

Jan. 26 Deadline For Master Gardener Program

For anyone interested in participating in the Master Gardener training program, the deadline for signing up is January 26. Participants need only come by the Extension Office to register. There is a fee of \$150 per participant, which will cover the cost of materials, and defray speaker expenses.

The Master Gardener program is a unique opportunity for individuals who are interested in horticulture and serving their community.

Master Gardeners are trained in all facts of horticulture such as, plant and soil, science, entomology, plant pathology, landscape design, vegetable gardening much more.

Upon completion of their training, Master Gardeners will be required to give at least 50 hours of volunteer service time in their local community in order to receive the title of "Master Gardener."

An open house will be hosted for prospective Master Gardeners on Thursday, February 1 from 10 a.m. until 12 noon in the Basement Meeting Room of the Austin

County Courthouse in Bellville. The Master Gardener training schedule schedule will be as follows: Feb 1-open house, 6-introduction, 13-plant growth & development, 20-soils and plant fertility, 27-composting & water gardening. Mar 6-entomology, 13-plant pathology (diseases), 20-vegetable

gardening, 27-landscape design. April 3-lawn care field, 10-trip to festival hill, 17-landscape trees, 24- fruit & nut production. May 1- assessment of knowledge, 8-graduation luncheon. If you are interested in joining the class and becoming a Master Gardener contact the Austin County Texas Cooperative Extension Office at 979-865-5911 extension 249.

Farm Bureau Hopes For Eminent Domain Reform

Driven by concerns over the potential loss of land due to the Trans-Texas Corridor and other state and local initiatives, Texas Farm Bureau leaders are banding together in hopes of enacting critical eminent domain reforms in 2007.

"Protecting our private property rights is a top concern to all of us in agriculture," Colorado County Farm Bureau President Marv Ulbricht said. "And we intend to step up our efforts in the months ahead to ensure landowners are given a better shake when it comes to dealing with eminent domain proceedings."

State Farm Bureau delegates voted at December's 73rd annual state meeting to adopt a number of policies to strengthen landowners options when confronted with eminent domain proceeding, such a requiring those exercising eminent domain to make a good faith offer.

They also suggest the condemning authority pay attorney fees, appraisal fees and related cost whenever the offer is challenged and the amount awarded exceeds the initial offer. Delegates said adequate time should be given to those affected by eminent domain to relocate. Delegates also recommended a governmental review to deter-

mine the number and kind of entities that have the right to exercise eminent domain.

"Our organization stands ready to fight this battle in Austin and Washington D.C.," Ulbricht said. "We need laws in place that better protect our rights as property owners."

New Arrivals

Jodi Lee Borowiak

Jeffery and Cathy Borowiak of East Bernard are pleased to announce the birth of their child, a daughter, born on January 5 at 7:28 a.m. at Rice Medical Center in Eagle Lake.

Jodi Lee weighed seven pounds, six ounces, and measured 19 1/4 inches at birth.

Jodi is welcomed by her older sister, Brandi Michelle, who's 5.

Maternal grandparents are Alrene Alvarado of Tallapoosa, Georgia and the late Dennis Jochec of East Bernard.

Paternal grandparents are Karen Borowiak of Wallis and Wallace and Joyce Borowiak of Rosenberg.

Great-grandparents are Emil and Emilie Jochec of East Bernard, Antonia Borowiak of Rosenberg and the late Wallace Borowiak.

Mariana Guerrero

Erica Guerrero and Juan Luis Guerrero are pleased to announce the birth of their child, a girl, born on January 2 at 8:53 p.m. at the Rice Medical Center in Eagle Lake.

Mariana Guerrero weighed nine pounds, four ounces and

measured 19 1/4 inches at birth.

Mariana is welcomed by siblings Juan Luis Guerrero Jr. who's four and Krystal Guerrero who's two years old.

Maternal grandparents are Serafin Rodriguez and Irene Infante.

Paternal grandparents are Luis Guerrero and Yolanda Sanchez

Great-grandparents are Faustina Vasquez, Doroteo Infante, Jesus Guerrero, Reynolda Sanchez and Benjamin Sanchez.

Michael Wayne Sosa, Jr.

Leticia Lynette Melchor and Michael Wayne Sosa of Wharton are pleased to announce the birth their second child, a boy, born on December 26 at 8:35 a.m. at the Gulf Coast Medical Center in Wharton.

Michael Wayne, Jr. weighed five pounds, five ounces.

Michael was welcomed home by his brother, Matthew Justice Sosa.

Maternal grandparents are Larry Melchor of Eagle Lake and Leonore Melchor of Wharton.

Paternal grandparents are Domingo and Margaret Sosa of Eagle Lake.

Obituaries



Laura Mae Henry

Laura Mae Henry was born in Bonus, on January 13, 1945 to C.L. and Alma Henry, the baby of nine children.

She confessed to Christ at an early age in San Antonio, under the leadership of Rev. Belvin Steward and later she became a member of Greater Union Baptist Church.

Her parents; four sisters, Arlee, Johnnie Mae, Dora Lee and Rose; two brothers, A.C. and Lewis Henry, preceded her in death.

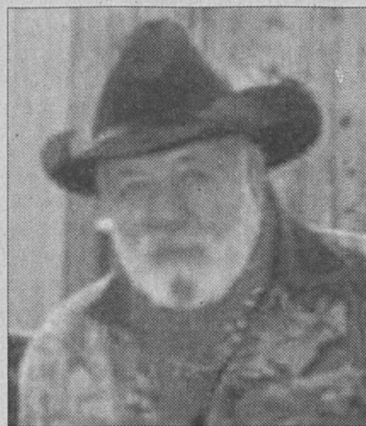
She leaves to mourn three sisters, Laura and Lillie Mae Hurd both of Eagle Lake and Doris Johnson of San Antonio; two sister-in-laws, Ethel Henry of Eagle Lake and Virginia Henry of Houston; a host of nieces, nephews, and friends.

Funeral services were held Saturday, December 30 at Greater Union Baptist Church in Eagle Lake with the Rev. L.C. Robertson, officiating. Interment followed at Union Hill Cemetery in Matthews. Final arrangements entrusted to the Ben Davis Funeral Home in Columbus.

Pallbearers were Thomas Cunningham, Michael Johnson, Warren Hurd, Johnathan Shorter, Dwight Hurd, Dewayne Hurd, Shawn Hurd, and Jarrad Hurd.

Honorary pallbearers were all nephews and great nephews of Sis. Laura Mae Henry.

Sympathy is extended to their family in their loss.



Lawrence Klump

Lawrence Klump, 76, of Columbus, passed away January 1, 2007 while on a hunting trip near San Angelo, Texas.

Born in Shelby, Texas on September 1, 1930, he was the son of Herbert and Lillie Roski Klump.

On April 12, 1952, Lawrence married Bonnie Hancock.

Lawrence retired as superintendent for Horton & Horton gravel pit of Columbus. He was a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church, Texas Sportsman Association, National Rifle Association and Bernardo Volunteer Fire Department. He will always be remembered as a man who never met a stranger. His family and going deer hunting with his friends were the most important things of his life.

Lawrence is survived by his wife of 54 years, Bonnie Klump of Columbus; daughters, Gracie Brune and husband, Arlen, of Columbus, Melinda Kuckerka and husband, Dave, of Eagle Lake, Candy Christen and husband, Dale, of Columbus, Sandra Buhler and husband, Robin, of Columbus; son, Keith Klump of Columbus; sisters, Violet Schobel of Round Top, Frances Stancik of Ganado, and Vernice Krebs of Houston; five granddaughters, Kelli Maddox and husband, Jimmy, Amalie Phillips and husband, Ryan, Kari and Kimberly Buhler, and Kylee Klump; two step-granddaughters Sheree and Sonja Brune; seven grandsons, Brad Kollaja and wife, Renee, Robert Kollaja and wife, Jennifer, Trey Kucherka, Tim Buhler and wife, Brittany, Justin Strieder and fiancée Emily, Trent Kucherka and Kason Klump; and six great grandchildren, Blayne Buhler, Kaden, Kinlee, Kutter, Kolten Kollaja, and Jake Lauritsen; four step-great-grandchildren, Sean and Hunter Brune-Herrera, Skyler and Cassidy Brune.

Lawrence was preceded in death by his parents; sister, LaVerne Poenitzsch; and brothers Roy, Dickie and Glenn Klump.

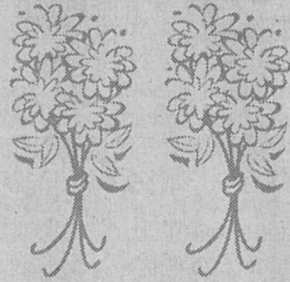
Funeral services were at 10 a.m. Friday, January 5, at Henneke Funeral Home in Columbus with Rev. Jeffery Marsh officiating. Burial followed in Brune Cemetery in Shaws Bend.

Pallbearers were John David Strieder, Henry Buhler, Carl Sebesta, Zeb Lauzon, Sonny Lauzon, Steve Dempsey, Kenneth Nelson and Calvin Roensch.

Honorary pallbearers were Brad and Robert Kollaja, Trey and Trent Kucherka, Tim Buhler, Justin Strieder and Kason Klump.

Memorials may be made to St. Paul Lutheran Church, P.O. Box 267, Columbus, TX 78934; Bernardo Volunteer Fire Department, 2845 FM 949, Cat Spring, TX 78933 or the charity of your choice.

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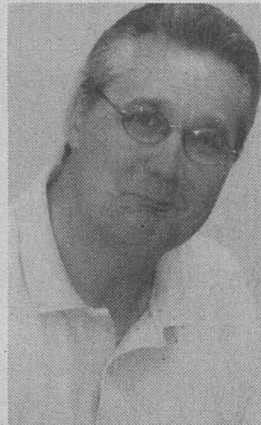
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If the infection is mild, it may heal by simply keeping the skin clean. Topical antibiotics, such as *mupirocin* (Bactroban) may be prescribed to be applied to the skin. Oral antibiotics are more likely to be prescribed for severe cases. The type of antibiotic chosen will depend on the severity of the infection. Good hygiene and immediate and proper care of cuts and insect bites may help to prevent impetigo.

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Bible Verse of The Week

"The angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them."
- Psalms 34:7
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