

CHRISTMAS TOUR OF HOMES

Arnold home features traditional, other styles

Nancy Bertholf
For The Statesman

Guests attending the 2009 Women's Unity Fellowship Christmas Tour of Homes will have the opportunity to view six houses featuring a variety of decor.

This year's event is on Dec. 12, from 4 to 7 p.m. Tickets are available at Copeland's Chandler Drug, Chandler Public Library, and from the homeowners.

Proceeds benefit the library, Brenda Epperson Memorial Scholarship, and other non-profit agencies.

Allyson (Monk) and BJ

Arnold have lived in their Cedar Bend home for over a year.

The traditional style features items from people and places they love. An arrowhead display was collected by BJ Arnold and his grandfather, and other furniture pieces were handed down by grandparents and great-grandparents.

His antler collection hints at his passion for hunting.

The family Christmas tree will be decorated in bronze and gold crosses. The newlyweds have another tree that will feature a picture for each Christmas they have been married.



The Arnold Home

Family friend Ann Agard has shared many of her recipes with Allyson Arnold.

Her husband's favorite is pecan pie:
3 large eggs
1 cup dark brown sugar

1/3 cup melted margarine
1 cup white Karo syrup
1 tsp. vanilla
1/8 tsp. salt
1 to 1-1/2 cups chopped pecans
Beat eggs until light.

Add all the ingredients except pecans. Mix well, but not until fluffy.

Add pecans and stir. Pour into an unbaked pie shell.
Bake 45 to 50 minutes at 350.

CHECKLIST CHARLIE

I have this theory that most work-related stress is simply people-related stress. People can be downright stressful. Melodramatic.

So, what can be done to turn around the stressful situations, those work-related mini soap operas?

Laugh. Look for people who know how to laugh. Make it a deliberate goal

to sit at the "most fun" table at any seminar or event. Life is short.

Focus on fun. Does five hours feel like five minutes on certain tasks? Do you look up and say, "Where did the time go?"

Say "no." Everyone has to do things they don't enjoy. That's why it's called work and that's why we get paid. But minimize those

tasks and set boundaries around them.

Confide. Vent, but only with friends who are trustworthy and not co-workers. Don't poison someone else's well.

Instead, look for mature folks who tend to end a debriefing with this kind of message: "I hear what you are saying, but I am guessing you just needed to vent. You guys are probably a perfect team, bringing a balance to each other."

Repeat the positive. Never repeat anything that is negative.

Affirm. Affirmation tends to be contagious and everyone needs a pat on the back now and then.

Delegate, initiate, and appreciate. If you are a creative ding-bat, sit next to the most organized, thorough person at the meeting.

Or if you're the intense, alpha type, sit next to the person who will be the

most laid back. You'll probably get on each other's last nerve, but I guarantee that if you let the person know you ap-

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OBITS

Jack Russell

BROWNSBORO — Services for Jack Russell, 98, Brownsboro, were held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, at Calvary Baptist Church, Brownsboro, with Rev. Jon Parker officiating.

Burial followed in Jennings Mountain Cemetery under direction of Carroll-Lehr Funeral Home in Athens.

Mr. Russell died Nov. 14, 2009, in Athens.

He was born March 23, 1911, in Buffalo, Texas, to the late Thomas Riley and Dora Jane Martin Russell.

Mr. Russell resided in the Wortham and Teague area 30 years before moving to Brownsboro in 1995.

He was a farmer and carpenter most of his working life and was a member of First Baptist Church in Oakwood.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Evelyn Russell; second wife, Mary Emma Russell; longtime companion, Minnie Knight; sons, Billy Wayne Russell, Jack Edward Russell; and daughter Kathy Ann Russell.

Survivors include sons,



Russell

William Lee Russell, Brownsboro, Harold Ray Russell, Clear Lake, Roger Dale Russell, Cross Roads; daughters, Wanda Jane Aaron, Red Oak, Marion LaNell Scott, Cross Roads, Dorothy Sue Wise, Brownsboro; 26 grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers included Scott Lewis, Shane Lewis, James Darden, Chris Russell, Kirk Russell, Chris Wise, Matt Wise, Tommy Killman, and Randy Fambrough.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Jennings Mountain Cemetery, c/o First State Bank, P.O. Box 405, Brownsboro, TX 75756.

Ann Gorman Crawley

Memorial services for Ann Gorman Crawley, age 63, of Chandler, Texas, were held on Monday, Nov. 9, 2009, at First Baptist Church in Chandler at 11 a.m. with Bro. Terry Davis and Bro. Vic Taylor officiating.

A private burial will be scheduled at a later date.

Mrs. Crawley was born Oct. 15, 1946, to Joseph and Pauline Gorman, in Tyler, Texas, and died Nov. 6, 2009, in Tyler.

She worked for Dealers Electrical Supply in Tyler for 15 years and was a member of the First Baptist Church in Chandler for 38 years.

She was preceded in death by her parents; brother, Jody Gorman and granddaughter, Elizabeth McCoy.



Crawley

Survivors include her husband of 45 years, Steve Crawley of Chandler; sister and brother-in-law, Sue and Don Hines, Chandler; son and daughter-in-law Steven and Lynnette Crawley of Tucson, Ariz, daughter and son-in-law, Leann and Dwain Sanders, Tyler; and many grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

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All letters are subject to editing and must be limited to 400 words or less.

Letters must not be false or misleading. The paper reserves the right to authenticate any information in letters. If misleading information is printed, we will submit a retraction as the information is called to our attention.

It is our goal to give those in the community a place to voice their opinions.

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