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Fairfield History Club . . . Pilgrimage date set

Celebrating its 39th year, the annual Queen of the Trinity Star Pilgrimage presented by the Fairfield History Club is set for Saturday, May 2 at the historic Moody-Bradley House.

This year, an old-fashioned luncheon kicks off the event at 11 a.m. with a menu of grilled chicken or roast beef, scalloped pota-

toes, fruit, corn, purple hull peas, bread and dessert.

Following lunch, the Tom Thumb Style Show and its pint-size participants will model clothing beginning at 1 p.m.

Guests will also be entertained by students from Fairfield high school who will perform an historical melodrama, written by Fairfield resident Julie Ann Medford.

Violinist Morgan Fuller will perform at 1:45 p.m. followed by a cake walk at 2:15 p.m.

Throughout the day demonstrations will be performed by blacksmith Dr. Ken Lane and seam-

stress Sue Maust who will exhibit sewing techniques on an 1181 Wilcox & Gibbs sewing machine.

Vendors will also have unique wares on display and for sale including: Himalayan Salt Lamps; homemade aprons; jewelry and graphic art by Amy Young; hand poured, highly scented candles by Chapel Creek Candle Company; handmade cards by Tammy's Heartfelt Thoughts; Vonan Woodcrafts; and much more.

The pilgrimage will conclude with the firing of a short-barreled, large caliber Mountain Howitzer cannon at 3 p.m.

Sponsoring the event is Community National Bank and Trust of Fairfield.

Luncheon tickets are \$12 for adults and \$6 for children 10 and under.

Tickets include a \$3 gate fee.

Tickets can be purchased from any Fairfield History Club member or at Community National Bank and Trust of Texas, located at 101 N. Mount Street.

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Week-long search . . . Drowning victim found

After a week-long search of waters near the U.S. Highway 287 bridge on Richland Chambers Reservoir, Texas game wardens and officers from the Tarrant Regional Water District recovered the body of 17-year-old Jerrod Rachel at 8:50 a.m. Wednesday, April 1.

Rachel, a senior at Cross Roads High School, in Malakoff, Texas, and his grandfather, Jerry King, 72, of Athens, were reported missing March 24. Divers from the Texas Department of Public Safety recovered King's body March 27.

King's pontoon boat was found lodged in standing timber near Hickey Island north of the U.S. Hwy 287 bridge on the 41,000-acre lake in Navarro and Freestone counties.

A fisherman at Oak Cove Marina reported seeing King's pontoon boat drift past the afternoon of March 24 but initially thought the occupants were just out of sight. The boat's global positioning system indicated that it began drifting approximately one-half mile south of the bridge. Game wardens reconstructed the boat's track across the lake using the GPS and have focused search efforts along a broad swath of water along that path.

Texas game wardens, the Tarrant Regional Water District, the Henderson County Sheriff's Office, the Navarro County Sheriff's Office and the Texas Department of Public Safety all participated in the search.

Game Warden Capt. Gary Dugan led the Richland Chambers search.

"Obviously, we're relieved that we've found Jerrod and his family can start to get some closure on this," Dugan says. "It's a real tragedy. Here we have a case of a grandfather and grandson going fishing — one of the most wholesome family activities I can think of — and, somewhere along the way and probably in a matter of seconds, it all went wrong."

Dugan reports neither man was wearing a life jacket.

Approximately 90 percent of boating fatality victims in Texas do not have life jackets on when recovered, and 59 of the 61 boating fatalities in 2008 involved only one vessel.

Senior Moments with Kathy Earley

This past week has been a busy one! I attended a Meals on Wheels Conference.

My brain feels like it is on information "overload" -- so much to process.

I learned a lot and am excited to implement some new ideas.

Some of the classes I attended were: Kitchen Confidential, Texas Department of Agriculture regarding the "Texans Feeding Texans Meal Grant", Nutrition Education and the upcoming implementation of Dietary Required Intake requirements proposed by the Department of Disability and Aging, Elder Abuse: It's Everybody's Business, Identification and Assessment of Dementia by Nonprofessionals,

Leadership, and the Future of Serving Seniors.

I had the opportunity to network with some of the larger MOW programs, such as Ft. Worth, Dallas, Houston, San Antonio who were very willing to share information to improve MOW programs.

I am very grateful that I was able to attend the conference.

Not only will our Meals on Wheels program benefit, but the senior centers will benefit as well.

The conference was sponsored by the Meals on Wheels Association of Texas of which Freestone County is a member.

It is so hard to believe that we will be celebrating Easter this coming week-end.

The time is passing so quickly.

It is my wish that each of you have a very Blessed Easter and you are able to spend time with family and friends.

Until next time, Kathy

Menus

Wednesday, April 8 -- King Ranch chicken casserole, green peas, mixed salad, bread and peaches

Thursday, April 9 -- Beef meat loaf, buttered new potatoes, spinach, bread and Mandarin oranges

Friday, April 10 -- Closed for Good Friday

Monday, April 13 -- Fish fillets, French fries, cole slaw, hushpuppies and lemon pudding

Tuesday, April 14 -- Crispy chicken sandwich with lettuce, tomato, onion, lettuce, chips and pina colada cake

NAACP sets meeting for this Saturday

The E.E. Wheat Freestone County NAACP will hold their monthly meeting at 6 p.m. this Thursday at Fairfield's Dogan Campus.

Plans will be finalized for the Freedom Fund Gala that is scheduled for Saturday, April 25, at the Teague Community Center.

Please make plans to attend.

Alumni group schedules April meeting

The Fairfield Chapter of the Dogan Alumni Association will hold its monthly meeting at 7 p.m. on Monday, April 13, at the Dogan Center in Fairfield.

For more information, contact chapter secretary Pat at (903) 389-3945.

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