

Obituaries



Elton Wm. Litzmann

Elton Wm. Litzmann, 88, of Alleyton, passed away Wednesday, May 17 in Columbus.

He was born December 5, 1917 in Bernardo, the son of Gustav and Elly Johse Litzmann.

His family moved to Columbus where he graduated from Columbus High School in 1934.

After graduation, he worked various jobs around Texas until he volunteered for the Army Air Corps in 1942.

During World War II, Elton served as an Aerial Gunnery Instructor and was sent to the European Theater with the 348th Bomb Squadron, 99th Bomb Group H.

He was honorably discharged in 1946.

On May 10, 1948 Elton married Ruby Mae Koehl.

In 1954 he was employed with Shell Oil Company and was eventually transferred to Angleton.

Upon Elton's retirement from Shell Oil in 1981, he and Ruby returned to the Columbus area and built a home in Alleyton.

After retirement, Elton enjoyed ranching, fishing, gardening, golfing, and time spent with his grandchildren.

He was active in the Knights of Columbus, VFW, and Colorado County Soil and Water Conservation Board.

Preceded in death by his parents; sisters, Lishen Glueck, Annie Michaelis, Clara Green and Mary Leedy; brothers, Edgar Litzmann, Gus Litzmann and Werner Litzmann; survivors include his wife of 58 years, Ruby Mae Koehl Litzmann of Alleyton; daughters, Rosanne Pearson of Bellville and Marian Palazzolo and husband, Vincent, of Tomball; son, Mark Wm. Litzmann and wife, Barbara Frybert Litzmann of Sealy; seven grandchildren, Erin Pearson, Leif Pearson, Megan Pearson, Sarah Palazzolo, Joseph Palazzolo, Zane Wm. Frybert Litzmann and Matthias Joseph Frybert Litzmann; and a host of other relatives.

Funeral services were held Saturday, May 20 at 10 a.m. from St. Anthony Catholic Church in Columbus with Father Dan Kahlich officiating and Deacon Bennie Holesovsky assisting, under the direction of Henneke Funeral Home in Columbus. Interment followed in St. Anthony Catholic Cemetery in Columbus with military honors by VFW Post #6113 including "Taps" provided by Christopher Hobaugh.

Pallbearers were Leif Pearson, Joseph Palazzolo, Kenneth Koehl, John Glueck, Jimmy Green and Vic Edwards.

Honorary pallbearers were Zane Wm. F. Litzmann, Matthias J. F. Litzmann, Dr. Tom Hancher, Ellis Glueck, Jr., Vincent Palazzolo and Benny Farek.

Memorials may be given to the American Heart Association or a charity of your choice.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

Mrs. Willie Lee Jackson

Mrs. Willie Lee Jackson, mother of Olivia Maxie, passed away Wednesday, May 10.

Before Mother and Big Ma Ma was called from labor here on earth to her reward in heaven, she was the first daughter born to Lonnie and Elizabeth Powell on January 20, 1920 in Eagle Lake.

She spent her childhood and her young adult life in Eagle Lake. During this growth she had two beautiful daughters, Olivia and Evelyn and one son, Lawrence (Pepper).

Then God blessed her and her children with a loving husband and father.

In 1957 they moved their family to San Antonio. In 1966 she and her husband were blessed with adopting a baby girl, Rhonda.

She worked locally doing domestic work until she retired.

She joined Golden Gate Missionary Baptist Church under the leadership of Rev. David Smith. She served as the President of the Usher Board.

In the 2000's she joined Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church, Rev. Patrick Jones, but she returned to her home church where she served as the Mother of the Church and a member of The Mission Board, under the leadership of Rev. Shaw.

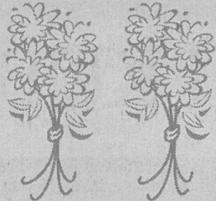
Loved ones who will be waiting for her in Heaven include, a loving husband, both parents, one son, three sisters and four brothers.

She leaves to carry on her legacy her three daughters; two brothers, Kado and Melvin Powell of Eagle Lake; one sister, Sophia Powell of Houston; eight grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; 15 nieces and 15 nephews; two god sisters, Mildred Knootz and Margie Lee, both of San Antonio; one goddaughter, Dee Mason; one godson and daughter, Joe and Georgie Armstrong; two god-granddaughters, Krystal and Destiny, all of Eagle Lake; and a lot more close friends who will also miss her a lot.

Funeral services were held Monday, May 15 at 11 a.m. from Golden Gate Missionary Baptist Church in San Antonio with Rev. Ricky Shaw officiating. Interment followed in Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery. Arrangements were under the direction of Lewis Funeral Home in San Antonio.

Pallbearers were Milton Ford, Marvin Henry, Kenneth Godley, Dennis Stewart, Jerry Pope and Johnny Foster.

Honorary pallbearers were Son-in-law, grandsons and nephews. Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

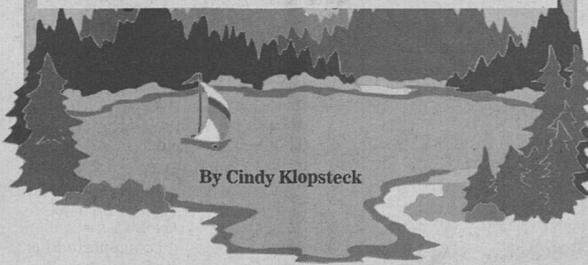


Library Gearing Up For Summer Reading Program

The Eula & David Wintermann Library is gearing up once again for their Summer Reading Program. The theme this year is "READ: THE SPORT OF CHAMPIONS!" Registration will begin on Tuesday, May 30.

The opening program will be on Wednesday June 7 at 10:30 a.m. The opening party will feature games and relays, face painting and refreshments. Julian Franklin, the magician, will be here on June 14 at 1:30 p.m. for his fifth appearance for the summer

Views Around the Lake



By Cindy Klopsteck

I'm certain the neighbors were terrified.

Though not a frequent one, they know the routine. If they see me approaching THAT certain overgrown, misshapen yard shrub with my sturdy electric hedge trimmer, it's like facing head-on with Jason from the "Friday the 13th" movie series. The general neighborhood consensus is - and well should be - "steer clear - she's on the warpath about something."

I enjoy doing basic yard work - tending to the flowers, working the beds, trimming small boxwoods. And my neighbors and I frequently converse and greet each other as we're all in our yards during some of these beautiful, post-rain days we've been enjoying as of late. Friends and neighbors will drop in and approach me at any time I'm in the yard, except...when I'm shredding, minimizing, mutilating, butchering THAT certain hedge. Most know it takes a stressful incentive to drive me to tackle that six-foot leafy green growth. One neighbor was enroute to borrow a couple of eggs one day when she saw me midway into the hedge. She abruptly turned to seek another neighbor or drive two miles into own...anything but disturb me while I was furiously venting and hedging.

Venting from what issue this time, you ask?

Pick from one of the many out there today:

Gas prices up or retirement/savings down?

Dry weather patterns or family farms dying up?

For the troops but against the war?

Lack of ethics in business or in politics?

Immigration reform or immigration stalemate?

Post-Katrina sympathies or post-Katrina crime rates?

Most of the time lately we feel like the exhausted, frustrated newsman in the 1976 movie, "Network" who screamed, "I'm mad...and I'm not going to take it anymore!"

But we, as good citizens, and do read the papers, listen to the news, contact our government representatives and THEN go out and constructively vent somewhere. Lately my yard has really been shaping up and my arm muscles strengthening. That's making productive use of bad vibes. It's not that I'm "hedging" the problem here. Good citizens must actively involve themselves in major issues, not avoid them by merely letting off steam. But in the meantime, physical

activity really-eally goes a long way in cooling off a person.

So the neighbors are avoiding me and I'm shredding away like mad at every stray overgrown leaf and limb. Bzzzzz... "gas prices, can't even drive to the mall as often as I'd like..." Bzzzzz... "insurance premiums going up and my last prescription..." Bzzzzz... "Whoa, what's this? A bird nest - empty but so nicely shaped, with short twigs, little scraps of moss and grass, tidbits of some kind of paper. The world might seem like it's going crazy and falling apart, but here in the midst of my own razed and frantic motions I find a singular bit of simplicity in nature that stops me for a minute. Nestled between the twisted branches, just low enough so I won't be disturbing the supporting twigs on which it was built, is a sign that the basics of life still exist and are still good. Minutes later I discover a second nest, smaller and again empty except for some small broken pieces of eggshell. I was scared to peek within the shell. Usually I find a nest with no shell pieces. Did the baby bird live? I can't say, but I'll have to accept the nest and shell half full or half empty - think positive about the bird's departure or negative on its demise. We can choose to approach this stressful world with glass half full or half empty and work it from there - problems and all.

Empty nests intact, I step back to inspect and accept my smaller, neater trimmed hedge, and cut off my loud, buzzing hedger. This will do for now - till my next needed bout of physical exertion.

Meanwhile, here comes my smiling neighbor with some fresh-baked cookies and a stick of butter to replace the one she borrowed last week.

For at least a little while, all's right with the world again.

"In the long run the (angry) pessimist may be proved right, but the optimist has a better time on the trip."

- D.L. Reardon



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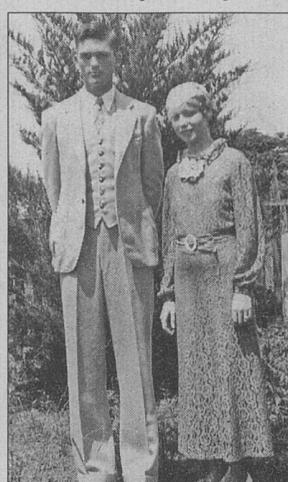
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Sparks Purchases Table For Grand Jury Room

Colorado County Attorney Ken Sparks, using statutory fees collected from hot check writers, has purchased and donated a table for the Colorado County Courthouse Grand Jury room. No county funds were spent on the table.

"The table cost over \$11,000, but it is well worth it; we need to add quality furnishings to our historical courthouse," said Sparks. "The fact that it is paid for by fees collected from hot check writers makes it even nicer," he added. "I expect this table to be used in the courthouse for many generations," he said.

Sparks designed the octagonal shape of the table for presentation of cases to a grand jury and deliberation by trial juries. Gary Cernoch of G W Cernoch Works of Weimar built the table and contributed the major design features including using pedestals to match the existing wainscoting and the use of native woods for the tabletop, seal, apron, pedestals, and base. The table features the state seal of Colorado County as a centerpiece.

The table materials are derived from trees native to Colorado County.

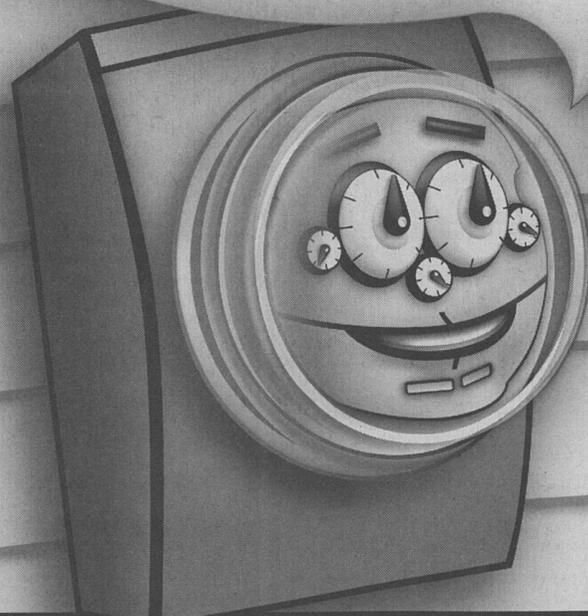
The tabletop is black walnut; the field of the seal and the background of the seal lettering is white oak; the lettering is mesquite; the garland is cedar, the Texas star is walnut; the outer ring of the seal is cedar; the apron is curly long leaf pine; and the tabletop edge band, pedestal and base are long leaf pine.

Sparks issued an invitation for everyone to stop by the courthouse and inspect the table on the third floor on the east side next to the auditor's office.

See following page for a photo of the table.

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