

# DAR Holds Business Meeting

The Smith-McMillan Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) met recently at the Fayette Public Library in La Grange to hold its annual business meeting and recognize this year's winners of the American History Essay Contest from La Grange Middle School.

The DAR American History Committee was formed in 1954 to encourage all students to be-

come interested in our nation's history.

The purpose of the American History Committee is to promote American history throughout the year by honoring historically significant people, places, dates and events.

Activities of the Committee include: presenting American history programs; arranging historical displays in schools, libraries

and public buildings, displaying DAR stickers and posters promoting American history in schools; and sponsoring/administering major essay contest.

The National Society selects a subject each year and essays are judged on historical accuracy, adherence to subject, organization of material, originality, interest, spelling, grammar, overall neatness and bibliography.

The winning essay from each chapter for each grade is then sent to the state chairwoman where it is judged against submission from other chapters.

This year's topic was "Jamestown Colony is Settled". It is the 400th anniversary of the founding of Jamestown, and students took on the persona of one of the early settlers by writing a letter to their family members who remained in England in which they told them about the activities and hardships involved with helping to establish the settlement.

Congratulations to the winners of the eighth grade 2006-07 D.A.R. American History Essay Contest who are: Jessie Neuendorff, first place; Noah Sgovio, second place; and Bailey Karisch, third place.

The three winners should be very proud since the competition was tough and many excellent papers were submitted.

Jessie Neuendorff's paper, the first place winner, will be forwarded for the state competition.

Following a visitation with students and parents, a business meeting was held for chapter members.

Officers and committee reports were given and delegates were elected to the DAR National Conference in Washington, D. C. and to the State Conference to be held in San Antonio. The Regent, Mrs. Shirley K. Pyburn, adjourned the meeting at 11:30 a.m.

## Obituaries



**LaVene Farek**

LaVene Farek, 82, of Columbus, devoted wife, mother, grandmother and aunt passed into the loving arms of our Lord, on January 30.

She left this world as peacefully as she entered after a beautiful life of motherhood, service, and profound friendship to every person with whom she came in contact.

Her job in life was her family, and her most treasured times were spent surrounded by all of them in her home enjoying her famous pies and Southern cooking.

We grieve for our loss but we are comforted by our belief that she is resting in eternal peace.

Her life began on June 29, 1924 in New Ulm, the daughter of Emil and Valerie Wavra Guthmann.

She was united in marriage to Ben Farek on June 11, 1950.

First and foremost, she embraced her role as mother and homemaker, but she also used her sense of style to manage Magnolia Fashions for 10 years in Columbus.

She was an active member of St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Columbus, belonging to the

Catholic Daughters and a Bible Study group.

She had a knack for gardening, and was a member of the Garden Club where she was recently made an honorium member. She also was a life member of the Ladies Auxiliary to the V.F.W., and until the last few years she participated in their fund raising activities. She was a member of the Magnolia Homes Tour, serving as a docent. She always enjoyed a good game of cards or dominoes.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and daughter, Phyllis, who was killed tragically on March 11, 1972.

She is survived by her husband of 56 years, Ben Farek; daughters, Judy Quick and husband Jonathan of Huntington Beach, California, and Kathy Gabel and husband Frank of Cincinnati, Ohio; two granddaughters, Elyse and Natalie Gabel; a sister, Elvira Orsak of Pearland; and brothers, Henry Guthmann of New Ulm and Frank Lesikar of Columbus.

Funeral services were held Saturday, February 3, at Henneke Funeral Home with Father Dan Kahlich and Deacon Bennie Holesovsky officiating. Interment followed at St. Anthony's Catholic Cemetery in Columbus. Pallbearers were Gary Guthmann, Elton Lesikar, Dale Orsak, Roland Gassman, Vic Hyeck, Ed Krenk, Thomas Wostarek, and Joey Barten.

Manual Schneider served as honorary pallbearer.

The family would like to extend a heartfelt thank you for the loving care she received from Delores Hornet, Bernice Kollaja, Dorothy Poncik, and Eunice Bratcher.

There will be a void in each of us who knew and loved LaVene. We were blessed to have had her for 82 years. Now, Our Lord has plans for her in Heaven.

Memorials may be given to St. Anthony's Catholic Church of Columbus or to the Greater Houston Chapter of the ALS Association, P.O. Box 271561, Houston, Texas 77277.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

**Eldon Jack Holden**  
Eldon Jack Holden, 76, of Eagle Lake passed away Sunday, February 4 at the Columbus Community Hospital.

He was born on January 21, 1931 in Gustine, Texas.

He was a gauger at Oil and Gas Industry and was a member of the Church of Christ in Eagle Lake and a veteran of the U.S. Army.

Eldon Holden was preceded in death by his parents, Balvin Claude and Linda Vivene Thompson Holden; and a brother Pete Holden.

Survivors include wife, Laurel Holden of Eagle Lake; daughter, Stacey Cisneros and husband, Michael, of Fort Worth; son, Scott Holden of Elm Grove; sisters, Brona Brown of Coleman and Ginger Shaffer of Andrews; brothers, Eddie Holden of Comanche, Lynn Holden of Dublin and Ricky Holden of Sealy; two grandchildren, Alanna Cisneros and Chance Cisneros.

Private service will be held at a later date.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.



## Gulf Coast Hereford To Hold Auction

The Gulf Coast Hereford Association will have their 55th Annual spring sale on Saturday, Feb. 10.

Sale time is 1 p.m. at the Four County Auction Center, Inc., Industry, Texas. Selling will be 90 Head of Registered Herefords, F1's and other crosses.

The consignments include 40 Fertility tested Registered Hereford Bulls; 25 Horned Hereford Females (Bred and Open Heifers); and 25 F1 Females (Brahman X Hereford and other crosses, pairs, Heavy Bred, & Yearlings).

Consignors are: 4L Ranch,

Austin; B&C Cattle Co., Miami, Texas; Case Ranch, Elorado; Cypress Valley Herefords, Jefferson; Dry Creek Herefords, San Angelo; Honeymoon Herefords, Marble Falls; Clyde Johnson Herefords, Bulverde; Kainer Herefords, New Ulm; Kubena Homestead Ranch, Hallettsville; McQuillin Ranch, Industry; Millcreek Farms, Bleiblerville; Noack Herefords, Rockdale; Wegenhof Ranch, Columbus; and Weishuhn's Polled Herefords, Columbus.

For catalog and information contact Barbara Kubena 361-798-3271, fax 361-798-3340.

## New Arrivals

### Citalli Vazquez

Ruth and Gerardo Vazquez are pleased to announce the birth of their child, a girl, born January 31 at 7:59 p.m. at the Rice Medical Center in Eagle Lake.

Citalli weighed seven pounds, seven ounces and measured 19 1/2

inches at birth.

Citalli is welcomed by her siblings, Geovanni who's six and Joshua who's 16 months.

Maternal grandmother is Maria Elena Maldonado.

Paternal grandparents are Antonia Vazquez and Cecilio Vazquez.

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Guardian Angel Parish Hall  
  
Includes spaghetti with meat sauce salad, garlic bread, and tea/coffee  
\$6.00 per plate

**Rock Island Volunteer Fire Department**  
**Stew Supper • Gun Drawing**  
**Friday, Feb. 16 • 6 p.m.**  
**Rock Island Community Center**  
**Only 400 Tickets Being Sold For 10-gun Drawing**  
**Meal tickets are \$6 each**  
**Also Scheduled are Separate Drawings and Silent Auction**  
Contact Daniel Hooper at 979-758-1970 or any Fire Department Member for Tickets or More Information

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Benefitting PJ's Prairie Edge Museum Children's Theatre  
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- Ephesians 4:32  
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