

# OBITUARY

## Michael Lester Axel

March 25, 1960 - June 13, 1995

Michael Lester Axel, 35, of Altair passed away on June 13, 1995. He was born on March 25, 1960, in San Antonio to Lester and Ora Lee Axel.

Michael was affiliated with the Christian Hope Baptist Church in Houston. He graduated from Rice Consolidated I.S.D. in 1978 and attended Wharton County Junior College.

Survivors include a loving and devoted father; one sister, Daphne McElwee; Altair; Ken Magee of Houston; nieces, nephews, and a host of relatives and friends.

## Alvin H. Horndt

May 13, 1909 — June 19, 1995

Alvin H. Horndt, 86, of Columbus died June 19, 1995, at Eagle Lake Community Hospital.

He was born May 13, 1909, in Shaws Bend, the son of William and Bertha Staffelt Horndt. He lived there until 1941 then moved to Columbus.

Horndt was a self-employed farmer and rancher and founder of H&P Pecans.

He was affiliated with St. Paul Lutheran Church in Columbus.

Survivors include his daughter, Mary Annell Horndt of Columbus, and numerous nieces and nephews.

# Heritage House News

By Patricia Bubela, Activity Director

Heritage House residents and staff welcome Alzheimer Unit Coordinator, Debbie Little, L.V.N. Debbie began her duties on June 5 and we are pleased to have her aboard.

Residents attended worship services in the dining area of Heritage House last Sunday. The Gethsemani Baptist Church congregation visited with those attending and sang beautiful hymns.

Sunday was Father's Day and the fathers at Heritage House were honored with a buffet refreshment table and balloons were around. Everyone enjoyed visiting with one another and sipping refreshments.

Martha Coleman, resident at Heritage House for several years, celebrated her 92 birthday on June 18. Ms. Martha was presented a birthday balloon and birthday wishes. The staff and residents wished her health and happiness with many more birthdays to come.

Flag Day was celebrated at Heritage House with red, white and blue decorations and a party was held in the afternoon. Later in the evening, residents Ruby Hirschbeck, Cecelia Keels, Francis Kowdelka and Francis Kellner were accompanied to Wallis to play Bingo. We had a blast and enjoyed seeing many friends from Eagle Lake.

A covered dish luncheon was held for employees of Heritage House last Friday, with everyone bringing a dish. We had enough food to feed an army. We enjoyed eating the huge varieties of goodies and visiting throughout our lunch. Thanks to those who participated.

Our residents have missed Guy Anderson and Jean McInteer - the

Funeral services were held June 21 at Henneke Funeral Home in Columbus with the Rev. John Hunsicker officiating. Burial followed at Brum Cemetery in Shaws Bend.

Palbearers were Larry Ponzisch, Todd and Billy Joe Malack, Glenn Horndt, Bobby Joe Marsalia and Leslie Little.

Honorary palbearers were Edwin Lawrence, Lloyd and Gilbert Ponzisch and Clarence, Edgar, Marvin and Harry Horndt.

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



Show above are three employees from Heritage House in Eagle Lake who recently graduated from the Victoria College Medication Aide Program. From left are, Edna Spears, Marina Cavazos and Vivian Cavazos. Photo Courtesy of Heritage House

# HONOR ROLLS

6th-6 weeks, 1994-95

## GARWOOD ELEMENTARY & JR. HIGH

First grade: Kristen Danklefs, Audrey Drik, Jessica Engstrom, Dana Krenk, Layne Perry, Cassidy Popp, Hunter Smith, Curtis Williams, Robert Goode.

Second: Frankie Guthrie, Theresa Henry, Michael Juarez, Alyson Lanier, Stacie Wind.

Third: Adrian Axel, Brandie Bartlett, Ella Edwards, Sandra Evers, Dora Juarez, Jess Little, Britnea Williams.

Fourth: Kenisha Wicks. Fifth: Janna Janish, Tiffany Moore, Jacqueline Tomich.

Sixth: Ashley Johnson, LaKeisha Johnson, Jacob Little, Lori Smith, Clint Wisert.

Seventh: Desnaie Axel, Robbie Goode, Nicole Krenk, Agustina Ortiz. Eighth: Mariel Atkins, Julia Birmingham, Cliff Cery, Calcehe Cranek, Brian Janish, Chad Kallina, Amy Moore, Danya Rees, Jerica Smidovec, Jeremy Weishuhn.

Ninth: Jessica Briscoe, Jonathan Burrow, Tiffany Castro, Shelley Cunningham, Jennifer Hajovsky, Timothy Jasek, Matt Jordan, Karen Kazmir, Valerie Korenek, Lainez Laboy, Kelli Mathys, Amy Obenhaus, Nenci Rodriguez, Reneha Thibodeaux, Stephanie Thompson, Layola Timms, Risa Waddell, Amanda Weishuhn.

Tenth: Erin Gold. Eleventh: Kinsley Hoffman. Twelfth: Christy Leopold. Thirteenth: Scott Bittner, Angie Leopold.

Fourteenth: Erin Gold. Fifteenth: Julie Meisner & Chance Waligura.

Sixteenth: Russell Cranek, Margie Leopold, Kevin Shimek.

Seventeenth: Jeffrey Leopold, Lauren Spanihel, Kimberly Waligura.

Eighteenth: Liana Engstrom, Travis Konarik, Jared Korenek, Trent Kornek, Heather Shanks, Jessica Spanihel, Megan Staff.

Nineteenth: Debbie Leopold, Amber Mahalic, Martha Rodriguez, Chris Schuirring.

Twentieth: Brett Boenisch, Chanda Coxwell, Cody Cranek, Hank Cranek, Clint Korenek, Angela Popp, Brandon Shanks.

Twenty-first: Dudley Lehrer.

Twenty-second: Meredith Anderson, Beth Buckner, Ashley Cranek, Shari Grab.

Twenty-third: Erin Gold. Twenty-fourth: Julie Meisner & Chance Waligura.

Twenty-fifth: Russell Cranek, Margie Leopold, Kevin Shimek.

Twenty-sixth: Jeffrey Leopold, Lauren Spanihel, Kimberly Waligura.

Twenty-seventh: Liana Engstrom, Travis Konarik, Jared Korenek, Trent Kornek, Heather Shanks, Jessica Spanihel, Megan Staff.

Twenty-eighth: Debbie Leopold, Amber Mahalic, Martha Rodriguez, Chris Schuirring.

Twenty-ninth: Brett Boenisch, Chanda Coxwell, Cody Cranek, Hank Cranek, Clint Korenek, Angela Popp, Brandon Shanks.

Thirtieth: Dudley Lehrer.

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# EL Firemen, Auxiliary take part in district meeting, pumper races in Columbus

The Eagle Lake Volunteer Fire Department and Ladies Auxiliary attended the Guadalupe Firemen and Fire Marshall's Association District meeting held on April 30 in Columbus.

Along with the meeting, pumper races were held. Men's 6-Man Team of Eagle Lake placed third the team consisted of Todd Mascheck, Jeff Argo, Howard Wilkerson, Paul Marsalia, Joe Lee Perez, Pete Canaris and Curtis Rose (who was only in the 3-man).

The 3-Man Team #1, which placed first, consisted of Wilkerson, Marsalia and Canaris.



The Men's 6-Man team placed third in Columbus in the pumper races. The team consisted of, from left, Todd Mascheck, Jeff Argo, Howard Wilkerson, Paul Marsalia, Joe Lee Perez, Pete Canaris and Curtis Rose.



The Women's 6-Man team placed fourth in the pumper races held in Columbus. The team consisted of, from left, Carolyn Baird Stephanie Causey, Bridget Baird, Gretchen Wilkerson, Darlene Stancik, Sharon Marsalia and Rhonda Prazak. Photos Courtesy of ELVFD

# Rice High Class of '75 holds 20 year reunion

Members of the Rice High School graduating class of 1975 gathered on the evening of Saturday, June 17, at the Tanco Sports Bar & Grill (formerly The Barn) in Eagle Lake to celebrate their 20th class reunion.

Class members began to arrive at 5 p.m. and the evening was filled with reminiscences of their years at Rice High and updates on where their lives have led them 20 years later.

A delicious chicken-fried steak dinner was served to those in attendance and the evening ended with enjoyable sounds of the Southern Stallsions.

Twenty-eight class members and their guest were in attendance. Graduates present were Dana (Wiese) Anderson, Larry Bowen, James (Bobo) Brune, Debbie (Sommerlatte) Cameron, Cindy (Pavlu) Fink, Yolanda (Godino) Gonzales, Mano Graham, Margaret (Wilcox) Henry, Mark Henske, Allan Higgins, Ron Janow, Dina Kohleffel, John Koneschek, Beverly (Gertson) Krenk, Tim Luedcke, Anthony Mahalic, Carl Mascheck, Cindy (Wegenhof) Moran, Rhonda (Kochwelp) Rosansky, Sandy (Tate) Schneider, Jerry Smidovec, Richard Sommerlatte, Larry Sosa, Sofia (Morales) Sosa, Monica (Bubela) Stock, Margaret (Gonzales) Teague, Sheila (Grigar) Valigura, and Wesley Wick.

Special thanks are extended to the Quinneys for all of their help and cooperation in making the reunion a success.

Also, a special thanks to Margaret Henry, Yolanda Gonzales, John Koneschek, Richard Sommerlatte, Sandy Schneider, Beverly Krenk and Cindy Fink for obtaining addresses and coordinating the event.

# Garden Club report activities for May

On May 8, the Civic Garden Club of Eagle Lake in the home of Ernie Sommerlatte for the annual luncheon.

Members and their guests were invited. 23 members were in attendance and were treated to a delicious three salad luncheon and several wickedly tempting chocolate desserts.

During the business meeting, officers for 1995-96 were announced: President, Linda Balas, first vice president, Sandy Bendy; second vice president, Penny Henske; secretary, Cherry Corman; treasurer, Sandy Rodgers; reporter, Deborah Reed; communications, Ernie Sommerlatte; social, Rhonda Anderson; Christmas lighting, Pat Cook; Town Square, Jean Wiese; Harrison Park, Michele Isenhower; trees, Robin Thomas; fire station and point, Margo Harrison; Yard of the Month, Anna Lee Higgins.

Thanks were expressed to Canaris Nursery for fertilizing the garden beds in town.

Plans for the coming year were discussed. A Christmas ornament silent auction will be held again in Dec. and members will decorate mail boxes as a Christmas fundraiser and to help

brighten up the town for the season. The program for the afternoon was given by Mary Ann Wood on herbs and how to use and grow them. Mary Ann described how different herbs could be used for making tea, pot pourri, reducing fever and headaches, repelling moths and wasps and even for attracting fairies to one's garden. More conventional uses included flavoring sugar, decorating, preventing

sea sickness and curing worms. Mary Ann brought examples of dozens of herbs. Members enjoyed looking at, smelling and admiring them. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the program and Mary Ann answered many and varied questions on the subject. Look out for herb gardens a plenty in the near future.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

Hamburgers and hotdogs, complete with all the trimmings, were served and enjoyed by all.

Snacks of chips and dips were enjoyed by everyone all afternoon. Finishing off with brownies and rice crispy treats, no one went home hungry.

Perfect attendance awards were presented to Brenda Bittner, LaNelle Engstrom, Marilyn Popp and Pat Wobbe.

A special Victor shared an inspirational "Indian Prayer" and encouraged (See CDA, Page 8)

The Nada CDA held their monthly meeting on June 13 at 7:30 p.m. at the parish hall. Regent Ernestine Schneider presided. A Priest Appreciation Mass was held prior to the meeting to honor Msgr. Victor Schmidzinsky.

Thirty-five guests were entertained at the May Senior Citizens bingo party. The next domino party will be held on Sept. 27 from 2-4:30 p.m. at the parish hall.

District Deputy Cecelia Vasicek installed the newly elected officers for the 1995-97 term: regent, Ernestine

mother, Mrs. Viola Jares of Hallesville. A bachelorette party, lingerie and bath shower combination was held on June 9, at 7 p.m. at the home of Brenda Mach of El Campo to honor Carol Korenek, the bride-elect of Jerry Fajkus.

Refreshments of assorted cakes, chicken salad sandwiches, chips, pickles, tea and coffee were served. Special guests were the mothers of the couple, Mrs. Leona Korenek and Mrs. Annette Fajkus, and grand-

daughters, Margaritas, tea, and vanilla coffee. The hostesses were Brenda Mach, Carrie Korenek, Elizabeth Ferguson, Donna Simon, Lisa Drik, Suzanne Pavlu, Janet Williams, Sandra Wolfe, and Phyllis Krenk.

A special gift to the bride-to-be from the hostesses was a "Victoria Secret" lingerie set and assorted bath and body items in a decorative basket. The bride's mother, Mrs. Leona Korenek, and mother-in-law to be, Mrs. Annette Fajku, attended the happy occasion.

# Korenek honored at bridal showers, party

A miscellaneous bridal shower was held on Sunday, May 7, to honor Carol Korenek, bride-elect of Jerry Fajkus of Eagle Lake.

The 22 hostesses presented the bride-to-be with a Sunbeam mix master.

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# St. Mary's

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Perfect Attendance: "Kali Hammermiller, Ashley Koffar, Russell Cranek, Todd Korenek, Camille Staff, Heidi Hammermiller, Jeffrey Leopold, Kimberly Waligura, Garett Cranek, Jared Korenek, Trent Korenek, Adriana Niese, Megan Staff, Chris Schuirring, Stacy Schneider, Klay Korenek, Clint Korenek, Christy Leopold, Kevin Hoffman, Angie Leopold, Justin Schneider.

Highest Academic Average: First: Lake Shimek; second: Pam Sykes; third: Danielle Spanihel, Ashley Waligura; fourth: Erin Gold; fifth: Megan Staff; sixth: Stacy Schneider; seventh: Christy Leopold; eighth: Angie Leopold.

Oral Reading, Cody Bittner; Reading Improvement, Kaylin Boenisch; Citizenship & Service to School, Scott Bittner. Graduating from 8th grade: Dudley Lehrer, Kevin Hoffman, Angie Leopold, Scott Bittner, Justin Schneider, Fausta Rodriguez.

# Timely Reductions on a Great Selection of styles for men, women and children.



Alpha Delta Phi members are shown enjoying a night out at Swan Chinese Restaurant in Sealy. Seated, from left, are Ann Braden, Robin Thomas, Mary Kay Cook and Denise Cook. Standing, Deborah Reed, Tanya Wiese and Karen Epps. Taking the photograph was Charlet Janow.

# Alpha Delta Phi holds meetings

On May 15, eight members of Alpha Delta Phi attended a social evening at Swan Restaurant in Sealy. A short business meeting was held at which members thanked their re-

pective secret sisters for gifts received for Mother's Day. Members certainly ate their fill of the delicious food and enjoyed reading and sharing their fortunes as told in the fortune cookies.

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