

THE SANDYLAND CHRONICLE

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NEW PAPER FOR BLUFF CITY AREA

A note from the editor:

You are holding in your hand the first edition of *The Sandyland Chronicle*, a monthly newspaper for the Bluff City-Chidester-Reader-White Oak Lake area. The paper is not like newspapers you are accustomed to receiving, because it is printed in the home of the editor on an old computer which has seen its best days. Even though it is not as pretty as some papers, this small paper will contain news and items of interest to our local people and whether it succeeds or fails depends on those who read it.

My name is Jerry McKelvy and I am the editor, publisher, and general manager of this small paper. I have reported the local news to *The Nevada County Picayune* for a few years and many of you read my columns. There have been some problems recently in getting the local column included in that paper and maybe these can be worked out, but I decided that if I had my own paper, I could have more control over things and eliminate some of these problems. It will also give me more leeway in providing the type news our local people prefer. To do this, I need your help by giving me your suggestions, criticisms, and comments.

I spent lots of time trying to think up a name for this paper. Finally I gave up and settled on *The Sandyland Chronicle* because sand is one thing we have in abundance in this area and I wanted to include the entire area and not just one community. The definition of chronicle is "a historical record according to date". So in this paper, you will have a record of all the latest happenings in the area, or at least the ones we can report. I reserve the right to change the name of the paper if someone comes up with a better name. I am open to your suggestions.

I hope that at least a few who read this paper will decide to keep each issue for its historical value. Each issue will have something about our local people and will be interesting to read many years from now. If you will keep each issue until the end of a year, I can bind them into booklet form for you with a cover. You will then have a nice record for future generations to enjoy. So, watch out for the coffee stains, etc. if you plan on doing this.

After a year has passed, I will place a bound booklet containing all twelve issues for that year in the local libraries and archives. So, if you have something you want preserved, be sure and let me know so I can include it. I need lots of help in coming up with things to include in the paper.

I am asking you to tell your friends and neighbors about this little paper. I wish I could publish it for free each month, but that is not possible. I have to buy the paper, ink, and postage for those receive it by mail, but I promise to keep the cost as low as possible.

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NELSON REUNION

Those attending the Nelson family reunion in north Gooseankle on Sept. 29th were:

Mike and Aleta Haynes of Gooseankle; Gary and Linda Kirk of Lewisville; Dale and Bonnie Roe of Dallas; Jeff and Sandra Kay Melton and son Jabe of Cale; Jody and Jody Ray Nelson of Nashville, TN; Phil, Brenda, and Matthew Lincoln of Benton; Claudis and Oleta Nelson of Bluff City; Quincey Joe Nelson of Prescott; Quintin Jack Nelson of Prescott; Charles, Brenda, Cody, and Kelley Otwell of Texarkana; Tommy, Tracey, and Dalton Gaf; Rhonda, Rex, Rodney, and Ron Sarrett of Texas; Perry Nelson of Prescott; Ferrel and Glenda Nelson of Gooseankle; Andy, Lauren, and Lexi Nelson of Clarksville; Bobby, Lourie, Ethan, and Ross Philgreen of Gooseankle; Eddie and Kathryn Clark of Arkadelphia; Eddie, Susan, Kylie, and Breanna Roe of Hot Springs; Sherry Karr of Gurdon; Bobby and Connie Wells and Reid Ledbetter of Gurdon; Roger Seto of Texas; James and Kay Nelson of Bluff City; and Olen and Helen Kelley of Bluff City.

BRIDAL SHOWER

There was a bridal shower Oct. 21st at the Bluff City Church of Christ for Ginger Minton and Jeremy McKelvy. Jeremy is one of the local Bluff City boys and Ginger is from Gurdon. The couple received many useful gifts. They have moved a mobile home to Bluff City and will make their home there. The wedding date is set for Nov. 2.

A QUOTE--"A jury consists of twelve persons chosen to decide who has the better lawyer." *Robert Frost*

SAM WALTHALL

Sam Walthall, age 60, of Chidester died Wednesday, Oct. 17.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Clate and Blanche Hooks Walthall and two brothers, Woodie Joe Walthall and Jethro Walthall. Survivors include two sons, Clayton Sam Walthall of Palm Springs, CA and Sammy Walthall of Hot Springs; two daughters, Rebecca Walthall of Hot Springs and Michelle Walthall of Phoenix, AZ; three brothers, Bennie of Texarkana, Donald of Magnolia, and Billie Joe of Chidester; a sister, Mabelle Brothers of Chidester; and two grandchildren.

Funeral services were Oct. 20th at Proctor Funeral Home in Camden.

MR. KELLEY CELEBRATES BIRTHDAY

Mr. Olen Kelley recently celebrated his 81st birthday. He and his wife live next door to James and Kay Nelson. Congratulations, Mr. Kelley.

HIGH PRICED MEAT

Hunting season is in full swing. This brings many more people to our part of the state and the sport is enjoyed by men, women, and children.

The main thing is to stay safe. Be careful out there, so you will be able to enjoy the sport next year. Let *The Chronicle* know if you kill something worth bragging about.

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BEULAH DELANEY

Beulah Watson Delaney, 95, of Camden died Sun. Oct. 21. She was born Jan. 19, 1906 and was a member of Rushing Methodist Church. She was preceded in death by her husband Willie H. Delaney, Sr. and two sons, Billy H. Delaney and Willie H. Delaney, Jr. Survivors include two sons, James Terrell of Lewisville and Robert Ellis of Camden; a daughter Mary Jo Sherrod of Texarkana, TX.; 11 grand children; 23 great grandchildren, and five great-great-grandchildren. Burial was at Ebenezer Cemetery.

WORD TRIVIA

1. There are no words that rhyme with orange, silver, or purple.
2. The average American has a vocabulary of 10,000 words (15,000 if very smart). Shakespeare's vocabulary was 29,000 words.
3. The only book in the Bible that does not contain the word God is Esther.
4. About 50,000 words can be written with one pencil.
5. The second most common word spoken by Americans right before death is the "S" word.
6. The longest word that can be typed from the top row of a keyboard is typewriter.

Sign seen at Randolph Co. courthouse:
I'm as slow as a herd of turtles stampeding through peanut butter.

LETTERS

Dear Jerry,
I really enjoy your paper and look forward to receiving it each month.

Editors note: This is not a real letter, but if you have a comment, suggestion, or criticism, send it to the address below and it will be considered for a future issue.

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THEODOSIA HELDEBRAND

Theodosia Heldebrand, 98, formerly of Camden, died Oct. 21 in Tulsa, OK. She was born May 20, 1903 in Okolona, the daughter of James and Ola Smart. She was a Baptist.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Bert Heldebrand. Survivors include four daughters, Peggy Dortch, Gwen Dubois, Betty Parker, and Evelyn Woods and three sons, Bernard, Jim, and Lowell Heldebrand.

Funeral was Oct. 26 at Proctor Funeral Home with burial at Bluff City Cemetery.

A FAVORITE BIBLE READING

Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths. (Proverbs 3: 5-6)

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I plan to include a favorite recipe in each issue submitted by one of our good cooks. Everybody will benefit. The ladies can learn some new recipes and everyone can enjoy the good eating.

OVEN SWISS STEAK FOR TWO

Submitted by Jeanie McKelvy

Ingredients:

1/2 to 3/4 pound of boneless beef round steak, 3/4 inch thick

2 tablespoons all purpose flour

1/2 teaspoon salt

1 eight ounce can (1 cup) stewed tomatoes

1/4 cup chopped celery

1/4 cup chopped or julienne carrots

1 tablespoon chopped onion

1/4 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce

2 tablespoons shredded cheese (if desired)

Cut meat into two portions. Season with salt and dip in flour. Set aside remaining flour. Brown meat in skillet with small amount of hot shortning. Place meat in small shallow baking dish. Blend remaining flour with drippings in skillet. Add remaining ingredients, except cheese, and cook over moderate heat, stirring constantly until mixture starts to bubble. Pour over meat in baking dish. Cover and bake in moderate oven (350 degrees) for two hours or until meat and vegetables are tender. Add a little water as needed while baking. Sprinkle cheese over meat. Return to oven for a few minutes. Makes two servings. More meat can be added and other ingredients adjusted for more servings. Leftovers are good served over rice.

MEET THE COOK

Jeanie McKelvy is the wife of Jerry McKelvy, editor of this paper. She is originally from southeast Missouri (about 325 miles from the Bluff City area). It took her a while to get used to the amount of purple hull peas people eat in this area. Very few gardeners in Missouri grow peas of this type. Another thing that was different was the term "English peas". These are called green peas or garden peas in Missouri. Jeanie remembers one time on her senior trip to the deep South, some of the class members saw English peas on the menu at a restaurant and decided to order them just to see what they were. They were surprised when their order arrived and they found green peas or garden peas like they had back home.

Jeanie's hobbies include gardening and sewing and she recently became interested in genealogy. She recently discovered that she is a third cousin to the actor, Richard Chamberlain. She has also learned to love purple hull peas.

(Check back next month for another good recipe from another cook)