

# OBITUARIES

## Lillie Estelle Austin

Lillie Estelle Austin, age 93, a lifetime resident of this area, passed away Tuesday, February 23, 1993, at Avalon Place in Wharton. She was born in Weimar, September 13, 1899, to John and Agnes Miles Barker, one of five children. The family lived in Goldwaite and Bay City before settling in Eagle Lake in 1919. She was married September 21, 1920, to Sam Austin, who died in 1967. She was the oldest member of First Baptist Church of Eagle Lake at her death.

She was a devoted wife, mother and grandmother to her family. Mrs. Austin was preceded in death by her husband; parents; daughter, Carolyn Jeanette; two grandchildren, Kimberly and Avery; brothers Percy and Clyde Barker; sister, Ruby Dove Mathis; and son-in-law, Jack Listowski. Her survivors include her daughters, Erlene Listowski and Dorothy Austin of Eagle Lake; sons and daughter-in-law, Carl W. and Mike Austin.

## Rex R. Sanders

May 26, 1929 - February 27, 1993

Rex R. Sanders, age 63, of Eagle Lake passed away Saturday, February 27, 1993, at 6:50 a.m. at the Memorial City Medical Center in Houston. He was born May 26, 1929, in Weimar to Frank and Minnie Obenhaus Sanders, Sr.

Sanders was a native and lifelong resident of Colorado County. He attended the Live Oak School near Weimar. He later moved to Eagle Lake following World War II. He and Aileen Blackwell were united in marriage in El Campo on March 8, 1950.

"Rex" had chosen a career in agriculture, farming in the Eagle Lake area. He also worked for Spalinger Hardware of Eagle Lake for nearly 20 years before retirement.

He was a member and faithful servant of the Bonus Baptist Church near Eagle Lake. He helped to construct the church building and served as a Deacon there.

He was preceded in death by his parents; sisters, Eunice Chromchek, Nola Cousins; a brother, Frank "Bud" Sanders, Jr.; and one son-in-law, Mike Brandon.

Survivors include his wife, Aileen Blackwell Sanders of Avinger, Vicki Diane and Jerry King of Katy; son and daughter-in-law, Randy Rex and Denise Sanders of Markham; sisters, Daisy Goode of Weimar, Edwina Steiman of Schulerberg, Zula Loring of Victoria, Bernice Froeligh and Vivian Sanders, both of Weimar; brothers, George Sanders of Oregon, Wilbur Sanders and Arnold Sanders, both of Weimar, Roy Sanders of Eagle Lake; grandchildren, Dawn Renee Brandon of Avinger, Shannon Wayne Sanders of Eagle Lake, Jason Douglas Sanders, Kurt Ryan Sanders and Rodney Allen Sanders, all of Markham, Chad Rush King and Keith Austin King, both of Katy; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and loved ones.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m., Monday, March 1, in the Dulany Funeral Home Chapel in Eagle Lake with Rev. Ken Temple and Rev. Jesse Russell officiating. Interment followed at Lakeside Cemetery in Eagle Lake.

pallbearers were nephews, Robbie, Tracy and Brian Sanders; Wesley Blackwell; Billy and Ray Babinet; Jimmy Barnhill and Douglas Goode. Serving as honorary pallbearers were Charles and Lloyd Spalinger, Jim Clippson Sr., Martin Roberts, Henry Cortice, P.L. New and Howard White. Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

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## Gulf Coast Medical Center lab receives accreditation

The laboratory at Gulf Coast Medical Center in Wharton, has been awarded a two-year accreditation by the Commission on Laboratory Accreditation of the College of American Pathologists (CAP), based on results of a recent on-site inspection.

The laboratory's director, Sue Bock, was advised of this national recognition and congratulated for the "excellence of the services being provided." The laboratory at Gulf Coast Medical Center is one of the more than 4,200 CAP-accredited laboratories nationwide.

The CAP Laboratory Accreditation Program, begun in the early 1960's, is recognized by the federal government as being equal to or more stringent than the government's own inspection program.

## PRAIRIE EDGE MUSEUM NOTES

By Elizabeth Boothe, Reporter

For the week of March 4, 1993 I hope you are enjoying seeing the many wildflowers in bloom here in Eagle Lake. There are beautiful stands of lead leaf across from the museum on the old SP right-of-way and near the entrance to the city recreation park. There are bluebonnet plants across from Prairie Edge and by this time some of these should be in bloom.

I get reports of many flowers blooming near our county roads. The special planter on our parking lot contains a variety of potential beauties, among these being bluebells which probably will not be in bloom until summer. We can be thankful that they and other flowers don't all bloom at the same time. You can enjoy seeing the redbud trees adding beauty to our city.

Very soon, you can view the large board displaying dozens of imprints of cattle brands of our community. A very enthusiastic group of PJs attended practice yesterday for their presentation of All Baba and the Forty Thieves. The play will be presented Friday, Mar. 26 at 7 p.m. and Sunday, Mar. 28 at 4 p.m. A sound system has been installed in the auditorium. Tickets will be \$1.50 for adults and 50¢ for children. Call Deborah Reed at 234-2601 for additional information.

Tickets are now on sale for a drawing for the beautiful quilt which is a work of art and donated by Betty Bradbury, Helen Craig's sister. The tickets can be purchased from museum members at \$1 each or \$5 for a book of six. One person from out of town ordered a number of tickets before they were even printed. The drawing will take place at Prairie Edge at the close of the Wildflower Fields on Tour celebration.

The thrift shop will be open from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. this Saturday, March 6. Make special plans to visit the museum and enjoy the many articles and pictures found in the book about the Thomas and Clippson Roden Company which was in existence from 1945 to 1955.

This year's activities connected with the Wildflower Fields on Tour begin one month from today. Prairie Edge promises to be a busy place during that time, one reason being that our museum will again be the headquarters. Call Vic Scott if you wish to volunteer for host or hostess duties during that time. His number is 234-2792.

Prairie Edge is open Saturday and Sunday afternoons from 2 to 5 p.m. Call Bill Harrison at 234-2662 if you wish to arrange for a special tour. "Success comes in cans; failure comes in cans." Clara Nell

## South Texas sponsors women's conference

A task force on breast cancer will be in Sealy on March 20 to bring area women information on cancer. The South Texas Medical Clinics, P.A., (STMC) sponsored breast cancer task force includes four physicians from Wharton who specialize in women's health and breast cancer.

These doctors will spend the day helping women learn about early cancer detection at a free conference and luncheon. The breast cancer conference will be held at the Hill Community Center, 1000 Main St., Sealy. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. Saturday, March 20.

The conference begins at 9 a.m. and includes a luncheon. It will be over at 2 p.m. Reservations for the lunch must be made by March 15 by calling the toll free breast information line, 1-800-344-9939. William C. Yankowsky, MD surgeon; Keith Dowell, MD surgeon; Lowell S. Miller, MD, F.A.C.R. radiation oncologist; and Baki Netaji, MD, oncologist, and Medical Director of GCMC Regional Cancer Center; are the main speakers for the conference. It is for women 16 years and older.

The free conference is coordinated by the STMC and Gulf Coast Medical Center. Generous grants from GCMC Foundation, the Trull Foundation, Hospital Volunteers of Wharton (Pink Ladies) and Miles Agfa Division of the STMC make these conferences possible. The cancer task force is traveling to rural communities to improve early detection of this devastating disease in women through informing the public of what they can do.

Around 45 percent of all people on earth now live in or near cities.

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About Town Continued from Page 2 the party. A heart shaped red velvet cake with pink peppermint icing, strawberry ice cream, pink Jello salad and pink punch were all served on pink party dishes. A pink hydrangea was centered on the pink and white draped table.

Sunday Buffet Served 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

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## Double ring ceremony unites Coats and Shorter

Kathy Pearl Coats became the bride of Nick Orlando Shorter in a double ring ceremony Saturday, Feb. 13, at 6 p.m. The wedding was held at Friendship Baptist Church in Eagle Lake. Rev. Earl Shorter Jr., father of the groom, performed the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Mrs. Rosie Coats of Eagle Lake. The groom is the son of Rev. and Mrs. Earl Shorter Jr. For the event, the altar of the chapel was adorned with two candles, bra decorated with greenery, red bows and red and white candles. A heart shaped arch was covered with greenery, red and white bows and flower arrangements of red and white carnations. Red and white carnations with ferns and red bows were placed at each pew.

Soloist Ericka Fields sang "You and I" and Lawanda Mayo sang "Shower Me With Your Love" accompanied by pianist Hamilton Speaker. The bride was escorted to the altar by her son, Cleo Johnson. She wore a gown of white satin with an off-the-shoulder bodice overlaid with lace. Her accessories were white fingerless gloves, a pearl necklace and pearl cluster pendant earrings. The bridepiece and veil, handmade by the bride, was enhanced with white satin flowers, pearls and pearl sprays. It held four tulle pouffs sprinkled with pearls and layers of fingertip tulle.

She carried a handmade bouquet of white satin roses with small red rosebuds, pearl hearts and greenery. Attending the bride was her sister, Patsy Coats Mathis, as maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Nichole Shorter, sister of the groom, Stacey Clark, niece of the bride, and Stacey Lowe, the groom's cousin. Cortisa Mathis, niece of the bride, and Monica Lemond, cousin of the groom were junior bridesmaids. The groom's niece, Rachelle Shorter, was flowergirl.

The bride attendants wore tea length dresses of red and white. Each bridesmaid carried a red and a white rose. The younger attendants each carried a single white rose. The maid of honor had a round bouquet of white satin roses with inset red rosebuds and greenery. The groom chose Darrell Forbes of Katy as his best man. Groomsmen were Marlon Robinson, his cousin, Charylan Thomas, the bride's



Mr. and Mrs. Nick Orlando Shorter

## TCI Cable plans more choice, control

Eagle Lake TCI Cablevision of Texas will soon launch the first stages of a technological improvement program that within a few years will bring area cable customers additional television programming options and more services than seemed possible only a short time ago, announced Domingo Puentes Jr., system's general manager.

The improvements will provide customers with more choice and control over their cable television service, among other benefits. One of the first choices TCI will offer is a reasonably priced, entry level basic cable service, which will become available beginning April 1.

In a second innovation, people who subscribe to the entry level service will be able to purchase premium networks, pay-for-view events, and other a la carte services without taking additional cable service levels. Some channels will also be realigned - that is, given new channel numbers - and several cable networks that are presently part of TCI's basic service level will become part of the system's expanded basic level. These changes will also take effect April 1.

The major changes will take place later in the decade, as Tele-Communications Inc., TCI's parent company, begins pioneering digital transmission of video and data services via state-of-the-art fiber optics. These technological advances could ultimately provide local customers with more than 500 channels and a myriad of choices that range from television networks to information from a wide variety of sources.

The headquarter offices for these advances will be TCI's national digital compression center, to be constructed in the Denver metropolitan area. In addition, TCI will partner with others in the industry to develop standards to ensure that cable service is compatible with home electronic equipment, especially technology such as high definition television (HDTV), which is expected to become available in American homes by the end of the 1990's.

"Our ultimate vision is to give our customers as many video, data and other TV options as the marketplace commands and to give our customers easy to use control over the options they choose to take and pay for," said Puentes.

"New television technology offers possibilities that are amazing and nearly infinite. Increased channel capacity alone will soon make today's advanced cable systems seem antiquated as the old 12 channel VHF band."

The entry level service being created on April 1 will consist of 10 broadcast stations, such as KPRC, KHOU, KTRK, KTCB, and others. It will cost \$10 a month. Five cable networks that are now part of TCI Cablevision of Texas' basic level will become part of the system's expanded basic level. They will join such other popular networks as ESPN, HSE, TNT, USA, and others on that level. Expanded basic will cost \$11.04 a month.

"The vast majority of system customers already subscribe to both basic and expanded basic. The services they receive and their total price month will remain the same," Puentes stressed. However, customers who now subscribe only to basic have two choices: to remain with that level and pay a lower rate or to add on expanded basic and receive a full roster of cable networks for \$2.91 more than they currently pay each month.

The channel realignment is necessary because the equipment the company uses to make these service levels available works best when the channels are grouped together. In general, the new arrangement will group broadcast networks such as CBS, NBC, ABC on lower-number channels and cable services on higher-numbered channels.

The channel realignment also allows TCI to offer premium and pay-for-view channels to customers subscribing only to basic. TCI plans to familiarize viewers with the new channel alignments through an introductory letter, a series of bill inserts, and advertisements. It will also provide a card with new channel numbers that can be placed with the television set.

"TCI will do all it can to make this channel realignment simple for viewers," said Domingo Puentes Jr. "Channel numbers become a habit, and any habit can be hard to break, but we'll try to make it as easy as possible."

TCI Cablevision of Texas has provided cable service in this area since 1976. It presently serves about 766 Eagle Lake subscribers.

Jenkins, Keaton plan May wedding Mrs. Nell Jenkins of Columbus announces the engagement and coming marriage of her daughter, Gertrude Yvette, to Cornelius Wayne Keaton, son of Mrs. Mary Ann Raymond of Austin and James Keaton Jr. of Arkansas. The bride elect is the daughter of the late Frank Jenkins Jr. The couple plan to wed May 29 at St. Paul Methodist Church in Columbus.

Did you know... Yellowstone National Park, which covers over two million acres in Wyoming, Idaho and Montana, has more geysers and hot springs than any other area in the world.

Browns reaffirm vows Anthony T. and Arlene R. Brown of Eagle Lake reaffirmed their vows on the occasion of their 11th wedding anniversary on Saturday, Feb. 27. Yellow and white flowers decorated the chapel of the United Methodist Church for the ceremony. The couple exchanged, again, their marriage vows at 3 p.m. with Rev. Larry Bailey officiating.

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