### SUPPORT YOUR GASTON MUSEUM WITH YOUR ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP

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### MUSEUM HOURS
The Gaston Museum is open

- 10:00 – 4:00 on Thursdays and Fridays
- 10:00 – 1:00 on Saturdays

**Call us and we will come!!!!**
We will additionally make every effort to accommodate visitors at any time for scheduled visits. Regular hours may vary. Please let us know if you are planning a visit so that we may be sure that the Museum is open for you. Call 903-722-9016 or email: museumoffice@gastonmuseum.org

or call Stephanie Osteen (903-812-1794) or Rosemary Whitten (903-863-2108) to schedule your visit.

### Fall 2017 Activities

The 2017 annual all-school reunion was held on September 29 and 30, 2018. Lots of alumni visited the Museum over the two day time period and approximately 75 were present for lunch at the Raider Café on the West Rusk campus. Your attendance helped to raise over $1000 to go for maintenance of the Museum, and many took this opportunity to make memorial donations and other donations to the Museum. Board Chairman Andy Elliott and Museum Director Stephanie Osteen both issued pleas for assistance in our quest to raise funds to stabilize the Snack Shop and to find a carpenter who is willing to undertake the task. To date, we are still unsuccessful in attempts to move forward with either of these. The date for 2018 reunion is October 5, 6. Please put this on your calendar now and plan to join us.

**Education Day** was held on October 18, 2017. 240 seventh graders from West Rusk, Full Armor, and Laneville enjoyed the day to learn about life in the East Texas Oilfield as our volunteers gave presentations on Tent House, Wash Day, Brush Arbor Churches, Gaston School, and Museum exhibits.

### MUSEUM VISITORS
We appreciate our Gaston family who come by to visit the Museum. Cousins Cecilia Beckstrom, of Seminola, Florida, and Joanie Schnaithman Shafer, of Gladewater, visited in February when Barbara and Buddy Vinson were volunteering. Joanie is the daughter of two Gaston alumni, Doug Schnaithman ('43) and Patsy Christy ('45); Cecilia’s mother was Anna Mae Christy. Both are granddaughters of John T. Christy (Board member 1937-51).

*We have recently added several pictures of Gaston School Boards, so they were able to see his picture there.*

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**FINAL FAREWELL**

Ray Boyd, Class of ’43
Jack Brookover, Class of ’38
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Talmadge Dowden, Class of ’43
Rex Hale, Class of ’49
Dareda Hardy, Class of ’62
Carolyn Crawford Hicks, Class of ’46
Robert D. “Bob” LaBay, Class of ’50
Annie Ruth Hudson Long, Class of ’49
Blanch Maynard, Class of ’54
Phillip Osteen, (Husband of Museum Director Stephanie Osteen)
Donna Morgan Putnam, WR Class of ’69
William Ray “Bill” Simpson, Class of ’46
Dorothy Jo Schillings Tisdale, Class of ’39
Hazel Whitehead Wade, Class of ’51
Bobby L. Wadle, Class of ’65

12/12/1925 - 10/6/2017
1921 - 2/23/2017
1/1/2944 - 8/9/2017
4/19/1936 - 10/28/2017
8/1/1939 - 10/2/2017
2/18/1926 - 10/12/2017
2/11/1930 - 9/4/2017
7/28/1911 - 1/31/2018
6/26/1949 - 3/5/2018
5/19/1932 - 1/8/2018
2/6/1928 - 7/22/2017
4/11/1936 - 12/29/2017
10/24/1955 - 1/2/2018
5/9/1951 - 3/25/2018
1928 - 12/20/2017
8/21/1922 - 10/31/2017
3/2/1933 - 8/6/2017
8/31/1947 - 7/30/2017

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**GOLF TOURNAMENT**

2018 Gaston Museum Terry Irick Memorial Golf Tournament will be held on Saturday, June 16, at the Longview Country Club. Please contact Andy Elliott, 903-987-2217, if you will play or help out on the day of the tournament or be a hole sponsor. This tournament is our biggest fundraiser to support the Museum operation as well as honoring a student with a scholarship. Hole sponsorship is $100 and is open to businesses or individuals. We have Gaston classes (’54, ’55, ’63, and ’68) that have been sponsors for several years. If your class could help out this way, let us know.

Scholarship applications are due by May 15, 2018.
(For future years, the scholarship application deadline is April 1.)

The winner will be announced at the golf tournament. Descendants of Gaston students and of hole sponsors are eligible to apply. Application form may be found on the web page under the Education/Scholarship tab or by emailing the Museum to request a form.
MEMORIALS

We appreciate so much that our Gaston family uses these memorials to honor the memory of friends and family as well as honoring the place that Gaston holds in all our hearts. The gift of a memorial helps to maintain our commitment to preserving our common memories. Families who suggest memorials to the Museum are helping us out a great deal.

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Jo & David Velvin, Richard and Glenda Wallace
Gastonites grew up in the best of times and were fortunate to have secured a good education from a rural school in the oil patch. Our parents performed hard and dangerous jobs in order to provide for us. These were times when we honored our parents and had respect for them.

Students were taught that patriotism and love of country were an important part of life. There was prayer in school and pride and emotion while singing the national anthem and honoring our flag in the classroom. We learned the history of the revolutionary minutemen, Alamo heroism, the Republic of Texas, and much more. A great debt of gratitude is owed to the educators for their dedication and devotion to their students. The Gaston veterans should never be forgotten, as many of us were called upon to defend American in foreign lands, realizing that it was our sacred duty. Some made the ultimate sacrifice.

We were proudly known as “Red Devils”, and if you were an employee or student at Gaston, you were family. Being products of the oil field culture, our word became our bond. “Red Devils” were never diminished or weakened by the label “oil field trash”, as we were above that. Students remember White’s Snack Shop, the Star Drive-In theater, juke box sock hops, the Gaston Gusher, and the Devil’s Delight. These were truly “happy days”.

We are a passing generation with a unique heritage, as the oil field is gone and the Gaston school is now history. We have our memories and will be “Red Devils” forever.