

# OBITUARIES

## Herman L. Bratcher

May 14, 1929 - March 14, 1995

Herman L. Bratcher, 65, of Columbus passed away on March 14, 1995. He was born on May 14, 1929, to Frence and Alberta Wright Bratcher. He attended school in Columbus. He married Pauline Trussell. Bratcher was preceded in death by his wife; his parents and two nephews. Survivors include a sister, Eva Mae Williams; two aunts, Georgia Lee Evans and Louise Jackson; two nephews, Larry and Clarence Williams, all of Columbus; a host of great-nieces, great-nephews, relatives and friends. Funeral services were held on Saturday, March 18, at 1:30 p.m. from the St. Paul United Methodist Church in Columbus with Rev. G.W. Clark officiating. Interment followed in the Willing Workers Cemetery in Columbus. Ben Davis Funeral Home of Columbus was in charge of arrangements. Pallbearers were Larry Woods, Larry Williams, Thomas and William H. Wright, Simon Evans, and Sam Dancy Jr. Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

## Joe Lee Glover

November 14, 1946 - March 10, 1995

Joe Lee Glover, 48, of San Marcos, formerly of Altair, passed away on March 10, 1995. He was born on November 14, 1946, in Altair to General Jackson and Oda Lee Glover. Glover united with Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church at an early age and remained a member throughout his life. He was a 1965 graduate of E.H. Henry High School in Eagle Lake and attended Wharton County Junior College. He served with the 342nd Division of the United States Army. After receiving an honorable discharge from the U.S. Army, he was employed with Texas Educational Foundations, Gary Job Corps in San Marcos, and remained there until his demise. He was preceded in death by his father; nephews, Anthony Nightingal of Clementon, New Jersey and Eddie Glover of Philadelphia, PA. He is survived by his mother, Mrs. Oda Lee Glover of Altair; sister and brother-in-law, Mary Kathryn Glover and Samuel Clementon of New Jersey; four brothers and sister-in-laws, Edward and Lucy Glover of Philadelphia, Penn.; Clifton General and Helen Glover of Austin; John Oliver and Jo Ann Glover of Athens; Gene Arthur and Sandra Glover of Crockett; two uncles, Lester Axel of Altair and Mack Collier of Trinity; aunt, Thelma Collier Aldridge of Austin; one nephew, five nieces, two great-nieces and a host of relatives, friends, and the Gary Job Corps family. Funeral services were held on Wednesday, March 15, at 11 a.m. from Wright Grove Baptist Church in Altair with Rev. Billy Young officiating. Interment followed in the Williams Paradise Cemetery in Vox Populi. Ben Davis Funeral Home of Columbus was in charge of the arrangements. Pallbearers were Leroy, Joe Lester and Charles Axel, Ron and Ernest Glover, and Arthur Thurmond. Honorary pallbearers were Co-Workers of Gary Job Corps. Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

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## Let's Look Back... 24 & 48 YEARS AGO

July 30, 1970

Mr. & Mrs. John Wayne Frnka of Houston, are the proud parents of a baby daughter, born July 15 in the Herman Hospital in Houston. She weighed eight pounds, three ounces at birth and was named Patricia Renee. Proud grandparents are Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Peschel of New Ulm and Mr. & Mrs. L.O. Frnka of Eagle Lake. Mrs. Alvin Wiese, Debbie, Denise and Glenda and Mrs. J.H. Miles spent a pleasant week at Surfside at Freepool last week... The lovely lake-side home of Mrs. Harold Thomas was the setting for a bridal shower luncheon honoring Miss Marsha Obenhaus, bride-elect of Bob Waddell, Saturday, July 25, at noon. Mr. & Mrs. John Cash, welcomed the arrival of a baby daughter on July 27 at the Chase Naval Air Station in Bevelville. The little lady weighed four pounds, nine ounces and measured 17-1/2 inches at birth. She has been named Casandra Lynn. Grandparents are Mr. & Mrs. John Martin of Santa Maria, Calif., and Mrs. James Cash of Eagle Lake. Jim Mathis, fine hurler for the Eagle Lake Connie Mack Eagles baseball team, has been called to join the Brenham Connie Mack team in the State tournament to be held this week-end in Corpus Christi. Jim is the son of Mr. & Mrs. James A. Mathis. Mr. & Mrs. Charles Kincheloe of Sheridan, announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Ruth Maxine, to James M. Moore, son of Mr. & Mrs. Robert C. Moore of Pleasant, Texas. The wedding will be held Aug. 21, at the First Baptist Church in Sheridan. Mrs. Avis Goodby was in Fairfield last week to attend the funeral services for her sister, Mrs. Eona Daniel, who passed away in Long Beach, Calif., on July 17... Mr. & Mrs. Adolph Hollas returned last week from a delightful trip to Chicago, Ill., for a visit with Mrs. Hollas sister, Mrs. Kathy Kuchar. Marsha Obenhaus, bride-elect of Bob Waddell is honored with a Kichen Shower and the home of Mrs. Alvin Wiese, and a Rice Bag Party at the home of Mrs. J. McCree... Citizen in this area learned with deep sorrow of the passing away of Mrs. J.G. Jenkins in the Eagle Lake Community Hospital at 7:49 a.m. Sunday, July 26th. Mrs. Jenkins, a longtime resident of Rock Island, had been in failing health for the past eighteen months.

December 1, 1949 - March 12, 1995

## Marvin L. Johnson Jr.

Marvin L. Johnson Jr., 45, of Vox Populi, passed away March 12, 1995. He was born on December 1, 1949, to Mrs. Fathie Godley of Yoakum. Johnson attended Carver School in Vox Populi. He was united in marriage to Patricia Johnson. He was preceded in death by his mother. Survivors include his wife, one daughter, Latronda Johnson; one son, Patrick Lemont Weeks; three grandchildren; one brother, George Johnson of Brenham; god-sister, Katherine Milton of Garwood; and a host of relatives and close friends. Funeral services were held on Saturday, March 18, at 11 a.m. from the New Home Baptist Church in Garwood, with Rev. L. McGrew officiating. Interment followed in the Williams Paradise Cemetery, in Vox Populi. Ben Davis Funeral Home in Columbus was in charge of the arrangements. Pallbearers were Carl, Kenneth, Willie and Joe Johnson, Kenneth Wicks, Robert Pratt and Royce McMillan. Honorary pallbearers were Marvin Bluntson; Rodney Eaton; Vernon, Roy Sr., Roy Jr., George and Clemon Johnson. Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

## Margaret Trojan Litzmann

June 10, 1902 — March 17, 1995

A bit of Colorado County history ended on March 17, 1995, when Margaret Trojan Litzmann, 92, of Columbus passed away. Descended from early Texas German and French settlers, she was born on June 10, 1902, to Arnold Trojan and Louisa Doré Trojan in Columbus, where she lived all her life. She was married to Edgar L. Litzmann who served as County Clerk of Colorado County from 1939 to 1967. He died while in office. She completed his term of office. Mrs. Litzmann devoted much of her life to various church and civic activities. She was a charter member of the Weimar Catholic Daughters of America and helped to establish the organization in St. Anthony's parish. She served as an officer in every organization she joined, including being the first president of the Columbus Garden Club. She continued to be active in her church Altair Society, St. Anthony's Bible Study Club, U.D.C., the Columbus Music Club, Live Oak Art Club, Columbus Hospital Auxiliary, A.A.R.P. and the Magnolia Home Tour. During the years, she and her beloved sister, Gisela Trojan, made many trips in the United States and abroad with her friends. The beautiful affluents she made and the lovely oils that she painted will be treasured for generations to come. Mr. and Mrs. Litzmann had an abiding interest in education. She passed the Texas State Teacher's Examination before she finished high school and was assigned to teach at the Willough School near Bernardo. She also taught at Mentz and St. Joseph's School at Frelsburg. She is still remembered with affection by many of her students. Mrs. Litzmann was preceded in death by her parents, husband, and a sister, Cecilia Trojan Kampe. She is survived by her sister, Gisela Trojan of Columbus; her daughter and son-in-law, Mary Margaret and Victor H. Edwards of The Woodlands; grand children, Henry Litzmann Edwards of Austin and Mary Elizabeth Ehrlich of Chicago; her niece, Mary Margaret Kampe Mut of Dallas; and numerous other relatives. A Parish, Catholic Daughters and Altair Society Rosary was held Sunday, March 19, at 6 p.m. at Henneke Funeral Home. Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. on Monday, March 20, at St. Anthony Catholic Church in Columbus with the Rev. Dan Kalchic officiating. Burial followed at Odd Fellows Rest Cemetery in Columbus. Pallbearers were her grandson, Henry Edwards; nephews, Carl and Mike Mattern, Mark Litzmann, and Stuart Mut; and Crockett Leyendecker. Honorary pallbearers were former students, John Meitsner and A.F. Schmidt of Columbus. Henneke Funeral Home Inc., Columbus, was in charge of arrangements. Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

## ANNOUNCING NEW ARRIVALS

**Diego Manuel Flores**  
Mr. and Mrs. Joe Flores Jr., of Glen Flora announce the birth of their second child, a son, born March 13, 1995, at 4:40 a.m. at Eagle Lake Community Hospital. Diego Manuel weighed six pounds, two ounces. He is welcomed home by Joey Flores III, 19 months. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Ted Vega of El Campo. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Joe Flores Sr. of Glen Flora. Great grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Pete Martinez Sr. and Mr. and Mrs. George Flores Jr., all of Glen Flora.

**Carly Carol Maertz**  
Mr. and Mrs. Russell Maertz of Columbus are proud to announce the birth of their first child, a daughter, born on February 17, 1995, at 6:50 p.m. at Gulf Coast Medical Center in Wharton. Carly Carol weighed seven pounds, 13 ounces and measured 20-1/2 inches at birth. Grandparents are Walter and Jeannie Meitzen of Chesterville and George Ann Maertz and the late Otis Maertz of Alleyton. Her great grandparents are Pearl Meitzen of Eagle Lake and the late W.F. Meitzen Jr.

**Harley Renee Hodde**  
Mr. and Mrs. John Edward Hodde of Eagle Lake are proud to announce the birth of their second child, a daughter, born March 11, 1995, at 1:57 p.m. at Eagle Lake Community Hospital. Harley Renee weighed seven pounds, 13 ounces and measured 21 inches at birth. The attending physician was Dr. Russell Thomas. He is welcomed home by John Mitchell Hodde. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. John Rodriguez of Eagle Lake. Paternal grandparents are William Hodde and Dorothy Flores of Eagle Lake. Great grandparents are Lucille Jacobs of Edna and Rachel Mendoza of Eagle Lake.

**Jason Bryan Samaniego**  
Mr. and Mrs. Pedro Samaniego of East Bernard are proud to announce the birth of their first child, a son, born Sunday, March 11, 1995, at 2:51 a.m. at Eagle Lake Community Hospital. Jason Bryan weighed seven pounds, 15 ounces and measured 20 inches at birth. The attending physician was Dr. John Lane. Maternal grandparents are Maria Cruz and Esteban Lazo of Mexia. Paternal grandparents are Felipa Cruz and Pedro Samaniego of Eagle Lake. Great grandparents are Maria Carmen and Pedro Samaniego.

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# RAIDER REVIEW

## Who's Zat?

By Nancy Hernandez  
"Leave me alone. Can't you see I'm in the middle of taking a picture!" This little sweetheart was asked to be identified by Mrs. Litzmann's AP Economics class. Right away everyone knew who she was except, Shea McClanahan. She couldn't picture who she was, but everyone else screamed "Bernita Fry." Bernita is an active senior. She is a member of PALS, Business Club, FTA, FHA, Raiderettes and Drama Club. After graduation Bernita plans to attend Bradford School of Business and major in office administration. In her spare time she enjoys modeling, horseback riding, and hanging



out with her friends. Fry is the daughter of Deborah Bluntson and granddaughter of David Fry of Mathews.

## Meet the Raider

By Ashley Craek  
Our Raider for the week is senior, Ricardo Roque. Wearing jersey #4, he plays left field for the Rice Raider Varsity baseball team. The Raider believes that the team is very talented but they seem to lose their focus at times and make costly errors. Ricardo feels that in district play the team can be competitive although they play in one of the toughest districts in the area. When asked how he felt about the team and coaches, he responded, "I see the team doing very well in the future especially if our field gets very dry. The coaches do a great job of keeping us motivated." Roque's hobbies include baseball, basketball and running. His future plans are to attend Wharton Junior College and his major is undecided. Ricardo is the son of Pablo and Irma Roque of Eagle Lake.

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## Vawter goes to state

By Kristen Stienke  
On March 10 and 11, eight members of the Rice boys powerlifting team traveled to Lyford to compete in the regional powerlifting meet. The boys left at 9:30 on Friday morning and spent the night in Raymondville. The meet began on Saturday morning and was over at 5:30 p.m. Saturday afternoon. Jared Vawter qualified for state in the 123 pound division. The state meet will be held in College Station on Sat. April 1. Nick Korenek (148 lb. division) and Charlyan Thomas (181 lb. division) both came in third place and are alternates for the state meet. David Godley placed tied for fourth and was awarded fourth place because he weighed less than the other lifter. Jamarcus Brooks and Lance Grigar competed in the 114 weight class and placed fifth and eighth respectively. Fulton Dromgoole placed sixth in the 123 lb. division. Leon Taylor-Davis received sixth place in the 148 lb. division. Congratulations to all the boys who competed. They served the Rice District well and everyone is proud of their accomplishments this year.

## VICA goes to nationals

By Kimberly Korenek  
On March 3, the cosmetology students from Rice High School went to the College of the Mainland in Texas City. While there, they competed in the District Meet against Region 9 area schools. The class came back with several first and second place winners. The six first place winners were: Alessia Aldridge, Annette McTeer, Roslyn Johnson and Melinda Kazmir from Rice. Columbus students enrolled in the Rice cosmetology class and placing first were Patricia Gillman and USondra Tillman. All of these first place winners will go to Dallas on March 30 through April 1 for the VICA National Competition. Their weekend will also include going to Six Flags and other area activities. We congratulate these students.

## Basketball players take District Honors

By Rebecca Burrow  
Several members of the Rice Raiders and Lady Raider basketball team were recently selected for district honors as a result of their hard work during the season. The district award winners were chosen by a majority vote from the district coaches. Named to first team All-District was junior guard, Brandon Mathis. Junior, James Eaton hooped his way into the second team. Receiving Honorable Mention for the Raiders were juniors Jesse Bishop and Byron Black. Senior guard Annette McTeer was awarded second team All-District honors. Senior Kaci Klein, junior Rebecca Burrow and sophomores Nikki Chamberlain and Nektra Johnson received Honorable Mention. Members of the All-Academic Team were seniors Christal Lockett and Klein. Burrow and sophomores Bridget Baird, Adriana Cordova, Rachele Kallina and Andrea Machac also made the team. Qualifying for the guy's All-Academic was Mathis. District honors are extremely commendable and will help lead the way to a victorious 95-96 season. Hoop it up!

## Raider Business Professionals hold meeting

By Mari Valles  
On March 9, the Raider Business Professionals held a meeting during tutorials in the typing room. The main agenda was to figure out what the club wanted to do for Easter. The officers met the week before and discussed several activities which the club might enjoy. One suggestion was to have the members bring Easter

## Garwood School Honor Roll

Fourth Six Weeks, 1994-95 School Year  
First grade: Kristen Dankiefs, Dane Krenck, Layne Perry, Cassidy Popp, Hunter Smith, Curtis Williams.  
Second grade: Frankie Guthrie, Theresa Henry, Michael Juarez, Stacie Wied.  
Third grade: Davis Atkins, Adrian Axel, Brandie Bartlett, Ella Edwards, Sundrath Evans, Reinbeaux Guthrie, Dora Juarez, Jess Little, John Rivera, Erica Sepeda, Britneea Williams.  
Fourth grade: Vanessa John-son, Jessica Popp, Kenisha Wicks. Fifth grade: Janna Janish, Tiffany Moore.  
Sixth grade: Lakeisha Johnson, Jacob Little, Lori Smith.  
Seventh grade: Desanie Axel, Robert Goode, Nicole Krenck, Leigh Ann Michalka, Agustina Ortiz.  
Eighth grade: Mariel Atkins, Julie Birmingham, Cliff Cerny, Caleche Cranek, Brian Janish, Chad Kallina, Amy Moore, Jeremy Rees, Jerica Smidovec, Deyann Weishuhn.

## Birmingham selected finalist

Julia Birmingham, a 14 year old student at Garwood Junior High, has been selected as a State Finalist for the Miss American Code Pageant. She will compete in July for Miss Teen Southeast Texas. Julia recently won the title of Miss Texas Classic Rodeo Queen in Houston. She rode in the televised Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Parade. Birmingham also received awards for best western wear and best model in the teen divisions. She has been invited to compete in Pasadena's Strawberry Festival Pageant in April. Julia is the daughter of Jana and Carl Birmingham of Altair and a honor roll student and student council officer. Julia would like to thank this opportunity to thank all her sponsors: Perez

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