School reunion planned

The Boggy Branch, St. Joseph and Herman Seminary Schools reunion is planned for August 2 from 1:30 to 7 p.m. at the Veteran's Community Center in Columbus.

All teachers and former students and their families are invited to attend. Each family is asked to bring food for an afternoon lunch. Coffee will be served and the bar will be open. Bring pictures and newspaper clippings if available.

Those representing the three schools and attending the meeting at the Leland Neuendorff home were Lucile (Newmann) Neuendorff, Gladys (Halfmann) Stolle, Lillie Mae (Fischer) Berger, and Teddy and Mildred Schultz. If you have any questions, contact one of these former students.

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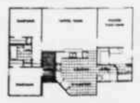

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Bankston to join Lobo football team

East Bernard High School graduate Martin Bankston has signed a letter of intent to attend Sul Ross State University and join the Lobo football team for the 1986 season.

Bankston, son of Josie E. Bankston of Eagle Lake, has twice been named an all-state linebacker for East Bernard. He also was selected a two time all-district runningback and a three time all-district linebacker.

Bankston is scheduled to report to the Alpine campus August 23 for the first week of pre-season training.

Local students participate in Texas Farm Bureau seminar

More than 400 high school juniors and seniors participated in the 24th annual Texas Farm Bureau Citizenship Seminar, June 16-20, on the campus of Angelo State University at San Angelo.

Attending the seminar from Colorado County were Stacey Causey, Leslie Sunderman, Alanna Janak and Danette Glueck.

Purpose of the seminar is to give students a better understanding of the various forms of government, the free enterprise system and their responsibilities as citizens, according to James Gipe, seminar coordinator. Students are sponsored through county Farm Bureaus.

Dr. L.D. Vincent, president of Angelo State, delivered welcoming comments to the students and Elvin Caraway, former State FFA president and national vice president, provided the opening address.

TFB president S.M. True and TFB executive director Warren Newberry were included in the program discussing the future of agriculture and Farm Bureau.

The students also heard inspiring talks on patriotism and free enterprise from seven speakers.

About town...

•Dough-to-go also can be purchased at The Cupboard on Boothe Drive in Eagle Lake.

•Most businesses will be closed Friday, July 4 for Independence Day. Those reporting to the Headlight that they will be closed include: First National Bank, Post Office, Wilcox Minimax, Colorado County Courthouse, Eagle Lake Headlight, Miller's Grocery, all DPS offices including driver license. Eagle Lake Insurance will be closed Friday and Saturday, July 4 and 5.

•A benefit dance held Saturday night got the wrong band. Eagle Lake Eagles team and Belmares Lounge want to apologize to the public for the mix up. When the band was booked for the dance, it was understood that Los Amigos was being booked to play, but another band was contracted to play by mistake. The support of the community was terrific.

•Mr. and Mrs. Simon S. White Jr. of Austin were here during the weekend to attend the Thatcher-Montgomery family reunion and to visit with his mother, Mrs. Annie Margaret White.

•The Eagle Lake swimming pool will hold wacky relay races on Friday, July 4. There will be the regular $2 admission for the pool. Races will begin at 2:30 p.m.

Catholic Altar Society holds monthly meeting

Fifteen members were present for the Altar Society meeting on Juine 5 at Didner Hall. Mesdames Evelyn Beseda and Adella Emmel were hostesses. Officers' reports were received and filed.

Carolyn Noska reported on the retreat at Cedarbrake held May 18, and attended by Evelyn Beseda, Martha Sommer and Carolyn Noska. During the retreat, a special prayer and communion service was held. Five ladies from neighboring St. Roch's Parish in Mentz also attended the retreat.

A number of items were brought to the attention of the members. Vacation Bible School will be held July 14-19 with the church providing daily refreshments. The Brenham DCCW meeting will be held at the church hall in Sealy on July 15; presidents will give 6-month reports for each parish. The Altar Society will have a cake and stuffed animal walk at the Parish Picnic.

The bingo work list remains with four workers per group; each group is responsible for making the coffee, but Dorothy Kohleffel will continue to unlock the door - occasionally, volunteers will be sought to prepare food when large crowds are anticipated, but they will not be expected to work.

A community bible study will be held in the fall at the Methodist Church every Tuesday night beginning in September. The study will begin with the Book of St. John, and the fee will be between $15 and $20. Emily Stiles is the coordinator for this year's program. Cynthia DeLaughter was the coordinator and teacher for the bible study last year. If anyone wants more information, please contact Emily Stiles.

Evelyn Beseda and Georgia Dierschke are the first contacts in the newly started Prayer Chain in the parish. Those wishing to be on it may sign the book at the church door.

Group 4 will be serving at the Heritage House service on July 27. Members of the group are Melinda Kucherka, chairman, Nancy Nelson, Janice Obenhaus, Diane Spanihel, Margaret Briscoe and Connie Gertson.

Carolyn Noska opened and closed the meeting with prayers. She also received the door prize.

The next monthly meeting will be held Thursday, July 3 with Margaret Briscoe and Nancy Nelson serving as hostesses.

Charlyne Spanihel, reporter

Watch working in hot weather

Hot, humid weather can be hazardous to your health, particularly if you work outdoors. Outdoor workers often suffer from such physical disorders as heatstroke, heat exhaustion, heat cramps and fainting when they do not take time to adjust to the heat, notes a safety engineer with the Texas A&M University System.

To avoid heat-related problems, workers should take frequent rest breaks, drink fluids every 15 to 20 minutes, wear loose garments of thin cotton fabric to enhance air circulation near the skin, and slow down work speed. Workers also need protection from equipment heat sources and need to work in well ventilated areas.

Gene Glover named assistant principal at Crockett Elementary

Gene Glover, son of Mrs. Oda Lee Glover of Altair and a 1970 graduate of Eagle Lake High School, recently was named assistant principal at Crockett Elementary School.

Gene moved into this position by the vacancy of Sheila Gilstrap, who was promoted to principal of the elementary school. Gilstrap took over Willia Wooten's position after Mrs. Wooten was named administrative assistant by the CISD superintendent Phillip Irby and board of trustees. Glover was the high school ag teacher.

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Sheriff's Report

By Jim Broussard
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This coming Friday will be the Fourth of July. Many people will be attending outings, etc. and everyone is urged to be cautious and utilize all safety equipment at their disposal. The Sheriff's Department wishes everyone a happy but safe July 4 holiday.

6-22-86: checked on a reported assault north of Columbus; investigated a reported theft in Sheridan; checked on a disturbance east of Columbus; checked on a suspicious subject north of Columbus; assisted at the scene of an accident on IH-10.

6-23-86: checked on a criminal mischief and theft in Nada; checked on a disturbance in Alleyton; transported a prisoner from Eagle Lake to Columbus; checked on a suspicious subject on Schobel Road; arrested one for assault; transported a patient to the San Antonio State Hospital; served three civil citations.

6-24-86: posted a citation in the courthouse; checked on a reported burglary south of Columbus; checked on a reported theft in Garwood; served five civil citations.

6-25-86: checked on a disturbance east of Columbus; transported two juveniles to Richmond; arrested one for Lavaca County on theft charges; served two civil citations.

6-26-86: assisted the Columbus police responding to a burglar alarm activating; checked on a suspicious vehicle in Nada; served four civil citations.

6-27-86: checked on a suspicious vehicle near Columbus; checked on a welfare concern north of Columbus; checked on a criminal mischief in Sheridan; checked on a disturbance in New Town; assisted separated motorist on 71 North.

6-28-86: checked on disturbances, one in Rock Island and one south of Altair; assisted at the scene of an accident on the 71 Bypass; assisted with traffic for a parade in Frelsburg; checked on a burglar alarm activating in Columbus; checked on a prowler in Garwood.

45 predicted to die during July 4 holiday

As many as 45 persons may die in traffic accidents in Texas during the long July 4 holiday period, according to an estimate by the Texas Department of Public Safety.

"The mixture of lower gasoline prices and increased travel this summer could prove to be deadly over the July 4 holiday," said Colonel Jim Adams, director of the DPS. "In addition to these factors, travel during the holiday will be made hazardous by the continuing problems of drunken driving and excessive speed."

Last year, 25 persons died as a result of traffic mishaps during the July 4 holiday, but because of the day of the week on which July 4 fell, the holiday period was only 30 hours. This year, the period will be 78 hours, from 6 p.m. Thursday, July 3 to midnight on Sunday, July 6.

Of the traffic fatalities during the July 4, 1985 period, 72 percent occurred in accidents involving excessive speed or drinking.

As in years past, in an effort to hold down the number of holiday traffic deaths, the DPS will conduct "Operation Holiday," in which additional troppers from the Department's uniformed services will be placed on Texas highways for heightened traffic law enforcement and to assist motorists.

Additionally, the Department will conduct its "Operation Motorcide" effort, in which periodic releases will be made throughout the holiday to keep the public informed about the number of traffic deaths occurring across the state.

"The philosophy behind this program is to make the public aware of the dangers of holiday travel and what motorists can do to make their time spent on the highways safer," Adams said.

This will be the first July 4 period since the new Texas safety belt law went on the books. Last year, 82 percent of those killed in traffic accidents during the holiday period had not been restrained, either by a safety belt or child safety seat.

"The message in that safety belt statistic is clear," Adams said. "The chances of being seriously injured or killed in a traffic accident are greatly reduced by wearing a safety belt and using a child safety seat for children under four years of age."

Adams said the two restraint laws, coupled with increased awareness of the dangers of drinking while driving, are contributing to an overall decrease in Texas traffic fatalities.

"Preliminary figures indicate the number of traffic deaths statewide went down 1.6 percent in the first quarter of this year compared with the first quarter in 1985," Adams said. "We hope that trend will not be reversed this July 4 period with a number of senseless tragedies."

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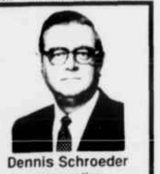

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Centennial homecoming services at Greater Mt. Olive Baptist Church

The Greater Mount Olive Baptist Church will be holding their Centennial Homecoming Services this Sunday, July 6 beginning at 2:30 p.m. at 709 North Lake Street in Eagle Lake.

A grand musical, sponsored by the Greater Mount Olive youth department, will begin the celebration on Saturday night at 7:30 p.m. Special guests from Houston, Eagle Lake and the surrounding areas will be singing.

Mount Olive Baptist Church was organized by Rev. Dan Whitley in a blacksmith shop owned by Bro. Ike Holmes which was located on Main Street. The church remained there for a number of years.

Under the leadership of Rev. A.A. Gordon, the church was moved to its present location. The church was blown down and rebuilt by Rev. L.W. Mackey. In 1932 the church was again blown down and was rebuilt by Rev. W.L. Green and was given the name of Greater Mount Olive.

The church has had 19 pastors. Our colorful history includes many contributions throughout its history. Unlimited sons in the ministry have come from our church and gone on to higher heights and accomplishments. Among them may be listed: (the late Rev. O.J. Pedescleaux, Rev. J.J. Jones, Rev. Will Davis, Rev. E.E. Gibbs), Rev. I.T. Hewitt, Rev. S.H. Perkins, Rev. M.R. Westmoreland, Rev. M. Johnson, Rev. T. Kuykendall and many others. 'We haven't arrived yet, but by the grace of God we have come a long way.'

Pastors, friends and former members are invited to share in this 100 year celebration service. Rev. Rudolph Kiser Sr. is pastor of the church.

Pioneers honored at dedication

More than 50 descendants and friends attended the dedication ceremony honoring Citizens of the Republic of Texas at the Montgomery-Thatcher Historical Cemetery on June 28. William H. Harrison Sr. was the speaker.

Mr. Harrison spoke of history as a record of man's achievements and developments. He said it is necessary to learn about our past as well as to learn from our past so that we may endure the present and prepare for the future. He challenged the young people to listen to their parents and what they say about the events that happened in the past.

Retired Eagle Lake postmaster Robert Samuel Martin presented a beautiful wreath of red and white carnations to honor the first postmaster, George. W. Thatcher and second postmaster, John W. Thatcher of Eagle Lake. A war of 1812 marker was also dedicated to James S. Montgomery , a soldier of that war. Mrs. Cleo J. Holubec, state president of the United States Daughters of 1812, attended the dedication.

Vacation Bible School begins Monday at First Baptist Church

The annual Vacation Bible School of First Baptist Church, Eagle Lake, is scheduled for July 7-11, 9 a.m. to noon. All children of the community, age four through grade 6 are invited.

Each session will begin with a joint-worship service developing a mission theme. Mission study and Bible study are an important part of the school program. An arts and crafts center also will be provided. Recreation and refreshment times will be enjoyed each day.

On Friday, July 11, a picnic will be provided at noon on the church grounds. That night a parent's night program is planned for 7:30. Accomplishments of the week will be demonstrated.

The First Baptist Church considers Vacation Bible School to be one of the most fruitful weeks of the year. All children are invited.

Hospital News

Patients (June 30)

Eagle Lake: Luis Garcia Medina, Demencio Arriaga, Bertha Hartman, Pauline Sens, Georgia Roberson, David Zahradnick, Robbin Clipson and baby boy, Beatrice Kuykendall, Roy Hernandez, Valerie Yanez and baby boy, Olga Fajkus, Harold T. Boone, Brenda Johnson and baby girl;

Columbus: Mary Henneke; from Sheridan: Frances Lowe; from Wallis: John McGraw, Angela Janicek, Debra Howard; from East Bernard: Bernard Marik; from Alleyton: Elsie Pilsner; from Garwood: Ruth Thelma Montgomery.

Dismissals

Eagle Lake: Caroline Rodriguez, Stephanie Griffin, Aline Neimeyer, Eula Clark, Arleta McJimsey, Otto Miller, Willie Moore, Juanita Boethel, Mary Magjarevich, Tommie Story, Lupe Cardenas, Frances Villalobos and baby girl, Henry Cordes, Delano Frnka, Juanita Coronado, Lee Roy Aldridge, Lessie Sutton, Darrell Estlinbaum, Carol Plata, Marion Wooldridge, Dana Pope, Alvaro Ramirez, Margaret Bunge, Carolyn Burrow, Janet Mahalitc, Kathy Gander and baby girl.

Columbus: Emma Cassell; from Rock Island: Patsy Hogan; from Garwood: James A. Schilling, Maggie Long; from Sheridan: Vickie Werner, Olga Crumpton; from Wallis: Robert Hemmen, Sotero Zavala; from Sealy: James Grigar.

New bridges in Colorado County

Two bridges spanning creeks in Colorado County will be replaced through a project of the State Department of Highways and Public Transportation.

The 24-foot-wide, two-lane bridges will be replaced with 56-foot-wide, multiple-box culvert-type concrete structures. Bridges to be replaced are located on Farm-to-Market Road 102 at Shallow Fork Creek and on FM 109 at Dry Branch.

The highway commission awarded a $334,040.87 contract to BRH-Garver, Inc. of Houston for the project.

Bruce Bayless, resident engineer in Columbus, will supervise the project for the department. The work is expected to take 100 working days to complete.

Children's vitamins can be dangerous

Colorful, candy-like chewable vitamins are so appealing to children, that last year more than 8,500 youngsters under six swallowed large numbers of the pills at one time. "The greatest danger of vitamin pill overdosing is iron toxicity," says nutritionist Dr. Dymple Cooksey. "Symptoms include bloody diarrhea and vomiting, which can occur in a 30-lb. child after eating 15-20 tablets of a children's multivitamin-plus iron."

Parents need to treat children's vitamins as though they are a prescription medicine, says the Dr. Cooksey. The child-proof cap should be tightly fastened and the vitamin bottle placed in a locked cabinet or a shelf out of reach. Since children may still get access to vitamin pills in spite of these precautions, she says parents should teach their youngsters that vitamins may look like candy, but they aren't.

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OBITUARIES

Mrs. Irene Sunderman

Mrs. Irene Sunderman, 67, of Eagle Lake, died on Tuesday, June 24 at 9:05 a.m. at the Southwest Memorial Hospital in Houston following a sudden illness. She was born April 10, 1919 on the Iago Prairie near Wharton, a daughter of Herman Taylor and Clara Feltz Looper. She married Leslie Ray Sunderman in Houston on April 17, 1942 and had lived in the Eagle Lake area almost 45 years working with her husband in the rice farming industry and most recently working at Rice Drug Store in Eagle Lake. She was an active and faithful member of the Lissie United Methodist Church of Lissie.

Funeral services were held at the Lissie United Methodist Church on Thursday, June 26 with Rev. E.B. Beasley Jr., pastor of the Lissie United Methodist Church, officiating. Burial was in Lakeside Cemetery.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a brother, Marvin Looper; her husband, Leslie, who died September 21, 1963; and her father-in-law, Glen Sunderman.

Survivors include three daughters and two sons-in-law, Frances and Rev. Stan Warfield of Tahlequah, Oklahoma, Marilyn Sunderman of Wharton, Glenda and Michael Bozalina of Wharton; two sons and daughters-in-law, Melvin and Rita Sunderman and Edward and Cynthia Sunderman, all of Eagle Lake; a sister and brother-in-law, Evelyn and Newman Bench of Garland; nine grandchildren, Leslie and Sher Sunderman, Austin, Colin and Karin Warfield, Chad and Kurt Sunderman, Justin and Megan Bozalina; mother-in-law, Mrs. Glen (Esther) Sunderman of Eagle Lake; a sister-in-law, Mrs. Tommie Looper of Clute; and numerous nieces, nephews and other relatives and a host of loved ones.

Pallbearers were Raymond and Bruce Waddell, Fred Beth, Tony Tillman, John Thomas, Fagan Looper, Ted Brunner, John Adkins.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Lissie United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 668, Lissie, Texas 77454, or to your favorite charity.

Arrangements were under the direction of Dulany Funeral Home of Eagle Lake.

Sympathy is extended to the family in the loss of their loved one

Lee Quinn Nesbitt

Funeral services for Miss Lee Quinn Nesbitt were held June 25 at the First United Methodist Church in Columbus with the Reverend Robert Walker officiating and under the direction of Henneke Funeral Home. Burial followed at Forest Park Mausoleum in Houston.

Serving as pallbearers were Lonnie Coleman, Bill Hartley, Sam Hodge, W.C. James, Crockett Leyendecker, Henry Massey, John H. Massey, and John Meismer. Honorary pallbearers were H.P. Meyer, Sam K. Seymour Jr., Dr. C.I. Shult, Dr. J.H. Wooten Jr., Dr. W.G. Youens Jr., Hollis Massey and Chet Purdy.

Lee Nesbitt was born in Fulshear on October 14, 1894, a daughter of William Lawrence and Ladell Quinn Nesbitt, and she died on June 24 at Youens Memorial Hospital in Weimar.

"Miss Lee," as she was affectionately known, received her B.A. degree in 1921 from what is now called Texas Woman's University in Denton and her M.A. degree in 1943 from Sam Houston State University in Huntsville. She was a teacher in the public schools of Galveston, Hearne, El Campo and Columbus, and taught a variety of subjects ranging from home economics to history. Following her retirement from teaching in 1948, Miss Lee devoted her life to historical endeavors and genealogical research. She was a member of many heritage organizations which benefitted from her expertise, including the Daughters of the American Revolution, the United Daughters of the Confederacy, the Daughters of the Republic of Texas and the Colorado County Historical Commission. Both the UDC Museum in Columbus and the Colorado County Archives were established with her assistance.

Miss Lee's most lasting contribution was her gift of the Nesbitt Memorial Library to the City of Columbus in 1979. The library was a memorial to her parents and her sister, Laura Dell Nesbitt, who preceded her in death.

Miss Lee was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Columbus, participating actively in the life of the church until moving to Parkview Manor Nursing Home in Weimar several years ago. She is survived by cousins, Doris Nesbitt of Brookshire, Nesbitt Cumings of Simonton and Jessie Mattay of Austin, and by many friends and former students. Miss Lee will be sorely missed by all whose lives she touched.

Douglas Dewitt Garness

Douglas Dewitt Garness, 22, of Liberty, died at 11:15 a.m. on Tuesday, June 24 near Raywood. He was born in Eagle Lake and had been a resident of Liberty for the past 18 years. He was employed by Triangle Petroleum as a vacuum truck driver.

Funeral services were conducted at 10 a.m. on Thursday, June 26 at the Sterling Funeral Chapel in Dayton with the Rev. Larry Parnell officiating. Graveside services were held at 2 p.m. at Corinth Cemetery in Kennard with Rev. H.H. Cots officiating.

He was preceded in death by his father, Harvey Garness.

Survivors include his widow, Debbie Garness of Liberty, his mother, Bobbie Jean Garness of Liberty; a son, Douglas Dewitt Garness II of Liberty; a daughter, Alicia Ann Stephens of Liberty; two grandmothers, Willie Mae Atkinson of Liberty and Stella Garness of Garwood; a sister, Jeannette Denise Garness of Liberty; mother and father-in-law, Betty and Brady Stephens of Liberty; a sister-in-law, Judy Kent of Liberty; one niece, Brandi Kent of Liberty, and several aunts and uncles.

Pallbearers were Randy Kent, Mike Templeton, Mike McCarty, Scott Smith, Larry Fregia, Jimmy Belt, Aaron Berotte, Tray House, David Allison, Clay Autrey and Brett Manie. The family named the Triangle Petroleum employees as honorary pallbearers.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

"Give me your tired, your poor,
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*The New Colossus: Inscription for the Statue of Liberty by Emma Lazarus

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