

Obituaries

Ina Vee Dunn, 92

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Coffey-Murray Funeral Home Chapel for Ina Vee Dunn, 92, Calera, who died Thursday, Sept. 6, 2007, in Denison, Texas. Rev. Jim Parrish will officiate.

She was born Friday, Feb. 26, 1915, in Dexter, Texas, to John and Kate (Perry) Derryberry. She was known as Ina, or Mrs. Dunn, Mother, Granny, or Nanny...she answered to them all.

She was strong-willed and hard working. She was raised on a farm with her two brothers and four sisters. The family never knew material wealth, but they were all instilled with a love for God and a strong work ethic. That background helped her to raise three daughters.

Those daughters and their families were her life. Everything she did, she did for them.

She was famous for her chocolate pies, and she believed that everything could be cured with Blue Bell ice cream. She loved working in her yard, and took great pride in her flowers. Her only other hobby was shopping. She loved Dillard's. She always tried to look her best. When she was admitted to the hospital for the first time at the age of 92, she made sure that her make-up and Mary Kay lipstick went with her.

She loved her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. There were never any smarter or more talented grandkids than hers, and she would tell anyone this...at anytime.

She was so proud of her daughters. They, and their families, will carry on her legacy. She was a hard-working Christian woman who loved God and her family.

You can't ask for more than that.

She was preceded in death by her parents, brother Maxey Derryberry and grandson Richie Scalf.

She is survived by daughters Guin and Charles Houser, Milburn, Carolyn and Otis Row, Calera, and Ann and Jay Nugent, Grand Prairie, Texas; granddaughters Cindy Parks and husband, Gerald, Calera, Lisa Lake, Colbert, Carrie Jones and husband, Roy, Melissa, Texas;

grandsons Greg Burkhalter and wife, Holly, Calera, Stacey Scalf and Kym, Houston, Texas; great-granddaughters Karla Parks, Calera, Kelli Teafatiller and husband, Rickey, Calera, Terri Pratt, Calera, Brooke Burkhalter, Calera, Ali Burkhalter, Calera, Mackylie Scalf, Houston, Texas; great-grandsons Patrick Lake, Calera, Hunter Burkhalter, Calera; great-great-grandson Connor Locklear, Calera; brother Wayne and Bernice Derryberry, Quitman, Texas; and sisters Ava Nell Gann, Oklahoma City, Mozelle Walker, Sherman, Texas, Joan and Tom Henslee, Denison, and Kathryn and Bud Davis, Durant.

Burial will be in Rosehill Cemetery, Calera, with pallbearers Roy Jones, Stacey Scalf, Greg Burkhalter, Dale Davis, Rickey Teafatiller and Gerald Parks. Honorary pallbearers will be Dub Davis and Tom Henslee.

Coffey-Murray Funeral Home is handling the arrangements.



Susan Kay King, 54

Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Tishomingo Cemetery in Tishomingo for Susan Kay King, 54, Cartwright, who died Tuesday, Sept. 4, 2007, at her residence. Pastor Steve Gniech will officiate.

She is survived by her husband, Dennis King, Cartwright; sons Chris Carr, Denison, Texas, Michael Clark, Grand Prairie, Texas, Donny Gordon, Cartwright; and daughter Misti Hayes, Cartwright.

Family visitation will be from 7-8 p.m. Friday at Fisher Funeral Home in Denison, Texas.

Condolences may be registered online at www.fisherfh.com

Arrangements are under the direction of Fisher Funeral Home in Denison.

Mary L. Maddox, 89

Services for Mary L. Maddox, 89, of Durant who passed away Thursday, August 6, 2007 at her home, are pending with Brown's Durant Funeral Service.

More photos covering the Bryan County Fair available in Sunday's edition of the *Durant Daily Democrat*.

Fourth generation - first show



DURANT DAILY DEMOCRAT: BRIAN PAYNE

Halle Rowland is a four year old with a big hobby. Halle is the fourth generation in her family to show pigs. She is a pre-K student in Silo.

She says that she enjoys the feeding and watering if her spot gilt named Jack-Water. This year's Bryan County Free Fair is the first time Halle has been able to show.

Halle's parents are Bradley and Cami Rowland of Silo. Mr. Rowland said that he was excited about Halle getting to her first show.

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everything he has done for our community," Campbell said, in a news release.

Childs, who has served on the board 40 years, announced his resignation during a meeting late last month. State Sen. Jay Paul Gumm will be appointing a replacement for Childs. A reception for Childs will be

from 3-5 p.m. Monday, Sept. 17 in the conference room of the treasurer's office.

Green was replaced in January by Charles Calhoun after a motion by District No. 1 Commissioner Monty Montgomery that was seconded by District No. 3 Commissioner Ivan Kelly. District No. 2 Commissioner Tony Simmons had wanted to keep Green on the board but was outvoted.

Snider was immediately

appointed to fill Russell's seat.

"Larry was an admired administrator in public education for many years and he also has many years of proven success in the real estate business," Campbell said. "I am honored that Larry is willing to serve on this important board, and I know everyone in Bryan County will benefit from his experience and his good judgment."

West Nile virus claims another Oklahoman's life

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Another Oklahoman has died from the West Nile virus, authorities said.

A 60-year-old Lincoln County man is the fourth person in the state to die from the mosquito-borne illness this year, and the number of confirmed cases is increasing, public health authorities said Thursday.

Officials declined to release the man's name and residence. He died within the past week, said Leslea Bennett-Webb, a Health Department spokeswoman.

The Lincoln County man is the youngest of the West Nile victims this year. The others were also men and were aged 87, 86 and one identified only as being older than 65.

All the deaths have occurred in eastern Oklahoma.

The mosquito-borne disease can cause inflammation of the brain, which is the most serious and deadliest complication from the virus.

There are now confirmed cases in 19 of Oklahoma's 77 counties. The number of

human cases climbed from 30 to 41 in the past week, according to the Oklahoma Health Department. Four horses have tested positive for the virus but none have died.

Symptoms vary among individuals but may include a high fever, intense headaches, extreme tiredness, muscle weakness and dizziness, health officials said.

Officials urge Oklahoma residents to use mosquito repellent and wear long-sleeved clothing if going outdoors at dawn and dusk.

Fort Sill soldiers being deployed to Iraq

LAWTON (AP) — Twenty-six soldiers said goodbye to family members and friends on Thursday as they prepared to deploy from Fort Sill to Iraq.

Members of the Detachment D, 15th Finance Battalion will be in Iraq for 15 months. Their duties will be to support the monetary needs of soldiers in Iraq, such as issuing and loading funds on cash cards, cashing checks and other related functions, officials said.

The soldiers also will be responsible for paying government contracts to U.S. and local contractors, officials said.

The unit will be working with another Fort Sill unit,

3rd Battalion, 13th Field Artillery, 75th Fires Brigade, according to Col. Marlene Fey, commander of the 13th Finance Group at Fort Hood, Texas.

"I can tell you that Delta, 15th Finance Battalion is technically and tactically prepared. They know their trade, and if they don't know exactly what the answer is, they know exactly in the regulations where to find it," Fey said.

Unit members have spent the past 120 days going through battle drills in preparation for their mission.

Fey encouraged families and soldiers to keep the lines of communications open during the long deployment.

Believe in Me opens today as part of Oklahoma's Centennial

BY BRANDON BERRY
STAFF REPORTER

The movie, Believe in Me, based on the real experiences of Oklahoma basketball coach Jim Keith during the 1960s, opens today at Durant Twin Cinema as part of Oklahoma's Centennial.

Believe In Me is based on the novel "Brief Garland," written by a Newbury author Harold Keith. Jim Keith said his uncle told him, "This is going to be your story."

The movie follows a young coach, Clay Driscoll, as he unexpectedly learns he is going to be coaching a losing girls' basketball team instead of boys' basketball. He eventually leads the Lady Cyclones to the state tournament.

"Back in those days, coaching girls' basketball was like walking the plank," said Keith.

Keith said after working with the girls' team he enjoyed working more with them than the boys.

"It was about giving them freedom to be themselves, and needing someone to believe in them," said Keith.

The director and screenwriter of Believe in Me, Robert Collector, came across the book and, after acquiring the rights, learned he could meet with Keith, on whom the book was based.

"I nearly fainted," said Keith when he found out the book was being turned into a film.

"I was a little flabbergasted. It was a great stroke of luck for me," said Collector. "It began a wonderful friendship."

Collector said when Jim and his wife visited the set, the cast knew these weren't made-up characters.

"When a question of what the character would do in a given situation came up, I would give him a call," said Collector. "That was different and very unique for me."

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