

## Catholic Daughters Participate in Read Across America

Approximately 25 members of the Eagle Lake Catholic Daughters of America (CDA), Court Our Lady of the Fields # 2465, participated in the National Read Across America Celebration.

The members donated fifty books, refreshments, and reading time to students of two local organizations.

Read Across America is the nation's largest reading celebration. Since it's inception ten years ago, the National Education Association's (NEA) Read Across America program is designed to get kids excited about reading.

NEA has acted as a vehicle to talk about a serious issue in a fun way: children's literacy.

This past March 2 marked the tenth annual celebration of reading and Dr. Seuss's 103<sup>rd</sup> birthday.

Here in Eagle Lake the CDA members fulfilled their promise to support Read Across America by reading to elementary age students.

On March 1, five members read to approximately 25 students that are enrolled in the Parish of the Nativity's religious education program.

These students not only enjoyed being read to, but also enjoyed cookies, punch, and a free book to take home.

Then on March 5, two CDA members joined by Sue Weller, Principal of Eagle Lake Elementary, read to approximately 25 fifth graders from the "after

school" program. Likewise, each of these students was treated to a free book to call their own.

The Eagle Lake CDA members encourage everyone to join in on the fun and pick up a book and read with a child every chance you get!

## Prairie Edge Museum Elects New Officers

The Prairie Edge Museum enters its twenty-third year of service to the citizens, and especially the school children, of the Eagle Lake area.

Two new officers and two new trustees were elected to the board. Mrs. Curtis Lee (Lisa) Rose, a former Eagle Lake school-teacher and resident since 1991, was elected president.

Mrs. Tom (Vicki) Kelly, a more recent resident of Eagle Lake, was elected Vice-President.

Louis Schorlemmer and Billy Salazar were elected to fill the positions of retiring trustees, Melvin Schmidt and Ben Castillo.

The full board now includes Lisa Rose, Vicki Kelly, Jeanie Leopold as Secretary, Christine Owen as Treasurer, Helen Craig,

Suzanne Sykowski, W.J. (Ted) Brunner, Rev. Obie Rhodes, David Haas, Vic Scott, Joe Wendel, Billy Salazar, and Louis Schorlemmer, trustees. Bill Harrison, Sr. serves as an alternate.

Harrison and Dr. Rollin Baker are the co-curators, guiding hundreds of school children and tour groups through the many exhibits of Eagle Lake's history and heritage.

Mrs. Lucy Contreras and Mrs. Sarah Urdiales are the two friendly docents who open the doors from 8:30 to 2:30 Mon-Fri and from 12:30 to 5:30 on Saturday and Sunday.

Admission is free. However, donations are most welcome to help pay for utilities, insurance, etc.

## Tanich, Brovec Reunion Held March 11

The descendants of the Tanich and Brovec families held their 41<sup>st</sup> reunion on Sunday, March 11 at the New Bielau Community Center near Weimar.

The reunion began at 11 with 28 in attendance.

After all enjoyed a delicious covered dish lunch, the meeting was called to order by president J.R. Richardson of Waller.

Secretary Bettye Anhaizer read the minutes from the last reunion and Treasurer Deborah Meredith gave the treasurer's report.

Bettye Anhaizer, Eric Mer-

edith, Lee Roy Peterson, Gwen Peterson and John Urban won cash door prizes.

The winners of the three water bottles filled with goodies were Clara Bartek, Barbara Freiley and Mary Lou Mieth. The College Scholarship winner was Holly Vesely of El Campo.

It was time to elect new officers. They are Phyllis Ulbrich, President; Leroy Peterson, Vice-President; Bettye Anhaizer, Secretary; Deborah Meredith, Treasurer and Clara Bartek, Reporter.

Following the meeting the auc-

## Obituaries

**Ruth Lang Balas**  
Gravside services for Ruth Lang Balas, 82 of Jacksonville, Texas, were held at 2 p.m., March 13, at Resthaven Memorial Park in Jacksonville with the Rev. Kevin King officiating, under the direction of Thompson Funeral Home in Jacksonville.

Mrs. Balas died Thursday March 8, at a local hospital.

She was born Sept. 14, 1924, in Jacksonville. She was a member of Beta Sigma Phi-Laureate Chapter; and the First Methodist Church.

She was preceded in death by husband Louis J. Balas; son, John Sanders; grandchildren, Brian Balas and Renee Balas Bullard.

Survivors include sister, Barbara McCullough of Jacksonville; sons, Paul Sanders of New Orleans, Louisiana; Steve Balas of Eagle Lake and Tony Balas of Columbus; daughter, Julia Balas Lobpries of Angleton; granddaughters, Melissa Sanders of Garland and Courtney Lobpries Gholson of Richwood, Texas; grandson, Clint Lobpries of Sargent, TX; and great-granddaughter, Mattie Lynn Gholson of Richwood.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.



### Harold O. Schriefer

Harold O. Schriefer, 72, of Eagle Lake, passed away Friday, March 16 at Memorial Hermann Memorial City Hospital in Houston.

Harold was born on December 19, 1934 in Weimar.

He was a retired U.S. Navy Welder and a Filter, Quality Control Inspector for Smith Industries and was also in the VFW Post 4010 in Stafford, and Life Member of American Legion Post 0492.

Being of Catholic faith, Harold was a member of the Catholic Parish of the Nativity in Eagle Lake.

Harold was preceded in death by his parents, Otto and Ella Rathke Schriefer; and brother, Alvin Schriefer.

Survivors include wife, Erna Mae Schriefer of Eagle Lake; daughter and son-in-law, Lori Ann Schriefer and Rick LoPresti of Friendswood; sons and daughter-in-law, Robert L. and Julie Schriefer, Ronnie A. and Yvette Schriefer all of Katy, Randy H. and Melanie Schriefer of Smithfield, Virginia; sister, Anita Zaskoda and husband, Raymond, of Cat Spring; brother, Leroy Schriefer and wife, Gladys, of Alleyton; and nine grandchildren, Tonya, Alan, Shelby, Sierra, Samuel, Danny, Daryl and Tiffany Schriefer and Tyler LoPresti.

Funeral services were held on Monday, March 19, at 10 a.m. at the Henneke Funeral Home in Columbus with Pastor Kevin Haug officiating. Burial followed at Weimar Masonic Cemetery in Weimar. Henneke Funeral Home in Columbus was in charge of arrangements.

Pallbearers were Dee Lamberth, Michael Peikert, Kevin Class, Larry Zaskoda, Bradley Berger and Aaron Scheffler.

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We would like to sincerely thank those in our community that have touched us by being the support that we need as we go through this difficult time.

To our numerous relatives that hugged us closely and cried with us, thank you. To the entire staff at Rice Medical, thank you. To the parishioners of The Parish of the Nativity Catholic Church, thank you. To the kind women in the kitchen at Andrews Hall and the Men's Club, thank you. To those in the community who donated beverages and entrees for the reception following the funeral services, thank you. All of you helped us realize how many lives Philip touched. May God continue to bless each of you.

~ Vira Soto and Family

### Mother - Your 2nd Birthday in Heaven (Ruby Arlene Tyler Willis Henry) March 22, 1917 - November 19, 2005



If we could have a lifetime wish, A dream that would come true, We'd pray to God with all our hearts For yesterday with you.

A thousand words can't bring you back We know because we've tried... Neither will a thousand tears We know because we've cried...

You left behind our broken hearts and Happy memories too... But we never wanted memories, We only wanted you.

Loving You Always,  
Carol and Raymond Horn  
March 22, 2007 • Happy Birthday Mother!

## Poison Prevention Week March 18-24

The week of March 18-24 is Poison Prevention Week. Each year more than 2 million poisonings are reported to the 61 national poison control centers, says Sally Garrett, Texas Cooperative Extension County Extension Agent in Colorado County.

Of these reported poisonings, more than 90% happen in the home with the majority of non-fatal poisonings occurring in children who are younger than 6 years of age. Poisonings are also one of the leading causes of death among adults.

The Soap and Detergent Association (SDA) has simple guidelines that will help ensure that unintentional exposures to poisons do not occur in your home:

- Do:
  - Store cleaning products in a locked closet or cabinet away from food and so that they are not accessible to young children.
  - Store products in their original containers and never remove product labels.
  - If unintentional exposure should occur, you'll need to give details to the Poison Control Center.
  - Schedule routine cleaning of surfaces and dishwashing when there is a lull in activities, such as nap time, or when children are not in the room.
  - Put the product away immediately after removing the amount needed for the cleaning job at hand.
  - Rinse measuring cups after

each use to avoid accidentally mixing products.

- Beware that some cleaning products - like oven or drain cleaners - present a significant potential hazard. Use these products with great care.
- Many of these products are packaged in child-resistant packaging but exposure can still happen if the container cap is not properly closed and if the product is not stored out of reach.
- Dispose of empty cleaning product containers carefully and promptly.
- Use up all of the product
- Follow label instructions for disposal.
- Replace the cap to protect the children, pets and garbage handlers.
- Discard container in a trash can or recycling bin that has a secured lid.
- Don't:
  - Mix cleaning products. Products which are safe when used alone can sometimes become dangerous if mixed with other products.
  - Ever mix chlorine bleach or any product containing chlorine bleach (i.e., bath and tile cleaners, mildew removers, all-purpose cleaners, automatic dishwashing detergents) with:
    - Ammonia or products that contain ammonia or ammonia-containing compounds (some hand dishwashing detergents and window cleaners) OR
    - Acidic products (toilet bowl

cleaners, rust removers).

Dangerous gases can be released!

- Allow distractions or interruptions when an adult is cleaning.
- Leave cleaning buckets containing even small amount of liquid unattended and never allow unattended toddlers around buckets when in use.
- Young children can drown in very small amounts of liquid. Toddlers are "top heavy" and if they topple into a bucket, it may not tip over and they could drown.
- Five-gallon industrial containers, used to package lawn care or home maintenance products, are especially dangerous. They are very sturdy and don't tip over easily; even if a child falls into the bucket.

If you think someone has been poisoned from a medicine or household chemical call the Poison Control Center Hotline - 1-800-222-1222 (keep this number by your telephone). This is a toll-free number and the hotline is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Professionals are available at the centers and are familiar with the toxicity of substances and recommended treatment for the ingestion of household products and medicines.

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- ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH: Box 97, Nada; Fr. Joe Vrana; 758-3218.
- GRACE LUTHERAN: 408 N. Stevenson, Eagle Lake; Services begin at 10 a.m.; Rev. Clements Richard, Pastor; 234-3381.
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### Bible Verse of The Week

"Yea, though I walk though the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me."

-Psalm 23:4  
Submitted by Donna Samora

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