

BITUARIES

Nolan L. 'Butch' Grasshoff

May 18, 1904 - October 13, 1991

Nolan L. "Butch" Grasshoff, age 87, of Eagle Lake, passed away at 5:20 p.m., Sunday, October 13, 1991, at the Heritage House Nursing Home of Eagle Lake following a brief illness. Born May 18, 1904, in Freyburg, Texas, to Emma Kempe Grasshoff and Paul Grasshoff, he was the youngest of 12 children (six boys and six girls) born to this union. He was the last surviving member of this family.

Butch Grasshoff attended school at Freyburg and as he grew into adulthood, it was very evident that he loved the outdoors. He loved horses and working with cattle; he was an avid fisherman and hunter. Eventually he became a meat cutter, working with his brother in a family owned meat market. He continued his meat cutting profession for many years, having lived in La Grange, Boling and Schulenburg before moving to Eagle Lake in the early 1940s. Butch went to work at that time for Colorado County Commissioner Billy Stiles. He worked for the county for approximately 20 years, retiring as a road foreman. Even after retiring, his love for the outdoors was evident. He took on jobs of tree trimming in Eagle Lake and continued to do so until failing health would no longer allow it.

Perhaps Butch is best remembered

for his barbecuing ability. Many individuals and organizations in Eagle Lake would engage him to do their holiday meat cooking. Sometimes at Christmas, he would smoke as many as 200 hams at the golf club barbecue pits.

Survivors include his devoted wife of 58 years, Della Grasshoff; a son, Harold, of Spring, Texas; three grandsons, Gary, Tim and Greg Grasshoff; a host of nieces and nephews, other relatives and loved ones.

Funeral services were held at 10 a.m., Wednesday, October 16, from the Dulany Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Larry Bailey, pastor of Eagle Lake United Methodist Church, and Rev. Father Jesse Eusebi, pastor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church of Eagle Lake, officiating. Graveside services and interment followed in the Lakeside Cemetery of Eagle Lake.

Palbearers were Leonard Walker, Donald Le Trojacek, Roman Mikulencak, Gary, Tim and Greg Grasshoff. Honorary palbearers included Billy Stiles, Frank Tate, Commissioner Sonny Spaniel, Louis Grigar, Dr. Raymond Thomas, W. T. York and Tommy Erickson.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

Louie W. Layton

August 7, 1911 - October 12, 1991

Louie W. Layton, age 80, of Rock Island, passed away Saturday, October 12, 1991, at 7:48 p.m. at the Eagle Lake Community Hospital following a brief illness. He was born on August 7, 1911, in Orange, Texas, to Walter and Ina Belle Wisley Layton.

He had been a resident of Rock Island for almost 50 years working in the construction and salvage business. He was a member of the Bethel Assembly of God, Rock Island, and a member of the Rock Island Volunteer Fire Department.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a daughter, Nona Joy Layton; sisters, Frances and Magdalene; brothers, David and Allen.

Survivors include his wife of over 60 years, Mrs. Evelyn Willford Layton of Rock Island; daughters and sons-in-law, Evelyn and James Briscoe of Victoria, Dorothy Lois Crawford of Livingston, Ina Joy and Johnny Kortz of Rock Island, Cheryl Faye and Doug Ellison of Livingston, Billie Dean Thomas of Shepherd, Donna

Lydia Melnar

June 19, 1912 - October 4, 1991

Lydia Melnar, 79, of Wallis, passed away October 4, 1991, in Eagle Lake at the Heritage House Nursing Home.

She was born June 19, 1912, in Wallis, the daughter of John and Hermina Grigar and was reared in Wallis. She attended Krasna School and was a member of the KJZT. She married Frank Melnar in Wallis on October 25, 1932. He preceded her in death on October 14, 1986.

Survivors include her daughters, Dolores Morris, Betty Hlozek and

Zelia Thomas

(Mama Zelia)

April 16, 1904 - September 25, 1991

Donald Ray Wilkerson of San Diego, California; one step-sister, Mary Lee Cotton, Eagle Lake; grandchildren, Nancy Jean and her husband Mario Ariola and Sandra Faye Caraway, both of Houston; Ernestine Carroll, Marvin Thomas, Melvin Robinson, Larry and Anthony Thomas of Bryan; nieces, Betty J. Swanner and Margaret McTeer of Eagle Lake; Martha Jewel Sellers of Galveston; nephews, Marvin Christal of O'Fallon, Missouri and Elmo and friends; and a devoted cousin, Mrs. Edna Mae Mitchell of Eagle Lake. Robert Charles, Kevin and Bobby preceded her in death.

Funeral services were held at 1 p.m., Sunday, September 29, 1991, at Greater Mt. Olive Baptist Church in Eagle Lake with Rev. Rudolph Kiser officiating. Interment followed at the Eagle Lake Community Cemetery (North). Arrangements were under the direction of Mann's Funeral Home of Eagle Lake.

Active palbearers were Jessie Thomas, Melvin Robinson, George Hemphill, Roland Hemphill, Roland Christal, Marvin Thomas and Adrian Carroll.

Honorary palbearers were Harrison Johnson, Mario Ariola, A.J. Williams, Elmo Christal, Larry Thomas, Herbert Scott, Alex Woolbridge, Ronney Carroll and Marvin Christal.

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DPS robot visits Primary School

Pictured above are Paola Tavera and Brennan Jobe with the talking robot trooper from the Texas Department of Public Safety. The trooper told the students about safety, drugs and work habits. Mrs. Bobbie Johnson brought the program to the schools.

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Heritage House News

By Gladys Owens, Activity Director

Resident council held their monthly meeting Friday, Oct. 11, 1991 at 11:15. Many topics were discussed with the end result being all residents getting an opportunity to voice both compliments and complaints about the facility.

Any complaints are acted upon by the department heads and resolved as soon as possible for the residents. The meal of the month and date it is to be served was voted on also.

A little more work is being done at Heritage House, so when you visit please excuse the sometimes untidy appearance of areas being worked on. As always the staff is trying to keep everything as calm and normal as possible while repairs are being made.

Sunday's worship service was conducted by Rev. Obie Rhodes of the White Cloud Baptist Church.

Heritage House will have open house for Trick-or-Treaters Halloween night. Make plans to bring your little ghost or goblin by and trick-or-treat safely.

Administrator's News

Reminiscing can be used as a therapy in a defined environment. We have at Heritage House provided many displays of items used in the household 40-50 years ago. Our residents have enjoyed looking at these displays, and it has helped with dialogue with some residents that use this form of therapy to cope with the loss of cherished physical objects, or life-long social roles. Reminiscing must be monitored and not allowed to take control of each and every conversation, but it is a therapy to cause people to "open-up" at which time orientation to time, place and day can begin.

Therapy to improve the senses is an on-going service provided by Heritage House each day. We have many ways to cause mental activity in our residents. We all, despite our age, need to feel good about ourselves, and through the different forms of therapy, whether it be orientation, sensory, pet, reminiscing, etc., the self-worth of our residents increases.



Members of the Eula and David Wintermann Library Board of Directors proudly display the recently awarded state membership. Pictured are: front row, Ernie Sommerlatte, Janet Schorlemmer, C.J. Miller presenting plaque to Wanda Center (librarian), Dorothy Cassidy, J.W. Shavers; back row, Melvin Stanick, Doyle Waldrop, Frank Davidson, Anna Belle Marshall and Ernest Mae Seahom. Absent from the picture are John Matthews and Charles Abel.

Headlight Photo by Linda Waddell

Library accredited as Texas Library System member

The Eula and David Wintermann Library was recently accredited as a member of the Texas Library System for fiscal year 1991, according to William D. Gooch, Director and Librarian of the Texas State Library.

"We are pleased to award a certification of system membership in recognition of the efforts this community has made in providing public library

services," said Gooch. "It is a symbol of having achieved a level of excellence."

The Eula and David Wintermann Library is a member of Houston Area Library System and serves citizens in Eagle Lake and Colorado County. The Library had to meet strict criteria, such as hours of access, professional staffing requirements, number of library materials, and local per capita support to become an accredited member. Public libraries must apply and qualify for system membership annually.

The annual fund-raising benefit for the library will be Saturday, Nov. 2, at the Eagle Lake Community Center. The Eagle Lake Study Club will have a bake sale beginning at 5 p.m. with an auction beginning at 7 p.m. The Firemen's Stew Supper will begin serving at 5 p.m. Please make plans to attend and support your local library and fire department.

Under the Skilled Nursing Unit program, patients that meet the clinical criteria for the unit are eligible for 20 additional full-covered Medicare days after their acute-care stay. After these 20 additional days are used up, each patient is eligible for an additional 100 Medicare co-insurance days. The program benefits both the patient and the hospital in that patients will have more time to recover from an illness or surgery and Medicare will cover more of the cost of the patient's hospital stay.

Glenda Michna, R.N., is the Director of the Unit and did most of the preparation for the survey. Kathy Janak, R.N., Gladys Janda and Daniel Heger also helped greatly in preparing the Unit for certification.

Parenting skills to be taught at workshops

Orchard Creek Hospital will sponsor a series of free community workshops to help young people learn parenting skills. Workshops will be held on Tuesdays for 7 to 8 p.m. beginning Oct. 22 with a class on nutrition. On Oct. 29 the topic will be harmful substances; Nov. 5, child development and birth order characteristics; Nov. 12, vocational skills development; and Nov. 19 and 26 parenting skills. To attend the classes or for more information please call 713-342-0010.

Raider Review



Outstanding students selected

Pictured are the student pride winners for the past seven weeks at Rice High School. They are from left to right: front row, Kaci Klein, Clay Carney; back row, Larry Garcia, Justin Kutzer, Parish Hodges. Not pictured are Jani Chapman and Charyn Thomas.

RHS 'Student Pride'

By AMY LEOPOLD

This year the teachers are again making selections for the weekly student pride award winners. The student pride award is designed to recognize those students who show pride in their school, are cooperative, do their best in work assigned, display positive attitude, and strive to follow school rules. The winners are awarded a "RHS Pride" pin and a sign saying "Home of RHS Student of the Week"

is put up in their yard. At the end of the year, the student pride award winners are recognized at the academic banquet.

For the past seven weeks of school, the student pride winners have been: Larry Garcia, Jani Chapman, Justin Kutzer, Kaci Klein, Charyn Thomas, Clay Carney and Parish Hodges. We congratulate these students and hope that they keep up this effort for the remainder of the year.

Advanced placement courses at Rice

By JENNIFER WIED

Many people are unaware of the scholastic changes taking place at Rice. The former "premium" classes have been, as of this year, replaced by the new advanced placement classes.

These Advanced Placement, or AP, classes, are offered to students classified on the Junior or Senior levels of high school. AP subjects challenge Junior and Senior students on a college level. AP classes require students to be more involved in their studies. Students must do more learning or research outside of school. The AP program must be approved by the TEA, Texas Education Agency. Fourteen of these AP classes are offered including examinations in science, math, reading, writing, and histories but Rice, at this point, only offers history, government and English.

There are certain criteria which must be met in order to be accepted

into a class of this level. Students must score in the eighty-fifth percentile and seventh standing level on achievement tests although the requirements differ from class to class. An AP English course is one of the easier classes for which to qualify because English is graded on reading and writing skills only, whereas science is more difficult to qualify in because the student is evaluated on reading, writing, math, and science skills.

These college level classes are designed to prepare students for the AP exam offered in May. These tests are both multiple choice and written and are scored on a scale of 0-5. A high score on an AP test can allow the student to receive college credits for the courses taken in high school. A score of 3, 4 or 5 will ensure at least partial college credits at the majority of colleges. It is possible for a student to earn up to 36 college hours at \$65

per AP exam as compared to the thousands of dollars that would be spent on books and courses. Students are encouraged to take these classes because, at some schools, a score of 4 or 5 on an AP exam is considered to be more prestigious than a National Merit Scholarship Award.

All of the AP teachers have gone through extensive training to be able to teach these accelerated classes. There were summer workshops at many universities. Tommie Lynn Holden attended courses at University of Northern Colorado. Gerald Streit and Jesse Russell attended classes in San Antonio. Jane Clipson attended University of Houston in Victoria. Gerald Streit teaches Biology AP and also Chemistry PAP (Pre-Advanced Placement). Jesse Russell's AP classes include AP American History and AP Government. Jane Clipson and Tommie Lynn Holden make up Rice's AP English department. Jane Clipson teaches PAP English for tenth and twelfth grades while Tommie Lynn Holden teaches AP English III and English I PAP.

The teachers have done their work and now it's the students' turn. Both the teachers and the students are preparing for a challenging year.

Meet the Lady Raiders

By SHANNON WESSELSKI
Wearing jersey #8 on the varsity



Vicki Drik

Meet Mr. Williamson

By LANA HUTCHISON

There are many new faces at Rice this year. One of those new faces belongs to Mr. Williamson. Mr. Williamson, originally from San Antonio, graduated from Southwest Texas State University with a major in English.

Besides coaching the U.L.L. One-Act Play, Mr. Williamson teaches English I, Correlated English I and 3 and World History. Before coming to Rice, Mr. Williamson taught English 2 at Floresville High School for two years.

We would like to welcome Mr. Williamson to Rice.

October is Cosmetology Month

By SANDRA CORDERO

On October 4, 1991, Maria Lizzano, president of the cosmetology Vocational Industrial Clubs of America (VICA), gave a presentation to the class. Mrs. Dornak, representing the Sunglitz Company, gave the 19 cosmetology students a very informative, hands-on experience with the new type of coloring system made by the Sunglitz Company. The students wish to thank the Sunglitz Co. and Mrs. Dornak for this wonderful experience.

Steven Polach

Meet the Raiders

By VICKI DRIK

This week's Meet the Raider is Steven Polach. Steven, a Senior, is 5'6" and weighs 110 for the Mighty Raider football team. Steven thinks the team's strongest points are their passing game and their determination to work hard and improve. He says the weakest points are their attitudes. Steven's biggest influences are the coaches. No matter what the outcome of the game is, they are always there to keep the guys' heads up and help them to keep trying.

Steven enjoys swimming, hunting and fishing in his spare time. He also enjoys the classes of Geometry, English and Chemistry, but is not sure how long he will enjoy Chemistry. Steven plans to major in physical education and become a coach. Steven is the son of Linda Polach of Eagle Lake and the late Dennis Polach.

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Not just your average class

Center or to a group home based on their skill level.

Don't think that this class is all hard work, the kids also get to spend some time in leisure and recreation. The class will frequently take trips to the bowling alley or to a restaurant where they can work on social manners. They also spend a lot of time involved with Special Olympics

where they compete in soccer, volleyball, basketball, gymnastics, track and field, softball, swimming and bowling. All of this hard work is done to help these special students adapt to society and in turn help society adapt to them. Obviously the Special Education program has made much progress and from the looks of things we can expect even more.

The classes' daily living curriculum is based on four domains. Among these are domestic, vocational, community and recreation/leisure. The class has access to kitchen facilities and a washer and dryer where they can work on daily living or cleaning house skills such as preparing a meal or making a bed. The class also works on community skills and learning to use the things around them. It is not uncommon for the class to pile into their little yellow bus and take a trip to the grocery store, library, hardware store, clothing store, laundry mat, post office, or Wal-Mart. All of these trips are designed to teach them to be as self-sufficient as possible.

The vocational skills involve trying to teach the kids to work on a job and stay on task. Mrs. Pustejovsky even has her students to clock in and out of school each day. They hope that teaching job skills will help them to cooperate with their classmates and co-workers. The main job of Mrs. Pustejovsky's class is to work with ceramics. The class makes ceramic Christmas trees by doing everything from pouring clay into molds, heating it, painting it, and then selling them for donations. One of the major goals of the Special Education Program in our area is to have the high school level kids working 75% of the week. They try to find sites to place them in a job type setting, but it depends mostly on the jobs that are available in the area. The kids would not get paid for the job, but it would be part of their school work and they would receive a grade. Some graduates will apply to work at the Colorado County Opportunity

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Views On Dental Health
SAFETY IN NUMBERS
You may think there is safety in numbers, but numbers don't mean a thing when dental disease is concerned. There is no "safe" age, and age itself should not mean tooth loss, at least not if you get regular dental care. Gum disease or gingivitis, for example, or the more serious periodontal disease in which tooth-supporting bone is attacked, know no age barriers. Children and adults alike can be treated.
Gingivitis and periodontal disease usually develop slowly and may not cause any pain or discomfort until an advanced stage. Unfortunately, it is much too easy for gingivitis to progress to periodontal disease without your being aware of it. It's not like a toothache that quickly tells you know when something is wrong. When the gums begin to recede and teeth begin to loosen, however, major work will be needed to save them.
Don't wait for that to happen to you. Get regular dental checkups. At the first signs of gum problems, have the condition treated by your dentist so your teeth will last as long as you do.
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Foot Facts
By Dr. Eric R. Tepper
Podiatrist
BIG TOE TROUBLE
The big toe probably bears the greatest burden when it comes to all the tasks we expect our feet to perform. Given its size, it carries a major share of our weight when walking, standing, running or pivoting. That is why it is particularly troubling when a condition called "hallux rigidus" strikes. As its name suggests, this malady renders the big toe rigid, stiff and immovable. Although it can affect young and old, it occurs more frequently with advancing age. The condition is caused by an actual fusing of bones in the toe, and can take 15 to 20 years to bring to a complete immobility. Surgery is the only recourse for either restoring the existing joint or implanting an artificial one. Short of that, the use of arch supports to reduce pressure on the joint may help slow or arrest the condition.
Tender loving care of the feet and toes can pay big benefits when you think in terms of long term health benefits. Please call my office for further information or for an appointment, at the Eagle Lake Community Hospital at 409-234-5571. I am there the first and third Tuesdays of the month. I offer your entire family high quality, professional and sensitive service.
P.S. Stress from problems such as obesity, flat feet or arthritis may contribute to the development of hallux rigidus.

CFMC receives skilled nursing unit certification
It's official! On Sept. 24, 1991, a team of inspectors from the Texas Department of Health visited Colorado-Fayette Medical Center and recommended that the hospital's newly developed Skilled Nursing Unit be certified for participation in the Medicare program. The recommendation followed a full day's survey by the certification team and weeks of preparation by hospital personnel.
The hospital-based Skilled Nursing Unit is specifically designed for patients that no longer meet the clinical criteria for continued hospitalization as an acute-care patient. The Unit, which has been remodeled to meet the specific needs of sub-acute patients, is located in the West wing of the hospital. The Unit contains a private dining room as well as a newly furnished day room. The unit is certified for nine sub-acute beds.
Under the Skilled Nursing Unit program, patients that meet the clinical criteria for the unit are eligible for 20 additional full-covered Medicare days after their acute-care stay. After these 20 additional days are used up, each patient is eligible for an additional 100 Medicare co-insurance days. The program benefits both the patient and the hospital in that patients will have more time to recover from an illness or surgery and Medicare will cover more of the cost of the patient's hospital stay.
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