

OBITUARIES

Irene Corona

October 20, 1913 - March 9, 1995

Irene Corona, 81, of Eagle Lake, passed away on Thursday, March 9, 1995, at 12:43 a.m. at her residence. She was born October 20, 1913, in Alleyton to Frank and Antonia Balnucua Navarro.

She was native and life long resident of Colorado County and a member of the Roman Catholic Parish of Nativity of Eagle Lake.

Survivors include her husband; Valentine Corona of Eagle Lake; three daughters, Lupe Cordova and Pauline Lira both of Eagle Lake, Orelia Palacios of Rosenberg; three sons, Gabriel Corona Sr., Arthur Corona, Gabriel Corona II all of Eagle Lake; brothers, George and Canan Navarro of Houston, Raymond and Mateo Navarro of Eagle Lake; 12 grandchildren; 26 great grandchildren; a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and loved ones.

A vigil service was held at 7 p.m. on Saturday, March 11, 1995 from the Chapel of Dulany Funeral Home.

Funeral liturgy was held at 3 p.m. on Sunday, March 12, at Our Lady of Guadalupe Sanctuary, Roman Catholic Parish of the Nativity, Eagle Lake, with Rev. Father Eddie Winkler, officiating.

Interment followed in the Lakeside Cemetery in Eagle Lake.

Dulany Funeral Home, Eagle Lake, was in charge of the arrangements. Pallbearers were her grandchildren. Sympathy is extended to family in their loss.

Myra S. Ricks

September 12, 1912 - March 10, 1995

Myra S. Ricks, 82, of Eagle Lake, passed away on Friday, March 10, 1995, at 8:38 a.m. at the Eagle Lake Community Hospital following a brief illness. She was born on September 12, 1912 in Eagle Lake, to Fred Charles and Emily Rose Kveton Scheck.

She was a native and lifelong resident of our area, attending local schools and a graduate of Eagle Lake High School, Class of 1930. She and Albert Sidney Ricks were married in La Grange, in April of 1933, he preceded her in death in 1971. She has been a resident of Heritage House of Eagle Lake and was member of the Eagle Lake United Methodist Church.

Survivors include a son, James Ricks of Spring; a sister, Enola Phillips of Eagle Lake; five grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

Following cremation, graveside memorial services were held at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, March 18, 1995 at the Lakeside Cemetery, in Eagle Lake with Rev. Scott Herren officiating. Dulany Funeral Home was in charge of funeral arrangements.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

Ben Davis Funeral Home

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Columbus Hospital gains County's support

Special to The Headlight From The Banner Press Newspaper

Colorado County Commissioners Monday adopted a resolution for the Columbus Community Hospital to reorganize its tax district if approved by its voters.

"We have no such plans or don't even anticipate calling an election at this time," said Chris Stein, who represented Columbus Community Hospital. "We just need to have an insurance policy just in case we need to call an election at some time in the future."

"There is just so much uncertainty in the health care business at this time. We need to have the legislature to adopt legislation while it is in session if we find it necessary to give the voters a choice."

"I think we have to allow the hospital all options possible. We need to do whatever we can to help our hospitals stay in business," said Precinct 1 Commissioner Richard Seifert.

Stein said Rep. Robert Saunders, D-La Grange, urged the hospital's board to get the support of the County, as well as the City of Columbus, to support the adoption of legislation concerning the possible future creation of the Columbus Community Hospital District by the voters.

The resolution states that the district would follow the same boundaries as the Columbus Independent School District located within Colorado County.

It also named Jimmy Simmons, Robert Henneke, Ray Dungen, Barbara Pearson, Jimmie Carter, Glen Vogelsang, Modina Mangini and Cindy Hill, along with Stein, as the designated temporary directors. All future selections will be determined by at-large elections.

An election shall be called by the temporary directors, City of Columbus or by petition of not less than 100 registered voters.

The resolution also stated that the proposed tax rate shall not exceed 50¢ per \$100 valuation with current hospital debts, either assumed or incurred.

Columbus Community Hospital asked voters to approve a tax district in 1989 in an effort to keep the doors open and pay off some \$600,000 in Medicare debts. The hospital's board of directors agreed to allow voters the option of dissolving the district once the debt was paid in full.

The district was approved by the voters and they, in turn, reached a decision to dissolve the district in June of last year after the debt had been repaid.

In other business, the Court:

• Adopted a resolution of respect for James T. Frnka, former Constable of Precinct 8 from 1965-88;

• Adopted a resolution to request park planning assistance for the Sheridan Park Project from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department;

• Authorized the advertisement to sell a two sheriff's vehicles, a 1988 and 1989 Chevrolet;

• Appointed Neida Hajdik to the Colorado County Historical Commission for the 1995-96 term;

• Approved a request from the Colorado County Farm Bureau to cut lines at the DVP's office for the installation of a pole for a satellite dish with the Farm Bureau covering the cost;

• Tabled the adoption of a resolution opposing any changes in the Indigent Health Care Act in which functions provided by the County would be transferred to the state;

• Accepted a letter of resignation of Darrell Gertson as emergency management coordinator and appointed Mason Lapham to fill the position; and

• Awarded bids for corrugated metal culverts, weed and brush control, gravel, lime, hot mix, cold mix for all precincts, fuel for all precincts and sheriff's department and the construction of a metal building in Precinct 1.

Prairie Edge Museum Notes

Elizabeth Boothe, Reporter

For the week of March 16, 1995

Love and best wishes to two of our favorite people, Joe Lee and Ethel, who became Mr. and Mrs. Joe Lee McCree on Monday, March 7, in La Marque, Texas. These two wonderful people have been faithful through the years in furthering the welfare of our museum.

Wanda Gott is rapidly becoming a regular Prairie Edge booster. Recently three people came to Eagle Lake from El Campo and wished to see the museum. Wanda gave them a tour. One of the visitors was from New York City. Last week as I was leaving the library, Janey and Bill Crum from Houston asked if I could direct them to the Chamber of Commerce office, and of course, I was delighted to do so. In fact, I arrived at the museum about the same time that they did. There we enjoyed visiting with Wanda and Helen Craig.

The Crums were delighted with our museum and left flyers advertising a Kite Flying party to be held at Flyover Farm near Bousis this Saturday, March 18. The hours are sunup to sundown. Those attending are encouraged to bring their own decorated picnic basket.

We're getting lots of good publicity for the Attwater's Prairie Chicken Festival to be held on March 24-26. Watch the Headlight for the many activities being planned.

Helen Craig gave me a copy of an article which was in the *Houston Chronicle* on March 6. The title of the article was "Eagle Lake Honors an Endangered Bird". Among the information given were the two following quotes: "two men who pitched the idea of the festival to the Chamber of

Commerce last Sept. were Steve Labuda, refuge manager, and Gary Wood, president of the Houston Audubon Society". Leslie Matthews chairs the local Chamber of Commerce's festival committee.

Tickets are on sale for the play "Bull in a China Shop". Regular tickets are \$5.50 and reserved seats are \$8. The latter can be purchased only at Gifts of Distinction. There will be a performance on March 31 and April 1 at 8 p.m.

The Thrift Shop will be closed on March 18, but will be open on April 1 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

I hope you are enjoying the beautiful spring flowers around town. I have already spotted one blue bonnet plant in the big containers located on our parking lot. I'm hoping there will be bluebells again this year in this special place. One thing that I miss most about getting to live in my former home is tending to the many varieties of flowers that grew there. I'm thankful that I have many colored pictures of them.

The museum is open on Saturday and Sunday from 2 to 5 p.m. Please call Helen Craig at 234-2807 if you wish to arrange for a special tour.

I wish to close this article by giving thanks to God for protecting us and the Heritage House when that very strong wind blew off part of the roof the early morning of March 7. The administration and many others who serve so faithfully and well showed their deep concern.

"Bless the Lord, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless His holy name." Psalm 103:1

Reyes Moreno

January 6, 1916 - March 8, 1995

Reyes Moreno, 79, of Sheridan passed away Wednesday, March 8, 1995, at 1:43 a.m. at Gulf Coast Medical Center Hospital in Wharton. He was born on January 6, 1916, in Rockdale to Maximino and Edyalenzia Aranta Moreno.

He had been a resident of Sheridan for many years and worked on the farms and ranches of the area for most of his career.

Survivors include his wife; Mrs. Felipa Moreno of Sheridan; four daughters, Felicia Alaniz of Dayton, Rose Mata of Sheridan, Esperanza Perez of North Carolina, and Consuelo Moreno of Sheridan; five sons, Paul and John Moreno both of Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, Tim and Lupe Moreno both of Houston and Joe Moreno of Newville; three sisters, Basilia Contreras of Amarillo, Martha Ortiz of Austin and Rebecca Facil of Houston; three brothers, Gilbert Velasquez Sr. of Edinburg, Elias Velasquez of Amarillo, Lorenzo Velasquez of Gary, Indiana; 27 grandchildren; 23 great grandchildren; a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and loved ones.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, March 11, at 10 a.m. at the Chapel of Dulany Funeral Home in Eagle Lake with Rev. Joe Moreno officiating.

Interment followed in the Cheatem Cemetery, in Sheridan.

Dulany Funeral Home in Eagle Lake was in charge of the funeral arrangements.

Pallbearers and honorary pallbearers were grandchildren and great grandchildren. Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

Thomas Stiehler

July 25, 1960 - March 4, 1995

Thomas Stiehler, 34, of Sheridan died March 4, 1995, at his residence. He was born July 25, 1960, in Nakuru, Kenya, Africa, the son of Erhard Max Hans and Waltraud Keller Stiehler.

Stiehler was united in marriage with Ginger Goudge on July 25, 1982. A senior mechanic for Shell Oil Company, Hallettsville, he was affiliated with the Protestant church.

Funeral services were held March 8 at Henneke Funeral Home in Columbus with the Rev. Brent Pittman officiating.

Burial followed at Sunset Memorial Park Cemetery in San Antonio.

Survivors include his wife, Ginger Stiehler of San Antonio; a daughter, Jennifer Noel Stiehler of San Antonio; and parents, Erhard and Waltraud Stiehler of Hannover, Germany.

Henneke Funeral Home Inc., Columbus, was in charge of arrangements. Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

One-man show to feature local artist

Local amateur artist, Alvin F. "Hootie" Wiese, is being honored with a one-man show entitled "A Hootie Retrospective" at The Farris 1912 Hotel later this month.

An opening reception, by invitation only, Wednesday, March 22, followed by a public exhibit Saturday and Sunday, March 25 and 26, are being hosted by Bill and Helmy Farris to honor their longtime friend during the Prairie Chicken Festival.

Born on the Lissie-Eagle Lake prairie 79 years ago this month, Alvin Wiese has been a keen observer and recorder of his world throughout his life. He was fascinated by drawing and painting throughout childhood but did not make a serious attempt in his favorite medium of oil painting until 1953. When asked to relate how his artistic skills evolved, "Hootie" replied in his measured manner: "I started painting in an art class in 1953 under the instruction of Leslie Henson, an artist from England. After about three years, he moved back to England as he had received a commission to paint back drops for M.G.M. Last I heard from Henson, he was in Italy doing the same work."

"My next instructor was Harvey Richards. His school didn't last long as he moved on. For the next few years, I did not do any painting."

"After a time, Margaret (my wife), encouraged me to go to Marilyn Daniels' class. I find her to be a fine instructor. I love my weekly class. She is much better than many realize. I have now been under her instruction several years."

Wiese has always pursued his hobby for his own pleasure as well as the pleasure of family and close friends who are the lucky recipients of his works from time to time. Now retired from a long career of rice farming, he has the time to devote more hours to his painting.

An "at the door" donation of any size will be accepted throughout the show to benefit the Winterman Library and Eagle Lake Community Hospital.

Many within the community have never had the opportunity to observe his work or to compare the varied styles he has utilized. This retrospective show will give the entire scope of nearly a half century of creative endeavor.

As baseball season begins, the player in the spotlight this week is #14, Heath Mahalic. Heath is a senior and plays 1st base for the Raiders. When asked to comment on how the season has gone this far, Heath said, "We've only played two games because of the rain, but the season looks promising."

The rain has delayed several of the baseball games scheduled and the Raiders are anxious to play again. Heath comments on the team's strong points, "We play pretty good defense," and says that the team's weak point is batting.

Heath feels that the team will do well in District, so everyone come out and support the Raiders.

After a long preparation for the TAAS Exit Level Test for grades 10, 11 & 12, the classes finally got a chance to show their stuff. The three parts of the test which are writing, mathematics and reading were taken on March 7, 8, 9. These tests weren't timed, so the students could concentrate at their leisure and make sure they did a good job.

The students that pass all three sections of the TAAS, which is an exit level test, no longer have to worry about it again.

The test were also taken by a number of junior and senior students who have not passed one, or all three portions of the test. The seniors have to pass the test to graduate. If they do not pass this time, they will have one more chance in May to make a passing grade.

The faculty and staff wish everyone a good luck!

"Mom I'm ready!" This little cutie is getting all dressed up but has no place to go. Many people were not fogged by this sweet little smile. The only clue given is that she is a sophomore.

Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Wiese of Eagle Lake announce the birth of their first child, a son, born February 25, 1995, at 1:39 a.m. at Gulf Coast Medical Center in Wharton.

Cullen Thomas weighed five pounds, six ounces and measured 19 inches at birth. The attending physician was Dr. John Fink.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Troy McQueen and Ms. Jeanie Pate of Columbus.

Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Jim Wiese of Eagle Lake. Great grandparents are Mrs. C.T. Wiese of Eagle Lake and Mrs. Nadine Berend of Pilot Point.

The mother is the former Tanya McQueen.

History has been made!

title Parish of the Nativity. The two sanctuaries (church buildings) of the parish remain dedicated to the respective titles of Our Lady of Perpetual Help and Our Lady of Guadalupe and continue to be so named. Present scheduling of and use of both sanctuaries will remain unchanged.

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RAIDER REVIEW

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By Nancy Hernandez

Ag Moos

For the past two weeks, the Rice EFA organization was active at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo. There were three participants in Ag Mechanics.

Donny Obenhaus entered a squeeze chute, Heath Mahalic a 16 ft. low boy trailer, and Gabe Garza a 10 ft. utility trailer. The projects were judged for workmanship, design, practicality, degree of difficulty, finish, and the plans. All three students received blue ribbons in their categories. Garza received best of class with his trailer and received several prizes.

Obenhaus received third in class with his squeeze chute and received several prizes as well.

Exhibiting a breeding heifer, Shari Graham placed fourth in her division out of 15 heifers in the Simbra show.

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Spaniel, Justin Rogers, and Frances Mrkva participated in the livestock judging contest.

The team placed eighth out of 470 teams and Spaniel placed fifth high individual out of 1,417 students. She received a \$1,000 certificate towards the purchase of a beef heifer which she will exhibit at next year's Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo.

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