

Department of Health honors county volunteers

The Colorado County Volunteers who assist the Services to the Aged and Disabled of Texas Department of Human Services, Region 11, were honored with a coffee on June 5 at the conference room in the Human Services Building in Columbus.

Nelda Vallesio, Supervisor, Unit 27, introduced Pat Marshall, Region 11 Program Administrator for Aged and Disabled Services. Ms. Marshall encouraged people to continuously participate in volunteer activities and reminded everyone of the ever increasing number of aged and disabled person in our state.

Ms. Marshall introduced Glenn Miller, volunteer coordinator for A&D Programs, and he thanked everyone for their contributions and willingness to serve. He said, "It is volunteers who make a big difference and these efforts are greatly appreciated and make the work of the agency personnel intimate and locally effective." He also stated, "The volunteers have been rewarded by the personal love and appreciation of the clients and staff and that they make a big difference in our communities, Colorado County, and the state of Texas."

Packets containing a Certificate of Appreciation signed by Mamie H. Ewing, regional administrator, were given to representatives of organizations that participated throughout the year.

The honored organizations and individuals include Seymour Memorial Post #383 (American Legion), Columbus; Boy Scout Troops #386 and #312, Columbus; Explorer Troop #392, Columbus; Cub Scout Pack #312, Columbus; Alpha Delta Phi, Eagle Lake; Beta Sigma Phi-Alpha Iota Epsilon, Columbus; Weimar Garden Club, Weimar; St. Roch's Parish, Mentz; Future Farmers of America, Court No. 559, Weimar; Xi Psi Psi, Eagle Lake; Eagle Lake Pilot Club, Eagle Lake; Weimar Literary Guild, Weimar; Frelsburg 4-H Club, Frelsburg; Columbus Garden Club, Columbus; American Legion Ladies Auxiliary No. 259, Weimar; Frelsburg Extension Service Homemakers, Frelsburg; Columbus Jr. High Student Council, Columbus; Live Oak Art Center, Columbus;

Girls in Action, First Baptist Church, Columbus; Sheridan 4-H Club, Sheridan; Pilot Club of Columbus, Columbus; Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, St. Anthony's Catholic Church, Columbus; Barbara M. and Gary L. Braun, Columbus; Brookshire Bros., Columbus; Eagle Lake Study Club, Eagle Lake; Wild Clover 4-H Club of Weimar, Weimar; Colorado Co. 4-H Clubs, Columbus; Share Your Christmas, First United Methodist Church, Columbus; VFW Ladies Auxiliary Post #6113, Columbus and Josephine Meisner, Columbus.

Persons interested in being a volunteer are asked to contact Carolyn Schuette, volunteer coordinator for Colorado County at the Columbus DHS Office, 1336 Fannin St., 732-6231. Other staff members are Rita Grobe and Colleen Willrodt.

Casey Locklear honored by Faith Christian Academy

May 10 was a special day for Faith Christian Academy student Casey Locklear. She was honored with a "Graduation" party complete with hat, diploma, gifts and refreshments of cake and punch. All this was because she had successfully completed the

school's kindergarten program, "Preschool with Ace and Christ". The outstanding full-year program from Accelerated Christian Education is designed to develop basic skills which prepare a child to be ready to read. While he or she is learning these special skills, they are also learning the wonder of God's word and reality of God's love.

Cartoon animal songs and stories, PACES, physical development activities, and Bible and character developing stories are used to foster quick learning of letter sounds, encourage understanding of number concepts and word relations; to strengthen memory, visual, auditory and coordination skills; and to build Christian character.

The program is taught by Mrs. Blanche Ivy, under the direction of Shirley Mize, PCA's administrator.

If you are interested in this outstanding kindergarten program for your child, please call Miss Mize at 478-6512 or 478-6446. Note: A child DOES NOT have to be 5 by September 1 to be enrolled.

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OBITUARIES

Louis N. Chapa

September 3, 1909-June 7, 1991

Louis N. Chapa, 81 of Columbus, passed away Friday, June 7, 1991 at River Oaks Nursing Home in Columbus. He was born in Victoria on September 3, 1909 to Jacinto and Antonia Nava Chapa.

Survivors include his wife of 55 years, Petra Chapa; daughters, Betty Wilbern, Shaws Bend and Judy Diaz, Fairfax, Virginia; sons Louis Chapa, Houston and Roy Chapa, San Antonio; 13 grandchildren and numerous friends and loved ones.

A Rosary was held Sunday, June 9 at 7 p.m. at Henneke Funeral Home and funeral services at St. Anthony Catholic Church in Columbus on Monday, June 10 at 10 a.m., with Father Tim Kosler officiating. Interment followed at Brune Cemetery in Shaws Bend.

Palbearers scheduled were Bart, Tom and Danny Chapa, Michael Gonzales, Tadd Wilbern, Raymond Martindale, and David Diaz.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

Phyllis Irene Steffens

October 3, 1922 - June 6, 1991

Phyllis Irene Steffens, age 68 of Simonton, passed away in a Houston hospital on June 6, 1991. She was born on October 3, 1922 in Leachville, Arkansas.

She was married to Leonard Gilbert Steffens Sr. on October 4, 1940 in Hempstead. She lived in Barker, Texas for 35 years and in Simonton for the past 15 years. She was a member of the Simonton Community Church, A.A.R.P. and was a longtime Sunday School Teacher and was active in the Presbyterian Women's Society.

She is survived by her husband, Leonard Steffens Sr. of Simonton; sons and daughters-in-law, Leonard Jr. and Suzanne Steffens and Phillip and Shirley Steffens, all of Katy; grandchildren, Clint, Erika, Carl and Rene Steffens; brothers, John William Brasher of Corpus Christi and Ben Wayne Brasher of Galveston; sister, Imogene Brume of

Katy; and a number of nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, June 8, 1991 at the Schmidt Funeral Home Chapel in Katy, with Rev. Gerald Riddell officiating. Graveside services were held at 4 p.m. on Saturday, June 8 at the Lakeside Cemetery in Eagle Lake.

Palbearers were Bill Howell, John Howard Brasher, Ben Brasher, Johnny Stratman, Greg Howell, Steven Howell, Rusty Feltz, Herman Feltz and Ken Felder. Funeral services were held under the direction of Schmidt Funeral Home in Katy.

Those wishing to make memorial gifts may do so to the Leukemia Society of America, Texas Gulf Coast Chapter, 8705 Katy Freeway, Suite #405, Houston, Texas 77024. Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

Thomas Earl Wheelless

November 6, 1908-June 2, 1991

Thomas Earl Wheelless, 82 of Ballinger, passed away at 11:30 p.m. on June 2, 1991 at Canterbury Villa in Ballinger, Texas. He was born in Ballinger on November 6, 1908. He married Pauline Scroggins in San Angelo on October 5, 1930.

Survivors include his wife; brother, Chester Hallie Wheelless, Ft. Worth; sons, Bailey Wheelless, Pecos and

Billy Wheelless, Louise; 5 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, June 4 at the Rains-Seale Chapel with the Rev. Winford Gore officiating. Interment followed at Evergreen Cemetery. Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

Joe Linden "Sonny" Yuen

October 28, 1939-June 10, 1991

Joe Linden "Sonny" Yuen, Sr., 51 of Eagle Lake, passed away at 8:30 a.m. Monday, June 10, 1991 at his residence following a lengthy illness. He was born on October 28, 1939 in Shelby, Mississippi to Joe D. Yuen Sr. and Ila Whitehead Yuen. He had been a resident of our area most of his life. He worked as a valve tester for Control Specialist in Pasadena for many years before returning to Eagle Lake where he worked locally as a commercial truck driver before his health failed.

Survivors include his wife, Lorraine Yuen, Eagle Lake; parents; daughters and sons-in-law, Christine Janice and Mark Reynolds, California; Gay Renee and Carl

Ramirez, Eagle Lake and Melinda Lee Yuen, Eagle Lake; son, Joe L. Yuen Jr., Corpus; sister, Mrs. James (Chiquita) Ishae, Eagle Lake; brother, Joe D. Yuen Jr., Sublime; 5 grandchildren, nieces, nephews and other relatives and loved ones.

Following cremation, memorial services will be held at 2 p.m. on Thursday, June 13, 1991 from the Delany Funeral Home Chapel, Eagle Lake with Rev. David Mann, Pastor, First Baptist Church of Eagle Lake officiating. Additional memorial and committal services will be held at a later date in Corpus Christi, Texas.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

Heritage House News

By Gladys Owens, Activity Director

We would like to welcome Johnnie Miles, Will Castle and Calvin Gerton to Heritage House.

Augustine Ramirez had a host of visitors on Memorial Day. Those visiting him were Valentina Maldonado, Puerto Rico; Jesus Villarreal, Houston; Henry Lira, Paul Lira, Mary DeLeon, Florida and sister, Helen Ponce from Eagle Lake. Helen reports they had a wonderful day.

Our Resident Council met Friday. The meal of the month was set.

The bingo bunch wants to thank Helen Washington, our dietary supervisor, for sweetening the bingo pot for them.

Residents celebrating birthdays this month are Ruby Hirschbock, Helen Oshlers, Emma Randolph, Lydia Melnar, Ann Shain and Cal Gerson.

Our Catholic members received Holy Communion Friday. Sunday's worship service was conducted by Father Jesse Euresi of Our Lady of Perpetual Help and Guadalupe Churches. The residents enjoyed snacks after the service.

We will have a Father's Day Dance Party on June 14 at 2 p.m. You are welcome to join us. Please call 234-3591 and let me know if you wish to attend.

Administrator's News:

One indication of low vision is when eyeglasses, contact lenses, or intraocular lens implants cannot provide sharp sight. People who suffer from low vision have useful vision which can be improved with aids and should not be confused with blindness. The degree of visual impairment may be mild or severe, but the vision of the person cannot meet his needs. Aids should only be used after a complete examination by your ophthalmologist. The ophthalmologist may recommend medical or surgical procedure.

All ages may be affected; however, the elderly suffer most often from low vision. Low vision may be caused by many things; such as birth defects, inherited disease, injuries, diabetes, glaucoma, cataract and aging. The most common cause is macular degeneration, which is a deterioration of

the retina. Loss of vision from macular degeneration is limited to central vision and fortunately does not cause total blindness.

Low vision aids fall into two general categories: optical and non-optical. Optical low vision aids are lenses or combinations of lenses which magnify objects. These aids should not be confused with ordinary eyeglasses. There are five types of optical aids: magnifying spectacles, hand magnifiers, stand magnifiers, telescopes and closed-circuit TV.

Magnifying eyeglasses are stronger than standard eyewear. Reading materials must be held very close or materials will be out of focus. Hand magnifiers are familiar to most people and can be purchased at most department or drug stores. Then there are the "and magnifiers and the telescope magnifiers which gives some can adjust the magnification to his/her preference.

Large print books, newspapers, and magazines are examples of non-optical aids to be used with low vision sufferers.

At Heritage House we have furnished non-optical aids to many which restores dignity to our residents as well as making it possible for the resident to stay informed of current events. Also, talking books are available. The resident's needs come first at Heritage House where we maintain that "caring is the heart of the matter" and strive to show our caring through the excellent care we provide.

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very subtle. Sometimes the bite cannot be corrected by equilibrating because the biting surfaces of the teeth need to be rebuilt. If this is your situation, the dentist may recommend onlays or crowns as he restores your bite to a healthy occlusion. Occasionally, orthodontic treatment may be necessary to realign the teeth, and this alone may correct the faulty bite.

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Garwood/Nada News

By Georgia Michalka

Grad

Clark A. Popp graduated from Sam Houston State University on May 4, with a degree in Applied Arts & Sciences from the Department of Agriculture. Clark is the son of Frank and Marilyn Popp of Garwood. Attending his graduation exercises were Clark's parents, Becky Carlson, Shari Popp, Gladys and Emil Carlson, Darin Stock, Shelley Stephan and David Seifert.

After the ceremony, everyone enjoyed a buffet luncheon at Clark's apartment along with his roommate, Richard Waligura. Richard also graduated that day, and his parents, Mike and Juanita Waligura were there, too. Janice Waligura and Gaye Nell Howell and some of their SHSU friends helped celebrate the happy occasion.

Another Grad

Shari Lynn Popp graduated from Texas A&M University on May 11, with a degree in Agriculture Economics. She is the daughter of Frank and Marilyn Popp of Garwood. Attending graduation exercises were her parents,

Clark Popp, Becky Carlson, Shari, Porkey and Trey Young, Joe and Mary Ann Kozel, Martha Boenisch from Fort Worth and Donna Kozel from College Station. After graduating, Shari, her family and her friends enjoyed a great lunch at the Black Eyed Pea in Bryan.

Congratulations to Clark and Shari on this momentous occasion, and especially to Frank and Marilyn at this happy time in their lives.

Recital

Beverly's Dance Academy of Garwood along with El Campo Dance Academy and Bay City Dance Academy presented their spring recital on June 8 to the theme of "A Texas Celebration".

A large group of proud parents, relatives and friends turned out to see the students perform at Keye Ingram Memorial Auditorium in Bay City. The youth from our area performed several times during the evening. At all levels they provided a lovely display of their talent and skill. One of our young ladies, Carrie

Engstrom, was honored with an outstanding achievement award. Congratulations to these girls and all the rest who performed so admirably.

June Birthdays

- 13: Carrie Engstrom, W.T. Young.
- 14: Velma Engstrom, Danny Shimek.
- 15: Jorge Hernandez, Larry Cranek.
- 16: Layton Gold, Joseph Korenek, Misty Smidovec.
- 17: Gene Bures.
- 18: Renee Staff, Crystal Atkins, Calvin Mahaline.
- 19: Alois Bittner, Carl Cranek, Frieda Kubesch.

June Anniversaries

- 14: Mr. & Mrs. Gerald Sosa, Mr. & Mrs. Joe Skuca, Sr.
- 16: Mr. & Mrs. Frank Staff, Mr. & Mrs. Mark Boenisch.
- 18: Mr. & Mrs. Joe Leopold, Mr. & Mrs. John Schneider.
- 19: Mr. & Mrs. Ed Gold, Mr. & Mrs. Kirk Schneider.

Garwood students receive awards, diplomas

The Garwood School Awards Assembly was held Thursday, May 30 at 1:45 p.m. in the school cafeteria. The first grade class led the pledge to the flag.

The pre-kindergarten class was recognized and received diplomas from their teacher, Betty Janish. Those receiving diplomas were

Adrian Axel, Jeremy Estrada, Sundra Evans, Allen Grek II, Matilda Guerrero, Marco Hernandez, Dora Juarez, Fabiola Vazquez.

First grade teacher, Cynthia Boenisch, presented the following awards: Perfect Attendance: Shelly Jo Boenisch, Keishae Sewell, Bernardo Vazquez; Honor Roll: Shelly Jo Boenisch, Shelly Grek, Janna Janish, Ben Ortiz, Tanesia Davis, Lisa Hoelscher, Keandra Sanford, Keishae Sewell, Bernardo Vazquez, Linda Trevino, Monica Torres, Melissa Till.



Mr. Mader was proud to present these two outstanding 8th grade students the President Award. Pictured with Mader are Carla Johnson and Shelly Hoelscher.



Pictured is the 8th grade graduating class at Garwood Elementary and Junior High School. Standing in the back row from Garwood are Brian Johnson, Rodney Eaton, Carl Birmingham, Heath Mahaline, Norris Cavit, Bryan Johnson, Christopher Lopez, Heath Mahaline, Shelly Hoelscher, Carla Johnson, Dimitra Johnson and Roslyn Johnson. Congratulations to each of you! Garwood School Photos

Second grade teacher, Jo Ann Bunge, presented the following awards: Perfect Attendance: Ashley Johnson, Tanika Scott, Corey Williams; Honor Roll: Ashley Johnson, Justin Johnson, Lakeisha Johnson, Jacob Little, David Hernandez, Chris Schiurring, Lori Smith, Blake Wied, Clint Wisher.

The following awards were presented by 3rd grade teacher, Rose Ann Carpenter: Perfect Attendance: LaShonda Sewell; Honor roll: Brett Boenisch, Amanda Engstrom, Robert Goode, Nicole Krenek, Leigh Ann Michalka, Sarah Rivera, Cassandra Schuetze.

Carol Joy Dromgoole, 4th grade teacher, presented the following awards: Perfect Attendance: Monique Cotton, Syreeta Johnson, Jeremy Weishuhn; Honor Roll: Mariel Atkins, Joey Castaneda, Cliff Cerny, Brian Janish, Chad Kallina, Dudley

Lehrer, Dyana Rees, Lindsay Till, Jeremy Weishuhn.

Fifth grade teacher, Cornelia Hinze, presented the following awards to her class: Perfect Attendance: Norman Henderson III, Chazara Scott, Petra Sewell, Amber Stevens; Honor roll: Brooke Cranek, Stephanie Labay, Rebecca Rivera, Samantha Schuetze, Petra Sewell, Delana Smith, Amanda Weishuhn.

Irene Mader, 6th grade homeroom teacher, presented the following students: Perfect Attendance: Shaun Johnson, Albert Juarez, Jennifer Krenek; Honor Roll: Cody Cerny, Carrie Engstrom, Chad Fucik, Rachelle Kallina, Jennifer Krenek.

Seventh grade homeroom teacher, Mike Michalka, presented the following awards: Perfect Attendance: Jason Casarez, Shonta Cotton, Marquis Sewell, Chris Smidovec, Doug Wied, Jeremy Stevens; Honor Roll: Crystal Atkins, Clint Krenek, Kristen Stienke, Doug Wied.

Eighth grade homeroom teacher, John Alford, presented the following awards: Perfect Attendance: Shelly Hoelscher, Carla Johnson; Honor Roll: Shelly Hoelscher, Carla Johnson.

Veronica Parker, special education teacher, presented Honor Roll awards to Audrey Carter and Bryan Johnson.

Cheerleader sponsor, Veronica Parker, presented the cheerleaders Allison Atkins, Crystal Atkins, Shelly Hoelscher and Kristen Stienke with awards.

Rice Junior High Band Director, Becky Baxter, presented the following awards: 7th and 8th grade band Outstanding Band Members were Kristen Stienke and Crystal Atkins. Most Improved Band Member was Misty Smidovec. The 6th grade band Outstanding Band Member was Jennifer Krenek, and Most Improved Band Member was Naketra Johnson.

The Athletic awards were presented by Coach Michalka and Coach Parker to the following: 7th grade: Crystal Atkins, Kallie Birmingham, Shonta Cotton, Misty Smidovec, Kristen Stienke, Jason Casarez, Kenneth Cavit, Anthony Daniels, James Easton, Larry Henderson, Billy Ray Johnson, Clint Krenek, Marquis Sewell, Chris Smidovec, Jeremy Stevens, Doug Wied; 8th grade: Allison Atkins, Shelly Hoelscher, Carla Johnson, Dimitra Johnson, Roslyn Johnson, Maria Tapia, Carl Birmingham, Norris Cavit, Rodney Eaton, Bryan Johnson, Christopher Lopez, Heath Mahaline.

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ELPS Terrific Kids for May

Last of this school year, but certainly not least, are the Terrific Kids from Eagle Lake Primary School for the month of May. They are from left: front row, Stephanie Jackson, Crystal Moss, Jason Ishee, Eyan McClain, Imelda Posada, Jessica Yanez, Stacy Gonzales, Cody Brune; back row, Patrick Lane, Sarah Cardenas, Brennan Jobe, Ashley Pavlicek and Jessie Clark.



Pictured at left is Jose Sosa. He was selected as the Terrific Kid from the afternoon kindergarten class for May.

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