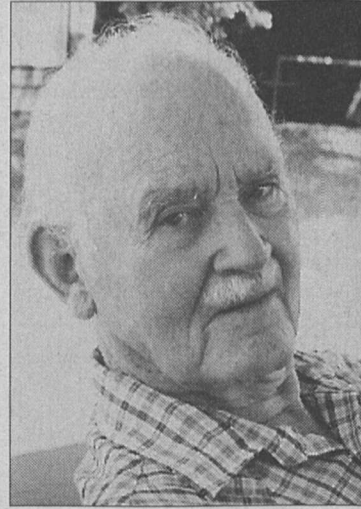


## Obituaries

**Rollin Harold Baker**  
Rollin Harold Baker, 91, of Eagle Lake, formerly of East Lansing passed November 12, 2007, one day following the occasion of his 91<sup>st</sup> birthday, in Houston, the city of his youth.

Rollin Baker was born in Cordova, Illinois on November 11, 1916. His education included graduation from Austin High School in Austin, Texas in 1933, a B.A. degree in zoology from the University of Texas in 1937



(where he was the first captain of its swim team and the team's very first All-American), an M.S. in entomology from Texas A&M University in 1938 and a Ph.D. in zoology from the University of Kansas in 1948.

Rollin's several occupations reflected his life-long interest in wildlife and science, including his early job as a field biologist for the Texas Game, Fish and Oyster Commission (now Texas Parks and Wildlife Department) from 1939 to 1943. As a Texas biologist, he met Mary Waddell, the fetching daughter of local Eagle Lake game warden Tom Waddell, who became his wife and partner in nearly everything he did for 61 wonderful years. He served as a Naval officer in WWII from 1943 to 1946, for a time on the destroyer Belknap and for two years as a mammalogist/ornithologist for U.S. Naval Medical Research Unit No. 2, studying tropical diseases on Guam and other islands of the South Pacific. Rollin would continue service in the Naval Reserve until 1976, retiring with the rank of Captain.

Following the war and the completion of his Ph.D., Rollin served in a number of academic capacities at the Department of Zoology at the University of Kansas from 1948 to 1955, when he took the position of Director of the Museum and Professor of Zoology and Professor of Fisheries and Wildlife at Michigan State University. He spent the

next 27 years at MSU and in East Lansing, among the happiest and most fruitful of his life. Among his many contributions, Rollin was instrumental in bringing the MSU Museum, which had consisted of glass cases in the basement of the school's auditorium building, into a dynamic new version in the former school library where it now resides and welcomes thousands of school children and other visitors annually. He also played a major role in bringing the planetarium to the MSU campus and assisting with the rescue and restoration of the old locomotive Pere Marquette Engine 1225, the engine which was the inspiration for the one featured in the film and book, *THE POLAR EXPRESS*, now operating out of Owosso, Michigan.

In 1982, he retired to Eagle Lake, Texas, where he continued work in his life interests, helping to found Eagle Lake's Prairie Edge Museum and serving as its Curator, continuing his zoological research and writings, and expanding his writing talents to include historical novels and theatrical plays. He and his wife Mary shared amny happy memories at their Muddy Creek Ranch near Rock Island, Texas. Over his long career, Rollin authored hundreds of published scientific works, many related to his extensive field trips to his beloved Mexico, described numerous new mammals and birds, published the standard reference work, *MICHIGAN MAMMALS*, received many awards and honors, and, perhaps most importantly to him, nurtured an impressive number of graduate students who would go on to highly accomplished careers in the field of zoology.

Rollin was a member of the Kiwanis Club in East Lansing, Michigan, for nearly 30 years, a member of the Rotary Club in Eagle Lake, Texas since 1987, and a member of the Colorado County (Texas) Historical Commission. He also belonged to numerous academic and scientific societies and organizations.

Rollin is survived by daughter,

Betsy Baker Prescott, son-in-law Allen Prescott, grandchildren, Baker and Michael Prescott of El Lago, Texas; son, Bruce Baker and grandchildren, Rollin A. and Justin Baker of East Lansing, Michigan; son, Byron Baker and daughter-in-law, Constance Vickery Kuehner of New York City; and sister, Virginia Baker Cook of Fairmont, West Virginia.

Rollin is preceded in death by his beloved wife, Mary Waddell Baker, in the year 2000 and his brother, Norvil Baker, in 2004.

Funeral services for Rollin Baker will be held at 1 pm, Saturday, November 17, at Christ Episcopal Church, 306 E. Stockbridge St., Eagle Lake.

Contributions in lieu of flowers can be made in the name of Rollin H. Baker to the Prairie Edge Museum, 408 Main St., Eagle Lake, Texas or in Rollin's name to the Texas Society of Mammalogists for the Rollin H. Baker annual award.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

**Mark Alan Krivacka**  
Mark Alan Krivacka, 47, of San Antonio passed away Oct. 30, in San Antonio.

He was born May 29, 1960 in Eagle Lake to Edna Mae and Ed Krivacka.

Mark was a CPA and was a consultant.

Survivors are his parents of La Grange; daughter, Samantha Krivacka; and son, Ethan Krivacka of San Antonio.

Visitation was held Thursday, Nov. 1 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Koenig and Strickland Funeral Home in La Grange.

Funeral services were held Friday, November 2 at 2 p.m. at the Koenig and Strickland Funeral Home Chapel in La Grange. Burial followed in the Fayetteville Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to your favorite charity or to the Samantha and Ethan Education Trust at the Round Top State Bank.

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Addison's disease is a condition that involves the adrenal glands. In this condition, there is an inadequate amount of three hormones: cortisol, a glucocorticoid, and aldosterone. The adrenal glands are located just above the kidneys, and normally function to produce adequate amounts of these hormones. Two of the hormones are essential for converting food to energy, the inflammatory response, and our ability to respond to stress. Aldosterone is essential for balancing sodium, potassium, and water to regulate normal blood pressure. Addison's disease may be the result of an autoimmune condition, in which the body's immune system attacks the adrenal glands. Infections, tuberculosis, and cancers also may cause adrenal gland failure. Symptoms of this condition include muscle weakness, weight loss, decreased appetite, low blood pressure, low blood sugar, irritability, and salt craving.  
Although Addison's disease may be life threatening, hormonal treatment is available. Hydrocortisone and prednisone are drugs that are sometimes prescribed to replace the hormone cortisol. Aldosterone may be replaced by the medication fludrocortisone (Florinef). These replacement hormones are taken orally each day to simulate normal hormone production by the body.

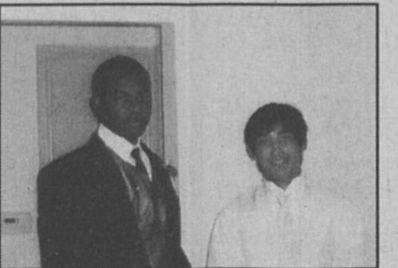
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### Nada CDA/Christian Mothers Visit Rest Home

Members of the Nada Christian Mother's Society were joined by members of the Nada Catholic Daughters as they brought some holiday cheer to the residents of the River Oaks Convalescent Center in Columbus.

Residents were entertained with games of Bingo and served refreshments of assorted cookies and candies, pear bread prepared by Christian Mother's Society

president Rose Staff, and punch. The residents who are on restricted diets were served a sugar free cake provided and served by the Center's volunteers.

Serving as hostesses were Chairman, Clara Gold, assisted by Kim Gold and Cathy Buchta.

Refreshments were provided by Olga Lundquist, Clara Gold, Cathy Buchta, Bernita Korenek and Kim Gold.

### New Arrivals

**Kyle William Gertson**  
Kris and Emily Gertson of Wharton are proud to announce the birth of their second child, a son, born at 12:25 p.m., Tuesday, October 30 at Memorial Hermann Hospital in Sugar Land. The baby was named Kyle William Gertson.

He weighed six pounds, and measured 19 1/4 inches long.

He is welcomed home by his brother, Conner James, 14 1/2

months old. Kyle's maternal grandparents are Jim and Gentra Barnhill of Wharton and his paternal grandparents are Taylor and Enola Carroll of Wharton and the late James Gertson, Jr. of Eagle Lake.

Great grandparents are G.B. and Doris Williams of Richards, Joyce Barnhill and the late Lawrence Barnhill of Wharton, Ben and Mackie Pavlu of Garwood, and the late James and Una Gertson of Eagle Lake.

### Wintermann Foundation Makes Donation To Library

On Tuesday, October 23, 2007 the Wintermann Foundation presented the Eula & David Wintermann Library the matching funds for the Eagle Lake Study Club Auction held on September 22. The amount of the contribution was \$30,516.90.

In addition to the funds from the auction, the library was presented with the Jack Cowen portraits of Mr. and Mrs. Wintermann. These were the only portraits that Mr. Cowen ever painted. They will be hanging in the periodical section of the library.

The Wintermanns were devoted to their community and involved in many philanthropic endeavors. They acquired the land for the Eagle Lake Community Center Golf Course, deeding the land for the Eagle Lake Airport, building the Eagle Lake Community Center, and, most importantly, creating the Eula and David Wintermann Library, a public facility that serves the Eagle Lake community.

Throughout their lifetime, the Wintermanns received many awards and plaudits, some of

which are now on display at the library. These include one of the more notable awards - the Paul Harris Fellows Award from Rotary International. They also created the Wintermann Water Fowl Management Area for Conservation. For this effort, in 1996, they received the highest award conveyed by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Agency, The Perry R. Bass Award.

Also on display is Mr. Wintermann's Oak Leaf Award from the Nature Conservancy, the organization's highest honor. He was instrumental in the establishment of the Attwater's Prairie Chicken Refuge at Eagle Lake - the first major Nature Conservancy project in Texas. He also supported numerous other Conservancy projects in Texas, as well as other parts of the country.

"These portraits and awards are very important to the library," states librarian Vicki Powers. "They are a wonderful addition to our collection and will enable us to share a little about the Wintermanns that some people may not know."

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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.
  - LEHRER MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST: Garwood; 9 a.m. worship.
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  - FIRST PRESBYTERIAN: 106 E. State Street, Eagle Lake; 234-3368.
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