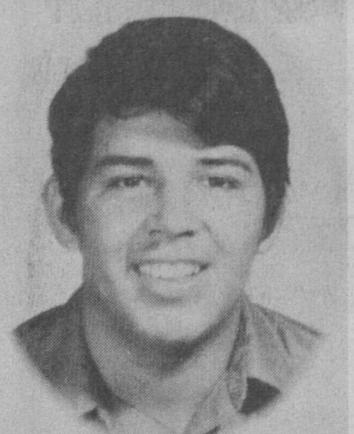


Obituaries



Abel Joe Cantu, Sr.
Abel Joe Cantu, Sr., 52, of Eagle Lake, passed away Saturday, June 2, at the Gulf Coast Medical Center in Wharton.

He was born August 23, 1954 in Eagle Lake, the son of Mary and Pete Cantu, Sr.

Abel graduated in 1973 from Rice High School. He was an avid Dallas Cowboys fan was a Drywall Installer, and traveled all over until his sickness over came him and was of the Catholic faith.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Mary Cantu; brother, Pete Cantu; and brother-in-law, Kenneth Lynn.

Abel leaves to cherish his memory his father, Pete Cantu, Sr., of Dayton, Texas; son, Abel Joe Cantu, Jr., and wife, Erica, of Van Vleck; daughters, Amanda Cantu of Bay City, Audra Cantu of Bay City; sisters, Mary C. Padilla and husband, Jesse, of Eagle Lake, Rosie Gonzales and husband, Manual, of Dayton, Diany Lynn of Pasadena, Ludy Esparza and husband, Javier, of Eagle Lake; brothers, Fred Cantu of Eagle Lake, Frank Cantu and wife, Debbie, of Eagle Lake; 11 grandchildren, Jordan Cantu, Antonia Cantu, Chelsea Garcia, Jr. Garcia, Diamond Canales, Selma Cantu, Kriston Cantu, Abree Cantu, Alyshia Cantu, Tylyn Cantu and Andrea Avila; and a host of family and friends.

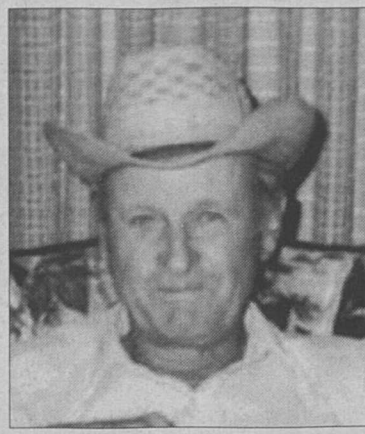
Visitation was held Monday, June 4 from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. at the Eagle Lake Funeral Home Chapel.

Rosary was held Monday, June 4 at 7 p.m. at the Eagle Lake Funeral Home.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, June 5 at 10 a.m. at the Parish of the Nativity Church in Eagle Lake with the Father Robert Guerra officiating. Interment followed at the Lakeside Cemetery in Eagle Lake. Arrangements were under the direction of the Eagle Lake Funeral Home.

Pallbearers were Randolph Gonzales, Josh Gonzales, Matthew Gonzales, KJ Cantu, Eddie Esparza, Jordan Cantu and Javier Esparza, Jr.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.



Charlie Paul Marx
Charlie Paul Marx, 86, of Weimar passed away June 1, at River Oaks Health Care Center in Columbus.

He was born August 25, 1920 in Wharton.

Charlie was a retired mechanic at Horton and Horton Gravel Pit.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Charles Marx and Annie Mai; son, Charles Marx; sisters, Annie Rollins, Tinnie Hock, Tonie Seidel and Ella Rankin; and granddaughter Cindy Marx.

He leaves to cherish his memory his wife, Vilina R. Marx of Weimar; sons, Wayne Marx of Pearson, Georgia and Gene Marx of Weimar; brother, Harry Marx of Forth Worth; grandchildren, Jennifer Marx, Mark Denham and Rose Denham; great-grandchildren Lyanah Marx and Cinvandra King.

Rosary was held Monday, June 4 at 7 p.m. at the Henneke Funeral Home in Columbus.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, June 5 at 2 p.m. with the Fr. Dan Kahlich officiating. Interment followed in the St. Anthony Catholic Cemetery in Columbus. Henneke Funeral Home in Columbus was in charge of arrangements.

Pallbearers were Donnie Rollins, David Rollins, Derek Rollins, Jerry Grissom, Chris Gundelach and Eddie Gundelach.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

Betty Jean Pettus McLIne

Betty Jean Pettus McLIne was born on May 11, 1936 to proud parents, Idessa Dancy and Elvold Leroy Pettus.

She joined White Cloud Baptist Church at an early age and graduated from E.H. Henry High School.

Betty passed away Monday, May 28 after a short illness.

Her parents preceded her in death.

Left to cherish her memory are her son, Norris Pettus; granddaughter, Jessica Pettus both of Houston; brother, Frank Pettus of Eagle Lake; a very special friend, Ms. Robbel and Family; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and dedicated friends.

A home going celebration was held Saturday, June 2 at 2 p.m. from White Cloud Baptist Church with Pastor Obie Rhodes, officiating. Interment followed in Rising Star Cemetery in Eagle Lake. Final arrangements were entrusted to Ben Davis Funeral Home in Columbus.

Pallbearers were Sam Dancy, Shun Thomas, Jonathan Thomas, Robert Davis, Odrick Thomas and David Henderson.

Honorary pallbearers were Willie Dancy, Oliver Thomas, Guy Thomas, Norman Henderson, Freddie Thomas and Gerry W. Henderson.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.



Burn Workshop Plans For Sept.

Colorado & Fayette County Cooperative Extension is hosting a Prescribed Burn Workshop to be held September 25 - 28, 2007 at Cooper Farm, at LCRA Natural Science Laboratory.

The training consists of a course approved by the Prescribed Burning Board.

The course consists of general fire training and specialized training for the region in which the person is certified, using material developed by the Board.

The course will contain formal classroom lectures and practical field sessions, including a prescribed burn.

There will be a comprehensive exam at the conclusion of the workshop.

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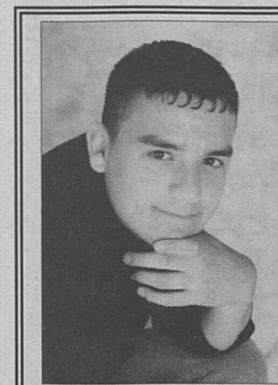
If the exam is passed, the participant will have completed the educational component of the workshop.

If you are interested in partici-

pating in this program please contact Dale Rankin at the Colorado County Extension Office or go to the following website <http://www.ranchmanagement.org/burn/>.

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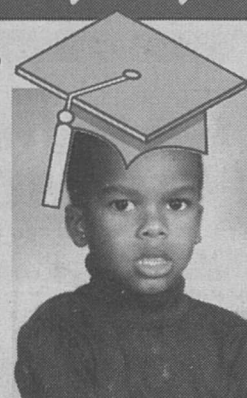
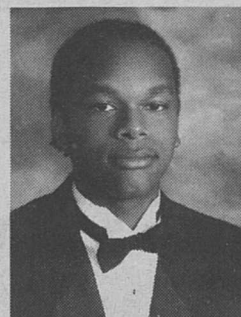


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Veteran's Luncheon Slated June 14

By Catherine Berger,
Club Secretary

The Nada/Garwood Gadabouts met at the country home of Pauline Solomon for their annual Mother's Day luncheon on May 17 at 11:30 a.m. and President Anita Meismer presented each lady with a pink and white corsage to commemorate Mother's Day.

At noon, lunch of

chicken spaghetti, fresh green beans, garden salad, garlic bread and iced tea was enjoyed by the twenty-three members and guests, and was catered by "CHAP" Catering (Catherine, Helen, Anita, and Pauline). Delicious sunshine cake, lemon lush and chocolate lush was served by Pauline and her daughter-in-law Karri Pundt.

Following the lovely meal, President Meismer called the meeting to order for a short business meeting. The Veterans' Luncheon in honor of our veterans is scheduled for June 14 at the Nada Parish Hall at noon. All veterans of the Nada/Garwood area are invited to attend.

The end of school party honoring the Garwood Kindergarten class was held May 4 at the Garwood Fire Station. Sheryl Abel Carnes and her Certified Therapy Border Collie "Maddie" entertained the students. Afterwards, chicken nuggets, French fries and cookies were served to the group.

The Older Texan Fair, held at the Sheridan Community Center, was attended by many from the Nada/Garwood area, and we are proud to have Anita Meismer and Vic Hyek honored as our "Older Texans" this year. Many from the area also entered numerous items to be judged and brought home many ribbons.

Anita presented a very impressive article entitled "Why God Made Mom". After the meeting, hostess gifts of a magnetic note pad and flower pen, made by Karri and her daughter, were presented to the ladies.

Following the meeting, fellowship and dominoes were enjoyed.

Members contributed 365 volunteer hours, 718 miles and \$990.88 in monetary contributions for April 2007.

Members and guests attending were: Anita Meismer, Betty Leopold, Edna Shimek, Cecelia Kallina, Josephine Popp, Jessie Pavlicek, Ethelyn Popp, Viola Frels, Virginia Balusek, Karol Kallina, Leona Wesselski, Ella Buzek, Ardie Nelson, Iris Danklefs, Minnie Comer, Jeralyn Prihoda, Catherine Berger, Pauline Solomon, Karri Pundt, Helen Noteboom, Clara Gold and Alice Hinze.

St. Mary's Picnic June 10 in H'Ville

St. Mary's Catholic Church west of Hallettsville, will celebrate their annual picnic on Sunday, June 10.

The Parish is located 1.5 miles off 90A west on 340. The day begins at 9:15 with the celebration of Mass.

A meal consisting of special St. Mary's stew and sausage with all the trimmings will be served beginning at 10:30. Plates are \$6.50 with dine-in or drive-thru available.

Action at the auction begins at 1 p.m. with hundreds of items including antiques, handmade quilts, arts and crafts and livestock.

A country store will offer items such as homemade canned

goods, crafts, fresh vegetables, and homemade goodies to take home.

Live music will be provided from 10:30 a.m. -9p.m. featuring Texas Sound Czech, The Czecholics, and the Red Ravens.

There will be plenty of games for both children and adults including a cake and plant walk, ball throw, fish pond, bean bag throw, ring toss, and train ride.

Ice cold drinks will be available throughout the day. Hamburgers will also be available in the evening.

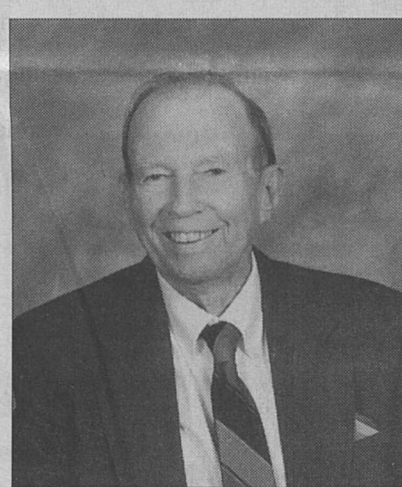
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Wilber Glenn "Dutch" Raasch died Thursday May 17, 2007, after a brief illness. He was 81.

Dutch was a U.S. Marine veteran of WWII in the Pacific Theatre. He was a tank driver in the 2nd Division in several important island campaigns in the South Pacific during WWII. He was a member the occupational forces of the U.S. Marines at Nagasaki, Japan, after the atomic bomb was dropped.

He is survived by four children, Mickey (Liz) of Corpus Christi, Wayne of Van Horn, Zack (Jean

Ann) of West Columbia and Elizabeth Pryor of Katy; 14 grandchildren, Rachelle, Robyn and Alexandra Raasch, Jacob Kerwick, Ryan, Kyndra, Wade, Le Ann, Rene, Kristen Raasch, Jarred, Stephanie, Sarah and Joseph Pryor. He is also survived by four great-grandchildren, Rasmus, Guy Allan, Sloan and Noah Raasch. He also is survived by his dear friend and special companion, Lenora Chapman of Eagle Lake.

He is preceded in death by his mother, Rose Wagner; his father, William George Raasch; his son, William Rex Raasch; and his aunt and uncle, Hammie and Esther Raasch.

Dutch was born in Houston, Texas, on October 12, 1925. He was raised on the prairie lands of Wharton and Colorado counties including El Campo, Pierce, Eagle Lake and Lissie. He attended El Campo High School, however, before he was able to graduate he joined the U.S. Marines at the age of 17 to serve his country in WWII. When he returned from the war, he and his father grew rice on the A.P. George Ranch south of Richmond and in the Rosharon area north of Angleton. After several years of farming rice, his father,

William, came down with tuberculosis and spent most of his remaining life in the veteran's hospital in Kerrville. Dutch applied for and was hired by Dow Chemical Company at its Lake Jackson plant as a plant operator. He continued to work there for 33 years until his retirement in 1982, rising to the position of production supervisor in the glycerin unit.

He was a founding member of the Wild Peach Community Volunteer Fire Department. He was the first Boy Scout Scoutmaster at the Wild Peach Community Center and was an assistant Scoutmaster of Troup 536 in West Columbia. He also was a youth baseball coach with the Wild Peach Baptist Church Royal Ambassadors, and was a longtime Little League and Junior Teenage League baseball coach in West Columbia.

He loved to snow ski in the mountains of New Mexico and Colorado with his children and grandchildren and friends. He also loved the camaraderie and good times with family and friends on the many golf courses he played. He especially loved family get-togethers on the large porch and yard of his son and daughter-in-law's home, Zack and Jean Ann, in West Columbia.

He loved to play dominoes on any occasion. He especially looked forward to the frequent 42 games and covered dish gatherings with his group of special friends in Eagle Lake.

Many hours were spent playing dominos with his special friends Awald and Georgia Stelzel. He also traveled to East Bernard and Wallis to play 42 with the Senior 42 Group.

A Memorial service was held at 10 a.m. on Monday, May 21, 2007, by Rev. Jeff Craft at the Lissie United Methodist Church in Lissie. A graveside ceremony, which included a special ceremony by the American Legion of East Bernard, was held immediately following at Lissie Cemetery. Visitation and viewing was at the Eagle Lake Funeral Home, 607 N. McCarty Avenue, between 5 p.m. and 8 p.m. on Sunday, May 20, 2007.

His joking and laughter will be greatly missed by all.