

Obituary

Donald E. Redifer
Donald E. Redifer, 82, of Rosenberg, a retired engineer at Hughes Tool Company of Houston and World War II veteran, passed away April 15 in Rosenberg.

His wife, Grace Talley-Redifer of Rosenberg, survives him. She was a former resident of Eagle Lake when her father, the late W.C. Reed, was superintendent of schools in Eagle Lake; was the beloved father of son, Dennis Redifer and daughter, Marcia Redifer, both of Phoenix, Arizona; and his sister, Louise Torrance of Torrington, Wyoming also survive him.

He was the beloved grandfather of Cameron Redifer of London, England; Dane Redifer and Kevin Redifer both of Phoenix; two stepdaughters, Merrie Talley-Pope of Rosenberg and Olive Talley of Dallas.

Funeral services were held April 18 at First United Methodist Church in Rosenberg. Private burial services were at Woodlawn Garden of Memories in Houston. Funeral services were under the direction of Garmany & Carden Funeral Directors, Inc., 1201 4th St., Rosenberg, Texas. Online guest books available at www.garmanyarden.com.

Memorials may be made to First United Methodist Church, 1122 4th Street, Rosenberg, Texas 77471.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.



Views Around The Lake

by Cindy Klopsteck

"If a man who cannot count finds a four-leaf clover, is he lucky?" —S.J. Lec

Leaning against a railing, sans sandals, toes immersed in cool, green depths of soft clover, I watch closely and take in her maternal beauty. She sits straight and alert, small black eyes constantly moving, darting from left to right, so aware and watchful of her surroundings.

I know she sees me but, because any move I make is so slight and subtle, she must dismiss me as any immediate danger to her newly-built home. Of course, if birds have any type of recognition, she has seen me many times as I have entered, worked and exited the bottle filling unit in which she has built her nest of some five days.

She's a beautiful grey mourning dove, and she is sitting proudly and patiently on her twigged nest containing two small white oval eggs.

We had spotted a newly constructed empty nest a week ago and had moved it before any eggs were laid, in the hope that mom would find a suitable relocation for her spring ritual.

But smart and persistent as most mothers are, within 24 hours she had reconstructed the nest in the same spot - a small wire basket filled with work gloves and small cylinder connections.

Placed against the only wall of the tin-roofed structure, this particular mom was mindful of the benefits of some protection from wind, weather and predators.

So for the present time we will tiptoe through work chores and try not to disturb her as she

maintains her motherly vigil.

I just hope I won't need those gloves any time soon. And when we do need to use one of those connectors, we try to tread lightly, though we have frightened her from her perch a number of times.

She'll fly off in a huff, circle the wide drive and usually sit in the grass (or clover) at the edge of the ditch till she feels the area has been cleared of any imminent danger.

As I watch our new maternity resident, I crouch into the clover. Funny how these green fluffy bunches annoy me as I'm working in my yard at home. But now that I can sit and relax for a minute and enjoy the pretty green growth, it seems appealing.

I remember some time ago in my teenage years sitting young, naive and wistful in a small field of clover, enjoying it and the intermittent sprinkling of wildflowers. As I dreamily picked through the clover, just after probably watching an old romantic Doris Day movie, I started plucking leaf after leaf - "...he loves me, he loves me not..." thinking of that cute football player who sat next to me in my chemistry class

"...he loves me, he loves me not..." I plucked a little green leaf from the small clover clasped tightly between my thumb and index finger in my right hand - and my mouth flew open. One, two, three - I had just plucked a leaf off and I still had three clover leaves attached to the stem.

That can only mean I had picked a four-leaf clover! ...only to have discarded one leaf. Or was I confused in my daydreaming

state? No, I argued with myself at the time, I KNOW I picked one leaf off and there were still three leaves left.

Whatever the truth to that long ago spring tale from the 60's, I have never again picked or seen a four-leaf clover. So much for luck, I never get a date with the cute guy in chemistry either.

Is there truly such a thing as a four-leaf clover?

I decided to go straight to the resident nursery and nature expert in Eagle Lake - I called Pete Canaris. "Sure there are four-leaf clovers," he told me, "and you're lucky if you find one." Was he pulling my leg? I pressed further.

He seriously said he has seen them himself, and they are most likely a mutation of the three-leaf variety. So though rare, he states, "You are lucky if you find one." This information comes from the Canaris Nursery and Garden Center as it plans to celebrate 50 years of business in 2008, with four generations now actively involved in the nursery business.

I'm not arguing with so many years of knowledge and experience, so I ruffle the clover I'm sitting in and select various samples here and there in my search for the ever-elusive, legendary four-leaf clover.

Who's the lucky one - me, enjoying the beautiful spring day and sitting in the midst of God's green creation, or the little grey dove, returned to her safe nest where, unbeknown to her, she will be protected in any way possible through the birth of her babies?

No four-leaf clover yet. But, I decide, ...we both are lucky.

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He is welcomed by his big brother, Richard Murray, who's 1 1/2.

Maternal grandparents are Donna Schindler and Ralph Schindler of Cat Spring.

Paternal grandparents are Ann and Dennis Robinson of Sealy.

Great-grandparents are Joyce Schindler of Cat Spring, Glendyl and Roy Weston of El Campo, Willy Ray Tolbert of Frydek, and Elizabeth Robinson of Moanville.

Aaron Jamar Houston
Michelle Collins and Alton Houston of Eagle Lake are pleased to announce the birth of their child, a boy, Aaron Jamar Houston born on April 14 at 7 a.m. at the Rice Medical Center.

Aaron weighed eight pounds, four ounces and measured 21 1/2 inches at birth.

April 26 is take your Daughter and Sons to Work Day. This is a national public education campaign in which children age 8-12 go to work with adult hosts—parents, grandparents, cousins, aunts, uncles, or family friends. The fourth Thursday in April is set aside to participate on this special day.

This bit of information is found in the 2007 Chase's Calendar of Events. Sometime when you are in the library take a few minutes to look through this book because it is full of all kinds of interesting worthless and worthwhile information.

The Wintermann Library Book Club meets the second Monday of the month at 2 p.m. The next book they will be reading is The Age of Innocence by Edith Wharton. This is a story about a dramatically changing world at the end of World War I and how people are trying to fit into it. You are invited to join the group.

The library is receiving three new magazines for your reading pleasure. Nintendo Power for the young reader and US News and Country Home for the adults. We also have a number of new CD audio books.

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By Patty Holloway

Colorado County Relay For Life Raises \$120,000

The Colorado County Relay for Life, to raise funds for cancer research, held on Friday, April 20, at Wildcat Stadium in Weimar was termed a success by organizers of the event.

Forty-one teams participated in the relay, which lasted for 12 hours, from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m.

Co-chairpersons, Dawn Dittmar and Gerri Hackfeld, said that preliminary figures indicate

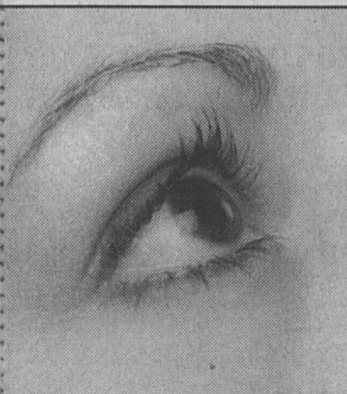
\$120,000 was raised for the American Cancer Society.

"It was truly awesome to see Colorado County come together as one community for such a worthy cause," they said.

Local cancer survivors were honored and those who lost their battle to cancer were remembered at the event in a moving luminaria ceremony.

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