

Commitment ...

Volunteers offer time, energy in order to makes lives better

A volunteer, by definition, is someone who "chooses freely to offer or give without being asked or obligated."

Volunteering may also be one of the few opportunities that doesn't come with job requirements or mandatory experience. Anyone can donate time and energy to the cause of their choice, and according to local volunteer coordinators, there are plenty of opportunities to volunteer in Eagle Lake and surrounding communities.

National Volunteer Week kicked off Sunday, April 19 and will continue through April 24. "This is a perfect time to honor those people who give unselfishly of themselves to make the community a better place to live," said David Keith, hospital administrator.

According to Barbara Pidgeon, president of the local Hospital Auxiliary, the Auxiliary was organized on Sept. 27, 1967, in the home of Mrs. Willard (Carey) Stuart. Forty-three women attended that public meeting and 23 became active members with

active members. Three became life members.

Today there are 60 Charter Members, 15 Active Members and 17 Life Members.

According to Roxanne Walker, personnel director at Rice Medical Center, "The functions of the auxiliary members vary as the need arises. They do volunteer work to add to the comfort of the patients and assist the nurses and staff in any way possible. The "Pink Ladies", as they are affectionately called, wear pins designating hours worked at the hospital while in uniform."

From Sept. of 1967 through Dec. of 1996 a grand total of 99,015 hours were served at the hospital.

Untold hours are given by officers and committees when not in uniform.

Why Be A Volunteer?
By Toni Jackson, Marketing Director of RMC

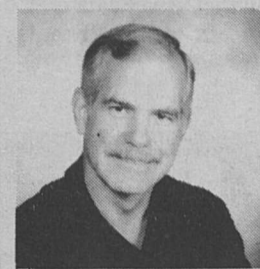
*It's not for money, it's not for fame;
It's not for any personal gain.
It's not for love of fellowman,
It's just to lend a helping hand,
It's just to give a little of self.
That's something you can't buy with wealth,
It's not for medals worn with pride
It's not that feeling deep inside,
It's that regard down in your heart,
It's feeling that you have a part
Of Helping others far and near
That makes you be a
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Infections involving the ears are a common problem encountered by small children. An estimated five million Americans suffer from middle or outer ear infections. The good news is that the U.S. Food and Drug Administration recently approved two new medicines for ear infections. Both will be available as ear drops. These will be the first prescription ear drop medicines approved in over 20 years.

The first medicine to be released this year is *ofloxacin* (Floxin Otic). It is recommended to be used twice a day for 10 to 14 days, with or without an oral antibiotic. The other medicine is a combination of the antibiotic *ciprofloxacin* and *hydrocortisone* (Cipro HC). Both medicines are in the family of antibiotics called quinolones and both can be used to treat infections in the outer ear. Floxin Otic has been approved for acute middle ear infections in children up to 12 years of age who have ear tubes. The drug also has been approved for chronic infections in teens and adults with a perforated eardrum. You can warm the ear drops by gently rolling the prescription bottle in your hands before placing drops into the child's ear. If the drops are cold before they are placed into the ear, they can cause dizziness, especially if they get into the middle ear.

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OBITUARY

Herbert R. Gilcrease Sr. _____ October 25, 1905 — April 11, 1998

Herbert R. Gilcrease Sr., 92, of Columbus passed away April 11, 1998, at St. Luke's Episcopal Hospital in Houston.

He was born Oct. 25, 1905, in Columbus, the son of Charles and Mary Binkley Gilcrease.

Gilcrease was united in marriage with Alene Hill Nov. 18, 1924, in Columbus.

He was a switchman for Southern Pacific Railroad and affiliated with St. Paul Methodist Church of Columbus.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, April 15, at Henneke Funeral Home in Columbus with the Rev. Eugene Thomas officiating.

Burial followed at Willing Workers Cemetery, Columbus.

Henneke Funeral Home Inc. was

in charge of arrangements.

Gilcrease was preceded in death by his wife, Alene Hill Gilcrease; his parents, Charles and Mary Gilcrease; three sisters, Maggie Crockett, Lollie Vinson and Cora Stansberry; two brothers, Marshall and Charlie Gilcrease; two sons, Sammie and Herbert Gilcrease Jr.; and a great-grandson, Sammie Lawrence Gilcrease.

Survivors include his daughter, Dorothy J. Spriggs of Victoria; a son and daughter-in-law, Cleveland and Agnes Gilcrease of Corpus Christi; 10 grandchildren, Jammie Jean, Robert W., Brenda, C. Durrell and Craig R. Gilcrease, Gloria Carr, Vickie Spriggs, Veronica Clarice Hargest, Beverly L. Gant and Adrienne Michelle Wolfe; 13 great-grandchildren; and

one great-great-grandson, David Burrell Jr.

Pallbearers were John Lewis Johnson, Lemmie Evans, Clarence Bratcher, Tom H. Moore, Elmer Lee Erwin and Raymond Bell.

Honorary pallbearers were Cleveland Durrell Gilcrease, Craig Ramon Gilcrease, Sonny Vinson, Joel Gant, Travis L. Gilcrease, Lester Keck, Ron Wolfe, Nathaniel Gant and Kienan Gilcrease.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.



ANNOUNCING NEW ARRIVALS

Trinidad Janie Aguilar

Anselmo and Theresa Aguilar of East Bernard are pleased to announce the birth of their second child, a daughter, born April 13, 1998, at 2:12 p.m. at Rice Medical Center.

Trinidad Janie weighed eight pounds, eight ounces and measured 20-1/2 inches at birth.

She was welcomed home by her big brother, Anselmo Adrian Aguilar

Jr., 15 months.

Maternal grandparents are Janie and Vincente Sanchez and Ray Montalbo of East Bernard.

Paternal grandparents are Francisco and Eliazar Aguilar of Mexico.

Great grandmother is Seferina Delgado of Kendleton.

Her mom is the former Theresa Montalbo.

Hannah Alysse Brown

Vance and Stacey Brown of Nada are proud to announce the birth of their first child, a daughter, born April 8, 1998, at 1:46 p.m. at Rice Medical Center in Eagle Lake.

Hannah Alysse weighed six pounds, 10 ounces and measured 19-1/2 inches at birth.

Maternal grandparents are Donald and Suzanne Leopold of Nada.

Paternal grandparents are Vernon and Dorothy Brown of Rock Island.

Her great-grandmother is Georgia Wendt of El Campo.

The new mom is the former Stacey Leopold.

Kaylin Marie Polach

YN3 Steven Polach and PN3 Sondra Polach of the U.S. Navy are pleased to announce the birth of their

daughter, Kaylin Marie.

Kaylin was born March 1, 1998, at 5:47 a.m. in Portsmouth Naval Hospital, Portsmouth, Virginia, weighing seven pounds, three ounces and measuring 20.5 inches long.

Maternal grandparents are Bob and Mary Lindop of Indianapolis, Indiana.

Paternal grandparents are Linda (Polach) and Len De Oto of Springfield, Ohio, and the late Dennis Polach of Sheridan.

Great-grandparents are Mrs. Martha Polach of Sheridan and Barbara (Rucka) and Preston Davis of Bleiberville, Texas.

The mother is the former Sondra Lindop of Indianapolis, Indiana.

Sneary

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"I want everyone to know that as of today, we are starting the campaign for Nov., and I can't think of a better place to compete with Ron Paul than at the corner of Liberty and Constitution, the location of our campaign headquarters in Victoria," Sneary concluded.

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