

# OBITUARY

## Patricia Ruiz and Jeremiah D. Ruiz

Patricia Ann Ruiz, 17, and her infant son, Jeremiah D. Ruiz, 8 months, of Eagle Lake passed away Friday, November 5, 2004 from injuries received in a car accident.

Patricia was born March 17, 1987 in Columbus to Gilbert and Cynthia Ruiz.

Survivors include her sisters, Nicki and Renee Ruiz; other relatives and loved ones.

Her son, Jeremiah, was born February 14, 2004 in Eagle Lake.

A rosary was held Sunday, November 7, from the Parish of Nativity Church with Rev. Eddie Winkler officiating. Fulton Dromgoole and José Posada served as Cantors; Cynthia Sunderman, organist.

Funeral services were held at 1 p.m. Monday, November 8 from the



Parish of Nativity's Our Lady of Perpetual Help Sanctuary with Rev. Eddie Winkler officiating. Cross Bearer, Joey Posada; Lector, Joe Cooper; Cantors, Donna Gertson and Jose Posada; Organist, Cynthia Sunderman; Gift Bearers, Ruby Gasca and Elaine Saurez; Special Ministers of Communion, Ruby Gasca, Frances Posada and Elaine Saurez; Paten Holders, Arthur Cordova and Joey Posada. Burial followed in the Nativity Cemetery.

Arrangements were under the direction of Dulany Funeral Home in Eagle Lake.

Pallbearers were Chris Hernandez, Moses, Louie, Nathan, Kevin and Aaron Ruiz.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

## Courthouse exhibit scheduled to start Nov. 15 at Stafford Opera House

With the help of Tonya Britton and Columbus Convention and Visitors Bureau, Columbus Historical Preservation Trust, Inc. is pleased to announce the arrival of a Historical Courthouse Exhibit acquired from Preservation Texas.

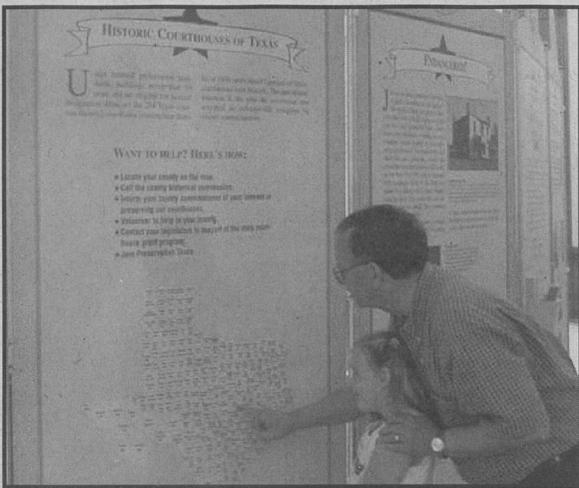
The purpose of the exhibit is to increase the awareness of Texas' significant collection of historic county courthouses and the need for their restoration. The traveling courthouse exhibit has recently been displayed in the Hill County Courthouse in Hillsboro and at the LCRA offices in Austin.

The exhibit will be set up in the R. F. "Buddy" Rau Meeting Room at the 1886 Stafford Opera House, 425 Spring Street in Columbus, Nov. 15-Dec. 6.

The exhibit will be open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. to all who wish to come by and see this extensive exhibit.

The "golden age" of courthouses is considered to be 1881-1900.

Part of the exhibit, "A Wealth of Materials", includes some of the unique moldings used in these architectural masterpieces and the exhibit includes information on some of the notable architects.



Historical Courthouse Exhibit that will be in Columbus, Nov. 15-Dec. 6. Photo Courtesy of Velma Harrington

There is also a map pinpointing the locations of Texas courthouses.

The historic courthouse exhibit will be open during the upcoming Christmas on the Colorado weekend,

Dec. 3-5.

On Saturday, December 4 come by the exhibit between 9 to 11 a.m. and be treated to kolaches or sweet rolls with coffee.

## CHS of Texas returns to Cat Spring

The Czech Heritage Society (CHS) of Texas will hold their Fall State Meeting in Cat Spring Saturday, Nov. 13 at the Cat Spring Agriculture Society Hall, 13035 FM 1094 and Hall Rd. The day's activities will begin with registration at 8:30 a.m.

The morning will be filled with musical entertainment, silent auction, historical displays of the area, the CHS traveling library collection will be available for your research, CHS chapter booths with books and other items for sale, and time for socializing. At 11 a.m., guest speaker, Ann Lindemann, of Industry, will speak on the topic, "The Czechs of Austin County".

A catered noon lunch will follow, and the CHS Fall State meeting will convene at 1:30 p.m.

Three Czech Heritage Awards will be presented to deserving individuals in both living and deceased categories.

The first Czech to settle in Cat Spring was Pastor Arnost (Ernest) Bergmann who with his family arrived in Galveston on March 2, 1850. After arriving in Cat Spring Rev. Bergmann bought a little farm that he and his family worked. The Bergmann's lost three daughters during their stay in Cat Spring.

The Rev. Bergmann organized the Austin County Agriculture Society in 1856. The Bergmann's lived in Cat Spring until 1870 when he and his family moved to Corsicana, Navarro County.

Early Czech immigrants who came through Cat Spring include Pastor Josef Jan Zvolanek, Vaclav Matejovsky, Josef Siller, Josef Mares, Josef Lesikar, Josef Hirsch, Jan Kraulik, Jan Reymershoffer, and Josef Masik. This is only a few of the many that came. There were others.

If you can trace your immigrant ancestor to the Cat Spring area, you are invited to register their name.

A certificate noting you as a *Texas Czech Pioneer Family* will be presented to those families attending.

For more information or to make your meal reservation please contact Dottie Wathuber at 979-627-0266 or Pat Parma at 281-342-4898. You do not have to be member of the CHS to attend.

Everyone is welcome.

## NEW ARRIVALS

### Valencia Floydazga-LaNell Dancy

Mr. and Mrs. Vincent E. Dancy of Garwood are pleased to announce the birth of their first child, a daughter, born November 1, 2004 at 9:41 p.m. at Rice Medical Center in Eagle Lake.

Valencia Floydazga-LaNell weighed seven pounds, 11 ounces, and measured 19 inches at birth.

Maternal grandparents are Florine Shelton of Houston and the late Floyd Outley.

Paternal grandparents are Freeman Dancy of Garwood and the late Dorothy Dancy.

Great grandparent is the late Angeline Outley of Houston.

The new mom is the former Angelia Monique Outley.

### Aylssa Renee Ripper

Becky and Scott Ripper are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter, Alyssa Renee, born Thursday, October 28, 2004, at 1:55 p.m. in San Antonio.

Alyssa Renee weighed six pounds, three ounces and measured 19 inches at birth.

Welcoming Alyssa is her five-year-old sister, Alaina.

Grandparents include Mary and Al Faichtinger of Altair, and Rip and Carol Ripper of Eagle Lake.

Charlene Konesheck of Eagle Lake is Alyssa's great-grandmother.



**HAPPY 7<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY**

**Christopher**

Nov. 3

Mom, Wesley,  
Sarah, Yankee Man  
and Amanda

THANKS TO THE CITIZENS OF COLORADO COUNTY FOR THE OUTSTANDING PARTICIPATION IN THE NOVEMBER 2, 2004 GENERAL ELECTION

WHAT A GREAT VOTER TURNOUT!  
WE APPRECIATE YOUR TIME AND EFFORT.

YOUR VOTE COUNTS!

COLORADO COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY  
Jean Ellis, Chair

Pol. Adv. Paid for by Colorado County Republican Party, Verna Nell Dittmar, Treasurer, Columbus, Texas.

## Thank You

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ketball court and the extension of a flag football field. This is a major long term help.

3) Because of Lissie's involvement - the entire overgrown back area of the lot was cleared to make ready for multiple other uses including a stand alone learning center bldg.

4) Because of Lissie's involvement - two additional adult volunteers were present several days over the last two weeks.

This is Christianity in action. It is very encouraging to see what a few Christians can get accomplished in a short period of time.

When this program for the youth of Eagle Lake was begun earlier this year we had few expectations. We didn't know what to expect. I can tell you that with the very simple beginnings thus far we can see that a tangible difference can be made in the lives of many young people. I wish we could tell you that the benefit is greater to the kids than to the adults - but it's the adults that are benefiting the most. I wish I could tell you that it's been exhausting and not worth the effort but we are stronger now than when we began and there is no doubt the effort is producing many more positive results on a daily basis than

we ever expected.

Over 100 different kids came to the Lighthouse this week alone, many of them each day. Since last January, over 250 different kids have attended one or more sessions. Each of these kid's lives were touched in a positive way. Each of these kids saw Christianity in action. No question there's a lot of hard dry ground in these kid's hearts. But, bit-by-bit we have an opportunity

to till it, over and over, and that ground now has the trust and respect to be able to receive the positive things of the Christian faith and character. That is our goal and that is what is being done. The Lissie congregation's involvement has made that goal all the more reachable. For that we say thank you once again.

God Bless You,  
The Lighthouse Volunteers

**St. Mary's - Nada VARIETY SHOOT & YOUTH FALL FESTIVAL**

Sunday, November 14, 2004

**Nada Community Center VARIETY SHOOT • 1:00 TO 4:00 PM**  
(Variety of pizzas; includes women's - children round)

**HAMBURGERS & CHILI, PASTRIES & OTHER REFRESHMENTS from 4:00 - 7:00 p.m.**

• CHRISTMAS CRAFTS  
• CAKE WALK • SILENT AUCTION  
• GAMES FOR THE KIDS • BINGO

The evening will conclude with a **RAFFLE DRAWING 7:00 P.M.**

Proceeds to benefit Christian Education Youth Activities

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

Nov. 14  
**Leslie**  
From Your Family

*From birth I have raised you as my own. And Loved You Just The Same Now I am so proud that I Can give you my Last name.*

**Love Daddy**

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