

OBITUARIES

Augusta Peikert Jones

July 6, 1908 - January 9, 1993

Augusta Peikert Jones, 84, of Menz, passed January 9, 1993, at Columbus Community Hospital. She was born on July 6, 1908, in Alleyton, the daughter of Julius and Bertha Grewe Peikert. On Nov. 3, 1926, she married August J. Jones. She was a housewife and member of St. Roch's Catholic Church in Menz. She was preceded in death by her husband on July 30, 1992; parents; two brothers, Louis and Walter Peikert; and a sister, Annie Peikert. Survivors include two daughters and sons-in-law, Marion and Ronnie

Frank of Columbus and Majorie and John Strider of Bernardo; three sons and daughters-in-law, Gene and Dorothy Jones of Eagle Lake, Milton and Mary Jones of Bernardo and August Henry and Delores Jones of Menz; three sisters, Willie Mae Smith of Henderson, Alice Ritter of El Campo and Hortense Glenn of Hungerford; two brothers, Fred Peikert of La Porte and Julius Peikert of Alleyton; 22 grandchildren; and 33 great-grandchildren. Services were held January 11 at St. Roch's Catholic Church in Menz, with Rev. Eddie Winkler officiating. Burial followed at St. Roch's Catholic

Rolanda Gaye Hemphill

July 20, 1971 - January 1, 1993

Rolanda Gaye Hemphill, age 21, of Eagle Lake, died early January 1, 1993. She was born July 20, 1971, in Eagle Lake to Gloria and Roland Hemphill. At an early age, she professed faith in Christ and was baptized with her mother at White Cloud Baptist Church under the ministry of Rev. Obie Rhodes. She served in the junior choir, BTU and Congress. Rolanda was a 1988 graduate of Rice High School and attended Prairie View A&M University. She was the mother of three children and employed at Richmond State

School. Survivors include her parents; children, Jeramie LaBranza and Jarrod; brother, Roland Hemphill II, grandmother, Hazel Reed; fiancée, Arthur Foster Jr.; and a host of other relatives and friends. Funeral services under the direction of G.O. Mills Mortuary were held January 7 at 1 p.m. in White Cloud Baptist Church with Rev. Obie Rhodes, pastor, officiating. Interment followed at Rising Star Cemetery in Eagle Lake. Serving as pallbearers were Clarence Davis Jr., Leonard D. Davis, Victor Davis, Malcolm Ball, Marwan Norris, Charles E. Jr., George B. Hemphill IV and Christopher Hurd. Honorary pallbearers were Dennis Hemphill, George Hemphill III, Gregory Hemphill, Connie R. Hurd, Raymond Hurd, Jerry Hurd, Cleveland Hurd, Karl Hurd, Oscar Hurd, Alfred Aldridge, Darrell Norris, Arthur Fos-



ter Jr., Cleveland Clay, Ellis Hurd, Ervin Hurd Sr., Armas Hemphill and Woodrow Coleman. Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

Mrs. Avis Gray Goolsby

September 26, 1895 - January 11, 1993

Mrs. Avis G. Goolsby, age 97, of Eagle Lake, passed away Monday, January 11, 1993, at 1:43 a.m. in the Eagle Lake Community Hospital. A native of Buffalo in Leon County, she was born September 26, 1895, to Thomas Bolden and Angie M. Johnson Gray. She married Mason M. Goolsby on September 22, 1912, in Teague. He preceded her in death in 1946. She moved from Daisetta to Eagle Lake in 1951 where she resided until her death. She was a faithful member of First Baptist Church and held the distinction of being the oldest member. Mrs. Goolsby was preceded in death by her husband and parents; three sisters and four brothers. Survivors include a daughter and son-in-law, Lenee and Wilbur Black of Rock Island; son and daughter-in-law, Durward M. and Juanita Goolsby of Midland.

Funeral services were to be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, January 13, in the Dolan Funeral Home Chapel in Eagle Lake. Rev. David Mann, pastor of First Baptist Church was to officiate. Graveside service and interment were to follow in the Lakeside Cemetery in Eagle Lake. The deacons of First Baptist Church were to serve as pallbearers. The family has requested memorial contributions be made to the First Baptist Church of Eagle Lake. Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

ANNOUNCING NEW ARRIVALS

Bri-Anna Elizabeth Hernandez

Mr. and Mrs. Bradley Hernandez of Columbus announce the birth of their first child, a girl, born on January 6, 1993, at 4:28 p.m. at the Eagle Lake Community Hospital.

The baby was named Bri-Anna Elizabeth and weighed six pounds, one ounce and measured 19-1/2 inches long. The attending physician was Dr. Russell Thomas.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Rigoberto Rodriguez of Eagle Lake and Conrad Betancourt Sr. of Houston. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Bennie B. Hernandez of Columbus.

Great grandparents are Pauline Lira of Eagle Lake and the late Margarito Lira, Minnie Kasper of Columbus; Mr. and Mrs. Benito Hernandez of Columbus.

Great-grandparents are Martha Lira and Valentine and Irene Corona, all of Eagle Lake. Proud uncles and aunts are Conrad, Dora and Kimberly, all of Eagle Lake and B.J. and Brent of Columbus.

The mother is the former Stacy Betancourt.

DeAndre LeSean Pratt

Mr. and Mrs. Lathario (Tiger) Pratt of Colorado Springs, Colorado, announce the birth of their second child, a boy, born on December 23, 1992, at 4:24 p.m. at the Eagle Lake Community Hospital.

The baby was named DeAndre LeSean and weighed five pounds, seven ounces and measured 19-1/2 inches long. The attending physician was Dr. Russell Thomas.

The baby is welcomed home by Sharae Nicole, 15 months old. Maternal grandparents are Wilbert and Mary Ann Sims of Eagle Lake. Paternal grandparents are Robert Pratt and the late Inez Pratt of Garwood. Great grandparents are David and Corine Turner and Jolious Williams and the late Lillie Mae Williams.

The mother is the former Ollie Lee Sims.

New applications required for Food Assistance Program

Effective Jan. 19, all Emergency Food Assistance Program participants will be required to re-apply for the program. The applications are available at the local Combined Community Action offices or at the main office at 400 Gresham in Smithville. Everyone is asked to recertify themselves for the program before the next day of distribution. In Eagle Lake, participants can recertify on Jan. 27 at City Hall from 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. The CCA will have staff at the location at that time to take the applications and all necessary details. In Weimar they will be recertifying on Jan. 25 from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the City Hall. In Columbus the CCA Center is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday each week at 316 Spring. Those persons recertifying for themselves should bring identification and proof of residency such as

driver's license, utility bill or voter registration card. Those who receive AFDC, food stamps or SSI must show proof of that program. Anyone recertifying for another participant must have in his possession a permission note from the participant stating the participant's income, social security number and naming that person as their authorized representative. The authorized representative is then certified to represent the participant and may receive the participant's commodities without a permission note. For further information about this program and recertification for it, contact the CCA, Inc. at 512-237-2434 or the Smithville office.

Did you know... America's only major diamond field is near Murfreesboro, Arkansas.

Eagle Lake Community Hospital Patient List

Week Ending 01-10-93

Dismissals
Eagle Lake: Will Matthews, Antonio Garcia, David Meyer, Stacy Bennett & Baby Girl; Wallis: Shauna Teague; Columbus: Wallis: Baby Boy, Al-leyton: William Noska, August

MILITARY NEWS

Marine Sgt. Robert A. Baca

...son of Melvin G. and Dorothy J. Baca of East Bernard, recently received the Good Conduct Medal. The medal recognizes the service member's honest and faithful service during a three-year period. To earn it, Baca achieved and maintained a satisfactory level of performance and an unblemished conduct record for the entire period. He is currently assigned with Marine Aviation Detachment, China Lake, CA. He joined the Marine Corps in June, 1986.

SHERIDAN NEWS

The Alliance For A Clean Environment of Garwood will host an annual membership benefit supper, drawing and auction at the Garwood School cafeteria, Wednesday, Jan. 20, at 7 p.m.

Prizes include a Las Vegas trip for two, Ruger 77R 270 cal. rifle with 6X scope; Remington 1187 12 gauge auto shotgun with Remington chokes; Leupold 10X40 binoculars; Shimano 250 SM Reel with Fenwick 7 ft. popping rod; R.C.A. 20" remote control T.V.; Diamond pendant; 20" 14K gold rope chain; 100 Texas Lottery tickets; 50 Texas Lottery tickets.

Tickets in Sheridan are available at Sandy Creek Drive Inn, Sheridan



Sheridan Student Council clean-up

Members of the Sheridan Student Council held a clean-up day at the new park site recently.

Pictured in the photo at right, on the back row, left to right, are Nerissa Brisco, Serena Sneeringer, Jennifer Girndt, Les Spangenberg, Andrea Machac, Stacie Girndt, Jennifer Cruz and Wayne Dupre. On the next row, standing, are Desi Lowe, Trish Chisum, Leslie Kerschner and Stacy Rodriguez.

Seated on buckets are Brandy Walker, Isam Brisco, Chris High, Jared Vawter, Joe'l Baggett, Andrew Varley, Megar Mowrey, Danielle Tesch, Virginia Edds, Michelle Carey and Misty Tesch; and in front, seated on ground, are Student Council sponsor Darrell Varley and Tiffany Varley.

News from Wharton County Junior College

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Thursday, Jan. 14: Diagnostic testing on campus for late applicants. 8-5:30 p.m. Registration Wharton campus. Last day for registration without late fee. Registration for evening classes on campus, 5-7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 18: Student holiday, Martin Luther King Day. Tuesday, Jan. 19: Classes begin 8 a.m.

Tuesday-Friday, Jan. 18-22: Late registration, schedule changes. Tuesday, Jan. 26: Student Government, 12:15 p.m. SGA office.

Wednesday, Jan. 27: College night, Show Place III, \$2.75.

FALL 1992 DEAN'S LIST
Wharton County Junior College has recognized a number of area students as distinguished scholars for the Fall Semester of 1992 according to Dr.

Jim A. Coats Jr., vice president and chief academic officer. Dena S. Dromgoole and Wade E. Stucky of Eagle Lake and Rebecca L. Korenek of Garwood were named to the Dean's List for earning at least a 3.5 grade-point average, out of a possible perfect 4.0, while carrying at least 12 semester hours.

SUGAR LAND WORK FORCE DEVELOPMENT CENTER

The WCJC Board of Trustees has given the go-ahead for a full time Work Force Development Center at the Sugar Land CentralPlex. The board moved to expand the Center, now operating as a pilot program at the Sugar Land CentralPlex, at their monthly meeting in Wharton, Dec. 16.

The expanded center is expected to increase job-readiness skills in a

large portion of the population in the east Ft. Bend County area who are either currently unemployed or looking to advance in the job market but lack the proper training.

Probable work skill areas to be developed are restaurant management, secretarial (legal, medical, executive), medical assistant; management (supervisory, financial, human resources), international business and trade, health care aid and electronic technician.

The proposal for expanding the Center at the Sugar Land CentralPlex is expected to go before the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board in Feb.

For further information on the Center, contact Betty Range at 713-240-9252 or the WCJC Sugar Land CentralPlex, at 550 Julie Rivers Drive, Sugar Land, Texas, 77478.

Eubanks, Meitzen engagement announced

Mr. and Mrs. T.A. Warren of Crockett are proud to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Judy E. Eubanks of Eagle Lake, to Sam J. Meitzen, son of Mrs. Pearl Meitzen of Eagle Lake. The wedding will be held out of state on Feb. 14. A reception for friends and family members is planned for Saturday, March 6.



Pyssen, Stancik announce engagement

Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Pyssen Sr. of Rockport are pleased to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Christi Ann, to Darrell Milton Stancik, son of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin J. Stancik of Eagle Lake. Miss Pyssen is a 1988 graduate of Luling High School. She received an associate degree in dental hygiene from Wharton County Junior College and is presently employed at the Webster Dental Center in Webster as a dental hygienist.

Mr. Stancik is a 1988 graduate of Rice High School. He received an associate degree in law enforcement from WCJC and is employed with the Richmond Police Department as a city patrol officer.

The couple plan to marry on March 20 at the First Baptist Church in Eagle Lake.

Did you know... At a formal dinner party, nothing but salt and pepper shakers should be on the table. All other seasonings and dishes are passed at the proper time.

IFAST!
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Surgical dressing.



A hysterectomy used to mean a large incision with a long hospital stay and convalescence period. Today, through the advances of video laparoscopic laser surgery, laparoscopic assisted hysterectomies can be performed on select cases. The laparoscope is a fiber optic instrument which allows the surgeon to view and perform corrective procedures through a small incision. Often referred to as "band aid surgery" procedures like oophorectomies (removal of the ovaries) and the treatment of endometriosis (abnormal growths along the lining of the uterus) no longer require extensive incisions. Additional advantages include reduced pain and faster healing.

Surgical advances have been remarkable. Contact the gynecologists at South Texas Medical Clinics for more information.



Gulf Coast Medical Center

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Arthritis Caused by Acid Crystals

When someone says he or she has arthritis, most of us think of either osteoarthritis or rheumatoid arthritis. With both types of arthritis there is a wearing away of cartilage, the soft, cushioning material at the end of bones. With the destruction of cartilage, there is joint swelling, stiffness, and pain. There are several different types of arthritis. A type of arthritis caused by the build up of uric acid crystals in the joints and the bloodstream is known as gouty arthritis or simply "gout."

Uric acid (sodium urate) is one of the body's waste materials. It normally passes through the urine and is eliminated. When the body produces more than it can get rid of, this chemical accumulates. Tiny crystals of the chemical form in the blood as uric acid. The exact reason why some people get uric acid crystals in the blood and others do not is unclear. Heredity may play a role. Excess weight may be a factor, as is drinking too much alcohol. Eating certain foods, such as liver and sardines, can contribute to the problem.

The first step in gout treatment is to provide relief from severe pain. Medicines routinely prescribed for this purpose include colchicine, indomethacin, and the nonsteroidal antiinflammatory medicines. The second step of treatment is to lower body uric acid levels. This is achieved with medicines such as allopurinol, probenecid, and sulfapyrazone.