

Obituary

Stella Mae Foster

Stella Mae Foster, the daughter of the late Charlie and Sarah Foster was born April 23, 1938 in Eagle Lake.

She attended E.H. Henry School in Eagle Lake where she completed her education.

Stella confessed to Christ at an early age under the leadership of Reverend Jackson.

On Monday, July 7, Stella Mae Foster departed this life on earth at Rice Medical Center in Eagle Lake.

Her parents, seven brothers and two sisters preceded her in death.

She leaves devoted and dedicated to cherish her memory Richard Davidson, a companion for many years; four brothers; Norman Foster (Doris), Jimmy Foster (Gloria), Joel Foster (Gloria), Walter Foster (Peggy); and sister-in-law, Marcella Foster. Also left are a host of nieces, neph-

ews, other relatives and many dear friends.

Funeral services were held Saturday, July 12 at 2 p.m. at White Cloud Baptist Church with Rev. Obie Rhodes officiating. Final resting place was at Rising Star Cemetery in New Town. Arrangements entrusted to Lake-side Mortuary in Eagle Lake.

Pallbearers were Fredrick Foster, Jimmy Foster, II, Michael Foster, Norman Henderson, III, Robert L. Johnson, Edward Matthews, Robert L. Boone, and Robert E. Black, Jr.

Honorary pallbearers were Jimmy Foster, Walter Foster, Richard Davidson, Joel Foster and Norman Foster.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

Views Around The Lake

by Cindy Klopsteck

"Observe the opportunity." —Ecclesiastes 4:20

I had just spoken with her this past Friday by phone.

She had sounded pretty good, seemed in good spirits but would have to remain in the hospital for about two weeks, being monitored and taking strong medications for a recent illness.

I had hoped to visit her at the Houston hospital the weekend, but it just didn't happen. Saturday I had shopping and commitments, and, besides, the hospital was on the opposite side of my Houston activities.

Sunday I had enjoyable babysitting scheduled with my grandchildren, needed to rush home and

cut grass, all the while treating an endless sinus headache with endless sinus medications.

I could visit the next week or weekend, I reasoned. There would be time and opportunity then.

Diane died suddenly in the late afternoon hours of a hot July Sunday, just after her family had visited for the day.

Now I'm left with plenty of time but no opportunity.

I know this lesson. We all know this lesson. It is presented to us many times during our lives.

Why must we always be reminded - sometimes in harsh, not gentle ways - that time waits for no one and we must act for the moment —the "don't put off till tomorrow what you can do today" lesson of life.

Diane knew this lesson well and, I think, lived it everyday of her life. My first memory of her was watching her twirl with the high school band.

We were both at Sealy High School but she was a few years older than me and was of the band/twirlers ilk while I was using my loud vocals with the pep squad and my aggressive nature with team sports.

Our families knew each other, so I easily picked her out in crowds or school activities. The phrase that comes to mind in having watched her rapidly twirl those batons would have to be: "pure unrestrained enjoyment." She loved it.

I didn't know what her goals were in life, who her latest boyfriend was or what was her favorite subject in school, but I knew the pure pride and joy she had in being a twirler.

I learned years later that very soon after high school she began having problems with movement in her hands and fingers.

She was soon diagnosed with rheumatoid arthritis and battled that crippling disease, with additional related medical problems, throughout her life.

Though there were things she couldn't physically do as her life progressed, she never allowed her mental alertness and positive

attitude to be affected, thereby influencing and affecting those who knew her.

She never passed the opportunity for anything, perhaps because she knew how such possibilities are easily squelched by time and the obstacles of life.

I know it was very important to her that she had the "opportunity" to pass these beliefs and traits on to her children and grandchildren.

Randy Pausch knew this also. He's the Carnegie Mellon University professor who died last week after leaving his family, college students and fellow faculty, and eventually and unknowingly the entire world, with the words of his "last lecture."

He explained that the text was written specifically for his young children, so that they would know him in years to come, after his death. He took the opportunity and now his words are immortal.

There is a note on my desk I have been shuffling for weeks now. An elderly friend has been placed in an assisted living facility.

I have mailed a couple of cards to her, attempted a few calls with no response, but have postponed, time and again, making any visits.

Another frequently shuffled note reminds me of a call I need to place to support a younger friend who is facing some medical procedures. On both counts, I'll remember the lesson and I'll observe the opportunity.

I'm glad I knew Diane Orsak. I'm glad I witnessed her strength and stamina and willful nature to grasp opportunities as they presented themselves.

I'm glad I have the memory of a smiling, glorious face so freely expressing the joy felt in gracefully twirling that slick metal baton through her lithe, flexing fingers.

We will miss her, but her life challenges us to never miss another opportunity.

Flex your fingers and keep twirling, girl...

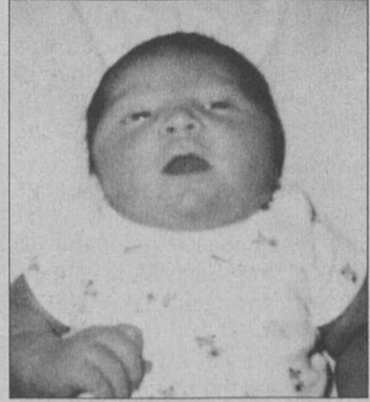
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Impetigo is a skin infection caused by bacteria. It most commonly occurs in children, although adults also may be affected. Typically a red sore is the first sign, which then ruptures and oozes for several days, resulting in a yellowish-brown crust. Impetigo is contagious. It is transmissible through touching or scratching the affected area, and then touching other parts of the body or other persons. In children, a cut, scrape, or insect bite often leads to infection. Impetigo may be prevented by using soap and water to thoroughly wash the child's skin. Although it is possible for complications to develop from this condition, typically impetigo will resolve within several weeks without treatment. Antibiotics may be prescribed to hasten treatment and prevent subsequent complications.
In mild cases, keeping the child's skin clean will help the infection heal on its own. Topical antibiotics may be prescribed to be applied to the affected area. Mupirocin ointment (Bactroban) is a topical antibiotic that is sometimes prescribed for impetigo. Altabax (retapamulin ointment) is a new type of topical antimicrobial available for the treatment of impetigo in children and adults. Oral antibiotics may be prescribed for the more severe cases of impetigo.

New Arrivals



Bryce Wyatt McCabe
Amy Mica and Donny Cole McCabe of Edna announce the birth of their first child, a son named Bryce Wyatt McCabe.

He was born on July 16 at 4:33 p.m. at John Sealy Hospital (UTMB) in Galveston, weighing in at eight pounds, four ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Felix and Gayle Mica of Nada.

Paternal grandparents are Donna and Terry McCabe of Edna.

Great-grandparents are Raymond Labay and the late Janie Labay of Nada, Millie Mica and the late Felix Mica, Sr. of Flatonia, Frankie and Beth Baros of Bay City and Elizabeth Ledwig of Van Vleck.

Luke Jesse Rodriguez
John Rodriguez, Jr. and Crystal Ramirez of Eagle Lake are pleased to announce the birth of their son, born July 15 at 12:44 a.m. at Columbus Community Hospital.

Luke Jesse weighed eight pounds, 10 ounces and measured 22 inches at birth.

He was welcomed home by his big brother, Landon John Rodriguez, age five.

Maternal grandparents are Alex Ramirez, Jr. and Peggy Ramirez of Eagle Lake.

Paternal grandparents are John Rodriguez, Sr. and Elizabeth Rodriguez of Eagle Lake.

Great-grandparents are Mary Munoz, Rachel Mendoza, Mary Kneseck and Alex Ramirez, Sr. all of Eagle Lake.

Macie Isabelle and Samuel Alexander Martin

Robert and Carole Martin, Dallas, announce the recent births of Macie Isabelle and Samuel Alexander. Grandfather is the late William J. Martin of Dallas (ELHS '39), great grand parents the late Robert and Margaret Martin of Eagle Lake, great uncle the late Robert Samuel Martin of

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Sts. Peter And Paul Fest August 3

Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church of Frelsburg will hold its annual festival on Sunday, August 3. The church is located 10 miles north of Columbus off FM 109, at 1031 Church Lane.

The day will begin with Holy Mass at 8:15 a.m. A meal of fried fish, buttered potatoes, hush puppies, coleslaw, pinto beans, bread, pickles and tea will be served at 11 a.m. Meal tickets will be \$7.50 for a large plate and \$4.50 for a small plate. For your convenience, there will be plates to go for \$7.50 per plate.

Throughout the day, listen to great music provided by Douglas Polasek. Auction begins at 1 p.m. featuring a Trophy Whitetail Deer

Hunt, handmade items, including many different types of quilts, and there will be some antiques in the line up of items and much more.

There will be bingo, country store, grocery walk, silent auction, cake walk, dunking stand, plant walk, horseshoes, fish pond, bouncing buddies, and many more fun activities for everyone in the family. Cool off with snow cones or a variety of cold drinks. Hamburgers, nachos and snacks will be available starting at 3 p.m.

The day will conclude with a free dance with music by the Red Ravens from 4-8 p.m. Come one come all to Frelsburg for a fun time! See you in Frelsburg, Sunday August 3.

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