

Want to help out?

Alleyton Cemetery is getting a facelift

By Carol Nelson

After six years of work, progress is finally being made at the Alleyton Cemetery.

Shirley Kearbey informed me that at the start of grass cutting, a six-foot helper stood out in the middle of the cemetery and you could not see his hand which was sticking straight up.

Now, if you should happen to drive by there, you can see all the hard work is paying off.

Sgts. Truman Mitchell and Al Riley and Michael Paul Seldon SPC, Richard Rieman and Daniel Mose were hard at work for four hours using equipment to find what they think are unmarked graves.

They were to come back at a later date to see if more can be found.

Schneider Welding is helping the process by making a mold for concrete crosses to mark them as they are found, since no one knows who is

buried there.

Grave markers and information found dates back to 1840 but the earliest grave was dated 1831. Buried in the cemetery is a veteran from every single war. A Confederate and Union soldier are buried there, as well as casualties from every war up to the Gulf War.

In the photos, you will see there are made-shift markers to mark where something was found.

Some may be pieces of metal from debris that was burned because the metal detector could not trace a rectangular shape.

There are other places that the detector did find a rectangular shape (a grave); they just don't know who is buried there. A more detailed search will be done with better equipment.

Kearbey gave me a list of persons known to be buried in the cemetery. Last names: Alley, Banks, Barnes, Beavers, Bolden, Bosl, Boulden, Bratcher, Brown, Bryant, Carrall, Carroll, Carter, Castle, Clift, Davis, Denley, Dittman, Edwards, Engel, Everett, Fitzgerald, Gaedecke, Gant, Gunther, Hall, Hardison, Henderson, Hendson, Hill, Hinton, Hoffmann, Holiday, Hollien, Hollins, Jackson, Jones, Kaufmann, Kessler, Kirchhofer, Lackey, Lammes, LeTulle, Mathis, Matthews, Mewes, Mickow, Miller, Mitchell, Naumann, Norris, O'Bryan, Peikert, President, Roach, Robertson, Robinson, Rolluson, Roy, Sanford, Schultz, Schwartz, Smith, Sneed, Stell, Steward, Stoudermire, Thomas, Thompson, Victoria, Whitehead, Wilford, Williams, Willingham, Wilson, Woods and Wright.

Eliza Hinton, then next-door neighbor of Kearbey, planted the idea of cleaning up the cemetery in Shirley's head.

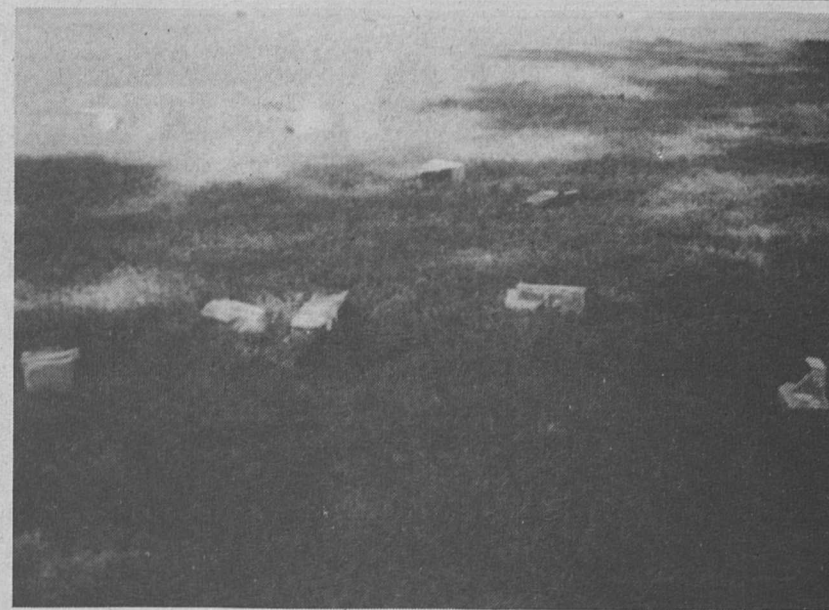
Thanks to the Colorado County Community Service Department, Kearbey and friends were able to do just that.

The cemetery was completely done, and is mowed every month with only a push mower. The American Legion in Columbus bought a used push mower and others have donated.

Family and Friends of Alleyton donated money with which to buy a commercial weed-eater and a regular weed-eater. Anyone who would like to come out and mow is more than welcome to do so.

Also, wooden benches are being added. Plans are to have at least 10 benches when it is all done. Also planned are tables to help with flower arranging for all you do-it-yourselfers. Again, all the work, building is done by Community Service workers.

If you would like to help out with equipment or volunteer your time, you can give Kearbey a call at 979-732-5061; or contact Neddy Phillips or Susie Woodward. They would be glad to give you any information you need.



Scattered about the Alleyton Cemetery are make-shift markers where graves are thought to be. Volunteer workers were scheduled to bring better equipment for working at the site at a later date.

Below is a wooden bench built by Colorado County Community Service workers, one of ten scheduled to be built. Also planned are wooden tables for those who assemble their floral arrangements on the site.

Headlight Photos by Carol Nelson



Workers with metal detectors scour the ground for rectangular shapes that would signify a grave.

Photo Courtesy of Shirley Kearbey

Garwood VFD announces memorials

The Garwood Volunteer Fire Department is pleased to announce the following memorials received from Jan. 1 through July 31, 2001.

In memory of Boyd Rees: HBPH Partnership, Mr. & Mrs. Kenny Baumgarten, Mary Schoellmann, Mr. & Mrs. Ed Wied, Mary Ann Waligura, Mr. & Mrs. Joe Seifert, Mr. & Mrs. Troy Krenk, E.C. Muegge, Mr. & Mrs. Ed Gold, Mr. & Mrs. Victor Montella, Mr. & Mrs. Robert Schuirring, Mr. & Mrs. Daryl Hill, Madeline Priesmeyer, Raymond Korenek, Michelson Pump Shop, Letha Lundquist, Mr. & Mrs. Frank Popp, Mr. & Mrs. George Koenig, Louise & Kay Von Heeder, Elsie Krenk, Mr. & Mrs. Ed Lee Schneider, Esther Popp, Truman Engstrom Jr. Family, Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence Berger, Mr. & Mrs. Gary Cerny, Laddie Krenk, Mr. & Mrs. Mitchel Smith, Mr. & Mrs. David Schuirring, Mr. & Mrs. N.J. Schneider;

Also, in memory of Walter Von Heeder: Mr. & Mrs. Herbert Popp, Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence Berger, Patricia Weishuhn, Mr. & Mrs. Frank Popp Jr., Bertha Rees, Laddie Krenk, Mr. & Mrs. Mitchel Smith, Kay Von Heeder, Louise Von Heeder; **in memory of Othelia Otradosky:** Mr. & Mrs. Paul Baumgarten; **in memory of Dorothy Turner:** Laddie Krenk; **in memory of James "Fritz" Crane:** Janceen Crane, Mr. & Mrs. Billy Hefner, Adell Parr; **memorial fund:** Aero-Ag Services, Inc.; **in memory of Bill Krenk:** Elsie Krenk; **in memory of A.C. Banks:** Mr. & Mrs. John Lee Korenek, Janceen Crane, Mr. & Mrs. Alton Barton, Mr. & Mrs. Kenny Baumgarten; **in memory of Leo Triska:** Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence Berger; **in memory of Dr. Charles F. Kallina III:** Janceen Crane; **in memory of Edith Donnelly:** Esther Popp.

Also, in memory of Debbie Corliss: Shirley Smith, Mr. & Mrs. Joe Seifert, Mr. & Mrs. J.P. Krenk, Mr. & Mrs. Kenny Baumgarten, Mr. & Mrs. Ed Riha, David Garrett Family, Cyn-

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In memory of David "Pete" Mahalic: Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Mahalic, Mr. & Mrs. Joe Seifert, Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Baumgarten, Janceen Crane, Stephen Mahalic Family, Mrs. Albert Gold, Mr. & Mrs. Todd Krenk; **in memory of Mrs. Dennis "Mary" Corliss:** Mr. & Mrs. Mitchel Smith, Janceen Crane; **in memory of Walter Staff:** Mr. & Mrs. Joe Seifert.

Young is Pre-Teen finalist

Allyssa Katherine Young, daughter of John and Jeanne Young of Eagle Lake, has been selected as a finalist in the Pre-Teen Texas Scholarship and Recognition Program to be held Nov. 16-18 at the Adam's Mark in Houston.

Pre-Teen Texas is a by-invitation only scholarship and recognition event involving young ladies seven to 12 years of age, based on their school academic records, awards and honors won and/or their participation in outside activities.

Additionally, young ladies are invited who have been recognized publicly for their outstanding personal achievements, volunteer services, school involvement, leadership abilities and creative talents.

State finalists will be evaluated on academic achievement, volunteer service to church and community; school honors and activities; development of personal skills and activities; general knowledge ability; communicative ability and on-stage acknowledgement of accomplishments.

Allyssa is very grateful to the following sponsors who enabled her to attend this very prestigious state event: The Appraisal Connection, The Baumgart Agencies, B&S Taxidermy, Lesley and John Carey, Creative Expressions, Eagle Barber Shop, Eagle Lake Dental, The Furniture Shoppe and Trafco.

A special thanks is also extended to Nancy Seaholm and Dr. Leonard Bornstein for their assistance with the piano piece Allyssa will be performing at this event.



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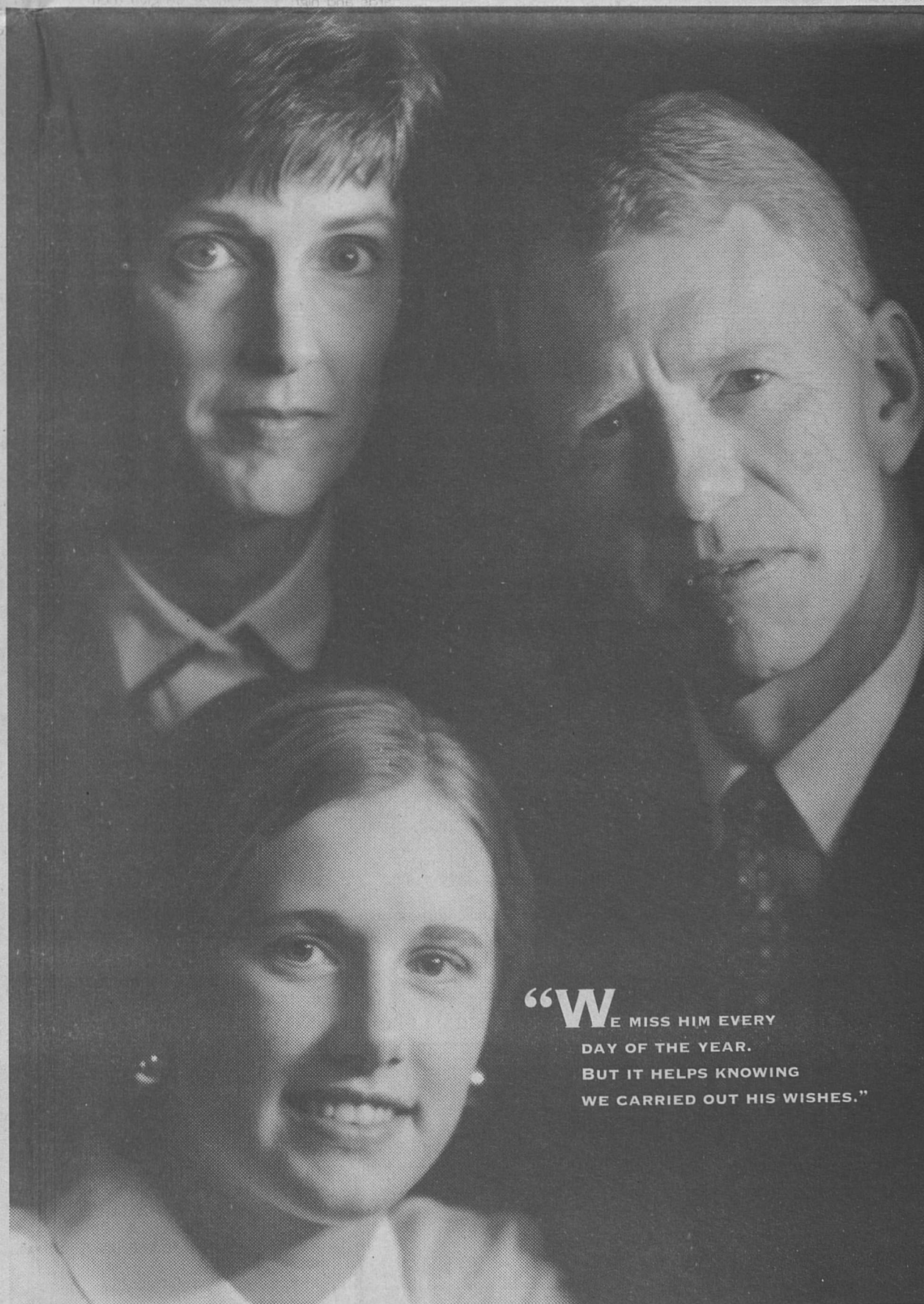
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