

OBITUARIES

Refugia Barela

February 25, 1911 – December 17, 2004

Refugia Barela, 93, of Bay City passed away December 17, 2004 at Matagorda General Hospital.

She was born February 25, 1911 in Encarnacion, DeDias, Jalisco, Mexico to Lino and Eulalia Perez Romo.

She was a member of Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church and a resident of Bay City the past 35 years.

Preceded in death by her parents; husband, Ynes Barela; sisters, Louisa Valdez and Fidella Palacios; two brothers, Frank and Jose Romo; and two grandsons, Donald Richard Barela and John Christopher Barela; survivors include daughter and son-in-law, Ramona and Francisco Garcia of Houston; three sons and daughters-in-law, Joe and Elvia Barela of Bay City, Simon and Virginia Barela of Van Vleck and Toribio and Bernice Barela of Houston; brother, Raymond Romo of Rosenberg; six grandchildren,

Michael Barela and wife, Carole of Houston, Maria Fondon and husband, Rudy of Richmond, Sylvia Nelson and husband, Craig of Chicago, Illinois, Monica Black and husband, Jeff, of Poulso, WA, Jackie Ramsey and husband, Matthew of Bay City, and Joe Barela Jr. and wife, Tippi of Lake Jackson; and nine great-grandchildren.

Rosary was held Sunday, December 19 at 7:30 p.m. at Taylor Bros. Funeral Home.

Funeral Mass was held Monday, December 20 at 2 p.m. from Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church with Rev. Jerry Cernoch officiating. Interment followed at Roselawn Memorial park Cemetery in Van Vleck. Arrangements were under the direction of Taylor Bros. Funeral Home.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

Dorothy D. Walker

June 4, 1919 - December 6, 2004

Dorothy D. Walker, 85, of Rosenberg, passed away Monday, December 6, 2004 with her loving family by her side.

She was born June 4, 1919 in Sheridan to Louis and Addie Tyler.

Dorothy was a member of many organizations including Royal Neighbors of America, Rebekah Assembly IOOF of Texas Lodge 235 where she was Noble Grand, Eastern Star, AARP and Women's Mission for First Baptist Church in Rosenberg.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, William Richard Walker; son Travis E. Walker; granddaughter, Laurie Newman; an infant brother; brothers, Charlie, Homer, Clifton, Bob, Victor, Walter and Marvin Tyler; and sisters, Alma Self, Myrtle Pryor, Ora Eastland, Lillie Tyler and Bessie Tyler.

Survivors include sons, Robert A. Walker and wife, Vickie of Albuquerque, Colorado County office at 979-732-2530.



que, New Mexico and Billy R. Walker of Rosenberg; daughter-in-law, Jan Tipps and husband, Alvin of Alvin; granddaughters, Kathy L. Blair of Arlington, Trish Webber and husband Wes, of East Bernard, Carrie Stogner and husband, Jeff of El Campo, Cynthia Powdrill and Kary Rollins both of Dallas; great-grandchildren, Kaleigh and Lauren Webber of East Bernard, Rachael and Ryan Powdrill, Jennifer and Christopher Rollins and

Wesley and Ricky, Jr. Newman; six great-great grandchildren; a sister, Ruby Henry of Vidor; a brother, Groby Tyler of Alvin; and numerous other relatives and friends.

Visitation was held Wednesday, December 8 from 5 to 8 p.m. in the state room of Davis-Greenlawn Funeral Home and from 8 a.m. until service time Thursday, December 9 in the Chapel of Davis-Greenlawn Funeral Home in Rosenberg with Dr., Donnie Melton officiating. Interment followed in Greenlawn Memorial Park in Rosenberg. Davis Greenlawn Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Funeral services were held Thursday, December 9 at 2 p.m. from the Chapel of Davis-Greenlawn Funeral Home in Rosenberg with Dr., Donnie Melton officiating. Interment followed in Greenlawn Memorial Park in Rosenberg. Davis Greenlawn Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to First Baptist Church of Rosenberg, 1117 1st Street, Rosenberg, Texas 77471 and to Houston Hospice, P.O. 1417, El Campo, Texas 77437.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.



Selena Ann Cherry

Liberty and Joel Cherry are pleased to announce the birth of their second child, a daughter, born December 13, 2004 at 4:28 p.m. at Rice Medical Center in Eagle Lake.

Selena Ann weighed eight pounds and measured 20-3/4 inches at birth.

She was welcomed home by her brother, Joel Cherry Jr., age 1-1/2 years old.

Maternal grandparents are Patricia Pangerl, John Pangerl and Rosie Pangerl, Laura Reip and Brent Reip.

Paternal grandparents are Pamela Vaught and Alvaro Perez and Joel Cherry.

Great grandparents are Doris Bell, Phyllis Childress, Kelly Childress and Rene and Joe Bertiny.

Congratulations to the proud mother and father.

Home Food Safety Advice for Holiday Cooks

Over the Christmas holidays Americans will be spending a lot of time in the kitchen preparing and serving delicious foods to their families and friends. Sally Garrett, county extension agent with Texas Cooperative Extension, has some advice for holiday cooks, which will help protect their families from foodborne illness.

From traditional turkey to Christmas goose, meat makes the menu at most traditional holiday feasts. By cooking to the proper internal temperatures, the safety as well as the taste of your holiday meat can be ensured. A recent survey showed that 56% of home cooks cook a holiday turkey so long that it tasted dry.

To ensure that your turkey, or main meat dish, is both safe and not overdone, use a thermometer. A whole turkey should reach 180 degrees F. after the thermometer has been placed in deep in the thigh meat and stuffing should reach 165 degrees F. For safety and uniform doneness of the turkey, cook your stuffing separately.

More than one-third of holiday dinners are buffet or potluck. Set a timer when setting up your buffet. After two hours harmful bacteria can multiply rapidly, which can put your guests and family at risk of foodborne illness. A timer will remind you to promptly refrigerate your food within that two-hour time frame. At a longer gathering, keep a fresh set of food in the refrigerator and swap it out at the two-hour mark.

Thirty-eight percent of Americans admitted to "double-dipping" at holiday parties. They will dip a chip or veggie into a dip, take a bite and then dip again. Remember, when it comes to dipping, once is enough. When dealing with leftovers, 60% of Americans eat the food cold straight from the refrigerator, many reheat in the microwave, or pack a "leftover" lunch.

However you deal with your leftovers, follow these steps to ensure you enjoy a safe repeat feast. Always reheat leftovers to an internal temperature of 165 degrees F and do not leave the food out of the refrigerator for more than 2 hours. Pack perishable lunches in an insulated bag and use an ice pack to keep the food properly chilled.

Over the holidays and during the year drinks with colorful garnishes of lime or oranges will be served. Twenty-five percent of holiday hosts confessed they don't always wash fruits to remove harmful bacteria before placing the cut sections in drinks. It is important to wash ready-to-eat fruits as well as fruits with skins you don't eat. By washing the skins you will eliminate harmful bacteria that can spread during peeling or cutting.

For further information on food safety, contact the Texas Cooperation

Extension, Colorado County office at 979-732-2530.

WCJC receives \$496,000 secured by Congressman DeLay

Wharton County Junior College (WCJC) will receive \$496,000 secured by Congressman Tom DeLay (R-Sugar Land) in the Fiscal Year 2005 Omnibus Appropriations Bill recently passed by the U.S. Congress. President George W. Bush is expected to sign the bill into law shortly.

WCJC President Betty McCrohan began correspondence with DeLay's office about a year ago for the Congressional funding proposal. Since that time, representatives from DeLay's office have toured the college and met with college staff to learn more about WCJC's needs. College officials sited in their proposal that the college would use the funds exclusively to purchase instructional equipment and information management infrastructure equipment.

"These much needed funds secured by Congressman DeLay could not have come at a better time," said WCJC President McCrohan. "This is great

news prior to our winter break and beginning the New Year."

"I am pleased that I could help the college purchase new computer equipment that will give WCJC students a better understanding of the tools that build our economy," DeLay said. "WCJC provides a valuable service to the entire community and I am proud to deliver these funds."

"As community colleges throughout Texas are continually challenged to operate with reduced funding from state appropriations, it becomes increasingly more important for us to

garner financial support from other sources," continued McCrohan. "Tom DeLay's support of the funding will not only help WCJC, but the communities the college serves."

Residents in both Wharton and Fort Bend counties will benefit from this funding as they receive training with state-of-the-art equipment that will make them better candidates for employment.

The new equipment will significantly expand learning and career training opportunities for our students.

We are deeply grateful to Congressman DeLay for his continued support."

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Mr. & Mrs. Duane Braun proudly announced the arrival of a daughter, **Barbara Ann**, born on Nov. 13 at the Methodist Hospital in Houston...

A 49-year-old Garwood man is jailed on a charge of incest and rape filed by his wife...

Larry Shaver scored one time for a 29-yard touchdown and Henry Alvarado tallied three times, netting 133 yards rushing. Walter Jones and Joe Barela each made a touchdown to give a win of 40 to 33 over the Katy Tigers...

L. Simmons Laundry is open to the public in the former Baptist Church building on the corner of Lake and Church.

City Council

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ing on the drug test results to come back.

The parade was again mentioned and how the new fire truck was being shown off.

Holland stated that the SOBs cannot be prohibited but can be regulated. So he would be bringing more information to the next meeting set for Jan. 11.

Curry stated that he had heard some complaints about the parade route and how some folks couldn't get to the Community Center because of it. The Council will meet with the chamber on the parade happenings and see what was good and the bad parts of it.

Webb stated that he had sent two individuals to the animal control training at A&M. He also informed those in attendance on the status of Arnold Cardenas an employee of the city for many years. Len Matula has been hired to help out since Cardenas is in and out of the hospital. Matula has a Class A CDL license, computer skills, can operate the backhoe and is good with the public.

Morales will look into the petition given to him by Janow and will inform the public of what is to come of it at the next council meeting.

FYI: There was a special meeting held on Monday, Dec. 20. Holland sent an article on the petition which can be seen on page 6.

With all the agenda covered the meeting was adjourned.

Bible Verses of The Week

"Faith, hope, love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love." - I Corinthians 13:13

"The grass withers, and the flower falls, but the word of the Lord abides forever." - I Peter 1:24, 25

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GREATER UNION BAPTIST CHURCH: Matthews Community, Co. Rd. 141; Rev. Lawrence C. Robertson, Pastor; 234-2581.

MT. CARMEL MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH: Hwy 90-A (Pecan Valley), Eagle Lake; 234-5813.

LIVING HOPE CHURCH: Eagle Lake; Revs. Joe and Mercy Fling; 234-5536.

BEREA CLADIC: 623 Maple Avenue, Eagle Lake; 234-2130.

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.

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.

GREATER NEW FAITH CHURCH: 6406 Guyer, Wallis; Rev. Clay Spears, Pastor; 979-478-2169.

EAST BERNARD FIRST BAPTIST

FIRST BAPTIST: 527 N. Lake, Eagle Lake; Rev. Chris Thacker, Pastor; 234-2571.

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IGLESIA BAUTISTA GETSEMANI: 901 B Street, Eagle Lake; Rev. Mario Vasquez.

GREATER MT. OLIVE BAPTIST: Rev. Thomas Kuykendall; 705 Lake, Eagle Lake; 234-3545.

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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), Rev. Eddie Winkler, P.O. Box 307; 234-2842.

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH: Box 97, Nada; Rev. Joseph Koebel; 758-3218.

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.

LISSIE UNITED METHODIST: Ken Jones, Pastor; 234-2112, Lissie.

ROCK ISLAND METHODIST: Ken Seller 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: Interdenominational Christian Fellowship; 1225 Eagle Lake Road, Sealy; Frank Lucas, Pastor; 979-885-1225.

ASSEMBLY OF GOD (ASSEMBLA DE DIOS) HOSANNA: Bilingual Services; 403 E. Main, Eagle Lake; Ramiro Rodriguez Jr., Pastor; 832-647-0392.

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