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RHODES RESIDENTS MOURN THE LOSS OF THREE PEOPLE WITHIN A MONTH



In a community of less than 300 people, the deaths of three long-time residents within a month leaves nearly everyone affected, either as a family member or a friend. All of them lived virtually their entire lives in Rhodes and last names weren't necessary. Everyone knew them as Leo, Pete, and Juanita. Each one brought their unique talents to the community. They married people who had lived most of their lives in the Rhodes community and raised their families here.

Leo Malloy was 81 years old when he passed away January 22, 2003. The last few years, he enjoyed driving around town, stopping to talk to anyone who was outdoors or checking in with his four sons. Leo loved to talk.

In his younger years, he farmed with his father, was a city councilman, a volunteer fireman, and did electrical work on farm buildings and barns that were not wired when electricity first became available. He liked fixing radios and television sets as a hobby.

He was the Sexton (1949-1995) for St. Joseph's Cemetery, located on land east of town donated by his great-grandfather Joseph Goodman.

Leo married Elizabeth Malechek and they raised their four sons, Tom, Dennis, Mick and Pat, on the family farm. The Malloy farm is a Century Farm and Leo and Liz received the plaque at the State Fair in Des Moines on their 40th wedding anniversary in 1984. In 1973, Leo and Liz purchased a cabin at Holiday Lake and spent many pleasant hours boating on the water.

Unlike Leo, Gerald "Pete" Richeson was a man of few words. He could go a whole day without saying a word. Pete's parents lived on a farm east of Rhodes and he grew up there. Ruby remembers the two of them walking hand in hand from his farm home to her home in Rhodes. Pete and Ruby Walker were married in 1936. They raised two sons, Melvin (deceased) and Jerry.

Pete and Ruby celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in 1996. They were privileged to live long enough to see a great-granddaughter married.

Pete worked on the railroad and farmed east of Rhodes. He loved doing carpenter work. He and Ruby moved from house to house in Rhodes, fixing them up and selling them. Pete designed the new basement staircase at the Rhodes United Methodist church. Unfortunately, Pete fell from the roof of the UM parsonage while working on it, and was no longer able to continue his carpentry career.

Pete loved fishing almost as much as carpentry. His favorite fishing hole was Hendrickson's Marsh where he spent many hours fishing for bullheads. In the last few years, Pete and Ruby went riding every afternoon so he could see how the crops were doing and just to enjoy being outdoors. Pete was 87 years old when he died on February 1, 2003.

Juanita Wignall Gibbs was 70 years old when she passed away on February 12, 2003. She lived her entire life in the Rhodes community. She attended school in Rhodes and was junior class President in 1948-49. Graduating high school in 1950, she married Marvin Gibbs the next year. They raised a daughter, Nancy Gibbs Mercer, and a son, Bob, on the Gibbs farm. Marvin served in the U. S Army during the Korean conflict. He was a member of the VFW and Juanita was a member of the Auxiliary. They enjoyed the camaraderie of the Legionaries and were always very involved in the activities. Marvin died in 1993.

Juanita was active in local sports programs and was elected Secretary/Treasurer of the Rhodes Ball Association in 1969. She was very active in community affairs and genealogy. Juanita was Chairman of the 1983 centennial history book. The book was very well received and continues to be a treasured reference for community history. She loved to bowl and is listed in the Marshalltown Bowler's Hall of Fame, and was active in the Alumni Association. In 1996, Juanita was proud to have five generations of her family living in the Rhodes area. In later years, she was active in the Rhodes Historical Society and in publishing the local newspaper.

All of these people gave of themselves, carrying on a tradition of service to the community established by their ancestors. To simply say they will be missed doesn't do justice to their many contributions. We join in expressing our heartfelt sympathy to their families.

Submitted by Alice Karsjen

MEDIC pitches Clear Creek Lake project to State Commission (Times Republican-Marshalltown) Feb. 14, 2003

Three members of the Marshall Economic Development Impact Committee's Clear Creek Lake Project Task Force presented its plans for the proposed 778-acre lake to members of the Natural Resources Commission at the Wickiup Hill Outdoor Learning Center near Toddville.

The delegation members Mike Donahey (vice President of economic development for the Marshalltown Area Chamber of Commerce), Jay Merryman (vice president of A. G. Edwards) and Les Wolfe (Fox Engineering) shared plans for the recreation area proposed to be built near Rhodes in Marshall County.

Donahey said the group was invited by the NRC to attend the meeting and make its presentation on the proposed project. After introducing the group and the project, Donahey said the task force was asking the NRC to do three specific things:

- ** Reinststate Clear Creek Lake in the long range capital plan.**
- ** Open the dialogue with Iowa State University regarding the transfer of the Rhodes Research Farm to IDNR.**
- ** Give consideration to the vision of a public/private partnership permitting landowners to maintain properties as they now exist or develop these properties within guidelines.**

"This is just the first of many meetings MEDIC and the task force will have with the NRC and DNR," said Donahey. "We have a meeting set up with DNR Head Jeff Bonk on March 4th as a part of the agenda for Des Moines Summit Legislative Day.

The group told the commission members that if Clear Creek Lake is included in the NRC capital plan, MEDIC and project supporters will work with Central Iowa legislators for NRC funding to complete existing projects, move forward on previously planned projects and to move forward with the Clear Creek project. MEDIC will also work with Central Iowa counties and local governments forming alliances to create funding mechanisms for the project.

"We understand that there is a lot of work that remains to be done before this project becomes a reality," Donahey said. He listed some of the challenges facing the task force.

- **Funding for IDNR acquisition of the ISU Rhodes Research Farm.**
- **Upgrades to support services such as improved secondary roads, utilities, fire protection and law enforcement as a result of increased population density (residents and visitors) and traffic.**
- **Funding for public facilities such as boat ramps, beach, day-use areas, camping trails, etc.**
- **Coordinated, collective and cooperative development efforts of area landowners.**

It was noted that this situation is helped along by the fact that the new 4-lane Highway 330 provides superior access to proposed public areas around the lower portion of the proposed lake. The Harvester development has set the standard for providing community potable water service, waste-water conveyances and treatment, electrical, and high-speed Internet access to this rural area.

Donahey said the task force sees the project as being important for the county and area by bringing: 1) an improved quality of life, 2) improved outdoor recreational opportunities, 3) increased economic development activities and associated jobs, and 4) increased land values and tax base with increased tax revenue to the county and schools.

Donahey said the task force left the meeting with a sense that the NRC had interest in the project. He said that two of the commissioners were on the board when the project was first proposed, but halted when ISU was not willing to sell the land where the research farm is located.

ISU's willingness to cooperate in the planning processes for the Clear Creek project and to accept compensation for any resources or land utilized by the project has once again got the ball rolling.

Residents voice opposition to Clear Creek Plan (Feb. 20, 2003)

Several articles have been printed lately concerning the Clear Creek Lake proposal, however, to some residents, the news is not good. Two of those residents shared reasons for their opposition to the proposed project. One of the couples, are Dale and Kim Meyer of State Center. The Meyer's feel that since the lake would follow existing ravines, there would be many shallow, stagnant fingers of the lake in this area. They believe that most of the northern private area would have steep banks, which would provide little or no opportunity for development and only a small area south of the Heart of Iowa Trail would be wide enough for boating, areas north of the trail would be too narrow for anything more than fishing. A final concern that the Meyer's expressed is how the lake will be maintained. They quoted from an article that Iowa's lakes are among the filthiest in the world.

Another letter of protest comes from Chris and Richard Freland, who lives in the area, and are young dairy farmers struggling to make a living, trying to preserve history and heritage, and carrying on a family legacy by working the same land and showing our children what is truly important in life. She said pushing agriculture out of the community and state is not necessary or a good idea. "The MEDIC and Clear Creek Lake committee would have people believe that this project is going to be an extravagant showplace, when in all reality it will be nothing more than an narrow-channeled, shallow oversized fishing pond." They feel MEDIC's time and energy would be better spent providing incentives to improve the quality of cities and towns to promote growth rather than promoting a lake of questionable value.

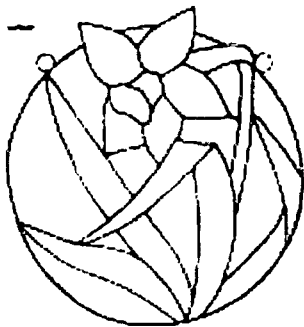
RECOVERING

Randy Rosenbaum Sr. had open heart surgery.
Larry Witte was hospitalized. Get Well Soon!!

The March wind roars
Like a lion in the sky,
And makes us shiver
As he passes by.
When winds are soft,
And the days are warm and clear,
Just like a gentle lamb,
Then spring is here.
- Author Unknown

A Special Heart Felt Thought

This is one of the hardest papers I've had to put together. Our community has lost 3 of the dearest residents in such a short period of time. Leo Malloy, Pete Richeson and Juanita Gibbs. These fine folks gave so much to our little town. From serving on committees to actual working with their own hands, building their homes and creating a better community for the rest of us.



Losing life is always hard for family and friends, but remember,

Sometimes precious people
Are taken from our lives,
Leaving us behind to feel the pain.
When we can start to smile
And share their stories with the world,
In a special way, we give them life again.

*From the Rhodes
Rocket Staff*

IN REMEMBRANCE

Gerald "Pete" Richeson, 87 of Rhodes, died Feb. 1, 2003 at the State Center Manor where he has resided since Oct. 15, 2002. His death came peacefully.

Funeral services and a celebration of his life was held at the Rhodes United Methodist church with Rev. Elsa Lawry officiating and son Jerry Richeson delivering the eulogy. He was laid to rest in the Eden Cemetery at Rhodes.

He was born on July 16, 1915 at Melbourne, Iowa, and was the son of Wright and Eva Richeson.

On May 16, 1936, he was united in marriage to Ruby Walker in Marshalltown. Pete was employed for many years at the Milwaukee Railroad, Lennox Industries, Lander-Landon, farming and carpentry. Many will fondly remember him as a loving husband, father and grandfather who enjoyed time with family, fishing, doing jobs for the church, restoring older homes. He was a great carpenter and quiet, hardworking gentleman.

Pete was a member of the Rhodes United Methodist Church and Rhodes Odd Fellows Lodge.

Left to mourn his loss are his loving wife of 66 years, Ruby, one son Jerry (Amy) of Lafayette, La., daughter-in-law Marjorie (Late Melvin) Richeson of Marshalltown, grandchildren: Cindy J. (Rick) Ward of State Center, Tammi S. (Russ) Ryan of Pasadena, Md.; and Lynn (Scotty) Granger of Brossard, LA.; great grandchildren, Matt (Paula) Ward of New Providence; Misty (Tom) Wengert of State Center, Forrest Ryan and Sommer Ryan both of Pasadena, Md.; great-great grandchildren, George Wengert and Quinton Ward, his brothers and sister Donald (Pat) Richeson of Melbourne, Stanley Richeson of Baxter and Wrightabelle Grossman of Marshalltown, as well as numerous nieces, nephews and a host of friends.

In death, he has rejoined his parents, a brother in infancy, a brother Ronald and son Melvin.

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS FAMILY AND FRIENDS.

Juanita Gibbs, 70, of Rhodes died Feb. 12, 2003, at the Marshalltown Medical and Surgical Center.

Services and a celebration of her life was held Feb. 16 at the St. Paul Lutheran church in State Center with Pastor Gary MacManus officiating. She was laid to rest in the Hillside Cemetery at State Center. The Wensel-Perrin Funeral Home in State Center was entrusted with Juanita's final arrangements.

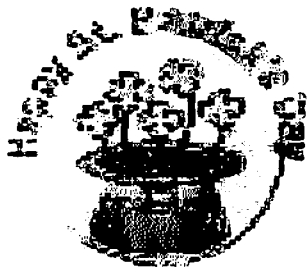
Born Juanita Wignall on Oct. 30, 1932, in Marshall County, she was one of four children born to William and Edna (Spencer) Wignall. She received her education in Rhodes and was a member of the Rhodes High School's Class of 1950.

On March 5, 1951, she was united in marriage to Marvin Gibbs, the son of Robert and Gertrude Gibbs. They have called Rhodes their home all their married lives where he and she farmed together and raised their family. Juanita was a member of the St. Paul Lutheran Church in State Center, the Rhodes Historical Society-where she helped with the centennial work and book, the Rhodes Alumni Association, and the Marshalltown Bowler's Hall of Fame. Juanita enjoyed sports, bowling, softball, basketball, and was an avid genealogist and supporter of the Rhodes Community.

Left to mourn her loss are her daughter Nancy (John) Mercer of Rhodes; son Robert (Jody) Gibbs of Chariton; Grandchildren Tina (David) Ecklor of State Center; Michelle (Jason) Helton of Marshalltown; John Michael Mercer of Rhodes, Robert Russell "Rusty" Gibbs at Iowa State University; Raymond Grant Gibbs of Chariton and foster granddaughter Erica Weeces of State Center, six great-grandchildren, her brothers and sister Norma (Merlin) Klaas of State Center, Harlan (Caroline) Wignall of Marshalltown and Robert (Linda) Wignall of Rhodes, and numerous friends and acquaintances.

In death she has rejoined her husband Marvin (1993) and her parents.

WE WILL SINCERELY MISS JUANITA IN OUR COMMUNITY AND HER HELP ON THE PAPER!!

**Looking Back**

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THE TRIBUNE

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RHODES, IOWA, MARCH 20, 1890

M. P. CHURCH. Services every Sabbath at 11 A.M. and 8 P.M. Sunday School at 10 A.M. Rev. Striker, Pastor

M.E. CHURCH. Services every other Sabbath at 11 A.M. and 7 P.M. Sunday School at 10 A.M. Rev. J. L. Beatty, Pastor

LOCAL EVENTS

Chas. Curry was at Cambridge, Wednesday.

Fence Staples 3 cents per pound, at Owells Bro's.

Miss Mina Beltz, of Maxwell, spent Sunday at home.

Miss Cora Cromley was at Maxwell the first of the week.

Stoves at cost, until they are closed out, at Owells Bro's.

Frank Fish, of Collins, attended the dance Friday night.

Two Marshalltown ladies visited our public schools, last week.

G.W. Bailor and wife have returned from their visit in the east.

John Burger, of Ida Grove is visiting relatives and friends in Rhodes this week.

Rev. Smay, of Colo, preached morning and evening at the M. P. Church, last Sunday.

Did anyone mention a "goose party?" Ask Mrs. Thomas what became of her crackers.

Rev. Striker and wife left Tuesday for Meridian to remain some time visiting relatives.

Rev. Belt, of Colo, was in town Sunday, attending quarterly meeting at the M. P. Church.

The Ladies Industrial Aid Society will meet with Mrs. R.A. Elzy, Thursday P.M., March 27.

Mrs. R. A. Buck, of Boone, is visiting her parents, Mr. And Mrs. J. W. Johnson, south of Rhodes.

The girls have plenty of money to buy chewing gum now. Don't ask them where they got it.

Miss Bessie Flaherty spent last Wednesday night in the country with her friend, Miss Lizzie Phillips.

Our enterprising implement dealer, C. E. Francis, has a new adv. In this issue of the TRIBUNE. Don't fail to read it.

Two young men were seen coming in town at a rather late or early hour Monday morning. Wonder where they had been.

A number of the young friends of Miss Nellie Beatty had a very pleasant surprise party on her at her home Monday evening.

Miss Gertie Kitchel, of Clyde, visited a few days in town last week, attended the dance Friday night and returned home Sunday.

Last Friday night the home of Lewis Bence was burned to the ground. The fire caught on the roof in some way and it being a windy night, the greedy flames made quick sad work.

Mr. J. Breunig and daughters, Lucy and Lizzie, left Monday for their future home in Nebraska. We are sorry to lose them from our town but join with their many friends in wishing them success in their new home.

The Ladies Grand Ball last Friday evening was one of the most pleasant of the social events that has taken place lately. Well attended, and well conducted and in every respect a decided success. Everybody present report a good time.

A lecture last Wednesday evening, by the Rev. McGee was good. Though not as largely attended as it should have been, owing to the inclement weather. It was a treat to those who were fortunate enough to be present.

We bought our steel goods last fall to be shipped here this spring. There are so many calls for forks etc., that we have decided to have them shipped at once. Any one wanting goods in this line will do well to take advantage of this opportunity. Owells Bro's.

We have just learned of the sad death of little Dee Thackaberry at his home in Adair, Iowa. Every body in Rhodes will remember what a great sufferer he was and yet how patiently he bore his sad affliction. The deepest sympathy will be felt for the bereaved family, and many hearts will ache for the mother in that desolate home. But "Of such is the kingdom of heaven."

**Fair Notes.**

Wake up Rhodes and make the fair of 1890 a grand success.

2000 premium lists will be out for the Eden Fair about June first.

The Secretary will visit Des Moines this week in the interest of the Society.

The Directors meeting on Saturday was fully attended and the ball set in motion for a successful fair.

The business men of Rhodes almost as a body, show their interest by promptly investing in membership tickets.

Membership tickets for the Eden District Agricultural Society are printed and for sale by the Secretary and Directors. The price this season is \$1.50, admitting gentleman and lady and team during the fair.

Maxwell, Iowa, March 13, 1890

Earl, youngest child of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Thompson, of Des Moines, died Sunday. The remains were brought here Monday evening and buried in the Peoria City Cemetery Tuesday. The bereaved parents have the sympathy of all.

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A. L. White severed his connection with the TRIBUNE office Saturday, and will take hold of a stock farm in the northern part of the state with his brother, Wm. White. Abram has been with the TRIBUNE for about three years, and is a steady and industrious boy. We wish him success in his new field of labor.

We acknowledge the receipt of a complimentary ticket to the Eden District fair to be held at Rhodes this fall. The directors and citizens of Rhodes are taking hold of the work with interest and will spare no pains nor time in making the fair a grand success.

Our friend, W. V. Smith, of Iowa Centre is one of the TRIBUNE'S much esteemed subscribers. Besides being a regular subscriber himself, he has recently brought in four new subscriptions. We highly appreciate his good work for the TRIBUNE.

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March 6, 1890

ALDERMAN - STRATTON - At the residence of the bride's parents in Iowa Center, Iowa, March 2nd, '90, by Rev. W. J. Hahn, Mr. Ellis Alderman and Miss Eva Stratton, both of Iowa Center, Iowa. Their many friends extend to them their congratulations and wish them a long, happy and prosperous life here and eventually life everlasting on the bright shores of eternal glory. Bro. Ellis has rented a farm one mile south of McCallsburg, to which they soon expect to move.

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AN AWFUL DEATH

Warren, Mass., March 19. - W. Johnson Brown while at work yesterday in Slasher's steam saw-mill near here was caught by the carriage and drawn upon the saw which, beginning at his head, cut him completely through lengthwise.

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Base-Ball in England.

NEW YORK, March 12. - A letter has been received by Walter Spalding stating that a professional base-ball league has been formed in England, composed of clubs in Manchester, Preston, Birmingham, Derby, Wolverhampton, Stoke and two in Liverpool.

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THE PLAYERS' LEAGUE.

BROTHERHOOD DIRECTORS HOLD A MEETING AT CLEVELAND - HOW THE \$20,000 PRIZE MONEY IS TO BE DIVIDED - THE SCHEDULE.

CLEVELAND, O., March 13. - At the meeting of the Players' Base-Ball League in this city yesterday all the clubs except Brooklyn were represented. President McAlpine presided. Among other reports received and adopted, was one from that on playing rules, of which "Buck" Ewing is chairman. It recommends that the \$20,000 to be given as prize money be divided as follows:

First prize \$6,250 Second prize 4,800 Third prize 3,500 Fourth prize 2,500 Fifth prize 1,750 Sixth prize 800 Seventh prize 400

After disposing of the committee reports the meeting approved the staff of umpires selected by the secretary and resolved to purchase for the New York club a handsome flag emblematic of the championship of the season of 1889.

In the afternoon the playing schedule was adopted. The season opens with Chicago at Pittsburgh. Brooklyn at Boston, Cleveland at Buffalo, Philadelphia at New York, with a four-game series.

The Western clubs go East May 15, with Chicago at Brooklyn, Buffalo at New York, Cleveland at Boston, Pittsburgh at Philadelphia.

Decoration day finds Chicago at Philadelphia, Buffalo at Boston, Cleveland at Brooklyn and Pittsburgh at New York.

Fourth of July finds New York at Chicago, Boston at Buffalo, Brooklyn at Pittsburgh and Philadelphia at Cleveland.

The season closes October 4, with New York at Chicago, Boston at Pittsburgh, Brooklyn at Buffalo and Philadelphia at Cleveland.

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The Bohemian oats swindle has lately been worked with great success upon the farmers of Central New York. No swindling scheme has been exposed more repeatedly than the Bohemian oats fraud. It has been as thoroughly advertised as the "freight-bill racket." (Note: a search of the internet failed to explain the details of the Bohemian oats fraud. It was apparently a scheme whereby a farmer paid in advance for oats which were never delivered. The following is the only reference I found. /H/)

Franklin, Venango Co. PA February 24, 1889 - Barney Brady, Bohemian oats man, taken to the Penitentiary.

The Rhodes Ball Association

Is Serving Chili Cheese Dogs,
Bahama Mamas, and Nachos
Monday Night

March 10, 2003

From 5:00 to 7:30 P.M.



At

GERT'S PLACE

Dine in or Take out
Proceeds go to the
Rhodes Ball Association
Please Help Support our Kids
and Organization!!

Today is the day when bold kites
fly,
When cumulus clouds roar across
the sky.
When robins return, when children
cheer,
When light rain beckons spring to
appear.

Today is the day when daffodils
bloom,
Which children pick to fill the
room,
Today is the day when grasses
green,
When leaves burst forth for spring
to be seen.
- Robert McCracken, *Spring*

Thought for the Day



**Only in America do we have a
general in charge of the post
office and a secretary in charge
of defense.**

In 1993, ten years ago

On Jan. 9 a fire destroyed the
home and contents of Randy and Lisa
Rosenbaum.

Jan. 22, Larry Ginter helped to
organize a meeting at the community
college in Marshalltown about
NAFTA. The North American Free
Trade Agreement the government was
negotiating with Canada and Mexico.

March 3 the Methodist women
sponsored the World Day of Prayer.

April at Marshalltown Community
college, scholarships were awarded to
Stacia Mitchem and Sandy Bear of
Rhodes.

Rev. Nancy Nichols of the M.E.
Church was retiring. May, Gary
Hadley was recognized nationally by
the American angus Association for
having 6 registered angus cows.

July the city of Rhodes received
\$37,000 as a result of an Iowa Trust
fund Settlement.

July the Malloy Family had a fam-
ily reunion at the home of Tom and
Resa Malloy.

The D.O.T. sent the city a quit
claim deed for the blacktop road and
railroad bridge, which was given to the
town.

In July, academic honors were
given to Stephanie Danielson, and
William Hoover. Great Floods of 1993
were head lines in most of newspapers.

Starting next month we will
be putting in the 1983 Alumni
Banquet, Parade, and other
activities. Who was in charge
of the activities, the alumni
quests, long line of names in
the centennial parade and pic-
tures.

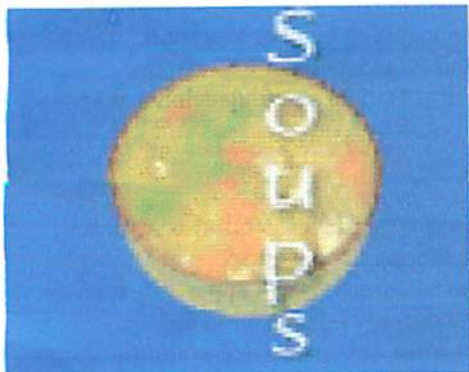
Dates to Remember:

April 1—Fools Day
April 6—Daylight Saving Time
April 13—Palm Sunday
April 16—Passover Begins
April 18—Good Friday
April 20—Easter Sunday
April 22—Earth Day
April 25—Arbor Day
April 28—Holocaust Remembrance Day

Rhodes First Responders

Soup Supper
Chili, Potato, & Vegetable Beef
All You Can Eat !!!!

Saturday March 22, 2003



**Rhodes United
Methodist Church
Serving 5-7 P.M.
Free Will Donations
Everyone Wel-
come!!**

St. Patrick: Legends

The Snake:



As in many old pagan religions serpent symbols were common, and possibly even worshipped.

Driving the

snakes from Ireland was probably symbolic of putting an end to that pagan practice. While not the first to bring Christianity to Ireland, it was Patrick who encountered the Druids at Tara and abolished their pagan rights. He converted the warrior chiefs and princes, baptizing them and thousands of their subjects in the Holy Wells which still bear that name.

His Death:

According to tradition St. Patrick died in

A.D.

493

and

was

buried

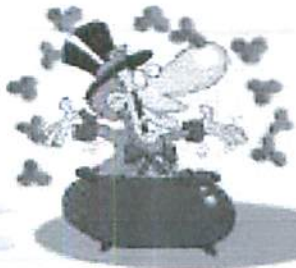
in the

same

grave

as St.

Bridget



and St. Columba, at Downpatrick, County Down. The jawbone of St. Patrick was preserved in a silver shrine and was often requested in times of childbirth, epileptic fits and as a preservative against the evil eye. Another legend says St. Patrick ended his days at Glastonbury and was buried there. The Chapel of St. Patrick still exists as part of Galstonbury Abbey. There is evidence of an Irish pilgrimage to his tomb during the reign of the Saxon King Ine in A.D. 688, when a group of pilgrims headed by St. Indractus were murdered. The great anxiety displayed in the middle ages to possess the bodies, or at least the relics of saints, accounts for the many discrepant traditions as to the burial places of St. Patrick and others.

Crazy National March Holidays

- 1st - National Pig Day and Peanut Butter Lover's Day
- 2nd - Old Stuff Day
- 3rd - National Anthem Day - President Hoover signed a bill making the Star Spangled Banner our national anthem.
- 4th - Holy Experiment Day
- 5th - Multiple Personalities Day
- 6th - National Frozen Food Day
- 7th - National Crown Roast Of Pork Day
- 8th - Be Nasty Day and International Women's Day
- 9th - Panic Day
- 10th - Employee Appreciation Day
- 11th - Johnny Appleseed Day
- 12th - Alfred Hitchcock Day (1899-1980)
- 13th - Jewel Day
- 14th - National Potato Chip Day and Pi Day
- 15th - Ides of March and Everything You Think Is Wrong Day
- 16th - Everything You Do Is Right Day
- 17th - Submarine Day
- 18th - Supreme Sacrifice Day and National Quilting Day
- 19th - Poultry Day
- 20th - Proposal Day and Festival Of Extraterrestrial Abductions Day
- 21st - Fragrance Day
- 22nd - National Goof-off Day
- 23rd - National Organize Your Home Office Day and National Chip and Dip Day
- 24th - National Chocolate Covered Raisins Day
- 25th - Pecan Day and Waffle Day
- 26th - Make Up Your Own Holiday Day and Spinach Festival Day
- 27th - National "Joe" Day - when men with strange names can call themselves Joe.
- 28th - Something On A Stick Day
- 29th - Festival Of Smoke and Mirrors Day
- 30th - I Am In Control Day
- 31st - Bunsen Burner Day and National Clams On The Half Shell Day

Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday, in Christian churches, is the first day of the penitential season of Lent. On Ash Wednesday Christians have a smudge of ashes placed on their foreheads as a sign of penitence. In the Roman Catholic Church the ashes are obtained from palm branches that were distributed the previous Palm Sunday, they are burned and blessed before mass on Ash Wednesday.

When the ashes are placed on a forehead the penitent is reminded of our mortality:

"Remember that you are dust, and unto dust you shall return."



The family of Leo Malloy of Rhodes would like to thank everyone who offered their sympathies at the visitation and funeral, and those who sent cards, food, and plants, and memorial donations. A special thanks to Father Louis Jaeger of Saint Henry's Church and also the Rhodes and Melbourne 1st Responders. Your love and support were greatly appreciated.

- Elizabeth Malloy
- Dennis & JoLene Malloy & family
- Tom & Resa Malloy & family
- Mick & Traci Malloy & family
- Pat & Karla Malloy & family

Card of Thanks

The family of Gerald (Pete) Richeson of Rhodes would like to express their appreciation to all of those who sent flowers, cards, memorials, food and phone calls. A special thank



you to Rev. Elsa Lawry and to the United Methodist Women who prepared dinner for the family and friends after the service.

- Ruby Richeson
- Jerry & Amy Richeson
- Rick & Cindy Ward
- Russ & Tammi Ryan
- Scotty & Lynn Granger

The family of Juanita Gibbs would like to thank our family, friends, and neighbors, who called, visited Mom, offered prayer and support during the hospital stay. To those who helped us through the funeral with their love and support, of food, flowers, cards, and memorial donations. A Special Thanks to Pastor Gary MacManus, for all your visits to the hospital and your prayers and support. To the St. Paul Lutheran Women for serving the luncheon. To State Center Nursing and Rehab Center, Nick Burnett, and MMSC ICU doctors and nursing staff for all their special care of Mom. The Rhodes, Melbourne, and State Center First Responders for being there when we needed you.

- John & Nancy Mercer
- Bob and Jody Gibbs
- Kristina Ecklor & family
- Michelle Helton & family
- John Michael Mercer
- Robert Russell Gibbs
- Raymond Grant Gibbs
- Erica Weeces & family



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