

In Hawaiian ceremony . . .

Casey, Nold say vows

Amy Ann Casey became the bride of Brian William Nold in double ring ceremonies held July 5 at Kaanapali Beach, Maui, Hawaii.

The bride is the daughter of Roy and Terri Casey of Fairfield. The groom is the son of Dr. David and Lisa Lott of Richland Chambers Lake.

Christopher Martin of Lahaina Baptist Church officiated for the couple.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a pearl white fitted chiffon dress designed by Moonlight. The dress featured a beaded empire bodice with beaded straps that criss-crossed in the back. A sheer chiffon sash softly draped onto the train of the dress.

Maid of honor was the bride's sister Megan Casey Lane of Fairfield. Bridesmaids were Courtney Jones of Flower Mound, and the groom's sister Nicole Steffl of Sleepy Eye, Minn. Flower girl was the bride's niece Kennedy Lynne Lane of

Fairfield. Groomsmen were Douglas Huber of Los Angeles, Calif., Jason Jones of Flower Mound, and the groom's father Dr. David Lott of Fairfield. Ringbearer was the groom's brother Dylan Lott.

A Hawaiian conch blowing, torch and drums signaled the beginning of the ceremony. A Hawaiian hula celebration was held after the rings were exchanged.

A reception was held following the ceremony at the Westin Maui Hawaii at Kaanapali Beach. The honeymoon was spent at the Kaanapali Beach Resort in Maui.

A Fairfield reception was held July 25 at the home of the groom's parents Dr. David and Lisa Lott at Richland Chambers Lake. The pool and lake-side reception also featured the Texas Unlimited Band who entertained the nearly 300 guests late into the evening.

The bride is pursuing a



MR. AND MRS. BRIAN WILLIAM NOLD

masters degree in physician assistant studies at the University of North Texas Health Science Center. The groom graduated with honors in May from the

University of North Texas with a degree in construction engineering technology. He is currently employed as a field engineer with Adolphson and Peterson Construction.

The couple have made their home in Grapevine.

Church

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Chapel Church of God in Christ, Palestine, and Minister Norris Willis of Evans Chapel Church of God in Christ, Centerville will speak. Presiding over the services will be Missionary Lesia Madison of Evans Chapel Church of God in Christ, Centerville. Praise and worship will be led by Mrs. Debra Deckard of Smith Chapel Church of God in Christ, Palestine. The Fairfield District Choir will be ministering in songs. The service will be held at Saint Hill Family Church, 591 CR 360, in the Butler Community. District superintendent is Elder Milton Algood, district supervisor of women is Mrs. Jewell Zenn and the evangelist department president is Mrs. Ann Perry. Host Pastor is Elder Anthony Taylor.

Saint Hill

Saint Hill Family Church will honor first lady Jackie Taylor in a special service this Sunday at 3:00 P.M. Guest speaker is Evangelist Keysha Reeves of the Ebenezer Baptist Church in Tucker. Guest psalmist is Mrs. Honetha Willis of Evans Chapel Church of God in Christ in Centerville. Theme for the occasion is: "Women of Royalty Moving Forward with Prayer, Faith and Wisdom". Everyone is welcome to attend. The church is located at 591 CR 360, Butler Community.

Host Pastor is Elder Anthony Taylor, Sr.

Inspiring Word

Inspiring Word Christian Center's Women of Excellence Ministry presents "The Contents of Me" WORD-shop this Saturday at 10 a.m. Lunch will be provided.

Guest Speakers are evangelist Susie White, minister Ruby Ford, sis. Jean Gatson, missionary Hattie Hatcher, co-pastor Demetrius Daniels, sis. Sonya Gibson, first lady Navlet Daniels, minister Annette Bereal and sis. Adrianna Welch.

On Sunday at 4, the Women of Royalty program will be presented at the church. Special guest is co-pastor Lurna Cumby and Behind the Veil Church. Everyone is welcome to attend.

The church is located at 1150 So. Fairway in Fairfield.

New Birth

New Birth Christian Center will host the 2009 annual Women in Red program this Sunday at 3 p.m.

Guest speaker is pastor P.A. Rischer of Faith Temple Fairfield. Theme for the occasion is "Praising and Running for Jesus and I'm Not Tired Yet." Galations 5:7.

Host pastor is Bishop T. Gatson, and co-pastor is Elder Daniel Gatson. The church is located at 1600 FM 489 East in Butler. Everyone is welcome to attend.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Dew Independent School District will hold a public meeting on August 31, 2009 in the Conference Room of the Dew School at 6:00 PM. The purpose for this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Maintenance Tax	\$ 0.986755	/ \$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
School Debt Service Tax Approved by Local Voters	\$ 0.061155	/ \$100 (Proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories:

Maintenance & Operations	\$ _____	increase	or	2.4	% (decrease)
Debt Service	\$ 100	% increase	or	0	% (decrease)
Total Expenditures	\$ 12	% increase	or	_____	% (decrease)

Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value (as calculated under Section 26.04, Tax Code)

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value* of all property	\$ 518,684,020	\$ 506,853,730
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$ 1,475,450	\$ 3,737,180
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$ 511,900,800	\$ 499,286,220
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$ 1,310,450	\$ 3,210,870

* "Appraised value" is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(8), Tax Code.
 ** "New Property" is defined by Section 26.012(17), Tax Code.
 *** "Taxable value" is defined by Section 1.04(10), Tax Code.

Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness* \$ 600,000
 * Outstanding principal.

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$0.944900	\$0.000000	* \$0.944900	\$8,006	\$4,570
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$0.925600	\$0.061155	\$0.986755	\$7,253	\$4,341
Proposed Rate	\$0.986755	\$0.061155	* \$1.040000	\$8,730	\$4,341

*The interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds were approved by the voters of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$58,900	\$64,490
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$47,500	\$53,570
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$0.944900	\$1.040000
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$448.83	\$557.13
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$108.30

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is \$0.986755. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of \$0.986755.

Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$ 771,428
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$ 582,246

Obituaries

Avery McKinney

Avery McKinney of Mexia (Cotton Gin) died Aug. 24 at Manor Health Care Residence in Mexia.

Funeral will be Friday, Aug. 28 at 10 a.m. at Porter Funeral Home in Mexia. Interment will be at Cotton Gin Cemetery.

Mr. McKinney is survived by his wife Patsy J. McKinney, sons Avery Edsel McKinney of LaVerne, Cal. and Lynn Clay McKinney of Waco, daughter Nancy Barrow of Mexia, 11 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren and three great-great grandchildren.

Wortham 4-H club

sets September meet

The Wortham 4 H club will hold the first meeting of the school year on September 2nd at 6 p.m. at the chamber of commerce building. All previous 4H members and anyone who would like to join are invited to attend this event.

Guest speaker will be county extension agent Sara Motes. Topics to be discussed will be Top Chef challenge, fundraiser ideas, community service plans, photography, sewing, art and many oth-

ers. Refreshments will be provided by this year's Wortham 4H officers.

Baseball association plans meet

Fairfield Baseball Association held its meeting Wednesday at 8 p.m. at the baseball complex.

On the agenda: officers were set to be elected.



Gladys Estelle Bridges

(White, Stovall, Nell)

June 24, 1918 - August 9, 2009



On Sunday morning, 9 August 2009, our mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister and aunt passed away in Fairfield, Texas, at Fairfield Nursing & Rehabilitation. It would be difficult to adequately and appropriately thank the many staff members, local friends and relatives who tirelessly provided her with excellent care and comfort while there - and previously at Fairview Manor Nursing Home - during her long residency. Her sis, Dorothy Jean "Dot", in particular, provided invaluable attention over the years.

She was born in Matagorda County, Texas, near Midfield, 24 June 1918, to Cecil Con Bridges and Myra Agnes Cox.

After growing to adulthood there, and in nearby Blessing, she met and married Roy "Pete" White (son of Braxton Bragg White and Nancy Jane Upchurch), and to them were born Roy White, Jr. (1936) and Myra Louise White (1938).

Subsequently, she met and married Guy Carl "Ted" Stovall while residing in El Campo. To them was born Guy Edmund Stovall (1941), who passed away in 1994, leaving no descendants.

Gladys had been the widow of Claude Leslie "Bud" Nell, Jr. for many years when she passed away. She had formerly resided in Corpus Christi, Ingleside, Palacios, and El Campo after leaving Blessing - all in Texas.

She is survived by Roy, Jr. (Barbara Jean Jack), of Holladay, Utah, and their two daughters (Charlotte Catherine Bridges White and Amy Rebecca MacLean White), and Myra Louise, of Arvada, Colorado, (widow of William Stanley Gilson), and their children Shelly Mar Gilson (Keith D. Allen), Belinda Lee Gilson, Everette Stanley Gilson II, Troy Thane Gilson (deceased), and Shawn Sterling Gilson. There are numerous great-grandchildren.

Of her four sisters, she is survived by Lillie Mae Worthington, East of Caldwell, and Dorothy Jean Lancy, of Fairfield.

Gladys Estelle was preceded in death by her three husbands; son, Guy E. Stovall; sisters, Cecile Pauline and Emma Louise (Russell W. Jolley); parents, C.C. Bridges and Myra A. (widow of Emory Hammond); grandparents, Daniel Ephraim Bridges, Emma (Allen) Bridges, William Francis Sturm Cox, and Lillie Lula (Freeman) Cox.

The context of her life precluded other than short-term affiliation with local churches wherever she lived, but she never abandoned her Southern Baptist roots.

A simple burial was held at Hawley Cemetery, Blessing, Texas, on Thursday morning, 13 August 2009, with her two surviving children, Roy and Myra, present. Excellent arrangements were handled by Griffin Roughton Funeral Home of Corsicana & Fairfield, assisted by Taylor Brothers Funeral Home of Bay City.

