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Treatment For Acromegaly

Acromegaly is a hormonal condition in which the pituitary gland over-produces growth hormone. This is a rare condition typically affecting middle-aged adults. Characteristics of the condition include increase in bone size, including those of the hands, feet, and face. Enlarged hands and feet as well as facial changes are common signs. A pituitary tumor is the most common cause of over-production of growth hormone. Most are benign. Nonpituitary tumors also may cause this condition. These tumors may be removed surgically, however this is not always possible.

Treatment for acromegaly is directed towards decreasing growth hormone production and decreasing the effect of the tumor on the pituitary and nearby tissue. Medications may be prescribed to decrease the production of growth hormone, or block the action of growth hormone. The medication octreotide (*Sandostatin*) is a synthetic version of the hormone somatostatin. This medication works by interfering with excessive growth hormone production. Dopamine agonists, such as cabergoline (*Dostinex*) and bromocriptine (*Parlodel*) are oral medications which decrease levels of growth hormone. Pegvisomant (*Somavert*), a growth hormone antagonist, blocks the effect of growth hormone on body tissues.

Obituaries

James Earl Jones
James Earl Jones was born on February 2, 1937 in Smithville, to Mr. and Mrs. Alberta and James Jones.

During his young adult life, he met a beautiful woman named Jessie Mae Bivins. Eventually, in 1958, they got married and moved to Altair. To this union, they had five loving sons, James, Ricky, David, Vincent, and Gregory.

James was a farmer for many years; however he eventually retired as a truck driver, where his CB handle was "Cigar Man." From then on, that was the nickname everyone knew him by. "Cigar Man" was known as a good-hearted person who was very quiet and enjoyed hanging with his friends.

James was preceded in death by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alberta and James Jones; son, Vincent Jones; two brothers, John Jones and LeVorn Jones; and sister Gloria Faye Bosier.

He leaves to cherish his memory a devoted and loving wife, Jessie Mae Jones; four sons, James Jones, Ricky Jones, David Jones (wife, Marilyn), and Gregory Jones (wife, Patricia); two brothers, Delma Jones of California and Eugene Taylor of Houston; many devoted brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law; two best friends, Clint Blundson, and Darryl Eaden; and a host of grandchildren, aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held Saturday, July 14 at 11 a.m. at Wright Grove Baptist Church in Altair with the Rev. T.J. Cunningham officiating. Interment followed at Williams Paradise Cemetery in Vox Populi. Another life celebration by Ben Davis Funeral Home.

Pallbearers were David Jones, Clint Blundson, James Garner, Arthur Sewell, Donovan King, and Mason Pratt.

Honorary pallbearers were Eugene Taylor, Ricky Jones, Ronald Cooper, Derrick Jones, Joseph Johnson, and Emery Fields.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

Robert Owen Tupper
Robert Owen Tupper, 83, of Purcell, passed away Thursday, July 5, at Purcell Municipal Hospital.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Monday, July 16 at Trinity United Methodist Church in Purcell, with the Rev. Doyle Sharp officiating. Interment followed at Hillside Cemetery in Purcell.

He was born August 21, 1923, in Hathaway, La., to Roy James Tupper and Ellen Blodwen Williams Tupper.

He married Blanche Ida Leach June 22, 1947, in Eagle, Neb. She preceded him in death on March 8, 1994.

Rev. Tupper was the Preacher at The Lissie Evangelical United Brethren Church from the fall of 1948 until 1953 and again in 1958 until 1962.

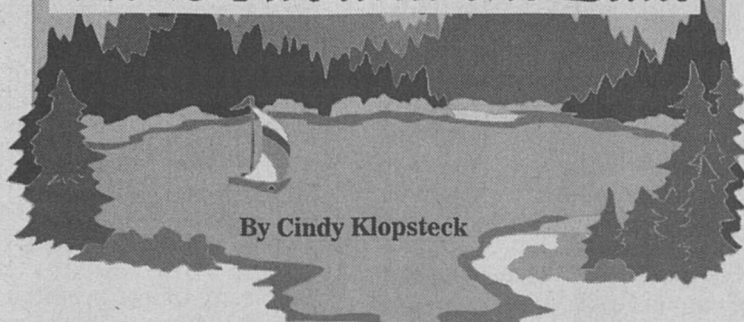
Survivors include daughter, Jocelyn Tupper of Doniphan, Neb.; sons, Robert Owen Tupper II of Clinton, Richard Paul Tupper and partner, Michael Gilliam, Jr. of Round Rock; grandchildren, Robert Owen Tupper III of Amarillo, and Brittany Tupper of Oklahoma City; sisters-in-law, Vashti Tupper of Choudrant, La., and Peggy Tupper of Lake Charles, La.; and close friend, Mickey Holden of Purcell.

Memorial donations may be made to Oklahoma United Methodist Circle of Care, 1504 N.W. 24th St., Suite 214, Oklahoma City, OK 73106-3635 or to the Purcell Senior Citizens Center, 228 N. 2nd, Purcell, OK 73080.

Arrangements were under the direction of Wilson-Little Funeral Home of Purcell.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

Views Around the Lake



By Cindy Klopsteck

"If you have a garden and a library, you have everything you need." -Cicero

The great Roman philosopher Cicero could have been very happy here in Eagle Lake.

If he could have arrived here now in 2007, he would have found our city library just one block over from delectable garden produce and delicious canned and baked goods.

I pondered the fates as I parked near the library and walked over to the community center pavilion this past Thursday.

I had arrived later than planned, so rightfully feared that some of the best produce would already be gone...it was.

"I sold out of all the okra - it went fast," commented Bobby Marsalia, as I checked out his wife Becky's fig preserves. "We could call it mockingbird fig preserves," he laughed, explaining that many gardeners don't like the birds, but the Marsalia's allow them to peck out of the garden as it waned at season's end.

Isidoro Ramirez was left with only cucumbers to sell me from Johnny Prazak's garden. "He always has a real good garden," he explained. I just came too late.

I spoke with Larry Contreras, who filled me in on the workings of the Farmers Market, open every Thursday from 4:30 to 6:30 pm and sponsored by the City of Eagle Lake.

There is no fee for setting up a booth, so if you are the proud owner/producer of an abundant garden, call the city and join the weekly colorful presentation. And if you're just a hungry customer like me, try to get there close to 4:30.

Larry acknowledged the spring/summer gardens were on natural decline anyway, but the recent plentiful rains helped some end sooner than expected.

The first-annual market is in its eighth week of sales, and we can all look forward to a fall

market brimming with plenty of autumn fruits and vegetables.

Barbara Class had a booth that was terribly tempting, just full of her homebaked pastries and canned jellies, pickles, soup mixes - a real smorgasbord of home-grown/homebaked goodies.

I couldn't pass up the bread and butter pickles, which reminded me of some made famous by my mother-in-law.

Why is it you can have the exact recipe for a certain item, made lovingly by some family member or friend, but it never comes out quite the same delicious way? These pickles at least looked like the ones I favored - that's more than I could ever accomplish - so they were a definite healthy, tasty purchase.

Susan Phillips had the most entertaining, yet simple, display - organic eggs from organic chickens. What was so entertaining was her sign wording: the eggs came from "happy chickens."

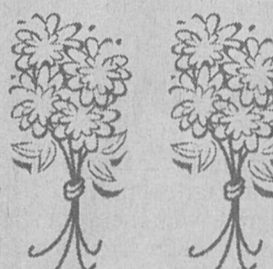
They were free-ranged and vegetarian-fed, so they were consequently happy. It made sense to me because I knew how happy I was going to be eating all these fresh vegetables when I got home that evening.

Perhaps last in my booth rounds, but certainly and obviously not the least in volume display, was Randall and Josie Spalinger's booth.

Not only was I able to purchase some fresh-scented, healthy herbs, but I was also given insight into cooking and using the mint, lemongrass and peppers I bagged.

Their colorful display of flowers, herbs and teas was matched only by their knowledge of the healthful items they sold.

Maybe Cicero had it right, because I left the market just in time to consider getting a good book from the library next door, knowing it would go well that evening with some hot soup, a fresh cucumber salad and some relaxing mint tea.



New Arrivals



Jaydon Auston Hernandez
Ramiro (JR) and Nancy Hernandez of Garwood are pleased to announce the birth of their child, a son, Jaydon Auston Hernandez born on May 25.

He weighed eight pounds, one

ounce and measured 21 1/2 inches at birth.

Jaydon is welcomed by sisters, Sabrina who is 5 and Marina who's 2.

Paternal grandparents are Ramiro and Feliz Hernandez of Garwood.

Maternal grandparents are Rafael and Graciela Rangel of Rock Island.

Great-grandparents are Rosendo Castaneda of Piedras Negras, Mexico; Margarito Rangel of Puerto Vallarta, Mexico; Felipa Rangel of Monterrey, Mexico and Maria del Refugio Hernandez also of Monterrey.

Kutzers Celebrate 45th Anniversary

Jim and Velma Kutzer of Sheridan celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary with a BBQ Saturday, July 14 at the Kallina home near New Bileau.

Those present were Peter and Renae Buren and Hannah Kallina, David, Marcy, Hayley, Kelsey and Kaleb Vana, Justin, Christy, Jamie, James and Luke Kutzer. Visiting with them Sunday were

Rebecca Scott, Lindy Tucker, Teagan and Deke.

Velma is employed by Rice Independent School District as a special education aide. Jim has delivered the rural route mail for the past 43 years.

The couple was married July 15, 1967 at The First Baptist Church in Sheridan.

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Bible Verse of The Week

"Delight thy self also in the Lord; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart."

-Psalm 37:4
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