

Juneteenth Celebrates Emancipation Day

From its Texas origin in 1865, the observance of June 19th or Juneteenth as African American Emancipation Day has spread across the United States and abroad. June 19, 1865 is considered the day when the last African slaves were freed. Emancipation from slavery came in 1863, but African Americans in Texas were not made aware of the proclamation until two and a half years after the end of the Civil War.

In honor of this holiday, the Texas Historical Commission (THC) invites travelers to discover the heritage of African Americans by downloading, "African Americans in Texas: Historical and Cultural Legacies. Plan a trip this Juneteenth using this free publication as a travel guide. The informative guide provides a look at the rich historical and cultural legacies of African Americans in Texas and a sampling of communities, historical attractions and cultural events across the state."

"Years of research and documen-

tation for state historical markers and National Register of Historic Places nominations allowed the THC to create a guide that identifies the significance of African American participation in the state's heritage," said Larry Oaks, THC executive director.

Contact the chamber of commerce or convention and visitors bureau near you for the most up-to-date event information in your area. Due to the brochure's popularity, it is currently only available in a downloadable format on the THC web site at www.thc.state.tx.us/publications/pubbrw.html. For additional information on Texas travel events and vacation destinations, visit www.TravelTex.com or for a free Texas State Travel Guide call 800/888-TEXTX.

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Georgianna (Tina) Dutcher Sexton

Georgianna, a loving daughter, sister, wife, mother, aunt and friend was born July 9, 1960, in Houston and after a long battle against cancer, at the age of 45, succumbed on June 11, in Hinsdale, Illinois.

In 1960 Georgianna was christened and dedicated to the Lord, in the Evangelical United Brethren Church at Lissie, Texas. She bore the nickname, "Tina" and at an early age, then placed her trust in Jesus Christ for salvation. "Tina" was an angel to all who knew her and is now a translated saint into the Kingdom of heaven. Her life exhibited the love of Christ, for she walked in love and was a peacemaker among family and friends.

At the age of four, the family moved to Ganado where she grew up to become an active young person in the life of the church.

In addition to her activities in church and youth groups, she was active in numerous sports, including horse back riding as well as serving as twirler and drum major in high school. She graduated from high school with honors in 1979, went on to attend Sam Houston State University in Huntsville to become a paralegal. Georgianna also pursued art and design.

She was employed by River Oaks Bank in Houston, Texas and also worked for Trammel Crow. As a devoted wife and mother, here foremost career was to be a "stay at home Mom" always being there for them, instilling in them her family values, sense of humor and zest for life. "Tina" enjoyed fashion, cooking, art and golf, but was most passionate about equestrian activities. An accomplished horsewoman, she won several horse shows at local, regional and national levels.

In 1990 she became the bride of James (Jim) Sexton of Houston, and embraced Catholicism, becoming very active in the work of her church family. Born to their union are one son and one daughter, Will and Aubrey, age 14 and 12.

The Sexton family moved to Hinsdale, III., in 1996, where Georgianna immediately began to serve her church and community as a volunteer in numerous organizations, although Saint Isaac Joques enjoyed the ma-

jority of her volunteer hours, for she served there as President of the Parent School Association. With grace, she chaired and championed several SIJ events, and also participated on the St. Johns University School of Theology Board of Overseers in Collegeville, Minn.

Some quotes from the thousands of cards she received are:

"Your courage, strength and humor hold a huge spot in my heart."

"You were always there for me; you are tough and strong."

"You were always the one we would go to for advice, laugh, tell secrets and just be ourselves."

Aubrey and Will: "You are the best Mom anyone could have."

"Your generosity and love for family and all people will always be remembered"

Georgianna is survived by her devoted husband, Jim; son, William (Will) and daughter, Aubrey; her loving parents, Alice (nee Mica) and Henry Sunderman and Sharon and Albert Dutcher Jr.; father and mother-in-law Joyce and Bill Sexton; sister-in-law, Jennifer Ornbeg; brother-in-laws, Tom Sexton and Motts Sexton; brothers, Jeff and Chris Dutcher; step-brothers, Glen Sunderman and Billy Swift; step-sisters, Kendra Moseley, Kerry Clingingsmith and Ann Sunderman Pavliska; many nieces, nephews and cousins, and many wonderful friends.

She is preceded in death by sister, Suzanne (Susie) Dutcher; grandparents, Jewel Allen (nee Barnett) Dutcher, Albert Walter Earl Dutcher, Frances and Cyril Mica.

Visitation will be held at the Eagle Lake Funeral Home, 607 North McCarty in Eagle Lake, Sunday, June 18, from 4 to 8 p.m.

A funeral service will be held at the United Methodist Church in Eagle Lake, 200 W. Prairie, Monday June 19, at 10 a.m. and interment will be at Lakeside Cemetery in her beloved Eagle Lake, Texas.

In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be sent to the charity of your choice.

Memorial Service was to be held at St. John's of the Cross at Western Springs, Illinois, on Thursday, June 15.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

Dan A. Paschall

Dan A. Paschall passed away March 28 at a Houston Hospice.

He was born November 11, 1956 the son of Rena Dale and Alvin Paschall.

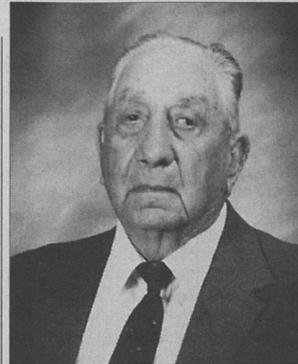
Dan attended Rice High School in Altair.

He was preceded in death by his father, Alvin; grandparents, Ed and Estelle Henry; Gary Paschall and Ora Lee Eastland.

Surviving are his wife, Shannon Paschall of Weimar; mother, Rena; daughter, Krissi Paschall; foster daughters and son in-laws, Amber and Carl Tanner, and Crystal and Justin Bowler; grandchildren, Bailey Bowler and Madison Tanner; two sisters, Louise Johnson and Carrie Claypool; brothers, Butch and Troy Paschall; brother-in-laws and sister-in-laws, Curt Johnson, Mark Claypool, Joylyne and Anna Paschall; nieces and nephews; aunt, Gwen Paschall of Eagle Lake, aunt and uncle, Patsy and Roy Jones of Bernardo, Jean Henry of Sealy and Bonnie Selph of Hallettsville.

A memorial service was held Tuesday, May 30 at Myrtle Cemetery in Rock Island with Chaplain Don A. Storey, Sr. Hospice Support Care of El Campo officiating.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.



Lloyd William Henry Poenitzsch

Lloyd Poenitzsch passed away on June 10.

He lived a long, wonderful, productive life. He was loved by many and will be greatly missed by his large, extended family.

He was born in Shaws Bend on October 10, 1911, the only child of Paul and Anna Horndt Poenitzsch.

He attended the Shaws Bend School. On October 22, 1935, he married Lillie Stancik. He lived all his life on the family farm on the banks of the Colorado River in Shaws Bend. He was a farmer, rancher and father of eight children. He was a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Columbus and a former member of St. John's Lutheran Church in Ellinger.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Lillie; parents, daughters, Polly Ann McRoberts and Deborah Kay Bankston; brothers, Jack, Pete, Calvin, Edwin, Lawrence and Gilbert.

He is survived by his daughters, JoAnn Vaclavik and husband, Hervey, of Pattison, Sandra O'Leary and husband, John, of Columbus, Pam Evans and husband, Harvey, of Houston, and sons, Harvey Poenitzsch, Robert Poenitzsch and wife, Joan, and Jeffrey Poenitzsch and wife, Mary Jane, of Shaws Bend; sons-in-law Mike McRoberts of Katy and Billy Bankston of Spring; grandchildren, Beth Grimet and husband, H. C. III, of Pattison, Brian O'Leary and wife, Courtney, of League City, Kristen O'Leary of Columbus, Jacob and Jordan Evans of Houston, Ashby McRoberts of Bryan, Abby and Chuck Bankston of Spring, and Shay, Matthew and Andrew Poenitzsch of Shaws Bend; great grandchildren, Logan and Conley Grimet of Pattison; two sisters, Lurline Willbern and Laurie Heintschel of Shaws Bend; and numerous nieces, nephews, in-laws, neighbors and friends.

Prayer service was Sunday, at 7 p.m. at Henneke Funeral Home in Columbus.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. on Monday, June 12, at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Columbus with Pastor Jeffrey Marsh officiating. Burial in the Poenitzsch Family Cemetery in Shaws Bend.

Pallbearers were Larry, Gary and Leonard Poenitzsch, Gerald Heintschel, Bill Pavlicek and David Willbern.

Memorial contributions, if desired, may be made to St. Paul Lutheran Church of Columbus or Brazos Valley Hospice.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

Ricky Ray Hough
Mr. Ricky Ray Hough, age 49, of East Bernard, died Wednesday, June 7, 2006, at his residence following a lengthy illness. He was born on June 17, 1956, in Eagle Lake, the son of the late John F. and Clara Graves Hough.

Mr. Hough was a life-time resident of East Bernard. He was a 1974 graduate of East Bernard High School and later attended and graduated from Sam Houston State University with a degree in Agribusiness. On January 15, 1988, he married the former Miss Suzanne Hlozek in East Bernard. Mr. Hough worked in the agriculture industry in the sales department of Boettcher Hlavinka Company. He previously worked for Shoppa's Farm Supply in the East Bernard area. Ricky enjoyed being with his children, hunting and having fun with the Bimbo Cookers and members of the Black Jack Ranch deer camp.

Funeral services were held on Friday June 9, 2006, at 2PM from the chapel of Wharton Funeral Home in Wharton with The Reverend Don Storey officiating. Graveside services followed at Lakeside Cemetery in Eagle Lake.

Survivors include his wife, Suzanne Hough of East Bernard; sons, John Jacob Hough and Jeremy Wade Hough both of East Bernard, brothers Charlie Hough of East Bernard, Jack "Bubba" Hough and wife, Patti of Lissie, and Randy Hough and wife, Lisa of East Bernard.

Pallbearers were Stephen Dybala, Corey Hough, Brady Hough, Cole Hough, Dusty Hough, Eugene Dusek, Bud Graves, and Darryl Kutach.

Honorary Pallbearers were William Dybala, members of the Bimbo Cookers, and the Black Jack Ranch deer camp.

Funeral services were under the direction of the Wharton Funeral Home.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

Library Lines

By Patty Holloway

The Wintermann Library Summer Reading Program is underway with 120 young readers signed up. There is still time to come join the fun though. Every Tuesday during the program a movie for four year olds through second grade will be shown at 10:30 a.m. and at 1:30 p.m. A movie for third graders through sixth grade will be shown.

Refreshments will be served. And don't miss out on the magician, Julian Franklin on Wednesday at 1:30 p.m.

The library now receives the Texas Events Calendar. It is a small magazine with listings of events happening all over the State of Texas.

We now have the summer edition, which begins in June and goes through August.

If you are looking for ideas on fun, interesting and historical getaways you will find this magazine on the table in the periodical section of the library.

The Wintermann Library gratefully acknowledges the following memorials. In memory of Ann Duncan: Mr. and Mrs. George Causey, Mr. and Mrs. Clark Powers, Mr. and Mrs. John Thomas and Mrs. Evelyn Thomas.



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Bible Verse of The Week

"Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need."
— Hebrews 4:16
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