

OBITUARIES

Ervin Charles Muegge

April 15, 1928 - November 18, 2003

Ervin Charles Muegge, loving husband, father and PaPa, born April 15, 1928 in Kennedy, went home to his heavenly father on Tuesday, November 18, 2003 surrounded by his loving family in Glen Flora.

After graduating from high school in MacGregor, Mr. Muegge attended Texas A&M University on a football scholarship for 18 months.

In 1948, he joined Johnnie Frankie's bunch at Wharton County Junior College, where he became a Junior College All-American football player. While there, he met and married Betty Parr Irvin.

Mr. Muegge then accepted a football scholarship to the University of Houston, graduating in 1951. He remained a loyal and enthusiastic supporter of the Houston Cougars until his death.

Upon graduating from the University of Houston, he accepted a farm management position from the Bank of the Southwest, managing the G.C.P. Gifford properties in Wharton County.

In addition to serving on many boards and committees, Mr. Muegge also supported numerous civic projects in Wharton and Wharton County.

In 1976, he joined his son Eric at C.E. Muegge Real Estate in the farm and ranch brokerage business, remaining an active associate until his death.

Mr. Muegge was preceded in death by his parents, Louis and Doris Muegge; mother-in-law and father-in-law, Nellie and I.J. Irvin; his brothers-in-law, I.J. Irvin Jr. and Melvin Jacobs; and sister-in-law, Ellen Hood Eldridge.

Survivors include his loving wife of 54 years, Betty Parr; son and daughter-in-law, Eric and Cheri Muegge of Wharton; daughter, Karen Rees of Garwood; grandchildren, Lyle, Mason and Layne Muegge of College Station and Houston; Dyana and Bryan Rees of Huntsville and Garwood; brothers and sisters-in-law, Lonnie and Elsie Muegge of McGregor and Eldon and Dorothy Muegge and sister, Lorene Jacobs, all of Gatesville.

Funeral services were held at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Wharton Thursday, November 20, at 4 p.m. with Rev. Paul Kersten officiating.

Interment followed at Evergreen

Memorial Park Cemetery in Wharton.

Pallbearers were Clarence Cerny, Harold Bickley, John Wynn, Harold Graf, John Connor, Curtis Wilkins, Bill Kincer, Walter Jones, Bill Morrow, Bryan Rees, Lyle Muegge, Mason Muegge and Layne Muegge.

Honorary pallbearers were Joe Rhodes, Tim Barker, Bill Yeoman, Michael Crabb, Johnny Laitkep, Dr. Gregg Dimmick, members of the Glen Flora Volunteer Fire Department, the WCJC "Frankie Boys", members of the University of Houston Varsity H Association and all of his many friends.

If desiring, memorials may be made to the Johnnie Frankie/Tom Pickett Scholarship Fund, c/o Wharton County Junior College, 911 E. Boling Hwy., Wharton, TX 77488; or to St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 325 N. East Avenue, Wharton, TX 77488.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

Sarah Lynn Sosa

July 2, 1987 - November 29, 2003

Sarah Lynn Sosa, 16, of Cypress, died the evening of November 29, 2003 from injuries received in an auto accident near Richmond.

Born July 2, 1987 in Houston, she was the daughter of Brenda Morales and Alvin Sosa and was baptized at St. Frances Catholic Church of Houston.

A sophomore at Cypress-Spring High School, she was active in Girl Scouts.

Preceded in death by her grandparents, Julian Sosa Sr., Sarah Sosa and Claudio Morales; survivors include her mother, Brenda Morales Zapata and husband, Elias, of Cypress; father, Alvin Sosa of Eagle Lake; grandmother, Consuelo Morales of Eagle Lake; sisters, Blanca Nicole Sosa and Susanne Marie Sosa; brothers, Robert Allen Rodriguez, Alvin Michael Sosa, Cameron Zapata and Brandon Zapata; stepbrother, John Segura; a host of aunts, uncles, cousins, other relatives and loved ones.

A Vigil Service will be held at 7 p.m. Wednesday, December 3, from the Chapel of Dulany Funeral Home in Eagle Lake.

RHS Drama Club fall production

The RHS Drama Club is proud to present its production of *You Can't Beat the House*, a comedy of errors and mistaken identity, Friday, Dec. 12.

The play is centered around two thieves, Merle and Howie, who break into a house to rob the place only to find that it's empty and up for sale!

Their situation worsens when two prospective buyers, Conrad and Glenda Spears, show up to take a look around.

To top it off, the two thieves pretend to be real estate agents, which in turn blows up in their faces when the real real estate agent shows up!

The laughs continue as the police stop by and Glenda's mother comes to investigate the "spiritual side" of the house. To aid in her investigation comes her mentor, "Madam Zenobia", who turns out to be a fellow con artist. A seductive secretary and the cop's "patrol partner", AKA his mother, show up to add to the chaos, proving to Howie and Merle that *You Can't Beat the House*.

Starring in this year's fall production is Jonny Diaz as Merle, Daniel "Vallejo" Posada as Howie, Dustin Schlauch as Conrad, Kayla Wishert as Glenda, Farah Ellenbogen as Courtney Parfait, Kelly Konesheck as Madam

Zenobia, Kali Hammermiller as Britany, George Pierce as Officer Larraby, Jenny Munoz as Fern, and Courtney Moccabee as Lillian.

The stage crew includes Stephanie Botard and Jarod Munoz as stage managers and Victor Brewer and Guillermo Lopez as sound managers. Various

other crew members who keep the show running include Karl Vasut, Gerardo Zabala, Megan Mowery and Lorenzo Marsical II.

Directing this year are seniors Jessica Lopez and Diaz with assistance from Deborah Reed, drama sponsor.

Come enjoy and excellent enchi-

By Kelly Konesheck

lada dinner catered by the Diaz family followed by the performance Friday, Dec. 12. The dinner begins at 6:30 and the show begins at 7:30. Tickets are \$5 for show only and \$10 for dinner and show. Contact Reed at 234-2601 or any drama club member for tickets or more information.



Some of the cast and crew are, in front, from left, Jessica Lopez, Kali Hammermiller, Daniel Posada, Victor Brewer, Kelly Konesheck and Guillermo Lopez. In back are Karl Vasut, Megan Mowery, Jarod Munoz, Dustin Schlauch, George Pierce, Courtney Moccabee, Gerardo Zabala, Jonny Diaz and Jenny Munoz.

Photo Courtesy of Deborah Reed

Columbus getting ready for Christmas

Columbus is getting ready for all the Christmas on the Colorado events this weekend.

One of the activities planned is a Candlelight Christmas Homes Tour that includes five private homes and the Senftenberg-Brandon House Museum. Friday evening, Dec. 5, from 6 to 9 p.m. the home will look beautiful with lighted candles in the windows welcoming visitors to stop by and visit.

The Columbus Garden Club has once again decorated the 1867 Senftenberg-Brandon House Museum, 616 Walnut, in Christmas greenery and authentic 1900 holiday decoration. The tour includes a Victorian and early 1900s toy exhibit in the basement. The St. Anthony School choir will treat guests with music at 6.

The 1887 Ilse-Rau home, 1100 Bowie, is an elegant nine-room home restored in 1969 in an Empire and Victorian manner and features three fireplaces with marble mantles and a 24-candle chandelier. Laura Ann Rau and Gary Guthrie will be showing this home to guests.

Chuck and Marian Rankin will welcome visitors to their 1882 Simpson-Williamson-Rankin House, 630 Milam. This home is the hospitality house for the tour and will be shown by costumed docents. Wassail and cookies will be available here for visitors. Columbus High School musicians will play Christmas music at 7.

The 1861/88 Merline, 236 Preston, home of Merrill and Elaine Luman, will be shown by costumed docents. This tour includes a collection of nativity scenes from all over the world. The First United Methodist Church Bell choir will furnish music.

Carolyn Hastedt will welcome guests to her lovely home, the historic Steiner-Hastedt home at 1336 Milam. The Columbus High School musicians will provide Christmas music at 8 p.m.

The 1885 Smahlik-Haluska Home, 1503 Milam, will be decked in holiday decorations and will feature music by St. Paul Lutheran Church Bell Choir and singing by Die Deutsch Sanger (German singers). Jerry and Kathryn Haluska will welcome guests to the festivities.

Saturday, Dec. 6, there will be excitement at the Heritage Christmas Homes Tour that includes Texana Living History characters Sam Houston (at the Dilue Rose Harris House Museum, 602 Washington, at 2 and the Stafford Opera House entrance at 3), Deliens Rose (at the Dilue Rose Harris House Museum at 4), a German immigrant spinner (at the Stafford Opera House entrance at 1), Columbus, own Dilue Rose Harris (inside the Dilue Rose Harris House from 1 to 5) and the Texas Historical Shootists (at the Alley Log Cabin from 1 to 5) who will be telling their stories and re-enacting historical events. The Mary Elizabeth Hopkins Santa Claus Museum that contains North America's largest collection of (See Columbus, Page 6)

A NEW ARRIVALS

Emily Amanda Knesek

Calvin and Aurelia "Boni" Knesek of Eagle Lake are pleased to announce the birth of their third child, a daughter, born at 3:40 a.m. November 23, 2003 at Rice Medical Center in Eagle Lake.

Emily Amanda weighed seven pounds, 12 ounces and measured 22 inches at birth.

She was welcomed home by a sister, Stacy Lynn, age 13; and brother, Dustin Lee, age eight.

Maternal grandparents are Jesus and Martina Leal of Garwood.

Paternal grandparents are Mary Knesek of Eagle Lake and the late Emil Lee Knesek.

Her great-grandmother is Aurelia Leal of El Campo.



Jack Connally Laughlin

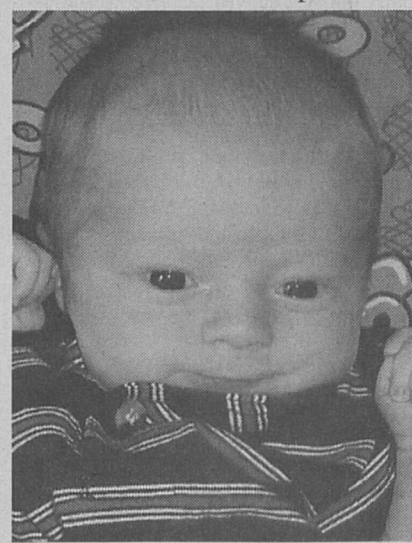
Wade and Leslie Laughlin and big sister Destiny, from Denton, announce the arrival of Jack Connally Laughlin.

Jack was born October 28, 2003 weighing seven pounds, six ounces and measuring 19 inches at birth.

Proud grandparents are Tom and Charmaine Laughlin of San Isabel, Colorado, Bill and Libby Gimmiller of Tucson, Arizona, and Richard and Janie Thomas of Alief.

Great-grandparents are George and Ida Causey of Eagle Lake, Avis Laughlin of Bay City and Vera Mae Thomas of Shreveport, Louisiana.

Jack's great-great grandmother is Ella Mae Abbott of Shreveport.



Bible Verse of the Week

"In everything you do, put God first. He will direct you and crown your efforts with success." — Proverbs 3:6
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Which Drugs Work Best for Osteoporosis?

Osteoporosis is a progressive weakening of the bones that steadily decreases bone density and makes them more likely to break. The denser the bone, the less likely it is to break. A person's maximum bone density is usually reached around the age of 30. After that time, if the body has trouble regulating the mineral content of bones they can become less dense and more fragile, leading to osteoporosis. The most common cause of osteoporosis is due to changing female hormone levels during menopause. Some types of osteoporosis can be caused by kidney failure or hormonal disorders. Long-term use of certain drugs like *steroids*, *seizure medications*, and *thyroid* tablets can cause bones to thin.

All who experience osteoporosis, both men and women, should take *calcium* and *vitamin D* daily. *Alendronate* (Fosamax) has been shown to increase bone mass and decrease the risk of fractures. Taking *parathyroid hormone* can actually stimulate new bone formation. However, new research indicates that taking alendronate together with parathyroid can actually reduce the effectiveness of these drugs instead of increasing it. Those who get bone scan scores indicative of osteoporosis should check with their doctor to discuss the best treatment alternatives.



EOF team attends Florida conference

Pastor Jerry Adkins and Elders John McClanahan and Jason Strickland of Equipppers Outreach Fellowship (EOF) in Weimar attended a Global Cause Network Conference in Hallandale Beach, Florida, Nov. 20-23.

Apostle Jonas Clark, founder of Global Cause Network, hosted the

weekend conference in his Florida-based church and featured such speakers as Apostles David Coker and Marc Nay and Prophet Bryan Burke.

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ROCK ISLAND FULL GOSPEL: P.O. Box 232, Rock Island; 234-5840.

LATIN-AMERICAN ASSEMBLY OF GOD (Bethlehem of Judea Church): 1000

East E. Eagle Lake; Ruth Olivera, Pastor.

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THE DAY OF PENTECOST APOSTOLISTIC REVIVAL RISING STAR: FM

102 South, Matthews; 4 p.m. (at Mt. Zion), Rev. R.L. Carter Sr.

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tor; 979-478-2169.

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CATHOLIC PARISH OF THE NATIVITY: Our Lady of Perpetual Help Sanctuary;

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Winkler, P.O. Box 307; 234-2842.

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GRACE LUTHERAN: 408 N. Stevenson, Eagle Lake; Services begin at 10 a.m.; Rev.

Clements Richard, Pastor; 234-3381.

LEHRER MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST: Garwood; 9 a.m. worship.

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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.

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