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Treatment Options for Hyperthyroid Conditions
Graves' disease is a common type of hyperthyroidism, an autoimmune condition. When the immune system attacks the thyroid gland, this abnormality leads to overproduction of the hormone thyroxine. Increased levels of thyroxine may lead to an overall increase in metabolism, which can cause problems for other body systems. Symptoms of Graves' disease may include fatigue, fast heart rate, and weight loss. A person's eyes are commonly affected. There may be swelling of the eyelids, red eyes, and sensitivity to light. Due to tissue swelling behind the eyes, the eyeballs may bulge forward.
Anti-thyroid medications, such as propylthiouracil and methimazole (Tapazole), prevent excessive production of thyroxine by the thyroid gland. Typically, these medications are used in conjunction with radioactive iodine, which works to decrease the over activity of the thyroid gland. Beta blocker medications, such as propranolol (Inderal) and metoprolol (Lopressor), may alleviate some of the symptoms of hyperthyroidism, such as increased heart rate or tremors. For symptoms affecting the eyes, artificial tears are recommended during the day, along with lubricating gels at night. Prednisone may be prescribed to decrease swelling behind the eyes.

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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 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
"Be imitators of God, therefore, as dearly loved children and live a life of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God." - Ephesians 5:1-2
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Obituaries

Audrey Mathis
March 7, 1923 - July 29, 2009
Mrs. Audrey Mathis, age 86 of Wharton passed away Wednesday, July 29 in a Wharton Nursing Home following an extended illness.

She was born on March 7, 1923 in Mountain View, Arkansas the daughter of Richard David Gayler and Ida Mae Haney Gayler.

Mrs. Mathis has been a resident of Wharton since 1975 and was a former resident of Bonus.

She married Grady Mathis on April 12, 1946 in Wharton and he preceded her in death on November 24, 1958.

She was also preceded in death by a daughter, Sarah Eisel; three brothers, Jennings, Kenneth Lamar and Noel Truman Gayler; two sisters, Vanita Beth Jehl and America Geneva Mason; grandson, Terry Eisel; and son-in-law, Gary Gouskos.

She was a member of College Heights Baptist Church in Wharton.

She worked as a private duty sitter until her retirement.

Graveside services were held at 10 a.m., Saturday, August 1, at Wharton City Cemetery with Rev. Don Hurley officiating.

Survivors include her daughters and sons-in-law, Sue and Danny Canaris of Eagle Lake and Marlene Gouskos of Glenpool, OK; grandchildren, Cory Eisel, Blake Canaris, Rebal Canaris, Jessica Gouskos and Jenna Gouskos; and son-in-law, Leland Eisel.

In lieu of usual remembrances the family requests memorials to Houston Hospice-El Campo, P. O. Box 1417, El Campo, Texas 77437.

Funeral services were under the direction of the Wharton Funeral Home.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

Edward F. Walker, Jr.
May 27, 1926 - August 1, 2009
Edward F. Walker, Jr., 83, of Columbus, formerly of Eagle Lake, passed away Saturday, August 1 at St. Mark's Medical Center in La Grange.

He was born May 27, 1926 to Edward F. Walker, Sr. and Sophie Michal Walker in Flatonia.

Edward retired after 37 years from Southern Pacific Railroad. He was a member of the V.F.W. of Eagle Lake, in the U.S. Army during WWII and Korean War and of the Catholic faith.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Hattie Gold Walker of Eagle Lake; daughter, Brenda Walker of New Iberia, Louisiana; grandson, Kevin Edward Walker of Eagle Lake; and sister, Margie Ann Walker of Flatonia.

He leaves to cherish his memories sons, Edward F. Walker, III and wife, Maggie, of Eagle Lake, Mark W. Walker and wife, Elaine, of Broussard, Louisiana; six grandchildren, Kelli Nieto and husband, Henry, of Schulenburg, Greg Walker and wife, Tracey, of Broussard, Rachel Babin and husband, Chris, of Broussard, Anthony Walker, of Broussard, Curtis Romero and wife, Connie, of Arkansas, Lana Hill and husband, Leroy, Jr. of New Iberia; eight great-grandchildren, Kevin and Natalie Nieto, Katelynn Babin, Giles, Cameron and Brooke Hill and Gabbriel and Sara Romero; sisters, Doris Walker of Flatonia and Delores Cherry of Gonzales; special friend and mother of his children, Betty Lofgren of Henderson, Louisiana; also numerous extended family and friends.

Graveside services will be held Friday, August 7 at 11 a.m. with Father Joe Hybner of Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Flatonia officiating. Interment will also be at Flatonia City Cemetery in Flatonia. Arrangements were under the direction of Henneke Funeral Home in Columbus.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

Miss Ida Mae Mitchell
April 26, 1924 - July 26, 2009
Miss Ida Mae Mitchell, affectionately known as "Tit", was born to the union of Laura and Bennie Mitchell on April 26, 1924 in Colorado County.

She attended public school in Colorado County and moved to Houston at an early age.

Living in Houston she worked as a domestic housekeeper for many years. During her pastime, she enjoyed going to parties and having fun. She will always be remembered as a woman who was cheerful in helping others. If you needed information about family events, she was the "go-to" person. If she didn't have the information you needed, she would research and find out for you. Another characteristic about "Tit" was that she was a night owl. She would call people late at night and would ask them "Are you sleep?" of course, most of them would be. This made people smile because that was just her. She will truly be missed by all who knew her.

Sadly, on July 26 Miss Ida Mae Mitchell departed this earthly life. She was preceded in death by her parents; three brothers, Bennie Mitchell, Jr., Robert "Man" Mitchell, and Lloyd "Fat" Mitchell; and three sisters, Bertha Mae "Bert" Mitchell Cooper, Leola "Sista" Mitchell, and Alene "Moot" Mitchell Coleman.

Left to cherish her memories her devoted companions, "The Cats"; one sister, Lillie Mae "Suga" Conner of Kendleton; three brothers, Floyd "Pewee" Mitchell of Houston, Willie "Fella" Mitchell of San Antonio and Joe "Chocolate" Mitchell of Bay City; two special friends, Penny Gamble and Jill Lueders, both of Houston and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held Saturday, August 1 at 3 p.m. at New Greater Smith Chapel Baptist Church in Columbus with Pastor Joseph Hargrove officiating. Interment followed at Gay Hill

Cemetery in Columbus. Another life celebration by Ben Davis Funeral Home.

Pallbearers were her nephews.

Honorary pallbearers were Joe Mitchell, Willie Mitchell, and Floyd Mitchell.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

Rotary Holds Weekly Meeting

The Rotary Club of Eagle Lake welcomed several special guests Wednesday July 29.

Isabell Morales of Ashes to Beauty Counseling told club members of her efforts in making life better for the citizens of Eagle Lake. She was a most welcome guest and her presence was greatly appreciated by all.

Jo Yount of Brenham was in attendance. She is a competition ballroom dancer as well as being an Assistant Governor of Rotary District 5890. Her visits are always fun and the members look forward to them.

This week's program director was Rev. Kevin Collision. He introduced three of this area's representatives to Boys and Girls State. Clarenca Weeks, Kody Miller and Brian Kallina are perfect examples proving that America's future is in good hands. They each reported on their experiences and what they learned.

Clarenca brought her mother and her grandmother with her and the gleam in their eyes exhibited a pride that is showing up more and more in Eagle Lake.

Each week the club now invites five different Eagle Lake citizens to have lunch with them in an effort to determine areas in which Rotarians might be able to lend assistance. If you would like to have lunch with the Rotarians, just ask one and arrangements will be made.

New Arrivals

Rebecca Lynn Peroni
Ronald Peroni, II and Danelle Hutchison of Eagle Lake announce the birth of their child, a daughter, born at 7:08 p.m., July 27, at Rice Medical Center.

Rebecca Lynn weighed eight pounds, 13 ounces and measured 20 inches at birth.

She was welcomed home by siblings, Pedro Cortez, III, 4; Cheyenne Cortez, 2; and Landon Hutchison, 1.

Maternal grandparents are Daniel Hutchison and Lena Johnson of Eagle Lake. Paternal grandparents are Ronald and Joy Peroni of Chesterville.

Great-grandparents are Edna Kennedy of Meadville, Mo., Jimmy Guillory of Tyler and the late Barbara Shearin of Chesterville and

the late O.J. and Edweina Peroni of Mission, Texas

Lauren Rae Joines
Mr. and Mrs. Luke Joines of Richmond announce the birth of their first child, a girl, born at 3:04 p.m. Thursday, June 18, at Memorial Hermann Hospital-Katy. The baby was named Lauren Rae and weighed seven pounds pounds 12 ounces.

Lauren's maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. J.P. Krenek of Garwood. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ray Joines of Hungerford.

Great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. George Legler and Jerry Joines, all of Wharton and Elsie Krenek of Garwood.

Lauren's mother is the former Nicole Krenek.

HJR 14 Signed By Governor Perry

While local farmers and ranchers fully support HJR 14, recently signed into law by Governor Perry, this proposed constitutional amendment is only one step toward fixing the eminent domain laws of the Lone Star State, said Colorado County Farm Bureau President Marv Ulbricht.

"HJR 14 ratifies a law that the Legislature passed in the 2005 session that limits the taking of private property by the use of eminent domain," Marv said. "If voters approve it in November, the legislation will add that important protection to the Texas Consti-

tution. It does little, however, to relieve the burden property owners continue to endure when a condemning entity goes after their land."

Marv said that additional protections-compensation for landowners for lost access to their property, offers that represent fair market value and the right to repurchase land not used for the condemning purpose-must be part of any true reform.

"We were deeply disappointed when the 81st Legislature adjourned without a solution to a problem.