

OBITUARY

Audrey B. Smith McCormick

July 23, 1913 - November 10, 1995

Audrey B. Smith McCormick, 82, of San Marcos died on Friday, November 10, 1995.

She was born on July 23, 1913, in Manchaca to Alvin Harper and Julia Ann Dement Smith.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 41 years, Earl B. McCormick, a farmer and rancher in Hays County since 1940; daughters, Kay McCormick Horton, Virginia McCormick Briggs and Alice McCormick Welge; son, Benjamin Lewis McCormick; and grandsons, Tommy Allen McCormick and Stephen Wayne Horton; and granddaughter, Amber Kay Horton. Survivors include her son, Earl

Charles McCormick of Angleton; daughters, Bonnie Lee McCormick Erdmann of Groton, South Dakota, and M. Joyce McCormick Abel of San Marcos; 14 grandchildren; 22 great grandchildren; several great granddaughters; and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

A graveside service was held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, November 14, at the Lakeside Cemetery in Eagle Lake. A memorial service is scheduled to be held November 16 at 2 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church in San Marcos.

Funeral arrangements were under the direction of Weed-Corley-Fisher Funeral Home, of Lamar.

Memorial contributions may be made to the First Presbyterian Church of San Marcos Capital Fund. Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

ANNOUNCING NEW ARRIVALS

Kelsey Marie Janow

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Janow of Eagle Lake announce the birth of their first child, a daughter, born November 6, 1995, at 1:25 p.m. at the Gulf Coast Medical Center in Wharton.

Kelsey Marie Janow weighed nine pounds. The attending physician was Dr. Robert Ogden.

Maternal grandparents are Gene and Dorothy Jones of Eagle Lake. Paternal grandparents are Ronald and Betty Janow of San Antonio. Great grandparents are Pearl Meitzen of Eagle Lake and A.H. "Hoot" Janow of Borden.

The new mother is the former Charlet Jones of Eagle Lake.

Dustin Lee Knesek

Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Knesek of Eagle Lake are proud to announce the birth of their second child, a son, born November 15, 1995, at 4:20 p.m. at Rice District Community Hospital.

Dustin Lee weighed eight pounds, one ounce, and measured 20 inches at birth. He was welcomed home by his sister Stacy Lynn, age 5.

The attending physician was Dr. Russell Thomas.

Maternal grandparents are Jesus and Martina Leal of Garwood. Paternal grandparents are Mary Lou Knesek of Columbus and the late Emil Lee Knesek.

His great grandmother is Aurelia Leal.

Brandon Morales

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Morales of Needville announce the birth of their second child, a son, born November 3, 1995, at 12:27 a.m. at Rice District Community Hospital.

Brandon weighed seven pounds, 10 ounces, and measured 21 inches at birth. He is welcomed home by his brother Jason Morales, age nine.

The attending physician was Dr. Russell Thomas.

His maternal grandmother is Lupe Saucedo of Eagle Lake. Paternal

grandmother is Lupe Morales of Needville.

Submitted by Nedly Phillips

Bible Verse of the Week

"Judge not, that ye be not judged." — Matthew 7: 1

Harrison

the Harrison's next door neighbor. In Nov. of 1938, they were married. The couple have four children: Bill Jr., who is married to Margie Mittel and is president of The First National Bank; Randa, who is married to Jimmy D. Simmons, owner of Simmons Lumber Co. in Columbus; Betty, who is married to Earl C. Hanamer III, owner of the Spyder Manufacturing Co. of Houston; and Rosanne Violet, who is the wife of Dr. Gerald W. Pollard, associated with the

Austin School for the Deaf. From their four children came eleven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren to make up the Harrison family.

As an addendum to real estate management, Bill became involved in the sale of life insurance with the Aetna Life Insurance Co. of Hartford, Conn.

His "low-key" approach to life underwriting soon gained him the honor of being the first in the Houston office, third in Texas and sixteenth in the nation among Aetna's 5000 or more agents. He was a holder of the National Quality Award and served as President of the Houston Leader's Round Table of Life Underwriters.

He is a member of Holland Masonic Lodge #1, the Houston Scottish Rite Bodies, Arabia Temple Shrine and served as President and Head Bugler of the Arabia Temple Drum and Bagle Corps.

In 1948, the family moved from Houston to the Harrison family ranch near Arleton.

There, Bill took over the management of the farm and ranch lands scattered over Colorado, Wharton and Matagorda Counties.

Soon after moving to the family lands, Bill was elected to the board of directors of San Bernard Rural Electric Cooperative, a job he held for 16 years, serving as president for 15 years. He was also a director of the South Texas Electric Cooperative in Victoria.

During the 16 years the family lived near Arleton before moving to Eagle Lake, he served as chairman of the Couthata District Boy Scouts of America; at the same time serving as president of the Columbus Town Council of Girl Scouts of America.

Harrison was a member of the Columbus Independent School District Board of Trustees for 10 years and was County Chairman of the Colorado County Program Building Committee. For 10 years he served as Superintendent of the Men's Baptist Brotherhood and Chairman of the Building Committee for the present church.

Bill and his wife are enthusiastic travelers, having made numerous trips to all of the continents, most of the 50 states, Mexico and Canada. Their collection of photos and slides number up in the thousands. He also photographed the owner of every business and every civic group of trustees in Eagle Lake in 1976 as a permanent record of the town for that year, the USA's 200th Anniversary.

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building in Columbus.

In 1958, Harrison was elected to the Board of Directors of The First National Bank of Eagle Lake. Five years later, in 1963, he was more or less "drafted" by other board members into the job of being president of the bank. He agreed to a six-week trial term which lasted six weeks, then six months, then six years, and on for a total of 16 years, until his retirement in July of 1979.

Upon retirement, he turned the CEO's job over to his son, Bill Jr., but has remained on the bank staff as chairman of the board.

During his tenure as president, he also served as president of the Chamber of Commerce, Chairman of the Eagle Lake Housing Authority, helped organize and was the first president of the Eagle Lake Industrial Foundation, was a member of the Development Board for the Development of Baylor University and a board member of Revitalize Eagle Lake Inc. He was awarded the president's award for outstanding service in the Chamber of Commerce in 1980 and was named Colorado County Outstanding Senior Citizen in 1985.

Currently, he is a member of the President's Council of Houston Baptist University, Wharton County Junior College Foundation Board and a past-president, Eagle Lake Community Hospital Board of Trustees (charter member), Colorado County Historical Commission, Eagle Lake Recreation Center (at-large), co-chair of Prairie Edge Museum, member of and former Trustee of First Baptist Church in Eagle Lake, and is Program Chairman of the Eagle Lake Rotary Club.

While serving as president of the South Central Texas Bankers Association, he published a "History of Banking in Colorado County". He has also researched and co-authored "History of Eagle Lake" in 1988 and 1993 published his last book entitled "Arleton, Texas, Backdoor To The Confederacy".

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growing by 16.8%," Sharp stated.

Other cities in our area, the amounts of their sales tax rebate this month, along with the change from this month last year are:

Columbus, \$37,004.04, -3.29%; Weimar, \$13,927.65, +21.12%; Sealy, \$58,306.67, +31.95%; Bellville, \$23,879.00, -0.65%; El Campo, \$144,667.80, +3.28%; and Wharton, \$94,954.20, -16.80%.

Year-to-date totals (based on the date rebates were issued) for the above cities are:

Columbus, \$387,571.21, +7.64%; Weimar, \$113,522.36, +7.34%; Sealy, \$435,366.51, +8.47%; Bellville, \$205,754.19, -5.44%; El Campo, \$1,390,274.89, +3.68%; and Wharton, \$579,572.69, -25.26%.

On the county level, Colorado County's Nov. check was in the amount of \$56,162.40, up 15.79% over last year, giving a year-to-date total of \$641,277.05, up 53.97%.

Wharton County received \$91,580.30, down 13.08%; year-to-date, \$1,021,931.29, down 6.59%. Austin County, \$59,452.11, down 1.58%; year-to-date, \$590,659.06, up 1.71%.

The Comptroller's next sales tax allocation is scheduled to be made on Friday, Dec. 8.

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When asked what he has learned through his high school years of football, he said, "I've learned never to give up, no matter how bad it gets".

He also commented that he'll miss football because it was everything to him and all of a sudden it's over.

Caesar also replied that the highs of the season were winning games, while the lows were losing the close games.

His extracurricular activities include football and baseball. Caesar is also a member of the Mighty Raider Band.

In his spare time, he likes to work on cars and play football.

Caesar is the son of Cesar and Olga Buitrago of Eagle Lake.

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RAIDER REVIEW

Who's Zat?

By Marcie Till

"I'm all rested and ready to play!" Just look at this adorable sleeping beauty with those clear blue eyes and that sweet, innocent face!

I wonder who this cutie could be? The only clue given was that she is a senior.

This cute little grin fooled Sara Mann when he incorrectly guessed Leigh Jackson.

George Weller fell on his head when he thought it was Kristen Stenke.

Jorge Hernandez was puzzled by her gorgeous eyes when he guessed Jodi Heard.

However, Rebecca Burrow, Risa Waddell, Frances Mrkwa, Clint Krennek, and Michael Wiese all knew that face had to belong to Rachel Matthys.

Rachel serves as Drama Club secretary, FTA, parliamentarian, Flag captain, and Band Council parliamentarian. She is also a member of the Student Council and Might Raider Band.

Rachel enjoys hanging out with friends and going to parties and dances.

She is the daughter of Ann Pavliska and George Matthys of Eagle Lake.



Raiders go hunting

By Rachelle Kallina

Hunting season is here, and the Raiders are ready. Several of the students enjoy going deer hunting. A few of them revealed their hunting experience.

Kris Gertson ended his season quickly by shooting an 11-pointer on Sat. morning, the first day of deer season.

Byron Black was hunting and waiting for the big one, when all of the sudden behind the bushes, a huge 12-pointer eased out. Byron put his gun off of safety and was shaking from the buck fever he had. Before he could get a standing shot, the deer took off running and Byron tried to get a running shot, but he missed.

Brandon Mathis shot a long horned spike in the center of it's eye. The deer dropped.

Doug Wied shot an eight-pointer in Fredericksburg during the first week of deer season.

For the rest of you "want to be" deer slayers, the season is still young and there is plenty of time to get out and harvest that trophy buck or just enjoy the outdoors. If putting a deer in the freezer is not your cup of tea, there is always hunting with a camera.

It's deer season, hunting in Texas, life is good.

Meet the Lady Raider

By Carrie Engstrom

The spotlight shines on senior and star basketball player Rebecca Burrow. Rebecca, wearing #40, plays forward and guard for the Lady Raider varsity basketball team.

Rebecca wants more than anything to go to Austin for the State Tournament. She has waited 3 years for this and she's ready to make it happen.

She commented, "We are a real quick team that is going to tear up the court." Rebecca stated, "There are some good rebounders and a few consistent outside shooters."

When asked whether she thinks the team will start out on the right foot she replied, "It's hard to tell so early, but I think we have potential. We have



Rebecca Burrow

VICA holds election

By Amy Castleman

Rice High School Cosmetology's Vocational Industrial Club of America (VICA) held office elections on Oct. 28.

The officers elected were: President, Tiffany Crane; Vice-president, Amanda Hopkins; treasurer, Niki Williams; secretary, Michelle Mosby; reporter, Amy Castleman and assistant reporter, Ranisha Coleman.

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Unclaimed scholarships seeking students

With confusion over federal student grant approvals, direct government student loans and changes in college financial aid guidelines, many students are finding it difficult to identify and understand their financial aid options and are missing out on receiving assistance that could be available to them.

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