

OBITUARIES

James 'Jim-Bo' Gertson Jr.

October 14, 1954 - July 19, 1994

James "Jim-Bo" Gertson Jr., 39, of Eagle Lake, died Tuesday, July 19, 1994, at his residence. He was born in Eagle Lake October 14, 1954, to James D. and Una Mae Lively Gertson. Gertson lived in Eagle Lake all his life. He graduated from Rice High School in 1973 and attended Southwest Texas State University in San Marcos. His lifetime career was in agriculture, rice farming in this area. He was a member of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church.

He was preceded in death by his mother December 12, 1993. Survivors include his father; children, Kris and Cindy Gertson of Garwood; sister and brother-in-law, Beverly and J.P. Krenke of Garwood; brother and sister-in-law, Mike and Donna Gertson of Eagle Lake; nieces, nephews, other relatives and loved ones.

A rosary was scheduled Wednesday, July 20, at 7 p.m. in Dulany Funeral Home Chapel in Eagle Lake. Interment will follow in Lakeside Cemetery. Dulany Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Named as pallbearers are Kurt Thomas, Tommy Guthman, Gary Obenhaus, Terry Williams, Jerry Fink and Larry Rodgers. Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

Harcell (Little Dan) Montgomery Jr.

July 14, 1951 - July 9, 1994

Harcell (Little Dan) Montgomery Jr., 42, of Eagle Lake, died Saturday, July 9, 1994.

He was born on July 14, 1951, the third child of Harcell and Alvie Montgomery.

He was baptized at an early age by Rev. Coby Shorter Jr. and was a member of the Eagle Lake Community Male Choir under the leadership of the late Beatrice Pope.

Montgomery attended E.H. Henry School and graduated from Eagle Lake High School in 1969.

On September 29, 1972, he married JoAnn Powell. They had two sons.

Survivors include three sons, Terry, Harcell III and Jermaine Montgomery, all of Houston; daughter, Candice of Eagle Lake; parents; grandmother, Anna Coleman of Eagle Lake; sister and brother-in-law, Anna and Leon Bratcher of Houston; brothers, Robert, James and Bruce Montgomery of Eagle Lake; one granddaughter; aunts, nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Funeral services were held Thursday, July 14, at 11:30 a.m. at Providence Baptist Church, Eagle Lake, with Rev. Coby Shorter Jr. officiating. Interment followed at Elm Grove Cemetery. Mann Funeral Home of

Eagle Lake was in charge of arrangements. Serving as pallbearers were Allen Ray Hurd, Sammy Chavis, Keith Austin, Royce McMillian, Terry and Delbert Jarvis.

Named honorary pallbearers were

Eagle Lake Community Hospital Patients

The Eagle Lake Community Hospital announced the following patients for the week ending July 10 and 17.

ADMISSIONS
Eagle Lake: Edna Fouts, Stanley Kucharka, Dora Larsen, Susan Gertson, H.E. Tate; Wharton: Robirha Mitchell, Juan Garcia; Columbus: Denise Venhaus & Baby Boy; Rock Island: Ernest Moss.

DISMISSALS
Eagle Lake: Charlene Konesheck, Louise Spangler, Edna Fouts, William Reiman, Florence Mitchell; Wharton: Brenda Smith & Baby Boy, Robirha Mitchell, Juan Garcia; Columbus: Laquida Sewell & Baby Boy,

Denise Venhaus & Baby Boy, Karen Broussard & Baby Girl, Yvette Ybarbo & Baby Boy; El Campo: Eduardo Gonzales; Sealy: Clem Buchala.

Mormons commemorate Utah pioneers of 1847

In commemoration of the Mormon pioneers arrival in the Salt Lake Valley of Utah on July 24, 1847, the missionaries of the Sealy District of the Texas Houston Mission are planning a hand cart pull from Eagle

North Lake Baptist Church Missionary Lessons for June

The June theme was "Care and Counseling of Members". Care means to watch over or have an interest for. Counseling means to give good advice or discussion, reasoning and coming to a conclusion.

First Week: The nature of pastoral counseling, Acts 4:32. Nature means the qualities one seems to be born with. Pastoral means a shepherd and his duties or responsibilities to his membership. Acts 20:28 reads "Take heed therefore unto yourselves and to all the flock over which the Holy Ghost made you overseers to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood."

It is the pastor's high and holy duty as well as privilege to instruct the membership to understand God and do his will. The gospel is the power of God unto salvation. Saving souls or making disciples should be the pastor's object.

Second Week: Using available services in the community, Psalms 24:1.

We must always keep in mind that the "Earth is the Lord's" and the fullness thereof the world and all that dwell therein. "Saying that we do not own anything. God is in full control while we are in charge, meaning the Shepherd should make personal and community resources available to bless others."

Circumstances of life can cause one to be in need of community service. Everything we need was spoken

into existence in the beginning. God is the source of all blessings, temporal and spiritual. All that we have and are, we owe to God.

Third Week: The church and its counseling ministry, Luke 4:18-19. It is a tragedy for a minister to be confused on how to deal with God's people. He must have confidence that Jesus Christ is the answer to the needs of the world.

Many people are puzzled about the meaning and purpose of life. If the minister would understand the chemistry of the blood of Jesus Christ, he would step in the flow of faith. Then the Word and the Holy Spirit, which is the master teacher, will guide them into the deep mysteries of truth, and to see a glimpse of the glory of an unseen spirit.

Dr. Luke wrote, "the spirit of the Lord is upon me because he hath anointed me to preach the Gospel to

the poor. He sent me to heal the broken hearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, giving sight to the blind and set at liberty them that are bruised."

Fourth Week: Concern for the whole person, John 3:16. Just as God is one with three persons—God, the father, God, the son and God the Holy Spirit—we, being created in His image, also have three persons: mind, body and spirit.

A pastor must be motivated by true love to be concerned for the whole person. For God loved and gave the best for our ransom. In order for the pastor to capture our minds in counseling, it takes a dedicated, consecrated, mediated, blood cleansing minister to be able with the ability to counsel God's people in God's way.

Pastor: Rev. J.H. James; general teacher, Sis. Inola Johnson; teachers, Sis. V. Field, A. Hearn, B. Johnson and B. McTear.



New sibling class completed at STMC

South Texas Medical Clinic's newest class for siblings of expected babies completed their tours. The children were taught by Alice Koenig, nurse educator, about the birth and experienced a tour of the hospital and nursery.

The July 2 class included Jacob Wright, Michael Minton, Olivia Wall, Sarah Leeth, Brooke Novosad, Brent Gold, Tasha and Kaylisha Bucke, Cameron Orsak, Reginal Pratt, Aaron Weaver, Kamil Miller and Lindsay Meador.

The next class is scheduled in Sept. Photo Courtesy of STMC

WCJC hosts tribute to Dr. Schuhmann

A memorial tribute will honor Dr. J. Daniel Schuhmann at Wharton County Junior College Sunday.

The WCJC board of trustees, Foundation board and the family will host a tribute to Dr. Schuhmann July 24 from 2 to 4 p.m. at First United Methodist Church Fellowship hall in East Bernard. Mrs. Dorothy Schuhmann and family will be the special

guests. Dr. Schuhmann, a pioneer medical doctor in Wharton County, served as trustee of WCJC for almost 25 years. He served from 1968 to 1992, five years as chairman of the board.

He garnered numerous honors and awards during his life for civic, professional and humanitarian achievements. The City of East Bernard, the school board, Lion's Club and several medical associations recognized his contributions.

The trustees will honor the memory of Dr. Schuhmann, outstanding trustee, friend, humanitarian and example of selfless service with a memorial at the college.

During his tenure on the board, the college prospered. Under his guidance as chairman the enrollment increased, the college expanded its influence into surrounding counties and matured, with sound management and high quality educational programs.

Dr. Schuhmann was especially supportive of medical educational programs. As a result of his vision, WCJC supports a comprehensive health education program.

Thousands of students have been trained there over the years in nursing, dental hygiene, medical laboratory technology, medical records and physical therapy assistant.

Summer readers learn about Pecos Bill

Kay Thomas read the stories of Pecos Bill and Pecos Bill Rides a Tornado, a West Texas legend, to children at the Wintermann Library Wednesday, July 13, during the story hour.

Each child then made a saguaro cactus to take home as a craft project. Photo by Charlene Rodgers



A NEW ARRIVAL

Ivah Elizabeth Broussard
Mr. and Mrs. C.J. Jim Broussard Jr. of Columbus announce the birth of their first child, a daughter, on July 12, 1994, at 10:07 p.m. in Eagle Lake Community Hospital.

Ivah Elizabeth Broussard weighed five pounds, six ounces and measured 18 inches at birth. Attending physician was Dr. Russell Thomas.

Her maternal grandparents are Nancy and Gene Schobel of Columbus. Her paternal grandparents are C.J. Broussard Sr. of Columbus and the late Ivah Ruth Broussard, Frankie and Edgar Schobel of Columbus are great grandparents.

The mother is the former Karen Schobel.

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CLUB & ORGANIZATION NEWS

FFA leader attends camp

Columbus FFA member Tara Hagedorn, district IV treasurer, attended the Area III Leadership Camp June 13-15 in Sealy at the J-Bar-J. She took part in various leadership workshops at the camp for area officers. She met and talked with 1993-94

state FFA officers who were also at the camp.

The district IV and VI officers plan to hold their camp Aug. 8-9 at the J-Bar-J. All Columbus FFA Chapter officers are required and look forward to attending the August camp.

Pilot Club installs new officers

The Pilot Club of Eagle Lake held its installation of officers for 1994-95 at their June 22 meeting. Becky Van De Riem of the El Campo Pilot Club performed the installation service. She is a close friend of incoming Eagle Lake president, Ann Zbrank.

Other officers are President-Elect Barbara Pidgeon, Vice President Nancy Grasshoff, Treasurer Loraine Smith, Recording Secretary Janet Schorlemmer and Corresponding Secretary Jeanette Zajack. The new directors are Linda Lippert, Sandy LeBoeuf and Lucille Perry.

The room was decorated in yellow and green with ivy and candles on each table. As the officers were installed, each was presented with a pink carnation.

Outgoing President Lucille Perry presented a crystal dish to each of the coordinators for their dedicated work

during the past year. Receiving dishes were Barbara Pidgeon, projects; Dorothy Kohleff, club operations; and Sandy LeBoeuf, fund raising. Perry pinned the president's pin on Zbrank. New President Zbrank then pinned Barbara Pidgeon with the president-elect pin.

Pilot Chams were presented to all who had 100% attendance during the 1993-94 club year.

Wiese class celebrates Fourth

The home of Orson and Elaine Hess on McCarty St. in Eagle Lake was the site for the July 4th celebration of the Methodist Wiese Sunday School class.

The party was hosted by Frank and Anna Lee Higgins and the Hesses. Class members and guests mingled, enjoying iced juices and

Rotary announces new officers

A new slate of officers was installed for the Rotary Club of Eagle Lake June 29. T.J. Smith was the installing officer.

Smith reminded each officer of his privileged responsibility and every member of his continued dedication to the life of service.

New officers for 1994-95 are Ronnie Sedgwick, president; Jerry McNeely, vice president and president-elect; Robert Griffith, treasurer; Blair Hickey, secretary; and Jim Buckner, past president. Chairmen are Sam Thomson, club service; Jim Buckner, community service; Russ Minter, international service; and John Myers, vocational service.

Smith noted that Rotary is now in 149 countries and that every 12 hours a new club is chartered. He stressed

the importance of each member doing his share in each project.

He reminded members of the Rotary four-way test: Is it the truth? Is it fair to all concerned? Will it build good will and better friendships? Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

President Sedgwick told members of his plans for the new year. He has already begun by calling two directors' meetings. Among his objectives are to encourage women and minorities to join the club, make a report on a budget, participate with Columbus and Weimar clubs in a soft drink concession at the county fair, and encourage members to make up attendance at other clubs.

He then presented the past president's pin and a plaque to Buckner.

Frank Davidson was presented with the Rotarian of the Year plaque.

Swoboda, Tupa announce wedding plans

Marvin and Linda Swoboda of Garwood, announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Shawn, to Danny Tupa, son of Benny and Lena Tupa of El Campo.

The couple plan to wed Sept. 24 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Nada. The bride elects a 1986 graduate of Rice High School. She received her bachelor of elementary education from Sam Houston State University in 1992 and is currently teaching in the Boling School District.

Tupa is a 1988 graduate of El Campo High School. He is employed with Ozarka Springs in El Campo.

Trade instruments for musical show tickets

Donate a musical instrument to Project Play It Again Houston and receive two tickets to The ExSightment of Sound, Houston's seventh annual world class competition of the top drum and bugle corps across the

United States. Slated Saturday, July 23, at 7:30 p.m. in Rice University Stadium in Houston, the ExSightment of Sound combines pagantry, musical excellence and championship sports competition.

Russians visit Columbus last week

Russians in the process of modeling a grassroots agricultural organization for the former Soviet country were in Texas last week. On their tour they visited in Columbus Thursday, July 14.

The delegation came to Texas as part of an exchange program between the Texas Farm Bureau and AKKOR, Russia's newly created agricultural organization.

While here, the delegation met with TFB President Bob Stallman. They toured the state's vegetable,

cotton, cattle, rice, soybean and wheat production areas. A stop at Columbus included tour of Stallman's rice farm in Colorado County during the morning.

In the afternoon, they saw Steve Gertson's large family operation and flying service in East Bernard as well as Ross Worlth's rice and soybean operation.

The group also made stops during the week at Gonzales, Shiner, Yoakum, Hallettsville, Gilmer and Ore City before departing from Dallas on Sunday.

PJs to hold summer program

The Prairie Edge Juniors (PJs) will have a summer program in drama the end of this month, director Deborah Reed has announced.

All area children, ages five through 15 are invited to attend the three week program. The program is free.

"We will have lots of fun and learn all about acting," Reed said. She explained they will cover voice work,

singing, movement and dance, mime, story building and drama games. The PJs will meet Tuesday and Thursday from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. at the Prairie Edge Museum beginning July 26 and end with a free concert Aug. 11 to show off what they have learned to parents and friends.

Everyone, five to 15, is invited to participate. For any additional information contact Reed at 234-2601.

Deadline nears to register for family land heritage

The deadline for submitting applications in the Texas Family Land Heritage Program is Aug. 15. Texas Agriculture Commissioner Rick Perry noted that the ceremony in Jan. 1995 will be the 21st anniversary of the program.

The Family Land Heritage Program recognizes farms and ranches that have been in continuous production by the same family for at least 100 years. Perry noted it is a testament to the endurance and tenacity of the Texas agricultural producers.

Applications for the program are available through the county judge, Ag. dept. or historical societies. For a farm or ranch to qualify, it must be a minimum of 10 acres or have sales of at least \$250 a year.

More than 2,800 operations have been honored by the department since the program began in 1974.

Additional information and applications are also available from the Family Land Heritage Program, Texas Dept. of Agriculture, P.O. Box 12847, Austin, TX 78711 or by calling 512-463-7653.

The community sends their good thoughts and prayers to Tricia Walker and her family for the recovery of her mother, who had a very bad fall recently. She is still undergoing tests. We're with you Tricia!

Reggie and Barbara Brisco, Velma Vavrusa, Natalie Dupré, Debbie Kloss, Nory Baggett, Janet Dupré and Leah Brisco enjoyed a wonderful night out in Houston recently. After dinner the group enjoyed seeing a production of *The Phantom of the Opera*. I, for one, could see it again. It was so-o-o good.

It's been awhile since anyone has sent me anything to put in the news. Don't forget I'm here.

— John Ruskin



Johnsons to celebrate 25th anniversary

Ralph and Bobby Johnson will be honored on their silver wedding anniversary by their children at a reception to be held Saturday, July 23, at 7:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall of the Lissie United Methodist Church. The Johnsons ask that you not bring gifts, but join them in their celebration.

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