

OBITUARIES

Una Mae Gertson

January 22, 1932 - December 12, 1993

Una Mae Gertson, 61, of Eagle Lake, died Sunday, December 12, 1993, at 8:11 p.m. in Eagle Lake Community Hospital.

She was a native of Colorado County born January 22, 1932, to Rudolph and Mary Loring Lichey in New Belton.

She and James Gertson Sr. were united in marriage January 3, 1954, in Columbus. They resided in Eagle Lake.

She was an active member of Grace Lutheran Church and had been in bowling leagues and her "card group." She especially enjoyed the outdoors, fishing and deer camp.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Survivors include her husband of 40 years; daughter and son-in-law, Beverly and J.P. Krenk of Garwood; sons and daughter-in-law, James Gertson Jr., Mike and Donna Gertson of Eagle Lake; sisters and brothers-in-law, Lillian Knebel of Weimar, Evelyn and Dave Rau of Columbus; grandchildren, Kris, Cindy, Mike Ryan and Joshua Gertson, Tiffany, Jennifer and Nicole Krenk; numerous nieces, nephews, other relatives and loved ones.

Funeral services were scheduled to be held Wednesday, December 15,

at 10 a.m. in the chapel of Dulany Funeral Home of Eagle Lake with Rev. Walter Meyer, pastor of Grace Lutheran Church officiating. Interment was to follow in Lakeside Cemetery.

Named as pallbearers were Frank Tate and nephews Ralph Jr., Gayle,

Darrell and Andy Gertson, Jimmy and Dennis Knebel and Darrell Rau.

Honorary pallbearers were the Lee Roy Guthman family and the Deer Camp family.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

Jerry (I.J.) Inman

January 16, 1940 - December 11, 1993

Jerry (I.J.) Inman, 53, of Eagle Lake, died Saturday, December 11, 1993, in Memorial Southwest Hospital in Houston.

He had resided in Eagle Lake since 1988. Inman was born in Richland, Iowa, to Reed K. and Neva Smothers Inman on January 16, 1940.

He was a 1958 graduate of Bloomfield High School, Ia. His career in the music industry began with singing gospel music in church at an early age. He went to California in 1962 and spent over 25 years in the country music business.

He traveled throughout the United States and Orient, performing in concert tours, television and recording. He worked with Marty Robbins, Merle Haggard, Glen Campbell and others.

An avid horseman, Inman won several show class awards while in Ca. He enjoyed team roping, water skiing and fast draw contests where he also won awards.

He married Sybil Miles November 12, 1977, at Lake Havasu, Ca. They moved to Eagle Lake in 1988.

He was preceded in death by his father in 1965.

Survivors include his wife; mother, Neva Inman Attwood of Eldon, Ia.; son, Scott G. Inman of Ottumwa, Ia.; sister and brother-in-law, Shirley and Dale Walker of Farson, Ia. brothers and sisters-in-law, Reed and Marilyn Inman and Rick and Deb Inman of Des Moines, Ia., Henry Inman of Castro Valley, Ca.; one granddaughter; numerous nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were to be held Wednesday, December 15, at 2 p.m. in the chapel of Dulany Funeral Home of Eagle Lake. Rev. John Cunyus, pastor of First Christian Church of Houston, was to officiate. Interment was scheduled for Lakeside Cemetery in Eagle Lake.

Scheduled as pallbearers were R.L. Griffith, Bob Pierce and James Walker all of Mo., Jim Hagg, Cody Breeding and Rick Holden of Eagle Lake.

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Living Hope Church hosts World Missions Day

A special World Missions Day was hosted by the Living Hope Church with Pastors Joe and Mercy Fling in Eagle Lake, Sunday, Nov. 21.

Guest missionaries for the day were Bishop Francis Suza, Julio Sosa and Hector Montalvo.

Bishop Suza, a Kenyan, oversees 120 churches in three African nations. He said Kenya's greatest need is for teaching. "People need to hunger for the word of God."

Sosa, from Guatemala, assisted the worship throughout the day and shared his feeling that the church is God's plan to present the good news of Jesus Christ to the world.

Montalvo, who comes from Nuevo Leon, Mexico, shared his vision to build an orphanage and encouraged the church in missions work.

Also coming for the day's events were William D. Brooks of Agape Missions in Midland, Mich.; Robin and Ann Lattimore of Restoration Life Ministries in Columbus; and Mike Hrabal of Jalisco, Mexico.

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World Missions celebrated

Guests for the Living Hope Church World Missions Day include Hector Montalvo, Mike Hrabal, Bishop Francis Suza, William Brooks, Julio Sosa, Ann and Robin Lattimore, pictured from left to right.

Photo Courtesy of Joe Fling

Heritage House News

By Patricia Bubela, Activity Director

Residents at Heritage House enjoyed a pleasant visit from Gay Anderson last Tuesday afternoon for Bible Study. She sang hymns for the group and provided spiritual fellowship for all those attending. Thank you, Gay, for your thoughtfulness and for sharing God's word.

Anna Gay of Bonus visited with her father, J.B. Tobola, last week. Anna volunteered her time to help decorate the Christmas tree, residents' doors and to help with activities. We appreciate her visit. She also brought gifts for residents without families and we thank her for her many kindnesses.

Sister Perea and Sister Gunter of the Church of Latter Day Saints volunteered to decorate the residents' doors last Thursday. All the doors are wrapped "like a big gift" and the facility is in the Christmas spirit. All the

Heritage House staff and residents extend our sympathy to the families of Louis Naiser and Henry Petzel.

Celebrating their birthdays in December are the following residents: Ruth Wines, Dec. 6; Georgia Franks, Dec. 9; Bea Stovall, Dec. 10; Bessie Peters, Dec. 12; Mary Kozik, Dec. 16; Mary Barclay, Dec. 18; Billie Holoway, Dec. 24; Emma Isreal, Dec. 25; and Cecilia Keels, Dec. 28.

Several employees also have birthdays in December: Dorothy Hurd, Dec. 17; Charles Huffman, Dec. 18; Diana Scott, Dec. 19; Pat Flores and Wendy Gerner, Dec. 23.

Happy birthday to all of you.

Get well wishes go to Ann Shain, William Noska, Julie Cloot and Stanley Kucherka.

Hospital patients

The Eagle Lake Community Hospital released the following admissions and discharges for the week ending Dec. 5 and Dec. 12.

ADMISSIONS
Eagle Lake: James Watkins, Clodine Yell, Ann Shain, Willard Stuart, Stanley Kucherka, Ellie Kuehn; El Campo: Maria Cardoza and

DISMISSALS
Eagle Lake: Doris Black, Noelia Torres, Susie Davis, Byron Black, James Watkins, Clodine Yell, Ann Shain, Willard Stuart, Christine Fore and Baby Boy; Alveyton: William Noska; El Campo: Eduardo Gonzalez, Maria Cardoza and Baby Boy; Garwood: Mary Labray; New Ulm: Debra Pesschell and twin Baby Girls; Rock Island: Jacob Scarbrough.

Sheridan News

By Janet Dupré

Sheridan Park and Recreation Center (S.P.A.R.C.) has rescheduled their board of directors meeting for 6 p.m. Mon., Dec. 20, at Sheridan Fire Hall. There will be an election of officers and general business will be discussed, along with a review of the applications for grants. If you are interested in how park business is progressing, please attend.

Doesn't the tree at the park look beautiful? We should give Carmen, Ginger and Leah a big thank you. They have put in a lot of hard work. I understand this is only the beginning.

Sheridan Little League is planning a fund raiser for Saturday, Jan. 15, a Gumbo Supper. Advance ticket sales will be announced and the price for adults is \$5, children \$3. There will be a silent auction and donations are needed. Please contact Leah Ross at 234-2818 if you have something to donate. The Little League will accept cash donations also, and all donations are greatly appreciated.

Leah also mentioned that cakes were needed to go with the meal, so if you can bake and want to help out in this way, please give her a call.

Preschool that meets at the Sheridan Library has rescheduled for Tuesday, Dec. 21, at 10 a.m. instead of Monday. Be sure to mark your calendar because Santa Claus will be there.

Following his visit to the library, Santa will visit the Sheridan School. I hope all of the boys and girls have been extra good this year, because I know Santa doesn't want to keep all those toys his elves have been making.

Are you looking forward to having holiday guests? We would love to hear about them. Please give me a call at 234-3922 and I'll include your news in the Sheridan News.

Foot Facts

By Dr. Eric R. Tepper, Podiatrist

IT'S ROUND, IT'S HARD, IT'S A XANTHOMA!

Many of the lumps and bumps that occur on the foot appear on the bottom or sides, where most of the pressure and abuse from walking take place. Occasionally, however, growths do appear on the tops of the feet for no apparent reason. When such bumps are yellowish, round, and hard, with well-defined borders, chances are they are xanthomas. Benign tumors, xanthomas rise up in the protective outer coating of the tendon. In fact, they are sometimes referred to as "giant cell tumors of the tendon sheath". The growths are painless unless pressure or friction pushes them into surrounding tissue. Since xanthomas are fibrous in nature, they cannot be drained or deflated. Excision is the appropriate treatment.

Foot conditions may show many sides. They can be unpleasant, painful, worrisome, restricting, debilitating, or symptomatic of other problems within the body. Keep your feet in good standing with regular professional care and immediate attention to problems that may crop up. If you need the services of a foot care doctor and don't have a podiatrist at this time, we are currently accepting new patients for total foot care at the Eagle Lake Community Hospital (234-5571). I am there the first and third Tuesdays of the month.

P.S. You can tell a xanthoma from a common ganglion by touch. When pressed, xanthomas are hard while ganglions are resilient.

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St. Anthony student council officers elected

The student council at St. Anthony Catholic School in Columbus recently held 1993-94 officer election. Students in first through eighth grades voted in the election for officers to be selected from fifth through eighth grades.



The new student council officers at St. Anthony Catholic School standing from the left are Julie Motal, Brini Wood, Cindy Baron and Mandy Kuhn. Photo Courtesy of St. Anthony School

Julie Motal, eighth grade, was elected president; Brini Wood, eighth grade, vice president; Cindy Baron, eighth grade, secretary; and Mandy Kuhn, sixth grade, as treasurer.

Elected as student representatives from each grade were Sammi Gertson, eighth grade; Keith Garcia, seventh grade; Ann Stavinocha, sixth grade; Matthew Lillie, fifth grade.

Co-sponsors for the student council are Tracey Wegenhoff and Carolyn Bartosh.

The council conducts activities throughout the school year.

They held a food drive before Thanksgiving. Food items were collected from each student in all the classes along with a small monetary donation.

The food was divided and delivered to specific families by the student council and their teachers and sponsors. Each food basket included a grocery gift certificate to purchase meat. Eight food deliveries were made by the student group.

The next project is the annual Children's Clothing Drive now underway. This drive will benefit families in need of warm clothing for the winter. Students at the school are asked to bring clean, wearable clothing, shoes or blankets to their classrooms.

Student council officers will collect and separate the clothes by families according to the need. They hope to deliver the clothing before Christmas.

Other plans for the school year include a Valentine Dance, science bee, spelling bee, movie day and field events day.



Taylor, Balas engagement announced

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Stephens Taylor of Eagle Lake are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Tess Miranda, to Brian Thomas Balas. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Kent Balas of Eagle Lake.

Miss Taylor is a 1990 graduate of Rice High School. She attended Sam Houston State University where she was a Zeta Tau Alpha sorority pledge and Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity little sister. She is now completing her degree in psychology at the University of Houston.

Mr. Balas is a 1988 graduate of Rice High School. He received certification in respiratory therapy from Southwest Texas State University and was a member of Delta Chi fraternity. He earned a bachelor of science in health care administration from the University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston.

The couple plan to wed May 28 at the United Methodist Church in Eagle Lake.

Prairie Edge Museum elects new board members

The new members elected to the board of directors for Prairie Edge Museum have been announced.

The incumbent trustees whose terms are through the end of 1994 are Joe Lee McCreey, Grace Cooper, John Canaris and Lloyd Spalinger. Alternates are Elizabeth Boothe and newly elected Mary Baker.

For terms ending in 1995, the incumbents are Helen Craig, Victor Scott, Obie Rhodes and Jeanie Leopold with alternates Roy Tuttle and newly elected Louise Spalinger.

Elected as trustees for terms to end in 1996 are Ethel Cone, Suzanne Sykowski, Deborah Reed, Susan Hadley and alternates Anna Loessin and Catherine Clipson.

Officers for 1994 are President Victor Scott, Vice President Helen Craig, Secretary Grace Cooper and Treasurer Ethel Cone.

Study Club presents donation to library

The Eagle Lake Study Club has given a check for \$14,000 to the Winterman Library. This represents over \$12,000 raised at the club's annual auction and bake sale with additional funds from the club's treasury. Library board secretary/treasurer, Janet Schorlemmer, center, and Librarian Wanda Center, right, accept the donation from Fair Wells, auction chairman.

Headlight Photo by Jamie Reeves

Anderson, Sims exchange vows

Monday, Dec. 6, Angelina Anderson became the bride of Wilbert Sims Jr. The bride is the daughter of Mrs. Barbara Anderson. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbert Sims Sr.

Concert

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the Junior High Band made up of 125 musicians from the three schools' seventh and eighth grades and directed by Floyd Spennath. Their performed "Children's Christmas March", "A Kids Christmas", "Jangled Bells" (a jazzy version of "Jingle Bells") and "A Dash of Christmas".

Closing out the program were the members of the Mighty Raider Band, under the direction of Spennath and Drum Major Chris Burrow.

Their portion of the evening was started off with "A Carol Medley" ("Away in a Manger", "O Little Town of Bethlehem" and "Silent Night").

The Boston Pops Orchestra had nothing on the Raider Band when they struck up their second selection, "Sleigh Ride", which was written by Leroy Anderson for the Boston Pops. The Raider version could easily compete with what you hear on Channel 8.

Another medley, "Christmas Carol Medley" ("Deck the Halls", "Holly Old Saint Nick" and "Hark! Herald Angel Sings") kept the holiday mood going.

An arrangement by Spennath of "White and Blue Christmas" featured

the saxophone section while the keyboard section was featured with "Ring Christmas Bells"; also arranged by Spennath.

Closing out the musical selections was a third medley, "Christmas Memories" ("We Wish You a Merry Christmas", "All I Want for Christmas", and "Christmas Song and Waltz") and "Carol of the Drum".

Each one of the bands received enthusiastic applause from the packed house at the Rice High School Gym.

During the changing of bands, the Booster Club held their drawing for 51 prizes which had been donated by area businesses and individuals.

LAST MINUTE CHRISTMAS SHOPPERS' Arts & Crafts Show & Sale!

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Cosmetology plays host to professionals

The cosmetology department at Rice High School had four visitors during the past month. Marjorie Steadham, a professional manicurist from the River Oaks area, was the first guest for the VICA Club.

Joyce Scott came to represent Polish Perfection as a guest of the club. Della Dunaway represented Opi Nail Products.

These three professionals gave the students updates on nail care and new nail techniques.

Angie with Xenon Products was the final guest. She updated the students on the latest hair products by her company. She also demonstrated various haircuts on student volunteers.

The Cosmetology VICA Club has begun preparing for local and district contests.

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