

# OBITUARIES

## Charles E. Humbird

January 3, 1927 - March 7, 1996

Charles E. Humbird, 69, of Columbus passed away on March 7, 1996, at Columbus Community Hos-

pital. Born January 3, 1927, he was the son of Samuel Walter and Bertha Schneider Humbird in Shaws Bend. He and Shirley Jean Thomason were married on April 12, 1947. Charles was a retired drilling superintendent and had been a resident of Columbus since 1982. He was a member of Rock Island Baptist Church, VFW Post #6113 and American Legion #383. He served his country in the U.S. Navy during World War II. Humbird was preceded in death by his parents; a son, Glen Charles Humbird; and brothers, Herbert, Robert and Jim Humbird. Survivors include his wife; a son,

Michael Humbird; and a brother Howard Humbird, all of Columbus. Funeral services were held March 9 at 2 p.m. from Henneke Funeral Home in Columbus with Rev. Bob Allison officiating. Interment was at Odd Fellows Rest Cemetery in Columbus with military honors performed by VFW Post #6113 and American Legion Post #383. Pallbearers were George and Ellis Steinhauser, Walter, Jerry, Earl, Robert and Wayne Humbird; and John Matas. Henneke Funeral Home, Columbus, was in charge of arrangements. Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

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## Pearl McCormick Mayes

June 30, 1920 - March 5, 1996

Pearl McCormick Mayes, 75, of East Bernard, passed away March 5, 1996, at 10:05 p.m. at T.H.C. Hospital in Houston. She was born on June 30, 1920, in Lissie to Benjamin and Minnie Campbell McCormick.

She married Michael W. Mayes of Lissie on January 10, 1945. Pearl was a member of First United Methodist Church of East Bernard, a loving and devoted wife, mother, grandmother and sister. She was missed by all.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband in 1973; a son, Michael Drew Mayes; sisters, Merle Gist and Ruth Jerrells; and brothers, Earl and Ralph McCormick. Survivors include a daughter and son-in-law, Cindy and Greg Fuller; and a son, Jeff Mayes, all of East Bernard; sister, Edith Mills of Beeville; a brother, Charles McCormick of Temple; and grandchildren, Cory Neil and Holly Noel Fuller East Bernard and Russell Warren Mayes of Nashville, Tenn.

Funeral services were held Friday, March 8, at 2 p.m. from the Chapel of Dulany Funeral Home in Eagle Lake with Rev. Quinton Kimbrow, Pastor of the First United Methodist Church of East Bernard, officiating. Interment followed in the Lake-side Cemetery in Eagle Lake. Serving as pallbearers were Harold and Rodney Miller, Lamaj and Earl McCormick; John Allett Mills and Leon Worlow. Honorary pallbearers were her nieces and nephews. Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

## Bible Verse

"Whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved." Romans 10:13  
Submitted by Neddy Phillips

## Johnnie Harold Parker Sr.

July 3, 1930 - March 11, 1996

Johnnie Harold Parker Sr., 65, of Eagle Lake passed away on Monday, March 11, 1996, in Houston. He was born on July 3, 1930, in Wallis.

Survivors include his wife, Billie Lucille Parker of Eagle Lake; daughter and son-in-law, Shirley Faye and James Haga of Wharton; sons and daughters-in-law, Harold Wayne and Sandy Parker of San Antonio, Kenneth Ray Parker of Eagle Lake, Barbara and Johnnie Harold Parker Jr. of Eagle Lake; sisters, Ruth Head of Bossie City, La., and Lavada Laughlin of Eagle Lake; 11 grandchildren and one great-granddaughter. Memorial services are scheduled for Friday, March 15, at 10 a.m. from the First Baptist Church of Eagle Lake with Rev. David Mann, Pastor, officiating. Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

Following cremation, interment and private committal services will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial contributions be made to the Johnnie H. Parker Sr. Memorial Fund, c/o Wallis State Bank, 111 N. McCarty Ave., Eagle Lake, TX 77434. Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

## HERITAGE HOUSE NEWS

By Patricia A. Bubeta, Activity Director



Pictured above are the party sponsors of the recent Heritage House birthday party sponsors, members of the First Presbyterian Church ladies group. From left are, Mrs. Laura Thomas, Virginia Reed, Mrs. Lawrence Stallman, Mrs. George Burke, Mrs. W. Brunner and Mrs. Walter Willis. Heritage House Photos

Heritage House residents enjoyed worship services Saturday morning with congregation members of "The Church." Residents reported having a rather enjoyable time singing hymns and guitar playing.

Sunday church services were held Sunday afternoon by Rev. Larry Bailey, pastor of Eagle Lake Methodist Church. Residents attending reported singing hymns and an enlightening sermon. Special thanks to Rev. Bailey and the Methodist congregation.

Our Feb. Birthday Party for residents was held Feb. 23, sponsored by members of the First Presbyterian Church. The party was a smash and fun for all attending. Mrs. Patty Stevens entertained during the party, playing peppy tunes. Birthday celebrants Agnes Brast, Maria Elizondo, Edrie Cloud, Walter Alvarado, Marvin Arons, Mary Magarijovich received a beautiful gift of a potted plant for their room. Delicious refreshments of assorted finger sandwiches, cakes and punch were served to a huge crowd of residents and well-wishers. Special thanks to Mrs. Virginia Reed, Mrs. Lawrence Stallman, Mrs. George Burke, Mrs. William Brunner, Mrs. Walter Willis, Mrs. Agnes Jones, Mrs. Laura Thomas for giving a wonderful, fun birthday party for our residents.

The Second Annual Super Bowl Sunday Chili Cook-Off, sponsored by the Eagle Lake Volunteer Fire Department Ladies' Auxiliary, was held on Jan. 28 at the Broesch's. Proceeds from the Chili Cook-Off will benefit the Equipment Fund established by the Ladies' Auxiliary to provide much needed equipment for the Fire Department. With benefits such as these, the Ladies' Auxiliary has been able to provide the department with monies to purchase papers for each fireman. Eighteen teams participated, with each required to have a member of the Fire Department, Ladies Auxiliary or a family member of one of the two organizations as one of its members. The teams began churning their potions at 1 p.m. and guarded their secret recipes until the judging began at 4. The judges (who we're told have cast iron stomachs) were Mike and Sherri Gould, Mickey Kochwep, Gail Gertson and Bert Krenk. After what seemed like hours to the anxious teams, the judges emerged (chugging Maalox) with the winners. Taking first place honors was the team of Gary and Betsy Glaiser. The second place trophy went to Shara Glaiser and Kim Henske. Coming in third were David and Carolyn Baird. An addition to this year's awards ceremony was a last place trophy which went to Bob and Billy Cook. (Pat and Denise assure us that they had nothing to do with it) No matter what the scores were, everyone seemed to have a great time. Judging was complete just in time for kick-off, but not before a nice profit was made to help the Auxiliary continue its efforts in providing updated equipment for the Fire Department. The Auxiliary would like to thank all who helped make the Second Annual Super Bowl Sunday Chili Cook-Off a great success. The Ladies, and the Fire Department, appreciate your support.

## Fire Dept. holds 'super' chili cook-off

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## Laura Matthys recognized

Laura Matthys, STEP employee at Wintermann Library in Eagle Lake since 1991, was recognized recently, along with thousands of other Texans who offer employees the experience and wisdom of a lifetime of hard work and dedication. For over 20 years, the Senior Texans Employment Program (STEP), administered by the Farmers Union Community Development Association Inc. and funded through the Texas Department of Aging and the U.S. Department of Labor, has provided older workers the opportunity to apply their lifelong skills and abilities to many local projects while receiving marketable training for employment. The contributions older workers make to the community were recognized during Older Worker Week.

## Heritage House sweethearts

Pictured above are the "royalty" for Heritage House in Eagle Lake. Chosen during the recent Valentine festivities were, from left, Herman McCullen, Edrie Cloud, Maria Elizondo and Joe Salas. Heritage House Photos

## Attend the Church of Your Choice...

- LIVING HOPE CHURCH: Revs. Joe and Mercy Fugate; 234-5536.
- TEMPLE BERE: 621 Maple Street, Eagle Lake. Rev. Romero.
- ROCK ISLAND FULL GOSPEL: P.O. Box 232, Rock Island; 234-5840; Nick Williams, Pastor.
- BETHELEM DE JUDEA ASSEMBLEA DE DIOS: 1000 East E Street, Eagle Lake.
- SEALY ASSEMBLY OF GOD: 1140 Meyer St., Sealy; Warren Richardson, Pastor.
- THE DAY OF PENTECOST APOSTOLIC REVIVAL: FM 102 S, Matthews, 4 p.m. (at Mt. Zion). Rev. R.L. Carter.
- EAST BERNARD FIRST BAPTIST: Rev. Clifford Roser. FIRST BAPTIST: N. Lake at E. Prairie, Eagle Lake. Rev. David Mann.
- FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST: 405 S. Lake, Eagle Lake; Rev. Earl Shoran, Jr., Pastor, 234-5795.
- GETSEMAN BAPTIST MISSION: 901 B Street, Eagle Lake.
- GREAT MT. OLIVE BAPTIST: Rev. R. Kiser, Pastor. 705 Lake, Eagle Lake, 234-3545.
- PROVIDENCE BAPTIST: 1207 E. State, Eagle Lake. Rev. Coby Shoran; 234-3735.
- ROCK ISLAND BAPTIST: Bob Allison, Pastor.
- SHERIDAN FIRST BAPTIST
- WHITE CLOUD BAPTIST CHURCH: 203 Old Altair Rd., Eagle Lake; Rev. Oble Rhodes; 234-3800.
- CHURCH OF CHRIST: Sherida, Texas.
- NEW LIFE FELLOWSHIP: Hwy. 90A, Sertides; Del Sanford, Pastor; 234-3276.
- CHRIST OUR REDEEMER - Charismatic: 478-7534, 478-6512, Jerry C. McKinney, Pastor.
- HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH: East Bernard. PARISH OF THE NATIVITY: Our Lady of Guadalupe Sanctuary; Guadalupe Terrace Addition; 7 a.m. (Español); 11 a.m. Our Lady of Perpetual Help Sanctuary; 310 N. Stevenson; 9 a.m. Father Eddie Winkler.
- ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH: Box 97, Nada, 758-3218. Rev. Magr. Victor G. Schmidzinsky, Pastor.
- CHRIST EPISCOPAL: 306 E. Stuebke.
- EAGLE LAKE GOSPEL MISSION: Rev. Emil Burger.
- GRACE LUTHERAN: 408 N. Stevenson, 234-3381; Rev. Robert E. Schiort.
- LEHRER MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST: Garwood, Texas. Rev. Larry Bailey, Pastor.
- LIESSIE UNITED METHODIST: Sandra Kimberow, Pastor; 234-2112; Lissie, Texas.
- ROCK ISLAND METHODIST: Ken Sellers Jr., Lay-Pastor.
- UNITED METHODIST: Larry E. Bailey, Pastor, 260 W. Prairie; Sunday School 9:30 A.M.; Worship: 10:45 a.m.
- FIRST PRESBYTERIAN: 106 E. State St., Eagle Lake. Richard Avery, Pastor.
- VINE OF THE LORD: Frank Navarro, Pastor.
- FRIENDSHIP A.G.: 501 Wallace, East Bernard. Fred Claassen, Pastor.
- THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS: 600 West St., Sealy; Marshall Crosby, Branch Pres.
- CHURCH OF CHRIST: 815 Milam, Columbus. Roy W. Palmer, Minister.
- THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS: 200 N. Lake, Eagle Lake, 234-5805; Miguel H. Ameliano, Branch President.
- THE SHEPHERD'S WAY: Non-denominational Christian Fellowship; 217 Main, Sealy; Frank Dallas, Pastor. 485-7873.

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The body of a premature baby girl was found on the City dump site in the south section of town during the late afternoon of Wednesday and was taken to the Penn Funeral Home... Billie Russell Schultz was five years old last Friday and celebrated with a party at his home in Garwood... Robert Wilcox Jr. joined relatives for a trip to New Orleans to witness the Sugar Bowl game New Year's Day... Carol Sens, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Elmo Sens, was eight years old Tuesday and was complimented with a party at her home that afternoon... Mrs. C.W. Causey and Mrs. Harland Bell entertained with a tea at the Causey home on Tuesday when about 95 guests remembered Miss Vera Sunderman with lovely gifts. The beautifully wrapped packages were taken to the bride-elect in the state of Washington by her parents, Mr. & Mrs. Glen Sunderman, who left Thursday to attend the wedding... Raymond Thomas joined friends in Kentwood, La., for a trip to New Orleans on New Year's Day to attend the Sugar Bowl game... Mr. & Mrs. Reid Hask and sons, Jimmy and Sammie, visited relatives and friends here last week. They were en route to their home in Dallas after a visit to Corpus Christi and Rockport.



## Coastal donates to 'Habitat'

Coastal Banc Savings Association, represented by branch managers Donna Ross, second from right, and Mark Friedrich, right, recently presented a donation of \$2,500 to the Colorado County Habitat for Humanity, a local affiliate of Habitat for Humanity International. Habitat for Humanity is a non-profit Christian housing organization whose goal is to eradicate poverty housing in Colorado County and throughout the world. Accepting the donation for the local organization were, from left, Rosemary Lewis, executive director; Rev. George W. Clark of the New Greater Smith Baptist Church; Ross; Rev. Carl Evans of the Booker Memorial Temple Church of God in Christ; Valerie O'Brien, director; and Friedrich. Banner Press Photo by Nora Rollins

## Tax

about the payments one year ago of \$110.9 million. The rebates of \$13.3 million to Texas counties reflect a 13.3% increase over the \$11.7 million payments of March 1995. This month's payments include local sales taxes collected in Jan. and reported by businesses filing monthly returns in Feb. The City of Houston received the largest sales tax rebate of \$17.7 million in March, up 12.9% over the \$15.7 million delivered last March. "Employment in the Houston metro area grew by only 2.9% in the last year, with the largest gains coming in the service sector, which increased by 6%," Sharp said. The \$12.2 million payment to the City of Dallas for March was the second largest of the same period last year, at \$9.7 million. "While overall employment in the Dallas metro area rose by 4.6%, services led all other sectors with an increase of 9%," Sharp stated. The San Antonio sales tax rebate for March was \$7 million, 9.3% more than the March 1995 payment of \$6.4 million. "Alamo City metro area jobs rose 5.5% since this same period last year, and office buildings are the fullest they've been in 10 years," Sharp said. The Austin sales tax rebate for March totaled \$6.3 million, 12.8% above the City's March 1995 payment of \$5.6 million. "For 13 consecutive months, employment growth in the Austin-San Marcos area has topped 6.1%, to make it again the economically fastest-growing major metro area in the state," said Sharp. The City of Ft. Worth's \$3.5 million rebate was 17% above the \$3 million delivered in March 1995. Arlington received \$3.6 million, a 34.4% increase of the \$2.7 million for the same period last year. "Jobs in the Ft. Worth-Arlington metro area rose by 4.7% over the same period last year, with construction climbing 12.7%," stated Sharp. El Paso's sales tax rebate this month was \$2.7 million, a 6.3% increase above the \$2.6 million payment delivered in March 1995. "With the Mexico economy appearing to be bottoming out, housing permits are up in El Paso, where the construction sector grew 7.1% in the last year," Sharp said. Other cities in our area, the amount

## Fossils given to Prairie Edge Museum

A highly educational collection of fossil remains of extinct animals was recently received by Prairie Edge Museum (PEM) from John Beseda Jr. of Killen. These bulky specimens were presented to PEM in the name of his father, the late John Beseda Sr. Beseda Sr. had accumulated, between 1960 and 1975, at least a dozen heavy bones and teeth of prehistoric creatures as the result of his work in gravel excavations at the Jay-Ray Plant of the Thorstenberg-Tamarrillo Gravel Company located near Ramsey, about seven miles northwest of Eagle Lake. Most prominent are the large teeth of elephant-like mammoths and mastodons. These massive beasts lived in what is now Colorado County at the end of the Pleistocene Ice Age. Fossil experts, according to PEM curators, have determined that these animals became extinct at least 7,000 years ago. Among other fossils rescued by Beseda from gravel-pit excavations was the lower jaw of an extinct tapir, a close relative of tapirs presently living in Latin American and Malaya. The only other tapir fossils known to have been found in Colorado County came from a gravel pit near Alletton in 1928. PEM Board President Helen Craig was most appreciative of Beseda's donations since these exhibit materials add immeasurably to the museum's prehistoric collections. "She urges all current gravel pit operators to be watchful for more such ancient relics. Craig even hopes that one day an observant operator will unearth the skull of a monstrous, saber-toothed tiger. That, she explains, would be an truly exciting museum exhibit! PEM sincerely thanks Larry Du-

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Sophomore: Jessica Briscoe, Jonathan Burrow, Tiffany Castro, Jennifer Hajovsky, Karen Kazmir, Valerie Korenek, Laine Labay, Kelli Matthews, Nenci Rodriguez, Petra Sewell, Delana Smith, Resnesa Thibodeaux, LaToya Timms, Francisco Varela, Douglas Volkmer, Risa Waddell, Amanda Weishuhn, Tiffany Wilker.  
Junior: Josh Allen, Bridget Baird, Leah Brisco, Sarah Buckner, Corina Chamberlain, Adriana Cordova, Carrie Engstrom, Kyle Flank, Suzy Gertson, Shara Glaiser, Rachelle Kallina, Jennifer Krenk, Trey Kucherka, Connie Longoria, Andrea Machac, Sara Mann, Tim Powers, Robyn Rucak, Gina Sides, Lea Spangenberg, Marcie Till.  
Senior: Crystal Atkins, Byron Black, Rebecca Burrow, Amy Castleman, Lautila Deville, Nikki Fuller, Carst Hagendorf, Wendy Henderson, Leigh Jackson, Christina Kazmir, Dana Leopold, Elizabeth Martinez, Brandon Mathis, Rachel Mathys, Valerie Moreno, Courtney Parker, Gloria Rodriguez, Billie Salazar, Jill Satky, Aimee Smith, Kristen Stienke, Jared Vawter, Chad Wesselski, Douglas Wied, Michael Wiese.

"If you try to cleanse others — like soap, you will waste away in the process!"  
— African Proverb

## Beware, the Ides of March!

## Board

enclose exterior openings at concession stand; \*Garwood School: new drive and bus drop-off at front; demolish two school houses adjacent to school; electrical work; and convert a building to classroom; and \*Adm. Building: roofing. \*An district-wide technology plan will also be funded by capital outlay. According to Gott, this is just a beginning and will get the district started on the projects that must be completed by the beginning of the 1996-97 school year. An executive session concerning cheerleader eligibility resulted in two policy changes. In-school suspension will no longer disqualify a student from cheerleader tryout. The Board considered the policy too severe with no allowance for sufficient latitude for discretion. The rule requiring varsity cheerleader candidates to have at least one year experience in band, Raiderettes, or as a junior varsity cheerleader was deleted. No rational foundation could be found since none of the mentioned organizations had any connection with cheerleaders. Both students affected by the policies were allowed to participate in

March 8 cheerleader tryout, pending a Board decision. Parents of one of the students met in executive session with the Board. The school calendar for 1996-97 was adopted. Students will begin on Aug. 15 and dismiss on May 30 with graduation on May 29. In other business, the Board: \*Approved budget amendments for special education, band music and a parking lot camera at Rice High School, which is already in place; \*Called a special Board meeting for March 18 at 7 p.m. for school personnel recommendations; \*Discussed a coaches' pay scale, whereby coaches will be paid by the jobs they are assigned; and \*Adopted a paraprofessional auxiliary staff pay schedule for the 1996-97 budget year with minimum and maximums including increment for years employed in the district.

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**Views On Dental Health**  
THE BEST WAY TO FLOSS

Both brushing and flossing are needed to help you remove the bacteria from your teeth and gums that causes tooth decay. Here are some pointers on flossing technique.

After you've given your teeth a good brushing, take about 18 inches of floss. Wrap the ends around your middle fingers to take up the slack. Then use your thumbs to guide the floss between and around your upper teeth. When you're ready to switch to the lower teeth, use your index fingers to guide the floss.

The floss should be held tightly. Keep it taut. But you should use gentle motions once it's inserted between your teeth. Don't force it or pull down hard. You might injure your gums. Curve the floss around each tooth and under the gum line, moving it up and down to loosen food particles and other debris. Then pull the floss forward so you're starting fresh with the next tooth.

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