

# Services for Heather Crouch today

Services for Heather Ann Crouch, 19, Lake Palestine, are scheduled for 4:00 p.m. Thursday, April 24, 2008, at Carroll-Lehr Funeral Home Chapel in Athens with Rev. David Langen and Rev. Danny Cotton officiating.

Graveside services and interment are scheduled for 12:00 Friday at Laurel Land Memorial Park in Dallas.

Heather died April 21, 2008, near Brownsboro of injuries sustained in a two-vehicle accident.

She was born July 23, 1988

in Arlington to parents Jeffrey Lyn and Janet Elaine Fisher Crouch. Heather had lived in the Lake Palestine-Frankston area 14 years, was a 2006 graduate of Brownsboro High School where she played clarinet in the Bears Band and was a second year student at Trinity Valley Community College in Athens.



She was employed the past three years at Sonic Drive In in Chandler.

Survivors include daughters, Mykela Teer and Mykenzie Teer; father, Jeffrey L. Crouch, Seagoville; mother, Janet E. Crouch, Frankston; brother, Jeffrey Charles Crouch,

Frankston; sisters, Amanda Crouch, Tabitha DeLeon and husband Adolfo, and Marianna DeLeon, Annalovetta DeLeon, all of Frankston; father of the children, Ross Teer, Brownsboro; grandparents, Charles E. and Syble O. Fisher, Frankston; aunt, Deborah Vaught and husband Riley; one nephew and three cousins.

Friends may call at Carroll-Lehr Funeral Home 9 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Wednesday and the family will receive condolences calls 5-7 p.m.

## Lake Palestine U.M.C.

by Barbara Cade

We want to congratulate Brandy Blakeney and Joey Stringer on their wedding last Saturday night at the church. The church was decorated beautifully, and a large crowd turned out to wish the couple well. The officiant was Bob Fisher while Matthew Price walked her down the aisle and gave her away. Brandy is the daughter of Teena Blakeney. The couple met through friends and their work with the Westside Volunteer Fire Department. They are currently living in Parkside Shores.

Leann Boggs got good news last week. She is no longer in the hospital but is now in rehabilitation at Health South in Tyler.

Larry Rogers is still in the hospital as of this writing. We hope he gets out soon.

Everett Kuykendall is still in the Chandler Nursing home. We hear that Jane has been sick with the flu lately.

We were also shocked to hear that Crystal Simon's father has had a stroke. The doctors told him that it will severely curtail his truck driving.

As of this writing, Ann Blackmon is anxiously awaiting the birth of her daughter Rebecca's baby. Ann is ready with gas in the car to get to the hospital as fast as she can when

word comes that the baby is on its way.

Dorothy, Cindy and Brittney Newsom were all together at church on Sunday. Brittney was home from her work at East Texas Baptist University for the weekend. We're sure she was also visiting her grandfather, Dan, who is ill at home.

Bernard and Linda Massey were in Ft. Worth last weekend to be with a friend who was undergoing medical treatment.

The Bible study on Sunday night was treated to strawberry shortcake with real whipped cream. Ken Cade made the strawberries and Bobbie Mathis and Dorothy Botts were in charge of the cake and pastries.

Bernard Massey called together a group of men to meet at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday at the church to work on the landscaping at the amphitheater. The first event with the Chuck Wagon Gang is coming up pretty quickly.

The Angel Food delivery will be this Saturday from 10-11 a.m. at the church.

Tonight, Thursday, there will be a Young Family Ministry meeting at the church to discuss outreach to those in the area with young children and youth. Word has it that Rev. Prather may be providing some food.

Finally, don't forget to put May 10th (Saturday) on your calendars. That's the big garage sale put on by the Methodist Men. It will start at 6:30 a.m., and there's always some great stuff for sale there. Perfect for Mother's Day on the 11th.

## ★ Two vehicle accident

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the path of Carter's Ranger. The vehicles collided with a powerful front left corner impact.

Marcell Rountree, a resident of the area, said she heard a loud noise similar to an explosion.

"I was working in the garden and I heard a big, loud noise," Rountree said.

Rountree added she thought it sad how travelers drive along 314, and noted many people drive very poorly along the road.

Responding to the scene were volunteer firefighters from the Brownsboro, Chan-

andler, Murchison and Westside departments along with East Texas Medical Center ambulance and medical helicopter.

Russell Kuhns, firefighter for Brownsboro Volunteer Fire Department, said the call was sent out at 1:18 pm.

"This is only too common a sight," Kuhns said.

James Martin, Department of Public Safety investigating officer, said the accident is still under investigation and he doesn't know when it will be finished.

Martin said the bodies were transported to South East Texas Forensics in Tyler by

Carroll and Lehr Funeral Home of Athens.

The accident forced traffic to take a detour for several hours while officers investigated the accident. The road was not reopened until approximately 5:45 pm.

Donna Tyndell, general manager at the Sonic Drive-in where Crouch worked, said Heather Crouch was a wonderful person and a pleasure to work with.

"I could hire a lot of people," Tyndell said, "but I could never replace her."

Crouch started work at the drive-in March 25, 2006. She

graduated from Brownsboro High School and was attending Trinity Valley Community College. Crouch had a two-year-old and a six-month-old child.

Tyndell said she is going to start a fund for Crouch's children as soon as her family finishes with the funeral arrangements.

The Sonic employees are holding up fairly well, Tyndell also said, though the night crew will be the hardest hit by this tragedy.

"They were all a pretty tight bunch, like a family," Tyndell said.

## ★ Lehman run for council

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"I figured, 'Why not me'," Lehman added.

She is not running out of any sense of dissatisfaction with the current city council, Lehman said. Rather, Lehman is running because she said she feels there is a need.

"I don't have any huge complaints at all. They seem to have the interests of the citizens at heart," Lehman said. "I would hate to see someone having to be appointed, and I want to see more citizens in-

involved."

If elected, Melissa Lehman said, she would be educated on Chandler affairs and ask the community what they think about issues affecting the city.

"I'd find a consensus and be a representative for them," Lehman said. "When you're on the city council, you're a servant and not there to represent your own interests."

Lehman also commented on the current state of Chandler's

population.

"I think Chandler is growing," Lehman said. "It's not a small 'everyone's family' community anymore."

Lehman lives in the Phoenix West subdivision in Chandler, a subdivision she said she and her family love.

"Everyone is friendly," Lehman said. "It's a close knit community. We don't leave our doors unlocked, but we know we could because everyone looks out for each

other."

Lehman said she has many friends both in her subdivision and in Chandler.

Melissa Lehman is the director of quality improvement and risk management at the East Texas Medical Center in Quitman, and has worked for ETMC for 15 years. Her husband of 20 years, James Lehman, works for Chandler as a police officer. They have lived in Chandler for four years.

## ★ Bobby Lankford

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so Chandler doesn't end up with junk buildings along Highway 31.

Lankford said he grew up in Houston and experienced a great period of growth poorly handled in the city. Main thoroughfares ended up looking like garbage because of poor planning, and several decades later, the same thoroughfares still look poor, Lankford said.

In addition, Lankford said he thinks the City of Chandler could do more to clean up cluttered and trashed lots around the city.

"There are many yards and spots that are cluttered and trashy," Lankford said. "The city had their code enforcement officer come up and talk about what he fixed; I drove

around the next day and I didn't see any change."

While he would rate the council's performance as "ok", Lankford said the council could benefit from fresh thinking and a changing of the guard.

"I'm certainly not going to knock people who volunteer their time for the City Council," Lankford said.

The bottom line, Lankford noted, is his platform is one of long range planning and city beautification.

And his plan for city beautification would come at no cost to the tax payer.

Lankford said yards or property in violation would have a notice posted at the resident's door. If no change

is made, the city will fix the violation and bill the owner for the cost of the work.

There is also a plan for the roads, Lankford said, though this plan will come at a cost to the city. Under Lankford's plan, the city would seek bids to have the roads in the city paved under the same contract so the bids would be lower. Then the homeowners would have to pay for the work, with the city only stepping in to help those who could not afford it. This plan would need to be voted on by the citizens.

The cost would likely amount to around \$1,200 per home, paid over a few years.

Bobby is married to Mary Lankford; the two have been together 25 years. Lankford

came to Chandler five years ago and purchased Chandler Crossing Apartments.

"I love the one stoplight and no traffic," Lankford said. "I hate having to go back to Houston or Dallas because of the bumper to bumper traffic."

Lankford said if elected one of his first goals would involve a study group for future planning and zoning and controlled growth. He would also enforce the cleanup of junked spots.

"Growth from Tyler is coming here. Progression is coming here," Lankford said. "We need to be ready."

Lankford currently serves on the Brownsboro Independent School District Board of Trustees.

# Dingler place back on market

By Nathan Straus  
News Reporter

The old Dingler place on Browning Street in Brownsboro is on the market again following a massive refurbishing project. The house's yard had been overgrown and the house almost invisible from the front as recently as a year ago.

Billie Robertson is leading the charge on the refurbishing project. Robertson said there were over a dozen improvements made to the house.

"The house was originally built in the late '20s, early '30s," Robertson said. "It was owned by Jeff and Eugenia Dingler, and they had it refurbished and enlarged in the '50s."

Robertson also said the house had been neglected for many years, so she and her team took it and restored the house.

Teresa McClendon, Robertson's daughter, worked with the restoration team.

McClendon said the recent remodeling took eight months

of mostly just two people working on the house.

"We had four working on it at the end," McClendon said. Eugenia Dingler was a school teacher for Brownsboro. McClendon said Jeff Dingler was a principal.

There will be an open house to show the structure off on Sunday, April 27, from 1-4 pm. The house is located at 10976 Browning Street.

The following improvements were made to the house: An all new electrical

system, including light fixtures; a new roof; new gutters; most of the plumbing was replaced; new exterior doors on carport entrance and back entrance; replaced exterior air conditioning unit and coil; added a second bathroom; house was leveled with new stringers and supports where needed.


Other improvements included: new landscaping; ¾ inch plywood was installed with a moisture barrier over existing hardwood floors; Allure floor covering was installed in the kitchen, dining room and living room (25 year warranty); Armstrong linoleum floor tile was installed throughout the rest of the house; new hot water heater; stripped window trim, baseboards and interior doors to bare wood, then repainted to keep the originality and character of the home.

The house is on a ½ acre lot and is 1,272 square feet plus the two-car carport.

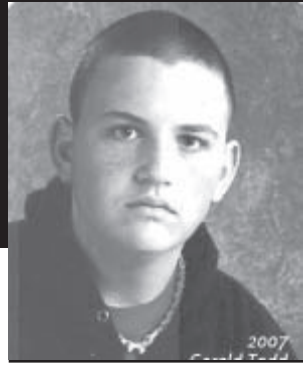
Any interested in the property can contact Robertson at 903-852-3040.



### Brownsboro Junior High School STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



**Baylee Conner**  
7th Grade  
Parents: Jimmy and Jackie Conner  
Brothers/Sisters: Bret, Jake, Gage  
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