

OBITUARIES

Mrs. Katie Jefferson Hatton

December 18, 1877 - January 24, 1992
Mrs. Katie Jefferson Hatton passed away January 24, 1992, at the age of 114 years and one month. She was born in Wharton County on December 18, 1877, to Harrison Jefferson and Nellie Hooks Jefferson. Her parents had been slaves. She attended school in the Camp Zion Community at Spanish Camp and attended Guadalupe College in Seguin.
Mrs. Kate was the mother of three children, Zennie Ray, John H. Hatton Jr. and Naomi Berry. Along with them, she is survived by her grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends.
Mrs. Kate was a faithful member of the Camp Zion Baptist Church for more than 75 years. She was a farmer, businesswoman and devoted housewife. At the time of her death, she was the oldest person in Wharton County. She will be missed by her family and the many people who knew her. Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

Ola Belle Lanier

March 26, 1897 - February 6, 1992
Ola Belle Lanier, age 94, of Garwood, passed away Thursday, February 6, 1992, at Southeast Memorial Hospital in Houston.
She was born in the Hackberry Community near Schulenburg to Anderson Thomas Smith and Cora Belle Tubbs Smith on March 26, 1897.
Three days after her 22nd birthday, on February 9, 1919, she married David Leslie Lanier. The couple moved to Garwood in 1929.
She was a member of the Lehrer United Methodist Church in Garwood.
Mrs. Lanier was preceded in death by her husband, Les, who died June 19, 1989, and two sons, Norman Lee Lanier and Leo Charles Lanier.
Her survivors include two daughters, Hazel Joy Page and Berta Rea Broach, both of Houston; three sons, Foy Lanier of San Antonio, Jack Lanier of Ft. Worth, and M.G. Lanier of Garwood; 16 grandchildren and 21 great grandchildren.
Funeral services were held Saturday, February 8, at Henneke Funeral Home in Columbus with interment following at Odd Fellows Rest Cemetery, Columbus. Officiating were the Rev. Larry Bailey of Eagle Lake United Methodist Church and Rev. Thomas Leslie Lanier.

Serving as pallbearers were Paul Lanier, Charles Lanier, Mark Lanier, Terrell Lanier, Michael Lanier, Norman Lanier, Gary Lanier and Hank Litchfield.
Arrangements were under the direction of Henneke Funeral Home, Columbus.
Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

Elisa F. Saucedo

May 15, 1917 - January 29, 1992

Elisa F. Saucedo, a long time resident of Eagle Lake, passed away Wednesday, January 29, 1992, at Huguley Memorial Hospital in Fort Worth.
She was born in Dallas, May 15, 1917, to Leopoldo and Juanita Saucedo. She moved to Eagle Lake with her family at age five and lived here for over 67 years.
She was preceded in death by her parents and only brother, Leopoldo Saucedo Jr.
Survivors include sons and daughters-in-law: Adolph and Mary Saucedo of Eagle Lake, Richard and Trudie Saucedo of Everman, Harry and Manuela Saucedo of Fort Worth; grandchildren: Richard Saucedo with US Navy, Mrs. Leticia Vasquez and

Mrs. Theresa Losoya of Eagle Lake, Mrs. Elisa Castillo of Rosenberg, Raymond Leopoldo, Brandie and Corey Saucedo of Everman, Mrs. Lupe Flores, Harry Saucedo Jr. and Sarah Saucedo of Fort Worth; six great grandchildren and numerous other family members of Eagle Lake, Houston and Chicago, Ill.
Funeral services were held at 3 p.m. Friday, January 31, 1992, in Everman United Methodist Church with Rev. Dale Schultz officiating. Interment was at Everman Cemetery.
Pallbearers were Richard Saucedo, Harry Saucedo Sr., Harry Saucedo Jr., Raymond Leopoldo Saucedo, Eduardo Losoya Sr. and Jose Flores Sr. Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

Joe D. Luna

July 30, 1908 - February 4, 1992



Joe D. Luna, age 83, of Eagle Lake, passed away suddenly at his home during the evening hours of Tuesday, February 4, 1992.
He was born on July 30, 1908, in Trenton, Texas, one of eleven children born to Walter A. and Mary Ann (Cummings) Luna. He grew up in Maragorda County, attended local schools, and graduated from Bay City High School where he distinguished himself both in his school work and in athletics.
After two years at Southwestern University in Georgetown, he transferred to the University of Texas to complete his studies in pharmacy.
While working as a pharmacist in Richmond, Texas, he met Jamie Westmoreland of Eagle Lake who was teaching school in Richmond at the time. They were married on October 31, 1931.
In July of 1932 they purchased a confectionery in Eagle Lake from Mr. and Mrs. Frank Orsak and opened a full-service drug store. They owned and operated this landmark business in Eagle Lake until January, 1962, when they sold the store to Mr. and Mrs. L.D. Ewers.

Joe Luna was a faithful servant to God, to his community, and to his family. A member of the Eagle Lake United Methodist Church and Eagle Lake Lodge No. 366 A.F. and A.M., he was active in numerous civic and religious organizations. His gentlemanly presence will be long remembered and sorely missed by his family and the community to which he was so devoted.
He was preceded in death by his beloved Janie on September 13, 1983; by his parents; his sisters, Minnie Lee Vaughn, Ruby Mae Luna, and Martha Bosnich; and his brothers, Eugene A. Luna and Melvin A. Luna.
Survivors include his son and daughter-in-law Dick and Sally Luna of Houston and his grandson, Neilson Luna, who is a student at Indiana University. He is also survived by a sister, Mrs. Ruby McNamer of Iowa City, Iowa; three brothers, W.C. Luna of San Antonio, Floyd Luna of Bay City, and James Luna of Sweeny, and a host of relatives and loved ones.
Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, February 7, 1992, from the Eagle Lake United Methodist Church, with the Reverend Larry Bailey officiating. Graveside services and interment followed in the Eagle Lake Masonic Cemetery.
Pallbearers were John Matthews, George Weller Jr., Steve Taylor, Steve Balas, Bob Ashby, Bill Rhodes, Frank Higgins, Don Thompson, and Davis Waddell, all of Eagle Lake, and Joe Laird of Houston. Honorary pallbearers were A.B. Cone, Robert Samuel Martin, Clyde Brown, Benny Blair, David Wintermann, Butch Parma, Robert Wilcox, and Joe N. Frazier.
All arrangements were under the direction of Dulany Funeral Home of Eagle Lake.
The family has requested memorials be made to either the Eagle Lake United Methodist Church Memorial Fund, P.O. Box 335, Eagle Lake, Texas 77434; or Eagle Lake Community Hospital Auxiliary, 600 S. Austin Road, Eagle Lake, Texas 77434.
Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

Opal Elizabeth Sparks Schmidt

October 26, 1903 - February 6, 1992

Opal Elizabeth Sparks Schmidt, age 88, of Nederland, Texas, and former long-time resident of Eagle Lake, passed away Thursday, February 6, 1992, at the Mid-Jefferson Hospital in Nederland.
She was born October 26, 1903, in Eagle Lake to James and Mary Irene Sparks. She was a native and lifelong resident of Colorado County until moving to Nederland in 1983.
She was also a member of the First Baptist Church of Eagle Lake.
Graveside services and interment were held at 1:00 p.m. Saturday, February 8, at the Masonic Cemetery of Eagle Lake with Rev. David Mann, Pastor, First Baptist Church of Eagle Lake officiating.
Survivors include one sister, Mrs. Edna Hairston of Nederland, two nephews, Don Hairston of Nederland and Wayne Hairston of Douthan, Alabama.
She was preceded in death by her parents and her husband, E.R. "Smitty" Schmidt who passed away October 25, 1983.
Arrangements were under the direction of Pat A. Riley Funeral Home of Nederland and Dulany Funeral Home of Eagle Lake.
Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

Mrs. Tanner (Betty Lee) Walker

January 1, 1903 - February 8, 1992

Mrs. Tanner (Betty Lee) Walker, age 89, of Columbus, passed away Saturday, February 8, 1992, at River Oaks Nursing Home in Columbus where she had been a resident for three years.
Mrs. Walker was born in Anson, Texas, to Max Castles and Sallie Jones Castles on January 1, 1903.
On Christmas Day, 1925, she married H. Tanner Walker. The couple moved to Columbus in 1967.
She was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Columbus, a charter member of D.A.R., U.D.C. and the Live Oak Club as well as a member of the D.T.R.
She was preceded in death by her husband on September 10, 1981.
Survivors include two daughters, Sallie Voskamp of Hallettsville and Mari Hannah Duncan of Eagle Lake; a niece, Mrs. Homer Luther of Houston; her sister-in-law, Helen Gosch of Altair; four grandchildren, T. Walker Duncan, Sallie Duncan McQueen, Johannah Bonevold and Tanner D. Voskamp; and eight great grandchildren.
A memorial service was held at 3 p.m. Monday, February 10, 1992, at the First United Methodist Church of Columbus with Rev. Rob McGill officiating. Services were under the direction of Henneke Funeral Home, Columbus.
Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

Gallbladder surgery done laparoscopically at ELCH

"Gallbladder surgery is never any fun, but when performed laparoscopically, recuperation time is measured in days instead of weeks," says surgeons Raymond Diaz, M.D., and Robert Hillery, M.D., members of the medical staff of Eagle Lake Community Hospital.
Laparoscopic cholecystectomy, as the procedure is formally called, is the surgical removal of the gallbladder via small incisions in the abdominal wall, aided by a laparoscope that projects the action taking place inside the abdomen onto a television screen. The surgeons view the screen to guide their instruments.
This type of procedure is much less offensive to the abdominal wall than the standard procedure of making a long incision through the abdominal muscles. It has been performed at Eagle Lake Community Hospital since last summer.
According to Eagle Lake Community Hospital director of surgery, Aileen Peck, R.N., "I find the new technology very exciting. I know from experience the pain our patients suffered with the traditional approach, but the new laparoscopic procedure allows most patients only minor to moderate discomfort."
"Nurses on the floor with the patients are also amazed with the laparoscopic gallbladder patients' fast recovery," says Susan Hernandez, R.N., director of nurses. "Some patients are going home the next day. Most are home the second day after surgery. Compared to the four to six days recovering after traditional surgery, laparoscopic surgery is a giant step forward."
"Laparoscopic gallbladder surgery is the only way to go if your physician recommends it," says Mrs. Lila Armstrong, a school nurse, a Pink Lady at Eagle Lake Community Hospital and a recipient of this type of surgery. "I had my surgery on Dec. 19 and I cooked Christmas dinner for my family just six days later. I have been a nurse for 19 years and I am really amazed at the lack of pain and the fast recovery I have made."

Drs. Diaz and Hillery suggest that if you are having abdominal pain, see your family physician. Some simple tests and preliminary procedures will determine if you are having problems. They will also be able to evaluate your suitability for laparoscopic gallbladder surgery.
"The capacity to have laparoscopic surgery at Eagle Lake Community Hospital is a real blessing, because I knew that I would get excellent care there, plus the surgery meant I could enjoy the holidays too," says Mrs. Armstrong.
For more information about laparoscopic gallbladder surgery, contact your family physician.

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Pictured from left are UIL Headline Writing participants Amy Leopold, Shannon Smith, Meredith Anderson, Jennifer Wied, and Vicki Drlik.

Student pride winner chosen

By Jennifer Wied
Congratulations are in order for Joseph Godley, this week's student pride award winner.
Joseph is an active member of the Rice FFA program and also is involved in the art program. His favorite teacher is Mr. Turner, who is the art teacher at Rice.
Joseph's favorite subject is drafting because he enjoys working with his hands.
In his free time, Joseph likes to play football, basketball, lift weights, and play Nintendo.
Joseph says that he tries to do his best in school and that he was very pleased to have received such an honor.



Joseph Godley

Financial aid discussed at RHS

By Patricia Lares
On Thursday, Jan. 30, at 7 p.m., Mrs. Linda Chapman and Mr. Guy Beane, RHS counselors, held a financial aid assembly with concerned parents and students. Many items were discussed including the economical concerns of college bound students and how to receive financial aid without hassles.
Mrs. Chapman presented many alternatives such as scholarships and grants, student and parent loans, and work-study programs. She explained how to fill out those long financial aid forms. If students and their parents became confused, she offered to help them in any way.
Mr. Beane discussed other ways to get the money for students such as alternate educational financing, ways to cut educational costs, and long term financial planning to offset educational expenses. Mr. Beane cited examples such as investing in insurance and savings bonds.
Our RHS counselors were very helpful and seemed to enjoy assisting college bound students and their parents.

UIL students make headlines

By Amy Leopold
This week's UIL feature is the Headline Writing Contest. In this event, students are given six newspaper stories that don't have headlines. The students must come up with creative headlines for these six articles in 45 minutes. There is certain criteria that must be met for the headline to be eligible. The headline must be written in a prescribed character count. The wording should be active, exact, and precise, and the headline should contain a subject and a verb. Another stipulation placed on the headlines is that they must have correct grammar, spelling, and punctuation.
Students participating in Headline Writing are Amy Leopold, Shannon Smith, Meredith Anderson, Jennifer Wied, and Vicki Drlik. The contest will be held on April 2nd at Bellville High School.

Office Administration Classes chat it up

By Shannon Smith, Reporter
The Office Administration Classes of Rice High School have had a lot to talk about lately. No, not the usual gossip, but this time they're getting down to business. For the last two weeks the classes have been demonstrating their office skills in a new and fun way.
Although, near nervous breakdowns were common, students finally got the knack of it. Students were placed in the shoes of Secretaries, Waitresses at Fast Food Restaurants, and other real world office employees. The "employees" had to transfer calls, put clients on hold, and take messages. How to properly handle a rude or belligerent caller was one of the situations acted out.
One of the Office Administration students, Claudia Garcia, said, "I learned how to talk to people correctly, give proper identification, and use proper techniques when leaving a line."
Bianca Cantu stated, "It takes practice to answer the phone correctly in an office."
Demetria Dancy and Jackie McQueen learned "the proper way to answer a telephone."
Mrs. Baumgarten concluded, "The purpose of using the phones was to give the students some practical experience in using them in business situations."
The students enjoyed the time and had fun practicing each other while they were at "work".
Overall, it was a very educational experience that will travel with the students throughout their working lives.

Meet the Lady Raiders

By Shannon Wesselski
This week's Lady Raider spotlight is junior varsity player, Sophronnie Anderson.
Sophronnie, wearing jersey #24, plays post or wing. She feels that the team has been playing well together and "they work better together as a team". She also feels that because of this, the team will go far and have fun while doing it. Coach Radin and Coach Boyd have influenced Sophronnie greatly. "They don't like bad attitudes and swollen heads... they just want us to do our best," she commented.
Sophronnie enjoys reading, playing street ball, watching television, and "hanging out with the Lady Raiders". She plans to further her education at Sam Houston State University. Sophronnie is the daughter of Lizzie E. Dancy of Vox Populi.



Three BPA students attend contest

By Shannon Smith, Reporter
On Saturday, Feb. 1, 1992, Tamara Fuller, Shannon Smith, and Connie Soto traveled to Katy to attend the regional Business Professionals of America Leadership Conference. The conference was held at May Creek High School for Area V, Region III.
Events entered include Proofreading, Business Math, and Office Support. Taking home a third place plaque was Tamara Fuller. This qualifies her as an alternate to state. The State competition will be held March 5-7 in Fort Worth.
Mrs. Henrietta Baumgarten accompanied the three contestants and acted as their training coach for many weeks prior to the contest. Much thanks is extended to her for her patience and cooperation.
Congratulations goes out to Tamara for her accomplishments. Good luck at state!



Pictured left to right are Shannon Smith, Connie Soto and Tamara Fuller.

Who's Zat?

By Vicki Drlik
"I am ready for the rodeo now! Show me the way!"
The only clue given to this little cowgirl's identity was that she is a Junior.
Ragen Stienke fell off his horse when he guessed Stacy Spaniel. Chad Sunderman got last place when he guessed April McMillan. Steven Pollach, Demetria Dancy, and Chancey Pence did not even get on the horse when they guessed J' Amy McClanahan. Matt McGaughey and Bobo Board got backed off when they guessed Amy Leopold.
The three guessers who had a perfect ride were Scott Garrett, Shanna Glaister, and Jenny Wied. They, all knew this cute rider had to be Shannon Wesselski.



Shannon is an active member of the Student Council and also a varsity volleyball player. Shannon is the daughter of Glenn and Rose Ann Wesselski of Nada.

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