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**In Loving Memory of Gary R. Herek**  
 (May 5, 2006 - May 5, 2008)  
**WALK A LITTLE PLAINER, DADDY**  
*"Walk a little plainer, Daddy," said a little child so small. "I'm following in your footsteps, and I don't want to fall. Sometimes your steps are very plain, sometimes they are hard to see; so walk to a little plainer, Daddy, for you are leading me. I know that once you walked this way many years ago; and what you did along the way, I'd really like to know. For sometimes when I'm tempted, I don't know what to do; so walk a little plainer, Daddy, for I must follow you. Someday when I'm grown up, you are like I want to be; then I will have a little child who will want to follow me. And I would want to lead just right; and know that I was true; so walk a little plainer, Daddy, for I must follow you.*  
*We Love and Miss You*

**Thank You!!! Thank You!!!**



The Old Skool Organization held a Bake Sale and The 2nd Annual Kickball Game on Fri., May 2 and Sat., May 3. We'd like to thank all of the many participants: those who donated, parents, supporters and most of all the CHILDREN. And a Special Thanks to Mayor Mike Morales and his wife, Terri. Your continued efforts and support made our event both successful and rewarding. We are committed to have a positive outlook, support, and willingness to aid our youth. Again, many thanks to the entire City of Eagle Lake for supporting the Old Skool Organization.  
*Striving to support and broaden our kids' horizons, one child at a time.*

**VOTE for GayeLynn Thomas**  
 Rice School Board Pos. 7  
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 •Educated in Eagle Lake/Rice School System  
 •24 Years of *Experience* as a *Texas Educator*  
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 •Currently Employed at Blinn College - Sealy Campus  
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**It's Time For A Change!**  
**Thanks for your support**  
**May 10th!**

Pol. ad pd. for by Bruce Johnson, Sr., Treasurer, 707 Austin Rd., Eagle Lake, TX 77434

**Obituaries**

**Willie Lee Johnson**  
 Willie Lee Johnson was born on July 9, 1922 to Mr. and Mrs. Bert and Susie Moore in West Texas and surrounding area. She lived in Garwood and attended Matthew School and later moved to Eagle Lake. She accepted Christ at an early age and was a member of Mount Zion Baptist Church under the leadership of the late Pastor O.D. Ford. She met and married Rev. Rance Johnson, Sr. and to this union, 26 children were born. Willie departed this life at her home in the comfort of her family on Sunday, April 27 around 1:15 p.m. She was preceded in death by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bert and Susie Moore; and 17 of her children. She leaves to cherish her memory four daughter, Rev. Mother Lewis, Annie Lue Johnson, Arizona Davis, and Willie Lee Johnson (husband, Willie); five sons, Rance Johnson, Jr. (wife, Margie Marie), Oliver Johnson (wife, Pamala), Ray Edward (wife, Katie), Rev. Clemon Johnson (wife, Evelyn), and Robert Lee (wife, Melony); and a host of grandchildren; great-grandchildren; great-great-grandchildren; nieces; nephews; other relatives and friends. Funeral services were held Saturday, May 3 at 11 a.m. at White Cloud Baptist Church with Rev. Obie Rhodes officiating. Interment followed at Union Hill

Cemetery in Matthews. Another life celebration by Ben Davis Funeral Home. Pallbearers were Roy Johnson, Jr., Clemon Johnson, Jr., Rance Johnson, III, Jason Edwards, Xavier Cotton and Oliver Johnson, Jr. Honorary pallbearers Eric Denmore, George Johnson, Lucious Davis, Harold Davis, Roosevelt Carson, Robert Lee Boone and Hollis Shorter, Jr. Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.



**Louise Waddell Brunner**  
 Louise Waddell Brunner, 92, of Eagle Lake passed away Friday, May 2. She was born on September 7, 1915 in Lissie and attended school in Egypt and Eagle Lake graduating in 1933. Louise attended college at Victoria Jr. College, North Texas Teacher's College and Southwest Texas State Teacher's College. She taught school at the Matthews School and Willow School near Eagle Lake as well as at the schools in Eagle Lake. She was married on May 28, 1944 in Alexandria, Louisiana to William Joseph (Ted) Brunner. She was a faithful member of First Presbyterian Church of Eagle Lake where she was an Elder, Sunday school teacher, and Presbyterian Women leader for many years. Louise was a Girl Scout leader for 11 years, member of Eagle Lake Garden Club, Eagle Lake Study Club and Tom Waddell Nature Club and Prairie Edge Museum Thrift Shop worker. Louise was preceded in death by her son, William Waddell Brunner; parents, William and Zeta Catherine (Sunderman) Waddell; brothers, Bruce William Waddell and Raymond Henry Waddell; brothers-in-law, Lawton Walsh and Leon Herzik; sister-in-law, Rosemary Waddell. She leaves to cherish her memory her husband, William J. (Ted) Brunner; daughter, Kay Beth Barr and son-in-law, David Barr of San Antonio; grandchildren, Shanna Kay Callis and husband, Jonathan Caben Callis, of San Antonio, Jason William Brunner of Houston and fiancé Caleche Laurel Cranek, Kyle William Barr of San Antonio and Ashley Barr Brunner Barr both of San Antonio; great-grandchildren, Cason William Callis and Hunter Caben Callis of San Antonio; sisters, Evelyn Catherine Walsh of Katy, Zeta Mae Herzik of Schulenburg and Myra Lucille ("T") English and husband, William C. (Bill) of Corpus Christi; and a host of nieces, nephews and cousins. Visitation was held from 4 to 6 p.m. on Sunday, May 4 at the Eagle Lake Funeral Home Chapel. Funeral services were held Monday, May 5 at 2 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church with Rev. Ed Triem and Rev. Howard Reed officiating. Interment followed in Lakeside Cemetery. Eagle Lake Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements. Pallbearers were Forest William English, Davis Ray Waddell, Gary Paul Waddell, James Michael Waddell, Vance Cameron Duncan and Alan Louis Herzik. Honorary pallbearers were Fred and Eunice Frnka, Beth Waddell, Julie Gannon, Emily Lee, Women of the First Presbyterian Church and Waddell nieces and nephews. Special thanks for the love and care given to Louise by Vera Fry, Beatrice Cunningham and Oralia Torres. Memorial contributions may be given to First Presbyterian Church, P.O. Box 605, Eagle Lake, Texas 77434; Houston Hospice—El Campo, P.O. Box 1417, El Campo, Texas 77437; Prairie Edge Museum, 408 E. Main St., Eagle Lake, Texas 77434. Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

**Allen Woodruff Bendy**  
 Funeral services for Allen Woodruff Bendy, 90, longtime resident of Teague will be held Friday, May 9, at 10 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church of Teague. Rev. Tyrus C. Petty, Jr., Rev. J. Stanley Hagadone and Rev. Jeff Powers will officiate with interment to follow in the Greenwood Cemetery. Visitation with the family will be 5-7 p.m. Thursday night, May 8 at the First United Methodist Church in Teague. Allen Woodruff Bendy was born on December 16, 1917, the second of three children of Neyland Woodruff Bendy and Sadies Thatcher Bendy. His father had founded the clothing store known as N. W. Bendy Company in Teague in or around 1930, and in Allen's early adult life, he went to work for the store, later became a partner with his father in the business, and ultimately became the sole owner, running the business until his retirement in about 1980. Many will remember that Bendy's was located on the current site of Citizen's National Bank. Allen married Catherine Marguerite Cox on the day before his twenty-first birthday in 1938. One child, Donald Neyland, was born of that marriage in 1943. Mog, as she was known by friends and acquaintances alike, was a stay at home mother until Don started school, at which time she began working in the store and continued to do so until it was sold when Allen decided to retire. In his early adult and middle years, Allen was extremely involved in various community organizations and endeavors. In his retirement years, however, his main love was fishing, which was an activity that he and Mog enjoyed together. Allen passed away on May 6, 2008, in the Haven Nursing Home in Mexia, Texas, where he had continuously resided since a serious automobile accident in 2001. He was preceded in death in 2002 by Mog, his loving wife of 63 years; his parents; and by his brother, Harry. Survivors include his son Don, an attorney in Eagle Lake, and Don's wife, Sandy; grandson Kevin Allen Bendy and wife, Gretchen, and their children, Avery and Blake of Austin; Keith David Bendy and wife, Cheryl, and their expected daughter Charlotte, of Austin; and by the staff at Haven Nursing Home in Mexia, who treated Allen more as a family member than as a resident; his sister, Margaret Bendy Tresch and her husband, Bob, of Houston. Allen will be missed by those who loved him. Memorials may be made to the charity of choice. Please visit [www.blair-stubbs.com](http://www.blair-stubbs.com) to leave a memorial message or sign the guest book. Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

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 GREATER UNION BAPTIST CHURCH: Matthews Community, Co. Rd. 141; Rev. Lawrence C. Robertson, Pastor; 234-2581.  
 MT. CARMEL MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH: Hwy. 90-A (Pecan Valley), Eagle Lake; Rev. H.O. Williams, Pastor; 234-5813.  
 LIVING HOPE CHURCH: Eagle Lake; Revs. Joe and Mercy Fling; 234-5536.  
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 CHRISTIAN CITY FELLOWSHIP: 1140 Meyer, Sealy; Rusty Griffin, Pastor.  
 THE DAY OF PENTECOST APOSTOLISTIC REVIVAL RISING STAR: FM 102 South, Matthews; 4 p.m. (at Mt. Zion), Rev. R.L. Carter Sr.  
 GREATER NEW FAITH CHURCH: 6406 Guylar, Wallis; Rev. Clay Spears, Pastor; 979-478-2169.  
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 FIRST BAPTIST: 527 N. Lake, Eagle Lake; Rev. Kevin Collison, Pastor; 234-2571.  
 FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST: 405 S. Lake, Eagle Lake; 234-5795.  
 IGLESIA BAUTISTIA GETSEMANI: 901 B Street, Eagle Lake; Rev. Mario Vasquez.  
 GREATER MT. OLIVE BAPTIST: Rev. Dave Curry; 709 N. Lake, Eagle Lake; 234-3545.  
 WRIGHT GROVE BAPTIST: Rev. T.J. Cunningham Jr.; Altair.  
 PROVIDENCE BAPTIST: 1207 Seaholm, Eagle Lake; Rev. Coby Shorter Jr.; 234-3735.  
 CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH: 306 E. Stockbridge, Eagle Lake; 234-3437.  
 ROCK ISLAND BAPTIST: Bob Allison, Pastor.  
 SHERIDAN FIRST BAPTIST: FM 2437, 234-3136.  
 WHITE CLOUD BAPTIST CHURCH: 202 Old Altair Road, Eagle Lake; Rev. Obie Rhodes, Pastor; 234-3800.

CHURCH OF CHRIST: Sheridan.  
 NEW LIFE FELLOWSHIP: Hwy. 90A, Sheridan; Del Sanford, Pastor; 234-3276.  
 CHRIST OUR REDEEMER-Charismatic: Jerry C. McKinney, Pastor; 979-478-7534 or 478-6512.  
 HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH: East Bernard.  
 CATHOLIC PARISH OF THE NATIVITY: Our Lady of Perpetual Help Sanctuary; 308 N. Stevenson, Eagle Lake; 8 a.m. (Español), 10 a.m. (English) 6 p.m. Saturday (English), Rev. Robert F. Guerra, P.O. Box 307; 234-2842.  
 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.  
 LISSIE UNITED METHODIST: J. L. Craft, Pastor; 234-2112, Lissie.  
 ROCK ISLAND METHODIST: Ken Sellar Jr. Lay-Pastor.  
 UNITED METHODIST: 200 W. Prairie; Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Worship, 10:45 a.m.  
 FIRST PRESBYTERIAN: 106 E. State Street, Eagle Lake; 234-3368.  
 VINE OF THE LORD: 1300 E. State Street, Eagle Lake; Rev. Paul Aguilar, Pastor; 234-7543.  
 CrossRoad ASSEMBLY OF GOD: 510 Wallace, East Bernard; Pastor George Kutach; 979-335-7706.  
 THE CHURCH OF CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS: 600 W. St., Sealy; Marshall Crosby, Branch Pres.  
 CHURCH OF CHRIST: 815 Milam, Columbus; Lynn Wilson, Minister.  
 THE SHEPHERD'S WAY: Interdenomination Christian Fellowship; 1225 Eagle Lake Road, Sealy; Frank Lucas, Pastor; 979-885-1225.  
 SOUTH POINT BAPTIST CHURCH: 6407 Hwy 71-S, Garwood; 979-758-3039.  
 ASSEMBLEA DE DIOS HOSANNA: 403 East Main, Eagle Lake; 979-732-1966; Pastor Romero Rodriguez Jr.  
 BIBLE TRUTH APOSTOLIC CHURCH: Corner of S. Wharton & E. First St., El Campo; Pastor Larry T. Smith, 979-543-2331 -non-denominational.

**Bible Verse of The Week**

"O Lord our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth! Who hast set thy glory above the heavens."  
 Psalm 8:1  
 Submitted by Donna Samora

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