

## Obituaries



**Shirley Lou Marsalia Wilkerson**  
Shirley Lou Marsalia Wilkerson, 73, of Eagle Lake passed

August 11 after a lengthy illness at Avalon Place in Wharton.  
Born October 10, 1935 to Viola and Willie Marsalia, Shirley was raised in Eagle Lake.  
She married Joseph "Bill" Wilkerson in 1950. They raised their six children in Gonzalez and returned to make their home in Eagle Lake in the early '60s.  
Shirley was employed with the Food Service Department of both Eagle Lake School District and Rice Consolidated School District. She received a watch for 25 years of service from Eagle Lake Middle School.  
As her children grew, Shirley

helped with the Girl Scouts and served as a room mother.  
When Bill worked as an umpire for the Little League games, Shirley helped in the concession stands for nearly 20 years.  
A devoted Christian, Shirley was a member of the Parish of the Nativity. She taught CCD, and served as a Eucharistic Minister, was a charter member of the Our Lady of the Fields Catholic Daughters of America parish chapter.  
For many years, Shirley volunteered at the Eagle Lake Food Pantry. She assisted in gathering and delivering Thanksgiving meals for families throughout the community. She also volunteered at the Boot Camp when it was open in the community.  
For many years, Shirley was instrumental in the organization of the annual church picnic.  
When no longer physically able to do the rigors of volunteer work, Shirley continued religious ministry. If anyone needed prayers, community members called on her.

Internment followed at Lakeside Cemetery in Eagle Lake.  
Gifts in Shirley's name can be made to: Parish of the Nativity Catholic Church; P.O. Box 307; Eagle Lake, Texas 77434 or to: Hospice Support; P.O. Box 1417; El Campo, Texas 77437.  
Sympathy is extended to the family in their time of loss.



**Norma Jean Strzinek**  
Norma Jean Strzinek, 58 of Magnolia passed away at her residence in Magnolia. She was born October 10, 1950 in Corpus Christi and was a homemaker.

She is survived by daughter Wanda Henry and Roy Cranek of Eagle Lake, daughter Glenda and Willie Moore of Eagle Lake, son Walter and Doris Wilkerson of Houston, son Leslie and Susan Wilkerson of Eagle Lake and son Howard and Gretchen Wilkerson of Eagle Lake; sisters, Mary Lou Spalek and husband Gene and Betty Baish and husband Randy; brother, Wayne Marsalia and wife Thelma; grandchildren and great-grandchildren include: Billy Henry, wife Laura and sons Jacob and Joshua; Edie Henry and son Mark Sifuentes Jr.; Amy Moore Pearson, husband Buddy and children William, Justin and Kelsey; Lacy Moore Miller, husband Scotty and daughter Heather; Russell Wilkerson, former wife Bridget Wilkerson and daughters Gabriella and Alexandria; Erica Wilkerson and Clay Zakem; Les Wilkerson and wife Melanie; Brooke Wilkerson Kutach, husband Ronnie and son Riley; Tiffany Wilkerson Wittig and husband Daniel; Kayce Wilkerson and husband Garrett Cranek.  
Visitation and rosary were at Eagle Lake Funeral Home on August 13, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. The burial mass, officiated by Father Robert Guerra, was held at the Parish of the Nativity Catholic Church on August 14.  
Pallbearers were, Willie Moore, Billy Henry, Buddy Pearson, Scotty Miller, Les Wilkerson, Ronnie Kutach, Daniel Wittig and Garrett Cranek.  
Honorary pallbearers were Roy "Burr" Cranek, Les Wilkerson, Mark Sifuentes Jr., Buddy, William and Justin Pearson, Riley Kutach, Clay Zakem, Wayne Marsalia, Gene Spalek, Randy Baish.

She preceded in death by her father, Ludwig Strzinek; sister, Frances Louise Strzinek.  
Norma leaves to cherish her memories her mother, Myrtle Strzinek of Magnolia; aunt and uncle, Jack and Dolly Fojtik of Weimar; uncle, Oscar Strzinek of Corpus Christi; cousins, Monte and Frankie Smith of Magnolia, Melvin and Debbie Schmitt of Eagle Lake, Mary Francis Baxter of Houston, Daniel Becker of El Campo, Ervin Kippel of Columbus, Clarietta Ripper of Columbus.  
Funeral services were held Thursday, August 20 at 11 a.m. at the Eagle Lake Funeral Home with Rev. Kevin Collison officiating. Burial was held at Lakeside Cemetery.  
Pallbearers were Melvin Schmitt, Kevin Schmitt, Curtis Strzinek, David Fojtik, Monte A. Smith, and Monte E. Smith.  
Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

## Sheridan Spotlight

First Baptist Church of Sheridan will be presenting a cooking and Spanish class on August 22, 2009 beginning at 6:00 p.m. There will also be a Youth Ministry for ages 13 up on August 22, 2009 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. The public is invited. Kids Worship team will begin on August 26th, and all kids are invited to participate in singing and music.  
Jason and Kelsey Hagendorf welcomed their new baby boy, Dean Bradlee Hagendorf on July 6, 2009, making Irene and Willard Hagendorf of Sheridan very proud to be grandparents of their first great grand child and Gordon Hagendorf a happy grandpa. The whole Hagendorf family is thrilled.  
Our good neighbors in Rock Island, Bob and Karen Moss recently celebrated 20 years of

wedded bliss on July 30th, congratulations.  
Martha Polach, all of your friends in the Sheridan Go-Getters are wishing you a speedy recovery while you rehabilitate at Parkview in Weimer and are waiting for you to get back soon.  
The Sheridan community is gearing up for their Fourth Annual Fall Citywide Yard Sale in October. Interested in participating please contact either Shirley Moore or Melba Castillo for the date and advertising fees. Last year there were fourteen simultaneous yard sales resulting in great profitable sales for all of the participants.  
Happy Birthdays to: David Fuller and Billy Koonce, Sr., August 21st; Bryce Thumann, August 28th, Duane Hicks, August 30th and Lucy Ross, August 31st.

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While there is no cure for COPD and damage to the lungs cannot be reversed, treatments are available to alleviate symptoms and decrease the risk of complications. Persons who smoke are advised to stop smoking to prevent further damage to the lungs. Inhaled bronchodilators may be prescribed, which help alleviate coughing and shortness of breath. *Albuterol* (Proventil, Ventolin) is a short-acting bronchodilator prescribed to quickly relieve shortness of breath when a sudden attack of breathing difficulty occurs. Long-acting bronchodilators, such as *salmeterol* (Serevent), are prescribed for daily use and should not be used in an emergency, since they do not work fast enough when immediate help is needed. *Fluticasone* (Flovent) is an example of an inhaled corticosteroid, which works to reduce airway inflammation and improve breathing.

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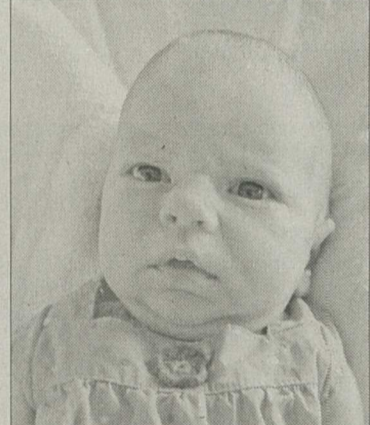
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## Cancer Society Services In County

The American Cancer Society is the leading nonprofit organization fighting cancer in our country and the only community-based, volunteer cancer organization.  
The American Cancer Society offers many services to individuals in Colorado County and other communities across our nation.  
Most of the services offered to residents of Colorado County can be obtained through the American Cancer Society Victoria office.  
Mary Martinez, Community manager—Health Initiatives and Columbus Community Hospital are collaborating to bring services to Colorado County.  
Mary will be at Columbus Community Hospital on Friday, August 28, from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. providing some of these services to cancer patients present.  
All services are free of charge and range from information to wigs. Appointments are not necessary. Anyone wanting to learn

about the American Cancer Society is invited to come by the Community Services room.  
These services are just a few ways the American Cancer Society can help those who battle cancer.  
The American Cancer Society's toll free help line, 1-800-ACS-2345 and website, [www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org) offer a place to turn 24 hours a day, seven days a week for comprehensive information about cancer and cancer resources in our community.  
The American Cancer Society is the nationwide community-based voluntary health organization dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem by preventing cancer, saving lives and diminishing suffering from cancer through research, education, advocacy and service.

## New Arrivals



**Robyn Machezie Klotz**  
Johnathan and Ashley Klotz would like to announce the birth of their daughter Robyn Machezie.  
She was born Thursday, July 30 at 6:53 a.m., at Rice Medical Center in Eagle Lake. Robyn tipped the scales at eight pounds, three ounces and was 22" long.  
Robyn is the granddaughter of David and Carole Pavlicek of Eagle Lake and John and Cynthia Klotz of Wallis.  
Great grandmas are Vlasta Pavlicek of Molton, Ellen Battelle of La Grange, Cecilia Klotz of Wallis and Georgia Rabiou of East Bernard.  
Robyn was welcomed home by her aunts, uncles and her 3 cousins Sam, Bradley, Bryan.

## Rotary Reports On Meeting

The Rotary Club of Eagle Lake welcomed two special guests Wednesday August 12, Ray Victorin and Bill Rankin are great guests.  
JC Cooper presented a summary of the Atlas Project <http://atlas.ch/> which has added fuel to the fire and fanned the flames of fear that is being generated by the predicted end of the world in 2012. Thousands of scientists are trying to dispel the rumors that the Atlas project will be the cause of the end.  
Kevin Collison offered Certificates of Appreciation to the three Boys and Girls State participants from our area that attended the club meeting a few weeks back. They are to be presented to them as soon as can be arranged.  
JC Cooper, President, announced that James Sweet, or the Eagle Lake Headlight, has been chosen as an Honorary Rotarian for his exceptional efforts in bringing the area news to all of Eagle Lake and surrounding area. The club also extended their best wishes for a speedy recovery to Carol Cardenas of the Headlight.  
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.

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**BEREA CLADIC:** 623 Maple Avenue, Eagle Lake; 234-2130.  
**ROCK ISLAND FULL GOSPEL:** P.O. Box 232, Rock Island; 234-5840.  
**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.  
**GREAT NEW FAITH CHURCH:** 6406 Guylar, Wallis; Rev. Clay Spears, Pastor; 979-478-2169.  
**EAST BERNARD FIRST BAPTIST**  
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**CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH:** 306 E. Stockbridge, Eagle Lake; 234-3437.  
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**SHERIDAN FIRST BAPTIST:** FM 2437, 234-3136.  
**WHITE CLOUD BAPTIST CHURCH:** 202 Old Altair Road, Eagle Lake; Rev. Obie Rhodes, Pastor; 234-3800.  
**JESUS IS MY REFUGE:** 115 N. McCarty, Eagle Lake; Rev. Diana Aguilera.

**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. (Spanish), 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.  
**LISSIE UNITED METHODIST:** Rev. Janice Kerlee, 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.  
**BIBLE TRUTH APOSTOLIC CHURCH:** Corner of S. Wharton & E. First St., El Campo; Pastor Larry T. Smith, 979-543-2331, non-denominational.  
**MT. SINAI EVANGELICAL MINISTRIES:** 510 Prairie St., Eagle Lake, Rev. Thomas E. Kuykendall, pastor/founder, 979-234-3259.

**Bible Verse of The Week**

"The tongue also is a fire, a world of evil among the parts of the body. It corrupts the whole person, sets the whole course of his life on fire, and is itself set on fire by hell."

James 3:6  
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