

# OBITUARIES

## Emilie Garza

Emilie Garza, 52, of Eagle Lake, passed away on Friday, December 8, 1995, at 8:20 p.m. at M.D. Anderson Hospital in Houston. She was born September 1, 1943, near Fayetteville to August and Jennie Meyer Mirkwa. She was raised in Mentz, attended school in Mentz, Bernardo and Columbus. She later married John H. Garza, in Eagle Lake on April 6, 1963, and resided in Eagle Lake since. She worked as secretary for the Farm and Ranch Aerial Service of

Eagle Lake for many years before her health failed. She was preceded in death by her father. Survivors include her mother; John, her devoted husband of 32 years; daughter and son-in-law, Cindy and Sam Pirtle; and son and daughter-in-law, David and Mellisa Garza, all of Eagle Lake; a sister, Evelyn Orange of Mentz; brothers, John Mirkwa of Clute and August Mirkwa Jr. of Eagle Lake; grandsons, Thomas Pirtle and Justin Garza, both of Eagle Lake; a number of nieces, nephews, other relatives and a host of loved ones. Rosary was recited on Sunday, December 10, at 7 p.m. from the Chapel of Dulany Funeral Home in Eagle Lake. Funeral services were held Monday, December 11, at 2 p.m. from the Chapel of Dulany Funeral Home with Rev. Father Bernard Snock officiating. Interment will follow in the Lakeside Cemetery, Eagle Lake.

## Georgia Vales Adams

December 12, 1995

Mrs. Georgia Vales Adams, 75, of Eagle Lake passed away December 12, 1995, at 8:20 a.m. at Rice District Community Hospital in Eagle Lake. Funeral services are scheduled for Thursday, December 14, from the First Baptist Church of Eagle Lake with Rev. David Mann officiating. Interment will follow in the Lakeside Cemetery, Eagle Lake. The family requests that memorials be made to The First Baptist Church, P.O. Box 339, Eagle Lake, Texas 77434. A full obituary will appear in the Dec. 21 issue of *The Headlight*. Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

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

April 8, 1971 Eagle Lake Rotary Club is playing host on Wednesday of this week to a group study exchange team of seven outstanding young men from Australia. The team is sponsored by the Rotary District in Redfern, N.S.W. Australia and the group are visiting through May 19...

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## Baker's tale reprinted

Rollin Baker, co-creator of the Prairie Edge Museum, has graciously allowed *The Headlight* to print his most recent publication, *Alleyton*. The story takes Confederate Lieutenant Seth Randolph through much of the War Between the States. Baker's tale will be broken up into easily handled sections. A set number of weeks needed to reprint the story has not been decided.

Alleyton by Rollin H. Baker Chapter Two A New Set of Orders Finally an orderly opened the door next to the bench and invited Lieutenant Seth Randolph to enter. Striding into an inner office, he smartly saluted a major and was asked to take a seat. While the major returned to glancing at some papers on his desk, Seth looked around. Through the narrow

window he could see trees and a garden. Bright sunlight illuminated a CSA flag attached to a pole in one corner of the office. Assorted military maps were affixed to the black walls of the gloomy interior. Finally, the brevetted CSA major (formerly a captain in the Union Army) put aside his documents and looked up. "Lieutenant Randolph I am pleased that you have been punctual," he began tersely. "Your next assignment requires initial comment so please pay close attention."

"Yes sir," Seth replied sitting stiffly and soldier-like in his chair. "Please be at ease and listen," the major began as Seth slouched a bit. "In the spring of 1861, the Yankees began a blockade to prevent ships from arriving or leaving our seaports. They have been successful enough in this endeavor to seriously endanger supply lines hampering indeed our war effort."

"In short," the major, whose name was Sidney Terry, continued, "operators of our merchant marine have found it increasingly difficult to evade the blockade by the Yankee navy in order to ship bales of cotton to English merchants. Their cash payments and/or supplies of ordinance in exchange for our cotton, as you know, are major supports in our struggle for independence."

"Yes sir, I understand," expressed an alert Seth Randolph. "To be precise," the major went on, "we need payments in good English gold in order to buy armament and other military essentials for winning this war in short order."

"As you well know," he continued, "from reading military history many battles and wars have been won not only by the side with greater and better-trained manpower but also the side having more military supplies than the other. Of course these latter resources have to be used prudently."

"Laurel," he added, "our field-trained generals are far more skilled in using men and material than those on the Yankee side. Witness our impressive actions against the enemy to date!"

"Yes sir," again was Seth's reaction to this lecture. "Not only is the Yankee blockade working effectively," exclaimed the major, "but the enemy also has seized many of our vessels and gained cargoes of our precious cotton for North-east use."

"I can well appreciate that we have a most serious obstacle," ventured Seth dryly while wondering where this discussion was leading. "There is another and almost Yankee-proof way to surmount this problem," Major Terry said as he rose and walked over to a map on the wall. "We can sell our cotton without enemy interference to the British in Mexico," he commented. "All we have to do is transport the bales overland to eager buyers in Matamoros."

"Here," he demonstrated, pointing to the map showing coastal Texas, "in southeastern Texas are settlements in and near Galveston Bay. Starting in that vicinity is the track of the Buffalo Bayou, Brazos, and Colorado River Railroad. The western terminal is near the bank of the Colorado River at the village of Alleyton."

"From there," the major continued, "as you can see as my finger traces a path on the map, there is a freight wagon road going first south-then west to a point near the mouth of the Colorado River."

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## Contreras win Las Vegas trip

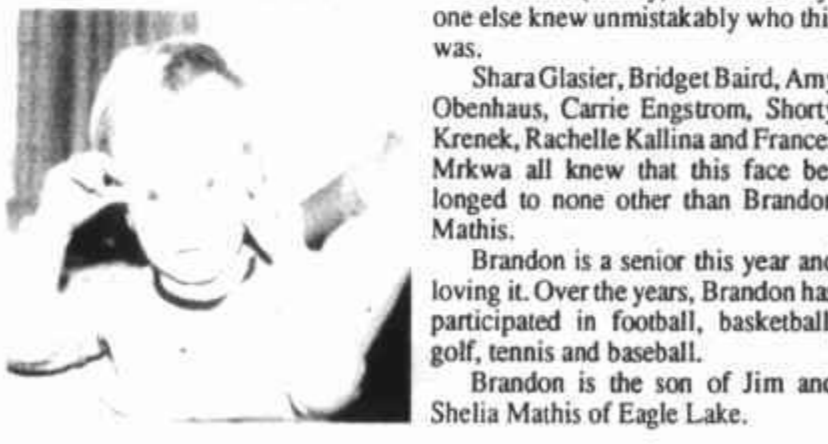
Rupert and Bobbie Joe Contreras of Eagle Lake are packing their bags for a Las Vegas vacation. Rupert was the lucky winner of a drawing at a company Christmas party on Dec. 9. He is employed at DMV Stainless in Houston. Good luck, have lots of fun, and remember... bring home more money than you took.

# RAIDER REVIEW

## Who's Zat?

By Robyn Rucka

Take a good look at this priceless picture. Who is this little cutie posing for the perfect photo. I bet that you could guess correctly before Marcie Till or Jennifer Krenk could.



## Globetrotter visits RICSD

By Nikki Fuller

On Wednesday, Dec. 6, Reggie Dixon, a member of the Harlem Globetrotters, visited every school in the Rice District.

The assembly was a thrill and treat for the students. Dixon demonstrated his basketball prowess by attempting half court shots and making full 360° dunks.

He also included teachers in his performance by involving them in different Globetrotter skills and moves. Afterwards, Dixon showed some of his dancing moves and Mrs. Machac and Mr. Wendel joined him. Boy did they pump it up!

Reggie Dixon ended with a positive message to the students. He stressed the importance of staying in school and living a DRUG FREE LIFE!

When asked how the season is progressing for her and the team, Bridget answered, "The season has started off somewhat slow, but it is picking up. During the majority of our losses, we held the game close until the very end and just came up a little short. With a little dedication and some support from our fans, we will produce a substantial record."

Bridget plays varsity volleyball, basketball and golf. She is a member of NHS, FFA and the Rodeo Club. She enjoys playing sports, going out with friends and dancing in her spare time.

Bridget is the daughter of David and Carolyn Baird of Eagle Lake.

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## 'Last-minute Christmas Shoppers' show in Wharton

America's top-rated artists and craftsmen will be on hand at Landmark Productions annual "Last-Minute Christmas Shoppers" Arts & Crafts Show and Sale in the Wharton Civic Center this Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 16-17. The event will include hundreds of unique items. Featured in the show will be wood-crafts, jewelry, specialty food items, ceramics, toys, needlepoint, leather-crafts and hundreds more items. The \$3 adult admission is good for both days. Children under 12 get in free. Show hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday. The Wharton Civic Center is located at 1924 North Fulton St. The event is presented by Landmark Productions Arts and Crafts Shows. For more information, please call Landmark at 409-569-8650.



Pictured at right are Ellen and Robert Wilson of Forth Worth. The Wilsons will offer their line of clothing items at this weekend's "Last-minute Christmas Shoppers' Show". They participate in more than 20 events throughout the state annually and have been a part of the Wharton event for the past four years.

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By Carrie Engstrom

## Rice posts finals schedule

The first semester of the 1995-96 school year at Rice is coming to an end. The students will complete the semester with the testing of the final exams.

Exam schedule is as follows: Thursday, Dec. 14th: 7th and 8th periods; Friday, Dec. 15: 3rd and 4th periods; Monday, Dec. 18: 5th and 6th periods, and Tuesday, Dec. 19: 1st and 2nd periods.

Brandon is a senior this year and loving it. Over the years, Brandon has participated in football, basketball, golf, tennis and baseball.

Brandon is the son of Jim and Shelia Mathis of Eagle Lake.

If students bring a note from their parents/guardians, they will be able to be dismissed after second period classes on Monday and Tuesday.

"Good Luck" and we hope everyone has a wonderful and safe holiday.

## Ag Moos

By Rachelle Kallina

The Rice FFA held its last meeting of 1995 on Monday, Nov. 27. The main items discussed were the upcoming Rice FFA Show and Sale which will be held Saturday, Jan. 13.

at the Rice FFA Show barn. The show will begin at 8 a.m. and the sale will start promptly at 1 p.m. Lunch will be available from 11:30 a.m. until 12:45. All members of the community are invited to attend and view the 40 projects that Rice FFA members have been caring for.

Other information mentioned at the meeting was that in 1997 a FFA member will only be able to sell one animal in the county fair or local show.

Rice began its second annual sausage sale on Dec. 1, all members can take orders. Jenny Hajovsky, Michelle Spindel, Brook Cranek and Bridgett Adams participated in the District IV leadership contest in Columbus. Congratulations girls!

Rice FFA will have 27 steers, two heifers and one hog going to the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo. Good luck and keep up the great work!

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