

OBITUARIES

Julius Cloat

Julius Cloat, 83, of Eagle Lake, passed away Saturday, May 18, 1996, at 7:30 a.m. at Rice District Community Hospital. He had been a long time resident of Eagle Lake and was a member of the Roman Catholic Parish of the Nativity. He was preceded in death by his wife, Mary Hernandez Cloat on May 24, 1984. Survivors include his wife, Juana Palacios Cloat of Eagle Lake, and numerous other relatives and friends. Graveside services were held Monday, May 20, at 10 a.m. from the Lakeside Cemetery in Eagle Lake with Rev. Father Eddie Winkler of the Eagle Lake Roman Catholic Parish of the Nativity officiating. Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

Roland R. 'Sammy' Denley

May 25, 1934 - May 16, 1996

Roland R. "Sammy" Denley, 61, of Eagle Lake, passed away Thursday, May 16, 1996, at his residence following a courageous fight with cancer. He was born May 25, 1934, in Fayette County to Roosevelt and Mary M. Johnson Denley. He graduated from Eagle Lake's E.H. Henry High School and Hutson-Tillison College, then earned his Masters Degree from Howard University, Washington, D.C.

He served his country honorably, retiring as Master Sergeant after 23 years of active duty in the U.S. Army. He was awarded the Ranger Master Parachutist Badge; Combat Infantry Badge; Vietnam Service Medal; National Defense Service Medal; Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal; Vietnam Campaign Medal; three Overseas Service Bars; Meritorious Service Medal; Bronze Star Medal; three Presidential Unit Citations and the Purple Heart. Following retirement from the service, Mr. Denley taught Junior ROTC for 20 years, retiring from that position in 1994 in Gary, Indiana. He returned to Eagle Lake and was a member of the Greater Mt. Olive Baptist Church and served as Vice-President of the E.H. Henry Alumni Association. His conviction to the belief that our youth are the key to our future remained. He provided guidance at every opportunity. Survivors include close friends and care givers, Eula Jean McGrew, Thomas Edward Kaushalf, Marvin Christal and Melvin Gordon; daughters, Vickie Denley of Pismo Beach, Calif., and Tina Fisher of Los Angeles, Calif.; sons, Ronnie Denley of Santa Cruz, Calif., and Ronald R. "Bino" Denley Jr. of Indianapolis, Ind.; grandson, Zaree Denley of Tempe; sisters, Freddie Joyce Aycock of Seattle, Wash., and Jennifer Denley of Houston; brothers, Joe Denley of Columbus, and Kenneth Aycock of Sugar Lake; step-mother, Ruth Denley of Hempstead; step-brother, Norman Williams of Hempstead; three step-sons; one step-granddaughter; aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and numerous other relatives and loved ones. Funeral services were held Sunday, May 19, at 2 p.m. from the Greater Mt. Olive Baptist Church of Eagle Lake with Rev. Rudolph Kiser, Pastor, officiating. Graveside services with Full Military Honors followed in Eagle Lake Community Cemetery North. Pallbearers were Alex Woolridge, A.J. Williams, Melvin Gordon, Robert Boone, Brian Woods and Herbert Ashton. Honorary pallbearers were his grandsons and brothers. Arrangements were under the direction of Dulany Funeral Home in Eagle Lake. Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

Mary S. Cordova

November 14, 1922 - May 20, 1996

Mary S. Cordova, 73, of Eagle Lake, passed away Monday, May 20, 1996, at 2:50 p.m. at Southwest Memorial Hospital in Houston. She was born November 14, 1922, in Hitchcock to Joe and Josefa Barrientes Soto. She and Leocadio M. "Candy" Cordova Sr. were united in marriage November 28, 1949, in Eagle Lake. She was a member and faithful servant of the Roman Catholic Parish of the Nativity in Eagle Lake, a devoted wife, mother, grandmother and sister and will be missed by all. She was preceded in death by her

parents and husband, "Candy" on September 13, 1994. Survivors include a daughter, Eva M. Vasquez of Eagle Lake; sons and daughters-in-law, Fred and Judy Cordova of Brookshire, John Cordova of Sunnyvale, Calif., and Leo "Boogie" and Lucy Cordova of Milpitas, Calif.; sisters, Candida Sanchez of Bay City, Lola Valdez of Eagle Lake, Janie Guerrero of Houston, and Cirilda Lopez of Bryan; brothers, Joe A. Soto of El Cajon, Calif., and Phillip Soto Sr. of San Antonio; 10 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; nieces, nephews and other relatives. Vigil services were scheduled for 6:30 p.m., Wednesday, May 22, followed by a parish Rosary from the Chapel of Dulany Funeral Home. Funeral services are scheduled to be held at 10 a.m. Thursday, May 23, from the Sanctuary of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Roman Catholic Parish of the Nativity, Eagle Lake, with Rev. Eddie Winkler officiating. Interment will follow in Lakeside Cemetery, Eagle Lake. Dulany Funeral Home of Eagle Lake was in charge of arrangements. Serving as pallbearers will be her sons, Fred, John and Leo; Herbert Ramirez, and Johnny Jr. and Ronnie Gonzales. Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

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Mary Minter
June 2, 1924 - May 18, 1996
Mary Minter, 71, of Rusk, widow of J.L. "Buddy" Minter and formerly of Willis, passed away May 18, 1996, in Rusk. Mary was born June 2, 1924, in Columbus and was a loving mother and grandmother. She was an excellent cook and avid gardener. Survivors include daughters and sons-in-law, Mary and Ronnie Arnold of Missouri City, Nancy and John Edmon of Conroe, and Linda (Wendy) and Bob Freund of Spring; brothers, Elmer Baker of Oak Ridge North, and George Baker of Rusk; grandchildren, Todd, Staci, James, Brandi, John Wayne, Kathy, Sharon, Lon and Coli; and one great grandson, Parker. Funeral services were held Wednesday, May 22, in Cashner Colonial Chapel with Rev. Cliff Herring-officiating. Graveside services were held at 4:30 p.m. in Myrtle Cemetery located in Rock Island with Cashner Funeral Home in charge of arrangements. Local arrangements were under the direction of Dulany Funeral Home in Eagle Lake. Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

Outstanding Older Texans chosen
The 1996 Colorado County Older Texan Fair was held May 2 at the Sheridan Community Center. Along with the nominations of outstanding male and female older Texans, there were exhibits, booth and, of course, the awards ceremony. Nominees for the 1996 Outstanding Older Texan Woman were: Helen Berger, Mabel Krenke, Barbara Prause, Juanita Wolf Rabel and Sarah Jain Uzzi. Chosen as Older Outstanding Woman was Helen Berger, nominated by the Nada-Garwood Family and Community Education Club, Christian Mother's Society and Catholic Daughters of America of Nada. She was born Nov. 27, 1916, in Nada, one of eight children. She has spent all of her 79 years in the Nada-Garwood area. Helen has eight children, 18 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Her husband, Alfred, and one daughter are deceased. For 20 years Helen worked at St. Mary's School spending many extra hours tutoring children who had a hard time learning. She also took time to teach the children things like cooking, sewing, quilting and other arts and crafts. Upon retiring from St. Mary's School, she has continued her "career" of ministry to the poor and elderly by managing a resale shop sponsored by St. Mary's Catholic Church by collecting and donating food, clothing and money for the poor, calling and visiting the sick and shut-ins, making baby blankets for Seton House and lap robes for the nursing homes. Many quilts, which she and others designed, pieced and donated to raffles, auctions, missions and the needy, were completed in Helen's home. Helen has been an active member and officer in the Christian Mother's Society, Catholic Daughters, Family & Community Education Club, Council of Catholic Women and other organizations. She is a loving, caring person who has devoted her life to her family and helping others and is a role model for young and old alike. Nominees for Outstanding Older Texan Men were: Joe Lee McCreary, Claude C. Rhodes, Max Rogers and Eddie Ray Taylor. The winner was Joe Lee McCreary of Eagle Lake, nominated by the Eagle Lake Masonic Lodge #336. Joe Lee was born in Eagle Lake in Dec. 1914 and has lived there all his life. He has two children, three grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Eleanor, his wife of 53 years, passed away in 1993. In 1995, at the age of 80, Joe Lee married Ethel Cone and he says he's been trying to keep up with her and the grandchildren ever since. Joe Lee is an active member of the Christ Episcopal Church, serving on the vestry numerous times as well as the serving as clerk. He helped form the first combined charity drive in Eagle Lake, now known as the United Way. He is the only active charter member of the Eagle Lake Noon Lion's Club and was instrumental in starting the club's fund raiser, the Lion's Carnival. Joe Lee donated the land for Eagle Lake to build a hospital and helped to expand the city's water system to a portion of Eagle Lake that did not have a sufficient water supply. He has been a member of the Masonic Lodge for over 50 years and has served in all positions of the lodge at least once. He says he is very active in this organization because it helps numerous children in many different ways. Joe Lee is a charter member of the Eagle Lake Prairie Edge Museum, putting in countless hours to make it a success. He has always been interested in finding jobs so the young people can remain in Eagle Lake and supports anything that helps Eagle Lake and its citizens. Exhibit winners were: Baked goods: Grand Champion Evelyn Barrett of Columbus; Reserve Champion Lorene Bubela of Nada. Floriculture: Grand Champion Juanita Rabel, Weimar; Reserve Champion Alvina Ott, Weimar. Fresh garden products: Grand Champion Agatha Gold, Garwood; Reserve Champion Lorene Bubela, Nada. Needle work: Grand Champion Alma Blocher, Alvey; Reserve Champion Madeline Hatterman, Weimar. Congratulations to these Older Texans!

RAIDER REVIEW

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Positive Force tour comes to Rice



Patsy Torres performs at Rice High School.

Rice Consolidated students had the privilege to miss a little class time and attend an influential and powerful concert. Patsy Torres and the Positive Tour visited Rice High School on Wednesday, May 8. This talented group of singers performed a variety of popular music with a positive message behind each chorus. The group sang a little rap, a little rock, and finished it up with Tejano. The students enjoyed the concert as they sang and danced on the gym floor. Ms. Torres warned students about the evils of drugs, violence and unprotected sex. She told of her personal experiences with each of these things and helped get her point across through several dramatic skits. We hope to see the group again next year.

campuses bused students to the high school gym to attend the performance. The high school students attended the concert at the end of school day, after the middle school campus. This concert was arranged by H.O.M.E. (Hispanic Organization of Mentors and Educators). Ms. Veronica Villafuerte and Mrs. Suzanne Sykowski were the two most responsible for the Positive Force Tour stopping at our campus. We hope to see the group again next year.

Band performs concert

On Tuesday, May 14, the Rice Raider Band held its annual spring concert in the Rice High School commons. The Concert Band was under the direction of Stan Miller. They performed "The Thunderer", "Light My Fire", "I Need to be in Love", "The Batman Theme", and "You Give Love a Bad Name". The band has done a wonderful job and should be commended for another great year. Sarah Buckner played two solos, "Furioso and Valse" and "Suite Mexicana", on a marimba. Another solo, "Harlequinade", was performed by Crystal Atkins on her alto saxophone. The band has done a wonderful job and should be commended for another great year. Robin Ball conducted the Symphonic Band. Their pieces included, "El Alamo March", "Blue Ridge Saga", "Lone Star March", and "Deir in De".

Final exam schedule

The end of the year is wrapping up and final exams are about to begin. The schedule for finals is as follows: Thursday, May 30: (seniors only), 1st and 2nd periods. Friday, May 24: 7th and 8th periods. Monday, May 27: Holiday. Tuesday, May 28: 3rd and 4th periods. Wednesday, May 29: 5th and 6th periods. Thursday, May 30: 1st and 2nd periods. Seniors will not be required to attend class on this day. *Students who have a note from parents and transportation will be allowed to sign out through the office and leave campus on these two days. If a student is absent and misses an exam, the exam must be made up no later than 10 a.m. on Friday, May 31. Good luck to everyone on their exams. "The two greatest stimulants in the world are youth and debt." — Benjamin Disraeli

School Board honors students

The Rice School Board honored several athletes and band members at their last board meeting. They recognized these students for making it to state competition in their event. Crystal Atkins, Sara Buckner and Delana Smith received honors for their outstanding band work. The Rice High School twirlers, Rebecca Burrow, Jackie Schmidt, Joy Hengst and Leah Briscoe, were also recognized for progressing to state in twirling competition. Rebecca Burrow, Lori Grigar, Rachelle Kallina, Amy Obenhaus and Rebal Canaris were recognized for making it to state in powerlifting. Jared Vawter was also recognized for making it to state in powerlifting. Garrett Hagedorn received recognition for being the only athlete to make First Team All-District in football. Board members thought that was great because it's been a while since any Rice athlete received that honor. Congratulations twirlers, athletes and band members for a job well done.

Heritage House extends a BIG THANK YOU

to Austin's Grocery for donations during National Nursing Home Week and to the citizens of Eagle Lake and the staff of Heritage House for helping with the BBQ on Friday, May 17. It was a huge success!

Raider Review signs off

With school winding down, the Rice High School annual staff is nearing its busiest time of the year. With events coming down to a close, one last rush must be made to meet the final deadline. The staff announces that this will be the final publication of the Raider Review for the 1995-96 school year. Throughout the year the staff has been appreciative of The Headlight for allowing us the space to submit our Raider Review. We feel it is our duty to publicize the good things students at RHS are involved in. We thank The Headlight and our readers for their continued support throughout the year, and hope you look forward to the next year as well.

Who's Zat?

Jonathan Burrow. However, Kelli Matthey, Brooke Cranek, Gina Sides, Dale Obenhaus, Frances Mirkwa, Stephanie Labay, Jenny Hajovsky, Stephanie Thomson and Ryan Till knew these baby blues had to belong to Fulton Dromgole. Fulton, the son of Fulton and Frances Dromgole of Garwood, is a on the varsity powerlifting team and enjoys hanging out with his friends. Just look at this picture-perfect cutie! Isn't he adorable with those baby blue eyes and cute little grin? I wonder who this little toddler could be? This question puzzled very few. The only clue given was that he is a sophomore at Rice High School. Vanessa Rodgers and Amy Obenhaus mistakenly thought that sweet, innocent face belonged to Kyle Konek. Byron Black incorrectly guessed



The 1995-96 Annual Staff included, from left, standing, Rebecca Burrow, Carrie Engstrom, Dana Leopold, Nikki Fuller and Robyn Rucka; kneeling are Rachelle Kallina and Marcie Till.

Oakland Fireman's fest is June 1, 2

Oakland Volunteer Fire Department is hosting their annual fund raiser, "Oakland Fireman's Festival" on Saturday and Sunday, June 1 and 2. Friday night, May 31, "Moore's Greater Shows" carnival will be open from 7 to 10 p.m. Registration for the Run/Walk begins at 7 a.m. Saturday morning in front of the church on FM 532 on the east side of the square in Oakland. There will be a race at 8 a.m. Advance registration is \$12 and registration the day of the race is \$15. The fee includes a t-shirt and is non-refundable. Drinks will be provided by Better Beverages Inc. of Hallettsville. A "welcome package" will be given to entrants by local merchants who helped sponsor the festival. There will be trophies awarded to first place winners for men and women in the 5K Run in these categories: 12 and under, 13-19, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, and 60 and over. Second and third place rosettes will be awarded in each category for both men and women.

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