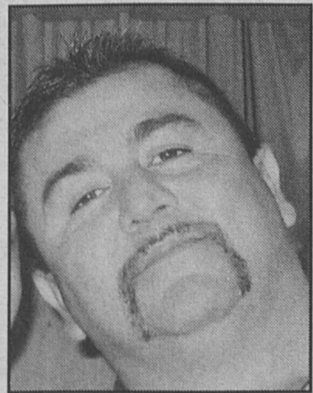


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Medications are available for both the prevention and treatment of malaria. Mefloquine (*Lariam*), doxycycline (*Doryx*, *Vibramycin*), and a combination of atovaquone and proguanil (*Malarone*) may be prescribed for persons planning to travel to malaria-endemic locations. For malaria prevention, medications may be prescribed to be taken for up to several weeks prior to departure, during the trip, and for up to four weeks after returning from the area. Although these types of medications should be avoided in pregnancy, chloroquine (*Aralen*) or mefloquine (*Lariam*) may be prescribed during the second and third trimester if needed. Mosquito repellent, protective clothing and netting are also recommended when in an area where malaria is of concern.

Obituaries



Ophelia Ada Lyons

Ophelia Ada Lyons of Eagle Lake passed away September 26.

She was born July 8, 1927 the daughter of Zelia Wilkerson Thomas and Phillip Jackson.

Ophelia attended E.H. Henry High School and was a member of Greater Mount Olive Baptist Church.

She married Billy Morrison and later married Jimmie Lyons.

Ophelia had many friends. She loved to grocery shop, and shared them with friends and relatives. She always seized the opportunity to speak or even sing at friends' and relatives funerals.

Failing health for many years did not keep her from raising her granddaughter, Ophelia Powell, and her great-granddaughter, Shamona.

Ophelia was preceded in death by her parents; husbands; brother, Jessie (Buddy Red) Jackson; children, Earnestine, Robert, Kelvin, and Willie.

Survivors include her children, Nancy (Mario), Sandra, Melvin, Jessie, Larry, Min. Anthony (Lori) and Marvin; her uncle, Donald Ray Wilkerson of San Diego, California; 20 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; and a host of other relatives and dear friends.

Funeral services were held Saturday, October 4, at 11 o'clock in the morning at Greater Mount Olive Baptist Church in Eagle Lake with Rev. Dave Curry, officiating. Interment followed at Eagle Lake Community Cemetery East. Another life celebration by Ben Davis Funeral Home in Columbus.

Pallbearers were Adrian Carroll, Reginald Davis, Terrance Foley, Adrian Farrow, Kelsonic Price and LaQuinta Strawder.

Honorary pallbearers were Allen Ray Aldridge, Roney Carroll, Marvin Christal, Thomas Edwards Krushall, Jason Hailey, Paul Jackson, Rafael Lewis, Herbert Scott and Arnold Parker.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.



Hattie Simcik

Hattie Simcik, 83, of Eagle Lake passed away quietly Sunday morning September 28, after a courageous, five-year battle with the effects of a massive stroke.

The memorial service will be at 2 p.m., Saturday, October 11, graveside at Lakeside Cemetery with Father Robert Guerra officiating. The Eagle Lake Funeral Home will be handling the arrangements.

Hattie was born in Flatonia, on November 25, 1924. She was married in 1947 to Jim Simcik. After marrying, the couple moved to Eagle Lake to raise their family.

Hattie was preceded in death by her parents, Cyril and Adolphina Mica; husband, Jim Simcik; siblings, Albina Hoffman, Francis Rebeck, and Johnny Mica; and nieces, Judy Mica, Georgianna (Dutcher) Sexton, and Susie Dutcher.

Survivors include one daughter from Eagle Lake, Nancy Gentry and her husband, Ron; a son from Spring, Bill Simcik and his wife, Becky; a son from Stafford, Virginia, Bob Simcik and his wife, Anita; and a son from Bryan, Steve Simcik.

Other survivors include grandson, Derek Simcik and his wife, Sami; grandson, Lance Simcik; sister, Alice Sunderman and her husband, Henry; sister, Lillie Petrascek; and sister, Isabel Sewell and her husband, Glenn.

Hattie was a beloved mother, sister, and grandmother, and she was known for her devotion to family, neighbors, and friends. An accomplished quilter, a skilled gardener, excellent baker, and a wise woman, she demonstrated her incredible generosity by giving away her quilts, sharing cuttings of her plants, distributing her famous kolaches and fruit cakes on Christmas morning, and offering loving and gentle advice. She will be greatly missed.

Memorials may be made to the Arbor Day Foundation, where every dollar donated will plant a tree in a national forest: <http://www.arborday.org/shopping/tictim/OrderTIM.cfm>.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

Views Around

The Lake

by Cindy Klopsteck

"Bad officials are elected by good citizens who do not vote."
-Andrew Lack

The sign said "Voter Registration" and the vibrant, patriotic colors of red, white and blue commanded my attention this past Monday as I was driving down East Main Street, passing a table occupied by two energetic, friendly-looking people.

I had been listening to the presidential debates, reading articles and checking internet sites for weeks now, all in preparation of November 4th voting. I had read that this Monday, October 6th, was the last day to register for voting, so I quickly parked the car to get the story of this act of patriotism in downtown Eagle Lake.

The two friendly people turned out to be Wilbert Williams, a city alderman, acting precinct #402 chairperson, and realtor, and Judith Johnson Jarvis, a past Eagle Lake resident who retired and returned here to her former hometown. I soon found their enthusiasm to be contagious. I sat next to them as Marcus York came to register. Mr. York said he had heard about the registration through his local church. He quickly and easily completed the required form, got his receipt and was told to expect his official voter registration card in the mail, but to keep the receipt "just in case" the card did not arrive by November 4th. He was reminded to participate in this important democratic process on that date from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Eagle Lake Community Center. I think Mr. York left the registration site pleased and proud of his actions.

At the time of a person's registration, both volunteers state they always stress that they are doing this impartially, telling each voter that regardless for whom they choose to vote, just remember to actually "go out and vote".

Ms. Jarvis and Mr. Williams had been deputized by the Colorado County Voter Registrar to conduct this registration. They had manned the table Sunday and this Monday, registering 28 people by the time I visited them at 3 p.m. They had volunteered to set up this site, both stating their anticipation in assisting citizens with such an important endeavor. They were 2 short of their goal of 30 new registered voters.

"It's important for citizens to

be part of this process," Ms. Jarvis said. "Voting is our greatest freedom and our greatest responsibility to perform." I complimented her patriotic attire. She actually displayed more red, white and blue than the official registration table itself. She made the area very easy to spot for passersby.

Mr. Williams shared his views: "We are at the tipping point of our country's history. Citizens should take part in the election process and make changes where they think necessary."

Together they had registered some elderly citizens who had never voted and had also met and registered a couple from Colorado just recently residing in Eagle Lake, who had been pleased to see the convenient registration table and have the opportunity to be registered in Texas. But by far the most exciting registrants were the young people who had come by the table in their first opportunity to legally claim their right to vote. Ms. Jarvis said she enjoyed making it a special moment by standing to shake the hand of the new voter registrant and hand the receipt, a definite symbol of an important rite of passage.

I promised to check with them by day's end to see if they met their goal of 30 new registrants. They had to close their site by 4 p.m. to get all the names in by the required time. As I drove away, I checked my right rearview mirror, spying again the appropriate red, white and blue that Ms. Jarvis, a retired military nurse, was proudly wearing. A quick peek into my left rearview mirror for any approaching cars, actually had me viewing the red, white and blue American flag proudly waving above the First National Bank building.

...red, white and blue in all directions. How very appropriate today, indeed.

Addendum: A call to Mr. Williams Tuesday morning found the impassioned duo meeting their goal of 30 new voting registrants for the day. If you're not registered, it is unfortunately too late for you to vote on November 4th. If you are registered, please join these 30 new local voters in casting your ballot on a very important election day.

"I give my hand and heart to this vote." - Daniel Webster

New Arrivals

Alfonso Castillo, Jr.

Vanessa Casas and Alfonso Castillo of Eagle Lake are pleased to announce the birth of their first child, a son, born on May 10 at 9:17 a.m. at the Gulf Coast Medical in Wharton.

The baby was named Alfonso Castillo, Jr. and weighed seven pounds, 10 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Jimmie and Cynthia Galvan of Eagle Lake.

Paternal grandparents are Alvaro and Mary Lou Castillo of Eagle Lake.

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