

ORCA Awards \$1 Million To Rural Hospitals

Representative Robby Cook (D-Eagle Lake) announced that the Office of Rural Community Affairs (ORCA) has awarded a total of \$1,043,937.90 from its Small Rural Hospital Improvement Program (SHIP) to 114 rural hospitals throughout Texas. The grants will help rural hospitals pay for costs related to the implementation of Prospective Payment Systems (PPS); comply with provisions of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA); and reduce medical errors and support quality improvement. Recipients in Representative Cook's District each received close to \$10,000 and include Burleson St. Joseph Health Center in Caldwell, St. Mark's Medical Center in La Grange, Colorado-Fayette Medical Center in Weimar, Columbus

Community Hospital in Columbus and Rice Medical Center in Eagle Lake. "The Office of Rural Community Affairs is pleased to be able to assist these small rural hospitals," said Charles S. (Charlie) Stone, ORCA's Executive Director. "In some communities the grants may keep a hospital's doors open by covering compliance costs which would otherwise overwhelm the small rural hospital." State Representative Robby Cook stated Monday, "This grant funding is of great benefit to these rural hospitals and the communities they serve. Not only does this provide for continued high quality health-care, it secures jobs in the area and ensures that our communities' health care needs are

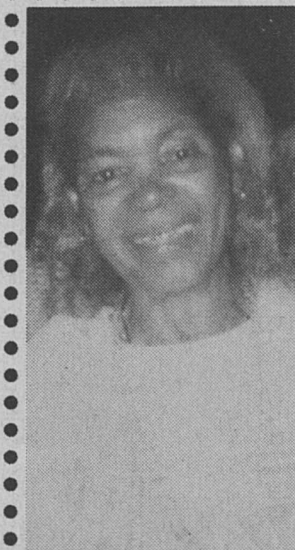
met." Eligible hospitals must have 49 available beds or less, as reported on the hospital's most recently filed Medicare Cost Report and be located outside a Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA); or located in a rural census tract of a MSA as determined under the Goldsmith Modification or the Rural Urban Commuting Areas. Funding for the SHIP grant is provided by the US Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA). The Rural Health Division at ORCA administers the SHIP grant as the Texas State Office of Rural Health (SORH), designated by the US Department

of Health and Human Services Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA). The Small Rural Hospital Improvement Program (SHIP) was created by 1820(g)(3) of the Social Security Act and the Departments of Labor, HHS, Education and Related Agencies Appropriations Act of 2002 (Pub. L.107-116).

The Office of Rural Community Affairs (ORCA) was created by the 77th Legislature to address economic and quality-of-life issues affecting small and rural communities across Texas. The Office administers programs supporting rural health care, the federal Community Development Block Grant non-entitlement program, and programs designed to assist leadership development. The Office also coordinates and monitors the state's effort to improve the results and cost-effectiveness of programs affecting rural communities, as well as provides an annual evaluation of the condition of rural Texas communities.

ORCA's Mission: "To assist rural Texans who seek to enhance their quality of life by facilitating, with integrity, the use of the resources of our state so that sustained economic growth will enrich the rural Texas experience for the benefit of all."

For a complete list of award recipients, please visit ORCA online at www.orca.state.tx.us or contact ORCA at (512)936-6701 or 800-544-2042. Additional information, including lists of all grantees and future grant opportunities, is available at www.orca.state.tx.us.



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Pesticide Program Offered

A 5-hour continuing education program for private, commercial, and non-commercial pesticide applicators is scheduled for Wednesday November 15, 2006 at the LCRA Cooper Farm near Waldeck. This program is sponsored by Texas Cooperative Extension of Fayette County.

- Topics and hours offered include:
- 1 Laws and Regulations - Beau Whisenant, TDA.
 - 1 Laws and Regulations - Transportation Laws by Mr. Pat Zatopek, TDPS -
 - 1 Laws and Regulations - Dr. Michael Hare, TDA
 - 1 IPM - Brush Control Practices by Larry Nickel, TCE County Agent
 - 1 General - Dr. Catherine Barr, TX Vet. Diagnostic Lab
- Registration will be from noon to 1 p.m. with sessions running from 1 till 6 p.m. There will be a \$5 registration fee to cover the cost of snacks and refreshments. For questions, you may contact our office by phone at 979-968-5831 or by email at fayette@ag.tamu.edu. Individuals with disabilities who require an auxiliary aid, service or accommodation in order to participate in this meeting are encouraged to contact the Fayette County Extension Office at 979-968-5831 two work days prior to the meeting to determine how reasonable accommodations can be made.

THC Historical Marker Guidelines Given

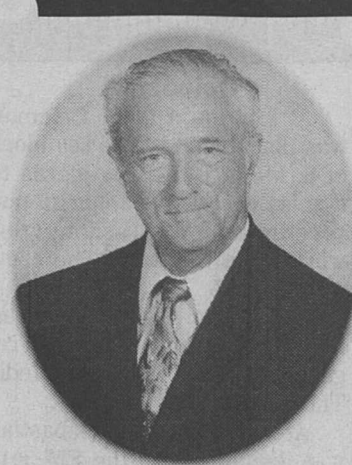
The 2007 Official Texas Historical Marker application forms and new procedures are now available on the Texas Historical Commission (THC) web site at www.thc.state.tx.us.

Also available are detailed marker research guides that provide information on how to compile the requisite research for a variety of eligible topics including structures, cemeteries, individuals, institutions, churches, synagogues, communities and World War II.

The marker research guides offer resources, links, documentation formats, research checklists and sample histories to assure applications are completed correctly.

The THC will begin accepting applications from county historical commissions (CHC) under the new guidelines beginning Nov.

Obituary



Gene Edward Linke

Gene Edward Linke, 73, of Eagle Lake, passed away Tuesday, October 31 in Eagle Lake.

He was born April 28, 1933 in Eagle Lake the son of Elo O. and Viola Johnson Linke.

Gene was employed as a florist for Lake Crest Flowers and was of Baptist faith.

Preceded in death by his parents; and aunt and uncle, Leona and Harry Brower; survivors include a sister, Betty Wegenhoft and husband, Bill of Eagle Lake.

Visitation was held Wednesday, November 1 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home

Graveside services were held Thursday, November 2 at 1 p.m. from the Masonic Cemetery in Eagle Lake with Rev. Chris Thacker, pastor of First Baptist Church officiating. Eagle Lake Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

McCreary

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recipient of the Golden Trowel Award for exceptional service and received his 65-year pin. He was a member of the Scottish Rite, York Rite and the Arabia Temple Shrine.

He also served as past president of the Colorado Valley Shrine Club. He remained a loyal member of the 12th Man Foundation at Texas A&M. Over the years Joe Lee received recognition in many forms to include Colorado County Outstanding Older Texan Man in 1996, and Grand Marshall of the City of Eagle Lake Christmas Parade of Lights in 2003.

Most recently he was the honoree at the Rice Medical Center Employee Volunteers' 11th Annual Harvest Ball recognizing his donation of the nine acres of land where the current Rice Medical Center is located. Joe Lee will be remembered for his positive attitude toward life, his humor and his dedication to family and to the community of Eagle Lake.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Joe Hartwell and Ora Lee McCreary; his wife of 53 years, Eleanor; and his second wife Ethel.

Survivors include his daughter, Doris McCreary Terrell and husband, Dick Terrell, of Fort Worth; son, Joe Herbert McCreary and wife, Candy Foster McCreary, of Eagle Lake; three grandchildren, Faira Lee Terrell Stevick and husband, Dean, of Fair Oaks Ranch, Texas, Richard Forrest Terrell and wife, Nicole, of Auburndale, Florida, and Christopher Lee McCreary of Eagle Lake; three great grandchildren, Alison Marie Stevick, Richard Brandon Terrell and Nathan Hunter Terrell.

Funeral services were held Monday at Christ Episcopal Church with interment at Lake-side Cemetery.

The family requests that memorials be made to either The Shriners' Hospital for Crippled Children in Houston, Christ Episcopal Church of Eagle Lake, or the Lion's Eye Bank.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.



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Sheridan School News

By Velma Kutzer

Three eighth grade boys were selected from each of the district's junior highs to attend the Boy's Academy at the University of

Houston at Victoria on Thursday, October 26. Boys Academy is designed to encourage the pursuit of talents which foster self-esteem, leadership skills and educational

New Arrivals

Alonna Elizabeth Rodriguez

Mr. J. Guadalupe and Catarina Leal Rodriguez of Garwood are pleased to announce the birth of their third child, a daughter, born October 29 at Rice Medical Center in Eagle Lake.

Alonna Elizabeth weighed six pounds, 10 ounces and measured 18-1/2 inches at birth

She was welcomed home her

big brothers, J. Guadalupe, age 11; Jonathon, age 10, and Ricardo, six year old.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Jesus Leal of Garwood.

Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Amado Rodriguez of San Felipe, Guanajuato, Mexico.

Great-grandparents are Aurelia Leal of Matthews and Jacinta Acosta of San Luis.

goal setting for 8th grade boys to enable them to reach their full potential to become leaders. The event was sponsored by the University of Houston @ Victoria and the Alcoa Foundation.

Sheridan School's Ryan Moore, Jesse Ross, and Spencer Spencer, along with Patrick Dota, Lance Howard, and Adrian Shimek from Garwood and Katerrain Huffman, Alex Roque, and Michael Govea from ELJH, spent the day with Victoria community leaders and other 8th grade attendees from schools within the region. They participated in motivational sessions, career planning, and group science experiments.

They boys not only had a great time, but were treated to a formal luncheon, a t-shirt, and a tote bag of goodies.

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LIVING HOPE CHURCH: Eagle Lake; Revs. Joe and Mercy Fling; 234-5536.
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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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CHRIST OUR REDEEMER-Charismatic: Jerry C. McKinney, Pastor; 979-478-7534 or 478-6512.
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. (Espanol), 10 a.m. (English) 6 p.m. Saturday (English), Rev. Robert F. Guerra, 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.
LISSIE UNITED METHODIST: J. L. Craft, Pastor; 234-2112, Lissie.
ROCK ISLAND METHODIST: Ken Sells 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.
VINE OF THE LORD: 1300 E. State Street, Eagle Lake; Rev. Paul Aguilar, Pastor; 234-7543.
CrossRoad ASSEMBLY OF GOD: 510 Wallace, East Bernard; Pastor George Kutach; 979-335-7706.
THE CHURCH OF CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS: 600 W. St., Sealy; Marshall Crosby, Branch Pres.
CHURCH OF CHRIST: 815 Milam, Columbus; Lynn Wilson, Minister.
THE SHEPHERD'S WAY: Interdenomination Christian Fellowship; 1225 Eagle Lake Road, Sealy, Frank Lucas, Pastor; 979-885-1225.
SOUTH POINT BAPTIST CHURCH: 6407 Hwy 71-S, Garwood; 979-758-3039; Pastor Dave Curry.
ASEMBLEA DE DIOS HOSANNA: 403 East Main, Eagle Lake; 979-732-1966; Pastor Romero Rodriguez Jr.
BIBLE TRUTH APOSTOLIC CHURCH: Corner of S. Wharton & E. First St., El Campo; Pastor Larry T. Smith, 979-543-2331.

Bible Verse of The Week

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