

Obituaries



Charles E. Yearwood
Charles E. Yearwood, 87, of Columbus, passed away March 1 at his residence.
He was born February 25, 1923 in Edna, the son of Thomas Bethel and Olive Lucretia (Shows) Yearwood.
Charles married Florence Unger on January 24, 1947.
He was a retired mechanic and had worked for Southern Pacific Railroad.
Charles was a member of First Baptist Church in Columbus and a veteran of World War II serving in the U.S. Army.
He was preceded in death by his parents; sisters, Gladys McGill, Birdie Branham, Ina Mae Taylor, Aline Reid and Ivy Walker; and brothers, Roy Yearwood, Carl

Yearwood and Elroy Walton.
Survivors include his wife, Florence of Columbus; daughter, Brenda Hargrave and husband, Bill of Tomball; sons, Stanley Yearwood and wife, Linda of Welcome, Texas and James Yearwood and wife, Marilyn of Columbus; seven grandchildren, Bradley Yearwood and wife, Elizabeth, Cheri Mannen and husband, Mike, Christi Evans, Greg Evans and wife, Madeline, Nicholas Yearwood, Eric Yearwood and Jennifer Hargrave; six great-grandchildren, Emily, Sarah and Laura Yearwood, Emily, Jack and Lucy Evans; and a sister, Letha Peterson and husband, Irvin, of Palacios.
Visitation was held Wednesday, March 3 from 5 to 7 p.m. and Thursday, March 4 from 8 p.m. to 11 a.m. at Henneke Funeral Home.
Funeral services were set for 11 a.m. Thursday, March 4 from Henneke Funeral Home in Columbus with Rev. Victor Morrison officiating. Burial followed in Odd Fellow Rest Cemetery in Columbus.
Memorials may be given to First Baptist Church, 1700 Milam St., Columbus, TX 78934 or Hospice Brazos Valley, 302 E. Bluebell Road, Brenham, TX 77833.
Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

New Arrivals

Audre'ona Shanae Eaton
Jennie B. Morgan and Rodney Eaton of Eagle Lake are pleased to announced the birth of their child, a daughter, born February 27, at 8:15 a.m. at Rice Medical Center in Eagle Lake.
Audre'ona Shanae weighed six pounds, six ounces and measured 18 inches at birth.
She was welcomed home by four brothers.

Maternal grandparents are Melody Morgan of Eagle Lake and the late Wayne Hemphill.
Paternal grandparents are Brenda and Robert Pratt of Garwood and James Eaton of Houston.
Great-grandparents are Jennie B. Hemphill and Evelyn Holloway of Eagle Lake and the late Virginia Dabney of Garwood.

Celebrate Texas Independence Throughout March

The spirit of Texas is alive and well in March as the state pays homage to its vibrant past during Texas History Month.
Celebrating the month of Texas' Independence, the Texas Historical Commission (THC) encourages people to explore the state's dynamic historic landscape.
Texas History Month honors Texans who helped shape the history of the state and acknowledges significant historical events.
One way to observe Texas History Month is to plan a trip through the Texas Independence Trail Region.
This heritage travel region is part of the THC's nationally

award-winning heritage tourism initiative and provides a historic journey through gripping battle sites and memorable deeds as Texas struggled for its freedom.
Visit Gonzales, the site of the Texas Revolution's first skirmish, for the Texas Independence Day Relay on March 6-7.
The course starts in Gonzales, where the Texas Revolution began, and finishes at the San Jacinto Monument, where Texas Independence was won.
For a free Texas Independence Trail Region brochure or other heritage travel guides, please call 866.276.6219 or visit www.thc.state.tx.us.

Three Cemeteries To Get State Historical Markers

Submitted by Joye Payne Johnson, Historical Marker Chair
The Texas Historical Commission has approved three historic cemeteries in Colorado County to receive Texas historical markers for 2010.
The Colorado County cemeteries are:
Alleyton Cemetery in Alleyton, with earliest known burial in 1867 and number of burials is 297.
Trinity Lutheran Church Cemetery located next to the Trinity Lutheran Church, Frelsburg, has 527 burials with the earliest in 1851.
Masonic Cemetery in Eagle Lake includes 771 burials. The first burial was in 1867.
President Joe Fling of the Colorado County Historical Com-

mission encourages all to be mindful of the significance of these markers and what they represent to the county.
Thanks to all who did the research and sponsored the marker. It takes several months before the maker is cast at a foundry in Texas.
Historical markers have been around since 1936 when 1100 of them were placed throughout the state to commemorate the establishment of the Republic of Texas.
The state now has more than 13,000 markers.
The Texas Historical Commission has tightened eligibility requirements to include more research and documentation.
This year the state announced more than 275 markers would be approved.

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Treatments Used for GBS

Guillain-Barré syndrome (GBS) is characterized by progressive muscle weakness, which may lead to paralysis. Weakness usually starts in the legs, however may also begin in the arms or facial muscles. The condition typically develops within 2 weeks. Guillain-Barré syndrome involves inflammation and nerve pain. This condition is thought to be caused by an abnormal reaction of the immune system. The majority of persons affected develop symptoms within several weeks after an infection, vaccine, or surgery. Signs and symptoms include tingling in the toes and fingers, difficulty speaking, severe lower back pain, and difficulty breathing.

Treatments typically consists of *plasmapheresis* or intravenous immune globulin (*IVIg*). Plasmapheresis, or plasma exchange, is the process of removing plasma from blood and returning blood cells to the body to produce new plasma. The process aims to remove abnormal antibodies from the body. Intravenous immune globulin (IVIg) may be administered at high doses to provide healthy antibodies and also block harmful antibodies from attacking and causing symptoms. For persons that experience continued nerve pain, corticosteroids may be prescribed. Immunosuppressive medications, such as azathioprine (*Imuran*), may also be beneficial.

Register Now For the 2010 Annual THC Conference

April 2 is the early registration deadline for the Texas Historical Commission's (THC) 2010 Annual Historic Preservation Conference, sponsored in association

with Preservation Texas, held at the Westin Oaks Houston, April 22-24.
The conference provides an excellent environment for preservationists to network, learn new

skills and enjoy the sights and sounds of Houston.
The 2010 conference will include four concurrent session tracks — Resource Fundamen-

tal, Resource Development, Preservation Advocacy and Public Engagement.

The conference also features events honoring recipients of the T.R. Fehrenbach Book Award and two of the THC's most prestigious awards, the Ruth Lester Lifetime Achievement Award and the Curtis D. Tunnell Lifetime Achievement Award in Archeology.

The conference's Preservation Marketplace offers commercial and nonprofit vendors with products and services beneficial to the preservation community a perfect outlet to promote their goods.

The online conference brochure is available at www.thc.state.tx.us. New this year is online registration. Please contact the THC's Marketing Communications Division at 512.463.6255 for additional information.

Tips To Become A Better Person

The world is full of ethical dilemmas: moments when people have the opportunity to make split-second decisions to do the right thing.

But if recent news is any indicator, many make the wrong choices.

Hardly a month goes by without another story about an executive, sports figure or ordinary mom or dad behaving unethically and even criminally.

But how tough is it to become prouder of the person in the mirror?

Knowing the basic difference between right and wrong isn't enough.

"All too often, there are factors that distort our perception of right and wrong, so we actually believe unethical behavior is normal and appropriate," says clinical psychologist Robert Hoyk, the author of the new book, "The Ethical Executive," which examines the causes of unethical behavior and the psychological traps we need to avoid.

"One look at the Wall Street crisis and the scandalous behavior of leading politicians leaves little doubt we need more responsible behavior from our leaders," he adds.

Recognize the Traps

In our everyday lives, especially at work, there are many psychological traps into which we risk falling.

We are susceptible to them due to such psychological issues as low self-esteem, guilt and competition.

By identifying many of these traps beforehand, maintaining ethical behavior gets easier.

For example, just because your boss or an authority figure orders you to do something, doesn't make it right.

Blind obedience to author-

ity can lead you down unethical paths, say experts.

And just because those around you do something, doesn't mean you should.

"The vast majority of people care about ethics, but are vulnerable to traps. Good intentions aren't enough to avoid these pitfalls. You need to be aware of things that distort our perception of right and wrong," says Hoyk, whose new book outlines 45 traps that await us daily.

And how we handle situations at work dictates our behavior at home and vice versa.

Take the Time

Our work and home lives are built on foundations of human relationships.

Taking a moment to offer an encouraging word to a co-worker can motivate and provide the same positive energy as telling family members you love them.

Volunteer Your Time

Offer some of your personal or business resources for those less fortunate.

Aside from helping others, volunteering time or money provides opportunities to integrate your family, friends and co-workers into activities that help establish strong patterns of ethical behavior.

Becoming a better person is about being better aware of both ethics and psychology -- those cues in our daily lives and within ourselves that drive our actions.

"Ethics need to be integrated with psychology," stresses Hoyk, who is donating 15 percent of the proceeds of his book to Health Span International Foundation.

"Ethics tells us what we should be doing and psychology can help us stop immoral behavior and motivate us to do the right things."

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THE TRUTH ABOUT DIP AND CHEW

Many professional and amateur athletes use dip and chewing tobacco, and get hooked before they know the facts about tobacco. Chewing tobacco and snuff can cause mouth and throat cancer. Up to a certain point, if you quit, your body can heal itself, but the longer you use tobacco, the bigger your risk of getting cancer.

See your dentist right away if you have a sore that does not heal; a lump or thickening anywhere in your mouth or neck; a soreness or swelling that does not go away; a red or white patch that does not go away; or trouble chewing, swallowing, or moving your tongue or jaw. Even if you don't find a problem, see your dentist or doctor every 3 months. Chances for a cure are best if mouth cancer is found early.

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Darrell Gertson,
Gertson Family,
and Citizens of
Colorado County

I apologize for my "lack of integrity" in running the negative political ad in last week's paper. The Gertson family did not deserve this lack of respect. I have always tried to be an honorable man in my work and dealings with others. I failed in that pursuit last week. I made a hasty decision without the knowledge and counsel of my family and I am truly sorry to have hurt and offended you.

I hope to regain your trust as we continue working to make our community a better place to live and work.

Sincerely,
Edward Sunderman

Lots to Learn in Women's History Month

With 155.8 million females in the United States, there is plenty that can be learned from women, especially considering they outnumber their male counterparts by four million.

And with women outnumbering men two-to-one in the 85-and-over age group, women's history certainly is relevant.

All Americans can learn more about that history in March, which originally was established as National Women's History Week in 1981.

That week later became a month.

Learning about women's history can be particularly insightful today, an age in which women account for 55 percent of college students and 66 percent of women of voting age went to the polls in the 2008 presidential election, compared to 62 percent of men.