library operations.

According to Tommy Weaver, WISD business manager, the purchase will be funded out of the CARE Grant, a part of \$105,184 recently awarded to the district through the Deep East Texas Council of Governments (DETCOG), and some additional funds which were already budgeted for library use.

Weaver told trustees that two bids were received, the first from Texas Computer Associates for \$35,251; and the second, from Triad for \$34,994. The bid from Texas Computer Associates was accepted on the recommendation of consultant, Halls Taylor, and was, according to Weaver, "three pages long and very detailed." The bid cov-

ers purchase (including installation fee) of one file server, seven stations, and various hardware and software.

WISD Library Coordinator Judy Kenesson presented a preview of the computers, their software and functions, by displaying and demonstrating two computers currently leased and available to students. "All of our libraries are meeting the minimum standards for the Texas Education Agency (TEA), but I'm not happy with minimum," she stated.

Labelling the new equipments as "upgrading our libraries in the age of information," Kenesson explained that the improvement of the library will be packaged in a three-fold program.

"The first step will be to automate the library with a networked computer system, increasing the availability of information for students.

"The second step is to upgrade and expand research information, beginning with periodical indexing."

In addition, a program called Social Issues Resources Series (SIRS), which

## Indians consider gambling

By Dan Eakin  
Contributing writer

**INDIAN VILLAGE**—The possibility of bingo and casino gambling at the Alabama-Coushatta Indian Reservation will be considered at a meeting of the tribal council on Thursday, Feb. 10.

Jo Ann Battise, administrator, said Tuesday that some members of the council and other tribal members went to an Indian reservation in Minnesota last month to look over the gambling operation there and will discuss their findings at the meeting.

She said the administration and other tribal members have done extensive research to explore the possibilities of having bingo and/or casino gambling at the reservation, which is located on Highway 190 between Woodville and Livingston.

Battise added that most Indian tribes in the United States currently raise revenue through gambling. Because they are located on a federal reservation, the Alabama-Coushatta tribes could collect revenue from bingo without any taxes being paid to the state, she added.

However, the council will also be considering the possibility of casino gambling, which would include slot machines and card games. A compact with Gov. Ann Richards' office would have to be approved for this, Battise

See GAMBLING, pg. 2A



**EASTERN WILD TURKEYS RELEASED HERE**—Some 12 Eastern Wild Turkey hens and three gobblers were released in the northeast quadrant of Tyler County last week as part of a move to restore a species that was historically found in East Texas. According to Texas Department of Wildlife Biologists Dan Boone and Norman Due, the birds were flown in from Iowa, picked up at the Iukin Airport and released the same day under baby skies in Tyler County. The release called for 15 turkeys for

each site at a cost of \$550 for each bird. There are eight sites in Tyler County. The birds are 50 percent adult and 50 percent juvenile. 5,000 contiguous acres of land had to be registered prior to the release, said the biologists. Shown above (l-r): during the release are Dr. Raymond Parker, Biologist Boone, Texas Parks and Wildlife Officer Mike Wheat and Biologist Due. On hand but not shown were Gene and Bob Boykin. (Photo by John Morrison)

## Vandalism spree ends with arrests

**WOODVILLE**—Two 17-year-old Tyler County youths were charged with a variety of felony and misdemeanor complaints following a vandalism spree reported in Woodville last week.

Tommy Shane Parrish of Woodville and John Charles Savant of Colmesneil were arrested Tuesday, Jan. 18, by Woodville police in connection with damages inflicted on headstones in the Magnolia Cemetery, the slashing of a number of automobile tires and the breaking of an automobile rear window.

According to Police Chief Scott Yosko, the vandalism spree began about 9 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 17, and continued through the night.

Each of the suspects were charged with felony desecration of a venerated object in connection with the headstone damages; one count of felony criminal mischief in connection to damages to the back window of a Lincoln Continental; one class A misdemeanor and three class B criminal mischief complaints in connection with the tire slashing incidents; and misdemeanor theft in connection with the theft of two bicycles.

In other police activity last week, See POLICE, pg. 2A



# Page Two

## At the Village



By Dottie Johnson

It was different this year. And those who attended the Tyler County Heritage Society's Annual Membership Meeting Monday night seemed to approve of the changes. A group of new and old members gathered at the Pickett House, paid their membership dues (if they hadn't paid them already), picked up stars to put on their badges (for 1994 membership) and enjoyed a hearty dinner before heading to the Cherokee Church for their meeting.

On the way, they stopped for a chat with blacksmith Tom Lundquist of Livingston, who had the forge blazing and the anvil singing. Then into the church, where Sondra Henshaw was waiting for them, filling the historic structure with the music of her hammered dulcimer. Sondra is president of the Heritage Village Dulcimer Society, which like the East Texas Blacksmith Alliance is one of the three inner groups that call the Village home.

Extraordinary members of the evening was the introduction by Jesse Collins of categories of extraordinary memberships in recognition of gifts made by individuals or corporations. Heading this list was the HOME-STEADER for someone, as Collins noted, who is here to stay and whose monetary contribution has been more than \$5,000.

To start the wheels rolling in that direction, President Joella Knapp presented the society's first HOME-STEADER membership to Jack and Marie Whitmeyer, who over recent years have more than quadrupled that figure, monetarily as well as voluntarily. Both Jack and Marie have been involved in the Heritage Society since its beginnings in its present form, and Jack's work with the Village goes back to the early days of Clyde and Bill Gray. He has also served as chairman of the Tyler County Historical Commission for many years.

Other membership categories introduced by Collins were SPURGER, recognizing gifts of \$2,500 to \$4,900,

## Awards, meeting schedules, elections highlight annual meeting

EXPLORER for gifts of \$1,000 to \$2,499, and PIONEER for gifts of \$250 to \$999. Annual membership dues remain at \$15 for individuals, \$25 for families, \$50 for small businesses.

Hiking trails and brochures In her report on beautification, Keelin Parker brought the group up to date on work being done to improve the Village's Hiking Trails, work that is being accomplished through a matching fund grant from the federal government under a seven year management program. To date, matching funds have come from a generous cash donation by the Whitmeyers, provided by Keelin and the Parker Forestry Consultant's own employees and by many volunteer hours.

Carol Phillips introduced members to the new Village brochure, which the Chamber of Commerce is sending out in packets to those asking for information about our area, and thanked the Chamber for their financial support.

Fred Sullivan talked briefly about the Society's Endowment program and the many ways it can be used to build a firm base of continued funding for Village maintenance.

And Georgia Collins put a new twist on the age old plea for volunteers by calling on members, many of whom were retired, to find a new career within the Village.

The Village is well Villager Director Marjorie Schultz saluted her Village staffers, who continually give of themselves after the time cards are punched out. She talked about Ofelia Garza, who has been with the Village since the Heritage Society purchased it and who is involved in everything that takes place whether it be the Harvest Festival, the membership meeting, ordering books and supplies, handling in-store bookkeeping, or mopping the floors and dusting the shelves before sliding behind the cash register for another day as usual.

Charles Mayhew, Marjorie noted, can be all things to all people. He says what needs to be done, and he does it. He plays sheriff for school groups, talking to the youngsters about gun safety, takes a turn in the blacksmith shop, if necessary, and leads Heritage Society members through the Village to the Cherokee Church for an annual meeting. And now, he has another job in his career. He plans to put together a trunk show of quilts and visit local schools to give young

people, many of whom have never heard of Heritage Village, a taste of history and introduce them to the wonders of what used to be.

Keeping the Village alive Marjorie also saluted the three organizations who have brought such interest to the Village through their ongoing programs. She introduced first her husband Charlie Schultz, a fourth generation blacksmith, who organized the East Texas Blacksmith Alliance at the Village. This group, which meets monthly at the Village, brings internationally known artists to demonstrate and teach the age-old tradition of blacksmithing through demonstrations and classes. With over 50 active members from throughout East Texas, the Alliance provides the Village with volunteers who demonstrate their blacksmithing for tour groups. It was this same group, which built the Village's new blacksmith Shop, giving of their time and talents to provide an arena for historic education.

Fred Sullivan, president of the Heritage Village Spinners and Weavers Guild, shared her enthusiasm with the Village as a center for Fiber Arts. When Martha came to the Harvest Festival last October, it was her first trip since the Heritage Society purchased the Village. She came looking for someone to share her love for weaving. That's when she met Nelda Wagner of El Campo, whose family had restored the old loom found in the big house. Together, they tackled Georgia Collins, and the three of them put together a Spinners and Weavers Guild that is catching on like wildfire. Martha has big ideas for that group, big as the Tom Crews house that Jesse Collins is donating to the Village as a center for Fiber Arts. Crews was Jesse's grandfather.

The Heritage Village Dulcimer Society was also noted for its phenomenal growth over the past nearly two years, bringing people to Heritage

Village from a wide area, eager to learn and play the dulcimer. Here again, nationally known and respected artists come to the Village to share their talents through workshops and concerts, such as the one given last Saturday by Scott Odena in the Cherokee Church.

Marjorie also mentioned the involvement of the Village Players, who have brought theater of many sorts to the Village. And she introduced Bill Stewart of Lufkin, who has taken on the Village's Genealogy Library. Stewart challenged everyone present to get his or her family history together, to urge friends and neighbors to do likewise, and to place copies of those histories available to this library. Meanwhile, he asked for volunteers to help him organize and catalog what it already had available.

It's in the pictures What followed was a beautifully organized slide presentation of pictures, taken by society member Ken Muckertoy of Tyler, that capture the people and the players who make the events as the Harvest Festival so successful.

After thanking the officers and board members, who have served with distinction, Knapp turned her attention back to Marjorie Schultz by presenting her with a plaque in appreciation for her unstinting devotion to Heritage Village Museum. Marjorie has served in her capacity as Village Director since 1988.

President's report In her president's report, Joella dwelled briefly on what she deemed to be the pluses of the past year and the minuses. In the former, she listed the First Annual Pioneer Quilt Show, a critical success to be repeated this year during the Dogwood Festival Arts Program the first weekend in April. She mentioned the improvements made to the Hillier Depot and the school house, and the reactions that are now stored in each, the recognition of the officers and board members, who have served with distinction, Knapp turned her attention back to Marjorie Schultz by presenting her with a plaque in appreciation for her unstinting devotion to Heritage Village Museum. Marjorie has served in her capacity as Village Director since 1988.

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## School Fun Wonderful words

By Darby Keithan I was beginning to think (and have been thinking) that I was being a little out-of-date, feeling as I do that it is important for children to learn to use words such as "please," "thank you," "excuse me," and "I'm sorry." However, I recently heard a fantastic motivational speaker who called these "wonderful words." He emphasized the importance of using these "wonderful words," being courteous, and about easing the stress of everyday life by being nicer to one another. There are, in fact, schools where adults who did not learn these "wonderful words" go to learn how to interact more positively with one another. He used another old-fashioned word, to learn manners. Many businesses hire specialists to teach their employees manners. Someone else must "teach" these words are important, also!

I learned manners as a young child; the school for manners I attended there, a preschooler of every child with whom I came in contact reminding children to say "please" and "thank you." I must have been something like that. I remember being told that all did it naturally as they grew. Children without manners were the exception, remarked upon in sadness and kindness. I remember being told that all did it naturally as they grew. Children without manners were the exception, remarked upon in sadness and kindness. I remember being told that all did it naturally as they grew. Children without manners were the exception, remarked upon in sadness and kindness.

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So, please remember the one who pulled the trigger is somebody, and just as important as you and I are in God's sight. The guilty one has parents and they love their child just as I loved my son.

There's a song that says, "No matter what the crime, Lord, you know this child is mine." And if by any chance my son had been the guilty one, I would still love him and would want mercy for him. Before I became a Child of God I could in no way say this, but thank God I can say from a clear heart that I hear and pray for you for all our sins so we can be ready when He comes back.

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## \* Gambling

When the Heritage Society hosts its Annual Fourth of July Picnic.

Election of officers Concluding Monday night's meeting was the election of officers by Nominating Committee chairman Stephen Porcari presenting three slates. The first, recommending the re-election of the present officers, was accepted by acclamation. These are Joella Knapp, president; Dottie Johnson, vice-president; Aloha Freeland, treasurer; Irma Hickman, treasurer.

New directors elected to serve three year terms are Madelon Graham, Paul Sundin, Marjorie Schultz, Joella Knapp, Dottie Johnson and Iris Wiedenfled. Ann Bowen and Dr. Gayle Burton were elected to fill vacancies in the term of Jan. 94 - Jan. 95.

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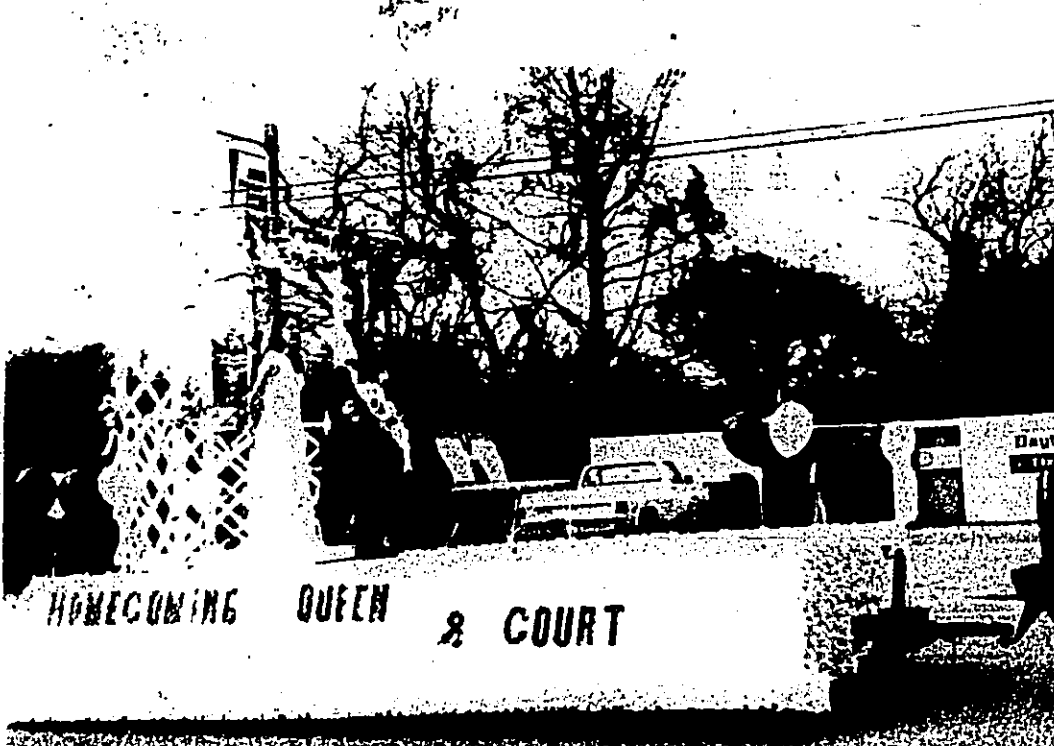
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SPURGER HOMECOMING PARADE A WINNER—Shown above is the Spurger Homecoming Queen and Court float taking part in Saturday's Spurger Homecoming Parade. Crowned during Friday's festivities was Monica Bingham, daughter of Lee and Loretta Bingham. Runner-up was LaShana Thomas, daughter of Eva and Harlan Phillips. Peggy Saph says she remembers when the Spurger Homecoming Parade had more floats than the Dogwood Parade. A mile of floats, riders and walkers stretched down FM 92. For a community the size of Spurger's, Saturday's Parade was something to be proud of thanks to efforts of the Spurger Ex-students Association, which is headed by Virgil Segrest Jr. (Photo by Dottie Johnson)

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## Meetings/Events

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## Pence, Guillory united on Jan. 22

WOODVILLE—Charly Love Pence and Brian Maxwell Guillory were united in marriage Jan. 22 at Woodville United Methodist Church. Parents of the bride are Mr. and Mrs. Ron Poindexter of Woodville and Mr. Kelley Pence of Houston.

Mother of the groom is Jo Ann Guillory of Colmesneil. The bride is a 1991 graduate of Woodville High School and attended Lamar University where she was a member of Alpha Chi Omega sorority. She is employed by J & S Drugs in Woodville.

The groom is a 1988 graduate of Colmesneil High School. He is employed by S & B Engineering in Houston. Maid of honor was Alissa Hays of Woodville, and bridesmaids were Dawn Trest of Denton, Regan Romero of Fort Arthur, and Dawn Judate and April Goodwin of Woodville.

Best man was Richard Shaw of Woodville, and groomsmen included Chris Guillory and Kevin Lotot of Colmesneil, and Ron Poindexter and Jack Pence of Woodville.

Ring bearer and flower girl were Christopher and Samantha Poindexter, brother and sister of the bride.

After a honeymoon trip to New Orleans, the couple will reside in Woodville.

WOODVILLE—Woodville Garden Club members held their January meeting at the home of Myrtle Lee Gordon, with President Beulah Schouffville calling the meeting to order with 12 members present.

The program, "Forest Trees of Texas - How to Know Them," was given by Jessie Perry. A message from the Local Star Gardeners, "Why Plant a Tree?" was reviewed by Lois Turner.

Committee reports were given. Arthur H. Henshaw, chairman of the Local Star Gardeners, presented plans for planting three ornamental fruit trees on the courthouse grounds as the club's annual Arbor Day celebration. The date and final program plans will be announced later.

Tree seedlings will be distributed by garden club members to those interested free of charge, at the Tyler County Nurseries Center on Feb. 9, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. These seedlings, Red Oak, Live Oak, Green Ash and Yellow Poplar, are courtesy of Champion International Corp.

The February meeting will be held at Our Lady of the Pines Catholic Church at 10 a.m. on Feb. 16. Members are to bring a sack lunch and make paper flowers for the Tyler County Dogwood Festival.

WOODVILLE—The Tyler County Extension Service will be conducting a "Labor Saver Breads" Workshop and Demonstration at noon on Thursday, Feb. 10 in the conference room of the Tyler County Courthouse.

Techniques and tips on using the popular Bread Machine will be demonstrated by County Extension Agent Sherry Jeanes.

The workshop is free and open to the public. For more information call the Woodville Inn Ballroom for the event.

Other highlights of the annual program was an appearance by television anchorwoman Sally Rieger, Alvis of Beaumont and the presentation of the top chamber awards.

The 1993 Citizen of the Year honor went to Woodville businessman Pete Peritte for his contributions to the betterment of the community.

The Honorary Citizen of the Year award went to Tyler County Judge Jerome Owens Jr. for his contributions to the county over a period of years.

For more information on the top award winners, as well as others recognized by the chamber, see the special "Welcome to Tyler County" section in this edition.

Belt, the senior vice president of Citizens State Bank, told the crowd that although he is a Tyler County native, he was forced to seek work outside the county.

"I know first hand what it means to have to make a decision on whether or not to leave Tyler County in order to make a living for my family," he told the crowd. "My pledge is to work to improve the local economy so that young people who want to stay here can do so and provide a future for their families."

In his brief remarks to the chamber membership, Belt praised Porcari and other chamber leaders for their efforts in doing an outstanding job to improve the economic climate of the county. He noted that during 1993, there were 244 new jobs created in the county and more on the way.

Among the projects listed by Porcari included the location of an Attorney General's office in Woodville which will employ 12 people; expansion of the Keller Industries plant near Woodville, which Porcari said has been listed as the companies most productive facility in the state; and the opening of the Sinclair Children's Center.

Porcari also noted that construction of a new public housing project is underway on Cobble Mill Road that in addition to providing more housing, will generate construction jobs. He added that the GIB Lewis Prison Unit near Woodville will be adding another 300 beds as well as being 60-65 more jobs.

## Readers Write

### A solemn plea for peace

Dear Editor: To whoever this may concern: This is about the tragic thing that occurred at the Rump Shakers Club Friday night, Jan. 21, 1994. I am the mother of the fallen victim, but I humbly beg, as a servant of God, please don't let any hatred, malice, revenge or that sort of thing come into your minds one way or the other.

"Let's remember Satan in the name of the Almighty God. Satan is on the warpath, stirring up wrath everywhere he goes, because he knows he doesn't have much longer to do his thing."

Jesus is soon to come. He's going to destroy all this wickedness on this planet Earth. II Tim. 3:1 tells us there will be terrible times in the last days, but in II Chr. 7:14 God says if His people who are called by His name would humble themselves and pray and seek His face and turn from their wicked ways, then will He hear from Heaven, and will forgive their sins and heal their land."

So, please remember the one who pulled the trigger is somebody, and just as important as you and I are in God's sight. The guilty one has parents and they love their child just as I loved my son.

There's a song that says, "No matter what the crime, Lord, you know this child is mine." And if by any chance my son had been the guilty one, I would still love him and would want mercy for him. Before I became a Child of God I could in no way say this, but thank God I can say from a clear heart that I hear and pray for you for all our sins so we can be ready when He comes back.

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## Homemaker Hints Nutrition for the athlete

By Sherry Jeanes County Extension Agent Home Economics

It's becoming more apparent that a "healthy" body weight is an important factor for long-term well-being, especially for athletes. While most people in Texas would not like to lose some weight, many people



# Tyler County Church Listings

- Adventist**  
**Seventh Day Adventist Church**  
 1 miles south of Warren  
 Ray House, Pastor
- Agape**  
**Agape Church**  
 FM 1745 837-4434  
 K. and Gina Harrison, Pastors
- Apostolic**  
**Lakeside Apostolic Church**  
 429-5481  
 Bro. Hershel Lott, Pastor
- Assembly of God**  
**Abundant Life Fellowship**  
 Hwy. 190 at 92, Dan B. T. 283-3334  
 Rev. J. D. Hughes  
**Assembly of God**  
 R.C. Tilley, Pastor  
**Colmesneil Assembly of God**  
 Colmesneil, Texas 837-4424  
 J.C. Carter, Pastor  
**Hillister Baptist Church**  
 Hillister, Texas 283-2725  
 Melvin D. McCallion, Pastor  
**Oak Grove Assembly of God**  
 Hwy. 92 between Fred & Spurger  
 429-5055  
 Rev. Wayne Watts, Pastor  
**Shady Grove Assembly of God**  
 West of Woodville  
 Trinity Christian Center  
 Hwy. 190 West, Woodville  
 283-3351  
 Pastor
- Baptist**  
**Aline Independent Baptist**  
 1/8 miles N. of Doucette on FM3065  
 Buddy McDaniel, Pastor  
**Beech Creek Baptist Church**  
 FM 1013, 3 miles west of Spurger,  
 Robert McClelland, Pastor  
**Bethany Baptist Church**  
 Colmesneil, Texas  
 Rev. Jack Butler, Pastor  
**Bethel Baptist Church**  
 Colmesneil, Texas  
 Warren, Hwy. 1943 W. of 69  
 Ron George, Pastor  
**Calvary Baptist Church**  
 Hwy. 69 North, Woodville, Texas  
 Rev. Bill Gardner, Pastor  
**Camp Zion Baptist Church**  
 Doucette, Texas  
 Rev. L.S. Hunt, Pastor  
**Caney Creek Baptist Church**  
 Colmesneil, Texas  
 G.M. Shadley, Pastor  
**Chester Baptist Church**  
 Chester, Texas  
 Jimmy Dean, Pastor
- Dogwood Hills Baptist Church**  
 Hwy. 190 West, Woodville  
 Rev. Troy A. Richardson, Pastor  
**Ebenezer Baptist Church**  
 Colmesneil, Texas  
 Bro. Mike Ivie, Pastor  
**Emmanuel Baptist Church**  
 2 miles N. of Doucette on Hwy. 69  
 Pastor  
**Enon Baptist Church**  
 4 miles E. of Chester on 1745  
 Henry Shetles, Pastor  
**Fairview Baptist Church**  
 Hwy. 92, Town Bluff  
 Bro. Dan Magee, Pastor  
**Fellowship Primitive Baptist**  
 547-2223  
 Elder O. Woodrow Wilson, Pastor  
**First Baptist Church, Colmesneil**  
 Hwy. 69/256 West, Spurger  
 Bro. Michael Ledbetter, Pastor  
**First Baptist Church, Doucette**  
 Doucette, Texas  
 Rev. J. Spruigen, Pastor  
**First Baptist Church of Spurger**  
 Spurger, Texas  
 David Nugent, Pastor  
**First Baptist Church, Warren**  
 Warren, Texas  
 Kenneth Cautin, Pastor  
**First Baptist Church, Woodville**  
 Corner of Wheat & Charlton 283-2588  
 Dr. Charles W. Hany, Pastor  
**First Shiloh Baptist Church**  
 Hwy. 69/256 West, Spurger  
 Bro. Ben C. Sample, Pastor  
**Grace Baptist Church**  
 Fowler Rd., 3 1/2 miles E. of Colmesneil  
 Off FM 256, 283-3952  
 G.W. Patrick, Pastor  
**Harmony Baptist Church**  
 FM 256, off Highway 190 West  
 Bro. Steve Ford, Pastor  
**Hebron Baptist Church**  
 5 miles south of Warren, Hwy. 69  
 Pastor  
**Hillister Baptist Church**  
 Hillister, Texas  
 W.R. "Bill" Spruigen, Pastor  
**Hilltop Baptist Church**  
 Hwy. 190, west of Dam B  
 Kenn Freedland, Pastor  
**Katy Baptist Church**  
 Colmesneil, Texas  
 Duri Patrick, Pastor  
**Little Baptist Missionary Church**  
 1 mile east on FM 1013  
 Rev. Ervin Victoria, Pastor  
**Midway Missionary Baptist Church**  
 FM 1943, 10 miles E. of Warren  
 Bro. E.C. Jones, Pastor  
**Mr. Carmel Baptist Church**  
 Jack Lowland, Pastor  
**Mr. Hope Missionary Baptist**  
 Rev. Edward Campbell, Pastor  
**Mount Nemo Baptist Church**  
 FM 1943, 13 miles E. of Warren  
 Derrell Young, Pastor
- Methodist**  
**Spurger United Methodist**  
 Spurger, Texas  
 Rev. John Dowden, Pastor  
**Warren United Methodist**  
 Warren, Texas 547-2669  
 Rev. Bob Fousharg, Pastor  
**Woodville United Methodist**  
 Woodville, Texas  
 Bobbie Weber, Pastor
- Christian**  
**First Christian Church**  
 109 Charlton, Woodville  
 283-2449  
 John Bodinke, Minister
- Church of Christ**  
**Dan B Church of Christ**  
 15 miles E. of Woodville on Hwy. 190  
 283-7746  
 Alvin Leides, Minister  
**Pine Street Church of Christ**  
 604 Pine (Hwy. 287 & Nellus St.)  
 283-8328  
 Don L. Byler, Evangelist  
**Warren Church of Christ**  
 Warren, Texas 547-2185  
 Jeff Little, Minister  
**Woodville Church of Christ**  
 Hwy. 190 West 283-5977  
 Eugene Greer, Minister
- Non-Denominational**  
**Christ Holy Temple**  
 Clear Springs Community, 283-5668  
 D.R. Mitchell, Pastor  
**Christian Life Center**  
 335 White Tail Ridge, Woodville  
 283-5331  
 Bro. Leonard Witt, Pastor  
**Community Church**  
 23 FM 1746, Woodville  
 R.L. Sanders, Pastor 429-3646  
**Hampton Full Gospel Church**  
 2 miles W. of Chester on Hwy. 287  
 Rev. James T. Loving, Pastor  
**New Creation**  
 Hwy. 190, Timberland W. &  
 Old Livingston Hwy.  
 Arthur McLean, Pastor  
**River Acres Full Gospel Church**  
 Sheffield Ferry, Spurger  
 Rev. Clavis Ford, Pastor  
**Sandy Creek Community Church**  
 Sandy Creek Rd., Fred, Texas  
 William Smith Sr. & Yonita Smith, Pastors  
**The Tabernacle**  
 White Tail Ridge west of Woodville (four  
 miles off Highway 190)  
 Lonnie and Debbie Ashore, Pastors  
**Woodville Gospel Tabernacle**  
 2 1/2 miles N. of Woodville on Hwy. 69  
 283-2156  
 David Emons, Pastor
- Episcopal**  
**St. Pauls Episcopal Church**  
 1 mile W. of Woodville on Hwy. 190  
 283-3710  
 Rev. Nick Novak, Vicar
- Inter-Denominational**  
**His Place Family Outreach**  
 305 W. Blvd St., Woodville 283-5888  
 Ron Davis, Pastor
- Latter Day Saints**  
**Church of Jesus Christ L.D. Saints**  
 Hwy. 92, Fred, Texas  
 James Odom, Branch President  
**Church of Jesus Christ L.D. Saints**  
 Pine St. Chapel, Woodville  
 Tim Durr, Branch President
- Lutheran**  
**Faith Lutheran Church**  
 704 W. Holly, Woodville 283-7171  
 Walter P. Snyder, Minister
- Methodist**  
**Code Memorial United Methodist**  
 The Rev. Frank C. Cady, Pastor  
**Hopewell First Congregational**  
 7 miles E. of Woodville, Hwy. 190  
 Jesse R. McKee, Pastor  
**Mann's Chapel First**  
 2 1/2 miles W. of Colmesneil on  
 FM 1746, Town Bluff Rd. 283-7983  
 D.L. Ross, Pastor  
**Midway United Methodist**  
 563-2693  
 Bob Fousharg, Pastor
- Catholic**  
**Our Lady of the Pines Church**  
 1601 Pine, Hwy. 287, Woodville 283-5367  
 Rev. Roger Thibodeaux, Pastor

# Obituaries

**Martin Slavine**  
 WOODVILLE—Funeral services for Martin Slavine, 88, of Woodville were held at 4 p.m. Monday, Jan. 24, 1994, from the Riley Funeral Home Chapel in Woodville with the Rev. Nick Novak, vicar of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, officiating.

Burial followed at Grandview Memorial Park in Pasadena.

Mr. Slavine died Jan. 22 at the Tyler County Hospital in Woodville. He was a retired member of the Merchant Marine and was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II.

Survivors include a daughter, Edith Dunton of Woodville; five grandchildren; two step-grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and four step-grandchildren.

Riley Funeral Home of Woodville directed the arrangements.

**Lenora Rebbe Walker**  
 TOWN BLUFF—Funeral services for Lenora Rebbe Walker, 60, of Town Bluff were held at 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 23, 1994, from Fairview Baptist Church in Town Bluff with Bro. John Spanhanks, Bro. William Charles Haynes and Bro. Kern Freedland officiating.

Burial followed in the Fairview Cemetery.

Mrs. Walker died Jan. 21 at St. Elizabeth Hospital in Beaumont.

A native of Burton, she had resided in Town Bluff most of her life. She was employed as a clerk for Wal-Mart in Woodville.

Survivors include her husband, Jewel Walker of Town Bluff; two daughters and sons-in-law, Sallie and Dan.

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 OIL AND GAS DIVISION  
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 DECEMBER 22, 1993  
 NOTICE OF APPLICATION  
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# Woodville man faces federal charges

**BEAUMONT**—A Woodville man is in federal custody in connection with a two-count grand jury indictment charging him with being a felon in possession of a firearm and providing false information on a firearms acquisition statement.

The indictment, handed down last week, alleges that on November 19, 1993, 29-year-old Calvin Ray Benjamin walked into Bob's Pawn Shop in Woodville and purchased a .380 caliber pistol, all the while claiming to have never been convicted of a felony.

On January 14, agent with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms arrested Benjamin during the execution of a search warrant at his residence. There the agents recovered the pistol.

Benjamin's criminal history reflects

**Sincere appreciation**  
 The family of Mr. M. Davis expresses our sincere appreciation for the many expressions of sympathy for our loss of a husband, father and friend. We especially thank Dr. Garner, the Tyler County nurses and staff and Tyler County EMS. May GOD bless each of you.

The Davis Family

**With appreciation**  
 We would like to thank the Tyler County Hospital and its wonderful staff, along with Doctor Jim Brown who cared for Chester in such a loving and caring way. Also, our thanks to Springer and Griffin Funeral Home for the love and compassionate professionalism shown during the loss of our loved one.

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Burial followed in the Warren County Cemetery near Woodville.

Mr. Abbott died Jan. 20 at the Tyler County Hospital in Woodville.

A native of Rockland and a lifelong resident of Tyler County, he was a retired, self-employed logging contractor. Mr. Abbott was a U.S. Army Air Corps veteran of World War II, a member of VFW Post No. 2033 and member of the Woodville First Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Lillian Abbott of Woodville; three sons: John Abbott of Lumberton, Bill Abbott of Hamilton and Robert Abbott of Woodville; two daughters, Margie Smith of Hamilton and Sharon Pitter of Woodville; three sisters, Annie Laura Castle of Port Arthur, Billie Jean Davis of Colmesneil and Mary Ethel Kottong of Slatersburg, Ga.; eight grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Palbearers were Toby Abbott, Denise Elder, Charles Davis, Heath Pitter, Mark Tuleand and Tom Thomas. Honorary pallbearers were members of VFW Post No. 2033.

Interment will be made in the American Cancer Society

**Jerry Fonville Jr.**  
 WARREN—Funeral services for Jerry Fonville Jr., 64, of Warren were held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 25, 1994, from the Springer and Griffin Funeral Home Chapel in Woodville with Bro. Henry W. Shetles, officiating.

Burial followed at Old Irie Cemetery near Apple Springs in Houston County.

Mrs. Fonville died Jan. 17 at her residence.

A resident of Colmesneil for the past 14 years, she had worked as a census and statistic reporter for the United States Department of Agriculture. She was a member of the Colmesneil Chapter No. 1068 of the Order of the Eastern Star and was preceded in death by her husband, Dr. Raymond O. Fonville, DVM, and former mayor of San Benito.

Survivors include a son, Raymond O. Fonville Jr. of Tumball; two daughters, Kay Owens of Lumberton and Lora Houser of Rockland; a brother, Kenzie D. Hallmark of Lumberton; and six grandchildren.

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**Ina Lorene Long**  
 WEAVER—Funeral services for Ina Lorene Long, 75, of Weaver were held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 22, 1994, from the Springer and Griffin Funeral Home Chapel in Woodville with Bro. Steve Beathall and Dr. Charles W. Hany, Jr. officiating.

Burial followed in the Warren County Cemetery near Woodville.

Mr. Abbott died Jan. 20 at the Tyler County Hospital in Woodville.

A native of Rockland and a lifelong resident of Tyler County, he was a retired, self-employed logging contractor. Mr. Abbott was a U.S. Army Air Corps veteran of World War II, a member of VFW Post No. 2033 and member of the Woodville First Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Lillian Abbott of Woodville; three sons: John Abbott of Lumberton, Bill Abbott of Hamilton and Robert Abbott of Woodville; two daughters, Margie Smith of Hamilton and Sharon Pitter of Woodville; three sisters, Annie Laura Castle of Port Arthur, Billie Jean Davis of Colmesneil and Mary Ethel Kottong of Slatersburg, Ga.; eight grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Palbearers were Toby Abbott, Denise Elder, Charles Davis, Heath Pitter, Mark Tuleand and Tom Thomas. Honorary pallbearers were members of VFW Post No. 2033.

Interment will be made in the American Cancer Society

**Imogene Fowler**  
 COLMESNEIL—Funeral services for Imogene Fowler, 67, of Colmesneil were held at 10 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 20, 1994, from the Springer and Griffin Funeral Home Chapel in Woodville with Bro. Henry W. Shetles, officiating.

Burial followed at Old Irie Cemetery near Apple Springs in Houston County.

Mrs. Fowler died Jan. 17 at her residence.

A resident of Colmesneil for the past 14 years, she had worked as a census and statistic reporter for the United States Department of Agriculture. She was a member of the Colmesneil Chapter No. 1068 of the Order of the Eastern Star and was preceded in death by her husband, Dr. Raymond O. Fonville, DVM, and former mayor of San Benito.

Survivors include a son, Raymond O. Fonville Jr. of Tumball; two daughters, Kay Owens of Lumberton and Lora Houser of Rockland; a brother, Kenzie D. Hallmark of Lumberton; and six grandchildren.

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**Melvin Porter**  
 WOODVILLE—Funeral services for Melvin Porter, 76, of Woodville were held at 4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 23, 1994, from the Springer and Griffin Funeral Home Chapel in Woodville with Bro. Jim Wood, pastor, officiating.

Burial followed at the Fairview Cemetery.

Mr. Porter died Jan. 21 at the Dogwood Trail Manor nursing home in Woodville.

A native of Gary and a former longtime resident of Port Arthur, he had resided in Woodville for the past 16 years. He was a retired clerk for Texaco in Port Arthur with 32 years of service

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**Bible study begins Sunday**  
 WARREN—The Winter Bible Study at the First Baptist Church in Warren will begin Sunday, Jan. 30, with "Hoses," the Old Testament book declaring God's redemptive love, being taught by Bro. Bob Cheek of Jasper. Cheek, who is now retired, is a former pastor of the First Baptist Church of Jasper. He has gained a reputation as an excellent Bible teacher and conference leader and also performs pulp-

**Singing planned in Fred**  
 FRED—The Sandy Creek Community Church in Fred will host an open singing night beginning at 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 28.

The public is welcome to attend.

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### MANN FURNITURE

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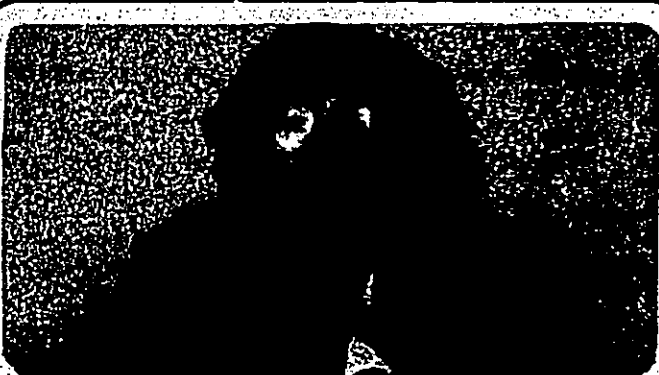
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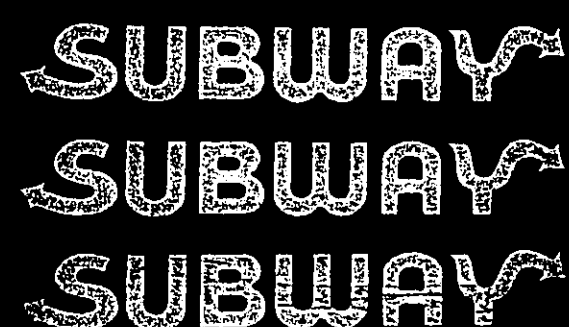
### DOGWOOD TRAILS MANOR

Winnie Allen, secretary of the Dogwood Trails Manor Resident Council, is serving her second term on the Council and says, "I enjoy working with people and getting to know everyone here. We discuss issues that affect us - and the staff uses the information to help make important decisions that affect everyone and to work out any problems that may arise."

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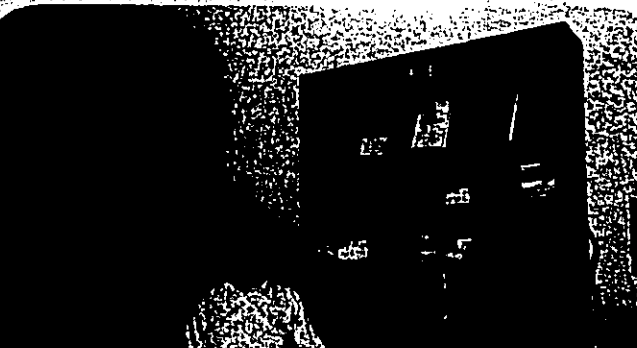
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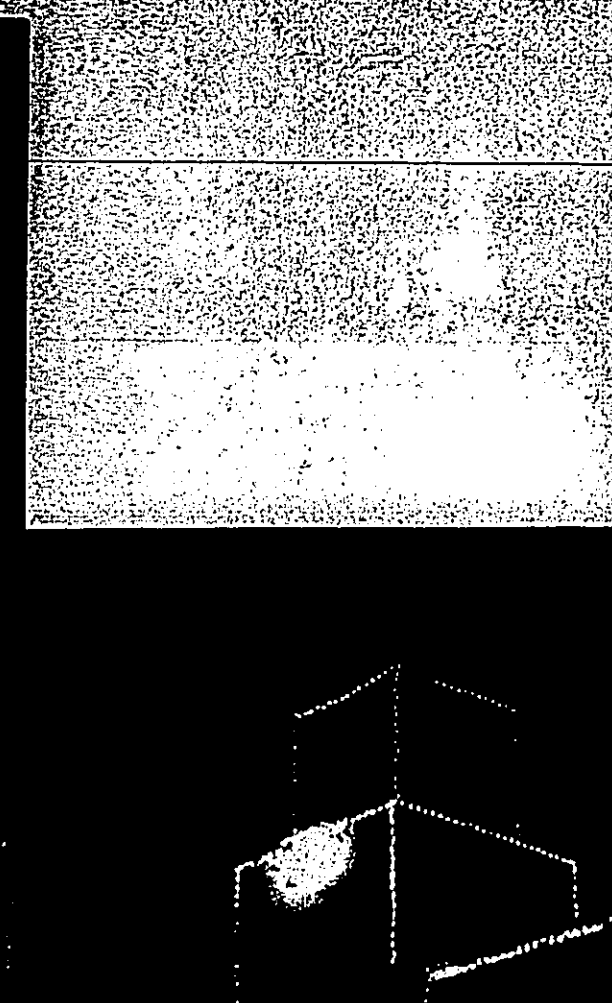
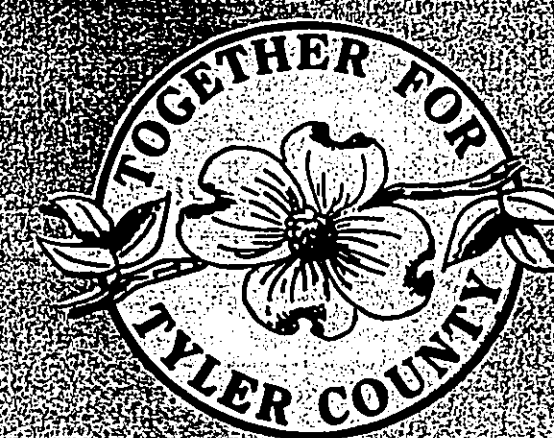
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### Active Communities. Active People

The people of Tyler County are known throughout East and Southeast Texas for the pride they take in their communities. One of the ways this pride expresses itself is in the wide variety of public events held throughout the year within the borders of Tyler County. This year the county's Dogwood Festival will celebrate its 51st year with events scheduled on March 19, March 25-26 and April 1-2, while newer events, such as the Harvest Festival at Heritage Village, will mark its seventh year in October.

(PHOTOS: Center - The Tyler County Courthouse in Woodville decked out in its Christmas holiday lights as part of the annual Tyler County Chamber of Commerce's Light Up The Square program. Clockwise from upper left - Cara Crawford of Warren waits for the rabbit judging portion of the Tyler County Fair; Steven Reed of Woodville plays a tune on a wooden whistle during the Harvest Festival at Heritage Village; Kerwin Williams of Indian Village performs an Indian hoop dance during the Good Ol' Days Festival; and Gov. Ann Richards meets the Dogwood Festival Queen candidates just prior to the 1993 Dogwood Parade in Woodville.)





## Perlitz selected as 1993 Citizen of the Year

WOODVILLE — Recognized for his work with the Color Tyler County program as well as with other local projects, Pete Perlitz was named as the 1993 Citizen of the Year by the Tyler County Chamber of Commerce.

During the annual membership meeting Thursday, Jan. 20, the 1992 award winner, Eugene Koci, presented Perlitz with the chamber's highest honor.

Perlitz, who only minutes earlier had received the chamber's award as "Director of the Year," also was given a standing ovation from the 200-plus crowd in attendance for the banquet.

"I just hope I have been able to make a great place to live even better..."

Pete Perlitz

"I just hope I have been able to make a great place to live even better," Perlitz said in accepting the award. He thanked the chamber members and directors for the honor and said he would continue to do what ever he could to improve the quality of life in Tyler County.

A native of Silsbee, Perlitz and his wife, Dee, have resided in Woodville for almost five years. They are the owners of Video Junction in downtown Woodville.

The Citizen of the Year is a member and director of the chamber of commerce and currently chairs the group's Beautification Committee, which selects and honors a business of the month and, in conjunction with the Woodville Garden Club, a yard of the month.

He also serves as a Kingman for the Tyler County Dogwood Festival and is a member of the Woodville Lions Club.

For the past two years, Perlitz has overseen the care and planting of a variety of flowers in the 50 Color Tyler County flower boxes located throughout the downtown area of Woodville.

Although 1993 Chamber President Dr. Stephen Porcari indicated in his report to the chamber members that Koci had originally developed the idea for the flower boxes, Koci quickly corrected that during his presentation speech.

"It was Pete who came up with the idea," he said.

president of the chamber at the time we got it off the ground," Koci said.

The flower boxes were installed shortly before the 1992 Dogwood Festival and have been providing enjoyment to residents and visitors alike ever since.

Funded by donations by the downtown merchants, the flower box program is attracting attention throughout the region. Koci said Perlitz's work has "put Woodville on the map all over East Texas."

Because of the flowers planted throughout the town, "Ladies and gentlemen, Pete Perlitz does all this, not for himself, but for the community he loves. Because of his idea to beautify downtown, people come from all over East Texas to see our flowers and they stay and spend their money with our merchants."

"Visitors have told our store owners they're here to see the flowers," Koci added. "That's retail business that we might never have seen had it not been for the efforts of Pete and the other dedicated people of this area to 'Color Tyler County.'"

Koci noted that Perlitz is often seen at all hours of the day watering and fertilizing the flowers and making sure the planter boxes are maintained.

In addition to his work with the Color Tyler County program and the beautification committee, Perlitz also is a member of the chamber's Tourism Committee, which is chaired by his wife, Dee.

As a Tourism Committee member, Perlitz is heavily involved in the Light Up The Square program, which began in 1991 to help mark the 100th anniversary of the construction of the Tyler County Courthouse. Perlitz has worked to help raise funds to pay for the Christmas holiday lighting effort.

Koci also noted that Perlitz also was instrumental in interesting a Dallas television station in featuring Woodville on its "A Tank of Gas" series which shows viewers interesting places that can be reached on a tank of gas.



**STANDING OVATION** — Pete Perlitz (center) received a standing ovation last week during the Tyler County Chamber of Commerce's annual banquet following the announcement of his selection as the winner of the 1993 Citizens of the Year Award. Perlitz was presented with the honor by Eugene Koci, the 1992 Citizen of the Year. In announcing Perlitz's selection for the honor, Koci praised the businessman for his work in the

Color Tyler County program which has placed 50 flower boxes throughout downtown Woodville. Perlitz, who developed the idea over two years ago, has been responsible for maintaining the flowers. He currently changes out the plants about three times each year, according to the seasons. (Photo by Greg Peak)

## Owens recognized for community service

WOODVILLE — Although unable to attend the annual awards banquet, Tyler County Judge Jerome P. Owens Jr. appeared via video tape last week to accept the Tyler County Chamber of Commerce's 1993 Honorary Citizen of the Year Award.

Owens was in Russia last week but his wife, Marilyn, appeared to accept the recognition from the chamber.

The award honors a person for his contributions to the betterment of the community over a period of years.

Because of his plans to be out of the country, the chamber broke with tradition and let the award winner know of the recognition before the annual banquet. A private presentation was made by Chamber President Dr. Stephen Porcari and other chamber officials in the judge's courthouse office prior to his leaving and a video tape was made to be played at the chamber banquet on Jan. 20.

"I guess it's just my luck that I'll be 4,000 miles away from this recognition," Owens joked during the video taped presentation.

In accepting the award, Owens said he was honored to receive the recognition from the chamber of commerce.

"This is a special thing for me," he said. "The things we've worked for all these years are things that I've enjoyed doing."

"I think of all the many people in the courthouse and all of the city fathers who have worked over the years to make Tyler County a better place to live. There are so many people who mean so much to me and who I depend on for continued support, that I cannot claim credit for all that has been accomplished," he said.

Marilyn Owens added to the banquet audience that he and his wife take pride in the people of Tyler County.

and that he gives them the credit for the successful completion of the various projects in which the judge is involved.

In presenting the award during the banquet, the 1992 winner, Jiggs Kennesson of Woodville, praised Owens for his community service.

In outlining his long list of service, Kennesson noted that the judge is a deacon in the Woodville First Baptist Church, has served as president of the Tyler County Bar Association and is currently treasurer of the Southeast Texas Resource Conservation and Development, Inc.

A native of Jasper, Owens is a longtime Tyler County resident with strong family ties to the area. His father, the late Rev. J.P. Owens Sr., was a native and longtime resident of the county.

The judge is a graduate of Lamar University and of Baylor Law School. He served for three years in the U.S. Marine Corps and has been a practicing attorney for 24 years.

During his five years as the county judge, he has been elected to serve as president of the Deep East Texas County Commissioners and Judges Association; has presided as chairman of the Deep East Texas Council of Government's Solid Waste Task Force, was named as trustee of East Texas Baptist University, and was appointed by Gov. Ann Richards as a member of the State Grant Review Committee.

Kennesson also praised Owens for bringing business to the county

and for acquiring large grants to complete major development projects. In addition, under his administration, the county courthouse has been renovated; departmental offices, including the Tyler County Justice Center, have installed the latest in computer technology; a new tax office building was acquired; and county equipment has been upgraded.

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## Wal-Mart honored as chamber's Business of the Year

WOODVILLE — Citing the store's economic impact on the community as its history of assisting local organizations, Tyler County Chamber of Commerce President Dr. Stephen Porcari presented the Woodville, Wal-Mart

store with the organization's 1993 Business of the Year award last week. During the Jan. 20 banquet, store manager Jackie Genovese, together with a number of store employees, were on hand to receive the recognition.

The banquet room also featured a number of large, color photographs taken at the store and special Wal-Mart signs adorned all of the banquet tables. Although chamber officials, announced last month that the Wal-Mart store would receive the award, the formal presentation was made during the annual membership banquet.

"We're very proud to be a part of this community and of contributing what we could," Genovese told the audience in accepting that award. "We look forward to doing more in the future."

In making the presentation, Porcari noted that the award is given to a county business that has made major contributions to the welfare of Tyler County and which "general involves itself in the community."

He said that the local store currently employs 108 people and has an annual payroll of over \$500,000. Contributions made by the store during the past year include \$5,000 in goods and cash given to local organizations; \$3,000 in matching funds awarded to area clubs; and a \$1,000 college scholarship. In addition, the company has awarded the local chamber of commerce a three-year, \$10 industrial development grant.



**BUSINESS OF THE YEAR** — Local Manager Jackie Genovese accepted the 1993 Business of the Year Award on behalf of the Woodville Wal-Mart store during the Tyler County Chamber of Commerce's annual banquet last week. Wal-Mart was selected for the honor because of their willingness to help local organizations with donations and services. (Photo by Greg Peak)



**BEST DECORATIONS** — David and Jane Mann, owners of Mann Furniture in downtown Woodville, was presented with the award for best Christmas decorations by a business during last week's Tyler County Chamber of Commerce banquet. Tourism Committee Chairman Dee Ann Perlitz (right) presented the award to David Mann. (Photo by Greg Peak)



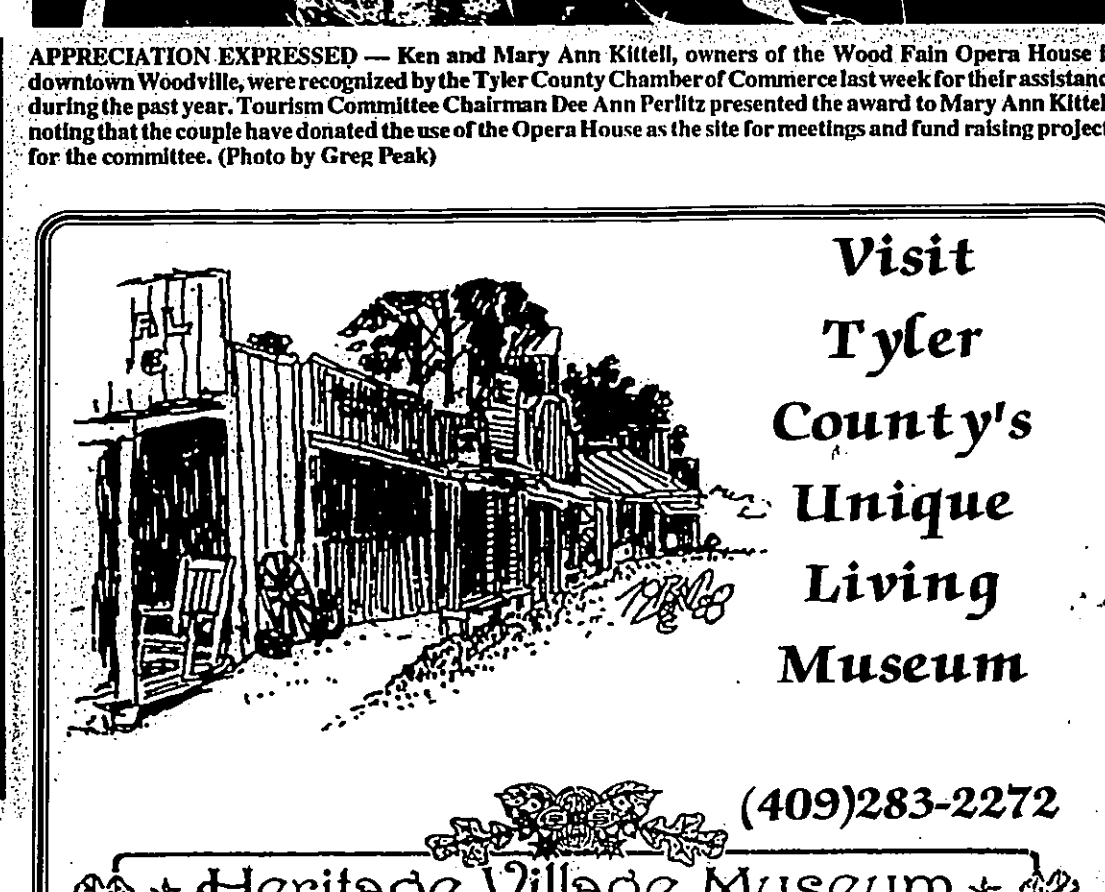
**MEMBER OF THE YEAR** — Dee Ann Perlitz (left) was named as the 1993 Member of the Year by the Tyler County Chamber of Commerce during last week's awards banquet in Woodville. Perlitz, wife of the chamber's 1993 Citizens of the Year, Pete Perlitz, was recognized for her work as chairman of the chamber's Tourism Committee. Dr. Stephen Porcari (right), the chamber's 1993 president, praised her for her hard work on a variety of projects, including the annual Light Up The Square program, the Christmas decoration contest and a number of fund raising events held throughout the year. (Photo by Greg Peak)



**APPRECIATION EXPRESSED** — Ken and Mary Ann Kittell, owners of the Wood Fain Opera House in downtown Woodville, were recognized by the Tyler County Chamber of Commerce last week for their assistance during the past year. Tourism Committee Chairman Dee Ann Perlitz presented the award to Mary Ann Kittell, noting that the couple have donated the use of the Opera House as the site for meetings and fund raising projects for the committee. (Photo by Greg Peak)



**DIRECTOR OF THE YEAR** — Only minutes before being named as the 1993 Citizen of the Year, Pete Perlitz (left) also was named as the Tyler County Chamber of Commerce's Director of the Year. Chamber President Dr. Stephen Porcari (right) named Perlitz as the top 1993 director for his work as chairman of the chamber's Beautification Committee. Calling Perlitz the chamber's "secret weapon," Porcari praised the award winner for his work with the downtown flower boxes. (Photo by Greg Peak)



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## Tyler County history long and varied

Tyler County's history is long and varied. The trail, road would be a misleading term, from Nacogdoches to Anahuac and the Spanish mission at Orcoquise led through Tyler County, crossing the Neches at the site where Fort Teran would later be located.

Indians, Spanish troops and missionaries, and invading filibusters from the United States, passed down this trail even before Stephen F. Austin began organizing his colony in 1820.

In 1830 Fort Teran was built and manned by Spanish soldiers. It remained as a fortress, supposedly keeping out further Anglo settlement, until 1835 when all Spanish forces were encouraged to leave by the local volunteer forces.

By 1830, settlers were being granted land rights in what is now Tyler County. Wyatt Hanks settled

at Town Bluff about 1832 and began operating a ferry there. Gradually settlers spread up and down the Neches bottomland, farming cotton. Tyler County men served at San Jacinto and with Captain Chessher's band of Jasper Volunteers.

After the Texas Revolution, settlement increased steadily with Town Bluff as the major population center in the county. In 1841, a larger area, of which Tyler County is now a part, was created as the Menard District by an act of the Texas Congress. Tyler County was originally created however for judicial purposes only and the courts of the Republic held that a county so created was unconstitutional. After a few months operation, with Town Bluff as the County Seat, the county organization was abandoned.

In 1846 the Texas Legislature created the county again, with a reduced area, giving it the name of Tyler in honor of then-President of the United States, John Tyler. This bill named six commissioners to select two or more sites to be voted upon for the County Seat. Dr. Josiah Wheat's survey at the present site of Woodville, in the forks of Turkey Creek was selected for the County Seat and still remains.

The new townsite was surveyed and laid out accordingly in lots and blocks. The names of men and places of that era are preserved in the name of the town and its principal streets. George T. Wood was the senator and N.B. Charlton was the member of the lower house that passed the bill creating the county. The town was named Woodville for the senator and the street immediately west of the courthouse

was named Wheat Street in honor of the good doctor whose survey was selected for the County Seat. The main street, then as now, was the road to Town Bluff and named Bluff Street.

Tyler County's first courthouse was completed January 30, 1849. The second courthouse, a two-story frame building was erected in 1856. In 1891 that courthouse was removed and a three-story brick structure with a massive dome and clock was built. After serving the county for more than 40 years, the many fluted and pointed gables were removed in 1936 and the building took on the appearance it bears today. In 1991, the courthouse celebrated its 100th birthday and underwent major renovations including a new roof, new sidewalk and fresh paint.



THE POWER OF TELEVISION — Television anchorman Sally Rieger Alvis of KFDM-TV Channel 6 in Beaumont spoke on the power television has in the lives of Americans during the 47th annual banquet of the Tyler County Chamber of Commerce on Thursday, Jan. 20. The capacity crowd of over 200 that since the 1950s, television has had an ever increasing impact on how Americans view the world. (Photo by Greg Peak)

## County features eleven communities and towns

WOODVILLE — Named after Senator George T. Wood in 1847, the post office was established that same year. Located in the rough center of Tyler County at the junction of highway US 190 and US 69.

CHESTER — Settled in 1976 after the post office was moved from its original site at Peachtree Village. Located northwest of Woodville at the junction of Highway 287 and FM 1745.

COLMESNEIL — Began with the

coming of the railroad in 1882 and received its post office that same year. Named after railroad worker W.T. Colmesneil. Located nine miles north of Woodville at the junction of highway US 69 and FM 256.

ROCKLAND — So named by W.T. Colmesneil for the many rocks in the area. Located seven miles north of Woodville at highway US 69 and FM 1014.

SPURGER — Settlement here began around 1852 with a post office established in 1881. Located twenty-one miles southeast of Woodville at the junction of Highway 92 and FM 1013.

DOUCETTE — Settled in 1890, named for Fred Doucette who established first sawmill. Received post office in 1893. During the great timber boom of the 1920's, Doucette was the largest community in Tyler County. Located five miles north of Woodville at the junction of highway US 69 and FM 1632.

WARREN — Received its name from Mr. Warren, connected with the establishment of the first sawmill here in 1880. Received post office three

years later, in 1883. Located twelve miles south of Woodville at the junction of Highway US 69 and FM 1943.

HILLISTER — A sawmill settlement that sprang up around 1880 and received its post office in 1882. Located eight miles south of Woodville at the junction of highway US 69 and FM 1013.

TOWN BLUFF — The oldest settlement in the county, settled in 1832 by Wyatt Hanks, who sold lots there. Also the first county seat. Located seventeen miles east of Woodville at the junction of Highway 92 and FM 1746.

FRED — Received its post office the same year as Spurger. In 1881, located twenty-eight miles southeast of Woodville at the junction of Highway 92 and FM 1943.

DAM B — Located east of Woodville at US 190 and FM 92. Dam B is a small community located on the shores of B.A. Steinhagen Lake. The dam was built by the Corps of Engineers and was nicknamed "Dam B" since it was the second dam that was to be built. "Dam A" however, was never built, but the area became known as "Dam B."

## Medical services are available

PHYSICIANS — Tyler County is served by eight general and family practitioners. Additional services are provided by visiting physicians at Tyler County Hospital.

TYLER COUNTY HOSPITAL — The Tyler County Hospital provides major health care for local residents. It is equipped with modern equipment and is upgraded continuously. The facility currently utilizes 25 beds and features a heli-port for use by air ambulances.

Recent renovations at the hospital include the expansion of the emergency room facilities and laparoscopic surgery equipment.

NURSING HOMES — The county is served by three nursing homes in Woodville—Dogwood Trails Manor, Holiday Pines Manor and Woodville Convalescent Center.

REHABILITATION CENTER — Tyler County Physical Therapy and Rehabilitation Center offers physical therapy procedures prescribed by physicians. Speech therapy also is offered at the center located at 1002 W. River. The Rehabilitation Center, associated with Tyler County Hospital, offers physical, speech and occupational therapy. The center accepts Medicare, private insurance and, in some situations, Medicaid.

HOME HEALTH CARE — Tyler County Home Health Care Agency operated out of the Tyler

County Hospital in Woodville. RNs, LVNs and aides with homebound patients. Services are established by their physicians. They accept Medicare, Medicaid and private insurance. In-home medical specialists provide medical care by RN's and LVN's upon doctor's orders. They accept Medicare, Medicaid and private insurance. Concepts of Care offers housekeeping and LVN care for the home-bound elderly.

## Chamber committees formed

WOODVILLE — The various Tyler County Chamber of Commerce committees which will be working during the coming year have been named by the new President Bob Bell.

In setting up the committees, Bell formed two new groups, the Rural Communities and Heritage Village committees. The Rural Communities Committee is designed to help meet the needs of the smaller county communities while the Heritage Village Committee will help integrate the activities of the Village with the chamber.

Committees and their members are: Community Development and Hospitality: Chairman Donce Gregory. Members: Jeanne Buck, Chet Haney, David MacElven, Jo Porcari, Emily Sumner and Sherry Jeans. Tourism: Chairman Dee Ann Peritz. Members: Jeanne Buck, Connie Clark, Denise Morrison, Pete Peritz, Martha Stark, Annabeth Willis and Charles Ingle. Membership and Dues: Chairman

Connie Clark. Members: Jeanne Buck, Jim Hudgens, Emily Sumner and Missy Ogden.

Publicity and Public Relations: Chairman Ken Bond. Members: John Morrison and Missy Ogden. Education: Chairman Carol Moffett. Industrial Development: Chairman Eugene Koci. Members: Jim Clark, Jerome Owens, Marcus Payne, Dr. Larry A. Phillips, Billy Rose, Webb Ashworth, Roger Wiegert and Russ Pilgrim.

Beautification: Chairman Pete Peritz. Members: Jacques Blanchette, Elva King, Russ Pilgrim, Robert McCombs, Dee Ann Peritz and Emily Sumner.

Planning and Goals: Chairman Bob Bell. Members: Dr. Stephen P. Porcari, Eugene Koci and Emily Sumner. Rural Communities: Chairman C.J. Riley. Members: Rusty Mott and John Martin.

Heritage Village: Chairman Fred Sullivan. Members: Marjorie Shultz and Tom Knapp.

## Local organizations offer a variety of activities

WOODVILLE — Newcomers to the Tyler County scene have a wealth of activities from which to choose. A wide variety of clubs and organizations offer area residents activities ranging from blacksmithing to civic service.

### ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

The Woodville chapter of Alcoholics Anonymous meets at 8 p.m. on Mondays, Thursdays and Saturdays at the St. Paul's Episcopal Church located on Highway 190 West in Woodville. For information, call 283-5651. The Spurger area chapter meets at 8 p.m. on Mondays in the Spurger United Methodist Church located at the intersection of FM 1013 and FM 92.

### AL-ANON

A family support group helping the spouses and children of persons who have been abusing alcohol or drugs, the Al-Anon chapter meets at 8 p.m. on Wednesdays at the St. Paul's Episcopal Church on Highway 190 West in Woodville. For information, call 283-5651.

### ALATEEN

A program designed to provide help to teenagers who are trying to cope with the problems of substance abuse, the Alateen group meets at 7 p.m. on Mondays at the Hungry Eagle Cafe on Highway 190 East in Woodville. For information, call 727-6225.

### ALPHA DELTA KAPPA

ADK is an honorary society for women educators. The Tyler County Chapter has about 25 members from throughout the county and meets the second Monday evening of each month. Members hear programs and undertake regular community service projects.

### AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED PERSONS

Woodville Chapter 792 of AARP is large and active. It participates in na-

tional activities of the association and meets on the first Monday of the month from 10 to 11 a.m. in the Woodville Lions Den. Membership is open to anyone 50 years of age or older, whether they are retired or not.

### AMERICAN BUSINESS WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

The Wistaria Center of the American Business Women's Association meets on the second Tuesday of each month. The chapter, which was organized in 1965, has sponsored the Miss Tyler County Pageant since its inception. The pageant usually falls in February. The president is Jo Carol Taylor.

### AMERICAN LEGION

The American Legion Post 299 has been active in reviving interest in honoring American veterans by placing a large marble memorial marker on the Tyler County Courthouse square. For information, contact Post Commander J.T. Stryker at 283-5463.

### BEECH CREEK FAMILY COMMUNITY EDUCATION CLUB

The group of Spurger-area women meets the third Wednesday of each month at 10 a.m. in the Spurger Lions Den to participate in programs of general interest and to conduct fund-raising activities. Each year they award a college scholarship to a Spurger High School graduate. For additional information, contact the Tyler County Extension Service, 283-8284.

### BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL WOMEN'S CLUB

This group meets regularly on the third Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. They sponsor the Arts and Crafts Fair held each year in conjunction with the Tyler County Dogwood Festival. The group annually awards scholarships to a student from each of Tyler County's five school districts. For arts and crafts booth information, contact

Pat Brown at 283-2162 or 428-3495.

### CARING IS SHARING

A local, non-profit organization formed by churches in Tyler County, Caring is Sharing helps people in need by providing short-term assistance with basic needs as determined by the CIS board, such as food, clothing, prescription medication, gas, utilities, and lodging.

Funded entirely by donations and fund raising drives, Caring is Sharing also provides annual Christmas Dinner to the needy at the Woodville Inn. To volunteer to help, contact Caring is Sharing President Margie Marheine at 834-6283.

### CHESTER LIONS CLUB

The Chester Lions Club of 50 plus members, participates in national Lions charities. The group has recently donated to the Chester Volunteer Fire Department, Chester Youth Baseball Program and to the local school. For information contact Robert Vinson.

### COLMESNEIL FAMILY COMMUNITY EDUCATION CLUB

The Colmesneil Family and Community Education Club meets the second Tuesday of each month at 1 p.m. in the Colmesneil Community Center. Programs of special interest to area women are presented and the group sponsors occasional field trips. Each year the group raises funds by sponsoring the Christmas Craft Fair. For information contact the Tyler County Extension Service, phone 283-8284.

### DELTA KAPPA GAMMA

The local chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma, a society for women educators, draws members from a five-county region. They meet the second Saturday of each month at the Woodville Inn to hear programs of professional interest. They also award scholarships for women entering education and participate in other service activities.

### DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS

The Woodville Chapter of D.A.V. meets monthly. It provides services for the disabled veterans of the area and conducts a yearly Forget-Me-Not Sale around Veterans Day. Watch the Booster for meeting notices.

### EAST TEXAS BLACKSMITH ALLIANCE

Working to keep the traditions of the past alive, this group meets at 9 a.m. on the second Saturday of each month in the blacksmith shop of the Heritage Village Museum near Woodville. For more information, call the museum at 283-2272.

### FRED LIONS CLUB

The Fred Lions Club has been active in the Fred area for many years. They sponsor a variety of charity activities. For additional information, contact James A. Taylor at 429-3343.

### GULF RETIREES CLUB

The group of ex-Gulf Chevron workers meet on the second Friday of each month at 6 p.m. in the Spurger Lions Den for fellowship and information about what's going on in Gulf.

### HERITAGE CIVIC CLUB

The Heritage Civic Club, founded in 1964, is a federated women's club meeting the second Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. The group is limited to 30 members with membership by invitation. The group co-sponsors the Christmas Tour of Homes and awards scholarships.

### HERITAGE VILLAGE DULCIMER SOCIETY

The Heritage Village Dulcimer Society meets at 1 p.m. on the second Saturday of each month at the Heritage Village Museum near Woodville. For more information call the museum at 283-2272.

### HERITAGE VILLAGE SPINNERS & WEAVERS GUILD

One of the newer organizations in the county, the Heritage Village Spinners and Weavers Guild meets at 10 a.m. on the second Saturday of each month at the Heritage Village Museum near Woodville. For more information call 283-2272.

### IN TOUCH CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

The In Touch Cancer Support Group meets on the second Thursday of every month at the Tyler County Nutrition Center at 201 Willow in Woodville. Offering support to cancer patients and their families, the group meets in the conference room at 2:30 p.m.

For additional information contact Jamie Poindexter at 283-7245 or Jane Youngblood at 283-7438.

### LADIES AUXILIARY TO VFW POST #2033

The Ladies Auxiliary to VFW Post #2033 meets the third Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. in the Nutrition Center, 201 Willow, in Woodville. For additional information, phone President Celia Koel 283-7062.

### MASONS

There are six lodges active in Tyler County: the Magnolia Lodge, No. 495, of Woodville; the Yellow Pine Lodge of Colmesneil; the Snow River Lodge at Spurger; the Rockland-Masonic Lodge No. 960 in Rockland; the Myrtle Masonic Lodge in Warren; and the Mt. Hope Masonic Lodge No. 121 in Chester.

### NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS

Designed to help people overcome addiction to narcotic substances, this group meets from 8-9 p.m. p.m. on Fridays at the St. Paul's Episcopal Church located on Highway 190 West in Woodville. For more information, call 283-8947 or 283-3111.

### SINGLE SENIORS BREAKFAST CLUB

The Single Seniors Breakfast Club meets for a Dutch treat breakfast at the Woodville Inn on the first and third Saturday of each month.

### ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR

Three chapters of the Order of the Eastern Star are active in Tyler County. They include O.E.S. Chapter 462 in Woodville; O.E.S. Chapter 1068 in Colmesneil; and O.E.S. Chapter 315 in Spurger.

### READING CLUB

The Woodville Reading Club was founded in 1941 and federated in 1942. This group of 25 women meet on the first and third Tuesday night of each month. Membership is by invitation. They co-sponsor the Christmas Tour of Homes and other fund-raising events to support their donations for local scholarships.

### SCOTTISH RITE MASONS

The Deep East Texas Scottish Rite club covers five counties in East Texas including Tyler County. Membership is open to all Scottish Rite masons in the area. The Scottish Rite masons support, among others, the Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for children in Dallas and the Scottish Rite Burn Center in Galveston. The organization provides treatment free of charge to children who have been burned or who are suffering from injuries or diseases to their feet or legs.

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## Year-round activities featured on local calendar

WOODVILLE — Visitors and residents alike are treated to a multitude of activities that are scheduled throughout the year in Tyler County.

### \* Clubs & organizations (From Page 5B)

#### SPURGER LIONS CLUB

The Spurger Lions Club is always active on behalf of their community. Recently they have sponsored several events to benefit the Spurger Volunteer Fire Department, including a gospel concert and a community BBQ. Additional information may be obtained by contacting Richard C. Byrd.

#### TYLER COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION AND TYLER COUNTY HERITAGE SOCIETY

The Historical Commission is appointed by the County Judge and Commissioners to protect and defend historical sites and artifacts within Tyler County.

The Heritage Society is a non-profit corporation whose stated purpose is the preservation of Tyler County history. Membership is open to all interested persons.

Since purchasing Heritage Village Museum in 1987, the Heritage Society has devoted most of its energies to the restoration of the village as a repository for this history, operating it as a non-profit education facility.

The Whitmeyer Genealogy Library at the Village offers a large selection of historical books, family histories and other research materials, plus microfiche and microfilm readers and a genealogical register cross referenced by family name for those wishing to trace their roots in Tyler County.

Among the annual events that have already become a tradition at the Village are "Whispers In The Wind", an original outdoor drama staged each June, a two-day Harvest Festival the third weekend in October, and the Christmas "Twilight Tour" following Woodville's Christmas Tour of Homes the first Saturday in December. For information about the Historical Commission, contact Jack Whitmeyer at 283-3970. For more information about the Tyler County Heritage Society, call Marjorie Schultze at the Village, 283-2272, or president Joella Knapp at 283-5310.

#### TYLER COUNTY HOSPITAL AUXILIARY

The women's auxiliary of the Tyler County Hospital is a service group for the hospital and its patients. The auxiliary has a yearly membership tea to which everyone is invited. Meetings are held at 10 a.m. on the second Tuesday of each month in the homes of members. President of the auxiliary is Mildred Sundin. For information you may contact Pat Collier at 283-8141.

#### TYLER COUNTY RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

This group meets at 10 a.m. on the third Monday of each month from September through May at Allan Shivers.

taste.

#### Chamber of Commerce Banquet

The Tyler County Chamber of Commerce hosts their annual banquet in January of each year.

At this annual event the recipients of the Citizen of the Year and Honorary

#### TYLER COUNTY SHERIFF'S POSSE

This riding club will meet monthly for a group ride and lunch. They will assist the Sheriff's Department as an auxiliary work force. You must be 18 or older, own a horse, saddle or trailer, and be approved by the Sheriff's Department. 283-2172.

#### VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS POST 2033

The local VFW group has been influential in reviving Veterans day celebrations. The group meets every third Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the VFW Hall on Willow Street. For information call Post Commander Neal Elliott at 283-2837 or Post Service Officer William C. Cook at 283-5645.

#### WOMAN'S STUDY CLUB

The Woman's Study Club of Woodville (GFWC-TFWC) is a group of 40 women who meet on the second Tuesday of each month in member's homes. Founded in 1924, the group sponsors several fund-raising events, including a Christmas Tour of Homes, and awards scholarships to local students. Membership is by invitation.

#### WOODVILLE GARDEN CLUB

The Woodville Garden Club meets monthly on the third Wednesday of the month to share information on garden plants and their cultivation. The group maintains the flower garden on the courthouse square.

#### WOODVILLE LIONS CLUB

The Woodville Lions Club has a membership of over 100. President is Eugene Koci, phone 283-2551. The group meets weekly on Thursdays for lunch at the Woodville Lions Den east of Woodville on US 190. They sponsor a variety of charity activities, including the camp for disabled and diabetic children, and purchases of glasses for needy children.

#### WOODVILLE ROTARY CLUB

The Woodville Rotary Club meets every Wednesday at noon in the Woodville Inn. Current President of the 30 plus member group is Fred Sullivan, who may be contacted at 283-2231 for information about the club. The group participates in Rotary International activities including international scholarships. On the local level, the Woodville Rotary Club also provides scholarships to area students.



HARVEST FESTIVAL MAGIC — Bernice Wagner was one of the demonstrators of the spinning wheel during the 1993 Harvest Festival held in October. Frontier crafts are displayed during the annual two-day event. (Photo by Greg Peak)

#### Citizen of the Year awards are named

is named. A presentation also is made to the Business of the Year.

#### Miss Tyler County Pageant

The Miss Tyler County Pageant, sponsored by the Wisteria Chapter of the American Business Women's Association, takes place annually in February at the Kirby Auditorium in Woodville.

Local contestants vie in talent and beauty competitions for the Miss Tyler County title. Younger girls compete for the titles of Junior Miss Tyler County and Future Miss Tyler County.

#### Dogwood Festival and Pageant

On the third weekend of March, Tyler County kicks off the annual Dogwood Festival, an event which has been going on since the mid-30's.

Visitors come from everywhere to see the beauties of spring in East Texas. Visiting duchesses and their escorts arrive on Friday for orientation and Friday night dances.

Saturday brings the Arts and Crafts Fair, the Antique Automobile Show, and the huge Dogwood Parade through downtown Woodville, featuring floats from all over the state. Saturday night is the Dogwood Pageant where the Dogwood Queen is crowned and a local cast presents a pageant focusing on some portion of Tyler County history.

#### Western Weekend

The last weekend in March brings trailriders from all directions converging on Woodville as the annual Dogwood Festival continues. Friday night is marked by dances at the trail camps, and Saturday brings the big parade through downtown Woodville.

A wild west rodeo takes place at the Tyler County 4-H, FFA Rodeo Arena, west of Woodville on US 190, and features the crowning of the Western Weekend Rodeo Sweetheart.

#### Woodville Garden Club Flower Show

April brings the annual Woodville Garden Club Flower Show. Featuring different categories of arrangements and potted plants, this event is sponsored by the Woodville Garden Club.

The fair also features a midway, exhibits of crafts, machinery, food booths, and local artwork. The Fair is capped by the Saturday afternoon auction of the top five winners in the livestock events and the crowning of the Fair Queen.

#### Heritage Village Harvest Festival

An annual two-day event on the third weekend of October, the Harvest Festival features over a hundred pioneer craft demonstrations, including spinning and weaving, candle and soap making, chuck wagon cooking, basket weaving and a Texas Army encampment.

Special programs of music are presented throughout the Festival, all in keeping with the time period presented at the Village.

#### Good Ole Days Festival

In late October or early November the Good Ole Days Festival is held in downtown Woodville. Featuring demonstrations of old-time crafts, the event also features live entertainment, an auction, games and contests and arts and crafts.

#### Christmas Crafts Fair

The Colmesneil Family and Community Education Club (formerly Extension Homemakers) sponsor a Christmas Crafts Fair every year in November at the Colmesneil

Community Center. The two-day event features arts and crafts made by local artisans.

#### Lighting of the Courthouse Square

The historic Tyler County Courthouse, which celebrated its 100th birthday in 1991, welcomes the holiday season with about 100,000 miniature white lights. A project of the Tyler County Chamber of Commerce, in addition to the lights which draw visitors from throughout East Texas, entertainment on the Square during the event.

#### Christmas Tour of Homes

Each year in December the Federated Women's Club of Tyler County—the Heritage Circle Club, the Women's Reading Club and the Woman's Study Club—sponsor a home to be toured by the public during the holiday season. Funds raised from the tour goes towards local scholarships.

#### Festival of Lights

At Christmas time of each year, the Tyler County Children's Services Board erects a large tree on the courthouse square and begins accepting donations for the needy children of the county.

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## County residents offered educational opportunities

WOODVILLE — Public and private educational opportunities are available to students in Tyler County. Although the county contains no colleges or universities within its boundaries, courses are offered in Woodville through off-campus programs provided by Angelina College in Lufkin and Lamar University in Beaumont. Under this arrangement, Angelina College provides freshman and sophomore level classes while Lamar will offer courses at the junior and senior level.

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#### ANGELINA COLLEGE

Angelina College of Lufkin offers evening college credit courses in Woodville each semester since the late 1970s. It is now the second largest off-campus program offered through Angelina College.

Classes offered change with each semester, but recent topics included U.S. history, word processing, math, English, psychology, and biology.

Courses are scheduled Monday through Thursday nights from 6 to 9 p.m., with each course meeting one night a week for 16 consecutive weeks during the fall and spring and on two nights a week during summer sessions. Classes meet at either the Woodville Middle School or Woodville High School.

Non-credit courses also are offered, usually on a one-night per week basis.

#### LAMAR UNIVERSITY

Lamar University-Beaumont offers a Interdisciplinary Studies (Elementary Education) degree under a 2+2 program offered jointly with Angelina College.

Those interested in a particular subject are asked to request classes in that area. If enough interest exists, the subject may be added to the list of local offerings.

For information contact Ruby Smith at WISD office, 283-3752 or call the main campus of Angelina College in Lufkin at (409) 639-1301.

lina College of Lufkin. Students may attend courses at the off-campus field center at Woodville High School, taking their first two years of course work through Angelina College and then completing the four-year program with courses offered by Lamar University. Additional degrees will be offered in the future. The Lamar class meet on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6-7:20 p.m.

For more information on the program, contact Janice Trammel at the Center for Adult Studies at (409) 880-2233.

#### ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL SCHOOL

St. Paul's School was founded in 1981 for the purpose of providing an enriched educational curriculum in a Christian environment to students ages 3 through third grade. The school offers before and after school care. For information call the school at 283-7555.

#### WEE WISDOM SCHOOL

Wee Wisdom School is a part of Woodville United Methodist Church. Founded in 1966, the school offers classes for 3 and 4 year olds with a maximum enrollment of 12 in a class and special attention to the individual needs of students. The school offers before school care. Phone 283-5100.

#### PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Tyler County has five public independent school districts within its boundaries with a combined enrollment of almost 4,000 students. The districts include Woodville, Chester, Colmesneil, Spurger and Warren.

#### WOODVILLE ISD

The Woodville Independent School District is Tyler County's largest, covering 275 square miles and has an enrollment of 1,743 students and a faculty of 263 teachers, administrators and other support personnel. The district maintains four campuses, including West Elementary School (Early childhood classes through second grade) with an enrollment of 416; Woodville Intermediate School (grades 3-5) with an enrollment of 221.

#### \* Activities

At the appointed hour, the two springs to light, with each light symbolizing a donation to the fund.

#### Twilight Tour of Heritage Village

Following the annual Tour of Homes in December, the Twilight Tour of Heritage Village Museum is the Tyler County Heritage Society's gift to the community.

For this festive occasion, the Village is swathed in candlelight and old fashioned greenery, presenting an appropriate setting for a Living Nativity Scene, the reading of the Christmas Story and special programs of Christmas music.

Hot wassail and Christmas goodies are served at the historic 1866 Tolar Cabin.

#### Other activities

In addition to these annual events, the various clubs and organizations throughout Tyler County host events like the Woodville Lions Club's annual fish fry and silent auction and their annual coed softball tournament; the Woodville Rotary Club's shrimp gumbo dinner and "all you can eat" pancake breakfast; and an assortment of chili cookoffs and potluck suppers.

#### WARREN ISD

The Warren Independent School District is Tyler County's second largest, covering 252 square miles with an enrollment of 1,042 students and 72 faculty members. The district maintains four school campuses, including three located in Warren and one in the Fred Community. Fred Elementary School has an enrollment of 121; Warren Elementary has an enrollment of 327; Warren Junior High School has 267 student and Warren High School has 327 students. School Superintendent is Betty Ray Yates, 547-2241.

#### COLMESNEIL ISD

The Colmesneil Independent School District encompasses 220 square miles, with an enrollment of 426 students and 38 faculty members. The district currently has about 226 students enrolled in kindergarten through grade 6 and 200 in grades 7-12. School Superintendent is Larry Stinson, 837-5757.

#### SPURGER ISD

The Spurger Independent School District covers 107 square miles of southeast Tyler County and boasts a faculty of 30 teachers and administrators and a current enrollment of 393 students — including 1650 in grades K-5 of the elementary school, 1111 in grades 6-8 in the junior high and 1117 in grades 9-12 at the high school. School Superintendent is Johnny Lewis, 429-3464.

#### CHESTER ISD

The Chester Independent School District includes 176 square miles of northwest Tyler County and northeast Polk County, has 33 faculty members and an enrollment of 226 students — including 103 in elementary school and 123 in high school. School Superintendent is Gary Gazzaway, 969-2211.

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## Variety of churches serve the needs of Tyler County

WOODVILLE — Tyler County is served by a wide variety of churches representing a number of different religious denominations. Following is a listing of the denominations and the churches that represent them.

#### Adventist

Seventh Day Adventist Church  
1 miles south of Warren  
Ray House, Pastor

#### Agape

Agape Church  
FM 1745, 837-4334  
Kann and Gina Harrison, Pastors

#### Apostolic

Lakeview Apostolic Church  
429-5481  
Bro. Hendrik Lot, Pastor

#### Assembly of God

Abundant Life Fellowship  
Hwy. 190 at 92, Dun B., 283-3324  
Rev. J.D. Hughes

#### Assembly of God

Colmesneil Assembly of God  
Colmesneil, Texas 837-4424  
J.C. Carter, Pastor

#### Hillister Assembly of God

Hillister, Texas 283-2725  
Melvin D. McGalligan, Pastor

#### Oak Grove Assembly of God

Hwy. 92 between Fred & Spurger  
429-5050  
Rev. Wayne Watts, Pastor

#### Shady Grove

Assembly of God  
West of Woodville  
Trinity Christian Center  
Hwy. 190 West, Woodville  
283-5354

#### Baptist

Aline Independent Baptist  
1/8 miles N. of Doucette on FM 906  
Buddy McDaniell, Pastor

#### Beech Creek Baptist Church

FM 1013, 3 miles west of Spurger.  
Robert McClelland, Pastor

#### Bethany Baptist Church

Colmesneil, Texas  
Rev. Jack Butler, Pastor

#### Bethel Baptist Church

Warren, Hwy. 1943 W. of 69  
Ron George, Pastor

#### Calvary Baptist Church

Hwy. 69 North, Woodville, Texas  
Rev. Bill Gardner, Pastor

#### Caney Creek Baptist Church

Chester, Texas  
G.M. Standley, Pastor

#### Chester Baptist Church

Chester, Texas  
Jimmy Dean, Pastor

#### Dogwood Hills Baptist Church

Hwy. 190 West, Woodville  
Rev. Troy A. Richardson, Pastor

#### Ebenezer Baptist Church

Colmesneil, Texas  
Bro. Mike Ivey, Pastor

#### Emmanuel Baptist Church

2 miles N. of Doucette on Hwy. 69  
Enon Baptist Church

#### Enon Baptist Church

4 miles E. of Chester on 1745  
Henry Shields, Pastor

#### Fairview Baptist Church

Hwy. 92, Town Bluff  
Bro. Dan Magee, Pastor

#### Fellowship Primitive Baptist Church

Flake O. Woodrow Wilson, Pastor  
First Baptist Church, Colmesneil

#### First Baptist Church, Colmesneil

Hwy. 69/256 West 837-5439  
Bro. Michael Treadwell, Pastor

#### First Baptist Church, Doucette

Rev. Ken DeRouen, Pastor  
First Baptist Church of Spurger

#### First Baptist Church of Spurger

David Nugent, Pastor  
East Baptist Church, Warren

#### East Baptist Church, Warren

Kenneth Cauthen, Pastor  
First Baptist Church, Woodville

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283-2588  
Dr. Charles W. Haney, Pastor

#### First Shiloh Baptist Church

Bro. Bert C. Sample, Pastor  
Grace Baptist Church

#### Grace Baptist Church

Fowler Rd., 3 1/2 miles E. of Colmesneil off FM 256, 283-3952  
G.W. Patrick, Pastor

#### Harmony Baptist Church

FM 256, off Highway 190 West  
Bro. Steve Ford, Pastor

#### Hebron Baptist Church

5 miles south of Warren, Hwy. 69  
Hillister Baptist Church

#### Hillister Baptist Church

Hillister, Texas  
W.R. "Bill" Swearingen, Pastor

#### Hilltop Baptist Church

Hwy. 190, west of Dam B  
Kenji Ireland, Pastor

#### Katy Baptist Church

Colmesneil, Texas  
Darl Patrick, Pastor

#### Little Baptist Missionary Church

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## Activities for area youth available

### 4-H CLUBS

Tyler County 4-H Clubs have chapters in Chester, Colmesneil, Woodville, Warren, Spurger and Fred as well as the Windwalker Club located on the Alabama-Coushatta Indian Reservation. The clubs have a com-

bined membership of 262.

These youth development organizations, run by youth, teach leadership and citizenship skills. For additional information, contact the County Extension office at 283-8284.



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### BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts in Tyler County are part of the Three Rivers Council of the Boy Scouts of America. Open to boys ages six years and up, there are Cub Scout Packs in Woodville, Spurger and Warren.

Boy Scout Troops are located in Woodville, Spurger and Fred. For additional information contact Barbara Parker at Camp Urdand, phone 283-5360.

### TYLER COUNTY LITTLE LEAGUE

A member of the national Charter, the Tyler County Little League is open to boys or girls age seven to eighteen. Featuring T-Ball, Minor, Major, Senior and Big League, sign-up begins in March and play begins in April. For additional information contact Gary Hennigan at 283-7710 or 283-2172.

### TYLER COUNTY GIRLS SOFTBALL LEAGUE

Open to girls age six to eighteen, the Tyler County Girls Softball League

The season runs from April to May and games are played at the Girls Softball Field located west of Woodville just off highway US 190 at the Tyler County Airport. For additional information, contact Glen Clow at 283-7200.

### LITTLE EAGLE BASKETBALL

Little Eagle Basketball is open to boys and girls in the first to sixth grade.

Registration is in December and play begins in January and continues for four weeks.

During the 1994 season, the Little Eagle Basketball had 156 children playing on 16 teams in three leagues: Minor, Major, and Seniors. Basketball action takes place in the Woodville High School gymnasium.

For additional information, contact Steve Evans, phone 283-8111.

### OTHER ACTIVITIES

Other activities for youths in Tyler County are also available including horsemanship riding lessons, dance lessons, twirling lessons, swimming, and fishing.

## Tyler County Courthouse Directory

OFFICE	NAME	PHONE
County Auditor	Joyce Moore	283-3652
Tax Assessor/Collector	Sandra Harrison	283-2734
County Clerk	Dorcas Gregory	283-2281
County Judge	Jerome Owens	283-2141
Criminal District Attorney	Jim Clark	283-8136
Juvenile Probation	Jackie Culp	283-2387
Adult Probation	Kenny Simpson	283-5255
District Clerk	Patricia Brown	283-2162
County Treasurer	Jean Phillips	283-3054
County Extension	Sherry Jeans	283-8284
Home Economic Agent	Matt Bochart	283-8284
Agriculture Agent		

## Tyler County's court system

Tyler County is within the 88th Judicial District, which is jointly presided over by District Judge Earl B. "Smoker" Stover and District Judge Monte Lawlis.

County Court and Commissioners Court is presided over by County Judge Jerome Owens, 100 Courthouse Square, Woodville, Texas. (409) 283-2141.

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## Volunteers provide fire protection

Fire protection in Tyler County is provided by volunteer fire departments and the Texas Forest Service.

The fire departments include the Dan B. Volunteer Fire Department; the Spurger Volunteer Fire Department; the Fred Volunteer Fire Department; the Colmesneil Volunteer Fire Department; the Chester Volunteer Fire Department; the Ivanhoe Volunteer Fire Department; Warren Volunteer Fire Department.

## County has three incorporated cities

WOODVILLE — While there are a number of communities located throughout Tyler County, there currently are only three incorporated cities: Woodville, Colmesneil and Chester. The mayors include: Woodville, Billy Rose; Colmesneil, C.J. Riley; and Chester, Bryan Davis.

For more information, contact the city hall of the respective city. Telephone numbers are: Woodville, 283-2234; Colmesneil, 837-5211; and Chester, 969-2360.

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## A guide to Tyler County Courthouse services

Elected county officials are available to assist the public with questions about the day to day operation of local government in addition to helping residents obtain a marriage license, birth certificate, passport and vehicle registration. But the courthouse is often confusing and sometimes it is difficult to remember just which office handles what service. Perhaps this guide to the Tyler County Courthouse will provide some insight.

### WHERE WOULD YOU—

—obtain a marriage license?

The county clerk's office, located on the first floor of the Tyler County Courthouse, issues marriage licenses. Phone 283-7362.

—obtain a birth certificate?

The county clerk's office maintains birth records. 283-7362.

—obtain registration for cars, trucks, motorcycles, etc.?

The county tax assessor/collector issues vehicle registrations, license plates, and renewal stickers. Located in the Courthouse Annex, 1001 W. Bluff in Woodville. Phone 283-2734.

—register and obtain a title for motorboats?

The county tax assessor/collector can issue registration numbers and assist with obtaining certificates of title for commercial and private motorboats.

—obtain a passport?

The district clerk, located on the second floor of the Tyler County courthouse, acts as agent for the U.S. Passport Service to aid in planning for foreign travel. Phone 283-2162.

—obtain a voter registration card?

The tax assessor/collector maintains all county voter registration rolls. Phone 283-2734.

—obtain a death certificate?

These vital statistics are maintained by the county clerk. Phone 283-7362.

—examine the will of a deceased person?

This would be among the probate papers filed in the county clerk's office.

—pay county property taxes?

The tax assessor/collector maintains county tax rolls and is responsible for the collection of taxes. Phone 283-2734.

—record a deed or legal instrument related to real estate?

The county clerk records documents of this nature. Phone 283-7362.

—buy a traffic ticket issued by the Texas Department of Public Safety?

Contact the office of the justice of the peace listed on the citation.

—renew a driver's license?

The DPS maintains a license renewal office in the Tyler County Courthouse Annex, 1001 W. Bluff in Woodville. Hours are 8 a.m. to 11 noon and from 12 p.m. until 4:30 p.m. Wednesday through Friday. Phone 283-7757.

—visit an inmate in the county jail?

The sheriff is the custodian of the jail. Inquiries as to visiting hours should be directed to the sheriff's office, located in the Tyler County Justice Center, 702 North Magnolia Street, (US 69) Woodville. Phone 283-2172.

—obtain information on farming, gardening, or home economics?

The county extension office maintains this information. Located in the basement of the courthouse. Phone 283-8284.

—file a complaint for criminal misconduct?

The matter should be discussed with the district attorney. His office is located in the building adjacent to the Tyler County Courthouse. Phone 283-8136.

—recover unpaid child support?

The district clerk's office can assist in this area. Phone 283-2162.

## Prison unit located here

WOODVILLE — The Gib Lewis

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houses 1,000 inmates and employs

about 300 people. An additional 300

inmate beds are scheduled to be added

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members set to be hired.

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mate capacity. The two man cells

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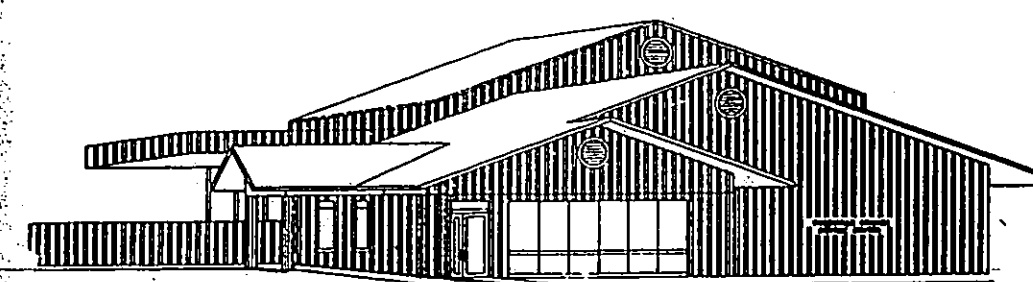
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## Recreational activities abound in and around Tyler County

WOODVILLE — There are limitless opportunities in Tyler County for recreation and leisure activities. For hook and history lovers there is the Allan Shivers Library, a memorial

to an American statesman and former Governor of Texas and Heritage Village which features the largest collection of East Texas historical artifacts in the state.

Year-round activities include hunting and fishing at nearby Steinhagen Lake, Sam Rayburn Lake in Jasper County or Toledo Bend Lake in Newton County.

picnic facilities. Open June through Labor Day.

**Heritage Village**  
In the early 1950's, ceramic artist Clyde Gray began a living museum of pioneer life, Heritage Village.

**Steinhagen Lake**  
The 16,830-acre Steinhagen Lake, operated by the lower Neches Valley Authority and the US Corp of Engineers, is a major source of water for recreational purposes.

Food, boat rental, tackle, bait, etc. are available at or near the lake. Martin Dies Jr. State Park, a 705-acre recreational area partially located in Tyler County off US 190 east, offers campsites, screened shelters, restrooms, showers, picnicking, fishing, swimming, water skiing, boat ramps, hiking trails and trailer dump stations.

**Lake Tjaja**  
A two-acre, roped-off swimming area is the main attraction of this summertime favorite, ten-acre Lake Tjaja.

Located one mile east of Colmesneil on FM 256, the lake is owned and operated by the Colmesneil Independent School District. A concession stand with short orders is available as well as camping and

are some of the amenities available.

**Allan Shivers Museum and Library**  
In 1963, former Governor and Mrs. Allan Shivers purchased the Robert Cruse house, built in 1881.

It was moved to its present location in Woodville to serve as a museum for the collection and display of memorabilia of Shivers' gubernatorial service.

Adjoining the museum is a completely equipped library. Last year the library had 152,283 circulation transactions of books and magazines plus 6,321 video transactions. Counted library traffic totaled 83,014 people, including 601 new patrons requesting library cards. Students from 10 colleges and universities used the Woodville library for research projects and 2,184 people representing 27 different states and countries were conducted on tours through the Allan Shivers Museum.

**The Big Thicket**  
An amazing array of flora and fauna, which once covered more than three million acres of East Texas is now under the control of the National Park Service which maintains an 84,000-acre Big Thicket National Preserve.

The Preserve consists of a number of "units," each an ecological pocket of compatible birds, animals and rare plant life. Woodville, "The Northern Gateway

to the Big Thicket," has excellent accommodations and is the logical location to headquarter for excursions into the famed Thicket.

Park Rangers at the Preserve conduct a large variety of programs throughout the year including activities for children and adults.

A naturalist Activities Calendar is published listing the scheduled programs and may be obtained by contacting the Big Thicket National Preserve at 3785 Milan, Beaumont, Texas 77701 or call (409) 839-1689.

In addition to several hiking trails, float trips, canoe trips, nature crafts, workshops on birds, wild flowers, photography, and trees and shrubs, wild food forays and map and compass classes are available.

Many of the trails are wheelchair accessible and arrangements can be made to guide or provide activities for groups with special requirements.

**Sam Rayburn Reservoir**  
Sam Rayburn Reservoir the largest body of water located entirely in the state, is located just north of Tyler County near Zavalla.

Covering 114,500 acres at normal capacity, Corp of Engineers and National Forest Service parks, camps, marinas and recreational areas dot the 500-mile shoreline offering limitless opportunity for camping, fishing, hiking, boating and other water sports.



**A STEP BACK IN TIME** — One of the more popular events each year is the Heritage Village Museum's Harvest Festival. Held in October, the Village becomes an active, frontier settlement from the 19th century as musical entertainment, craft demonstrations and exhibits help carry visitors back in time to experience the life-style of the settlers who pioneered East Texas. (Photo by Greg Peak)

## Chamber ready to assist newcomers

WOODVILLE — The Tyler County Chamber of Commerce is one of the key contact points for newcomers seeking information about the business, service and recreational program offered in the area.

Chamber Secretary Missy Ogden, together with the officers and directors of the organization, are on hand to help tourists and new residents alike. Located in the foyer of the Woodville Inn at 210 North Magnolia, the chamber office is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mondays through Friday. The office is closed on legal bank holidays. The office may be reached by calling 283-2532.

Ogden maintains a wealth of information on the Big Thicket National Park, all the tourist spots in the county, dogwood trails, attractions as well as facts needed for those locating a business or family in the area.

The chamber president for 1994 is Bob Belt, owner of Citizens State Bank, while while Emily Sumner, owners of the Homestead Restaurant in Hillister, is the vice president.

Directors elected to begin terms in 1994 include Eugene Koci of Woodville; Tom Knapp, owner of Knapp Ford Sales; Sumner; Jeanne Buck of

the Women and Children's Shelter; and Tyler County Extension Agent Sherry Jones.

Other directors include Stephen C. Bennett, D.D.S.; Ken Bond of Radio Station KVL; Marcus Payne of Community Bank; and agency owner Russ Pilgrim; and Annabeth Willis of Cruise Companion Travel Agency; Tyler County Clerk Donnie Gregory of Fred; Pete Foster, operator of the Video Junction in Woodville; Connie Clark of Connie's Flower Shop; Jacques Blackstone of the Springer and Griffin Funeral Home; and Patrick Cherry, manager of the Woodville Brookshire Brothers grocery store.

The chamber also maintains an industrial financing program capable of issuing Industrial Revenue Bonds for building projects approved by the state.

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Community Bank  
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- You see children who are abused or starving or not going to school? The State Department of Human Services, 283-3765, will investigate your anonymous call. The Tyler County Children's Services Board is a volunteer group working to better conditions for children throughout the county and to find foster parents. Call 283-7200 for more information. A state-wide toll-free hot line for reporting real or suspected cases of child abuse also exists: 1-800-252-5400.
- You need the services of the Mental Health Mental Retardation agencies? Call the Tyler County office of the Women's and Children's Shelter of Southeast Texas at 283-8720.
- You are an abused woman and need help? Call the Tyler County office of the Women's and Children's Shelter of Southeast Texas at 283-8720.
- You need emergency food or shelter? Contact Caring is Sharing, 283-5608. An interdenominational support agency, most local churches assist in the support of this group which may be reached after hours by contacting a local minister.
- You need to contact a family member in the armed services to advise of an emergency or need help because of a natural disaster? Contact the Tyler County Chapter of the American Red Cross.
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A special section inside this issue highlighting Tyler County Chamber of Commerce activities and information needed by newcomers!

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### Doucette man dies following shooting

DOUCETTE — A 24-year-old Doucette man was being held in the Tyler County Jail this week under a \$100,000 bond after being charged with murder in connection with the shooting death of Billy Ray McNeal, 34, also of Doucette.

Gary Lynn Skinner surrendered to Tyler County deputy sheriffs Saturday afternoon and was charged with murder before Justice of the Peace Tom Parker.

According to Sheriff Gary Hennigan, deputies were called to the Rump Shakers Cafe in Doucette about 1 a.m. Saturday in connection with a shooting incident. Witnesses reported that an argument between McNeal and Skinner developed into a fight inside the cafe.

"During the fight, the victim was shot a number of times. The two then

went outside where the victim was shot several more times before the suspect reloaded his gun and ran from the scene," Hennigan said.

McNeal was taken to Tyler County Hospital by Eastex EMS Ambulance where he was pronounced dead later that morning.

Skinner turned himself into deputies at the Tyler County Justice Center at 2:20 p.m. Saturday.

Although the exact number of gunshot wounds inflicted on McNeal will not be known until the completion of an autopsy, Hennigan said that the man suffered "multiple wounds" including those to his chest and face.

All of the gunshots are believed to have been inflicted by a .25 caliber pistol at close range. The murder weapon has been recovered, Hennigan said.



A BEGINNING AND ENDING — Bob Bell (left) formally assumed the duties of president of the Tyler County Chamber of Commerce last week after presenting the 1993 President Dr. Stephen Porcari (right) with an plaque of appreciation. See story on page 2A (Photo by Greg Peak)

### Indians consider gambling

By Dain Eakin  
Contributing writer

INDIAN VILLAGE — The possibility of bingo and casino gambling at the Alabama-Coushatta Indian Reservation will be considered at a meeting of the tribal council on Thursday, Feb. 10.

Jo Ann Battise, administrator, said Tuesday that some members of the council and other tribal members went to an Indian reservation in Minnesota last month to look over the gambling operation there and will discuss their findings at the meeting.

She said the administration and other tribal members have done extensive research to explore the possibilities of having bingo and/or casino gambling at the reservation, which is located on Highway 190 between Woodville and Livingston.

Battise added that most Indian tribes in the United States currently raise revenue through gambling. Because they are located on a federal reservation, the Alabama-Coushatta tribes could collect revenue from bingo without any taxes being paid to the state, she added.

However, the council will also be considering the possibility of casino gambling, which would include slot machines and card games. A compact with Gov. Ann Richards' office would have to be approved for this, Battise said.

See GAMBLING, pg. 2A

### Exchange of gunfire leaves one man dead

WOODVILLE — A 17-year-old Tyler County youth was being held in the Tyler County Justice Center late Tuesday afternoon following an exchange of gunfire which left his step-father, David Currier, dead.

Robert Wayne Hoffman was charged with voluntary manslaughter. Bond was not yet set at press time.

According to Sheriff Gary Hennigan, deputies were called to the Currier residence in the Fox Landing area off Recreation Road 255 at about 12:40 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 25. The residence is located in northeastern Tyler County.

Currier, 44, was subsequently pronounced dead at the scene by Justice of the Peace Tom Parker.

"Witnesses said that the victim, David Currier, started shooting at his step-son and that Hoffman managed

to get to a gun and return the fire," Hennigan said.

Hoffman told investigators that he and his step-father had been having problems but that the shooting was unexpected.

"He said he was working on his vehicle when he heard a shot go by him. He told us that it scared him and that he ran into the house and got a gun," Hennigan said.

Although it was unknown Tuesday how many times Currier may have been fired at by his step-son, Hennigan said that Hoffman fired a .44 caliber rifle only once, striking Currier in the left side.

The sheriff said the investigation in the incident was continuing and that the case would be presented to a Tyler County grand jury.

### WISD buys computer network system

By Dale Gazzaway  
Staff writer

WOODVILLE — The Woodville ISD board of trustees last week approved the purchase of a computer network system from Texas Computer Associates to the tune of over \$35,000. The system will be used in the upgrading of the high school library operations.

According to Tommy Weaver, WISD business manager, the purchase will be funded out of the CARE Grant, a part of \$105,184 recently awarded to the district through the Deep East Texas Council of Governments (DETCOG), and some additional funds which were already budgeted for library use.

Weaver told trustees that two bids were received, the first from Texas Computer Associates for \$35,251; and the second from Triad for \$34,994. The bid from Texas Computer Associates was accepted on the recommendation of consultant, Hails Taylor, and was, according to Weaver, "three pages long and very detailed." The bid cov-

ers purchase (including installation fee) of one file server, seven stations, and various hardware and software.

WISD Library Coordinator Judy Kenesson presented a preview of the computers, their software and functions, by displaying and demonstrating two computers currently leased and available to students. "All of our libraries are meeting the minimum standards for the Texas Education Agency (TEA), but I'm not happy with minimum," she stated.

Labelling the new equipment as "upgrading our libraries in the age of information," Kenesson explained that the improvement of the library will be packaged in a three-fold program.

"The first step will be to automate the library with a networked computer system, increasing the availability of information for students.

"The second step is to upgrade and expand research information, beginning with periodical indexing."

In addition, a program called Social Issues Resources Series (SIRS), which

is already available to students in "hardcopy" (printed materials) and taking up considerable shelf space and research time, will be available on computer. "One 'CD' (information storage) will hold 250,000 pages of print," she added. Finally, newspaper indexing will be provided.

The third step to the library's advancement is through a Reading Management Program. "This is a computer managed program designed to increase reading skills," Kenesson said. "For example, the 'Accelerated Reader' works wonders and is extremely successful. We're trying to develop lifetime learners, and kids who will go to college and be able to do updated research."

Kenesson hopes to have the networked system "on-line" by the end of the year, and to eventually have it available in classrooms. "It's been a great revolution for our library," she said, adding that she hopes to continue

See SCHOOL BOARD, pg. 2A

### One killed, two hurt in Sunday accident

WOODVILLE — A Jasper man was killed and two others injured in a one-car accident reported Sunday afternoon on Highway 190 in Tyler County.

Mark McGuire Cannon, 37, died after being thrown from a 1993 Chevrolet two-door car. The driver of the car, Justin Lee Hamm, 19, of Brookeland and Alvis Clarence Greenway, 20, of Warren were treated and released from the Tyler County Hospital for minor injuries, officials said.

All three are employed as correc-

tions officers at the Terrell Prison Unit near Livingston and were returning home from work, traveling east on Highway 190. According to reports, Hamm fell asleep about 3:30 p.m. and the car began veering into the opposite lane of traffic.

Hamm apparently woke up and tried to steer back onto the road but instead went into a spin and struck a tree, authorities said.

Cannon was not wearing a seat belt at the time of the accident.

### Vandalism spree ends with arrests

WOODVILLE — Two 17-year-old Tyler County youths were charged with a variety of felony and misdemeanor complaints following a vandalism spree reported in Woodville last week.

Tommy Shane Parrish of Woodville and John Charles Savant of Colmesneil were arrested Tuesday, Jan. 18, by Woodville police in connection with damages inflicted on headstones in the Magnolia Cemetery, the slashing of a number of automobile tires and the breaking of an automobile rear window.

According to Police Chief Scott Yosko, the vandalism spree began about 9 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 17, and continued through the night.

Each of the suspects were charged with felony desecration of a venerated object in connection with the headstone damages; one count of felony criminal mischief in connection to damages to the back window of a Lincoln Continental; one class A misdemeanor and three class B criminal mischief complaints in connection with the tire slashing incidents; and misdemeanor theft in connection with the theft of two bicycles.

In other police activity last week.

See POLICE, pg. 2A



EASTERN WILD TURKEYS RELEASED HERE — Some 12 Eastern Wild Turkey hens and three gobblers were released in the northeast quadrant of Tyler County last week as part of a move to restore a species that was historically found in East Texas. According to Texas Department of Wildlife Biologists Dan Boone and Norman Due, the birds were flown in from Iowa, picked up at the Lufkin Airport and released the same day under balmy skies in Tyler County. The release called for 15 turkeys for

each site at a cost of \$550 for each bird. There are eight sites in Tyler County. The birds are 50 percent adult and 50 percent juvenile. 5,000 contiguous acres of land had to be registered prior to the release, said the biologists. Shown above (l-r) during the release are Dr. Raymond Parker, Biologist Boone, Texas Parks and Wildlife Officer Mike Wheat, and Biologist Due. On hand but not shown were Gene and Bob Boykin. (Photo by John Morrison)



# Page Two

## At the Village



By Dottie Johnson

It was different this year. And those who attended the Tyler County Heritage Society's Annual Meeting Monday night seemed to approve of the changes. A group of new and old members gathered at the Pickett House, paid their membership dues (if they hadn't paid them already), picked up stars to put on their badges (for 1994 membership) and enjoyed a hearty dinner before heading to the Cherokee Church for their meeting.

On the way, they stopped for a chat with blacksmith Tom Lundquist of Livingston, who had the forge blazing and the anvil singing. Then into the church, where Sondra Hensarling was waiting for them, filling the historic structure with the music of her hammered dulcimer. Sondra is president of the Heritage Village Dulcimer Society, which like the East Texas Blacksmith Alliance is one of the three member groups that call the Village home.

Extraordinary members. Among the many surprises of the evening was the introduction by Jesse Collins of categories of extraordinary memberships in recognition of gifts made by individuals or corporations. Heading this list was the HOME-STEADER for someone, as Collins noted, who is here to stay and whose monetary contribution has been more than \$5,000.

To start the wheels rolling in that direction, President Joella Knapp presented the society's first HOME-STEADER membership to Jack and Marie Whitmeyer, who over recent years have more than quadrupled that figure, monetarily as well as voluntarily. Both Jack and Marie have been involved in the Heritage Society since its beginnings in its present form, and Jack's work with the Village goes back to the early days of Clyde and Bill Gray. He has also served as chairman of the Tyler County Historical Commission for many years.

Other membership categories introduced by Collins were: SETTLER, recognizing gifts of \$2,500 to \$4,900; and Explorer, for gifts of \$1,000 to \$2,499, and Pioneer for gifts of \$250 to \$999. Annual membership dues remain at \$15 for individuals, \$25 for families, \$50 for small businesses.

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## Awards, meeting schedules, elections highlight annual meeting

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Hiking trails and brochures. In her report on beautification, Keelin Parker brought the group up to date on work being done to improve the Village's Hiking Trails, work that is being accomplished through a matching fund grant from the federal government under a seven year management program. To date, matching funds have come from a generous cash donation by the Whitmeyer, provided by Keelin and the Parker Forestry Consultant's own employees and by many volunteer hours.

Carol Phillips introduced members to the new Village brochure, which the Chamber of Commerce is sending out in packets to those asking for information about our area, and thanked the Chamber for their financial support.

Fred Sullivan talked briefly about the Society's Endowment program and the many ways it can be used to build a firm base of continued funding for Village maintenance.

And Georgia Collins put a new twist on the age old plea for volunteers by calling on members, many of whom are retired, to find a new career within the Village.

The Village is well. Village Director Marjorie Schultz saluted her Village staffers, who continue to give of themselves after the call of God. She talked about the work of the Village staff, who have been working hard to make the Village a place where everyone can enjoy the beauty of the past and the excitement of the future.

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1 miles south of Warren  
Ray House, Pastor

**Agape**  
Agape Church  
FM 1745, 837-4434  
Rev. J.D. Harrison, Pastors

**Apostolic**  
Lakeside Apostolic Church  
429-5481  
Bro. Hershel Lott, Pastor

**Assembly of God**  
Abundant Life Fellowship  
Hwy. 190 at 92, Dan B, TX. 283-3324  
Rev. J.D. Hughes

**Assembly of God**  
R.C. Tilley, Pastor  
Colmesneil Assembly of God  
Colmesneil, Texas 837-4424

**Assembly of God**  
Hillister Assembly of God  
Hillister, Texas 283-2725  
Melvin D. McCallion, Pastor

**Assembly of God**  
Oak Grove Assembly of God  
Hwy. 92 between Fred & Spurger  
429-5050

**Assembly of God**  
Rev. Wayne Watts, Pastor  
Shady Grove Assembly of God  
West of Woodville  
Trinity Christian Center  
Hwy. 190 West, Woodville  
283-3334  
Pastor

**Baptist**  
Aline Independent Baptist  
1/8 miles N. of Doucette on FM3065  
Buddy McDaniel, Pastor

**Baptist**  
Beech Creek Baptist Church  
FM 1013, 3 miles west of Spurger,  
Robert McClelland, Pastor

**Baptist**  
Bethany Baptist Church  
Colmesneil, Texas  
Rev. Jack Butler, Pastor

**Baptist**  
Bethel Baptist Church  
Warren, Hwy. 1943 W. of 69  
Ron George, Pastor

**Baptist**  
Calvary Baptist Church  
Hwy. 69 North, Woodville, Texas  
Rev. Bill Gardner, Pastor

**Baptist**  
Camp Zion Baptist Church  
Doucette, Texas  
Rev. L.S. Hunt, Pastor

**Baptist**  
Caney Creek Baptist Church  
Warren, Texas  
G.M. Shibley, Pastor

**Baptist**  
Chester Baptist Church  
Chester, Texas  
Jimmy Dean, Pastor

**Dogwood Hills Baptist Church**  
Hwy. 190 West, Woodville  
Rev. Troy A. Richardson, Pastor

**Emmanuel Baptist Church**  
Colmesneil, Texas  
Bro. Mike Ivey, Pastor

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2 miles N. of Doucette on Hwy. 69  
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**Enon Baptist Church**  
4 miles E. of Chester on 1745  
Henry Shattles, Pastor

**Fairview Baptist Church**  
Hwy. 92, Town Bluff  
Bro. Dan Magee, Pastor

**Fellowship Primitive Baptist**  
429-5481  
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**First Baptist Church, Colmesneil**  
Hwy. 69/256 West 837-5439  
Bro. Michael Ledbetter, Pastor

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Rev. Ken Swenson, Pastor

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Spurger, Texas  
David Nugent, Pastor

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Warren, Texas  
Kenneth Cuthbert, Pastor

**First Baptist Church, Woodville**  
Corner of Wheat & Charlton 283-2588  
Dr. Charles W. Haney, Pastor

**First Shiloh Baptist Church**  
Bro. Ben C. Sample, Pastor  
Grace Baptist Church  
Fowler Rd., 3 1/2 miles E. of Colmesneil  
Off. FM 256, 283-3952  
G.W. Patrick, Pastor

**Harmony Baptist Church**  
FM 256, off Highway 190 West  
Bro. Steve Ford, Pastor

**Hebron Baptist Church**  
5 miles south of Warren, Hwy. 69  
Pastor

**Hillister Baptist Church**  
Hillister, Texas  
W.R. "Bill" Swenson, Pastor

**Hilltop Baptist Church**  
Hwy. 190, west of Dam B  
Kenn Freeland, Pastor

**Katy Baptist Church**  
Colmesneil, Texas  
Darl Patrick, Pastor

**Little Baptist Missionary Church**  
1 mile east on FM 1013  
Rev. John Victoria, Pastor

**Midway Missionary Baptist**  
FM 1943, 10 miles E. of Warren  
Bro. E.C. Jones, Pastor

**Mr. Carmel Baptist Church**  
Warren, Texas  
Jack Leellen, Pastor

**Mr. Hope Missionary Baptist**  
Rev. Edward Gambell, Pastor  
Mount Nebo Baptist Church  
FM 1943, 13 miles E. of Warren  
Dennell Young, Pastor

**Mount Olivet Baptist Church**  
Hwy. 92, Fred, Texas  
Brian Hale, Pastor

**St. Sinal Baptist Church**  
Holly Fork Community  
Bro. Robert Foxworth, Pastor

**New Pilgrim Baptist Church**  
Woodville, 283-7227  
Pastor

**New Shady Grove Baptist Church**  
3 miles east of Woodville, Highway 190  
The Rev. Leonard White, Pastor

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283-2607  
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**Palestine Baptist Church**  
3 miles N. of Chester on Hwy. 287  
Rev. N. Joseph Jr., Pastor

**Pilgrim Rest Missionary Baptist**  
Cobb Mill Road, Woodville  
Rev. R.L. Session, Pastor

**Pleasant Hill Baptist Church**  
401 M.L.K., Woodville 283-3008  
C.J. Hadson, Pastor

**Pleasant Hill Baptist, Spurger**  
FM 2992, Spurger, Texas  
Bro. Johnny Lewis, Pastor

**Rockland Baptist Church**  
Rev. Tom Owen, Pastor  
Rocky Springs Baptist Church  
Leonard Budra, Pastor

**New Zion Baptist Church**  
Spurger, Texas  
Rev. Lester Mitchell, Pastor

**Spring Hill Baptist Church**  
Woodville, Texas  
Rev. D.A. Myre, Pastor

**South Spurger "Miracle" Baptist**  
Highway 92 south of Spurger, 429-5077  
Webster Gilchrist, Pastor

**Sunset Missionary Baptist**  
FM 1943, Warren, Texas  
Bro. John Collins, Pastor

**True Vine Baptist Church**  
1 miles East of Doucette  
Victory Baptist Church  
E. of 92 on 1746 (Old Town Bluff)  
Rev. W.C. Haynes, Pastor

**Warren Baptist Church**  
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283-5938  
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D.L. Ross, Pastor

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Our Lady of the Pines Church  
1601 Pine, Hwy. 287, Woodville 283-5367  
Rev. Roger Thibodeaux, Pastor

**Christian**  
First Christian Church  
109 Charlton, Woodville  
283-2449  
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283-7746  
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Warren, Texas 547-2785  
Jeff Little, Minister

**Church of Christ**  
Woodville Church of Christ  
Hwy. 190 West 283-5977  
Eugene Greer, Minister

**Episcopal**  
St. Pauls Episcopal Church  
1 mile W. of Woodville on Hwy. 190  
283-3710  
Rev. Nick Novak, Vicar

**Inter-Denominational**  
His Place Family Outreach  
305 W. Hill, Woodville 283-5888  
Ron Davis, Pastor

**Latter Day Saints**  
Church of Jesus Christ L.D. Saints  
Hwy. 92, Fred, Texas  
James Odum, Branch President

**Church of Jesus Christ L.D. Saints**  
Pine St. Chapel, Woodville  
Tim Durr, Branch President

**Lutheran**  
Faith Lutheran Church  
704 W. Holly, Woodville 283-7171  
Walter P. Snyder, Minister

**Methodist**  
Cade Memorial United Methodist  
Church, Texas  
The Rev. Frank C. Cady, Pastor

**Methodist**  
Hopewell First Congregational  
7 miles E. of Woodville, Hwy. 190  
283-5938  
Pastor

**Methodist**  
Jesse R. McKee Pastor  
Mann's Chapel First  
Congregational Methodist  
2 1/2 miles W. of Colmesneil on  
FM 1746, 283-5988 or 837-5287

**Methodist**  
Rev. John McKee, Pastor  
Midway United Methodist  
283-2695  
Bob Fosburgh, Pastor

**Methodist**  
and was a U.S. Army veteran of World  
War II.  
Survivors include his wife, Mary Edna  
Porter of Woodville; a daughter and  
son-in-law, Porter and Darlene  
Allred of Port Neches; two sisters,  
Henrietta Denton of Carthage and Ruby  
Arnold of Port Arthur; two grandchil-

**Methodist**  
dren; and three great-grandchildren.  
Burial services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 22, 1994, from the Galbreath-Pickard  
Funeral Chapel in Weatherford with  
burial in the Colmesneil City Cemetery  
in Tyler County.  
Mrs. Long died Jan. 20.

**Methodist**  
Born May 19, 1914 in LaBonte, Penn.  
she had resided in Weatherford for 37  
years. She was a seamstress and mem-  
ber of the Clear Fork Baptist Church.  
She was preceded in death in 1992 by a  
daughter, Raylene Multibill of Col-  
mesneil.

**Methodist**  
Survivors include one daughter,  
Sandra Long Weatherford; three sons,  
Vloys Williams of Fort Worth, Daniel  
Long of Weatherford and David Long  
of Galveston; four sisters; one brother,  
11 grandchildren; and 15 great-grand-  
children.

**Methodist**  
Galbreath-Pickard Funeral Chapel of  
Weatherford directed the arrangements  
with Riley Funeral Home of Woodville  
handling the graveside services.

**Methodist**  
Burial followed at the Fairview Cem-  
etery.

**Methodist**  
Mr. Porter died Jan. 21, at the Dog-  
wood Trails Manor nursing home in  
Woodville.

**Methodist**  
A native of Gary and a former long-  
time resident of Port Arthur, he had  
resided in Woodville for the past 16  
years. He was a retired clerk for Texaco  
in Port Arthur with 37 years of service.

**Spurger United Methodist**  
Spurger, Texas  
Rev. John Dowden, Pastor

**Warren United Methodist**  
Warren, Texas 547-2669  
Rev. Bob Fosburgh, Pastor

**Woodville United Methodist**  
Woodville, Texas  
Bobbie Weber, Pastor

**Non-Denominational**  
Christ Holy Temple  
Clear Springs Community, 283-5668  
D.R. Mitchell, Pastor

**Non-Denominational**  
Christian Life Center  
335 White Tail Ridge, Woodville  
283-5333  
Bro. Leonard Witt, Pastor

**Non-Denominational**  
Community Church  
23 FM 1746, Woodville  
R.L. Sanders, Pastor 429-3646

**Non-Denominational**  
Hampton Full Gospel Church  
2 miles W. of Chester on Hwy. 287  
Rev. James T. Loving, Pastor

**Non-Denominational**  
New Creation  
Hwy. 190, Timberland W. &  
Old Livingston Hwy.  
Arthur Melms, Pastor

**Non-Denominational**  
River Acres Full Gospel Church  
Sheffield Ferry, Spurger  
Rev. Cloris Ford, Pastor

**Non-Denominational**  
Sandy Creek Community Church  
Sandy Creek Rd., Fred, Texas  
William Smith Sr. & Yonita Smith, Pastors

**Non-Denominational**  
The Tabernacle  
White Tail Ridge west of Woodville (four  
miles off Highway 190  
Lennie and Debbie Ashton, Pastors

**Non-Denominational**  
Woodville Gospel Tabernacle  
2 1/2 miles N. of Woodville on Hwy. 69  
283-2156  
David Emmons, Pastor

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First Pentecostal Church of Fred  
Fred, Texas  
Jerry Peck, Pastor

**Pentecostal**  
Pleasant Valley Pentecostal  
Church  
Highway 287, Chester, Texas  
Jesse LeBlanc, Pastor

**Pentecostal**  
Spurger United Pentecostal  
Church  
Spurger, Texas  
Thomas Hall, Pastor

**Pentecostal**  
The First Church of Jesus  
Fred, Texas  
S.E. Knighten, Pastor

**Pentecostal**  
Warren United Pentecostal  
Church  
West Bluff, Woodville  
R.L. Magheche, Pastor

**Pentecostal**  
The location of this well is as follows:  
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**Pentecostal**  
This well is to be drilled to an approximate  
depth of 9200 feet.

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Field Rules for the Wildcat field are 467/  
1200, 40 acres.  
Field Rules for the Gregory (Willow) field  
are 467/1200, 40 acres.

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This well is to be drilled to an approximate  
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**Pentecostal**  
Pursuant to the terms of Rule 37(b)(2)(A),  
this application may be granted  
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is entitled to protest this application. An affected  
person includes owners of record and the  
operator or lessee of record and the  
operator or lessee of record of adjacent  
tracts and tracts nearer to the proposed well  
than the minimum lease line spacing distance.  
If a hearing is called, the applicant has the  
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A protestant should be prepared to establish  
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# Obituaries

**Martin Slavinec**  
WOODVILLE—Funeral services for  
Martin Slavinec, 86, of Woodville were  
held at 4 p.m. Monday, Jan. 24, 1994,  
from the Riley Funeral Home Chapel in  
Woodville with the Rev. Nick Novak,  
vicar of St. Paul's Episcopal Church,  
officiating.

**Martin Slavinec**  
Burial followed at Grandview Me-  
morial Park in Pasadena.  
Mr. Slavinec died Jan. 22 at the Tyler  
County Hospital in Woodville.

**Martin Slavinec**  
A native of Folsomford, Austria, he  
was a former resident of Deer Park and  
had resided in Woodville for five years.  
He was a retired member of the Mar-  
chant Marine and was a U.S. Army  
veteran of World War II.

**Martin Slavinec**  
Survivors include a daughter, Edith  
Dumont of Woodville; five grandchil-  
dren; two step-grandchildren; six

**Martin Slavinec**  
great-grandchildren; and four step-  
great-grandchildren.  
Riley Funeral Home of Woodville  
directed the arrangements.

**Lenora Rebbe Walker**  
TOWNBLUFF—Funeral services for  
Lenora Rebbe Walker, 60, of Town  
Bluff were held at 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan.  
23, 1994, from Fairview Baptist Church  
in Town Bluff with Bro. John  
Spanhanks, Bro. William Charles  
Haynes and Bro. Kenn Freeland offici-  
ating.

**Lenora Rebbe Walker**  
Burial followed in the Fairview Cem-  
etery.  
Mrs. Walker died Jan. 21 at St. Eliza-  
beth Hospital in Beaumont.

**Lenora Rebbe Walker**  
A native of Burton, she had resided in  
Town Bluff most of her life. She was  
employed as a clerk for Wal-Mart in  
Woodville.

**Lenora Rebbe Walker**  
Survivors include her husband, Jewell  
C. Walker of Town Bluff; two daugh-  
ters and sons-in-law, Sallie and Dan  
of Woodville.

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# Sports



**LITTLE DRIBBLER** — The Woodville gym is packed with excitement every Saturday when hundreds of youngsters play in Woodville Little Dribbler's games. Candace Lamberth dribbles her way past Amber Sanford (right) while teammate Jenny Reid watches intently. (Photo by Don Stevenson)

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**Warriors beaten by Hardin**

HARDIN — It wasn't a pleasant evening for the Warriors Warriors in a district road game against the Hardin Hornets last week.

Warren, playing with mostly sophomores and freshmen, fell to the Hornets, 93-42, for their fourth district loss of the season against one win. Shane Moses topped Warren scoring with 12 points.

Hardin jumped out to a 23-10 first quarter lead, and extended it to 47-26 by halftime.

Warren will next host Deweyville Friday before traveling to New Waverly Tuesday.

1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Warren (1-4)	10	16	8	42
Hardin (3-1)	23	24	25	93

Leading scorer: Shane Moses 12.

with Don Stevenson

## Woodville drops first district game

**NEWTON** — The third time was the charm for the Newton Eagles. After losing twice to the state ranked Woodville Eagles in non-district play, Newton rallied from 12 points down in the second half to post a 59-59 upset Tuesday night on the home court.

"It's hard to be up for two ball games," said Woodville coach John Lamberth after the loss. Woodville had previously beaten Hardin-Jefferson at home four days earlier.

Woodville stretched their lead to 12 points in the third period, and held a 33-43 lead at the beginning of the fourth period before the roof caved in. Beatty led Woodville scoring with 23 points. Speights had 13, while Ryan Ferguson added 12. All of Ferguson's points came on three point shots.

Beatty grabbed 14 rebounds and had four blocked shots, while Speights had 10 rebounds.

Woodville shot eight of 10 from the

free throw line. Newton hit 10 of 14 from the charity stripe.

The loss was the first district loss for the Eagles this season. Later in the week Woodville cased past Orangefield 83-75 to move to a 5-1 district record.

Going into Tuesday night's games, in which Woodville was to meet Bona at home, both Woodville and Hardin-Jefferson were tied for the district lead with 5-1 records. Newton was in third place with a 4-2 mark, while Bona, Stephen F. Austin, and Kirbyville were tied for fourth with 3-3 records.

Lamberth said that he was not pleased with the Eagles defense against Orangefield in their win.

The Bobcats were within one at the beginning of the fourth quarter, 63-62, after the Eagles led by as much as 11 in the third period.

Four Eagle starters hit for double figures, including Beatty with 30,

## Woodville girls slap Newton, fall to Bobcats

**WOODVILLE** — The Lady Eagles of Woodville stayed on an even keel last week, defeating Newton, 59-43, and falling to Orangefield, 81-52.

The split gives the Lady Eagles a 3-3 mark in district play with five games remaining, four on the road.

Ashley Allison led Woodville scoring against Newton. The junior post scored 17 points, while teammates Latesha Mitchell and Michelle Foster each had 12.

Woodville jumped ahead of Newton 21-13 in the first period, and extended their lead to 38-21 at halftime. Newton narrowed the gap by four in the third period, 45-52, but the Eagles rolled to a 14-1 advantage in the fourth period and won the game going away.

Against Orangefield it was a different story though. The Lady Eagles



**ALLY OOP** — Woodville's Amy Sanford rolls in for a shot between three Newton defenders in a district contest last week. The Lady Eagles won, 59-43, for their third district win of the season. (Photo by Don Stevenson)

## Colmesneil boys remain unbeaten in district play

**BIGSANDY** — The Colmesneil Bulldogs finished the evening with nine 3-pointers.

1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Big Sandy (0-3)	12	21	10	52
Colmesneil (3-0)	14	12	17	57

Leading scorers: Les Stinson 21, Eric Daniels 12, Kevin McQueen 10.

When the game got critical we went to Les inside," said Colmesneil coach Rick Johnson. "He got the job done."

Stinson hit eight of his 21 points in the fourth period.

Eric Daniels scored 12 points, all on three point shots, while Kevin McQueen added 10.

Colmesneil was outpacing Newton 15 from the free throw line on 25 attempts. Big Sandy connected on eight of 16.

Against Ewaldale the Bulldogs won a 20-point lead in the first half and coasted the rest of the way.

Stinson racked up 28 points hitting 10 of 15 from the line, while McQueen hit five 14, and Daniels added 10. Robbie Johnson hit three 3-pointers.

Les said a jump up job, "not Johnson of his post. He was become more aggressive."

Ewaldale narrowed the gap late in the

## Lady Warriors fall twice last week

**WARREN** — The Lady Warriors of Warren dropped a 60-39 district out-of-town game to Hardin last week, and later fell to Beaumont Kelly in a non-district game, 56-39.

The loss to Hardin still keeps the Warriors in third place behind undefeated East Chambers and once beaten New Waverly. Warren is 3-3 in district play, with East Chambers 7-0 and New Waverly 6-1.

Leigh Ann Neal led Warren scoring in both games. Neal scored 20 against Hardin and 10 against Kelly.

Warren stayed close for the first half against Hardin, trailing 22-18 at halftime. But the Hornets opened their lead in the third period with a 23-10 advantage.

Against Kelly the Lady Warriors played the Beaumont school even in the first and fourth quarters, but were put away in the second and third quarters.

## Eagle JV splits a pair

**WOODVILLE** — The Woodville junior varsity boys basketball team lost to Newton 75-60 last week after Newton jumped out to a 38-13 lead at halftime.

The JV Eagles were able to cut the deficit to four in the second half but were never able to get over the hump.

Leading scorers in the game were Gerrod Betts with 27 points, Sonny Hillyard with 11 points, Craig Lewis with eight points and Cory Mitchell with seven points.

The Eagles fared a lot better in Friday's contest with Orangefield.

They defeated the overmatched Bobcats by a 97-50 margin.

The unrelenting play of the Eagles led to five people in double figures. Leading scorers of the game were Lewis with 17 points; Kunta Mitchell and Byron Rigby with 13 points each; Betts and Hillyard with 10 points each; Juan Mitchell with eight points; Cory Mitchell, Melvin Moya and Justin McCabe with six points; Darin Batts with five points; and Ryan Weaver and Todd Atwell with two and one point respectively.

The JV record now stands at 13-8 and 4-2 in district play.

1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Warren (3-3)	8	10	11	39
Hardin (3-3)	12	20	15	60

Leading scorer: Leigh Ann Neal 20.

1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Bmt. Kelly (11-6)	19	10	13	56
Warren (2-11)	14	8	4	39

Leading scorer: Leigh Ann Neal 20.

## Spurger Lady Pirates hold Sabine Pass to 3 points

**SPURGER** — The Lady Pirates of Spurger held on out matched Sabine Pass squad to just three points for the entire game in a 56-3 romp last week.

Spurger blanked Sabine pass in the first, second, and fourth quarter. The Lady Pirates, who have yet to win a game this season, scored all three points in the third period.

The Lady Pirates were led by Shannon Braddock with 15 points and Stephany Zoch with 11.

Spurger had the game won in the first two minutes of play. The Lady Pirates led at halftime, 33-0.

Later in the week Spurger edged High Island, 36-33, with Zoch hitting for 11 and Tasha Kotz adding 10 points.

## Lady Bulldogs fall to state ranked teams

**COLMESNEIL** — The Lady Bulldogs of Colmesneil had the honor of playing a pair of state ranked teams last week. The only trouble was that they are both in Colmesneil's district and the losses pushed them into third place in the district standings.

Big Sandy, ranked number 16 in a state coaches' poll, rattled the Lady Bulldogs by the tune of 83-24.

Later in the week Colmesneil went up against Ewaldale, ranked number 11 in the state, and fell 79-34.

Rachel Bean topped scoring in both games with 18 points against Big Sandy and 15 more against Ewaldale. Rachel McKinney hit for 14 against Ewaldale.

## School Lunch Menus

**Chester ISD**

WEDNESDAY, Jan. 26: Chicken-n-rice, blackeyed peas, baby carrots, cornbread and milk.

THURSDAY, Jan. 27: Barbecued links, potato salad, baked beans, rolls and milk.

FRIDAY, Jan. 28: Fried fish, cabbage slaw, French fries, hash potatoes and milk.

MONDAY, Jan. 31: Spaghetti, blackeyed peas, baby carrots, cornbread and milk.

TUESDAY, Feb. 1: Roast and gravy, green beans, mixed vegetables, rolls and milk.

WEDNESDAY, Feb. 2: Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes with gravy, potato beans, rolls and milk.

THURSDAY, Feb. 3: Chicken and dumplings, English peas, celery and carrot sticks, rolls and milk.

FRIDAY, Feb. 4: Hamburgers, lettuce, tomato, pickles, onions, baked beans, French fries and milk.

**Colmesneil ISD**

WEDNESDAY, Jan. 26: Fish with tartar sauce, potato salad, cole slaw, hash potatoes, fruit and milk.

THURSDAY, Jan. 27: Mini-cornedogs, macaroni and cheese, red beans, cornbread, brownie and milk.

FRIDAY, Jan. 28: Fajita pockets, lettuce, tomato, refried beans, nacho rounds, Congo bar and milk.

MONDAY, Jan. 31: Pizza, garden salad with dressing, meat-corn, chocolate chip cookie and milk.

TUESDAY, Feb. 1: Turkey and noodles, mixed vegetables, cheddarick, hot rolls, sliced peaches and milk.

WEDNESDAY, Feb. 2: Steak sandwich, lettuce, tomato, French fries, omelet-peanut butter cookie and milk.

THURSDAY, Feb. 3: Vegetable beef soup, cheddarick, breaded okra, cornbread, sliced peaches and milk.

FRIDAY, Feb. 4: Hamburger, lettuce, tomato, pickles, onion, French fries, pineapple pudding and milk.

**Spurger ISD**

WEDNESDAY, Jan. 26: Macaroni with meat sauce, mixed green, cornbread, peas and pineapple and milk.

THURSDAY, Jan. 27: Salmon parties, cole slaw, shoestring potatoes, cornbread, Jello and milk.

FRIDAY, Jan. 28: Hamburgers, french beans, fruit salad and milk.

MONDAY, Jan. 31: Beef tips and gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, banana pudding and milk.

TUESDAY, Feb. 1: Chicken and dumplings, green beans, cornbread, peaches and milk.

WEDNESDAY, Feb. 2: Shredded chicken, lettuce, tomato, curly fries, cookies and milk.

THURSDAY, Jan. 27: Vegetable soup with tomato cheese sauce, french fries, cookies and milk.

FRIDAY, Jan. 28: Sloppy Joe, fries, chilled peaches and milk.

MONDAY, Jan. 31: Fish nuggets, hamburgers, potato wedges, green salad, cake and milk.

## Warriors beaten by Hardin

**HARDIN** — It wasn't a pleasant evening for the Warriors Warriors in a district road game against the Hardin Hornets last week.

Warren, playing with mostly sophomores and freshmen, fell to the Hornets, 93-42, for their fourth district loss of the season against one win. Shane Moses topped Warren scoring with 12 points.

Hardin jumped out to a 23-10 first quarter lead, and extended it to 47-26 by halftime.

Warren will next host Deweyville Friday before traveling to New Waverly Tuesday.

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The victories gave the Pirates a 3-1 district record, and set up a showdown Tuesday at home against district leader, Colmesneil.

Spurger blew past Sabine Pass 84-46, and then came back to knock off High Island, 73-55, at home Friday.

Against Sabine Pass, Michael Holland scored with 20 points, Bubba Winkle tossed in 17, with Jason Spurlock adding 12, and Lynn Spurlock hitting for 10.

Spurger rolled up a 45-30 halftime lead, and out scored the Pirates 39-16 in the second half.

Against High Island the Pirates used the 18 point production of Holland to win their 15th game of the season. Winkle hit for 16, with Deshaun Moya adding 15, and both Jeremy Franklin and Jason Spurlock adding 10 points.

Spurger led 39-27 at the half, but High Island narrowed the margin to 49-42 by the end of the third period. The Pirates poured in 24 fourth quarter points to put the game out of High Island's reach.



**BEST BUCK WINNER** — Kenith A. Davis of Houston (left) was the grand prize winner in the best rack contest sponsored by The Tyler County Booster. The prize rifle was presented to the winner by Bob Smith, of Bob's Pawn Shop. Davis killed the winning 11-point, 190 pound deer at 7:45 a.m. on the opening morning of deer season at the Big Four Hunt Club.

## County Aging Center Menus

**Warren ISD**

WEDNESDAY, Jan. 26: Chicken fajita, corn, refried beans, salad, pinto beans and milk.

THURSDAY, Jan. 27: Cornedogs, french fries, hash potatoes, cornbread and milk.

FRIDAY, Jan. 28: Hamburgers, french fries, hash potatoes, cornbread and milk.

MONDAY, Jan. 31: Beef, macaroni, corn, salad, peach and milk.

TUESDAY, Feb. 1: Pizza, French fries, salad, peach and milk.

WEDNESDAY, Feb. 2: Cornedogs, potato salad, baked beans, spaghetti and milk.

THURSDAY, Feb. 3: Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes with gravy, potato beans, rolls and milk.

FRIDAY, Feb. 4: Hamburgers, lettuce, tomato, pickles, onions, baked beans, French fries and milk.

**Woodville ISD**

Elementary & Intermediate schools

WEDNESDAY, Jan. 26: Chicken nuggets, whipped potatoes, mixed vegetables, rolls and milk.

THURSDAY, Jan. 27: Cowboy casserole, seasoned peas, cornbread and milk.

FRIDAY, Jan. 28: Ham and cheese sandwich, french fries, hash potatoes, cornbread and milk.

MONDAY, Jan. 31: Chicken, french fries with cheese, carrot and pickle spears, cookie and milk.

TUESDAY, Feb. 1: Pizza, French fries, salad, peach and milk.

WEDNESDAY, Feb. 2: Corn dogs, potato salad, baked beans, cabbage and milk.

THURSDAY, Jan. 27: Vegetable soup with tomato cheese sauce, french fries, cookies and milk.

FRIDAY, Jan. 28: Sloppy Joe, fries, chilled peaches and milk.

MONDAY, Jan. 31: Fish nuggets, hamburgers, potato wedges, green salad, cake and milk.

**Woodville —** The following is the lunch menu for the Tyler County Aging Service, Inc., 201 Willow St., Woodville, for Jan. 26-Feb. 4.

WEDNESDAY, Jan. 26: Meat loaf with catsup, seasoned blackeyed peas, buttered spinach, cornbread, pineapple, milk or tea.

THURSDAY, Jan. 27: Roast beef with brown gravy, rice, green beans in mushroom sauce, rolls, chocolate cake with white icing, milk or tea.

WEDNESDAY, Feb. 2: Breaded pork chops, seasoned green beans, sweet potato casserole, rolls, spiced apple rings, milk or tea.

TUESDAY, Feb. 1: Beef stew, green salad, pickled beets, cornbread, peach cobbler, milk or tea.

WEDNESDAY, Feb. 3: Barbecued chicken, baked beans, steamed cabbage, cornbread, peanut butter cookies, milk or tea.

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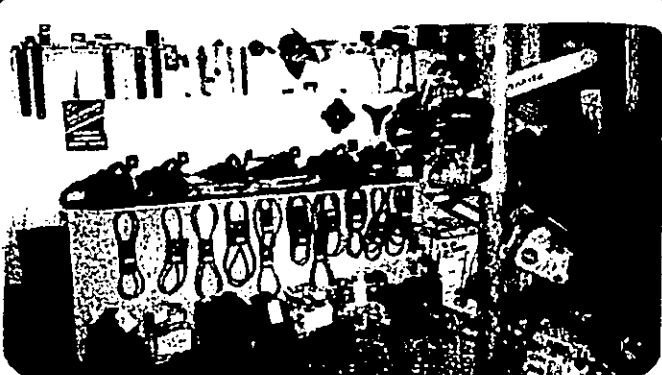
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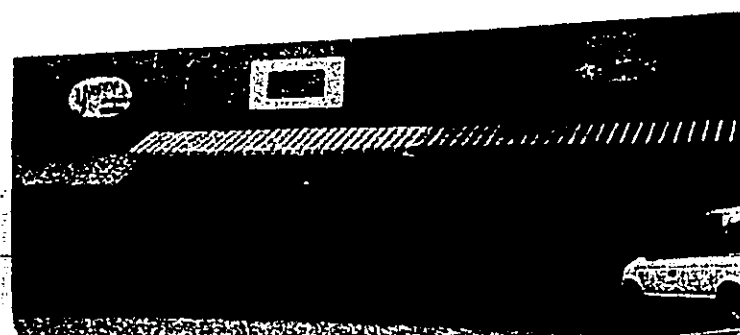
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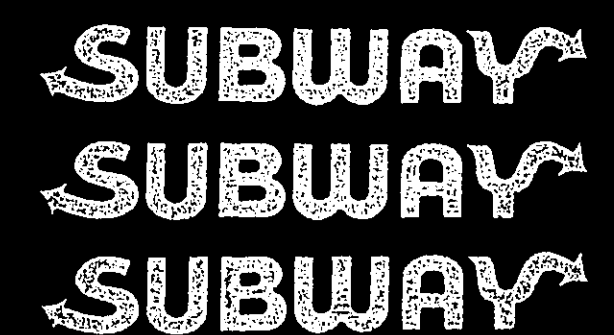
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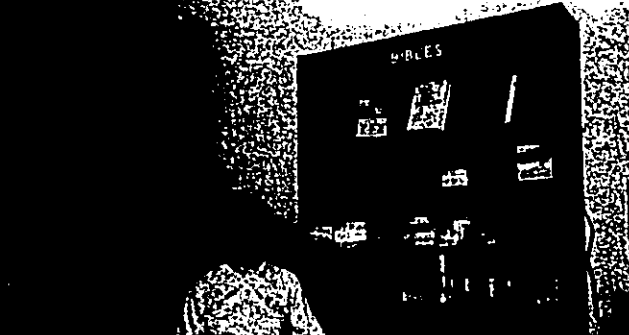
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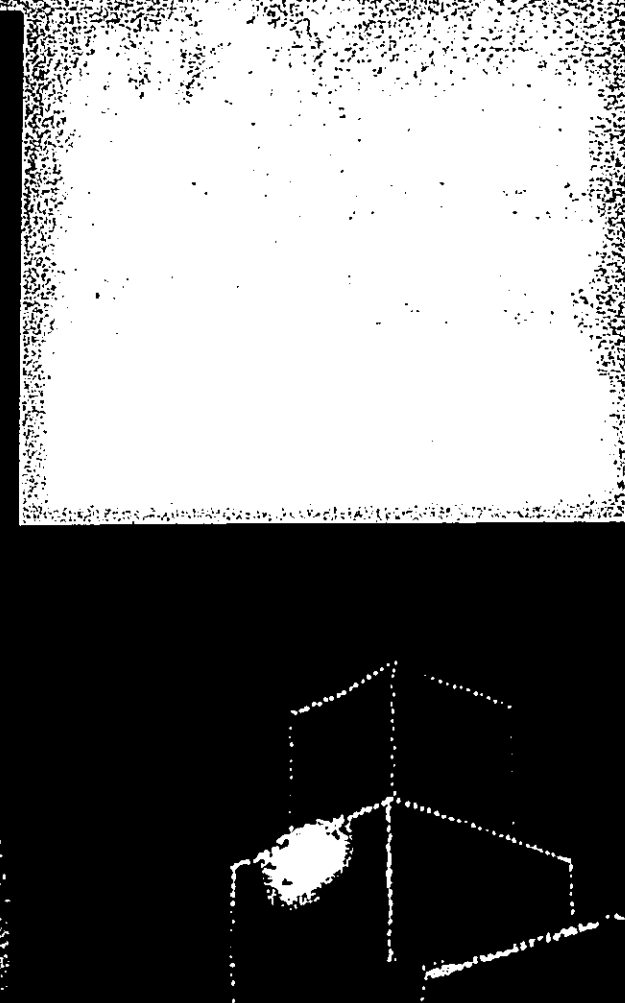
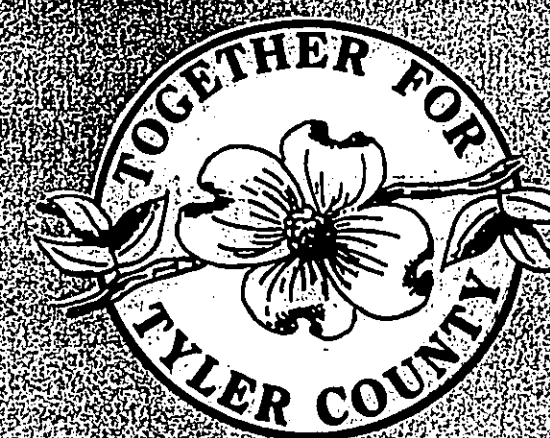
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The people of Tyler County are known throughout East and Southeast Texas for the pride they take in their communities. One of the ways this pride expresses itself is in the wide variety of public events held throughout the year within the borders of Tyler County. This year the county's Dogwood Festival will celebrate its 51st year with events scheduled on March 19, March 25-26 and April 1-2, while newer events, such as the Harvest Festival at Heritage Village, will mark its seventh year in October.

(PHOTOS: Center - The Tyler County Courthouse in Woodville decked out in its Christmas holiday lights as part of the annual Tyler County Chamber of Commerce's Light Up The Square program. Clockwise from upper left - Cara Crawford of Warren waits for the rabbit judging portion of the Tyler County Fair; Steven Reed of Woodville plays a tune on a wooden whistle during the Harvest Festival at Heritage Village; Kerwin Williams of Indian Village performs an Indian hoop dance during the Good Ol' Days Festival; and Gov. Ann Richards meets the Dogwood Festival Queen candidates just prior to the 1993 Dogwood Parade in Woodville.)





# Perlitz selected as 1993 Citizen of the Year

WOODVILLE — Recognized for his work with the Color Tyler County program as well as with other local projects, Pete Perlitz was named as the 1993 Citizen of the Year by the Tyler County Chamber of Commerce.

During the annual membership meeting Thursday, Jan. 20, the 1992 award winner, Eugene Koci, presented Perlitz with the chamber's highest honor.

Perlitz, who only minutes earlier had received the chamber's award as "Director of the Year," also was given a standing ovation from the 200-plus crowd in attendance for the banquet.

"I just hope I have been able to make a great place to live even better."

Pete Perlitz

Just hope I have been able to make a great place to live even better," Perlitz said in accepting the award.

He thanked the chamber members and directors for the honor and said he would continue to do what ever he could to improve the quality of life in Tyler County.

A native of Silsbee, Perlitz and his wife, Dee, have resided in Woodville for almost five years. They are the owners of Video Junction in downtown Woodville.

The Citizen of the Year is a member and director of the chamber of commerce and currently chairs the group's Beautification Committee, which selects and honors a business of the month and, in conjunction with the Woodville Garden Club, a yard of the month.

He also serves as a Kingman for the Tyler County Dogwood Festival and is a member of the Woodville Lions Club.

For the past two years, Perlitz has overseen the care and planting of a variety of flowers in the 30 Color Tyler County flower boxes located throughout the downtown area of Woodville.

Although 1993 Chamber President Dr. Stephen Porcari indicated in his report to the chamber members that Koci had originally developed the idea for the flower boxes, Koci quickly corrected that during his presentation speech.

It was Pete who came up with the idea. It just happened to be

president of the chamber at the time we got it off the ground," Koci said.

The flower boxes were installed shortly before the 1992 Dogwood Festival and have been providing enjoyment to residents and visitors alike ever since.

Funded by donations by the downtown merchants, the flower box program is attracting attention throughout the region. Koci said Perlitz's work has "put Woodville on the map all over East Texas" because of the flowers planted throughout the town.

"Ladies and gentlemen, Pete Perlitz does all this, not for himself, but for the community he loves. Because of his idea to beautify downtown, people come from all over East Texas to see our flowers and they stay and spend their money with our merchants."

"Visitors have told our store owners they're here to see the flowers," Koci added. "That's retail business that we might never have seen had it not been for the efforts of Pete and the other dedicated people of this area to 'Color Tyler County.'"

Koci noted that Perlitz is often seen at all hours of the day watering and fertilizing the flowers and making sure the planter boxes are maintained.

In addition to his work with the Color Tyler County program and the beautification committee, Perlitz also is a member of the chamber's Tourism Committee, which is chaired by his wife, Dee.

As a Tourism Committee member, Perlitz is heavily involved in the Light Up The Square program, which began in 1991 to help mark the 100th anniversary of the construction of the Tyler County Courthouse. Perlitz has worked to help raise funds to pay for the Christmas holiday lighting effort.

Koci also noted that Perlitz also was instrumental in interesting the Dallas television station in featuring Woodville on its "A Tank of Gas" series which shows viewers interesting places that can be reached on a tank of gas.



**STANDING OVATION** — Pete Perlitz (center) received a standing ovation last week during the Tyler County Chamber of Commerce's annual banquet following the announcement of his selection as the winner of the 1993 Citizen of the Year Award. Perlitz was presented with the honor by Eugene Koci, the 1992 Citizen of the Year. In announcing Perlitz's selection for the honor, Koci praised the businessman for his work in the

Color Tyler County program which has placed 30 flower boxes throughout downtown Woodville. Perlitz, who developed the idea over two years ago, has been responsible for maintaining the flowers. He currently changes out the plants about three times each year, according to the seasons. (Photo by Greg Peak)

## Owens recognized for community service

WOODVILLE — Although unable to attend the annual awards banquet, Tyler County Judge Jerome P. Owens Jr. appeared via video tape last week to accept the Tyler County Chamber of Commerce's 1993 Honorary Citizen of the Year Award.

Owens was in Russia last week but his wife, Marilyn, appeared to

accept the recognition from the chamber. The award honors a person for his contributions to the betterment of the community over a period of years.

Because of his plans to be out of the country, the chamber broke with tradition and let the award winner know of the recognition before the annual banquet. A private presentation was made by Chamber President Dr. Stephen Porcari and other chamber officials in the judge's courthouse office prior to his leaving and a video tape was made to be played at the chamber banquet on Jan. 20.

"I guess it's just my luck that I'll be 4,000 miles away from this recognition," Owens joked during the video taped presentation.

In accepting the award, Owens said he was honored to receive the recognition from the chamber of commerce.

"This is a special thing for me," he said. "The things we've worked for all these years are things that I've enjoyed doing."

"I think of all the many people in the courthouse and all of the city fathers who have worked over the years to make Tyler County a better place to live. There are so many people who mean so much to me and who I depend on for continued support, that I cannot claim credit for all that has been accomplished," he said.

Marilyn Owens added to the banquet audience that he husband takes pride in the people of Tyler County

and that he gives them the credit for the successful completion of the various projects in which the judge is involved.

In presenting the award during the banquet, the 1992 winner, Jiggs Kenesson of Woodville praised Owens for his community service.

In outlining his long list of service, Kenesson noted that the judge is a deacon in the Woodville First Baptist Church, has served as president of the Tyler County Bar Association and is currently treasurer of the Southeast Texas Resource Conservation and Development, Inc.

A native of Jasper, Owens is a longtime Tyler County resident with strong family ties to the area. His father, the late Rev. J.P. Owens Sr., was a native and longtime resident of the county.

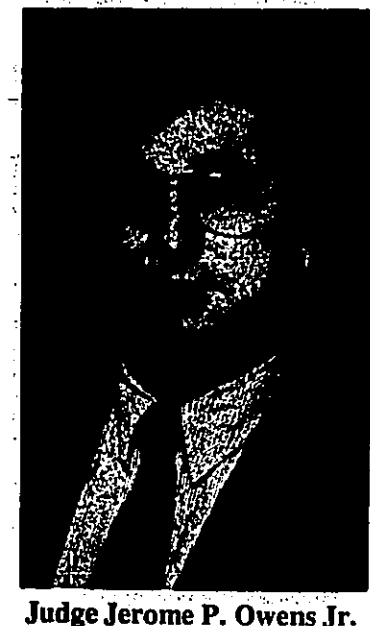
The judge is a graduate of Lamar University and of Baylor Law School. He served for three years in the U.S. Marine Corps and has been a practicing attorney for 24 years.

During his five years as the county judge, he has been elected to serve as president of the Deep East Texas County Commissioners and Judges Association, has presided as chairman of the Deep East Texas Council of Government's Solid Waste Task Force, was named as trustee of East Texas Baptist University, and was appointed by Gov. Ann Richards as a member of the State Grant Review Committee.

Kenesson also praised Owens for bringing business to the county

and for acquiring large grants to complete major development projects. In addition, under his administration, the county courthouse has been renovated; departmental offices, including the Tyler County Justice Center, have installed the latest in computer technology; a new tax office building was acquired; and county equipment has been upgraded.

"He was instrumental in getting an office for the attorney general located in Tyler County and he is now in the process of getting a community center for our county," Kenesson said.



Judge Jerome P. Owens Jr.



**HONORARY CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AWARD** — Marilyn Owens (left) accepted the Tyler County Chamber of Commerce's 1993 Honorary Citizen of the Year Award on behalf of her husband, County Judge Jerome P. Owens Jr. The judge, who was recognized for his years of service to the community, was in Russia last week and was unable to attend the Jan. 20 chamber awards banquet. (Photo by Greg Peak)

# Wal-Mart honored as chamber's Business of the Year

WOODVILLE — Citing the store's economic impact on the community as its history of assisting local organizations, Tyler County Chamber of Commerce President Dr. Stephen Porcari presented the Woodville Wal-Mart

store with the organization's 1993 Business of the Year Award last week. During the Jan. 20 banquet, store manager Jackie Genovese, together with a number of store employees, were on hand to receive the recognition.

The banquet room also featured a number of large, color photographs taken at the store and special Wal-Mart signs adorned all of the banquet tables. Although chamber officials an-

nounced last month that the Wal-Mart store would receive the award, the formal presentation was made during the annual membership banquet.

"We're very proud to be a part of this community and of contributing what we could," Genovese told the audience in accepting the award. "We look forward to doing more in the future."

In making the presentation, Porcari noted that the award "is given to a county business that has made major

contributions to the welfare of Tyler County and which 'general' involves itself in the community."

He said that the local store currently employs 108 people and has an annual payroll of over \$500,000.

Contributions made by the store during the past year include \$5,000 in goods and cash given to local organizations; \$3,000 in matching funds awarded to area clubs; and a \$1,000 college scholarship. In addition, the company has awarded the local cham-

ber of commerce a three-year, \$10,000 industrial development grant.

In addition to all of this, Porcari said the store always allows area clubs and organizations to use the store for various fund raising projects.

"Not only do they allow us a place to accept donations, but also, on many occasions, they have sold a TV to a club and allowed it to be displayed while the club accepted donations on it," he said.



**BUSINESS OF THE YEAR** — Local Manager Jackie Genovese accepted the 1993 Business of the Year Award on behalf of the Woodville Wal-Mart store during the Tyler County Chamber of Commerce's annual banquet last week. Wal-Mart was selected for the honor because of their willingness to help local organizations with donations and services. (Photo by Greg Peak)



**BEST DECORATIONS** — David and Jane Mann, owners of Mann Furniture in downtown Woodville, was presented with the award for best Christmas decorations by a business during last week's Tyler County Chamber of Commerce banquet. Tourism Committee Chairman Dee Ann Perlitz (right) presented the award to David Mann. (Photo by Greg Peak)



**SPECIAL RECOGNITION** — Three members of the Tyler County Chamber of Commerce's tourism committee were presented with special awards of appreciation by committee Chairman Dee Ann Perlitz (right) during last week's chamber banquet. Annabeth Wilks, Jeanne Back and Connie Clark were recognized for their work with the Light Up The Square project. County Commissioner Maxie Riley (not pictured) also earned a big "thank you" from Perlitz for his work with the flower project on the courthouse square. (Photo by Greg Peak)



**APPRECIATION EXPRESSED** — Ken and Mary Ann Kittell, owners of the Wood Fain Opera House in downtown Woodville, were recognized by the Tyler County Chamber of Commerce last week for their assistance during the past year. Tourism Committee Chairman Dee Ann Perlitz presented the award to Mary Ann Kittell, noting that the couple have donated the use of the Opera House as the site for meetings and fund raising projects for the committee. (Photo by Greg Peak)



**DIRECTOR OF THE YEAR** — Only minutes before being named as the 1993 Citizen of the Year, Pete Perlitz (left) also was named as the Tyler County Chamber of Commerce's Director of the Year. Chamber President Dr. Stephen Porcari (right) named Perlitz as the top 1993 director for his work as chairman of the chamber's Beautification Committee. Calling Perlitz the chamber's "secret weapon," Porcari praised the award winner for his work with the downtown flower boxes. (Photo by Greg Peak)

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## Tyler County history long and varied

Tyler County's history is long and varied. The trail, road would be a misleading term, from Nacogdoches to Anahuac and the Spanish mission at Orcoquisac led through Tyler County, crossing the Neches at the site where Fort Teran would later be located.

Indians, Spanish troops and missionaries, and invading filibusters from the United States, passed down this trail even before Stephen F. Austin began organizing his colony in 1820.

In 1830 Fort Teran was built and manned by Spanish soldiers. It remained as a fortress, supposedly keeping out further Anglo settlement, until 1835 when all Spanish forces were encouraged to leave by the local volunteer forces.

By 1830, settlers were being granted land rights in what is now Tyler County. Wyatt Hanks settled

at Town Bluff about 1832 and began operating a ferry there. Gradually settlers spread up and down the Neches bottomland, farming cotton. Tyler County men served at San Jacinto and with Captain Chessher's band of Jasper Volunteers.

After the Texas Revolution, settlement increased steadily with Town Bluff as the major population center in the county.

In 1841, a larger area, of which Tyler County is now a part, was created as the Menard District by an act of the Texas Congress. Tyler County was originally created however for judicial purposes only and the courts of the Republic held that a county so created was unconstitutional. After a few months operation, with Town Bluff as the County Seat, the county organization was abandoned.

In 1846 the Texas Legislature created the county again, with a reduced area, giving it the name of Tyler in honor of then-President of the United States, John Tyler. This bill named six commissioners to select two or more sites to be voted upon for the County Seat. Dr. Josiah Wheat's survey at the present site of Woodville, in the forks of Turkey Creek was selected for the County Seat and still remains.

The new townsite was surveyed and laid out accordingly in lots and blocks. The names of men and places of that era are preserved in the name of the town and its principal streets. George T. Wood was the senator and N. B. Churton was the member of the lower house that passed the bill creating the county. The town was named Woodville for the senator and the street immediately west of the courthouse

was named Wheat Street in honor of the good doctor whose survey was selected for the County Seat. The main street, then as now, was the road to Town Bluff and named Bluff Street.

Tyler County's first courthouse was completed January 30, 1849. The second courthouse, a two-story frame building was erected in 1856. In 1891 that courthouse was removed and a three-story brick structure with a massive dome and clock was built. After serving the county for more than 40 years, the many flues and painted gables were removed in 1936 and the building took on the appearance it bears today. In 1991, the courthouse celebrated its 100th birthday and underwent major renovations including a new roof, new sidewalk and fresh paint.



## County features eleven communities and towns

WOODVILLE—Named after Senator George T. Wood in 1847, the post office was established that same year. Located in the rough center of Tyler County at the junction of highway US 190 and US 69.

CHESTER—Settled in 1976 after the post office was moved from its original site at Peachtree Village. Located northwest of Woodville at the junction of Highway 287 and FM 1745.

COLMESNEIL—Began with the

coming of the railroad in 1882 and received its post office that same year. Named after railroad worker W.T. Colmesneil. Located nine miles north of Woodville at the junction of highway US 69 and FM 256.

ROCKLAND—So named by W.T. Colmesneil for the many rocks in the area. Located seventeen miles north of Woodville at highway US 69 and FM 1014.

SPURGER—Settlement here began around 1852 with a post office established in 1881. Located twenty-one miles southeast of Woodville at the junction of Highway 92 and FM 1013.

DOUCETTE—Settled in 1890, named for Fred Doucette who established first sawmill. Received post office in 1893. During the great timber boom of the 1920's, Doucette was the largest community in Tyler County. Located five miles north of Woodville at the junction of highway US 69 and FM 1632.

WARREN—Received its name from Mr. Warren, connected with the establishment of the first sawmill there in 1880. Received post office three

years later, in 1883. Located twelve miles south of Woodville at the junction of highway US 69 and FM 1943.

HILLISTER—A sawmill settlement that sprang up around 1880 and received its post office in 1882. Located eight miles south of Woodville at the junction of highway US 69 and FM 1013.

TOWN BLUFF—The oldest settlement in the county, settled in 1832 by Wyatt Hanks, who sold land there. Also the first county seat. Located seventeen miles east of Woodville at the junction of Highway 92 and FM 1746.

FRED—Received its post office the same year as Spurger, in 1881. Located twenty-eight miles southeast of Woodville at the junction of Highway 92 and FM 1943.

DAM B—Located east of Woodville at US 190 and FM 92, Dam B is a small community located on the shores of B.A. Steinlager Lake. The dam which forms Steinlager Lake was built by the Corps of Engineers and was nicknamed "Dam B" since it was the second dam that was to be built. "Dam A" however, was never built, but the area became known as "Dam B."

THE POWER OF TELEVISION — Television anchorwoman Sally Rieger Alvis of KFDM-TV Channel 6 in Beaumont spoke on the power television has in the lives of Americans during the 47th annual banquet of the Tyler County Chamber of Commerce on Thursday, Jan. 20. The capacity crowd of over 200 that since the 1950s, television has had an every increasing impact on how Americans view the world. (Photo by Greg Peak)

## Medical services are available

PHYSICIANS — Tyler County is served by eight general and family practitioners. Additional services are provided by visiting physicians at Tyler County Hospital.

TYLER COUNTY HOSPITAL — The Tyler County Hospital provides major health care for local residents. It is equipped with modern equipment and is upgraded continuously. The facility currently utilizes 25 beds and features a heli-port for use by air ambulances.

Recent renovations at the hospital include the expansion of the emergency room facilities and laparoscopic surgery equipment.

NURSING HOMES — The county is served by three nursing homes in Woodville—Dogwood Trails Manor, Holiday Pines Manor and Woodville Convalescent Center.

REHABILITATION CENTER — Tyler County Hospital Therapy and Rehabilitation Center offers physical therapy procedures prescribed by physicians. Speech therapy also is offered at the center, located at 1002 W. Bluff. The Rehabilitation Center, associated with Tyler County Hospital, offers physical, speech and occupational therapy. The center accepts Medicare, private insurance and, in some situations, Medicaid.

HOME HEALTH CARE — Tyler County Home Health Care Agency operated out of the Tyler

County Hospital in Woodville. RNs, LVNs and aides visit homebound patients of physicians established by their physicians. They accept Medicare, Medicaid and private insurance. In-home medical specialists provide medical care by RN's and LVN's upon doctor's orders. They accept Medicare, Medicaid and private insurance. Concepts of Care offers housekeepers and LVN care for the home-bound elderly.

Chamber committees formed

WOODVILLE — The various Tyler County Chamber of Commerce committees which will be working during the coming year have been named by the new President Bob Belt. In setting up the committees, Belt formed two new groups, the Rural Communities and Heritage Village committees. The Rural Communities Committee is designed to help meet the needs of the smaller county communities while the Heritage Village Committee will help integrate the activities of the Village with the chamber. Committees and their members are: Community Development and Hospitality: Chairman Donce Gregory, Members Jeanne Buck, Chet Haney, David MacEllen, Jo Porcari, Emily Sumner and Sherry Jean. Tourism: Chairman Dee Ann Peritz, Members Jeanne Buck, Connie Clark, Denise Morrison, Pete Peritz, Martha Stark, Annabeth Willis and Charles Ingles. Membership and Dues: Chairman

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## Local organizations offer a variety of activities

WOODVILLE — Newcomers to the Tyler County scene have a wealth of activities from which to choose. A wide variety of clubs and organizations offer area residents activities ranging from blacksmithing to civic service.

### ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

The Woodville area chapter of Alcoholics Anonymous meets at 8 p.m. on Mondays, Thursdays and Saturdays at the St. Paul's Episcopal Church located on Highway 190 West in Woodville. For information, call 283-5651.

The Spurger area chapter meets at 8 p.m. on Mondays in the Spurger United Methodist Church located at the intersection of FM 1013 and FM 92.

### AL-ANON

A family support group helping the spouses and children of persons who have been abusing alcohol or drugs, the Al-Anon chapter meets at 8 p.m. on Wednesdays at the St. Paul's Episcopal Church on Highway 190 West in Woodville. For information, call 283-5651.

### ALATEEN

A program designed to provide help to teenagers who are trying to cope with the problems of substance abuse, the Alateen group meets at 7 p.m. on Mondays at the Hungry Eagle Cafe on Highway 190 East in Woodville. For information, call 727-6225.

### ALPHA DELTA KAPPA

ADK is an honorary sorority for women educators. The Tyler County chapter has about 25 members from throughout the county and meets the second Monday evening of each month. Members hear programs and undertake regular community service projects.

### AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED PERSONS

Woodville Chapter 792 of AARP is large and active. It participates in na-

tional activities of the association and meets on the first Monday of the month from 10 to 11 a.m. in the Woodville Lions Den. Membership is open to anyone 50 years of age or older, whether they are retired or not.

### AMERICAN BUSINESS WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

The Wisteria Chapter of the American Business Women's Association meets on the second Tuesday of each month. The chapter, which was organized in 1965, has sponsored the Miss Tyler County Pageant since its inception. The pageant usually falls in February. The president is Jo Carol Taylor.

### AMERICAN LEGION

The American Legion Post 299 has been active in reviving interest in honoring American veterans by placing a large marble memorial marker on the Tyler County Courthouse square. For information, contact Post Commander J.T. Stryker at 283-5663.

### BEECH CREEK FAMILY COMMUNITY EDUCATION CLUB

The group of Spurger-area women meets the third Wednesday of each month at 10 a.m. in the Spurger Lions Den to participate in programs of general interest and to conduct fund-raising activities. Each year they award a college scholarship to a Spurger High School graduate. For additional information, contact the Tyler County Extension Service, 283-8284.

### BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL WOMEN'S CLUB

This group meets regularly on the third Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. They sponsor the Arts and Crafts Fair held each year in conjunction with the Tyler County Dogwood Festival. The group annually awards scholarships to a students from each of Tyler County's five school districts. For more information, contact

Pat Brown at 283-2162 or 429-3496.

### CARING IS SHARING

A local non-profit organization formed by churches in Tyler County, Caring is Sharing helps people in need by providing short-term assistance with basic needs as determined by the CIS board, such as food, clothing, prescription medication, gas, utilities, and lodging. Funded entirely by donations and fund raising drives, Caring is Sharing also provides annual Christmas Dinner to the needy at the Woodville Inn. To volunteer to help, contact Caring is Sharing President Margie Mathern at 834-6283.

### CHESTER LIONS CLUB

The Chester Lions Club of 50 plus members, participates in national Lions charities. The group has recently donated to the Chester Volunteer Fire Department, Chester Youth Baseball Program and to the local school. For information contact Robert Vinson.

### COLMESNEIL FAMILY COMMUNITY EDUCATION CLUB

The Colmesneil Family and Community Education Club meets the second Tuesday of each month at 1 p.m. in the Colmesneil Community Center. Programs of special interest to area women are presented and the group sponsors occasional field trips. Each year the group raises funds by sponsoring the Christmas Craft Fair. For information contact the Tyler County Extension Service, phone 283-8284.

### DELTA KAPPA GAMMA

The local chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma, a sorority for women educators, draws members from a five-county region. They meet the second Saturday of each month at the Heritage Village Inn near Woodville for professional interest. They also award scholarships for women entering education and participate in other service activities.

### DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS

The Woodville Chapter of D.A.V. meets monthly. It provides services for the disabled veterans of the area and conducts a yearly Forget-Me-Not Sale around Veterans Day. Watch the Booster for meeting notices.

### EAST TEXAS BLACKSMITH ALLIANCE

Working to keep the traditions of the past alive, this group meets at 9 a.m. on the second Saturday of each month in the blacksmith shop of the Heritage Village Museum near Woodville. For more information, call the museum at 283-2272.

### FRED LIONS CLUB

The Fred Lions Club has been active in the Fred area for many years. They sponsor a variety of charity activities. For additional information, contact James A. Taylor at 429-3343.

### GULF RETIREES CLUB

The group of ex-Gulf/Chevron workers meet on the second Friday of each month at 6 p.m. in the Spurger Lions Den for fellowship and information about what's going on at Gulf.

### HERITAGE CIVIC CLUB

The Heritage Civic Club, founded in 1964, is a federated women's club meeting the second Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the St. Paul's Episcopal Church located on Highway 190 West in Woodville. For more information, call 283-8947 or 283-3111.

### HERITAGE VILLAGE DULCIMER SOCIETY

The Heritage Village Dulcimer Society meets at 1 p.m. on the second Saturday of each month at the Heritage Village Museum near Woodville. For more information call the museum at 283-2272.

### HERITAGE VILLAGE SPINNERS & WEAVERS GUILD

One of the newer organizations in the county, the Heritage Village Spinners and Weavers Guild meets at 10 a.m. on the second Saturday of each month at the Heritage Village Museum near Woodville. For more information call 283-2272.

### IN TOUCH CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

The In Touch Cancer Support Group meets on the second Thursday of every month at the Tyler County Nutrition Center at 201 Willow in Woodville. Offering support to cancer patients and their families, the group meets in the conference room at 2:30 p.m. For additional information contact Janie Poindexter at 283-7245 or Jane Youngblood at 283-7438.

### LADIES AUXILIARY TO VFW POST #2033

The Ladies Auxiliary to VFW Post #2033 meets the third Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. in the Nutrition Center, 201 Willow, in Woodville. For additional information, phone President Celia Koci 283-7002.

### MASONS

There are six lodges active in Tyler County: the Magnolia Lodge, No. 495, of Woodville; the Yellowpine Lodge of Colmesneil; the Snow River Lodge, at Spurger; the Rockland Masonic Lodge No. 960 in Rockland; the Myrtle Masonic Lodge in Warren; and the Mt. Hope Masonic Lodge No. 121 in Chester.

### NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS

Designed to help people overcome addiction to narcotic substances, this group meets from 9 p.m. to 11 p.m. on the second Monday of each month at the St. Paul's Episcopal Church located on Highway 190 West in Woodville. For more information, call 283-8947 or 283-3111.

### SINGLE SENIORS BREAKFAST CLUB

The Single Seniors Breakfast Club meets for a Dutch treat breakfast at the Woodville Inn on the first and third Saturday of each month.

### ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR

Three chapters of the Order of the Eastern Star are active in Tyler County. They include O.E.S. Chapter 462 in Woodville; O.E.S. Chapter 1068 in Colmesneil; and O.E.S. Chapter 915 in Spurger.

### READING CLUB

The Woodville Reading Club was founded in 1941 and federated in 1942. This group of 25 women meet on the first and third Tuesday night of each month. Membership is by invitation. They co-sponsor the Christmas Tour of Homes and other fund-raising events to support their donations for local scholarships.

### SCOTTISH RITE MASONS

The Deep East Texas Scottish Rite club covers five counties in East Texas including Tyler County. Membership is open to all Scottish Rite masons in the area. The Scottish Rite masons support, among others, the Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for children in Dallas and the Scottish Rite Burn Center in Galveston. The organization provides treatment free of charge to children who have been burned or who are suffering from injuries or diseases to their feet or legs.

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MORE THAN METAL WORK — In addition to working red-hot metal with hammer and anvil, members of the East Texas Blacksmith Alliance also enjoy a variety of demonstrations throughout the year. The group, which meets on the second Saturday of each month at the Heritage Village Museum near Woodville, resided a demonstration in the ancient art of combat using swords and shields during a meeting this past July. Ed Shelton (right), is a member of the ETBA and he and Mike Young (left) are both members of the Society of Creative Anachronism. (Photo by Marjorie Shultz)

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## Year-round activities featured on local calendar

WOODVILLE — Visitors and residents alike are treated to a multitude of activities that are scheduled throughout the year in Tyler County.

### \* Clubs & organizations (From Page 5B)

#### SPURGER LIONS CLUB

The Spurger Lions Club is always active on behalf of their community. Recently they have sponsored several events to benefit the Spurger Volunteer Fire Department, including a gospel concert and a community BBQ. Additional information may be had by contacting Richard C. Byrd.

#### TYLER COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION AND TYLER COUNTY HERITAGE SOCIETY

The Historical Commission is appointed by the County Judge and Commissioners to protect and defend historical sites and artifacts within Tyler County.

The Heritage Society is a non-profit corporation whose stated purpose is the preservation of Tyler County history. Membership is open to all interested persons.

Since purchasing Heritage Village Museum in 1987, the Heritage Society has devoted most of its energies to the restoration of the village as a repository for this history, operating it as a non-profit education facility.

The Whitmeyer Genealogy Library at the Village offers a large selection of historical books, family histories and other research materials, plus microfiche and microfilm readers and a genealogical register cross referenced by family name for those wishing to trace their roots in Tyler County.

Among the annual events that have already become a tradition at the Village are "Whispers in the Wind", an original outdoor drama staged each June, a two-day Harvest Festival the third weekend in October, and the Christmas Twilight Tour following Woodville's Christmas Tour of Homes the first Saturday in December.

For information about the Historical Commission, contact Jack Whitmeyer at 283-3970. For more information about the Tyler County Heritage Society, call Marjorie Schultz at the Village, 283-2272, or president Joella Knapp at 283-5310.

#### TYLER COUNTY HOSPITAL AUXILIARY

The women's auxiliary of the Tyler County Hospital is a service group for the hospital and its patients. The auxiliary has a yearly membership tea to which everyone is invited. Meetings are held at 10 a.m. on the second Tuesday of each month in the homes of members. President of the auxiliary is Mildred Sundin. For information you may contact Pat Collier at 283-8141.

#### TYLER COUNTY RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

This group meets at 10 a.m. on the third Monday of each month from September through May at Allan Shivers.

taste.

#### Chamber of Commerce Banquet

The Tyler County Chamber of Commerce hosts their annual banquet in January of each year.

At this annual event the recipients of the Citizen of the Year and Honorary

#### TYLER COUNTY SHERIFF POSSE

This riding club will meet monthly for a group ride and lunch. They will assist the Sheriff's Department as an auxiliary work force. You must be 18 or older, own a horse, saddle or trailer, and be approved by the Sheriff's Department, 283-2172.

#### VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS POST 2833

The local VFW group has been influential in reviving Veterans day celebrations. The group meets every third Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the VFW Hall on Willow Street. For information call Post Commander Neal Elliott at 283-2837 or Post Service Officer William C. Cook at 283-5645.

#### WOMAN'S STUDY CLUB

The Woman's Study Club of Woodville (GFWC-TFWC) is a group of 40 women who meet on the second Tuesday of each month in member's homes. Founded in 1924, the group sponsors several fund-raising events, including co-sponsorship of the Christmas Tour of Homes, and awards scholarships to local students. Membership is by invitation.

#### WOODVILLE GARDEN CLUB

The Woodville Garden Club meets monthly on the third Wednesday of the month to share information on garden plants and their cultivation. The group maintains the flower garden on the courthouse square.

#### WOODVILLE LIONS CLUB

The Woodville Lions Club has a membership of over 100. President is Eugene Koci, phone 283-2551. The group meets weekly on Thursdays for lunch at the Woodville Lions Den east of Woodville on US 190. They sponsor a variety of charity activities, including the camp for disabled and diabetic children, and purchases of glasses for needy children.

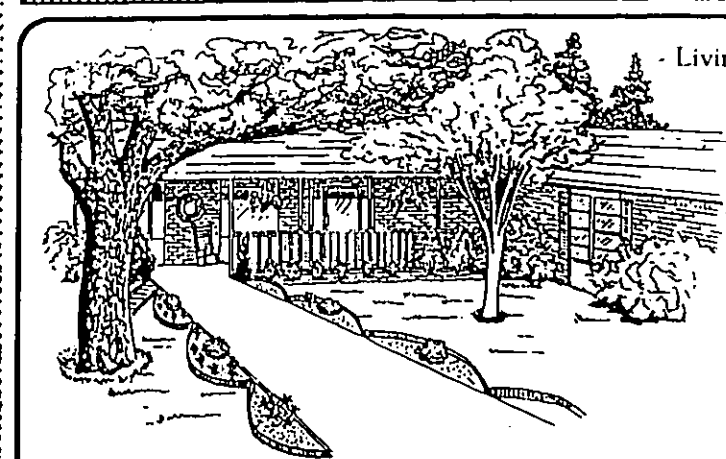
#### WOODVILLE ROTARY CLUB

The Woodville Rotary Club meets every Wednesday afternoon in the Woodville Inn. Current President of the 30 plus member group is Fred Sullivan, who may be contacted at 283-2231 for information about the club. The group participates in Rotary International activities including international scholarships. On the local level, the Woodville Rotary Club also provides scholarships to area students.

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#### Miss Tyler County Pageant

The Miss Tyler County Pageant, sponsored by the Wisteria Chapter of the American Business Women's Association, takes place annually in February at the Kirby Auditorium in Woodville.

Local contestants vie in talent and beauty competitions for the Miss Tyler County title. Younger girls compete for the titles of Junior Miss Tyler County and Future Miss Tyler County.

#### Dogwood Festival and Pageant

On the third weekend of March, Tyler County kicks off the annual Dogwood Festival, an event which has been going on since the mid-30's.

Visitors come from everywhere to see the beauties of spring in East Texas. Visiting duchesses and their escorts arrive on Friday for orientation and Friday night dances.

Saturday brings the Arts and Crafts Fair, the Antique Automobile Show, and the huge Dogwood Parade through downtown Woodville, featuring floats from all over the state.

Saturday night is the Dogwood Pageant where the Dogwood Queen is crowned and a local cast presents a pageant focusing on some portion of Tyler County history.

#### Western Weekend

The last weekend in March brings thrillers from all directions converging on Woodville as the annual Dogwood Festival continues.

Friday night is marked by dances at the trail campsites, and Saturday brings the big parade through downtown Woodville.

A wild west rodeo takes place at the Tyler County 4-H, FFA Rodeo Arena, west of Woodville on US 190, and features the crowning of the Western Weekend Rodeo Sweetheart.

#### Woodville Garden Club Flower Show

April brings the annual Woodville Garden Club Flower Show. Featuring different categories of arrangements and potted plants, this event is sponsored by the Woodville Garden Club.



HARVEST FESTIVAL MAGIC — Bernice Wagner was one of the demonstrators of the spinning wheel during the 1993 Harvest Festival held in October. Frontier crafts are displayed during the annual two-day event. (Photo by Greg Peak)

The fair also features a midway, exhibits of crafts, machinery, food booths, and local artwork. The Fair is capped by the Saturday afternoon auction of the top five winners in the livestock events and the crowning of the Fair Queen.

#### Heritage Village Harvest Festival

An annual two-day event on the third weekend of October, the Harvest Festival features over a hundred pioneer craft demonstrations, including spinning and weaving, candle and soap making, chuck wagon cooking, basket weaving and a Texas Army encampment.

Special programs of music are presented throughout the Festival, all in keeping with the time period presented at the Village.

#### Good Ole Days Festival

In late October or early November the Good Ole Days Festival is held in downtown Woodville. Featuring demonstrations of old-time crafts, there are also features live entertainment, an auction, games and contests and arts and crafts.

#### Christmas Crafts Fair

The Colmesneil Family and Community Education Club (formerly Extension Homemakers) sponsor a Christmas Crafts Fair every year in November at the Colmesneil

Community Center. The two-day event features arts and crafts made by local artisans.

#### Lighting of the Courthouse Square

The historic Tyler County Courthouse, which celebrated its 100th birthday in 1991, welcomes the holiday season with about 100,000 miniature white lights. A project of the Tyler County Chamber of Commerce, in addition to the lights which draw visitors from throughout East Texas, entertainment on the Square during the event.

#### Christmas Tour of Homes

Each year in December the Federated Women's Clubs of Tyler County—the Heritage Civic Club, the Women's Reading Club and the Women's Study Club—sponsor a home to be toured by the public during the holiday season. Funds raised from the tour goes towards local scholarships.

#### Festival of Lights

At Christmas time of each year, the Tyler County Children's Services Board erects a large tree on the courthouse square and begins accepting donations for the needy children of the county.

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## County residents offered educational opportunities

WOODVILLE — Public and private educational opportunities are available to students in Tyler County. Although the county contains no colleges or universities within its boundaries, courses are offered in Woodville through off-campus programs provided by Angelina College in Lufkin and Lamar University in Beaumont. Under this arrangement, Angelina College provides freshman and sophomore-level classes while Lamar will offer courses at the junior and senior level.

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#### ANGELINA COLLEGE

Angelina College of Lufkin offers evening college credit courses in Woodville each semester since the late 1970s. It is now the second largest off-campus program offered through Angelina College.

Classes offered change with each semester, but recent topics included U.S. history, word processing, math, English, psychology, and biology.

Courses are scheduled Monday through Thursday nights from 6 to 9 p.m. with each course meeting one night a week for 16 consecutive weeks during the fall and spring and on two nights a week during summer sessions. Classes meet at either the Woodville Middle School or Woodville High School.

Non-credit courses also are offered, usually on a one-night per week basis.

depending on the course. Recent subjects include typing, landscaping, cake decorating, flower arranging, oil painting, introduction to contracting with the federal government, investment in mutual funds, nurse aide, and wood working.

Registration for the summer session is in late May while fall session registration usually begins in late August. Spring registration is normally in mid-January.

Documents required for registration include an official copy of high school or other college transcript and proof of Texas residence (usually a driver's license).

Those interested in a particular subject are asked to request classes in that area. If enough interest exists, the subject may be added to the list of local offerings.

For information contact Ruby Smiley at WISD office, 283-3752 or call the main campus of Angelina College in Lufkin at (409)639-1301.

#### LAMAR UNIVERSITY

Lamar University-Beaumont offers an interdisciplinary studies (Elementary Education) degree under a 2+2 program offered jointly with Ange-

lina College of Lufkin. Students may attend courses at the off-campus field center at Woodville High School, taking their first two years of course work through Angelina College and then completing the four-year program with courses offered by Lamar University.

Additional degrees will be offered in the future. The Lamar class meet on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6-7:20 p.m.

For more information on the program, contact Janice Trammel at the Center for Adult Studies at (409) 880-2233.

#### ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL SCHOOL

St. Paul's School was founded in 1981 for the purpose of providing an enriched educational curriculum in a church environment to students ages 3 through third grade. The school offers before and after school care. For information call the school at 283-7555.

#### WEE WISDOM SCHOOL

Wee Wisdom School is a part of Woodville United Methodist Church. Founded in 1966, the school offers classes for 3 and 4 year olds with a maximum enrollment of 12 in a class and special attention to the individual needs of students. The school offers before school care. Phone 283-5100.

#### PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Tyler County has five public independent school districts within its boundaries with a combined enrollment of almost 4,000 students. The districts include Woodville, Chester, Colmesneil, Spurger and Warren.

#### WOODVILLE ISD

The Woodville Independent School District is Tyler County's largest, covering 275 square miles and has an enrollment of 1,745 students and a faculty of 263 teachers, administrators and other support personnel. The district maintains four campuses, including West Elementary School (Early childhood classes through second grade) with an enrollment of 416; Woodville Intermediate School (grades 3-5) with an enrollment of

#### WARREN ISD

The Warren Independent School District is Tyler County's second largest, covering 252 square miles with an enrollment of 1,042 students and 72 faculty members. The district maintains four school campuses, including three located in Warren and one in the First Community, Fred Elementary School has an enrollment of 121.

Warren Elementary has an enrollment of 327, Warren Junior High School has 267 student and Warren High School has 327 students. School Superintendent is Betty Ray Yates. 547-2241.

#### COLMESNEIL ISD

The Colmesneil Independent School District encompasses 220 square miles, with an enrollment of 426 students and 38 faculty members. The district currently has about 226 students enrolled in kindergarten through grade 6 and 200 in grades 7-12. School Superintendent is Larry Sitman. 837-5757.

#### SPURGER ISD

The Spurger Independent School District covers 107 square miles of southeast Tyler County and boasts a faculty of 30 teachers and administrators and a current enrollment of 393 students — including 1650 in grades K-5 of the elementary school, 111 in grades 6-8 in the junior high and 1117 in grades 9-12 at the high school. School Superintendent is Johnny Lewis. 429-3464.

#### CHESTER ISD

The Chester Independent School District includes 176 square miles of northwest Tyler County and northeast Polk County, has 33 faculty members and an enrollment of 226 students — including 103 in elementary school and 123 in high school. School Superintendent is Gary Gazzaway. 969-2211.

#### \* Activities

At the appointed hour, the tree springs to light, with each light symbolizing a donation to the fund.

#### Twilight Tour of Heritage Village

Following the annual Tour of Homes in December, the Twilight Tour of Heritage Village Museum is the Tyler County Heritage Society's gift to the community.

For this festive occasion, the Village is swathed in candlelight and old fashioned greenery, presenting an appropriate setting for a Living Nativity Scene, the reading of the Christmas Story and special programs of Christmas music.

Hot wassail and Christmas goodies are served at the historic 1866 Tyler Cabin.

#### Other activities

In addition to these annual events, the various clubs and organizations throughout Tyler County host events, like the Woodville Lions Club's annual fish fry and silent auction and their annual coed softball tournament; the Woodville Rotary Club's shrimp gumbo dinner and "all you can eat" pancake breakfast; and an assortment of chili cookoffs and potluck suppers.

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## Variety of churches serve the needs of Tyler County

WOODVILLE — Tyler County is served by a wide variety of churches representing a number of different religious denominations. Following is a listing of the denominations and the churches that represent them.

#### Adventist

Seventh Day Adventist Church  
1 miles south of Warren  
Ray House, Pastor

#### Agape

Agape Church  
FM 1745 837-4934  
Kern and Gina Harrison, Pastors

#### Apostolic

Lakeside Apostolic Church  
Bro. Harshel Lou, Pastor

#### Assembly of God

Abundant Life Fellowship  
Hwy. 190 at 92, Dan B. 283-3324  
Rev. J.D. Hughes

Assembly of God  
R.C. Tillery, Pastor

Colmesneil Assembly of God  
Colmesneil, Texas 837-4424  
J.C. Carter, Pastor

Hillister Assembly of God  
Hillister, Texas 283-2725  
Melvin D. McCallum, Pastor

Oak Grove Assembly of God  
Hwy. 92 between Fred & Spurge  
429-5050

Shady Grove  
Assembly of God  
West Woodville  
283-5364

Trinity Christian Center  
Hwy. 190 West, Woodville  
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#### Camp Zion Baptist Church

Doucette, Texas  
Rev. I.S. Hunt, Pastor

Caney Creek Baptist Church  
Chester, Texas  
G.M. Sandley, Pastor

Chester Baptist Church  
Chester, Texas  
Jimmy Dean, Pastor

Dogwood Hills Baptist Church  
Hwy. 190 West, Woodville  
Rev. Troy A. Richardson, Pastor

Ebenezer Baptist Church  
Colmesneil, Texas  
Bro. Mike Ivy, Pastor

Emmanuel Baptist Church  
2 miles N. of Doucette on Hwy. 69  
Enon Baptist Church  
4 miles E. of Chester on 1745  
Henry Shettles, Pastor

Fairview Baptist Church  
Hwy. 92, Town Bluff  
Bro. Dan Mace, Pastor

Fellowship Primitive Baptist Church  
Hwy. 92, Town Bluff  
Bro. Dan Mace, Pastor

First Baptist Church, Colmesneil  
Hwy. 69/256 West 837-5439  
Bro. Michael Ledbetter, Pastor

First Baptist Church, Doucette  
Rev. Ken DeRouen, Pastor

First Baptist Church of Spurger  
David Nugent, Pastor

First Baptist Church, Warren  
Kenneth Cuthbert, Pastor

First Baptist Church, Woodville  
Corner of Wheat & Charlton  
283-2588

First Baptist Church, Woodville  
Dr. Charles W. Haney, Pastor

First Baptist Church, Woodville  
Rev. Bert C. Sample, Pastor

Grace Baptist Church  
Fowler Rd., 3 1/2 miles E. of Colmesneil off FM 256, 283-3952  
G.W. Patrick, Pastor

Harmony Baptist Church  
FM 256, off Highway 190 West  
Bro. Steve Ford, Pastor

Hebron Baptist Church  
5 miles south of Warren, Hwy. 69  
Hillister Baptist Church  
Hillister, Texas

Hilltop Baptist Church  
Hwy. 92, W. of Dan B.  
Rev. Jack Barker, Pastor

Katy Baptist Church  
Colmesneil, Texas  
Dan Patrick, Pastor

Lake Baptist Missionary Church  
Hwy. 69 North, Woodville, Texas  
Rev. Bill Gorman, Pastor

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#### Midway Missionary Baptist

FM 1943, 10 miles E. of Warren  
Rev. E.C. Jones, Pastor

Mt. Carmel Baptist Church  
Chester, Texas  
Jack Lewellen, Pastor

Mt. Hope Missionary Baptist Church  
Rev. Edward Gambell, Pastor

Mount Nebo Baptist Church  
FM 1943, 13 miles E. of Warren  
Dorrell Young, Pastor

Mount Olive Baptist Church  
Hwy. 92, Fred, Texas  
Brian Hale, Pastor

Mt. Sinai Baptist Church  
Holly Fort Community  
Bro. Robert Foxworth, Pastor

New Pilgrim Baptist Church  
Woodville, 283-7227  
The Rev. James Mitchell, Pastor

New Shady Grove Baptist Church  
3 miles east of Woodville, Hwy. 190  
The Rev. Leonard White, Pastor

New Shiloh Baptist Church  
Louis Tubbs, Pastor

Oak Grove Baptist Church  
Colmesneil, Texas  
Jimmy Graham, Pastor

Palestine Baptist Church  
3 miles N. of Chester on Hwy. 287  
Rev. N. Joseph Jr., Pastor

Pilgrim Rest Missionary Baptist Church  
Cobb Mill Road, Woodville  
Rev. R.L. Session, Pastor

Pleasant Hill Baptist Church  
401 M.L.K., Woodville 283-3008  
C.O. Hadnot, Pastor

Pleasant Hill Baptist Church  
Hwy. 92, Fred, Texas  
James Odum, Branch President

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## Activities for area youth available

### 4-H CLUBS

Tyler County 4-H Clubs have chapters in Chester, Colmesneil, Woodville, Warren, Spurger and Fred as well as the Windwalker Club located on the Alabama-Coushatta Indian Reservation. The clubs have a com-

bined membership of 262. These youth development organizations, run by youth, teach leadership and citizenship skills. For additional information, contact the County Extension office at 283-8284.



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### BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts in Tyler County are part of the Three Rivers Council of the Boy Scouts of America. Open to boys ages six years and up, there are Cub Scout Packs in Woodville, Spurger and Warren. Boy Scout Troops are located in Woodville, Spurger and Fred. For additional information contact Barbara Parker at Camp Urtland, phone 283-5360.

### TYLER COUNTY LITTLE LEAGUE

A member of the national Charter, the Tyler County Little League is open to boys or girls age seven to eighteen. Featuring T-Ball, Minor, Major, Senior and Big League, sign-up begins in March and play begins in April. For additional information contact Gary Hennigan at 283-7710 or 283-2172.

### TYLER COUNTY GIRLS SOFTBALL LEAGUE

Open to girls age six to eighteen, the Tyler County Girls Softball League

The season runs from April to May and games are played at the Girls Softball Field located west of Woodville just off highway US 190 at the Tyler County Airport. For additional information, contact Glen Clow at 283-7200.

### LITTLE EAGLE BASKETBALL

Little Eagle Basketball is open to boys and girls in the first to sixth grade.

Registration is in December and play begins in January and continues through weeks. During the 1994 season, the Little Eagle Basketball has 156 children playing on 16 teams in three leagues: Minor, Major, and Seniors. Basketball action takes place in the Woodville High School gymnasium. For additional information, contact Steve Evans, phone 283-8111.

### OTHER ACTIVITIES

Other activities for youths in Tyler County are also available including horseback riding lessons, dance lessons, twirling lessons, swimming, and fishing.

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## Tyler County Courthouse Directory

OFFICE	NAME	PHONE
County Auditor	Joyce Moore	283-3632
Tax Assessor/Collector	Sandra Harrison	283-2734
County Clerk	Doreen Gregory	283-2291
County Judge	Jerome Owens	283-2141
Criminal District Attorney	Jim Clark	283-8136
Juvenile Probation	Jackie Culp	283-2387
Adult Probation	Kenny Simpson	283-5255
District Clerk	Patricia Brown	283-2162
County Treasurer	Jean Phillips	283-3054
County Extension	Sherry Jeanne	283-8284
Home Economic Agent	Sherry Jeanne	283-8284
Agriculture Agent	Matt Boshat	283-8284

## Tyler County's court system

Tyler County is within the 88th Judicial District, which is jointly presided over by District Judge Earl B. "Smiley" Stover and District Judge Monte Lewis.

County Court and Commissioners Court is presided over by County Judge Jerome Owens, 100 Courthouse Square, Woodville, Texas. (409) 283-2141.

Tyler County's four peace justices are:

### U.S. SENATORS

U.S. Senator Phil Gramm  
Russell Senate Office Bldg.  
Washington, D.C. 20510

U.S. Senator Robert Kruger  
Washington D.C. 20510

### U.S. REPRESENTATIVE

Rep. Charles Wilson  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515  
(202) 225-2401

4005 S. Medford Drive  
Suite 9 West  
Lufkin, Texas 75901  
(409) 634-8247

### STATE SENATOR

State. Sen. Bill Haley  
P.O. Box 12069  
Capitol Station  
Austin, Texas 78711  
(512) 463-0103

110 Cors  
Center, Texas 75935

### STATE REPRESENTATIVE

State Rep. Allen Hightower  
P.O. Box 2910  
Austin, Texas 78769  
(512) 475-3932

344 Forest Lane  
Huntsville, Texas 77340

## Volunteers provide fire protection

Fire protection in Tyler County is provided by volunteer fire departments and the Texas Forest Service. The fire departments include the Dam B Volunteer Fire Department; the Spurger Volunteer Fire Department; the Fred Volunteer Fire Department; the Colmesneil Volunteer Fire Department; the Chester Volunteer Fire Department; the Ivanhoe Volunteer Fire Department; Warren Volunteer Fire Department; and the White Tail Ridge Volunteer Fire Department; and the Woodville Volunteer Fire Department.

Although most people think in case of an emergency it is faster to call an individual on one of these fire departments, it is not.

To report a fire, dial 9-1-1 or contact the Tyler County Sheriff's Office at 283-2172.

## County has three incorporated cities

WOODVILLE — While there are a number of communities located throughout Tyler County, there currently are only three incorporated cities: Woodville, Colmesneil and Chester. The mayors include: Woodville, Billy Rose; Colmesneil, C.J. Riley; and Chester, Bryan Davis.

For more information, contact the city hall of the respective city. Telephone numbers are: Woodville, 283-2234; Colmesneil, 837-5211; and Chester, 969-2360.

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## A guide to Tyler County Courthouse services

Elected county officials are available to assist the public with questions about the day to day operation of local government in addition to helping residents obtain a marriage license, birth certificate, passport and vehicle registration. But the courthouse is often confusing and sometimes it is difficult to remember just which office handles what service. Perhaps this guide to the Tyler County Courthouse will provide some insight.

### WHERE WOULD YOU—

#### —obtain a marriage license?

The county clerk's office, located on the first floor of the Tyler County Courthouse, issues marriage licenses. Phone 283-7362.

#### —obtain a birth certificate?

The county clerk's office maintains birth records. 283-7362.

#### —obtain registration for cars, trucks, motorcycles, etc.?

The county tax assessor/collector issues vehicle registrations, license plates, and renewal stickers. Located in the Courthouse Annex, 1001 W. Bluff in Woodville. Phone 283-2734.

#### —register and obtain a title for motorboats?

The county tax assessor/collector can issue registration numbers and assist with obtaining certificates of title for commercial and private motorboats.

#### —obtain a passport?

The district clerk, located on the second floor of the Tyler County courthouse, acts as agent for the U.S. Passport Service to aid in planning for foreign travel. Phone 283-2162.

#### —obtain a voter registration card?

The tax assessor/collector maintains all county voter registration rolls. Phone 283-2734.

#### —obtain a death certificate?

These vital statistics are maintained by the county clerk. Phone 283-7362.

#### —examine the will of a deceased person?

This would be among the probate papers filed in the county clerk's office.

#### —pay county property taxes?

The tax assessor/collector maintains county tax rolls and is responsible for the collection of taxes. Phone 283-2734.

#### —record a deed or legal instrument related to real estate?

The county clerk records documents of this nature. Phone 283-7362.

#### —pay a traffic ticket issued by the Texas Department of Public Safety?

Contact the office of the justice of the peace listed on the citation.

#### —renew a driver's license?

The DPS maintains a license renewal office in the Tyler County Courthouse Annex, 1001 W. Bluff in Woodville. Hours are 8 a.m. to 11 noon and from 12 p.m. until 4:30 p.m. Wednesday through Friday. Phone 283-7757.

#### —visit an inmate in the county jail?

The sheriff is the custodian of the jail. Inquiries as to visiting hours should be directed to the sheriff's office, located in the Tyler County Justice Center, 702 North Magnolia Street, (US 69) Woodville. Phone 283-2172.

#### —obtain information on farming, gardening, or home economics?

The county extension office maintains this information. Located in the basement of the courthouse. Phone 283-8284.

#### —file a complaint for criminal misconduct?

The matter should be discussed with the district attorney. His office is located in the building adjacent to the Tyler County Courthouse. Phone 283-8136.

#### —recover unpaid child support?

The district clerk's office can assist in this area. Phone 283-2162.

## Prison unit located here

WOODVILLE—The Gib Lewis prison unit located one mile east of Woodville on FM 2497, is named in honor of Gibson D. (Gib) Lewis, former speaker of the Texas House of Representatives.

With 26 acres of fenced compound, the Lewis Unit is located on 360 acres of cut over timberland and features 18 structures for a total of 298,810 square feet.

Completed in 1990, the prison houses 1,000 inmates and employs about 300 people. An additional 300 inmate beds are scheduled to be added during 1994 with another 60 staff members set to be hired.

Each housing unit is divided into three sections, each with an 84-inmate capacity. The two man cells measure 7 1/2 feet by 10 1/2 feet and open into a large central corridor which has a television area and a sitting area.

In addition to the furniture factory, the Lewis Unit offers vocational training in air conditioning/refrigeration, building maintenance, and cabinet making. The educational building also has a library, law library, and eight classrooms.

### —obtain institutional commitment of a mentally ill person?

Contact the county judge to discuss this action. Phone 283-2141.

### —file a small claim lawsuit?

Such actions should be filed in the justice of the peace office in your precinct.

### —seek to evict a tenant who fails to pay his rent?

These matters are handled by the justice of the peace.

### —report for jury duty?

Report to the courtroom of court shown on the summons issued by the sheriff.

### —register a cattle brand or determine who owns a certain livestock mark?

The office of the county clerk will assist in this area. All livestock brands and marks must be registered in the county clerk's office and renewed every ten years.

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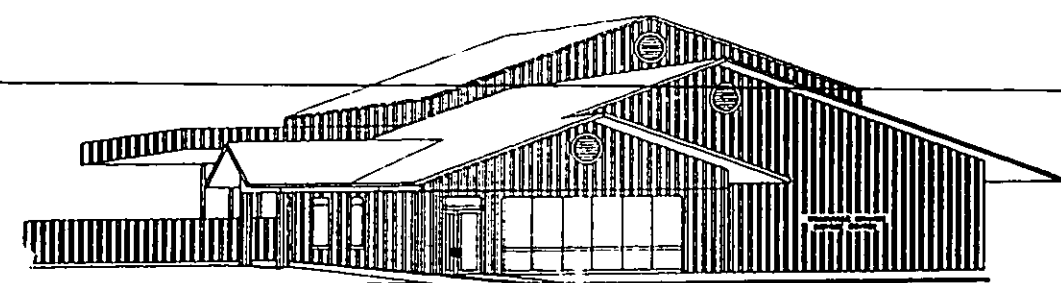
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## Recreational activities abound in and around Tyler County

WOODVILLE — There are limitless opportunities in Tyler County for recreation and leisure activities. For those who enjoy history, there is the Allan Shivers Library, a memorial

to an American statesman and former Governor of Texas and Heritage Village which features the largest collection of East Texas historical artifacts in the state.

Year-round activities include hunting and fishing at nearby Steinhagen Lake, Sam Rayburn Lake in Jasper County or Toledo Bend Lake in Newton County.

picnic facilities. Open June through Labor Day.

In the early 1950's, ceramic artist Clyde Gray began a living museum of pioneer life, Heritage Village.

The 16,830-acre Steinhagen Lake, operated by the lower Neches Valley Authority and the US Corp of Engineers, is a major source of water for recreational purposes. Food, boat rental, tackle, bait, etc. are available at or near the lake. Martin Dies Jr. State Park, a 705-acre recreational area partially located in Tyler County off US 190 east, offers campsites, screened shelters, restrooms, showers, picnicking, fishing, swimming, water skiing, boat ramps, hiking trails and trailer dump stations.

Lake Tejas A two-acre, roped-off swimming area is the main attraction of this summertime favorite, ten-acre Lake Tejas.

Located one mile east of Colmesneil on FM 256, the lake is owned and operated by the Colmesneil Independent School District.

A concession stand with short orders is available as well as camping and

picnic facilities. Open June through Labor Day.

Heritage Village In 1963, former Governor and Mrs. Allan Shivers purchased the Robert Cruse house, built in 1881. It was moved to its present location in Woodville to serve as a museum for the collection and display mementos of Shiver's gubernatorial service.

Adjoining the museum is a completely equipped library. Last year the library had 152,283 circulation transactions of books and magazines plus 6,321 video transactions. Counted library traffic totaled 83,014 people, including 601 new patrons requesting library cards. Students from 10 colleges and universities used the Woodville library for research projects and 2,184 people representing 27 different states and countries were conducted on tours through the Allan Shivers Museum.

The Big Thicket An amazing array of flora and fauna, which once covered more than three million acres of East Texas is now under the control of the National Park Service which maintains an 84,000-acre Big Thicket National Preserve. The Preserve consists of a number of "units", each an ecological pocket of compatible birds, animals and rare plant life.

Woodville, "The Northern Gateway

are some of the amenities available.

to the Big Thicket," has excellent accommodations and is the logical location to headquarter for excursions into the famed Thicket.

Park Rangers at the Preserve conduct a large variety of programs throughout the year including activities for children and adults.

A naturalist Activities Calendar is published listing the scheduled programs and may be obtained by contacting the Big Thicket National Preserve at 3785 Mittan, Beaumont, Texas 77701 or call (409) 839-2689.

In addition to several hiking trails, float trips, canoe trips, nature crafts, workshops on birds, wild flowers, photography, and trees and shrubs, wild food forays and map and compass classes are available.

Many of the trails are wheelchair accessible and arrangements can be made to guide or provide activities for groups with special requirements.

Sam Rayburn Reservoir Sam Rayburn Reservoir, the largest body of water located entirely in the state, is located just north of Tyler County near Zavalla.

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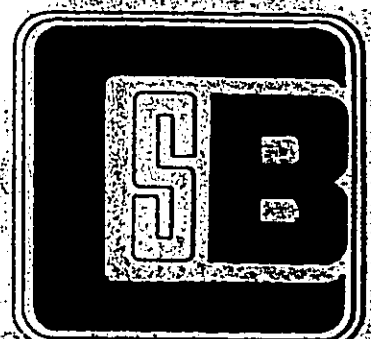
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## When you need help....

Who do you call if:

—Your county needs grading, is blocked by a fallen tree or needs attention in some other ways?

Call your county commissioner. Tyler County is divided into four precincts, each with a commissioner. During business hours, messages can be relayed through the County Judge's office, 283-2141. After hours, call them at home:

Precinct One: Maxie Riley, 283-3018

Precinct Two: A.M. "Doc" Barnes, 969-2388

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—You use children who are abused or starving or not going to school?

The State Department of Human Services, 283-3765, will investigate your anonymous call.

The Tyler County Children's Services Board is a volunteer group working to better conditions for children throughout the county and to find foster parents. Call 283-7200 for more information.

A state-wide toll-free hot line for reporting real or suspected cases of child abuse also exists: 1-800-252-5400.

—You need the services of the Mental Health Mental Retardation agencies?

Contact the Deep East Texas Regional MHMR Services.

283-8171.

These people also run the Sheltered Workshop. For a crisis, use the toll-free number, 1-800-392-8343.

Local law enforcement officers also are trained to handle emergency mental crises, 283-2172.

—You need vaccinations, pre-natal or newborn care, or medical care and you can't afford a doctor?

Contact the Texas Department of Health, 109 Live Oak in Woodville, 283-2929.

—You need emergency food or shelter?

Contact Caring is Sharing, 283-5800. An interdenominational support agency, most local churches assist in the support of this group which may be reached after hours by contacting a local minister.

—You need to contact a family member in the armed services to advise of an emergency or need help because of a natural disaster?

Contact the Tyler County Chapter of the American Red Cross.

—You are an abused woman and need help?

Call the Tyler County office of the Women's, and Children's Shelter of Southeast Texas at 283-8720.



A STEP BACK IN TIME — One of the more popular events each year is the Heritage Village Museum's Harvest Festival. Held in October, the Village becomes an active, frontier settlement from the 19th century as musical entertainment, craft demonstrations and exhibits help carry visitors back in time to experience the life-style of the settlers who pioneered East Texas. (Photo by Greg Peak)

## Chamber ready to assist newcomers

WOODVILLE — The Tyler County Chamber of Commerce is one of the key contact points for newcomers seeking information about the business, services and recreational program offered in the area.

Chamber Secretary Missy Ogden, together with the officers and directors of the organization, are on hand to help tourists and new residents alike. Located in the foyer of the Woodville Inn at 210 North Magnolia, the chamber office is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mondays through Friday. The office is closed on legal bank holidays. The office may be reached by calling 283-2632.

Ogden maintains a wealth of information on the Big Thicket National Park, all the tourist spots in the county, dogwood trails, attractions as well as facts needed for those locating a business or family in the area.

The chamber president for 1994 is Bob Belt, who will be the Tyler County Chamber of Commerce president.

Directors elected to begin terms in 1994 include Eugene Koci of Woodville; Tom Knapp, owner of Knapp Ford Sales; Summer; Jeanne Buck of the Women and Children's Shelter; and Tyler County Extension Agent Sherry Joann.

Other directors include Stephen C. Bennett, D.D.S.; Ken Bond of Radio Station KVL; Marjorie Payson Community Bank; Insurance Agency Center Russ Platter; and Annabeth Wilkins of Cruise Composites Travel Agency.

Tyler County Clerk Denise Gregory of Fred; Pete Peritz, operator of the Video Junction in Woodville; Connie Clark of Connie's Flower Shop; Jacques Blanchette of the Surringer and Griffin Funeral Home; and Patrick Cherry, manager of the Woodville Brookshire Brothers grocery store.

The chamber also maintains an industrial Financing Corporation capable of issuing Industrial Revenue bonds for building projects approved by the state.

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**HISTORIC RE-ENACTMENT** — Members of the Texas Army Encampment have been on hand in recent years during the annual Harvest Festival at the Heritage Village Museum near Woodville. The group provides a glimpse into the life-styles of members of the Texas revolutionary army. Al Meyer, the group's basket maker, is shown at the October event in front of a copy of an American Revolutionary War three pointer, a cannon which also was used during the Texas Revolution. (Photo by Greg Peak)

## Tyler County is surrounded by Big Thicket preserve

WOODVILLE — Tyler County is surrounded by the Big Thicket, a preserve of the Texas A&M University. The preserve is a unique collection of plants, animals, and rare plant life. It is a natural laboratory for the study of the Texas ecosystem. The preserve is also a popular destination for tourists who want to see the Big Thicket in person. The preserve is located in the heart of the Big Thicket National Preserve, which is a part of the Texas A&M University. The preserve is a unique collection of plants, animals, and rare plant life. It is a natural laboratory for the study of the Texas ecosystem. The preserve is also a popular destination for tourists who want to see the Big Thicket in person. The preserve is located in the heart of the Big Thicket National Preserve, which is a part of the Texas A&M University.

surrounded by chain link fence. Instead, it consists of a number of "units", each an "ecological pocket", and each with its own unique collection of compatible birds, animals, and rare plant life.

Parts of the Big Thicket are so dense as to be almost impassable. Stories abound, most apocryphal, of people who have ventured into the Thicket and never returned. This has changed, though, due to the efforts of the National Park Service.

The Big Thicket National Preserve was created to preserve a part of East Texas' natural beauty from the encroachment of civilization. It has set aside for the future a picture of the East Texas our grandparents knew.

For further information stop by the Big Thicket National Preserve Information Center located 12.5 miles east of US 69 on FM 420 between Warren and Kountze.

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Special Special, deep cycle, boat/VW vans, 1/2 retail. Many more items, children's items, \$1 to \$1.50. Wranglers, etc. (Hawthorne building) Ferguson's Tire Market, Hwy 69, 7 miles south of Woodville, 283-9772.  
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I will clean homes. Reasonable prices. Call 283-3482. 4-1p

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HAIR REMOVAL AND NAILS - \$20 up. \$100 refills. Certified Electrologist, for hair removal, \$5 for 15 minutes. Call 283-4094. 50-4th

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Will do YARD WORK of any kind. Also ODD JOBS and LEAVE BEHIND. Call for free estimate. 283-3482. 6-2p

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