

Obituaries



Gladys Elizabeth Jones
Gladys Elizabeth Jones passed away March 14.

On January 19, 1924, a baby girl was born to John Sr. and Maggie Lee Fry, whom they named Gladys Elizabeth in Egypt.

She attended school in Egypt. Later she met and married Mr. Marvin Jones; to this union four children were born. She later moved to Richmond and united with Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church of Sugar Land under Rev. Eddie Thomas, where she remained until her death.

She was preceded in death by her parents; one son, David Jones; one brother, David Fry; and a sister, Willie B. Aldridge.

She leaves to cherish her memory two daughters, Hazel Carson (Roosevelt) and Ruthie M. Lovings; one son, Robert Harris (Tina); one brother, John Fry, Jr.; one sister, Louisa Coleman (Milton); three grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Funeral services were held Saturday, March 21 at 2 p.m. at Providence Baptist Church in Eagle Lake with Rev. Coby Shorter officiating. Interment followed at Union Hill Cemetery in Matthews. Arrangements entrusted to Lakeside Mortuary.

Pallbearers were Lester Aldridge, Kenny Fry, Roger Fry, Thomas Carter, Robert Hemphill, and Douglas Davidson.

Honorary pallbearers were Milton Coleman, Jr., Frank Fry, George Aldridge, III, Roosevelt Carson, Jr., James Henry Aldridge, Chad Haynes, Rev. Israel Jack, Rev. Carl Neal, Carl Bradshaw, Glenn Wayne Bradshaw, Anthony Bradshaw, Charles Hanes, Herman Bradshaw, Jr. and Stanley Bradshaw.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.



Oliver "Boots" Hurd
Oliver "Boots" Hurd or "Lighting" (as he was later known) was the fourth child born to Nathaniel Hurd, Sr., and Luella Napper Hurd on March 14, 1927 in Bonus.

As a young man he lived in San Antonio for several years along with his brother, Oscar and his cousin, Roy Hurd, Sr. They all eventually moved to Houston, where Oliver met and married Maggie Brooks, who preceded him in death in 1971.

Oliver worked for Baker Hughes (Brown Oil Tool) as a machinist for 30 years before retiring in 1985. He couldn't stand having idle time on his hands, and went back to work at Production Tools for 16 years.

Oliver was called home to be with the Lord on March 26 at Kindred Hospital in Houston after brief illness.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife; three brothers and their spouses, Nathaniel, Jr. (Arnolia), Oscar (Rachel) and A.B. Hurd, Sr.; and a sister, Iver Bankston (Reuben).

Oliver leaves to cherish his memories, a special friend, Ollie Dell Williams; daughter, Andetria (Mickey) Hampton (Rodney); granddaughter, Rylee Hampton; four nephews; six nieces; a number of great nieces and nephews; and a host of friends and relatives.

All who knew him will remember and treasure his mild manner and great smile.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, April 1 at noon at Greater Union Baptist Church in Matthews with Lawrence Robertson officiating. Interment followed at Union Hill Cemetery in Matthews. Final arrangements entrusted to Ben Davis Funeral Home.

Honorary pallbearers were Eric Boone, Richard Green, Randy Green, Willie Williams, Anthony Williams, and James Williams.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.



Emily Michelle Tovar
Linda Sambrano and Isidro Tovar are pleased to announce the birth of their child, a daughter, born March 31, at 4:35 p.m. at Rice Medical Center in Eagle Lake.

Emily Michelle weighed six pounds, 13 ounces and measured 20 inches.

Maternal grandparents are Mario and Dee Vasquez of Eagle Lake.

Paternal grandparent is Serfina Gasca of Mexico.

Great grandparent is Maria Saucedo of Eagle Lake.

April 22 Older Texan Fair Deadline

The Older Texan Fair will be held May 6, at the Sheridan Community Center in Sheridan. Civic, church and educational organizations throughout the county are encouraged to nominate an Older Texan for recognition. Recognition will be based on an individual's volunteer service and contributions to the community.

Recipients must be 60 years of age or older and be a resident of Colorado County. Nomination forms are available at the County Extension Office. Nominations must be submitted to the Extension office on or before April 9.

Older Texans in Colorado County will also have the opportunity to exhibit art (paintings, drawings), baked and canned goods, crafts, floriculture, fresh garden products and needlework. Individuals entering must be over the age of 60 and may enter as many items as they wish.

Any organization or individual age 60 and over may reserve a booth to sell items at no cost for the booth. Each booth is asked to

donate a door prize. Booths must be reserved in advance by calling the Extension Office at 732-2530. The deadline for reserving a booth is April 29.

The Older Texan Fair will open at 9:30 a.m. to set up exhibits and booths and the judging of exhibits will begin at 10 a.m.

The program will begin at 10:30 a.m. with the speaker followed by the announcement of the exhibit winners and the Older Texan recognition, followed by a meal. Meal tickets are \$8 and must be paid for in advance on or before April 29.

Guidelines for the exhibits and booths and meal tickets may be picked up at the County Extension Office, 316 Spring Street in Columbus. For more information contact Sharon Grahmann at 979/732-2530.

Educational programs conducted by the Texas Cooperative Extension serve people of all ages regardless of socio-economic levels, race, color, sex, religion, disability or national origin.

Catholic Daughters Participate In Read

Submitted by Judy Pustejovsky, Chairperson of Read Across America

Approximately 25 members of the Eagle Lake Catholic Daughters of the Americas (CDA), Court of Our Lady of the Fields # 2465, participated in the National Read Across America Celebration. The members donated their time, refreshments, and over 50 new books to two local organizations.

Read Across America is the nation's largest reading celebration. Since its inception 12 years ago, the National Education Association's (NEA) Read Across America program is designed to get kids excited about reading. NEA has acted as a vehicle to talk about a serious issue in a fun way: children's literacy. This past March 2nd marked the 12th annual celebration of reading and Dr. Seuss's 105th birthday.

Here in Eagle Lake the CDA members fulfilled their promise to support Read Across America by co-sponsoring a week long reading contest with the students at Eagle Lake Elementary. High point winners were announced at the School's assembly on March 6th. Students were also given a book of their choice.

Then on March 5th seven members and two guests read to approximately 25 students that are enrolled in the Parish of the Nativity's religious education program.

These students not only enjoyed being read to, but also enjoyed cookies, punch, and a new book to take home.

The Eagle Lake CDA members encourage everyone to join in on the fun and pick up a book and read with a child every chance you get!

County Fair Crawfish Boil Set For May 1

The officers and directors of the Colorado County Fair Association will host their 6th Annual Rajun Cajun Fest Crawfish Boil and Scholarship Auction Friday, May 1 at the fair grounds.

The fair association offers over \$13,000 in scholarships annually to students from Columbus High School, Weimar High School and Rice Consolidated High School.

All proceeds from the auction are used exclusively to fund the scholarships.

Tickets are \$25 for an all-you-can-eat meal and drinks. Tickets will be sold in advance only.

They are currently on sale at Potter's Western Store, Schneider Machine and Welding and Pilsner's Place in Columbus; M-G, Inc. in Weimar; Eagle Lake Golf Course; Bernardo Farm and Ranch Supply; and Larry's Super Service in Garwood.

Tickets are also available from fair directors Kaylee Brune, Darrell Gertson, Gail Gertson, Jerry Henneke, Melissa Kilpatrick, Jane Meldahl, David Pilsner, Pamela Potter, Henry Schneider, Karl Ed Valenta and Heath Weishuhn.

Members of the Junior Fair Board and the fair's royal court are also selling tickets. Members of the Columbus FFA Alumni will be selling hamburger plates at the event for \$5 each for children or adults who do not eat crawfish.

Kim Dyer and Jackie Valenta are chairmen of the scholarship auction.

They are currently seeking items to sell. Any individual or business that would like to donate an item and help a deserving Colorado County student go to college, should contact Dyer at 979-733-8401 or Valenta at 979-732-5441.

Members of the Junior Fair Board will also conduct a silent auction at the event to help fund the scholarship their group gives each year.

Anyone wanting to donate an item to the silent auction should contact Junior fair board sponsor Kaylee Brune at 979-357-2531. Admission to the grounds will be free. The gates will open at 5 p.m. with serving from 6:30-9 p.m. The scholarship auction will start at 8 p.m. For more information, citizens should call 979-234-5981.

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Ankylosing spondylitis is a condition of pain and inflammation involving the joints of the body. Joints between each vertebra and the joints between the spine and pelvis are commonly involved. Genetics may play a role in the development of this condition. Symptoms of ankylosing spondylitis include chronic lower back and hip pain and stiffness. The condition may lead to eventual difficulties in walking, standing, and/or breathing.
Available treatments for ankylosing spondylitis include nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs such as *ibuprofen* (Advil) and *naproxen* (Aleve). These are commonly recommended for treatment of inflammation, pain, and stiffness. Disease-modifying antirheumatic drugs such as *sulfasalazine* (Azulfidine) and *methotrexate* (Rheumatrex) may be prescribed to alleviate joint inflammation in the arms and legs. Corticosteroids, such as *prednisone*, also may be prescribed for a short period of time to decrease inflammation, as well as to reduce the progression of joint damage. Tumor necrosis factor blockers such as *adalimumab* (Humira) and *etanercept* (Enbrel) work to reduce inflammation, pain, and stiffness in individuals affected.

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CATHOLIC PARISH OF THE NATIVITY: Our Lady of Perpetual Help Sanctuary; 308 N. Stevenson, Eagle Lake; 8 a.m. (Espanol), 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 11 a.m.; Rev. Bill Mosley, 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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Bible Verse of The Week
"The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples: He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him. Now I have told you."
Matthew 28:5-7
Submitted by Donna Samora

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