

# OBITUARIES

## George Tom Eaton

August 19, 1911 — March 13, 1993

George Tom Eaton, 81, of Columbus passed away March 13, 1993. He was born August 19, 1911, to Charles and Sumner Eaton in Rock Island. He was baptized in the Garwood Baptist Church when he was 15 years old and attended school in Rock Island. In 1936, he married Sadie Selph. They moved to Sacramento, Calif., in 1938.

Eaton was a member of the Operating Engineers Union Local No. 3 and was a heavy equipment operator. He was a member of the Masonic Capital City Lodge of Sacramento and Scottish Rite Bodies and Ben All Shrine of Sacramento. In 1964, he was retired on disability. Eaton and his wife moved to Columbus in June, 1990.

Survivors include his wife, foster son, Dale Walton and his wife, Margaret, of Rocklin, Calif.; a sister, Marie Trapp of Columbus; two brothers, Monroe Eaton of Alton and Roy Eaton of Santa Fe, Tx.; three grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held March 16 at the Henneke Funeral Home Chapel in Columbus with the Rev. Brent Pittman officiating. Burial followed at Cheatham Cemetery in Sheridan with Columbus Caledonia Lodge No. 69 A.F. & A.M. conducting Masonic burial rites.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

## Pauline Zavesky

April 20, 1906 — March 5, 1993

Pauline Zavesky, 87, of Hallettsville passed away March 5, 1993, at the Columbus Community Hospital.

She was born April 20, 1906, in Moravia, Texas, the daughter of Ignac and Marie Klekar Marek. She was a homemaker and member of the KJZT Society and Sacred Heart Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Charles Zavesky Sr. on Dec. 7, 1976; her parents; three sisters; six brothers; and a half-sister.

Survivors include a daughter, Mary Windham of Columbus; a son, Charles J. Zavesky of Hallettsville; eight grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

Rosaries were recited March 6 at Kubena Funeral Home and March 7 at Sacred Heart Church. Funeral services were held March 8 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Hallettsville with the Rev. Celestino Say officiating. Burial followed at the Sacred Heart Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Terrell Windham, Mark Barten, Ian Hartigan, Ricky Zavesky, Henry Schneider and Larry Solansky.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

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## Clement J. Belota Sr.

November 22, 1920 — March 10, 1993

Clement J. Belota Sr., 72, of Frelsburg passed away March 10, 1993, at his residence in Frelsburg.

He was born November 22, 1920, in Plum, to John Joe and Annie (Matocha) Belota.

On October 6, 1942, he married Lydia Evanyick. He was a retired plant foreman with Thorsberg Materials Co. A veteran of World War II, he was a member of Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church, Knights of Columbus Council No. 5157 of Frelsburg and KJ.T. He was also an honorary member of the Church Cemetery Association.

Belota was preceded in death by his father.

Survivors include his wife, Lydia; mother; a daughter and son-in-law, Lucy and Steven Markwardt of Frelsburg; and three sons and daughters-in-law, Erwin J. and Gerri Belota of Houston, Clement J. Jr. and Mary Jane Belota of New Ulm and Gilbert R. and Brenda Belota of Fayetteville.

Other survivors include two sisters, Betty Baca of La Grange and Agnes Hengst of Eagle Lake; a brother, Fred Belota of Plum; and nine grandchildren.

Services were held March 12 at Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Frelsburg with Father Dan Morales officiating. Interment was in Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Cemetery.

A Knights of Columbus rosary and parish rosary were held March 11 at the Henneke Funeral Home Chapel in Columbus. St. Ann's Altar Society rosary and KJ.T. rosary were held March 12 at the church.

Pallbearers were Gregory, Clement J. III and Stephen Wayne Belota, Patrick Markwardt, Ricky O'Brien and Edward Lee Baca. Honorary pallbearers were Albert E. and Donald Noska, Justin Wostarek, Delbert Kulhanek, Simon Wilde and Pete Kubick.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

## Roger Killough Jr.

January 24, 1918 — February 7, 1993

Roger Killough Jr., 75, died Sunday, February 7, 1993, in an Alabama hospital.

He was born January 24, 1918, in Wheelock to Roger and Zarlina Talley Killough.

The family moved to Garwood and then to Eagle Lake in 1925 where he attended school. He graduated from Eagle Lake High School in 1935. Killough was a cattle rancher in Wheeler for many years.

He was preceded in death by his wife, parents and a sister, Lillian Killough.

Survivors include a son, Roger Killough III of Semmes, Ala.; daughter, Linda L. Kilborn of Mobile, Ala.; two sisters, Louise Key of Roswell, NM, and Grace Brown of Houston; five grandchildren; other relatives and loved ones.

Graveside services were held February 13 at Wheelock Cemetery with Rev. Dale Wells of First Baptist Church of Wheelock officiating.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

## Gus F. Loessin

September 9, 1924 — March 9, 1993

Gus F. Loessin, age 68, of Eagle Lake, passed away suddenly Tuesday, March 9, 1993, in the Columbus Community Hospital.

He was born September 9, 1924, in Fayette County to Henry and Sally Smith Loessin.

He married Verna Oehlers in Fayette County, November 14, 1948, and they moved to Eagle Lake. He was a member of Grace Lutheran Church of Eagle Lake.

He was employed with the Lower Colorado River Authority over 19 years and retired in March 1989.

He was a member of the Texas Sportsman's and National Rifle Associations, Texas Farm Bureau and life member of American Legion Post 8783 of Eagle Lake.

A veteran of World War II, he served with the Army 391st Infantry in the Pacific. Among his honors were two Bronze Stars, and Bronze Arrowhead.

Graveside service and interment followed at Lakeside Cemetery, VFW Post 8783 served as honor guard for the flag presentation ceremony.

Serving as pallbearers were Bob Moland, Wayne Lippert, Johnny Burns, Jon Keith Loessin, Sidney Loessin and Bob Walters.

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# Heritage House News

By Gladys Owens, Activity Director

We welcome Stanley Kucherka and Walter Kansteiner to Heritage House this week.

Residents having birthdays this week are Floyd Anderson, William Noska and Lorenzo Ireal.

Jean Crawford is doing a good job of holding bingo now that Bob can't call for us. The only problem we have had is to face in getting out to Heritage House on Monday nights to hold our 7 p.m. bingo games.

We are in desperate need of volunteers to hold this evening activity. It would not have to be Monday night, if another night would be more convenient for someone to volunteer for this important assistance. Please call Gladys at 234-3591 to volunteer your time and help.

Don't forget our yard sale on March 25. Donations are needed to make it a success. We hope to raise a large amount for our picnic and bazaar.

Worship service was conducted by Rev. Larry Bailey of the Eagle Lake United Methodist Church on Sunday evening.

# PRAIRIE EDGE MUSEUM NOTES

By Elizabeth Boothe, Reporter

For the week of March 18, 1993

How thankful we should be that we in Eagle Lake have not experienced the kind of weather that so many of our other states have! I know that many of you younger people can now join many of us who know that very cold weather can occur in March. I well remember instances in March, 1948 and 1930.

How wonderful it is to see so many flowers blooming in town and the surrounding community. The bluebonnets are contributing their beauty at Wildseed Farms as well as other places.

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# Frat parties to dry out

Fraternity parties at Southern Methodist University in Dallas and the University of Texas at Austin will be dry affairs in the future.

Greek organizations at both SMU and UT have voted to ban booze and beer from future socials. Individual members who break the rule will be subject to suspension and a possible cash fine.

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# Evans, Sommerlatte exchange wedding vows



Mr. & Mrs. Keith Duane Sommerlatte

Kimberly E. Evans and Keith Duane Sommerlatte were united in marriage on Saturday, January 30, 1993, at the United Methodist Church in Eagle Lake. Rev. Larry Bailey of Eagle Lake, officiated the ceremony. Wedding music was performed by organist Carol Ripper of Eagle Lake and guitar soloist John M. Evans of Houston.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth B. Evans of Dickinson. She is the granddaughter of Mrs. Wilson Dillard Sr. and the late Wilson Dillard Sr. of Ita Bena, Miss., and Mrs. Clyde Barton Evans and the late Clyde Barton Evans of Shepherd.

Kimberly received her Bachelor of Arts degree from Southwest Texas State University. She is employed by Haynes Whaley Associates Inc. and is an active member of the Society for Marketing Professional Services, Society for Architectural Professional Administrators and the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Sommerlatte of Eagle Lake. He is the grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. Sam Davidson and the late Mrs. Henrietta Sommerlatte.

Keith received his Bachelor of Science degree from Southwest Texas State University where he was a member of the Kappa Sigma Fraternity. He is employed by Houston Service Ice Company of Houston.

Escorted by her father, the bride chose a designer gown of white silk shantung delicately hand beaded with bridal pearls and covered with iridescent sequins. The gown featured a high neckline, long sleeves and a slipper length skirt with a satin bustle.

Billie R. Mattinson, of Houston, served as matron of honor and Michael B. Thomas, of Eagle Lake, served as the best man. Ushers were Kenneth B. Evans of Sweeney, Scott T. Evans and John M. Evans of Houston, brothers of the bride, Michael Thomas New and William Bennett New served as the ring bearers.

Following the ceremony, a reception honoring the couple was held at the Knights of Columbus Hall with music provided by Hank Seville and Larana Daulty of Houston.

The couple enjoyed a relaxing honeymoon in Cabo San Lucas, Mexico, and now reside in Friendswood.

**Showers and parties**

Kimberly and Keith were honored with a coffee Jan. 9, in the home of Pearl Meitzen. Co-hostesses were Arlene Brune, Pat Cook, Jo Ann Gertson, Mary Gertson, Anna Gertson, Inez Gutman, Bea Scott, Jean Williams and Elda Williams.

Refreshments of pigs-in-the-blanket, muffins, quiche, coffee and spiced tea were served from a beautiful table with silver appointments and fall flowers. Hostess gift was the vegetable bowl in Kim and Keith's chosen china pattern.

Special guests were Mrs. Lonnie Sommerlatte, mother of the groom, Mrs. Jerry Cameron, sister of the groom, and Mrs. Brentley Mattinson, matron of honor.

Kimberly and Keith were honored with a bar shower Jan. 9, in the home of Robby and Mary Kay Cook. Co-hostesses were Sylvia and Michael Rucka, Lynn and Gary Rucka, Sherry and Michael Thomas.

Quiche, sandwiches, dips and chips were served during the evening. Keith and Kim received many useful gifts. Host gift was a crystal decanter and two brandy glasses.

Kimberly was honored with a miscellaneous shower Jan. 16, in the home of Pat Cook. Co-hostesses were Denise and Mary Kay Cook, Jo Ann Gertson, Penny Henske, Jo Ann Mahalic, Barbara Pidgeon, Mary Lou Szymanski and Phyllis Thomas.

The table was decorated with spring flowers and silver appointments. Refreshments of quiche, muffins, cinnamon rolls, coffee and spiced tea were served.

Special guests were Mrs. Ann Evans and Mrs. Lonnie Sommerlatte. Kim graciously thanked everyone for the many beautiful gifts. Hostess gift was the platter and gravy boat to Kim and Keith's chosen pottery.

The couple was honored with a couples party Saturday, Jan. 16, in the home of Mike and Donna Gertson. Co-hosts were Steve and Sandy Epps.

Delicious refreshments of sandwiches, dips and chips, and assorted desserts were served.

Keith and Kim enjoyed spending the evening with close friends.

Sunday evening, Jan. 17, Kim and Keith were the honorees at a shower in the home of Col. and Mrs. Lewis Epps. Co-hosts were Dr. and Mrs. R.R. Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Grammar, and Mr. and Mrs. Michael Cooper.

The guests were served cocktails and canapes, including hot swiss almond cheese spread, cheese balls, and

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South Texas Medical Clinic's Breast Cancer Task Force and Gulf Coast Regional Cancer Center physicians, will tell women what to do and how to improve early detection of breast cancer, a devastating disease.

William Yankowsky, M.D., surgeon; Keith Dowell, M.D., surgeon; Lowell S. Miller, M.D., F.A.C.R., radiation oncologist; Bali Netaji, M.D., Medical Oncologist, Medical Director of Gulf Coast Regional Cancer Center; and Carolyn Pensik, cancer survivor, will be the speakers.

The conference will be at Hill Community Center, 1000 Main St. in Sealy, on Saturday, March 20. Registration starts at 8:30 a.m.

The conference starts promptly at 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. Door prizes will be given away.

The South Texas Breast Cancer Taskforce is taking the message to any woman who is willing to listen and learn. Cancer does not discriminate by age or race. If you are 16 years old, or older, feel free to call and register. Everyone is welcome!

This conference is made possible through generous grants from Gulf Coast Medical Foundation, The Trull Foundation, Hospital Volunteers of Wharton Inc. (Pink Ladies) and Miles



# Ali Baba is coming to town

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The upcoming production of the PJs theater group involves some 55 children in first through ninth grades in singing, dancing and a fun loving show.

The costumes are colorful and fun and the sets are wonderful, claims director Deborah Reed. "There's music, dancing and excitement for all the family."

The performances are to be in the Prairie Edge Museum on Friday at 7 p.m. and Sunday at 4 p.m.

Tickets may be purchased at the door for \$1.50 for adults and 50¢ for children.

The community is invited to come see the delightful entertainment next weekend.

**About Town...**

•Eagle Lake's Civic Garden Club highly commends the residents of our community who are improving their homes and yards in preparation for the upcoming Wildflower Celebration. There will be hundreds of visitors seeing our city for the first time. We want to show them our best. If you haven't picked up and spruced up your yard and neighborhood, you still have a week to get ready!

•Yes, the rumors are true, TEB Grocery is indeed changing hands. Owner Bob Hawkins tells us the sale should be completed by next month. It is being bought by the same people who bought his grocery store in Weimar recently.

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