

Event Slated To Benefit Senior Citizens at Opry

In an effort to help provide meals and service, the Columbus Opry is hosting a special Live Country Music Show with proceeds benefiting the Wharton County Junior College (WCJC) Colorado County Senior Citizen Program.

The show will be Saturday, June 24, at 7:30 p.m. in The Oaks Theater, 715 Walnut in Columbus. Advanced tickets may be purchased for \$6 at the WCJC Columbus Senior Citizen's office at 316 Spring Street in Columbus or call 979-732-5606. Tickets will be available at the door for \$7. The fundraiser is supported by LCRA.

The WCJC Colorado County Senior Citizen Program serves hot lunch meals to persons over the age of 60 Tuesday and Thursday at the Kevin Court Apartments Social Room, 400 South Austin Road in Eagle Lake. In addition, games of bingo and dominoes are played and monthly educational

programs are provided. The program provides transportation to the center and takes seniors to medical and shopping centers.

Lunch meals for five days a week and respite or homemaker services are available to the homebound seniors that qualify. The program is partially funded through WCJC and the Houston Galveston Area Agency on Aging and is a donation based program, a set fee is not charged.

The center is seeking funding to provide additional meals and services to seniors.

The Live Country Music Show is the regular Saturday Night Columbus Opry with the Texas Sagebrush Band on stage plus other performers.

The Columbus Opry received the American Eagle Award for the "Opry of the Year" by the Country Music Organization of America for five consecutive years.



Lonnie Coleman

Lonnie Coleman, 87, of Columbus, passed away May 12, in Columbus.

Born November 25, 1918 in Columbus, he was the son of Cleve Norman and Mattie Coleman.

Lonnie was very active in his life, beginning as a young child going to various domestic jobs with his mother, Mattie, he assisted her with various chores.

All this learning and training was done when not in attendance at the Columbus Colored School.

Lonnie was employed by the Columbus Post Office for 43 years, he was a custodial laborer. He was also employed by Colorado County Saving and Loan for many years and The Style Shop, he served as a private caretaker for Ms. Lee Nesbitt, Mrs. Freddy Bunge, Mrs. Sally McNally and Mrs. Grobe and assisted many other families throughout the county.

Lonnie was working and taking care of his mother, when he was called to serve in the United States Army in 1941 during World War II. He was sent to Fort Sam Houston and Fort Ward Arizona for military training. He was then sent to San Francisco before being shipped overseas to active duty.

He was a member of the 93rd Division, which was sent to Guadalcanal.

Lonnie received a Combat Infantry Badge on January 22, 1945, for expert Rifleman 745. While in the military he also served in Bogaville, Saigon, and Okinawa.

He later was sent to Hawaii for six months with his division. At the end of his tour, an Officer asked Lonnie to return to New York to work with him, but Lonnie declined...the story heard around Columbus was that the "Colonel wanted Lonnie to bake Angel Food Cakes for his wife." We all know that Lonnie was an excellent baker. He was a Staff Sergeant.

At the end of his military tour he received honors such as the Victory Medal, 3 overseas service bars, American Theater Campaign Medal, Asiatic Pacific Campaign Medal with 2 Bronze stars, a Philippines Liberation ribbon, a good conduct medal and 1 service stripe.

Lonnie joined Smith Chapel Baptist Church in 1935, he proved to be a very capable and ambitious leader of his church, and he supported his church wholeheartedly for 76 years. He loved his church and church family and the District Church Family. Lonnie taught Sunday School, President of the Deacon Board, President of the Usher Board and District Usher Board and was a Financial Trustee. He was also Treasurer of the Laymen's Conference of the La Grange Baptist Association. A standing member of the Prince Hall Masonic Lodge #18 where he raised to his 33 degree. He was also a member of the American Legion 896 of Weimar.

Lonnie was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Jerry Lee Ellis, Joe Coleman, Ernest Coleman, Roy Lee Coleman, Jessie Coleman and Henry Lee Coleman; sisters, Frances Norman King, Mattie Lee Coleman, and Ceola Norman Mann.

He leaves to mourn his memory his youngest sister and best friend, Willie Mae Denley, of Columbus, one sister-in-law, Dorothy Lee Coleman of Columbus; the nieces and nephews he raised, Cynthia Denley Barfield (Walter Lucas) of Oakland, California, Pandora Denley and Janet Coleman, Paul David Johnson, Ernest Preston Coleman (deceased) wife Martha, Lonnie L. Coleman, Alfred Denley, (Beverly) Roy Darnell Denley, Rannisha Coleman (Ajee Santee and PraDeja Coleman) Joshira and Janae Coleman all of Columbus; sisters, Priscilla, Ida Lee, Lucille Norman and Brother Cleve Norman all of San Francisco, California. He also leaves many nephews and nieces, along with other relatives, friend, brethren and sister's of faith.

Funeral services were Saturday, May 20 at New Greater Smith Chapel Baptist Church at 11 a.m. in Columbus, with Rev. Joseph Hargrove officiating under the direction of Henneke Funeral Home of Columbus. Burial in City Cemetery in Columbus.

Pallbearers were Raymond Moore, Michael Coleman, Robert King, Arthur Coleman, Thomas Hargrove and Robert Sanders. Honorary pallbearers were the New Greater Smith Chapel Baptist Church Deacon Ministry.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.



Phoebe "Dimple" Louise Huffman

Phoebe "Dimple" Louise Huffman was called to her eternal rest Wednesday, May 17.

She was born August 11, 1933 in Houston, to Sam and Alberta Washington.

Growing up in the Columbus community she attended Columbus Colored School.

She confessed in Christ at an early age and attended Greater Smith Chapel Baptist Church in Columbus under the leadership of Rev. B. Sanders.

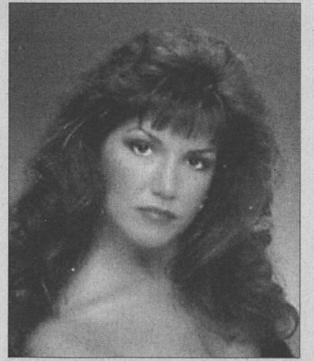
Preceded in death by her parents; two sisters; and five cherished aunts; she leaves to cherish her memories her mate of 39 years, Robert Bryant of Columbus; one brother and sister-in-law, Charles and Shirley Washington of Stockton, California; five children, James (Helen) Washington, Sheryl (Robert) Stovall and Annette Huffman all of Columbus, Charles Huffman, of Huntsville and Estella Shelton of Houston; she also leaves to love her always, 13 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and a host of relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held Monday, May 22 at 11 a.m. from St. Paul United Methodist Church in Columbus with Rev. Charles Purnell, pastor, officiating. Interment followed in Willing Workers Cemetery in Columbus. Arrangements were entrusted to Ben Davis Funeral Home in Columbus.

Pallbearers were Paul Ashton, Jr., Ralph Hurd, Raymond Moore, Willie Stovall, Jr., Laird Toliver and Leslie Williams.

Honorary pallbearers were Clarence Bratcher, Jimmy Axel, Mildridge Wicks, Joe Denley, Jerry Perino, Limmie Evans and Kenneth Johnson.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.



Teresa Ann Wornat

Teresa Ann Wornat, 39, of Eagle Lake, passed away Wednesday, May 17 from injuries received in a car accident.

She was born January 17, 1967 in Eagle Lake, the daughter of Marvin G. and Bette Lou Goodson Wornat.

Teresa was employed as a secretary-receptionist for Geotrace Technologies in Houston and was of Methodist faith.

Teresa had been a resident of Eagle Lake for 24 years.

She was preceded in death by her mother; grandparents, Maurice and Florence Goodson and Charles Wornat Sr.; infant brother, Marvin Gene Wornat; and infant nephew, Drayton Noska.

Survivors include her father, Marvin Wornat of Ramsey; grandmother, Alice Wornat of Glidden; sisters, Nelda Grayless of Richmond, Renee Noska and husband, Craig, of Rock Island and Evelyn Pospisil of Rosenberg; nephews, Dalton Noska of Rock Island and Franklin Pospisil of Rosenberg; and nieces, Lacy Grayless of College Station and Misty Pospisil of Rosenberg.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, May 23 at 2 p.m. from Henneke Funeral Home with Rev. Ardie Nelson, pastor of Eagle Lake Methodist Church officiating. Interment followed in New Bielau Cemetery in New Bielau.

Pallbearers were Don Ehler, Charles Jenkins, Wesley Sliva, Bobby Grayless, Chad Noska and Doug Ehler.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

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Currently, there are several cough and cold products available in the form of a strip. These include Sudafed®, Triaminic®, and TheraFlu®. Additionally, other medications are awaiting release such as Pepcid Strips® for relief of heart burn. Many more products are in the works that will include vitamins, other over-the-counter medications, veterinary medications, and prescription pain medications. Medical experts indicate that, over time, hormone replacement therapy, birth control pills, and sleeping medications will also be candidates for dissolving strips. Advantages of this delivery system will include taste masking, lack of water needed, and quick delivery. This technology also appears to get the medications into the body faster and can decrease the number and difficulty of swallowed pills.

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Catholic Daughters Honor Garwood, Nada Graduates

The Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court Our Lady of the Rosary #1595 honored their college, high school and eighth grade graduates with a Holy Mass for their intention at 9:45 a.m. Sunday, May 21.

Approximately 30 graduates attended the Mass. Before departing the church each high school graduate told the congregation about their intended plans for their future studies.

Immediately following a brunch sponsored by the Court was held at St. Mary's Parish Hall. Approximately 100 students, parents, grandparents and siblings attended.

Court Officers attending were Regent, Anita Meisner; Vice-Regent, Marilyn Popp; and Secretary, Katie Jo Kunz.

Serving as hostesses for the brunch were Leona Brzozowski, Henrietta Baumgarten, Lillian Eggemeyer, Theresa Pieprzyca, Betty Janish and Cynthia Boenisch.

The Court expresses their thanks to these ladies and Sandy Schneider for coordinating this event for the graduates, the church choir and Father Peter for the beautiful church service.

Sheridan News

By Velma Kutzer

In school news, congratulations are extended to Sheridan Pre-K teacher, Amy Amsdam and husband, Brian on the birth of a precious baby girl born recently. Baby Ella is welcomed home by big brother, Preston.

Our campus extends sincere sympathy to Special Education teacher, Tara Trlicek upon the death of her grandmother.

Lucie Sitka, 85, passed away in Hallettsville on Sunday, May 14. Services were conducted on Tuesday, May 16.

Legion To Place Flags May 27

The W. Cherry - M. Perry American Legion Post # 108 of Eagle Lake will honor all deceased veterans buried in our local cemeteries on Memorial Day, Monday, May 29, by placing American flags by their gravesites.

The flags will be placed in the designated holders by the gravesites on Saturday, May 27, and will be retrieved on Tuesday, May 30. The flag holders are white with red, white and blue stripes at the top and are placed, where possible, to the immediate left of the gravesite or marker.

If we have missed a veteran's grave in the past, please contact Ken Craig at 234-2807 or Vic Scott at 234-2792 as it is our intention to honor ALL veterans of ALL services. There will also be extra flag holders and flags in each cemetery. Feel free to take one and place it by the veteran's grave if we miss someone.



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THE DAY OF PENTECOST APOSTOLISTIC REVIVAL RISING STAR: FM 102 South, Matthews; 4 p.m. (at Mt. Zion), Rev. R.L. Carter Sr.
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HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH: East Bernard.
CATHOLIC PARISH OF THE NATIVITY: Our Lady of Perpetual Help Sanctuary; 308 N. Stevenson, Eagle Lake; 8 a.m. (Español), 10 a.m. (English), Rev. Eddie Winkler, P.O. Box 307; 234-2842.
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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ROCK ISLAND METHODIST: Ken Sellar 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.
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Bible Verse of The Week

"The grass withers, and the flower falls, but the word of the Lord abides forever."

- I Peter 1:24
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