

# OBITUARIES

## IN MEMORY

### Judy Burch Homemaker

Judy Sue Spence Burch, 65, of Donalsonville died Saturday, March 10, 2007, at her residence.

Mrs. Burch was born in Early County, Dec. 3, 1941. She was a member of Flat Creek Baptist Church and a member of the church choir, senior adult Sunday school teacher and a past worthy matron of the Eastern Star.

Survivors include her husband, Roy Burch; two sons, James Burch and wife Lisa of Blakely and Patrick Burch and wife Kathy of Donalsonville; three daughters, Susan Stinson and

husband Sterling of Colquitt, Amy Taylor and husband Bruce of Blakely and Becky Gordon and husband Thomas of Colquitt; two brothers, Thomas Spence and wife Daphne and Danny Spence and wife Gayle, all of Colquitt; two sisters, Joan Simpson and husband Don and Jennifer Roland and husband Jeff, all of Colquitt; 10 grandchildren, Leanna Burch, Jameson Burch, Spencer Burch, Justin Stinson, Sam Stinson, Jacob Stinson, Ray Taylor, Zac Taylor, Rachel Burch and Jaxon Gordon.

Funeral services were Monday, March 12, 2007, at 3 p.m. at Flat Creek Baptist Church with Rev. Robert

Johns and Dr. David Coggins officiating. Interment followed at Flat Creek Church Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Toby Spence, Gabe Spence, Charles Brackin, Ralph Rutledge, Dale Powell and Russell Womble.

Honorary pallbearers were Frank Standiford, Chris Johnson, Jason Simpson, John Shiver, Jeffrey Roland and Josh Roland.

Colquitt Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

### David Alexander Truck Driver

David Alexander, 77, of Jakin died March 4, 2007.

Mr. Alexander was born May 20, 1929, to the late James Alexander and Mary Jane Alexander. He was raised in Hunterville, N.C. He was a member of St. Paul African Methodist Episcopal Church and spent 38 years as a truck driver.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two siblings.

Survivors include his wife, Rosia Bell Hunter Alexander; five step-children, Andre Anderson and wife Rose, Anthony Anderson and wife Barbara of Charlotte, N.C., Fonda Hunter of Albany and Tara Hunter and Desmond Hunter of Jakin; two broth-

ers, Claude Alexander and Charles Alexander of Cleveland, Ohio; one sister, Connie Alexander of Cleveland, Ohio; and one grandson, Skyelar Wayne Anderson of Albany.

Funeral services were Saturday, March 10, 2007, at 10 a.m. at Saint Paul African Methodist Episcopal Church with Rev. Alvetta Butler officiating. Interment followed at Saint Paul African Methodist Episcopal Church Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Andre Anderson, Anthony Anderson, Claude Alexander, Joshua Ford and Eddie Tolbert.

Community Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.



Elvira G. Smith

In Memory

Happy Birthday Elvira G. Smith. We love you and miss you.

The George and Smith Families

## CHURCH NEWS

### St. Mary M.B.

St. Mary Missionary Baptist Church youth revival will be March 14 through March 16 at 7:30 p.m. The guest speaker will be Rev. Justin Johnson. Everyone is invited to attend.

### Arms of Faith M.B.

Arms of Faith Missionary Baptist Church will celebrate the pastor's anniversary Friday, March 16 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, March 18 at 2 p.m.

### Bright Star M.B.

Bright Star Missionary Baptist Church invites senior citizens of Early and surrounding counties to a special Senior Citizen Recog-

niton program, March 17, at 1 p.m. The color for this special event is green.

### Wesley Chapel A.M.E.

Wesley Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church will present its annual brothers and sisters unity program Sunday, March 18 at 3 p.m. Special guests are the Williams family, ministering through music.

The guest minister will be Shayla Farmer of Ft. Walton Beach, Fla. Everyone is invited to attend.

### Bethlehem A.M.E.

Bethlehem African Methodist Episcopal Church will host their annual Mission-

ary March at 3 p.m. March 18. The guest minister is Bessie Martin. Everyone is invited to participate.

### St. John Pineview M.B.

St. John Pineview Missionary Baptist Church will host their annual revival meeting March 19 through March 23 at 7:30 p.m. The guest speaker will be Rev. Alfred Starling. Everyone is invited to attend.

### Salem Baptist

Salem Baptist Church in Edison will host their 150th anniversary celebration March 21 through March 25.

Revival services will start at 7 p.m. Wednesday,

Thursday and Friday. "Facing the Giants" will be shown after Friday evening's services.

Events for the entire family start at 2 p.m. Saturday with a spaghetti dinner served at 5:30 p.m.

Homecoming services will conclude the event Sunday, March 25. Everyone is invited to attend.

### Mt. Ebel M.B.

Mt. Ebel Missionary Baptist Church will celebrate the trial sermon of Charlie E. Thomas March 25 at 4 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend.

## Blakely Senior Center

310 Meadowbrook Drive

### Daily Events

**March 19** — Rhythm band at Nursing Home 10:15-11:30.

Lunch: Polish dog, potato salad, winter mix, wheat hot-dog bun, hot peach crisp.

**March 20** — Physical fitness - 10:15 a.m. - 11 a.m.

Wiregrass Hospice Shelly Smith - 11 a.m. Lunch: Hamburger steak w/ onion gravy, dry blackeyed peas, collards, corn muffin, cold spiced peaches.

**March 21** — Bingo - 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Lunch:

Chicken cacciatore, scalloped potatoes, green beans, wheat roll, fresh fruit.

**March 22** — Physical fitness - 10:15 a.m. - 11 a.m. VNA

blood pressures - 11 a.m.

Lunch: Sloppy joes, Harvard beets, carrot salad w/ pineapple, Mexi-corn, wheat hamburger bun, cookies.

**March 23** — Physical fitness - 10:15 a.m. - 11 a.m. Rev. L.B.

Ingram "The Whistling Preacher" - 11 a.m. Lunch:

Chicken strips, baby green limas, okra and tomatoes, chilled applesauce, wheat roll, fruited strawberry Jello.

Anyone 60 and over is invited to join us for activities and/or lunch. One day notice is needed for lunch. Call 723-8700.

Arlington Senior Center offers the same daily meals.

## Clarke

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and shorts to work. I worked with our human resources folks and put out an edict that flip-flops and shorts weren't appropriate attire for the workplace.

No one really complained about shorts. But a couple of people argued with me about flip-flops.

"Flip-flops," they said, "are perfectly good shoes and we should be allowed to wear them."

"Flip-flops," I said, "are perfectly good in the workplace if your workplace is a T-shirt shop at Panama City Beach. Your workplace is a professional newsroom, so put on some real shoes."

I'm tempted to write, "What's wrong with young people today?"

But it's not just young people who have forgotten their manners and etiquette.

Several days ago, a colleague and I were leaving a well-known restaurant at lunch. As we walked out the door, a line of a half-dozen people started out behind us.

Being the dapper gentleman that he is, my co-worker stood and held the door for each person. Only one person bothered to acknowledge this kindness with a "thank you."

I wish we could get back

to a time when we were all nicer to each other, when we took time to say thank you for even the littlest things.

I'll even get us started this morning. Thank you, ma'am, for reading **The Times**. And sir, we're glad you've chosen us this morning, too.

But before we go any farther, please throw out your chewing gum.

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## BOE

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Other items on the list include: \$50,000 for additional office space and new carpet at the central office; \$50,000 for middle school and high school gym improvements, including bleachers and modifications in dressing rooms; \$25,000 to relocate wall in high school auto shop; \$75,000 for Mangham Auditorium

upgrades; \$250,000 for vehicle and equipment maintenance and replacement; \$150,000 to \$250,000 for bus shop modification; \$5,000 for ECHS barn repair; \$500,000 for text books and trade books; \$125,000 for band instruments; \$750,000 for bus replacement; \$50,000 for elementary school playground; \$100,000 for

awnings at PreK over sidewalk; \$5,000 for signs in elementary school parking lots and throughout buildings; \$375,000 for furnishings in all schools; \$75,000 for concrete walkway, sidewalk, covered walk and landscaping at Oaktree and the alternative school; and \$25,000 to improve drainage in middle school parking lot.

## Letter

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Maybe also, as I get time, I can share some of the wonderful, inspiring and sometimes unpleasantness this generation, here in Iraq, is dealing with.

Once again, let me thank Eddie, family, friends, neighbors and everyone for supporting our troops and

me ... It is an indescribable feeling to be serving with this generation of young people and humbly trying to help in any way we can.

So until later, I'm missing a beautiful Tigris-Euphrates sunset. The weather this time of year is very pleasant, slightly cool, with clear skies, with a back drop

of distant firing, some explosions, helicopters over every once in a while, and the low roar of the generators, in an old ancient lonely, scary city.

We have children that will hopefully sleep peacefully tonight.

Thank You,  
Logan Barbee

## Play ball

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The Blakely-Early County Recreation Department is an intergovernmental department funded by Early

County and the City of Blakely. The department provides recreational opportunities for local citizens including baseball, softball,

basketball, soccer, cheerleading and flag football. For more information about recreation department programs, call 723-3197.

**Health Notes**

### Estrogen Replacement Therapy Lowers Risk of Colorectal Cancer

*by Bob Hall, R.Ph.*

Colorectal cancer is the fourth most common cancer and the second cause of cancer deaths, after lung cancer. Approximately half of the patients diagnosed with colorectal cancer are women. An analysis of 18 studies involving thousands of women concluded that the risk of developing colorectal cancer is reduced by 34 percent in current estrogen users. A longer duration of current use did not appear to offer greater protection. The protective effect appears to wane once estrogen therapy is stopped, and disappeared five years after estrogen therapy was discontinued. When making a decision regarding use of estrogen replacement therapy in post menopausal women, a reduced risk of colorectal cancer should be considered as an additional benefit.

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