

OBITUARIES

James H. Clipson, Sr.

September 21, 1909 – November 3, 2002

James H. Clipson, Sr., 93, of Eagle Lake, passed away at 6:45 a.m. Sunday, November 3, 2002 at Columbus Community Hospital, following a lengthy illness.

Born September 21, 1909, in Catlin, Illinois, he was the son of John Milton and Pearl McNeer Clipson.

He had been a resident of this area since childhood, when the family moved to Lissie. He had lived in Eagle Lake since 1948.

"Mr. Jim" led a distinguished career in agriculture, farming and ranching, and held active memberships in A.R.L., The Southern Rodeo Cowboys Association, The Texas Limousin Association, Texas Cutting Horse Association and Southwest Texas Cattle-men's Association.

He served his community as a member of the Eagle Lake Rotary Club, Trustee of the Eagle Lake I.S.D. and on the first Board of Directors of the Eagle Lake Community Hospital, to name only a few.

"Mr. Jim" was a founding member of the Lissie United Methodist Church and participated in the First Baptist Church of Eagle Lake.

His love for the outdoors and devotion to family, friends and community, will long be remembered and missed.

He was preceded in death by parents; wives, Anna Mae Causey Clipson (1944), Ruth Powers Clipson (1975), and Mary Catherine Powers Coffin Clipson (1994); a sister, Ruth Augusta Anderson; brothers, John Wesley and Richard Leroy Clipson; and a son, Gerald Wayne "Gerry" Clipson (Feb. 27, 1997).

He is survived by a son, Jim Clipson Jr. and wife, Jane, of Eagle Lake;



sister, Edith Bell Gilbert of Livingston; grandchildren, Julie Hubbard and husband, John, Janie Dingley and husband, Dale Jr., Jerri Romine and

husband, Jim, and James W. Clipson; great grandchildren, Jason and Joshua Lefkowitz, Jackson and Jett Hubbard, Jasmin and Jerad Dingley, Jeremy and Jakob Romine, Jordan and Julianna Clipson; a host of nieces, nephews and other relatives including sister-in-law, Doris Clipson of Eagle Lake.

Funeral services were held at 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, November 5, from the Chapel of Dulany Funeral Home in Eagle Lake with Rev. William M. "Bill" Ramsey, Pastor of Lissie United Methodist Church, officiating.

Great-nephew Noble Anderson served as organist.

Interment followed in Lakeside Cemetery in Eagle Lake.

Arrangements were under the direction of Dulany Funeral Home.

Pallbearers were James W. Clipson, Jim Romine, Dale Dingley, John Hubbard, Andy Anderson and Rich-

ard "Trip" Clipson III.

Honorary pallbearers were Joe Lee McCreary, J.K. Davidson, Ted Brunner, Monroe "Rip" Ripper, Johnny Williams, Booker T. "Mac" Davis and Dr. Tom Hancher.

For those desiring to make memorials, the family requests memorial contributions be directed to Lissie United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 668, Lissie, Texas 77454; or First Baptist Church, P.O. Box 339, Eagle Lake, Texas 77434.

Friends and family are encouraged to send tributes to www.mem.com.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.



Katherine Marie Tietschert Einkauf

January 13, 1921 – October 29, 2002

Katherine Marie Tietschert Einkauf, 81, of Rock Island, passed away Tuesday, October 29, 2002 at the St. Luke's Episcopal Hospital in Houston following a brief illness.

A native and lifelong resident of Colorado County, she was born January 13, 1921 in Columbus to Willie H. and Irene Adele Dungen Tietschert.

"Aunt Katy", as she was affectionately known to so many, resided most of her life in Rock Island and was a member of Lutheran faith and a Trustee of the Myrtle Cemetery.

Her devotion to family and support of her community will be long remembered and missed.

Preceded in death by her parents; and husband, Oscar Einkauf (Oct. 24, 1980); survivors include her sister, Dorothy Neuendorff of Bernardo; brother, William Tietschert of Shaws Bend; aunt, Mable Krenek of Columbus; uncle, Joe Dungen of Columbus; niece, Janice Brasher and husband, Charles, of Huffman; nephews, Alan Neuendorff and wife, Mary, of Bernardo, Marvin Neuendorff of Bernardo, Kerry Neuendorff and wife, Annette, of Frelsburg, Reggie Einkauf of California, and Tommy Einkauf of Houston; three great nieces; three great nephews; four great-great nieces; and three great-great nephews; other

relatives and loved ones, including dear friends Esther Curry and Olga Lundquist of Rock Island.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. Friday, November 1, from the Chapel of Dulany Funeral Home in Eagle Lake with Rev. John Hunsicker, Pastor of St. John Lutheran Church of Columbus, officiating.

Interment followed in Myrtle Cemetery in Rock Island.

Arrangements were under the direction of Dulany Funeral Home.

Pallbearers were Marvin, Kerry, Alan, Jason and Richard Neuendorff and Charles Brasher.

Honorary pallbearers were David Morris, Lee Neuendorff, Clyde Varley, Lawrence Dungen, Reese Wynn and Billy Mayes.

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Dimmerson 'Dimp' Lowe

August 13, 1909 – October 26, 2002

Dimmerson "Dimp" Lowe of Garwood passed away Saturday, October 26, 2002.

Born August 13, 1909 in Vox Populi, he was the son of Everett and Susie Calvin Lowe.

He completed his elementary education at Gregory Elementary School and was known throughout the surrounding communities of Garwood, Altair, Columbus and Eagle Lake for his hard work and love of fun.

"Dimp" married Elvira McGruder and, to this union, no children were born but they raised her granddaughter, Mildred Dancy-Ledbetter of San Antonio.

His favorite color was red, and last year, on his 92nd birthday, his sister asked him, "How does it feel to live so long?" He replied, "It's o.k. Until you think about the fact that all your friends and relatives are all gone, then you start to feel lonely."

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dise. Being Nov., he yearned to be deer hunting again.

He had been a member of the Baptist Church and had been active in Sunday School. He was well liked by all who knew him.

For two weeks after Pearl Harbor was bombed, the Stapleton family waited anxiously for word of their son's well-being and got happy news just before Christmas, 1941. Stapleton's family received word from him that he was "safe, well and happy, don't worry" after the surprise Japanese attack on the U.S. Pacific Fleet that launched America into the war.

During 1942, many Eagle Lake men were involved in the fighting in and around Coral Sea, Guadalcanal and New Guinea. The *McFarland* took part in much of that action. Stapleton's family received regular correspondence from him through that summer.

However, they received no word from their son during the anxious weeks following the American invasion of Guadalcanal. When news finally came to the anxious family, it was bad. Stapleton had been killed in action on Oct. 16, 1942.

The *Headlight*, unaware of Billy Cook's earlier death, headlined its report: "William Lee Stapleton, Eagle Lake's First Casualty."

Of course at the beginning the place and circumstances of his death were unknown. He had been killed in the fierce fighting in the seas around Guadalcanal. After *Wasp* was sunk, the United States had only one operational aircraft carrier in the Pacific, *Hornet*, from which Jimmy Doolittle had bombed Tokyo only six months before. The Japanese undertook daily air searches to find and sink *Hornet*.

On Oct. 16, 1942 the *McFarland* sailed to Lunga Roads, the supply docks for the marines on Guadalcanal, towing a barge which carried 40,000 gallons of gasoline and some ammunition. At about six in the evening, as she was unloading the supplies and

taking on some wounded marines for evacuation, Japanese dive bombers, returning from a fruitless search for *Hornet* attacked. *McFarland* cut loose the barge and got under way, putting up what feeble anti-aircraft fire the old seaplane tender could. Her gunners downed one Japanese Aichi Val bomber, but it was enough. One enemy bomb hit the barge, incinerating in a fireball of burning gasoline. Another bomb hit *McFarland* setting off depth charges on her decks, severing the stern of the ship. Twenty-seven crewmen died and as many more were wounded. Seaman first class Stapleton was among the dead.

McFarland safely reached the American base on Tulagi around midnight. The dead were buried on this island with full military honors until they could be returned home to their final resting places.

Six long years passed before that could happen. Stapleton's body was returned aboard the U.S.S. *Cardinal O'Connell* along with more than 2800 other war dead. The newly formed VFW Chapter in Eagle Lake was named in Stapleton's honor. He was finally laid to rest at Lakeside on March 7, 1948, where he lies today between his parents.

Pallbearers were four buddies who went with Stapleton through boot camp: Franklin Reese, Frank Mazac, Raymond Kohleffel and Fred R. Frnka plus Charlie Braden, Dale Cassady and Claude Brewer.

His tombstone recites that he held rank of Gunner Mate 3rd Class.

Understandably, Eagle Lake was shaken by the blows of the deaths of Cook and Stapleton so close together, so far away from home.

Reportedly, the family had kept Billy's room intact. He had put away all of his trinkets, including his favorite fishing rod before he left. The tenderness of such reports, contrasted with the harsh reality of death in battle, highlighted for many the preciousness of our liberty, and the dear cost that our country would pay to keep it.

NADA/GARWOOD GADABOUTS

By Catherine Berger, secretary

The Nada/Garwood TEEA Gadabouts met at the Garwood Community Association Building Oct. 23 at 2 p.m.

Vice-President Minnie Conner, who also led the group with the Club Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance,

called the meeting to order.

Ten members and one guest answered the roll call with "My Reason for Joining TEEA".

Secretary Catherine Berger read the minutes of the last meeting; they were approved as read.

Treasurer Helen Noteboom gave the treasurer's report, showing a bank balance of \$37.88 and \$3.83 in the "kitty".

Noteboom, council delegate, gave an informative report on the Association meeting in Columbus Oct. 2. Items of interest included a report by Agent Sally Garrett, raffle tickets distributed to each club, raffle tickets to be sold at Wal Mart Oct. 18 and Nov. 29, Achievement Day set for Dec. 4 in Columbus with Gadabouts in charge of registration, and keeping track of your volunteer hours and reporting them.

At the State Convention, Colorado County won an outstanding community service award.

Noteboom also reminded members to bring an item for the basket of home canned goods the Club is donating for the raffle, to the next meeting.

Scrapbook Chairman LaJuan Braden is keeping the scrapbook up to date and passed it around for viewing.

Hospitality Chairman Regina Scheffler sent three sympathy cards and four get well cards. Braden read "Thank You" notes from Catherine Buchta, Virginia Balusek and Conner.

Green Thumb Committee report: Leona Wesselski reported she has carrots, potatoes, turnips and tomatoes growing nicely and cabbage beginning to head, but the rain has been hard on the vegetables. Scheffler has beautiful mustard greens and Conner reports she has cabbage, broccoli, shallots and tomatoes growing nicely.

The Gadabouts reported 135 volunteer hours and expenses incurred of \$102 for Oct., which will be reported to the County.

Noteboom stressed the importance of getting our well-woman check-ups quarterly, semi-annually and annually, as required.

Braden presented a "Haunting History Lesson" for the program and passed out copies to each member.

The inclement weather caused the Club to again cancel their tour of the beautiful gardens of John and Susan Stacy.

Member Clara Gold was recognized as Birthday Lady for the Month.

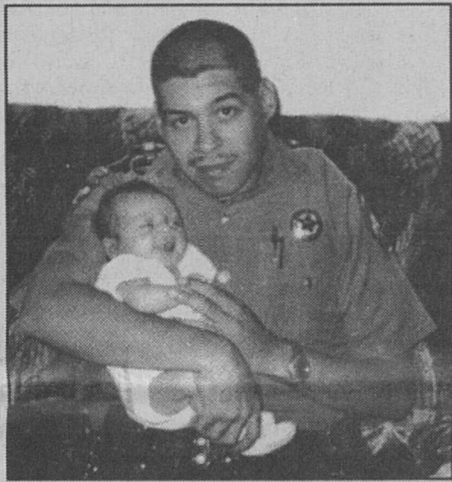
Delicious refreshments of ham-spinach roll-ups, assorted cookies, brownies, angel food cake, pistachio marble cake, soda and coffee were furnished by Braden, Noteboom, Conner, Wesselski and Berger, and enjoyed by all.

The next Gadabouts meeting will be Thursday, Nov. 21, at 2 p.m. at the Garwood Community Association meeting room. Everyone is encouraged to bring a guest.

4-H News

By Stacy Jobe, reporter

The 4-H Council met Monday, Oct. 21, at the County Extension Office (CEO). To start the meeting, Matt (See Club News, Page 5)



BENEFIT for COLORADO COUNTY DEPUTY JEREMY PARDO

Jeremy was involved in a serious vehicle accident on October 5, 2002. He has required several reconstructive surgeries on his right leg and ankle. Jeremy has a wife and newborn daughter who depend on him for support, but he is not expected to be able to return to duty for several months.

COLORADO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEES ARE HOSTING AN

"ALL YOU CAN EAT" CATFISH MEAL

Catered by John Batla - Texana Catering

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2002

11:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M. • DINE IN OR DRIVE THRU VETERAN'S MEMORIAL HALL • COLUMBUS, TEXAS

ADVANCE TICKETS \$8.00 — TICKETS AT DOOR \$10.00 CHILDREN 12 AND UNDER \$5.00 — DINE IN ONLY

A Bake Sale and Silent Auction will also be held.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN PURCHASING TICKETS OR DONATING ITEMS FOR THE SILENT AUCTION, PLEASE CALL (979) 732-2388.

CONTRIBUTIONS CAN BE MADE TO THE JEREMY PARDO FUND AT COLUMBUS STATE BANK.

ALL AROUND COWBOY CHURCH 2551 Hwy. 36 North • Sealy Everyone is WELCOME A come as you are Church. Sunday 10 a.m.; Bible Study, 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m. Pastor: Sonny Rice 979-885-2799

Bible Verse of the Week

"The Lord is righteous in all His ways, and holy in all His works."

— Psalm 145:17

Submitted by Nedly Phillips

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GREATER RISING STAR BAPTIST CHURCH: 580 Old Altair Road, Eagle Lake; Rev. Truman Scott Sr., Pastor; 234-2423 or 758-3745.

GREATER UNION BAPTIST CHURCH: Matthews Community, Co. Rd. 141; Rev. Lawrence C. Robertson, Pastor; 234-2581.

MT. CARMEL MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH: Hwy. 90-A (Pecan Valley), Eagle Lake; Rev. Paul Barrow Sr., Pastor; 234-5813.

LIVING HOPE CHURCH: Eagle Lake; Revs. Joe and Mercy Fling; 234-5536.

BEREA CLADIC: 623 Maple Avenue, Eagle Lake; 234-2130.

ROCK ISLAND FULL GOSPEL: P.O. Box 232, Rock Island; 234-5840.

LATIN-AMERICAN ASSEMBLY OF GOD (Bethlehem of Judea Church): 1000 East E, Eagle Lake; Ruth Olivera, Pastor.

SEALY ASSEMBLY OF GOD: 1140 Meyer, Sealy; Warren Richardson, Pastor.

THE DAY OF PENTECOST APOSTOLISTIC REVIVAL RISING STAR: FM 102 South, Matthews; 4 p.m. (at Mt. Zion), Rev. R.L. Carter Sr.

GREATER NEW FAITH CHURCH: 6406 Guylar, Wallis; Rev. Clay Spears, Pastor; 979-478-2169.

EAST BERNARD FIRST BAPTIST FIRST BAPTIST: 527 N. Lake, Eagle Lake; Rev. Brent Beasley, Pastor; 234-2571.

FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST: 405 S. Lake, Eagle Lake; Rev. H.O. Williams, Pastor; 234-5795.

IGLESIA BAUTISTA GETSEMANI: 901 B Street, Eagle Lake; Rev. Mario Vasquez.

GREATER MT. OLIVE BAPTIST: Rev. Thomas Kuykendall; 705 Lake, Eagle Lake; 234-3545.

PROVIDENCE BAPTIST: 1207 Seaholm, Eagle Lake; Rev. Coby Shorter Jr., 234-3735.

CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH: 306 E. Stockbridge, Eagle Lake, 234-3437.

ROCK ISLAND BAPTIST: Bob Allison, Pastor.

SHERIDAN FIRST BAPTIST

WHITE CLOUD BAPTIST CHURCH: 202 Old Altair Road, Eagle Lake; Rev. Obie Rhodes, Pastor; 234-3800.

CHURCH OF CHRIST: Sheridan.

NEW LIFE FELLOWSHIP: Hwy. 90A, Sheridan; Del Sanford, Pastor; 234-3276.

CHRIST OUR REDEEMER-Charismatic: Jerry C. McKinney, Pastor; 979-478-7534 or 478-6512.

HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH: East Bernard.

CATHOLIC PARISH OF THE NATIVITY: Our Lady of Perpetual Help Sanctuary; 308 N. Stevenson, Eagle Lake; 7 a.m. (Español), 9 a.m., 11 a.m., Rev. Eddie Winkler; P.O. Box 307; 234-2842.

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH: Box 97, Nada; Rev. Joseph Koebel, Pastor; 758-3218.

GRACE LUTHERAN: 408 N. Stevenson, Eagle Lake; Services begin at 10 a.m.; Rev. Clements Richard, Pastor; 234-3381.

LEHRER MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST: Garwood; 9 a.m. worship.

LISSIE UNITED METHODIST: Bill Ramsey, Pastor; 234-2112, Lissie.

ROCK ISLAND METHODIST: Ken Sells Jr. Lay-Pastor.

UNITED METHODIST: 200 W. Prairie; Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Worship, 10:45 a.m.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN: 106 E. State Street, Eagle Lake; 234-3368.

VINE OF THE LORD: 1300 E. State Street, Eagle Lake; Rev. Paul Aguilar, Pastor; 234-7543.

FRIENDSHIP A.C.G.: 501 Wallace, East Bernard; Fred Chambers, Pastor.

THE CHURCH OF CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS: 600 W. St., Sealy; Marshall Crosby, Branch Pres.

CHURCH OF CHRIST: 815 Milam, Columbus; Lynn Wilson, Minister.

THE SHEPHERD'S WAY: Interdenomination Christian Fellowship; 1225 Eagle Lake Road, Sealy, Frank Lucas, Pastor; 979-885-1225.