

OBITUARIES

Willie Pinkney Castle

May 2, 1889 - March 13, 1994

Willie Pinkney Castle, 104, of Eagle Lake, died Sunday, March 13, 1994 at Heritage House in Eagle Lake where he had been a resident for the past five years.

Castle was born on May 2, 1889, to Henry and Ida Horton Castle in West Point, Fayette County. He was known to the community as "Uncle Willie" and lived 104 years.

Survivors include five nieces, Webb Young of Bastrop, Audrey Anderson, Houston, Ida Coleman, Cal, Patricia and Dorothy Louise Turner, Eagle Lake; nephew, Sylvester Castle of Eagle Lake; a host of great, great nieces and nephews, other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Saturday, March 19, at Greater Mount Olive Baptist Church in Eagle Lake. Rev. C.B. Frazier, pastor of Bethel Baptist Church in Sealy, officiated and Rev. R. Kiser, pastor, Doyal Knapp was organist and Mr. Hamilton was pianist.

Pallbearers were John Sylvester Thomas, Herman Robinson Jr., Michael Axel, James Foster and Willie Banks Jr. Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.



Alfonso A. Hernandez Sr.

January 10, 1932 - March 22, 1994

Alfonso A. Hernandez Sr., 62, of Eagle Lake, died Tuesday, March 22, 1994, in John Sealy Hospital at Galveston.

He was born January 10, 1932, in Montemorelos, Nuevo Leon, Mexico to Juan Antonio and Mariana Aguilar Hernandez.

In 1950, he married Oralia Perez in Mexico. They have resided in Eagle Lake for over 20 years and he worked for area sand and gravel plants as an operator. Hernandez was a member of Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church.

Survivors include his wife; four daughters and sons-in-law, Isabel and Christian Ruiz, Martha Hernandez of Sealy, Dora and Everardo Olguin of Eagle Lake, Monica and Lupe Fernandez of Houston; seven sons and daughters-in-law, Jose and Tereza Hernandez, Antonio Hernandez, Alfonso Hernandez Jr., Jesus and Isia Hernandez, and Pedro Hernandez all of Eagle Lake, Felipe and Elena Hernandez of San Joaquin, Ca., Roberto and Nermika Hernandez of Wallis; sisters, Margarita and Mirthala Hernandez of Mexico; brother, Santiago Hernandez of Mexico; 19 grandchildren; and a host of other relatives and loved ones.

A vigil service was held Thursday, March 24, at 5 p.m. in the chapel of Dulany Funeral Home in Eagle Lake. Funeral service was Friday, March 25, at 10 a.m. at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church with Rev. Eddie Winkler officiating. Interment followed in Lakeside Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Basilio Rodriguez Jr., nephews Martin Segura and Nicholas Lopez, sons-in-law, Christian Ruiz, Everardo Olguin and Guadalupe Hernandez. Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.



WCJC LVN grads score 100% passing

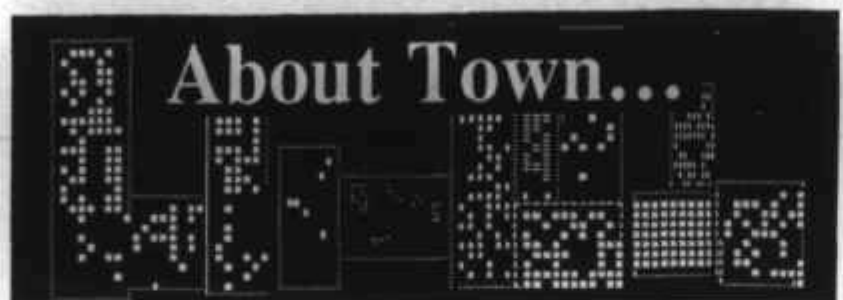
The Wharton County Junior College class of August licensed vocational nursing graduates all passed their state board exams. The 100% passing rate for the 22 students is in keeping with past graduates of the WCJC program.

Pictured in the front row from the left are Karrie Bradley and Josefina Zapalac of Wharton, Deborah Howard of Wallis, Kathleen Fay of East Bernard, Rachel Garcia of Wharton, Kimberly Wire of Bay City and Lori Deckard of Wallis.

Second row includes June Huggins of Wharton, Cathy Kallina of Garwood, Kamia Werland of El Campo, Portia Robinson of Eagle Lake, Elizabeth Hedstrom of El Campo and Velma Corcoran of Wharton.

In the third row are Sharon Fournier of El Campo, Bessie Allen of Wharton, Heidi Lawson of Palacios, Sandra Jones of El Campo, Fred Horn and Claudette Guzman of Bay City. David Glenn of Wharton and Michael Ramirez of Rosenberg are in back.

These nursing students completed their courses in Aug. 1993 and took the state exam in Oct. The results are now in to the school. The class that graduated in Dec. 1993 will take their state exam in April. WCJC Photo



"Well, Houston found us again Monday. Charles Hadlock, reporter for Channel 11 News, and his camera man Jim were in town during the afternoon gathering footage to be used in an upcoming segment on "Steve Smith's Sunday". The story is based on the diversity of life styles and economies through which Westheimer Road passes in its trek from Houston to Eagle Lake.

Hadlock said the piece would probably be aired April 10. Smith's hour-long Sunday morning show begins at 9:30 a.m.

"It was really good to see Elizabeth Boothe out and about Sunday night when she attended the Friends of the Father performance at the First Baptist Church. She's slimmer, but looking much better. She was also spotted Monday having lunch with a group of youngsters at Sportsman's Restaurant. We're glad you're feeling so much better!"

"According to the report of a grateful citizen, two young ladies, Dena Puskevsky and Jennifer Allen, were seen mowing the grounds of the vacant old Baptist Church on Lake Ave. It is so good to see the young take an interest in making our city look better.

"Speaking of making our city look better, don't forget your help is needed in the cleanup campaign before our wildflower tourists come to town. The Springtime Celebration starts Friday, April 8, and runs for that week and two weekends. Let's put a shine on our city and a smile on our faces!"

Southern Pacific Railroad reunion set

The eighth annual Glidden Southern Pacific Railroad Reunion is planned for Saturday, May 7, at the Veterans Community Center in Columbus.

Activities will get underway at the reunion at 8 a.m.

A catered barbecue beef and sausage dinner is to be served at noon and country-western dancing kicks off from 2:30 to 6 p.m.

Send reservations with payments to the Glidden SP Railroad Reunion, in care of Charlie Herche, RR 3 Box 3253, Columbus, TX 78934. For information call 409-732-3606.



Catherine Grace Cooke

The mother is the former Becky Benge of Eagle Lake.

Her maternal grandparents are Major and Sandra Benge of Eagle Lake.

Paternal grandparents are Daniel E. and Jimmie Cooke of Kermis.

Great grandparents are Woodrow and Edna Russell of Marble Falls, Myrtle Benge of Tivoli and Nettie Crocker of Calhoun City, Miss.

Annie Mae Downes of Marble Falls is her great grandmother.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronny Little of Schulenburg announce the birth of their first child, a daughter, on March 18, 1994, at 10:14 p.m. in Eagle Lake Community Hospital.

Kacy Nikole Little weighed four pounds and 15 ounces at birth. The attending physician was Dr. John Lane.

Maternal grandparents are Sidney and Marlene Perry of Altair. Paternal grandparents are Bobby and Sharon Little of Schulenburg.

Great grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Little of Somerville, E.J. Bryant of Schulenburg, Mrs. Buck Perry of Altair and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Elisson of Port Arthur.

The mother is the former Patty Perry.

Did You Know... The first covered wagons made the trek from the Missouri River to the Rocky Mountains in 1830.

The first free clinic in the U.S. was established by Dr. Benjamin Rush in Philadelphia in 1786.

To keep children's modeling clay moist and pliable, wrap it in aluminum foil.

NEW LIFE FELLOWSHIP: Hwy. 90A, Sheridan, Del. Sanford, Pastor: 234-3276.

THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS: 600 W. St., Sealy, Robert Lyle, Branch Pres.

CHURCH OF CHRIST: 815 Milam, Columbus, Texas. Roy V. Palmer, Minister.

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Celebration

quilters are invited to come by, share stories and expertise or just pick up a needle and have fun.

Tickets will also be sold for a drawing to win the quilt they make during the celebration. The drawing will be held at 4 p.m. April 17.

Parish events are planned at the Knights of Columbus Hall, FM 3013 at Hwy. 90A in Eagle Lake beginning with a Pot-O-Wildflowers contest Saturday, April 16. Judging begins at 9 a.m. with winners announced at 10.

Everyone is urged to take part to give visitors a close-up view of the wildflowers of our area.

Doors will be open at the KC Hall from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. for a craft show and sale with food items sold all day.

The quilting bee will be moved to the KC Hall for Saturday and Sunday, April 16-17, with demonstrations all day.

The evening performance of the Rosenberg Opry is also set for the KC Hall April 16 beginning at 7 p.m. Foot stompin' music can be enjoyed for \$5 a ticket in advance. The Opry tickets are available from the parish office, Shirley Wilkerson or Margaret Briscoe. Tickets will be \$8 at the door for adults and \$3 for children under 12.

Sunday, April 17, will be packed with action. Craft booths open at 9 a.m. A fried chicken dinner is to be served at 11:30 a.m. for \$5 a plate. Sladika Aviation of Danbury will also be giving helicopter rides beginning at 11:30 for a small fee.

A barbecue cookoff will get underway Sunday with cooking teams competing with their briskets. A horseshoe pitching tournament and rice cookoff will be going on at the same time. The rice dish contest is for rice side dishes and dessert.

Winners of the cookoffs will be presented with their awards at 4 p.m. Tasting plates will be available, too. Everyone is invited to come enjoy.

the April Fest KC Hall activities as part of the Springtime Celebration. For additional details about any of the April Fest activities contact the parish office at 234-2842.

Student art contest set for celebration

The annual student art contest is again underway as part of the Springtime Celebration in Eagle Lake. John Canaris is in charge of the contest.

The art contest is open to all students in the Eagle Lake area in prekindergarten through eighth grade. This year the subject is not limited to wildflowers. The art can depict anything that shows springtime or about anything listed in the celebration brochure.

Chaplain Ruby Catherine Isgrig recited a prayer and Regent Laura Ann Rau led members in the salute to the Texas flag and pledge to the U.S. flag.

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All the art entries will be displayed at the museum during the 10-day celebration for everyone to view and vote on. At the end of the festival, April 17, the votes will be counted and winning art announced.

Gift certificates will be given to first, second and third place winners. The brochures telling about Eagle Lake's Springtime Celebration are available from the Chamber of Commerce office in the Prairie Edge Museum.

Students may pick them up. Among the events and activities are the Rotary Club city tour, the walking tour of town, Prairie Edge Museum, the Alligator Farm and the Atwater Prairie Chicken Refuge, the Eagle Lake, classic car rally, antique tractors, barbecue cookoff and Rosenberg Jambores.

For additional information about the art contest call John Canaris at 234-5933.

Harrison hosts DAR

The John Everett Chapter of Daughters of the American Revolution met March 14 in the home of Rosanne Harrison in Eagle Lake.

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Second graders visit hospital

Eagle Lake Primary School second grade students visited the Eagle Lake Community Hospital on March 3. Jasmine Smith, Tina Zapata, Hillary Aguilar, Roger Toriz, Roland Luna, Brandon Jenkins, Angel Rico and Stephen Aguilar watch as Aaron Yanez is hooked up to a heart monitor machine. The children learned about medical careers and left with masks, hair coverings, coloring books, cookies and balloons.

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Jackson, Shorter announce plans to wed

Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Jackson Sr. of Mexia, announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Patricia Delena, to Rev. Coby Shorter III, son of Rev. and Mrs. Coby Shorter Jr. of Eagle Lake.

The bride elect is a graduate of Prairie View A&M University with a bachelor of science degree in agricultural economics. She is employed in Austin with the U.S. Dept. of Commerce Economic Development Administration as an economic adjustment program specialist.

Shorter is a graduate of Texas A&M University with a bachelor of science degree in agricultural economics. He is currently pastor of Rosewood Avenue Baptist Church in Austin. He is also employed as director for agricultural business policy with the Texas Dept. of Agriculture.

The couple plans to wed May 28 at David Chapel Baptist Church in Austin.

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NEWS FROM THE U.S. ARMED FORCES

Marine Sgt. Robert Baca

...son of Melvin and Dorothy Baca of East Bernard, recently received a meritorious mast.

He was cited for outstanding service while assigned to Marine Aviation Detachment, China Lake, Calif.

The meritorious mast is an official recognition from a marine commanding officer for superior individual performance. It is issued as a bulletin published throughout the command and a copy is in the Marine's permanent service record. Baca joined the Marines in June 1986.

During the course at fleet combat training center in Dam Neck, Virginia Beach, Va., students learned to operate surveillance and search radars, recognize and identify electronic signals and control aircraft approach devices among other things.

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