

OBITUARIES

Mildred LaNell Hancock

October 17, 1939 — August 21, 1993

Mildred LaNell Hancock, 53, of the Bernardo-Mentz area, died August 21, 1993, at her residence after a two-year battle with cancer.

She was born October 17, 1939, in Austin, the daughter of Olon and Millie V. Curington.

Hancock grew up in Houston and graduated from Reagan High School in 1958. On June 28, 1958, she was married to her high school sweetheart, John E. Hancock.

Her interest centered around her home and her family. Her hobbies included bowling, fishing, roses and collecting rocks.

She was an honorary member of the Columbus FFA Chapter and lifetime member of the National FFA Alumni Association.

She was preceded in death by her father; and stepfather, William C. Smith. Survivors include her husband; three sons, J.P. Hancock of Sealy, Wesley Hancock of Burleson County and Dean Hancock of New Hope, Pa.; daughter and son-in-law, Ronda and Wade Weston of Refugio; mother, Millie V. Smith of Stoneham; brother and sister-in-law, Ronald and Linda Curington of The Woodlands; three infant grandchildren, Waylon, Wyatt and Kayla Weston; parents-in-law, J.D. and Willie Pearl Hancock of Cat Spring; sister-in-law and husband, Charlotte and David Walkowski of Missouri City; and nieces and nephews, other relatives and loved ones.

Services were held August 23 at Henneke Funeral Home in Columbus with the Dr. Jim Woodward, Ph.D., officiating. Burial followed at Odd Fellows Rest Cemetery in Columbus.

Palbearers were Jay P. and Wesley R. Hancock, Wade Weston and David and John David Walkowski.

Memorials may be given to the American Cancer Society.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

Susan Hershey Helm

September 29, 1945 — August 16, 1993

Susan Hershey Helm, 47, of Houston, died August 16, 1993, in a climbing accident in Telluride, Colorado.

She was born in Houston September 29, 1945, to J.W. and Olive Duncan Hershey.

She was the granddaughter of Francis B. and May Shelmire Duncan, and Eli N. and Carrie Mann Hershey.

She attended Kinkaid School in Houston and graduated from Smith College in 1967 and taught at the Kinkaid School.

After she received her J.D. from the University of Houston in 1981, she worked at the law firm of Hutchison and Grundy. She later taught at the University of St. Thomas.

Helm served on the boards of the Madeira Alumni Association, Hospice at the Texas Medical Center and Texas Advisory Board of Environmental Defense Fund.

She was a member of the River Oaks Garden Club, the Bayou Club and the Assembly.

Survivors include her parents; husband, Reagan Cartwright Helm; sons, Matthew Cartwright and Bowie Duncan; sister, Olive Shelmire Hershey; brother John Michael Hershey; other relatives and loved ones.

A memorial service was held Friday, August 20, at 11 a.m. in Christ Church Cathedral in Houston with Rev. J. Pittman McGee officiating.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Hospice of the Texas Medical Center, 1905 Holcombe, Houston, TX 77030.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

This notice and the information included is required in this format by the Texas Legislature.

Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase

The Rice Consolidated I.S.D. will hold a public hearing on a proposal to increase total tax revenues from properties on the tax roll in 1993 by 212% percent. Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property.

The public hearing will be held on Sept. 2, 1993, 7:30 p.m. at Rice Administration Building.

FOR the proposal: Jim Wiese, Meloday Grigar, Sam Center, Reggie Brisco,

Jack Vawter, Kate Labay

AGAINST the proposal: Frederick Leopold

PRESENT and not voting:

ABSENT:

The statement above shows the percentage increase the proposed rate represents over the effective tax rate that the unit published on August 26, 1993. The following table compares taxes on an average home in this taxing unit last year to taxes proposed on the average home this year. Again, your individual taxes may be higher or lower, depending on the taxable value of your property.

	Last Year \$35,991	This Year \$35,991
Average home value		
General exemptions available (amount available on the average home, not including senior citizen's or disabled person's exemptions)	\$12,198	\$12,198
Average taxable value	\$23,793	\$23,793
Tax rate	.44677/\$100	1.42170/\$100 (proposed)
Tax	\$106.30	\$338.27 (proposed)

Under this proposal taxes on the average home would increase by \$231.97 or 218% percent compared with last year's taxes. Comparing tax rates without adjusting for changes in property value, the tax rate would increase by \$.97493 per \$100 of taxable value or 218% percent compared to last year's tax rate. These tax rate figures are not adjusted for changes in the taxable value of property.

*This percentage increase does not reflect 1992 taxes levied by the now-abolished county education district (CED). In 1992, the CED levied a portion of the taxes used for school purposes, and the school district levied the remainder of school taxes. In 1993, school districts will levy all school taxes. For an explanation of the increase, attend the public hearing scheduled above or call your school district.

Heritage House News

By Patricia Bubela, Activity Director

Bingo was held last Monday, Wednesday and Friday afternoons. Residents enjoyed the generous winnings of quarters and bags of cinnamon, peppermint and butterscotch disks.

Bible study was held Tuesday afternoon by Gay Anderson. Jean McInteer accompanied her on piano. Residents always look forward to the Bible study, fellowship and hymn singing. Everyone loves to hear Mrs. Anderson sing and discuss Bible Scripture. Thank you Gay and Jean for your visit.

Residents are forming a Heritage House Choir. Practice began last Tuesday with Emma Cloot, Irene Mehner, Dorothy Peoples and Emma McWilliams attending. We sang seasonal songs to ready ourselves for the Christmas holidays. They will be here before we know it!

Last week, staff members held a Beach Week. Participants wore their beach outfits the whole week. Beach wear contests were held Monday, Wednesday and Friday with winners chosen each day. Rachael Mahin won Monday. Tracy Stratton and Rowena Earls won Wednesday and Friday. The ladies won BBQ Smokies. An ice cream maker was also given away. The facility was festively decorated in a beach/Hawaiian theme.

Beauty Shop was held Thursday with Judy Kolapha. A large number of ladies enjoyed the treat of having their hair done in a beauty shop setting.

Thanks for coming out, Judy.

Raymond and Annette Novals from East Bernard, Mr. and Mrs. Hugo Richter of Borden and May Schmidt of Cat Spring were visitors Sunday with Emma Cloot. Their visits were enjoyed by all and the residents wished Hugo a very happy belated birthday.

The residents celebrating their birthdays this month are Cleo Harbert, Henry Cordes, Doris Roberts, Frances Kelter, Julius Tobola, Ben Waligura, and Albert Demmer. They will have a birthday party Saturday, Aug. 28 at 2:30 p.m. hosted by the Greater Mount Olive Baptist Church.

Sears opens in Wharton

A new Sears Appliance Store has opened in Wharton. The store is owned and operated by Carl Hlavinka, who previously had the Sears catalog store there. He has been in Wharton for 30 years.

The new store, located in Eastgate Plaza, 215 E. Boling Highway in Wharton, carries both Sears and other brands of appliances, televisions and lawn and garden equipment.

It is part of Sears new retail dealer program.

Like Hlavinka, many of the new retail dealers of stores being opened in communities across the country will be former catalog store owners.

"Sears received hundreds of calls from customers across the country asking them to continue to operate local stores," Hlavinka said.

The new Wharton store will offer major home appliances in the familiar Kenmore and Craftsman brands. They will also offer other brand name products such as General Electric, Whirlpool, Amana, KitchenAid, Magnavox, Zenith, Sony and Philips. The store can also offer special items for customers.

Hlavinka is having his grand opening sale through the end of Aug. to celebrate his new store.

To err is human, but when the eraser wears out ahead of the pencil, you're overdoing it. — J. Jenkins

THE ACCOMPANYING TAX NOTICE IS WRONG!

The Rice Consolidated Independent School District is required by state law to publish the accompanying tax notice in this form, even though the notice is deceptive.

Because of an omission in the recently-enacted state law, Rice Consolidated I.S.D. may not include revenue collected by the county education district in the calculation of taxes for the 1992-93 school year. The effect of this is to understate last year's actual school tax rate and produce an inaccurate comparison of last year's tax rate to this year's tax rate.

The correct comparison of tax rates is as follows:

Last year's (1992-93) total school tax rate (including county education district taxes): 1.36802

This year's (1993-94) proposed school tax rate: 1.42170

Percentage change: 3.92%

First day at Rice schools

As classes began last Wednesday, Aug. 18, there were 1,458 students in the Rice Consolidated Independent School District. Enrollment is expected to increase until after Labor Day.

Around the district students found their new classes, new teachers and new learning experiences.

Among the new programs and courses this year are pre-algebra and algebra for middle school students, Prekindergarten-Head Start Partners Program, multi-media learning labs, bilingual education, drama and jazz band at the high school, and an alternative campus, Colorado County Cooperative Learning Center.

An emphasis will continue to be put on technology with Writing-to-Write labs installed at Eagle Lake Primary School and additional mini-labs at Eagle Lake Middle School and Rice High School. Teachers and administrators will also have expanded technical support.

Parents and community members are invited to become involved in our schools to assist in the student learning process.



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PRAIRIE EDGE MUSEUM NOTES

For the week for Aug. 26, 1993

Museums seem to be more popular, having grown in large numbers over the past few decades. One of the first ones I remember is the Witte Museum in San Antonio. I keep hoping I will get to visit there again soon.

I have had the pleasure of going to museums in the following places: Shiner, Columbus, Weimar, Egypt, Edna, La Grange, Independence, Washington-on-the-Brass, State Park, Stephen F. Austin State Park, Waco, Austin, Johnson City, Richmond, Gonzales and several sections of the Smithsonian in Washington, D.C. Bill Harrison told me this morning about a wonderful museum at Alpine.

If you watch Country Reporter on Channel 11, you might have seen the account of the young man who took such pride in restoring an old tractor that once was owned and driven by one of his loved ones. Not long ago, I wrote about a restored tractor that probably will be part of our museum artifacts soon.

One of the recent additions to Prairie Edge Museum is the exhibit honoring the memory of Howard C. "Fitz" Fitzgerald (1902-1959), who was an Eagle Lake citizen. There is a large framed photo of him with the information that, as a 17 year old freshman at University of Texas, he hit the ball and made a home run which won the game against TCU in the last inning.

There are articles concerning Fitz and also the minor and major leagues on which he played.

An outstanding part of the display is the baseball bat autographed by this outstanding player. Artifacts in the case are there courtesy of his son, Howard H. Fitzgerald. If you are a baseball fan you probably will especially enjoy this exhibit.

Another interesting addition to Prairie Edge is a large painting of the old Central Power and Light Company Ice Plant #5 here in Eagle Lake. This painting is the courtesy of Melissa and Alvin Simpson and was painted by Lenola McGee of Sour Lake in 1986. Bill Harrison Sr. constructed a very attractive wood frame for the picture which has been placed on the wall near the door to our auditorium.

We have several artifacts that pertain to the ice industry in the back part of the museum. Among these are ice tongs and an ice saw. Many of us can recall the postcard signs placed in good view for the one delivering the ice to see how many pounds our household wanted. Think of all that delicious ice cream that used to be delivered to our homes.

The Thrift Shop will be open again Sept. 4 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. There are lots of children's clothes available. I want to pay tribute to the memory of A.B. Cone who was indeed an inspiration to us who worked with him in the Sept. issue of Good Housekeeping magazine is a profound article on the subject of our roots. So many people are now showing

more awareness of this part of our lives by investigating, preserving and presenting for exhibit "jewels" of our heritage.

Do you ever find yourself wondering what happened to a favorite toy, book, letter or other beloved treasure? Some of these may still be tucked away for safe keeping. I write lots of letters and through the years have received many, some of which I still have. Letter writing is not a favorite form of communication for many people, but it continues to be a wonderful way to let people know that we care. It is also a valuable source of history.

I hope that many of the citizens of the community will plan to be at the meeting next Monday, Aug. 30, when we shall continue to discuss ways by which we can try to continue to make our community attractive for tourists. At the latest meeting, many good ideas were presented and there were lots of volunteers and other signs of willingness to cooperate. The meeting will be at Prairie Edge Museum at 6 p.m.

The museum is open on Saturdays and Sundays from 2 to 5 p.m. Call Bill Harrison Sr. at 234-2662 if you wish to arrange for a special tour.

I wish to close with part of the closing words in a letter written to me by my mother, the late Lizzie Stagner Allen, when I was a senior at Baylor University in 1929.

"... do your best & remember the easy problems in life don't amount to much."

Memorials

In memory of Rosemary Waddell: Mr. & Mrs. William J. Brunner, Mr. & Mrs. David Wintermann, Mr. & Mrs. J.H. Clippson, Mr. & Mrs. William Stapleton, Mrs. Jimmie Scott, Mr. & Mrs. Robert E. Wells Jr., Mr. & Mrs. Terry Landry, Mr. & Mrs. Simon Landry, Mr. & Mrs. Frank A. Higgins, Mr. & Mrs. William H. Harrison Sr., Mr. & Mrs. Bill Wegenhoft.

Also, Eagle Lake Community Hospital Auxiliary, Joe Lee McCree, Mr. & Mrs. Mark Anderson, Mr. & Mrs. Frank N. Davidson, Robert S. Martin, Mrs. Ed Hanly, Jewel Briscoe, Hattie Maye Dromgoole, Eunice Duit, Dorothy K. Cassidy, Mr. & Mrs. Lonnie Sommerlatte, Mr. & Mrs. Hugh Sheridan, Mr. & Mrs. O.W. Powers.

Also, Lora B. Thomas, Mrs. James L. Adkins, Evelyn W. Walsh, Mr. & Mrs. Gardner Duncan, Mr. & Mrs. J.R. Thomas, Mr. & Mrs. B.F. Blair, Mr. & Mrs. Jim Clippson Jr., Mr. & Mrs. Victor A. Scott, Mr. & Mrs. Walter L. Bauer, Mr. & Mrs. Raymond W. Waddell, Gussie F. Loessin, George Cason, Gary Braun and family, Bill Eby, Mr. & Mrs. George R. Burke Jr.

In memory of Eva Marshall: Mr. & Mrs. William Farris.

In memory of Adele Johnson: Mr. & Mrs. William Farris.

In memory of Leona Socha: Mr. Arthur Lundquist.

In memory of Norris Mascheck: Mr. & Mrs. Victor Mascheck.

In memory of Mary Louise Anderson: Mr. & Mrs. Draper Stephens.

In memory of Mrs. H.L. (Tommy) Neisenwerder: Mr. & Mrs. Williams Stapleton, Mrs. Ron J. Chambers.

In memory of Annie Mae Schulenburg: Mrs. Jimmie Scott, Mr. & Mrs. C.E. Ewitt, Mr. & Mrs. William Farris.

In memory of Mrs. Ludwig Schoellmann: Mrs. Arthur Lundquist.

In memory of Mrs. Frank Janak: George Cason.

In memory of Ophelia Raaber: Mr. & Mrs. David Wintermann, Mr. & Mrs. D.A. Thornton.

In memory of Johnnie A. Schmidt: Mr. & Mrs. J.H. Clippson Jr.

In memory of Carl W. Seasholtz Jr.: Mr. & Mrs. J.H. Clippson Sr., Mrs. Jimmie Scott, Mr. & Mrs. Simon B. Landry, Mr. & Mrs. William Stapleton, Mr. & Mrs. David Wintermann, Mr. & Mrs. Victor Mascheck, Barbara Pidgeon.

In memory of Katherine B. Fuller: Mr. & Mrs. William Stapleton, Doris and Temple Thomas, Kitty and Larry Sherlock, Jewel Briscoe, Amanda Randow.

In memory of Charles Krobeth: Eagle Lake Community Hospital Auxiliary.

In memory of Mary K. Frick: Mr. & Mrs. Victor Mascheck.

In memory of Alvin Kohleffelt: Eagle Lake Implement Company.

In memory of Oscar L. Ballew: Barbara Pidgeon, Mr. & Mrs. Bill Beitel.

By Elizabeth Boothe, Reporter

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1993 Property Tax Rates in Rice County, Independent School District

This notice concerns 1993 property tax rates for Rice County, Ind. school district. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the school district used to determine property taxes last year. This year's effective tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties used in both years. This year's rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the school district can set before it must hold a rollback election. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes and state funds by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

Last year's tax rate:	\$ 715.391
Last year's operating taxes	\$ 528.052
Last year's debt taxes	\$ 1,239.443
Last year's total taxes	\$ 2,766.798
Last year's tax base	\$ 4,467.7
Last year's total tax rate	\$ 619.000

This year's effective tax rate:	\$ 1,238.589
Last year's adjusted taxes	\$ 270,653.082
+ This year's adjusted tax base	\$ 4,561.5
= This year's effective tax rate	\$ 46,983
1.05 = maximum rate unless the school district publishes notices and holds hearing	\$ 46,983

This year's rollback tax rate:	\$ 3,393.558
School maintenance and operations component	\$ 271,613.057
+ This year's tax base	\$ 1,249.40
= This year's local maintenance and operating rate	\$ 1,309.40
+ 5.06 cents = this year's maximum operating rate	\$ 1,365.00
= This year's debt rate	\$ 1,467.9
= This year's rollback rate	\$ 1,467.9

Schedule A Unencumbered Fund Balances

The following estimated business will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

Type of Property Tax Fund	Balance
Maintenance & Operations	\$1,800,000
Interest & Sinking	\$32,000
	\$1,832,000

Schedule B 1993 Debt Service

The unit plans to pay the following amounts for long-term debts that are secured by property taxes. These amounts will be paid from property tax revenues (or additional sales tax revenues, if applicable).

Description of Debt	Principal or Current Payment to be Paid from Property Taxes	Interest to be Paid from Property Taxes	Other Amounts to be Paid	Total Payment
Bonds	\$	\$	\$	\$ 428,333

Total required for 1993 debt service	\$ 428,333
- Amount (if any) paid from funds listed in Schedule A	\$ 0
= Balance collections last year	\$ 2,305
= Total to be paid from taxes in 1993	\$ 426,028
= Amount added in anticipation that the unit will collect only 93.34 % of its taxes in 1993	\$ 2,330
= Total Debt Levy	\$ 428,358

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rate calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at: Colorado County, CAD, 1st Floor, County Courthouse, Columbus, Texas 77934.

Name of person preparing this notice: Bill Young
Title: chief appraiser
Date prepared: August 20, 1993



Happy 1st Birthday
Dustin
Love,
Mom, Dad & Colton