

Hoelscher-Buxkemper Reunion Slated June 10-11

The Anton Hoelscher family arrived in Texas on December 31, 1846 from Olfen, Germany. Hoelscher settled his family in the Ross Prairie areas of Fayette County by 1852, for he and his sons, Anton, Jr., William, and Joseph and applied for and received

their naturalization papers in Fayette County.

His sons each married in Colorado County, and his daughter, Elizabeth, and her husband, Theodore Buxkemper, upon their arrival, settled in Fayette County. Hoelscher and

Buxkemper reside in every state in the nation and many foreign countries. Descendants number in the thousands.

For over 50 years, the Hoelscher-Buxkemper family has been meeting for bi-annual reunions in different sections of Texas.

Family members will meet this year June 10-11, at the El Campo Civic Center in El Campo. In order to prepare for such a big event please return your pre-registration on or before May 10, 2006.

If there are any changes of address please correct information to Hubert Lange, 6018 Forest Bend, San Antonio, TX 78240; phone 210-684-3950

or email hwlange@sbcglobal.net.

The two-day event will feature family photos and memorabilia, souvenirs, a silent auction, a mass celebrated 10 a.m. Sunday by Bishop L.T. Mathiesen and family clergy, special entertainment for the youngsters, a chance on a beautiful quilt that has been hand made by family member Hattie Buxkemper Mahalite from Eagle Lake and many more items to be drawn for during the weekend of food, dancing, domino tournament and lots of visiting and reminiscing during the largest family reunion in Texas.

Arrangements have been made for anyone attending the reunion to tour the area where the Hoelscher-Buxkemper Family first landed. Someone will be present from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on June 9 at the gravesite of Anton Hoelscher, Sr., the original log house of Anton, Jr., the homestead of Theodore and Elizabeth Hoelscher-Buxkemper and others, as well as the graves of Anton, Jr. and William Hoelscher.

You may also wish to visit graves of the third and fourth generation family. A map of the area together with driving directions can be obtained from any board of directors. All areas will be clearly marked.

For those wanting to tour painted churches can obtain information, map and directions from the Schulenburg Chamber of Commerce.

Their number is 832-743-4514. You may also contact Leonard Buxkemper at 832-563-8901 concerning the tours.

If you have any questions or need further information about anything pertaining to the reunion, please contact one of the chairpersons and they will be glad to help you.

Larry and Pat Hoelscher, 979-543-6831, lphoelscher@yk.com or larry.hoelscher@valent.com and Reneau Gold, 979-543-6593, rrgold14@sbcglobal.net for the 2006 Hoelscher-Buxkemper Family Reunion.

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After touring historical homes, enjoying wonderful art, crafts, music, a parade, clowns, cowboy storytellers, rides, and so much more during the Live Oak Festival weekend in Columbus, come to the beautiful 1886 Stafford Opera House, 425 Spring Street, and enjoy the dinner theatre production of "The Foreigner" to be performed by The Company Theatre Touring Productions on Saturday, May 20. The Live Oak Festival begins Friday, May 19 and continues through Sunday, May 21.

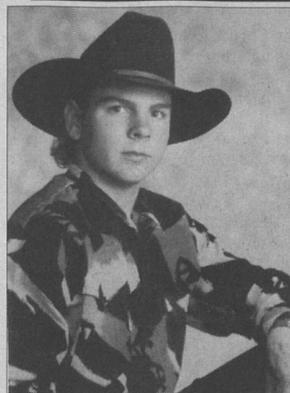
Larry Shue, who wrote "The Foreigner" and "The Nerd", died in an airplane accident in 1985 but not before these two scripts were established as hits on Broadway and Off-Broadway. "The Foreigner" won him two Obie Awards and two Outer Critics Circle Awards as Best New American Play and Off-Broadway Production.

The storyline involves a painfully shy Englishman who visits a Georgia Fishing Lodge and not wanting to be bothered by other guests, pretends he cannot speak English. His plan backfires as he finds himself the confidant of everyone there and having to foil the schemes of the local Klan chapter without revealing his secret.

Enjoy social time at 5 p.m. Dinner is served at 6 p.m. and the curtain opens at 6:45 p.m. Attire is casual. Tickets are \$30 each. Call 979-732-5135 for tickets or information.

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Obituaries



Michael C. Horndt

Michael C. Horndt, 53, of El Campo, passed away April 26 at his residence in El Campo.

He was born October 6, 1952 in Weimar, the son of Clarence W. Sr., and Onie Mae Stancik Horndt.

Michael was employed by Greenleaf Nursery in El Campo as a front-end loader operator.

A resident of El Campo for 20 years, he was a member of the Woodman of the World and of Lutheran faith.

He served his country honorably in the U.S. Army and Army National Guard.

Survivors include his son, Dustin Michael Horndt and wife, Jennifer, of Eagle Lake; step-daughter, Shanna Vise Oxner and husband, Wayne, of Iraq; parents, Onie Mae and Clarence Horndt Sr. of Eagle Lake; sisters, Carolyn Bartosh and husband, Larry, of Ellinger, Patricia Ann Flores and husband, Arthur, of Eagle Lake, and Dawn Michelle Horndt-Cardenas and husband, Arnold, of Eagle Lake; brothers, James Horndt and wife, Becky, of Cat Spring and Clarence Horndt Jr. and wife, Ruth, of Ellinger; a grandson, Joshua Lee Horndt of Eagle Lake; and nieces and nephews, Carissa Fae Bartosh, Stephanie Horndt, Sarah Beth Horndt, Elissa Horndt, Garrett Flores, Bruno Flores, Lori Flores Patric, Amy Flores, Arian Flores and Madisyn Horndt.

Funeral services were held Saturday, April 29 at 2 p.m. from Henneke Funeral Home in Columbus with Rev. Gary Bagley officiating. Interment followed in Brune Cemetery in Shaws Bend. Henneke Funeral Home in Columbus was in charge of arrangements.

Pallbearers were Arnold Cardenas, Garrett Flores, Bruno Flores, J.R. Horndt, Jim Horndt, Larry Bartolsa and Arthur Flores.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

Christopher Darrell Maretka

Funeral services were held for Christopher Darrell Maretka, Sunday April 30, at 3 p.m. at Eagle Lake Funeral Home in Eagle Lake.

Christopher, 32, of Austin, lost his battle with diabetes Friday, April 28, at the Heart Hospital of Austin in Austin.

He was born December 28, 1973, in El Campo, Texas to Gene and Elizabeth (Moore) Maretka.

Before his struggle became a battle with diabetes, Chris was an EMT and Firefighter with Williamson County and also on the Water Rescue Team with Travis County.

Christopher's grandmother is the late Tillie Moore of Eagle Lake, Texas and nephew of Francis (Braddock) Sepeda.

He is survived by his parents; and brother, Michael Wayne; and fiancé, McKenzie; numerous uncles, aunts, cousins and friends.

Words of comfort may be shared with family at 11600 Wiginton Drive, Austin, TX 78758.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

Blinn To Hold SBA Workshop May 11

A free workshop that gives business owners an opportunity to apply for a Small Business Administration-backed loan through the Community Express Loan program will be hosted by the Small Business Development Center at Blinn College and presented by Covenant Capital of Houston on May 11 on the college's campus in Brenham.

The workshop is particularly designed for small businesses, those businesses owned by veterans, minorities and women, and any start-up or growing small business.

It begins at 9:30 a.m. in the Blinn College Student Center.

Pre-registration is recommended. To register, leave contact information at the 24-hour call line 979-830-4137 or send an e-mail to carol.doersom@blinn.edu. Registrations will be confirmed.

The workshop will be repeated on the Blinn campus in Sealy on July 18.

Loans up to \$15,000 are available. An overview of the Express Loan program will be presented, followed by an optional session during which attendees may complete and submit an Express Loan application. Loan decisions are made in as little as 20 business days after receipt of the application.

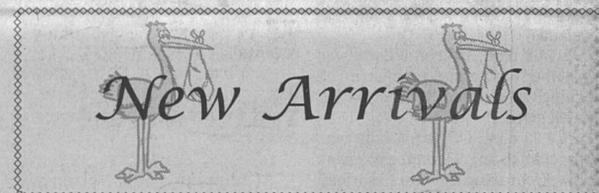
Those planning to submit an application will need to bring a copy of their assumed name or doing-business-as (DBA) certificate, driver's license or

state issued identification card, and verification of a business checking account.

If the applicant is purchasing a home, a proof of home ownership in needed. Those born outside the U.S. will need a second form of identification, and registered aliens should bring their "green card." All business

partners must apply together. Non-profit organizations and agricultural businesses are not eligible. All loan applications are subject to independent credit review.

Participants are not required to bring a business plan, tax returns or income verification, and no collateral is required.



Claire Ann Class

Holly Waligura and Rusty Class are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter, born April 22 at 11:13 a.m. at Rice Medical Center in Eagle Lake.

Claire Ann weighed six pounds, 10 ounces and measured 19-1/4 inches at birth.

She was welcomed home by her big sister, Camryn Class, age 6.

Maternal grandparents are Mark Waligura of Garwood and the late Cindy Waligura.

Paternal grandparents are Jimmie and Barbara Class of Bernardo.

Great-grandparents are Frank and Ann Hallinger of El Campo, Mary Ann Waligura of Garwood and the late Frank Waligura, the late George and Clara Class of Bernardo, Elsie Kelley of Alleyton and the late Tommy Holland.

Jade Marie Cypher

Jhavana K. Morgan and Chadd M. Cypher are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter, Jade Marie Cypher, born April 18 at 8:18

a.m. at Oakbend Medical Center in Richmond.

The attending physician was Dr. C. Funsho Fagbohun.

Maternal grandparents are Jimmy and Yolanda Foster of Eagle Lake.

Paternal grandparent is Brenda Mtway of Richmond.

Great-grandmother is Gloria Boutte' of Eagle Lake.

Alaysia Eileen Middleton

Jameka White and Adrian Middleton of Eagle Lake are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter, born April 23 at 7:01 p.m. at Rice Medical Center in Eagle Lake.

Alaysia Eileen weighed seven pounds, 14 ounces and measured 20-1/2 inches at birth.

Maternal grandmother is Mary Dell Dancy of Eagle Lake.

Paternal grandparents are Sylvester Middleton of Eagle Lake and the late Delois Middleton.

Great-grandparents are the late Mary Etta and Harold Dancy of Eagle Lake and Nathaniel Lemons and the late Lucinda Lemons.

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Alternate Treatment for Hot Flashes

For most women, a hot flash is a warm feeling from the chest up to the head that can include headache, flushed skin, fast heart beat, sweating, queasiness, and dizziness. These symptoms can be severe and difficult to treat. In the past, many women have taken hormone therapy (estrogen and progestational agents) to help alleviate hot flash symptoms; however, research has indicated that in some women these drugs can increase the risk of cancer and other illnesses.

There are several nonhormonal medications that may help with hot flashes. Some antidepressants such as Paxil®, Celexa®, Lexapro®, and Zoloft® may provide relief and have been shown to decrease hot flashes by 19 to 60%. Clonidine (Catapres®) is a blood pressure medication that was tested in women with a history of breast cancer. Although they have not been tested for long-term use, several herbal supplements such as soy, red clover, and black cohosh have also been reported to help some women. However, in most trials, herbal products were no better than placebo at treating hot flashes. Additionally, other therapies have been tried, but these will require further investigation. The use of alternatives to hormone therapy should be made based on severity of hot flashes, medical history, and use of other medications.

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LEHRER MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST: Garwood; 9 a.m. worship.
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Bible Verse of The Week

"Do not be deceived God is not mocked for whatever a man sows, that will he also reap."

-Galatians 6:7
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