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Herman E. 'Gene' Commander

April 6, 1925 – October 5, 2003

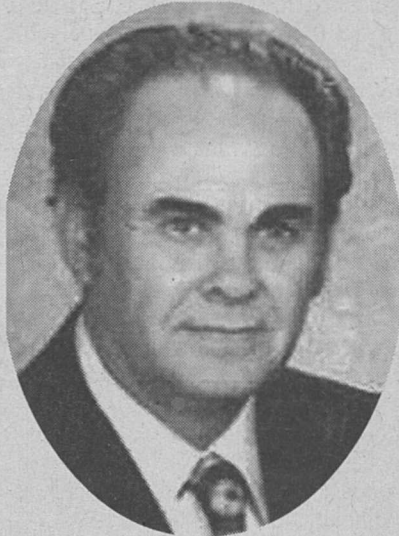
Herman E. "Gene" Commander, 78, of Columbus, passed away Sunday, October 5, 2003 at Columbus Community Hospital.

Born April 6, 1925 in Dublin, Texas, he was the son of Jesse Herman and Edna O. Webster Commander.

Employed as an agent/operator for Southern Pacific Railroad in Glidden from 1947 to 1986 he married Vivian L. Hybarger on Feb. 8, 1946.

A member of First Baptist Church in Columbus, Columbus Golf Association and a veteran of the U.S. Navy and National Guard, he was a former member of Columbus Lions Club, serving as past president.

Preceded in death by his parents; Brothers, Jesse Commander, L.M. Commander and an infant brother; and a grandson, Curtis Shane Commander; survivors include, his wife, Vivian; and daughter, Gayle Marie Commander of Columbus; son, James Curtis Commander; sister, Nell Lois Chappell; and a brother, Melvin Commander all of Houston; five grandchildren, Wendy Adelle Commander, Cody Davis Commander, Melanie Garanza, Marcie Rene Radke and Ryan Paul Morawski; and three great-grandchildren, Amber Roberts, Abigail Denio and Andrew Morawski.



Funeral services were scheduled for 2 p.m. Wednesday, October 8, from First Baptist Church in Columbus with Rev. Sammy Carr officiating.

Interment was to follow in Odd Fellows Rest Cemetery in Columbus.

Henneke Funeral Home of Columbus was in charge of arrangements.

Pallbearers were Billy Morgan, Scott Radke, Walt Sass, Ryan Morawski, James Jordan, Roy Hart, Jack Jones and Bill Hartley.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

Auction

Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo. Come and bid on the four tickets donated by Mrs. Jack Johnson.

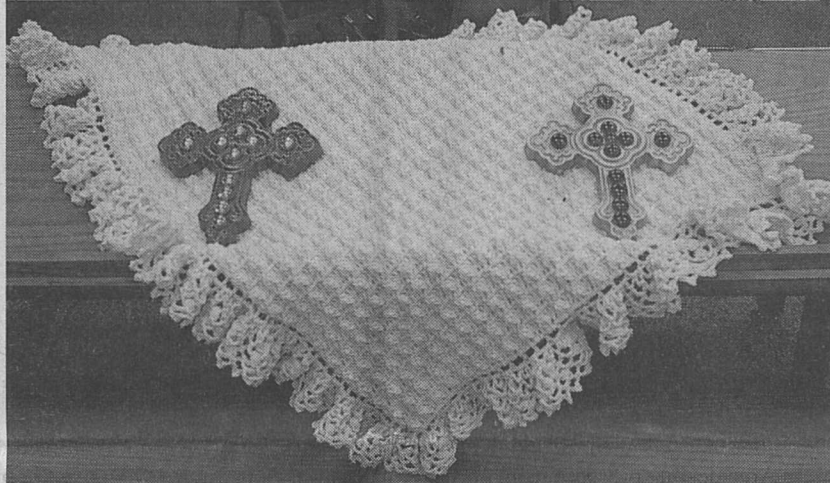
Do you have a youngster who would like a new bike? Fair Wells has donated a 16-inch bicycle that will be up for bids. Barbara and Sidney Struss have given a print, "Trailhands and Trolley" by G. Harvey. Come see this special item.

Here are a few items that will be offered on the Silent Auction: a reversible purple vest, three chickens of Blue Bell Ice Cream, fried chicken from Gerri's Homestyle Chicken, a \$25 gift certificate from Carol's at Cat Spring, and a \$30 gift certificate from Casadore's in Sealy. The Eagle Lake Rehabilitation Center has again donated memberships; Marcy's Beauty Salon has donated a basket of hair care products and, from the Eagle Lake Rice Dryer, one of their special baskets filled with lots of rice treats.

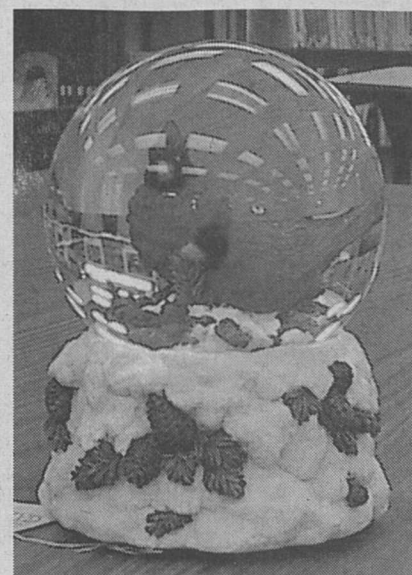
As you can see, there are lots of good things up for your bidding. But, if you have something special you would like to donate, drop it off at the Wintermann Library.

No matter what time of the year it is your bid on this silk year-round arrangement made and donated by Anna Gertson of Creative Expressions would look lovely in your home.

The two crosses in the photo below were donated by Walter and Doris Wilkerson (friends of Dwight and Susan Hadley of Eagle Lake). They're shown on top of a baby afghan donated by Tamra and Harold Black.



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If you love the outdoors and bird watching but don't have the time or the weather keeps you in, don't worry. Fred and Eunice Frnka have donated this Cardinal music water ball to keep you entertained.

ANNOUNCING A NEW ARRIVAL



Morgan John Machac

Aaron and Robyn Machac of Eagle Lake are pleased to announce the birth of their first child, a son, born at 1:45 a.m. September 29, 2003 at Rice Medical Center in Eagle Lake.

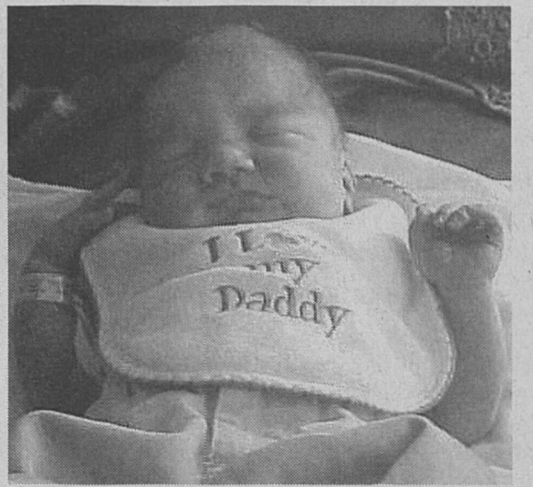
Morgan John weighed six pounds, 13 ounces and measured 18-1/2 inches at birth.

Maternal grandparents are Michael and Sylvia Rucka of Eagle Lake.

Paternal grandparents are Bennie and Beverly Machac of Sheridan.

Maternal great-grandparents are Ludwig and Julie Zbrank of Garwood, Barbara and Preston Davis of Nelsonville and the late "Shorty" Rucka.

Paternal great-grandparents are Otis



and Joann Wagner of Swiss Alp, Henrietta Machac of Schulenburg and the late Ben Machac.



This Christmas grapevine Angel, donated by NAPA Auto and Truck Parts, would make a great addition to any decorating plans. Becky Marsalia has lots of talent and wants to share it with you. Why not make your bid on this painted scarecrow. And if you're planning to take a break from decorating sit back, pop the popcorn and watch these DVDs donated by Josie Ibhay.

Headlight Photos by Carol Cardenas



EOF Prayer team back from Mexico

Yvonne Fontenot and the Intercessors Prayer team from Equippers Outreach Fellowship (EOF) of Weimar were well received in Miguel Aleman, Mexico, Sept. 12-14.

John and Jan Peel, Pastors of Bethany Church, hosted the three-day seminar that focused on the need for Intercessory Prayer on behalf of our nations, our cities and our families.

Ms. Fontenot also taught on the basic concepts of spiritual warfare, which included the need for forgiveness and the devastating effects of the Root of Bitterness.

A mighty move of God swept

through the congregation as adults and teenagers alike, wept with the realization that there is an urgent need for commitment and unity in the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The team hopes to return to Miguel Aleman and surrounding areas in the near future.

Hill receives B.S. degree

Degrees were officially conferred on 261 West Texas A&M University (WTAMU) students during summer commencement at the WTAMU Event Center. Among them was Megan Hill of Eagle Lake who graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Interdisciplinary Studies.

The university awarded 175 baccalaureate and 86 master's degrees. Graduates with a grade point average of 3.50 or higher were recognized as honor graduates at three levels: summa cum laude (3.90-4.00), magna cum laude (3.75-3.89), and cum laude (3.50-3.74). The class included two summa cum laude honors, 12 magna cum laude and 19 cum laude.

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Seniors Can Prevent Medication Errors

New studies that reviewed prescription medications taken by senior citizens found many reasons for concern. Some of the concerns relate to inappropriate drug choices by prescribers, excessive dosages, non-compliance with prescribed doses and possible interactions. Such incidents signal the need for better communication between doctors, pharmacists, and the person taking such medications. Research has shown that about half of all medicines taken for chronic health problems such as diabetes, arthritis and high blood pressure are not taken as prescribed. Obviously, some things need to be done to improve the situation.

One of the best ways to prevent medication errors is to make a list of all drugs commonly used, including over-the counter products and nutritional supplements. Periodically discuss the list with your pharmacist and bring it to each doctor's visit. A copy of this list should be kept at home and posted so emergency workers can easily find it. An initiative just started in England which involves the use of "prompt cards." The cards are provided to consumers by nurses to encourage communication with all caregivers.

New grandparents Michael and Sylvia Rucka want to give you a chance to bid on this baby quilt. Why not get it for your newest family member.

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Today, Americans spend over 500 million dollars on products to combat what many see as a potential socially crippling malady - halitosis. What are the causes of bad breath?

Except for tobacco, onions and garlic which invade all of our tissues and system diseases (like diabetes), bad breath usually originates in the mouth itself. Anywhere that bacteria is allowed to stagnate in the oral cavity, whether it be between the teeth, just below the gumline, on the tongue, or on unclean dentures, bad breath can result.

Unfilled cavities or untreated gum

disease offer a perfect breeding ground for everyday bacteria in the mouth to fester and produce sulfur compounds that cause halitosis. Any food debris that is not brushed or flossed daily from the mouth can spoil and produce unpleasant mouth odor. Brushing the tongue is another way to reducing the bacterial population of the mouth and can help lead to sweeter breath.

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