

OBITUARIES

Lem Alley November 22, 1906 - May 1, 1994

Lem Alley, 87, of Columbus, died Sunday, May 1, 1994.

He was born in Colorado County on November 22, 1906, to Bill and Hennie Alley.

He grew up in this area and was employed by the City of Columbus for a number of years. He was married to Laura Lowe.

Alley was preceded in death by his

parents, wife and two stepsons. Survivors include two brothers, Tom B. and Jessie Alley, and Lelious Alley of Columbus; two stepdaughters; a stepson; other relatives and loved ones.

Funeral services were held Thursday, May 5, at 1 p.m. in the First Church of the Nazarene, Columbus, Rev. L. Burney, pastor. Rev. G.W. Clark officiated and Ben Davis Fu-

John S. Clare

Austin with Rolland McLean officiating.

Graveside service and interment will be at 2:30 p.m. in Lakeside Cemetery in Eagle Lake.

Local arrangements are under the direction of Dalany Funeral Home.

All past and active Lions Club

members are named as honorary pallbearers.

Memorials may be made to the Texas Lions Camp, P.O. Box 246, Kerrville, TX 78029.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

Cajun Fest to help restore bell tower

A Cajun Festival will arrive in Wallis on Sunday, May 22, for Guardian Angel Catholic Church parishioners and the community.

This first-ever Cajun Fest is to be a fund raising project for restoring the historic bell tower on the church building.

Cajun music by Wilbert Tibodeaux and Zydeco Rascals is scheduled from 3 to 7 p.m. along with a full day of Cajun cuisine and fun. There

will be an auction, games and Las Vegas games.

Serving begins at 11 a.m. for the shrimp gumbo, sausage and red beans over rice, Cajun pepper slaw and French bread.

Proceeds will be used to restore the bell tower that has deteriorated from rain and water damage since it was erected over 80 years ago. The present building was designed by Leo Delman of San Antonio and built by Jan Bujnoch of Wallis.

Excavation for the building began in May 1913 and the cornerstone blessed in June. A violent Gulf storm caused extensive damage to the almost completed church building on Aug. 16, 1915, but it was completed and blessed on Oct. 21, 1915. All work on it was completed by 1917.

The restoration of the tower will involve removing the top portion from the tower by crane, rebuilding the base and restoring the entire structure.

Columbus welcomes Magnolia Homes Tour, Springtime Festival, art show

May 21-22 will be an eventful, exciting weekend for Columbus. The historic town will put out the welcome mat for visitors to the 33rd annual Magnolia Homes Tour of restored homes seldom open to the public. In addition, visitors will join in the Springtime Festival including the 40th annual Live Oak Arts and Crafts Show and Sale.

There will be entertainment, historic sights, activities, food, fun and artistic opportunities. All this is served up with Texas style southern hospitality.

There will be live music, sidewalk cafe, wine and beer garden, the tour of six historic structures and other local attractions such as the Daughters of the Confederacy Museum, Wildlife Museum and Masonic Lodge.

There will be an antique auto display, buggy and surrey rides, assorted



food booths and games for children and adults. A silent auction to benefit the Stafford Opera House is planned Friday night from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

There will be live entertainment throughout the day on stage in the tent. The Columbus Country Jamboree takes the stage from 12 to 6 p.m. The day wraps up with a presentation of the play "Alone Together" at 7:30 p.m. in the Opera House and a street dance from 9 to midnight.

The Sunday activities will be from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. with the tours from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

This year's homes on the tour will include the Keith-Traylor House Museum at 806 Live Oak. Also called Lura, it was recently donated to the Magnolia Homes Tour Inc. and is making its debut as a completed restored home.

The "Victorian" Steiner-Hastedt Home, built in 1883, has been completely restored. This is the first time it had been shown on the tour since 1962, the inaugural year of the tours. It is located at 1336 Milam and is now a bed and breakfast owned by Carolyn Youens Hastedt.

The tour also includes Wittig-Hahn-Weatherly Home at 426 Front St., 1886 Stafford Opera House at 425 Spring St., the Seintgen-Brandon Home Museum at 616 Walnut St. and the Gant House, a German style cottage, at 936 Bowie St.

For more information or theater tickets call 409-732-5135.

Mail voting underway for 'Silver-Haired Legislators'

Registered voters in Colorado County who were 60 years of age or older by Jan. 1 of this year can begin casting their mail ballots for their representative in Texas' Fifth Silver-Haired Legislature.

Mail ballots cast by senior citizens must be postmarked no later than Friday, May 20, and be sent in the postage-paid, self-addressed envelope which they will receive when they request a ballot.

A mail ballot and the postage-paid envelope for its return may be obtained by telephoning the office of Chief Coordinator Caroline Osborne of the Colorado County Senior Citizens Organization at 409-732-5606 in Columbus.

Colorado County is paired with the adjoining counties of Austin, Fort Bend, and Waller in selecting a delegate to the 1994 Silver-Haired Legislature. Harold G. Murdock of Rosenberg is the only candidate who filed as

a candidate for the four-county area's seat in the 1994 session.

The area's 1994 representative will join with 115 other delegates aged 60 or over in Sept. to form the Silver-Haired Legislature, which, in its three days of sessions in Austin, will consider and vote on issues which concern the needs of older Texans of both today and tomorrow.

The group will make recommendations directly to the 1995 regular session of the Texas Legislature when it convenes in Austin next Jan.

The record of the first four Silver-Haired sessions shows that some 70% of their recommendations were considered at the next regular session of the State Legislature.

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can Ranch sells a number of bulls to Gene Autry and Associates for use in rodeo competition.

Dee Sopchak is seriously injured in a wreck... The temperature dropped to a low of 24 degrees... The USS Johnnie Hutchins leaves from Pearl Harbor this week, named for the Congressional Medal of Honor winner John D. Hutchins, seaman first class, who was killed in the invasion of Iwo Jima.

Receiving discharges this week were S-Sgt. William E. Buddy Pinchback, T-4 Monroe Eaton, Capt. S.J. Mobley... Mrs. Maud Morse, mother of Mrs. E.J. Morse dies at age 85... Robert P. Wilcox Jr. is listed on the honor roll at Southwestern University.

Phm. 3-C Raymond Thomas writes that he is visiting in the China area on his tour of duty in the Navy... Jimmy Mathis accepts a position of yard clerk with the Santa Fe Railway... Miss Sue Colly arrived from Nashville, Tenn. for a visit with her parents, Mr. & Mrs. J.R. Colly.

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The Rice High School Raider Band has chosen its leaders for the 1994-95 school year.

Beth Buckner, daughter of James and Rebecca Buckner Jr. of Eagle Lake, will be the drum major.

Head twirler will be Rebecca Burrow, daughter of Randy and Carolyn Burrow. The four twirlers are Jodi Heard, daughter of T.L. Holden; Joy Hengst, daughter of David and Pam Hengst; Jackie Schmitt, daughter of Melvin and Debra Schmitt; and Leigh Brisco, daughter of Reggie and Barbara Brisco.

Flag captain will be Jessica Whinnant, daughter of Bob and Julie Whinnant.

The flag corps will include Kelly Thomson, daughter of Sam and Sandy Thomson; Jill Satsky, daughter of Edward and Judith Satsky; and Sunny Gerton, daughter of Ralph and Connie Gerton.

Also in the flag corps are Rachel Mathis, daughter of George Mathis and Ann Pavlik; Kim Henske, daughter of Mike and Penny Henske; Courtney Parker, daughter of Katherine Parker; Jennifer Krenk, daughter of J.P. and Beverly Krenk; and B.J. Salazar, daughter of Billy and Archie Salazar.

Bad weather lowers attendance at second town meeting

If you were not one of the twenty or so citizens who braved the nasty weather on Saturday, April 30, to attend the second town meeting, you missed all the information shared by Eagle Lake Police Chief A.E. "Buck" Hall and County Youth and Family Services.

Howard presented a short film concerning the dangers of inhalants after she explained the purpose of her agency which is funded with state and federal grants. The film presentation covered a full range of information on inhalants from what they are to how they're used by young people and what can be done to deter usage.

Following the film, Howard urged everyone to educate themselves on inhalants for their children's sake. "Inhalants are all around us in everyday life," she said. "You need to know what they are, how they're used and what the warning signs of usage are in order to protect your children," she concluded.

Chief Hall followed Howard with a discussion of gangs in the area and provided information which could be used to stop their growth. A "Community Awareness Bulletin" concerning gangs was among the handouts available to those in attendance.

Hall also touched on Operation I.D. which has been instituted by the Eagle Lake Police Department and urged all citizens to mark and record serial numbers on their valuables. Operation I.D. forms, which were available at the meeting, can be obtained from Crime Stoppers or the police department.

When Rev. Joe James took the floor for a short time, he drew a parallel between the Bible story of Gideon and the situations Chief Hall and his

officers have to fight. James commented on the low turnout at the meeting by urging everyone present to "wake up your neighbors and get their attention." He concluded by stating, "Our minds need to be changed to get things done here in Eagle Lake."

One citizen who braved the pouring rain to take part, Lila Armstrong, complimented Hall on the addition of

officers, especially during the night shift, and related how it had helped when a problem developed at her home.

Attending the meeting were eight of the 12-man force: Hall, Officers Stephen Smith, Brian Davis, Keith Norman, Eric Bilbo, Patrick Oliveras, Eric Hart and Jake Garcia.

Chief Hall reminded everyone that

it will take a combined effort between the police and the community to resolve the crime problem. "Until we get together and tackle our problems, we cannot resolve them. You're our eyes and ears... we need you," he concluded.

The next meeting is tentatively set for July. Be there!

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Brast descendants gather for 16th reunion

Descendants of the late Adolph and Theodore Brast held their 16th annual reunion at the Lux Camphouse in Sealy on Sunday, May 1. The family and friends visited, shared a covered dish luncheon and memories.

Present from Sealy were Hattie Peschka, the oldest relative; Leroy and Elaine Brast; Lucinda Lilly and daughter, Alexis Billig; Victor and

Shirley Brast; Kenneth Brast and nephew, Garrett Lee Brast. Annie May Schmidt was there from Eagle Lake. Monty and Robert Brast Sr. with their son Russell attended from Wharton; Kenneth and Delores Vasina, Houston; Homer and Eleanor Kansteiner, Binnie and Betty Jean Kansteiner and Deana Brast, Columbus; Marcus and Tille Brast of Wallis; from Bellville.

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Scientists have studied melatonin for several years and have discovered certain effects it has on the body. For example, melatonin enhances enzymes that help produce brain chemicals such as serotonin and dopamine. Both chemicals are important in the transfer of messages in the brain and nervous system.

Melatonin has been evaluated in the treatment of jet lag, a problem related to changes in body rhythms. Melatonin is secreted during hours of darkness and may play an important role in maintaining normal sleep. When given in doses of 5 mg daily by mouth for one week (starting three days before travel), melatonin has been shown to be helpful in alleviating jet lag in long flights. The hormone also may be useful in delayed sleep syndrome.

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SEALY ASSEMBLY OF GOD: 1140 Meyer St., Sealy; Warren Richardson, Pastor.

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Eagle Lake Community Hospital Patients

The Eagle Lake Community Hospital reported the following admissions and discharges for the week ending May 8.

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