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Saturday, December 9, 2006 Entry Form

Please submit your entry by: Wed., December 6
Line-up and judging: 4:00 p.m.
Parade Start: 6:30 p.m.

Contact Person:_____

Name of Organization/Business/School, etc._____

Address:_____

Phone Number:_____ E-mail:_____

Name of Riders or Group:_____

(Use back or separate sheet if more space needed. Indicate if riders are dignitaries, community leaders, etc.)

Sound? ____Yes ____ No

Description of entry to be read at parade _____

There is not an entry fee, but donations to offset parade expenses are graciously accepted.

The Line will begin on State Street at the corner of Beaks Street. Please use State Street to arrive at Wintermann Warehouse and proceed immediately to the check-in point for your line-up packet. Please do not park on Beaks Street.

Rules:
Entry must have lights & own power source.
Throwing Candy IS NOT permitted.
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Return Entry To:
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Contact Information:
chamber@elc.net
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Catholic Daughters To Hold Fundraiser

Catholic Daughters of the Americas Eagle Lake will be having a Spaghetti Dinner Fund raiser on Sunday, Dec. 3 at Didner Hall (Crain & Stevenson).

Plates to go will be available for $6 dessert included from 5 to 7 P.M.

You may also dine in starting from 6 to 7 P.M. Dine-in dinners are available $6 (12 & over) $4 (under 12) includes dessert and drink.

For tickets please call Betsy Glaiser at 234-2976, Shara Sunderman at 234-7175 or Suzanne Sykowski at 234-3447. A silent auction will be held in conjuction with this fundraiser.

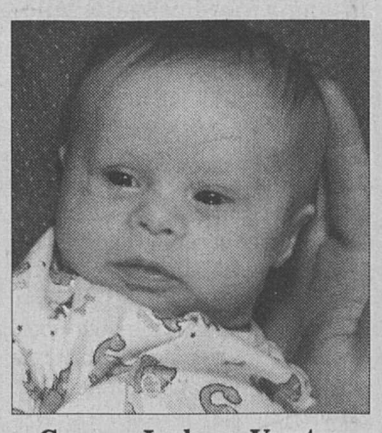
Also, the court is selling quilt drawing tickets.

If interested please call Glenda Moore at 234-5955 or contact Shirley Seaholm at the ELC office.

Drawing will be held Sunday, Dec. 3. Need not be present to win.

Prior to the fundraiser starting at 5:30 p.m. the CCD Children will be presenting a Christmas program in the sanctuary of the Parish of the Nativity Catholic Church all is welcome to attend and get ready for the holiday season.

We thank you for supporting the Catholic Daughters of the Americas Eagle Lake Our Lady of the Fields # 2465.



Cooper Jackson Vawter

Jaci and Jared Vawter of Nacogdoches are pleased to announce the birth of their first child, Cooper Jackson, born on October 25 at St. Luke's Hospital in Houston.

He weighed five pounds, five ounces, and measured 18-1/2 inches in length.

Cooper is welcomed home by his grandparents Charla and Bill Sharp of Kilgore, Debbie and Jack Vawter of Altair and Shannon Cooper of Ozark, Arkansas.

Great-grandparents are Martha and Joe Duncan of Eagle Lake.

Darwin Alexander Bernal

Ronal Damas and Reyna Bernal are pleased to announce the birth of their first, a son, Darwin Alexander Bernal.

He was born on November 20 at 2:10 p.m. at Rice Medical Center in Eagle Lake.

Darwin Alexander weighed six pounds, 12 ounces, and measured 19 inches in length.

UDC Reports On Recent Meeting

The Shropshire-Upton Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy met in their monthly meeting Nov. 9, at the Colorado Co. Community Service Bldg. the members were told about a Forum being held in Bryan, January 22, 2007.

Second vice president, Joy Thompson reported on the Essay Contest for the seventh and eighth grade students in the area.

The title of the essay is Confederate Spies. The children's essays will be judged and winners awarded savings bonds.

Third vice president Millie Cordes reported that the Texas Division Board Meeting for the children of the confederacy will be Nov. 11.

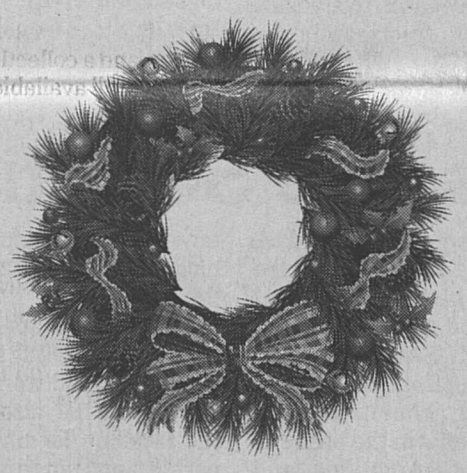
President Kitty Benson welcomed visitors Martha Dove, Jo White, Betsy Miller, and Pat Barcelow to the meeting.

The members voted to accept Inez Matula for membership. Mary Frances Bennett, Pat Barcelow, Betty Clark and Betsy Millers memberships are pending.

Recorder of Crosses Sarah Uzzi reported that the Iraqi Veterans will be awarded the Armed Forces Expeditionary Service Medals, she also reported that the Museum wall still needs 19 more applications.

Members signed a cared for member Laura Thomas who is 100 years young and lives at the Oaks Care Center.

Members enjoyed refreshments and a program titled "Sunbonnet Angel" given by Jo White.



Obituaries

Ire Stean Woods

Ms. Ire Stean (Axel) Woods was born in Altair, on August 9, 1951 to Doris Axel and Marshall Harris.

She graduated from Eagle Lake High School in 1969.

Ire attended Houston Business School and received a degree in Business.

Later, she found a passion for nursing and attended Wharton County Jr. College and received a degree as a medication aid nurse. She worked in this field for over 30 years caring for the elderly.

Ire was called to her Heavenly Home to rest on Thursday, November 16. Her children and angels surrounded her.

Her mother; father; brother, James Charvis; nephew Derrick Williams, aunt and uncle, Mae Etta Axel and Lawrence Axel preceded her in death.

She leaves to cherish her memory her daughter, Afton Woods of Austin; three sons and one daughter-in-law; Garland (Barbara) Axel of Katy, Seneca Woods and Brandon (Jackie) Woods of Columbus; a sister, Billie Ruth "Sista" Axel of Columbus; brother, Joe Williams of Houston; grandchildren, Danielle Renee, Page Marie, Cherish Axel, Avant, Xavier, and Heaven Woods; nephews, Reginald (Chrissy) Williams of Houston, Michael Williams of Houston; niece, Colette Williams of Austin; great nephews and nieces; Isaac Williams of Houston, Darion Williams and Delanie Williams of Sweeny, also a host of relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held Saturday November 25 at 11 a.m. at the St. Paul United Methodist Church in Columbus with Rev. Charles Purnell, officiating. Interment followed at the Williams Paradise Cemetery in Vox Populi. Final arrangements were under the direction of the Ben Davis Funeral Home in Columbus.

Pallbearers were Brandon Woods, Shonyaso Gilstrap, Gregory Davidson, Ryan Glenn, Reginald Williams, Joe Williams, Garland Axel and Robert Farrow.

Honorary pallbearers were her grandchildren.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

Lillian Louise Sykowski

A funeral mass for Lillian Louise Sykowski, 83, of Rosenberg, was held at 10 a.m., Saturday, November 11 at Holy Rosary Catholic Church in Rosenberg with Rev. Dan Warden officiating. Interment followed in West Gethsemane Cemetery in Rosenberg.

Visitation was held from 5 p.m. until 9 p.m., with a vigil/rosary service held at 7 p.m., Friday, November 10 at Davis-Greenlawn Funeral Chapel in Rosenberg.

Lillian was born February 8, 1923 in Corn Hill, Texas to Adolph Valenta and Alouise Knapek Valenta. She passed away peacefully in her sleep in her home on Thursday, November 9. She will be remembered as a loving, happy and tender wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother and for her willingness to give to others. She will also be remembered not only by all those she touched with her quilting, but also for her devotion to her church.

Lillian was preceded in death by her parents; and her brother, Adolph J. Valenta.

She is survived by her husband of 58 years, Roman Sykowski, of Rosenberg; daughter: Dorothy Maresh and husband, John, of Granger; sons: Raymond Sykowski and wife Suzanne, of Eagle Lake, Michael Sykowski and wife, Pilar, of Houston, Mark Sykowski and wife, Norma, of Needville; granddaughters, Michele Blanchette and husband Wayne, of Springfield, Virginia, Sarah Permenter and husband, Lance, of Kingwood, Selena, Heather and Audrey Sykowski of Houston, Cambrey and Skylar Sykowski of Needville; great-grandchildren, Abigail and Seth Permenter; along with numerous brothers and sisters, brothers and sisters-in-law, nieces, nephews, cousins and all that loved her. She will also be missed by Blackie.

Pallbearers were her nephews, Gary Valenta, John Valenta, Thomas Valenta, James Brzymialkiewicz, Vincent Sykowski, and Kenneth Vrabel.

Honorary pallbearers were her seven granddaughters.

For those wishing, memorial donations may be made to the charities of your choice or to The Holy Rosary Catholic Church Education/Library Fund, 1408 James Street, Rosenberg, Texas 77471

Service arrangements were under the direction of Davis-Greenlawn Funeral Home.

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"He that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him."

– Hebrews 11:6

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