

OBITUARIES

Iola Emma (Schmidt) Bernshausen

August 31, 1914 — March 14, 1993

Iola Emma (Schmidt) Bernshausen, 78, of Baytown and formerly of Fayetteville, passed away March 14, 1993, in Baytown.

She was born August 31, 1914, in the Roznov community, near Fayetteville, the oldest daughter of Erwin F. and Emma (Gardes) Schmidt.

On June 14, 1936, she was united in marriage with Henry John Bernshausen in Warren. The couple lived in Baytown since 1957 where she was a homemaker and member of St. Paul Lutheran Church. Her favorite hobby was quilting.

She was preceded in death by her husband, parents, a brother, Eugene Schmidt; a sister, Evelyn Schmidt; and a granddaughter.

Survivors include six daughters and sons-in-law, Virginia and Adrian Fritsch of Columbus, Gertrude and Jack Hill of Baytown, Violet and Robert Krenk of Fayetteville, Stephanie and James Zucha of Pasadena, Meiba and Andy Reinsner of Houston and Judy and Jay Catasene of Dallas; one son and daughter-in-law, Henry and Mary Bernshausen of Baytown.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

Nancy B. Moore

July 12, 1938 — March 17, 1993

Nancy B. Moore, 54, of Cat Spring died March 17, 1993, at Diagnostic Hospital in Houston.

She was born July 12, 1938, to George and Nelda (Arndt) Briggs in Houston.

Employed by Diagnostic Hospital as a licensed vocational nurse and certified operating room teacher, she was united in marriage with G.W. Moore on September 30, 1966. She lived in Cat Spring for 15 years and was affiliated with the Lutheran church.

Survivors include her husband, mother, two aunts and several cousins.

Funeral services were held March 19 at the Henneke Funeral Home Chapel in Columbus with Pastor Robert Schlort officiating. Burial followed at Prairie Lee Cemetery in Brenham.

Palbearers were Cliff Hawthorne, Stan Kaliszewski, Len Cunningham, Bon Hinson, Curtis Allison and George Thompson.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

Celeste Regina 'Jean' Pullig

September 10, 1933 — March 19, 1993

Celeste Regina "Jean" Pullig, 59, of Houston, died March 19, 1993, at Memorial City Hospital in Houston.

She was born September 10, 1933, in Lena, La., to Linus M. and Essie Marie Brossette Vercher. A homemaker, she was united in marriage with Donnie M. Pullig on July 2, 1949. She had been a resident of Houston since 1959.

Survivors include her husband; two daughters and sons-in-law, Carolyn and Michael Lampe of College Station and Brenda and Wm. L. Kleimann of Columbus; a son and daughter-in-law, Ronald Dean and Elizabeth Pullig of Houston; three sisters and a brother-in-law, Geraldine and Eddie Radford of Fritchett, Asalee Ramo of Pineville, La., and Lee Ana Gullett of Shreveport, La.; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Ray and Brenda Kay Vercher of Alexander, La., and Eugene and Carol Ann Vercher of Ball, La.; and eight grandchildren.

Funeral services were held March 22 at the Henneke Funeral Home Chapel in Columbus with Pastor Sharon Burns officiating. Burial followed at Odd Fellows Rest Cemetery in Columbus.

Palbearers were Gerard Bruton, Hubert "Boo Boo" Girard, Larry Burris, Barney Spross, Roy Jones and Mary Ann Carter of Yoakum and Virginia Walker of Belton; and eight grandchildren.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

Beverly B. Burris

January 20, 1921 — March 16, 1993

Beverly B. Burris, 72, of Columbus died March 16, 1993, at Hermann Hospital in Houston.

She was born January 20, 1921, in Columbus to Volle Basil and Clara (Gimrd) Burris.

A rancher, Burris was a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Columbus and Woodmen of the World.

She was preceded in death by her parents and three brothers, Buford Chester and Elvie Burris.

Survivors include a daughter and son-in-law, BB and David Pilsner of Bernardo; three sons and a daughter-in-law, Norman Scherack of Houston, Bruno and Susan Burris of Columbus and Bert Burris of Mentz; two sisters, Mary Ann Carter of Yoakum and Virginia Walker of Belton; and eight grandchildren.

Funeral services were held March 18 at the Henneke Funeral Home Chapel in Columbus with Pastor Sharon Burns officiating. Burial followed at Odd Fellows Rest Cemetery in Columbus.

Palbearers were Gerard Bruton, Hubert "Boo Boo" Girard, Larry Burris, Barney Spross, Roy Jones and Brian Gundelach.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

Heritage House News

By Gladys Owens, Activity Director

Because nursing homes are providing higher levels of medical care, physicians are playing a more active role at long-term care facilities. Staff and residents at Heritage House will join thousands of health care professionals across the country as they pay tribute to physicians on Doctor's Day, March 30.

The one resident having a birthday this week was Josephine Gandy. We had a great St. Patrick's Day party. Everyone was in "green" for the occasion. Staff and residents wore St. Patty's buttons also.

Worship service was conducted by Rev. David Mann of the First Baptist Church Sunday evening.

Burning field blamed in wreck

By Steve Davis, Information Officer, Texas Air Control Board

Smoke drifting from burning fields of corn, rice and peanut stubble near the town of Hockley in Southeast Texas, may have been a contributing cause of a 25 vehicle pile-up which resulted in one fatality recently. Seventeen people were reported injured, according to Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) troopers.

The DPS reported the "zero visibility" situation caused by smoke and low lying fog early that Tuesday morning to the Tri-City Volunteer Fire Department. Texas Air Control Board (TACB) Region 7 office in Houston sent two investigators.

Jodena Henneke, director of Region 7, stated, "Although the crop residue burning in this situation was thought to be controlled, there were several violations of state laws. Burning can be conducted but only if the wind will carry the smoke away from public roads. The burning was not carried out between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., which is required in order to legally burn crop residue. In this situation flames should have been posted. This combination of early morning fog and smoke contributed to

ANNOUNCING NEW ARRIVALS

Katlyn Paige Brown

Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Brown of Garwood announce the birth of their second child, a girl, born March 12, 1993, at 3:36 p.m. in the Eagle Lake Community Hospital.

The baby, named Katlyn Paige, weighed seven pounds, 11 ounces and measured 20-1/2 inches long. The attending physician was Dr. Russell Thomas.

The baby is welcomed home by her sister, Melanie, who is eight years old.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Smidovec of Garwood. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Brown of Sublime.

The mother is the former Sheryl Lynn Smidovec.

Jacquelyn Lee Klekar

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Klekar of Luling announce the birth of their first child, a girl, born March 15, 1993, at the Edgar D. Davis Memorial Hospital in Luling.

The baby, named Jacquelyn Lee, weighed seven pounds, 11 ounces and measured 20-1/2 inches long. The attending physician was Dr. Russell Thomas.

The baby is welcomed home by her spring break guest, Jacquelyn Lee.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Robert Shearer of Luling. The paternal grandmother is Agnes D. Klekar of Eagle Lake who spent her spring break guesting with her new granddaughter.

The mother is the former Debby Shearer.

Kirby Nicole Wunderlich

Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Wunderlich of Sealy announce the birth of their first child, a girl, born March 15, 1993, at 10:03 a.m. at the Eagle Lake Community Hospital.

The baby, named Kirby Nicole, weighed seven pounds and measured 20 inches long. The attending physician was Dr. Russell Thomas.

Maternal grandparents are Preston and Barbara Davis of Nelsonville and the late Ervin "Shorty" Rucka. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Wunderlich of Sheridan. Great grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. John Rucka of East Bernard, Mr. and Mrs. Delvin Wunderlich of Shelby, Mr. and Mrs. William Neese of Carmine and the late Mary Veselka.

The mother is the former Beverly Sue Rucka.

Justin Anthony Gomez

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Anthony Gomez of Wallis announce the birth of their first child, a boy, born March 14, 1993, at 3:25 p.m. at the Eagle Lake Community Hospital.

The baby was named Justin Anthony Gomez, weighed six pounds, 10 ounces and measured 19-1/2 inches long. The attending physician was Dr. Russell Thomas.

He is welcomed home by his sister, Ashley, age four.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Frank Longoria of Wallis. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Daniel J. Gomez II of Wallis.

The mother is the former Anne Longoria.

Eagle Lake Middle School releases honor roll

Eagle Lake Middle School announced the honor roll for the fourth six weeks of school.

Fourth grade: Jennifer Allen, Le'Theia Banks, Samaha Blunson, Jami Christ, Kurt Coldewey, Mark Contreras, Barbara Cooper, Anthony Gonzalez, Daisy Granillo, Stephanie Jackson, Jana Lewis, Johana Lopez, Gretchen Marsalia, Patricia Najera, Ronnie Navarro, Rhonda Neroni, Andrew Powers, William Ramirez, Christopher Rodriguez, Dora Rodriguez, John Rucka, Anthony Sallinas, Gus Seaholm, Paul Vargas, Perla Vargas, Reynaldo Vargas, Leslie Waddell, Cynthia Webb.

Fifth grade: Stephanie Braden, Melissa Buckner, Tabitha Connor, David Dromgoole, Amelia Fearing, London Ferguson, Bethanie Guerra, Kimberly Lot, Shawn Lujan, Shanell Moody, Denise Mortensen, Jamesangela Phillips, Cecelia Ruiz, Brandon Shanks, Rose Sosa.

Sixth grade: Brandon Beich, Rebel Canaris, Brian Cardenas, Valerie Galvan, Cori Gertson, Ralph Gertson, Ideth Gonzalez, Lori Grigar, Michele Gutierrez, Brad Hladky, Justin Jobe, Amalie Kucherka, Thomas Marsalia, Amanda Meehan, Dena Pustejovsky, Kurt Rodgers, Adela Rodriguez, Joe Romo, Dawn Schwenn, Hollie Shindler, Leroy Sommerlatte, Amanda Sosa, Coy Sunderman, Barrett Thomas, Lindsay Tull, Ricardo Vargas, Danielle Witte.

Seventh grade: Christy Aldridge, Jarmarcus Brooks, Jonathan Burrow, Tiffany Castro, Jesus Cruz, Shelley Cunningham, Fulton Dromgoole, Gabriel Gutierrez, Timothy Jasek, Kelli Mathys, DeAnn Meahan, Jennifer Miller, Brianna Moreland, Frances Mrkwa, Stacie Mueller, Amy Obenhaus, Jonathan Pope, Vanessa Rodgers, Nenci Rodriguez, Robin Shavers, Charles Stephens, Renesha Thibodeaux, Risa Waddell, Tiffany Wilkerson.

Eighth grade: Bridget Baird, Sarah Buckner, Natalie Cardenas, Corina Chamberlain, Willie Cleveland, Adriana Cordova, Kyle Fink, Rudy Flores, Kristoffer Gertson, Sunny Gertson Shara Glaiser, Ivonne Gonzales, John Grigar, Alicia Hengst, Dustin Hruzek, Wilbert Kucherka, Consuelo Longoria, Sara Mann, Angelica Martinez, Diana Pantaja, Timothy Powers, Emelda Ramirez, Justin Rodgers, Manuel Rodriguez, Robyn Rucka, Jaclyn Schmitt, Gina Sides, Christopher Soto, George Weller.

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Estlinbaum, radio operator, will soon complete intensive training in combat flying at Alexandria Army Air Field, La., and in the near future he will go overseas.

November 17, 1944

The entire community was shocked Thursday morning when word flashed abroad that John Franklin Hough, a prominent citizen of the Lissie community, had died suddenly in the early morning hours...

Stanley L. Kucherka Jr., A.S. arrived home last week on a few days leave from San Diego, Cal. Stanley is in the Navy...

Pfc. Elizabeth Westmoreland left Tuesday for an undisclosed destination...

A message was received Wednesday announcing the arrival of a son in the home of Mr. & Mrs. William R. Waddell at Brookhaven, Miss...

Mrs. Harry J. Kilgore congratulated her young daughter, Betty Jane, with a breakfast Armistice morning.

Did you know... Farmers and ranchers were recycling long before it became socially correct. Old machinery was kept for spare parts, crop stubble was plowed under to build up soil and an old bathtub might become a water trough.

Prairie Edge Museum Notes

By Elizabeth Boothe, Reporter

For the week of March 25, 1993 I am delighted to begin my write-up by giving a special "bouquet" to Linda Lippert, our Chamber of Commerce secretary. Linda is indeed a booster of Prairie Edge Museum. I am so thankful that the museum board members voted to rent space in our museum to this very valuable civic organization. Linda is truly a goodwill ambassador for our city. She sends out many brochures, many of which include information concerning our museum and the Wildflower Fields on our activities.

I hope there will be many decorated windows in our stores. One of these is Eagle Lake Insurance Association located across the street from Prairie Edge. The decoration is mainly blue and white bouquets of flowers among which are the ever-admired bluebonnets. I was especially impressed by the verse from Isaiah 55:10. These beautiful words are: "As the rain waters the earth and makes it bloom, so shall my word..."

In the March 19, 1993, edition of the Houston Chronicle there are many pictures and articles concerning flowers in the section entitled "Garden."

There is a map showing Wildflower stops in Texas, and naturally Eagle Lake is one of the designated places. Following are excerpts concerning Wildseed Tours in and around Eagle Lake: "The annual tours at Wildseed Farms begin April 1 and run through May 2. The 600 acres of wildflower fields are open 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. daily. Wildseed, the nation's largest wildflower grower, is located five miles outside Eagle Lake. Visitors are asked to stop by the Prairie Edge Museum, 408 E. Main in Eagle Lake, to pick up maps... Admission is \$4 for adults, \$3 for senior citizens and \$1 for children 6-12; those under 6 get in free. Call 409-234-7353 for information. Wildseed also publishes a complimentary, informative wildflower seed catalog. For a copy, write to Wildseed, P.O. Box 308, Eagle Lake, Texas 77434."

The admission fees mentioned above pertain to Wildseed Farms; admission to Prairie Edge Museum is free.

If you will drive around Eagle Lake, you can see many varieties of wildflowers. Among these are bluebonnets, pink primroses, scarlet flax, toadflax, gallardia, Mexican hat, African daisies and Indian paintbrush. Helen Craig and I have "adopted" a tiny bluebonnet plant which is now blooming. This particular botanical specimen came through a crevice in the sidewalk in front of Prairie Edge. I immediately thought of the famous line "Flower in the crannied wall." These words were penned by Alfred, Lord Tennyson. One of our most faithful boosters of interest in wildflowers

Picture below are Betty Beasley, Tommy and Dorothy Barron, of Betty's Gifts in Temple. They specialize in Southwest-style ceramics. Also featured in the show will be clothing, woodcrafts, jewelry, specialty food items, quilts, needlepoint, leather crafts, and hundreds more items. Show hours are 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. Sunday. The \$3 adult admission is good both days. Children under 12 admitted free.

Drawings for door prizes given by the exhibitors are held each half hour. The Wharton Community Civic Center is at 1924 North Fulton St. For more information please phone Landmark Productions at 409-569-8650.



Betty Beasley, Tommy and Dorothy Barron, of Betty's Gifts in Temple will be at the Wharton show. They specialize in Southwest-style ceramics. Landmark Productions Photo

'Springfest' Arts, Crafts Show More than 50 artists and craftsmen will be on hand at Landmark Productions' April 3-4 "Springfest" Arts & Crafts Show and Sale in the Wharton Community Civic Center.

This month's event is one of the largest of the year and will include thousands of unique handmade items.

Boothe at 234-3361 if you care to arrange for a special tour. I hope you will join me in thinking seriously of the following words written by George MacDonald: "The best preparation for the future is the present well seen."

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Foot Facts

By Dr. Eric R. Tepper, Podiatrist

TWO TYPES OF HAMMERTOES

They are never a pretty sight, and they should never be ignored. Hammertoes are usually an inherited affliction brought about by a muscle imbalance or abnormal bone length. The condition's characteristic profile, a toe bent like the head of a hammer, can cause pain and irritation as well as loss of function. Hammertoes are either flexible or rigid. A flexible hammertoe can be manipulated up and down, straightening and relaxing the "hammer head". In such cases, the toe's top and bottom tendons and the joint capsules may be cut to release the bend. Rigid hammertoes, which cannot be manipulated by hand, may require removal of part of the joint, perhaps accompanied by fusion of the bones.

Toes that are abnormally bent over may also adversely affect the toes next to them. We are here to help! Please call my office for further information or for an appointment, at the Eagle Lake Community Hospital at 409-234-5571. I am there the first and third Tuesdays of the month. I offer your entire family high quality, professional and sensitive service, in terms of preventive foot care, as well as diagnosis and treatment.

P.S. Corns, or accumulations of dead skin cells, often form on the tops of the hammertoes' contracted joints.

PLACES TO GO, THINGS TO SEE

Polka, sausage at Hallettsville fest

The South Texas Polka and Sausage Fest is set for this weekend in Hallettsville. The festival will be in the KC Hall which has a 4,900 square foot oak dance floor, Saturday and Sunday, March 27-28.

Saturday activities begin with a Tarock Tournament at 9 a.m. Registration is \$15 a player and includes the noon meal. A polka mass at 4 p.m. features the Moravian Czech Heritage Singers at Sacred Heart Catholic Church. A dance from 6 to midnight will round out the day with a state polka and waltz contest at 9 p.m. Music is by the Jodie Mikula Band and Leroy's Swinging Orchestra.

A special performance of the Shiner Hobo Band will begin the Sunday events at 11 a.m. Three bands will provide the music for dancing

from 1 to 8 p.m., Vrazel's, Leo Majek and the Bobby Jones Band. Admission is \$6 each day. A variety of Czech and German foods will be served. Meals are served beginning at 5 p.m. Sausages and 10:30 a.m. Sunday. For more details contact the Knights of Columbus Council #2433 at 512-798-2311.

Chappell Hill Bluebonnet Festival The Chappell Hill Bluebonnet Festival will celebrate its 29th year of events April 3 and 4. Entertainment, guided tours, crafts, antiques, food and, of course, flowers are scheduled. Free entertainment, such as cloggers, dulcimer music, marimba band, and folk dancing along with 400 gospel singers are lined up.

The library, museum and historic rock house will be open for visitors. Over 100 quilts will be on display. Chappell Hill is 60 miles west of Houston on US 290 at Hwy 1155; 10 miles east of Brenham. The festival hours will be 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Easter egg hunt planned in Sealy Sealy Assembly of God Church will sponsor an Easter egg hunt Saturday, April 3, at 10 a.m. Over 16,000 eggs will cover the Sealy Tiger Football Field. Some will contain prizes and coupons for Easter egg gift baskets, baby chicks or bunnies, pizzas and more. Everyone is invited and admission is free. Call 409-885-3113 for details.

The church drama team will present an illustrated sermon and sing-along with puppets Ginger, Mick and

Old E.B. Hatchery The Hatchery, on Hwy. 90A in East Bernard, is being resurrected after a long hiatus. Soon the Hatchery will be housing

crafters and antiques from all over. An extra addition will be a tea room specializing in soups, sandwiches and salads. Promoters will have room for 60 exhibitors and will be open Wednesday through Sunday, with opening day on April 15.

The original building was built in 1941 by Jerome Kubala who ran it as a chicken hatchery until 1965. Kubala installed the first television in town, and local kids went there on Friday nights to watch wrestling. After Kubala closed up the Hatchery, he converted it into a washateria.

Years later Kubala sold it to Westside Developers who changed the building into a restaurant. Over the years the restaurant had several owners. Now it's changing again, and will be re-hatched as a totally different business establishment.

If you are interested in a booth, call Marilyn at 409-335-7541 day or 335-6062 evening, or Carolyn at 409-335-7319 day or 409-234-2383 evening.

Matagorda ferry operating Hustler Marine began operating a passenger ferry to Matagorda Island State Park this month. The ferry runs Saturdays and Sundays through October. It will also operate Memorial Day, July 4th and Labor Day.

Through the end of May it will leave Port O'Connor at 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. Saturday, and return at 5 p.m. Sundays it will leave at 10 a.m. and return at 5 p.m. During the summer, June-August, and holidays the ferry will leave Port O'Connor at 8 a.m., returning at 3 and 5 p.m. both days.

The ferry holds 51 passengers and must have a minimum of 10 to make a trip. Passengers must take their own food and drinks as there are none available on the island. Visitors are responsible for taking off the island everything they bring to it, including trash.

The ferry costs \$12 for everyone over 12 years old. Children under 12 are \$6 each. School groups may have a special rate with advance arrangements. Park Supt. Ronny Gallagher said more trips would be scheduled if necessary.

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