

OBITUARIES

Rosemary Rondeau-LaBarge — June 24, 1946 – June 19, 2004

Rosemary V. Rondeau-LaBarge, 57, of Sheridan, passed away Saturday, June 19, 2004 at her residence.

Born June 24, 1946 in Kingsville she was the daughter of Adolfo and Natalia Garcia Vela.

She and Jerome "Jerry" LaBarge Sr. were married December 17, 1994.

Rosemary was a homemaker and member of Centro de Avivamiento Internacional Church of Columbus.

Preceded in death by her father, survivors include her mother of Rancho Cucamonga, California; husband, Jerome Sr. of Sheridan; daughters, Lisa Holbrook of Goodrich, Michigan, and Lori Rondeau of Sheridan; sons, James Altenburg of Placentia, California, and David Rondeau of Sheridan; sisters,

Tina Armendariz of Rancho Cucamonga and Marie Vega of San Leandro, California; brothers, Ray Vela of Carson City, Nevada, and Rick Vela of Lytle Creek, California; and grandchildren, Amanda Altenburg, Kaitlyn Holbrook, Nicole Holbrook and Aaron Rondeau-LaBarge.

A memorial service is scheduled for 4 p.m. Saturday, June 26, from Centro de Avivamiento Internacional Church of Columbus with Pastor Francisco Hernandez officiating.

Arrangements are under the direction of Henneke Funeral Home in Columbus.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.



Leslie C. Skalitsky

December 6, 1931 – June 15, 2004

Leslie C. Skalitsky, 72, of Frelsburg passed away June 15, 2004 in the Columbus Community Hospital.

Born December 6, 1931 in Frelsburg, he was the son of Christian and Willie Mae Vasut Skalitsky. A lifetime resident of Frelsburg, Leslie was a farmer and self-employed gravel hauler.

Preceded in death by his parents, survivors include a sister, Pearl Skalitsky Valenta and husband, Richard, of Eagle Lake; niece, DeLeslyn Pearl Valenta of Houston; and other relatives.

A Parish Rosary was held at 7 p.m. Thursday, June 17, led by Deacon Doug Tromblee at Henneke Funeral

Home in Columbus.

Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. Friday, June 18, at Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Frelsburg with Fr. Wayne Flagg officiating.

Burial followed at Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Cemetery.

Henneke Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Pallbearers were Billy Wasut, Jimmy Vasut, Johnny Richter, Brent Haynes, Bryan Haynes and Brandon Richter.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.



Kristen Leigh Carey

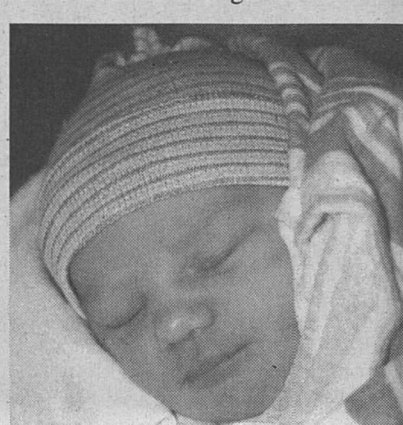
John and Lesley Carey of Garwood are pleased to announce the birth of their second child, a daughter, born at 8:05 a.m. May 25, 2004 at the Rice Medical Center in Eagle Lake.

Kristen Leigh weighed seven pounds, six ounces and measured 19-5/8 inches at birth. The attending physician was Dr. Ramon Cantu.

She was welcomed home by her big brother Matt, age two.

Paternal grandparents are Bernice Carey of Sheridan and John Carey of Hockley.

Maternal grandparents are John and Joan Matthews of Eagle Lake.



Texas Historians to be at Nesbitt Library

Saturday, June 26, the general editor and three of the five authors of the new series of books on the cultural and ethnic groups which strongly influenced Texas history will discuss their work at the Fourth Annual Lee Quinn Nesbitt Symposium on Texas History and Culture at the Nesbitt Memorial Library in Columbus.

The symposium will open with a presentation by the general editor of the series, Sara R. Massey, at 9:30. She will be followed by Phyllis McKenzie at 10:45, Allan O. Kownslar at 1:30, and James M. Smallwood at 2:45. All four will make presentations on their work, answer questions from the audience, and sign books.

When the Institute of Texan Cultures opened in 1968, it featured exhibits depicting the various cultural groups that settled early Texas. The research for the exhibits led to a series of small, well-illustrated, very popular pamphlets, among them *The Afro-American Texans*, *The German Texans*

and *The Czech Texans*.

Recently, with most of the pamphlets more than 30 years old, the Institute decided to redesign and update them. The new versions, a set of five books, *The African Texans*, *The European Texans*, *The Indian Texans*, *The Asian Texans*, and *The Mexican Texans*, were issued in March, and take the stories of the various ethnic groups up to the present day.

James M. Smallwood, the author of *The Indian Texans*, is a Tsalagi/Cherokee Indian. He recently retired from his position as a professor of history at Oklahoma State University and moved to Gainesville, Texas. He is one of the important group of historians who re-examined the Reconstruction period in Texas, both in his award-winning book from 1981, *Time of Hope, Time of Despair: Black Texans during Reconstruction*, and in the book he co-authored with Barry A. Crouch and Larry Peacock, *Murder and Mayhem: The War of Reconstruction in Texas*, which appeared in 2003.

He has also worked extensively in local history, publishing considerable material about Cooke County, Texas and the two-volume *The History of Smith County, Texas*. He edited for publication some of the papers of Will Rogers and issued a book about Oklahoma schoolteachers, and is presently writing a book on the history of dolphins.

Allan Kownslar, who wrote *The European Texans*, is a professor of his-

tory at Trinity University in San Antonio. An expert in the social studies curriculum, Kownslar has authored or co-authored many textbooks and teaching guides. His other work includes *Texas Iconoclast: Maury Maverick Jr.*, a collection of material written by Maverick for the *San Antonio Express-News*, which Kownslar selected and edited.

Phyllis McKenzie is a research specialist for and designer of exhibits at the Institute for Texan Cultures in San Antonio. She is the curator of the five-part Tejano exhibit at the Institute. The research she did for that project, over the course of twelve years, was the foundation of *The Mexican Texans*, her first book.

Sara R. Massey, who designed the series and chose and worked with its authors, was an education specialist at the Institute for Texan Cultures until her recent retirement. Her other work includes the landmark photography book, *Turn of the Century Photographs from San Diego, Texas*, which she co-authored with Ana Carolina Castillo Crimm and which sold out its first printing in less than a month. She also was the editor of *Black Cowboys of Texas*, an anthology of articles about black cowboys which won the Texas State Historical Association's T. R. Fehrenbach Award in 2000. She is presently preparing a book on female trail drivers from Texas, which is to be entitled *Texas Cattle Queens*.

The five books in the new series, and other books by Smallwood, Kownslar, and Massey, will be for sale at the symposium, all at prices considerably lower than retail. Admission is seven dollars, but every admission ticket is good for five dollars off the purchase price of any one book.

Chamber reports May meeting

The Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce May luncheon was held at Simple Simon's at 222 Main St.

Guest Speaker was Sandy Bendy, Chairman of Streetscape and a director on the Main Street Advisory Board. They are currently in their 5th year of raising money to do all the streetscape projects. Phase 1 will consist of placing 8 trash receptacles, 11 concrete planters and 6 to 8 benches downtown this year. \$7000 has been budgeted for the 1st phase.

Class Concrete was chosen to manufacture the planters and Canaris Nursery was chosen to do the beautiful topiary and plants and as well as tend the planters all year.

Phase 2 will consist of trees, curb (See Chamber, Page 5)

Varley

forts have included assisting in the development of the Sheridan Water Park, support for the Colorado County Fair

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livestock auction and meals for the elderly and shut-ins. She has also been a member of the Child Welfare Board.



Darnell Varley received her plaque from Dr. Ed Hiler, Director, Texas Cooperative Extension. Photo Courtesy of 4-H

Meetings

for a leave of absence due to his employment. Young, with Morales being the only alderman to vote no, seconded the motion. Nethery plans to join Council again on July 13.

Before Struss called the meeting into executive session, Curry made the motion to table the item (personal matter, evaluation of city manager) until a full Council could be present. Young seconded the motion. All approved.

Contreras advised of various railroad crossings that have holes and need repairs, particularly 90-A at Beaks, Church at Guynn and E. State at Dob-

bins.

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There being no further business on the meeting's agenda, Struss declared the meeting adjourned.

Eagle Lake City Council convened in special session Wednesday, June 16 at 5:30 p.m. with the following members present: Mayor Struss; Aldermen Contreras, Young, Nethery, Morales and Curry; City Manager Holland and City Secretary Rucka.

After the Pledge of Allegiance and invocation by Curry, Young made the motion to keep the bid for the renovation of the police station as previously accepted by Council. The motion was seconded by Curry.

Nethery made the motion to move the Council tables back to the way they previously were arranged. Contreras seconded the motion and it passed with all members voting in approval.

Curry made the motion to leave the seating arrangement of Council and staff as they have been. Young seconded the motion.

Curry also made the motion to keep the placement of a podium before the Council table for public comments. Contreras seconded the motion with all members voting in approval.

Morales made a motion to leave the procedures for setting the agenda as it has been in the past. Young seconded the motion. It carried unanimously.

There was no action taken on policy/procedures regarding the public comment section of the agenda.

Nethery motioned to return the administrative reports items to the agenda and list the items which will be reported by department heads on the agenda. Contreras seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Nethery then motioned to keep the council reports section on the agenda for Councilmen to submit the nature of their comments for the agenda when possible. The motion was seconded by Morales and carried by all.

The meeting then adjourned. A special meeting was also held at 6:30 p.m. with all the aforementioned members present.

After the pledge and invocation, discussion was held regarding rules and regulations of the open meetings act and the local government code due to apparent violations by the city manager and three aldermen.

The meeting adjourned.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING ON LCRA SALE OF WATER TO WILLIAMSON COUNTY THROUGH HOUSE BILL 1437

The Lower Colorado River Authority will hold a public meeting on July 1, 2004, at 8 a.m. at the Wharton Community Center, 1924 North Fulton, Wharton, Texas to take input related to the sale of water to Williamson County.

HB 1437, passed by the Legislature in 1999, allows LCRA to transfer or sell up to 25,000 acre feet of water to Williamson County under certain conditions. One of these conditions is that there be "no net loss" of water from the Colorado River basin because most of Williamson County lies in the Brazos River basin.

The legislation did not define the term "no net loss." Instead, HB 1437 requires the LCRA Board to determine whether there is no net loss from the sale of water to Williamson County. LCRA is considering the development of a water-resource strategy to make up for the water transferred to Williamson County.

LCRA has a contract to sell up to 25,000 acre feet of water to the Brazos River Authority for use in Williamson County, but no water has been transferred to date. The purpose of the current project is to define "no net loss" and evaluate and recommend strategies/technologies to mitigate the effect of transferring water to Williamson County.

Any member of the public has the right to appear at the meeting and give input on the project. For further information please call Gail Oliver at 1-800-776-5272, Ext. 3596.



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

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

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