

What's Happening

Poynor musical five years old



The Poynor monthly musical and meal is a five-year tradition to be celebrated

again on Thursday, Sept. 6, when the growing band of fans gather for dinner at 6 p.m. and music at 6:30 p.m. in the Poynor Civic Center (see details on Page 2).

For a look at the history of how the Poynor musical developed, see Margaret Moorhead's feature story on Page 8.

Answerline: Who operates cemetery

Q. I am curious about the cemetery on Highway 175 on the western edge of Frankston, north side of the road? It is called the Frankston City Cemetery. Does the city operate this cemetery?

A. No, the City of Frankston does not own or operate the Frankston City Cemetery. The cemetery is run by the Frankston City Cemetery Association. The president of the board of this association is Billy Bussey, who can be reached at 903-876-4204. The secretary is Mary Coker, who can be reached at 903-876-2365. Bussey said the current board has been in place for about nine years and is also comprised of Sharyn Harrison, Margaret Danby, and Eugene Brooks.

(If you have a question for Answerline, call 903-876-2218.)

Events: Breakfast with grandma

Friday is "Grandparent's Day" at Frankston Elementary School.

The elementary staff is inviting all grandparents to come for breakfast with their grand students. Breakfast will be served from 7:15 to 7:45 a.m. The cost is \$1.75 for each person (see details on Page 2).

Upcoming: Renewal time at New York

From high school sports to a New York revival, the coming week promises to be a busy one in the Lake Palestine area as follows:

- Randy Fair and the Fair Family will lead the music and message at the revival at New York Baptist Church on Sept. 9 through 12. The "time for renewal" will begin at 7 p.m. Sunday at the church three miles north of LaRue on FM 607 (see details on Page 2).
- "Skills and Drills" is the name of the Bible school beginning on Sunday, Sept. 9, at Hilltop Baptist Church in Berryville. The school will be from 5 to 7:20 p.m. for kids in grades one through six (see details on Page 2).
- After being at the Brownsboro Tournament this weekend, the Frankston High Maiden volleyball team begins district play at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 11, with a junior varsity and varsity game.

Weekend weather



Sabrina Webb and Dena Beard were prepared for last Friday's football game. Light showers are possible again this Friday when the Indians take on Grace Community at home.



Mostly cloudy with showers and thunderstorms possible Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Especially at night.

Lake level: 344.70 (spillway 345 feet)

Year to date rainfall: 60.35 (last year 16.81)

Temperature/rainfall for Aug. 30 to Sept. 5
Thursday, Aug. 30:
 High: 90 Low: 71
Friday, Aug. 31:
 High: 95 Low: 75 .01 rain
Saturday, Sept. 1:
 High: 92 Low: 70
Sunday, Sept. 2:
 High: 90 Low: 70
Monday, Sept. 3:
 High: 85 Low: 72
Tuesday, Sept. 4:
 High: 88 Low: 72 1.69 rain
Wednesday, Sept. 5:
 .07 rainfall at 8 a.m.

Upper Neches Municipal River Authority records on rainfall

Forecast for Sept. 6 to Sept. 12
Thursday, Sept. 6:
 High: 92 Low: 73 rain
Friday, Sept. 7:
 High: 92 Low: 74 rain
Saturday, Sept. 8:
 High: 91 Low: 73 rain
Sunday, Sept. 9:
 High: 91 Low: 74
Monday, Sept. 10:
 High: 91 Low: 73
Tuesday, Sept. 11:
 High: 92 Low: 73
Wednesday, Sept. 12:
 High: 92 Low: 67
 AcuWeather forecast

Contact: The Frankston Citizen 903-876-2218



Construction is underway on Hwy. 155 south of town. Workers are busy tearing down trees to make way for the new four lane divided highway. Completion of the expansion is scheduled for the fall of 2011.



Terry Dyck trains Peedie to run through a tube at CM Streek Dog Agility Training as Peedie's handler, Denny Thyrring of Longview, greets him at the end.

Center bonds dogs and handler

For Terry Dyck it was a match made in heaven.

Just recovering from back surgery, Dyck was flipping through the television channels one day when she saw a pappillon. Seeing the dog breed peaked her interest. "Next I began to wonder what the dog was doing," she said.

Still relatively new in 1998, Terry watched a sport she knew absolutely nothing about but also knew she had to find a way to get involved.

The sport was a dog agility competition.

In it, expertly trained dogs are directed by their handlers through an obstacle course that includes tubes, ramps, seesaws, jumps, hoops and more.

The next day, Terry told a co-worker what she had seen and learned of a place she could begin.

"As luck would have it, the training course was just 10 miles away," she said.

Now, almost ten years later, Terry is still just

Hwy 155 starts four-lane work

Before long, a Frankston resident will be able to drive all the way to Palestine on a divided, four-lane highway.

Construction began Sept. 1 on the Texas Department of Transportation project to widen the two-lane Hwy. 155 going south out of Frankston about 10 miles to Pert, where Hwy. 155 already is divided into four lanes.

"We will be widening to four lanes with a depressed grass medium similar to the highway south of Pert," said Larry Krantz, spokesman for the transportation department.

The project will cost the state \$33.3 million and should be fully completed by the fall of 2011, Krantz said.

The Hwy. 155 improvement will be slightly ahead of state plans to widen Hwy. 175 to four lanes between Frankston and Jacksonville and eventually between Frankston and Athens.

Construction on Hwy. 155 south of Frankston should bring 48 months of barricades that began on Sept. 1, but Krantz said there should be very few times when the road is closed off.

The department will be using the existing two lanes and adding two more lanes, so two lanes should remain open except for moments when trucks are moving in and out, he said.

The widening of Hwy. 175 east from Frankston should begin construction in January of 2009, said Krantz. Bids are scheduled to be let in the fall of 2008.

This \$15 million project will make Hwy. 175 four lanes from the intersection with Hwy. 155 to the Neches River east of Frankston, a

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Longtime educator dies at 74

Thomas Bradford Cook, 74, of Frankston, passed away September 2, 2007.

He was born January 11, 1933.

Forty-seven years serving public education is his professional legacy.

A Christian, Mason and loving family patriarch is his personal story.

Mr. Cook had served the Frankston Independent School District for 40 years before an illness caused him to relinquish his duties.

Prior to that he had served seven years as a teacher-coach at Mt. Enterprise ISD after graduating from Stephen F. Austin State University in Nacogdoches.

He is a 1951 graduate of Frankston High School.

The veteran educator returned to his hometown to become a fulltime social studies teacher in 1967.

When the school decided to reinstate a football program which had been discontinued

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Enrollment gains hold

Frankston school enrollment looks like it will wind up about 20 students over last year, said Supt. Austin Thacker.

Twenty students would be about the increase Thacker had been predicting to the Frankston School Board.

"That's a two percent gain," Thacker said. "There's nothing wrong with that."

The LaPoynor School District continued to gain back enrollment to 472 students by Tuesday, Sept. 4, and that caused Supt. Eugene Buford to think the district might gain back to 500 enrollment at the end of the school year in May.

The Neches Independent School District also gained

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Frankston High School Cheerleading team Zantana Brauher, Kayla Wheeler, Brittany Birch and Zenia Brauher join before the game against Cross Roads. Shelby Harrison is not pictured. See the cheerleaders in action on Friday, Sept. 7, when the Indians host Grace Community. The 7th, 8th and junior varsity teams travel to Grace on Thursday, Sept. 6.

Obituaries

Ferrell Bizzell

Funeral services for Ferrell Bizzell, 88, of San Antonio, formerly of Frankston, were scheduled for Monday, Sept. 3, 2007 at the Church of Christ in Frankston with John Thompson officiating.

Burial followed in the Frankston City Cemetery. Mr. Bizzell died Thursday, Aug. 30, 2007. He died in a San Antonio nursing home. He was born Jan. 18, 1919. He was a retired factory worker from Trane after 22 years of service. And was a member of the Church of Christ.

He served in the U.S. Army for two years in the 8th Division with the 1180th Engineer squad and participated in the first liberty party to go ashore at Hiroshima at the end of World War II.

He was a lifetime member of the VFW. Mr. Bizzell's passion was working on his land and with his cattle. He loved his family and enjoyed spending time with his great-grandchildren and nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Ruby Hanna Bizzell and son, Bobby G. Bizzell, his parents, Eugene (Genie) Bizzell, brothers, Eugene Guy Bizzell and Wayne Roland Bizzell and sister, Ada Nadine Bizzell Player.

Survivors include his grandchildren, Laurie Bizzell and husband Glenn Allen Bandy of San Antonio and Amy Bizzell and husband Geoffrey Shetler Stow of Carrollton, Va.; great grandsons, Mitchell Lawson Bandy, William Travis Bandy, Jacob Shelter Stow and Joshua Grayson Bandy; a great granddaughter, Katherine Elizabeth Stow and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Pallbearers were Dana Bizzell, Jason Bizzell, Ryan Bizzell, Spencer Lackey, Bryan Ramsey, Mitch Bandy, Will Bandy, Hunter Ramsey, Bink Bizzell and Sam Lackey.

Honorary pallbearers were Pete Westbrook, Kenneth Dunklin, Billy Wayne Bizzell, Billy Bacon, John Bandy, Jacob Stow and Caleb Ramsey.

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In 1950, Mr. Cook agreed to take over as head coach.

He had been a quarterback on one of the last teams to play before the program was discontinued.

In his new job, Coach Cook led the team in a year of junior varsity competition in 1972 and a perfect 10-0 record that year.

He then led the Indians on a four-year revival of Frankston football fortunes, culminating in a District 18-A championship, a bi-district win over Blooming Grove, a regional victory over Overton and a trip to the state Class A quarterfinals against powerful Mart.

Coach Cook was honored by being selected an East Texas Coach of the Year for his and the Indian's accomplishment.

During the four years at the FHS helm, Coach Cook compiled a 26-16-1 record in varsity play before stepping down as head coach at the close of the 1976 season.

During the 1976 season, his team posted a 10-2-1 season record and a 5-0 district mark.

The team had 7-3 records for the two prior years.

Coach Cook also served as head baseball coach.

Shortly after his resignation from his head coaching duties, Mr. Cook took over fulltime duties as principal of Frankston Elementary School, a position he held until 1988, when he returned to teaching and assisting with the Frankston football program.

After his years as head football coach, he rarely missed a Frankston football game, at home or away and regularly attended other Frankston sporting events.

In recent years, Cook had been serving as textbook coordinator for the Frankston ISD and helping out in any other ways he could.

He was an "early riser" and it was not uncommon to see him returning from an early errand as others were leaving for work.

Those who knew him best also were well-advised to

"call him early" in the evening because, when he could, he went to bed early.

He liked to fish, alone or with friends or family, and he faithfully tended his lawn and his farm. He had a passion for his role as a public school teacher, administrator and coach and would have begun his 41st year at Frankston ISD had his health allowed, family members said.

He is survived by his wife of 54 years Naomi Ruth Cook. Children include Tommy D. Cook and wife Lisa of the Woodlands and Gena L. (Cook) Stoke and husband Aaron of Round Rock. Grandchildren are Jesse L. Cook, Minnie A. (Cook) Baker and husband Matt, and Anissa L. Stoke; great granddaughter Brooklyn R. Baker and sister Juanita Conaway of Frankston.

He was preceded in death by brother, Otis "Poncho" R. Cook.

Pallbearers are Austin Thacker, G.V. "Bo" Ousley, Raymond Nichols, Jerry Beard, Mike Cook, Johnny Burks, Jim Smith and Robert Loper.

Honorary pallbearers are Troy House, Larry Weesner, Karla Dennis, Sarah Thacker, Joan Moseley, D.A. "Doodle" Beard, Mickey Kirkpatrick, Sonny Perry, James (Turk) Monday, Les Wells, T.L. Beard and Billy Bacon.

Visitation services are scheduled from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., Sept. 5 at the Autry Funeral Home in Jacksonville.

Funeral services will be at the Frankston First Baptist Church beginning at 3 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 6 with Olin Boles, Chris White, J.A. Griffin and Darin Wood officiating.

Burial will be at the Frankston City Cemetery.

If desired memorials may be made to the Frankston City Cemetery, the church of your choice, or Hospice of East Texas 4111 University, Tyler, TX 75701.

Murlene A. Martin

Services for Murlene A. Martin, 72, of Tyler were held Sept. 1 at the Stewart Family Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Tom Pesnell officiating.

Burial followed in the Leesburg Cemetery in Leesburg, Texas under direction of Stewart Family Funeral Home.

Mrs. Martin returned to her heavenly father, Thursday, Aug. 30, 2007 at Hospice of East Texas in Tyler.

She was born Jan. 20, 1935 in Upshur County to the late Clarence and Annie Belle Williams.

She grew up in Pittsburg, Texas and attended Union Hill High School where she met the love of her life, the late Buddy Martin.

Buddy and Murlene began their family in Pittsburg then moved to Frankston in 1969.

Murlene was a member of the First Baptist Church in Bullard.

She enjoyed spending time and visiting with her friends and family but most of all she loved being a wife and mother.

Mrs. Martin was preceded in death by her devoted husband, Buddy Martin and her parents.

Murlene is survived by her loving family including her son, Tommy Martin and wife Harriett of Oakwood; daughter, Jan Martin and friend Michael Marcellus of McKinney; grandchildren, Jody, Michael, Billy Martin and Kim Hinton; great-grandchildren, Savannah and Tyler Martin and Abby Hinton; three sisters, Doris Ipsen of Dallas, Wilma Brown and husband George of Heath, and Ruth Rankin and husband Earl of Lubbock; and several nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers were Britt Bacon, Dude Bacon, Junior Mascorro, Kyle Riley, Daniel Wincombe and Michael Martin.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of East Texas, 4111 University Blvd., Tyler 75701 or First Baptist Church in Bullard, 1428 S. Houston Street, Bullard 75757.



Al Amundson, Commander of VFW Post 5073 in Frankston, presents a donation in Richard Asher's name to Cynthia Gilmer, director of the Rainbow House Food Pantry.

VFW presents donation in honor of Richard Asher

By Vicki Amundson
Cynthia Gilmer, director of the Rainbow House Food Pantry in Frankston was presented a check from the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5073 in Frankston.

In lieu of flowers, the Richard Asher Family requested donations be made to the Food Pantry on behalf of

Richard Asher, a veteran who served his country in both WW II and Korea.

The motto of the VFW is "honoring the dead by serving the living."

The VFW looks forward to serving our veterans, troops, families, widows and orphans and community. God Bless America.

Ryals announce son's birth

Mark and Carmen Ryals of Riceboro, Ga. announce the birth of their son, Timothy Dean Ryals on Aug. 13, 2007.

He weighed 8 lbs. 10 oz. and was 21 inches long.

He is welcomed by his sister Cynthia Ryals and brothers Daniel and Bryan Ryals.

Grandparents are Edna Mae Ryals of Rice-

boro and the late Ernest King Ryals and Wayne and Shirley Smith of Frankston.

Great grandparents are the late Thomas Charlton and Mary Corine Ryals, Elbert Jessie and Mary Victoria Howard, Annie B. Smith of Frankston and the late Earl Dean Smith and Marie Morgan of Frankston and the late William Timothy (Bill) Morgan.

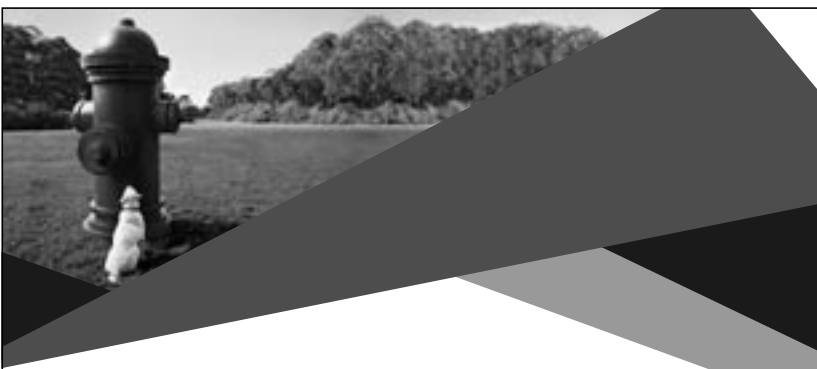
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