

OBITUARY

Calvin G. Gertson

June 6, 1905 - March 21, 1992

Calvin G. Gertson, aged 86, of Eagle Lake, passed away Saturday, March 21, 1992, at 10:25 a.m. at the Eagle Lake Community Hospital following a lengthy illness.

He was born in Jamestown, Kansas, on June 6, 1905, to Christ and Elsie Marie Mortenson Gertson, both natives of Denmark. The family came to Lissie in 1909 and began farming. Calvin Gertson married Ella Heitmann and moved to Eagle Lake in 1939. He was engaged in rice farming most of his life. He was an avid fisherman and loved to hunt. He always raised a wonderful garden which he shared with all his friends.

"Mr. Cal" was preceded in death by his parents; his devoted wife of 50 years, Ella; his son, Vernon Lee Gertson; sisters, Carrie George, Caroline Gertson and Lena Gertson; brothers, Henry, Al, Fred, Mike, Eugene, and Peter Gertson.

Survivors include his daughter



and son-in-law, Arline and Kenneth Brune of Columbus; daughter-in-law, Mrs. Mary Gertson of Eagle Lake; grandchildren, David and Judie Brune of Odessa, Tracey Anne and Chris Heard of Bay City, Sandra and Jimmy Means of Brenham, Glenna Mueller

of Bonsall, Ca. Tracy and Victor Brewer of Eagle Lake; eleven great grandchildren, a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and loved ones.

Funeral services were held Monday, March 23, 1992, at 2 p.m. from the Dufay Funeral Home Chapel in Eagle Lake. Rev. Robert A. McGill, pastor of First United Methodist Church of Columbus officiated. Graveside service and interment followed at the Lakeside Cemetery in Eagle Lake.

Serving as pallbearers were Roy Van Nort, Donald Obenhaus, David Brune, Jimmy Means, Chris Heard, Victor Brewer and Quinten Means.

Honorary pallbearers named were David Wintermann, Dr. Max Goodloe, James Gertson, Ralph Gertson, Melvin Staples, Daniel Becker, Fred Hense, Valentine Corona and Eddie Hurd.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

Heritage House News

By Tracy Brewer, Activity Director

We have added new activities to our calendar this month. They include coffee sharing together time, a men's group, the Sitting Bulls, and crafts time.

In our crafts time, it's really been putting the pieces together! We have been butting together a scrapbook for the Heritage House. Our garden time outside is really starting to sprout.

Residents enjoyed Bible study with Rev. Stewart this week. We thank him so much for coming to share with us.

March 17 residents were given an

afternoon St. Patrick's Day party. Xi Pi Psi came to visit residents with snacks and music. Many residents told me they had so much fun and that girl could really play that music. We thank these ladies for coming and sharing their good time with us.

Residents enjoyed Bingo three times this week and are still sitting on the edges of their chairs to win.

Erna Cloat, the Sunshine Lady of the Heritage House, presented Dr. Ugarte, Dr. Raymond Thomas and Dr. Russell Thomas with green bouton-

nieres for St. Patrick's Day. While at the hospital, she visited residents of the Heritage House, Cal Gertson and Raymond Wied, telling them we all miss them and wish them a speedy recovery.

The Heritage House activity director presented the Eagle Lake Hospital Administrator, James Buckner, with three dozen doughnuts for the staff, and Eagle Lake pharmacist Steve Balas with a green boutonniere. She wished everyone a happy St. Patrick's Day from the Heritage House.

We are waiting for you to come and visit. If you have visited recently, we can't wait for you to come back.

Administrator's Notes

Staff and residents at Heritage House will join thousands of health care professionals across the country as they pay tribute to physicians on Doctor's Day, March 30.

Staff at Heritage House believe it's important to recognize their physicians because meeting the changing health care needs of elderly individuals is a challenge to doctors. Doctors who care for elderly residents have the complex task of providing medical direction to staff members, contributing medical expertise to care planning, exercising compassion toward residents and serving as a source of comfort and hope to family members.

PJs to meet at E.H. Henry Building

The Prairie Edge Junior Players (PJs) will move their meeting place from the Prairie Edge Museum for the month of April. The museum will be in use for the Wildflower Celebration activities headquarters from April 1 through 26.

The two children's groups will meet each Monday during April at the E.H. Henry Historical Corp. Building. This location is the old Eagle Lake Primary School at 701 East E Street. The PJs will not have a meeting on April 20, the Monday after Easter. The 5 to 7 year olds meet from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. and the 8-10 year olds meet from 4:30 to 5:45 each Monday. In May the PJs will return to their regular meeting place at the museum. They will meet each Monday in May then break for the summer. They are considering the possibility of a performance the first of June.

Parents are invited to come get involved with the PJs. Volunteers are welcomed and needed to help greet the children, help them with their nametags and mark them on the roll each week. See Debbie Reed at the PJs meetings for more information.

Donation used for cardiac classes

The Gulf Coast Medical Foundation recently presented members of the South Texas Medical Education and Research Organization with a generous donation of \$11,000 for continuing education programs.

This fund will enable several clinical education programs to be conducted for the benefit of area health-care professionals.

Development said the donation will make it possible to offer an advanced Cardiac Life Support Class. Future classes this year will include a second advanced cardiac class, an American Heart Association neonatal course and a Trauma Nursing Care course.

The purpose of the program is to assist members to post their property, to deter crimes against members, to maintain current membership and to further the spirit of cooperation.

Krenek awarded \$1,000 for assistance

Troy Krenek of Garwood was awarded \$1,000 by Russell Trehy, president of Colorado County Farm Bureau. Krenek was responsible for the conviction of a person for trespassing on a farm bureau member's property.

The property protection program

is a special service for the members in the county farm bureau's expanded program in cooperation with Texas Farm Bureau and the Texas Farm Bureau Insurance companies.



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Baptist women given special recognition

The women of Providence Baptist Church will honor nine of their oldest senior women in the annual Women's Day services Sunday, March 29.

Two separate services have been planned; one at 11 a.m. and the other at 3 p.m. The special services will be

held at the church at 1207 East State Street in Eagle Lake.

Mrs. Luester D. Austin, member of Providence Mission II, senior choir and Sunday School, will be the guest speaker in the 11 a.m. morning service. She graduated from E.H. Henry High School, attended Texas Southern University in Houston, and is presently a counselor at Richmond State School in Richmond.

The guest speaker for the 3 p.m. afternoon service will be Mrs. Vivian Bowser of Houston. She is a member of Trinity United Methodist Church,

lay delegate to the Texas Annual Conference and president of the United Methodist Women.

Mrs. Bowser has served in leadership roles in education on the local, state, national and international levels. She is currently serving on the National Education Retired Teachers Advisory Council and is chairperson for the Teacher Retirement System of Texas TRS insurance advisory committee.



Mrs. Luester D. Austin



Mrs. Vivian Bowser

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My sincerest thanks,

Richard Crozier

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Eagle Lake Middle School OM's do it right

Saturday, March 7th, 40 sleepy middle schoolers began loading two buses at 5 a.m. Five months of hard work and long hours were about to be put to the test as the Eagle Lake Middle School's six Odyssey of the Mind teams headed to Houston for competition.

More than 240 teams competed in four divisions. Eagle Lake was the only class 3A school there, while Waller was the only 4A school competing. All the other schools were 5A with the exception of five elite, private schools. The top two teams in each division will compete at the State OM

Meet in El Paso on April 10th and 11th. The top two teams at State will compete in Boulder, Colorado, at the World Finals featuring teams from more than 20 nations.

The students from Eagle Lake certainly had their work cut out for them. However, the ELMS OM's had done their homework well. When the long day was over, the teams walked away with trophies, medals and Renata Fucas (the highest award OM gives in recognition of exceptional creativity).

The junior high teams of Jared Vawter, Trey Kucherka, Jeff Harris,

James Garcia, Chuckie Stephens, Ben Turner and Gabriel Gutierrez walked away with a trophy and third place medal in "Delayed Reaction". The team of Courtney Parker, Sarah Matthews, Rebecca Burrow, Rachel Mathys, Jill Satsky, B.J. Salazar and Gina Sides scored a fourth place finish. These teams are hoping that some of the first two teams will decide not to make the trip to El Paso.

Other special awards received by ELMS students were the Renata Fucas given to the elementary team of Amanda Meehan, Ideth Gonzales, Jennifer Christ, Danielle Witte, Dawn

Schwemm, Angie Schuster and Kasey Eubanks. Other teams giving a good account of themselves were the junior high team of Sarah Buckner, Sara Mann, Paula Barrow, Kristi Gertson, Lacy Harris, Kate Weller and Antonia Moreida.

Other elementary teams who performed well included Rose Sosa, D.J. Sosa, Brandon Shanks, Shaniqua Moody, Tabitha Conner, Denise Mortensen, Amalie Kucherka, Valerie Galvan, Lori Grigar, Holli Schindler, Rebal Canaris, Amy Fearing and Melissa Buckner.

Coaches for the elementary teams

were Gwen Knight, Jeannie Jackson and Dokore Grammer. For the junior high teams, the coaches were Greg Fore, Marie Argo and Jeanette Abel.

Thanks go out to all the parents, teachers and administration for supporting OM. Special thanks to the people from our district who gave their time and support to serve as judges at this regional meet, Mr. Gonzales, Ms. Cummings, Mrs. O'Dea and Mrs. Maxie.

Texas leads the nation in the number of schools participating in Odyssey of the Mind with nearly 3,000 memberships.



Taking third place were the junior high team of Jeff Harris, Trey Kucherka and Chuckie Stephens on the back row, along with Jared Vawter, James Garcia, Ben Turner and Gabriel Gutierrez (not pictured).

Headlight Photo by Susie Jackson



Odyssey of the Mind fifth grade team consisted of Melissa Buckner (fourth grader), Valerie Galvan, Amalie Kucherka, Amy Fearing (fourth grader), Rebal Canaris, Holli Schindler and Lori Grigar.

ELMS Photo by Jeanette Abel



Odyssey of the Mind fourth grade team consisted of Rose Sosa, Denise Mortensen, Shaniqua Moody, Tabitha Conner, D.J. Sosa and Brandon Shanks.

ELMS Photo by Jeanette Abel

Search is on for 'excellent' principal

Along with its first "Excellence in Education Award", the Texas Women's Alliance will present a \$2,500 cash prize to an outstanding Texas middle school principal this spring.

Nominations can come from teachers, students, parents, colleagues or principals themselves. The award is partially underwritten by Southwest Bell Foundation and will be presented in May. TWA hopes the award will promote the importance of making education of this age group more developmentally appropriate.

Applications should detail the nominee's efforts and strategies to appropriately meet the educational needs of middle school children. The principal must have implemented such programs and activities during the 1991-92 school year.

To obtain an application form, or for more information, write Texas Women's Alliance, 507 A West Lynn, Austin, TX 78703 or call 512-472-3322.

TWA is a statewide nonpartisan organization of women leaders whose purpose is to articulate an independent conservative viewpoint and influence public policy in Texas.

History comes to life at Anson Jones Home

Weekend visitors to Washington-on-the-Brazos State Park are invited to share a conversation with Anson Jones, the last president of the Republic of Texas, each weekend in April. "Park rangers dressed in period costumes will interpret the characters of Anson Jones and a cook in his home. They will explain everyday life in Texas in 1850," said Tom Scaggs, park superintendent. A reconstruction of Jones' home is located in the park. The living history program will be offered at 1, 2 and 3 p.m. on the weekends of April 4-5, 11-12, 18-19 and 25-26. The program will be followed by a tour through the park which preserves the site of the signing of the

Texas Declaration of Independence. Artisans in the park will demonstrate lace making, dulcimer playing and other crafts of the republic period. The park is on FM 1155 between Navasota and Brenham. Admission to the home is \$2 for adults and \$1 for children 6-12. Entrance to the park is free. For more information call 409-878-2214.

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