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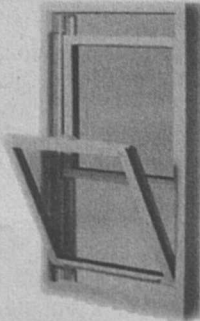
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Myasthenia gravis is a neurological condition that results in decreased strength of certain muscles resulting from a breakdown of communication between nerves and muscles. *Acetylcholine* is a chemical that normally carries nerve signals to muscles. Myasthenia gravis occurs when the immune system produces antibodies that interfere with the normal transmission of this chemical. Affected muscles may include those of the legs, arms, and eyes. Muscles that are responsible for chewing, talking, and breathing also may be affected. Double vision, drooping eyelids, and difficulty talking are potential signs and symptoms of this condition. Rarely, emergency medical attention may be required if a person's breathing is adversely affected.

Although there is no cure for this condition, medications available for relief of symptoms include *pyridostigmine* (Mestinon) and *neostigmine* (Prostigmine). They work to improve muscle strength by improving neuromuscular communication. Steroids decrease the production of antibodies. These drugs can lead to serious side effects when used for an extended period of time. *Mycophenolate mofetil* (CellCept) and *cyclosporine* (Sandimmune, Neoral) affect the immune system and are sometimes prescribed for this condition.



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Obituaries



Evelyn Martinek Meyer
Evelyn Martinek Meyer, 91, of Columbus formerly of Frelsburg and Victoria, passed away Monday, June 23 at River Oaks Health Care Center in Columbus.

She was born December 26, 1916 in Santa Anna, Texas. Mrs. Meyer worked as a Teacher's Aide at Mother Goose School and worked as a seamstress at a bridal shop in Victoria.

Evelyn was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Frelsburg, Frelsburg Country Quilters, Frelsburg Extension Education Agency and Women of the Trinity Lutheran Church in Frelsburg.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Steve Martinek and Amelia Mahalitic Martinek; husband, Roger J. Meyer; sister, Hilda Martinek Zetik and husband, DJ Zetik; and an infant sister, Lillie Martinek.

Left to cherish her memory are her sons, Jim Bertsch and wife, Kathy, of Schulenburg, Steve Bertsch and wife, Pam, of Houston; five grandchildren, Lisa Bertsch Wolfe and husband, Steve, of Highlands, Craig Bertsch and wife, Jennifer, of Highlands, Sandy Bertsch Kerby and husband, Skyler, of Anahuac, Rebecca Bertsch Roe and husband, Robert, of Canton, Georgia, Courtney Bertsch Spata and husband, Tip, of Spring; nine great-grandchildren, Haley and Macie Wolfe, Cade and Keely Bertsch, Kelby Kerby, Kylie and Presley Roe and Austin and Connor Spata.

Funeral services were held Thursday, June 26 at 10 a.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church in Frelsburg with Rev. Bill Mosley officiating under the direction of Henneke Funeral Home in Columbus. Interment followed at Trinity Lutheran Cemetery in Frelsburg.

Pallbearers were Tip Spata, Craig Bertsch, Cade Bertsch, Robert Roe, Kelby Kerby, Tim Ehlers, Glen Ehlers and Steve Markwardt.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

Ava Joyce "McTear" Maze
Ava Joyce "McTear" Maze was born in Eagle Lake, on December 13, 1947 to Elmo and Edna Mann McTear.

Ava attended E.H. Henry High School in Eagle Lake. She accepted Christ at an early age at Union Baptist No. 2, which is now Providence Baptist Church.

Ava moved to Houston and attended college and became a nurse.

She was united in marriage to Mr. Dave Maze and to this union no children were born.

Ava was employed at St. Joseph's Hospital for at least 30 years as a dedicated nurse. She retired from the hospital and became a private duty nurse for Mrs. Jean Robinson for 8 years.

Ava departed this life in the early morning of June 22 at 4:20 a.m. at her residence. She was preceded in death by both parents; and brother, Elmo McTear, Jr.

She leaves to cherish her memories, one uncle, Walter Mann of Weimar; three sisters, Debra (Alex) Woolridge, Myrna Isreal and Eula McGrew, all of Eagle Lake; one brother, Ernest Lemons, Sr. of Eagle Lake; a devoted nephew who lived with her, Tremaine McGrew of Houston; 10 beautiful nieces, Marsha Thomas, Angie (Oliver) Johnson, Charlene Miller, Alesia Woolridge, Jackie McGrew, Sheryl (Victor) Davis, Lowrie Lemons, Sharon (Steve) Stewart, Annette McTear, Devanna McTear, Janette McTear; three nephews, Gary (Bobbie) McTear, Kurt (Nicole) McTear, Ernest (Shelly) Lemons, Jr., Eric (Tammy) Isreal; and a host of cousins, great nephews, nieces, relatives, beautiful friends and co-workers. Also her special lovable pet "Queeny".

Funeral services were held Saturday, June 28 at 11 a.m. at Providence Baptist Church with Rev. Dave Curry officiating. Interment followed at Eagle Lake Community Cemetery North. Arrangements entrusted to Ben Davis Funeral Home.

Pallbearers were Herbert Ashton, Lonzo McGrew, Oliver Johnson, Jr., Victor Davis, Sr., Johnny Stovall, Robert Boone and Eric Isreal.

Honorary pallbearers were Tremaine McGrew, Alex Woolridge, Ernest Lemons, Melvin Miller, Horace Mann, Walter Mann.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

Delbert Edward Coleman
Delbert Edward Coleman, 73, of Louise, passed away June 22. He was born December 10, 1934, in Providence City, Texas to Howard William and Mattie King Coleman.

Delbert was preceded in death by his parents, Howard and Mattie Coleman; sister in law, Rosa Coleman; and nephew, Ellsworth Coleman.

Survivors include his sister, Audrey Lewis and husband, Tommy of Lissie; brother, Howard E. Coleman of Houston; nieces, Kristi Lewis of Nederland, Texas, Nadine Odom and Jessy of Fowlerville, Michigan, and Carolyn Russell and Edwin of El Campo; nephews, Michael Lewis and wife, Jennifer of Needville, Howard William Coleman of Houston, Thomas Benton Coleman of Sterling, Colorado; great nephews, Ryan Lewis of Needville, Blake Smart Coleman of Sterling; great-nieces, Megan Lewis of Needville, Christine Odom of Clinton, South Carolina, Heather Odom of Fowlerville; and great-great niece, Amber Odom.

Visitation was held at noon Thursday, June 26 at Wheeler Funeral Home in El Campo.

Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. Friday, June 27 at Wheeler Funeral Home Chapel with Pastor Janis Kerlee and Pastor Maurice Marrow officiating.

Interment followed at Oaklawn Memorial Park. Arrangements were under the direction of Wheeler Funeral Home.

Pallbearers were Michael Lewis, Kevin Williams, Jessy Odom, Howard W. Coleman, Thomas B. Colman and Edwin Russell.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.



Domino Party Held June 25

The monthly senior citizen domino party was held on Thursday, June 25, at St. Mary's Parish Hall in Nada. Thirty-two senior citizens spent a cool afternoon playing dominos and visiting; at the 42 table hi winners were Clarence Zbranek and Doug McLeod, 42 low -Ethelyn Popp. Winners at the straight dominos tables were Lydia Schoellman, Irene Seifert, Joyce Zbranek and Pauline Leopold, Train winner was Patsy Miller and Chicken foot winner Leona Brzozowski. Esther Popp received the traveling prize. Celebrating birthdays during the month were Catherine Berger and Ed Moeller all attending sang Happy Birthday to them.

The hostesses served refreshments of assorted cookies and fruit punch. Hostesses were Helen Noteboom, Rosemary Wied, Irene Seifert, Leona Brzozowski and Anita Meisner. They accepted a cash donation for the CDA organization. A gift of homemade noodles was presented to the hostesses by Joyce Zbranek.

The next domino party will be held on July 30 at St. Mary's Parish Hall in Nada from 2-4:30 p.m. Area senior citizens are invited to attend.

Celebrate Fourth With Visit To Independence Trail

During the month of our nation's independence celebration, embrace the spirit with a local flair by exploring the Texas Independence Trail Region (TITR). The Texas Historical Commission (THC) invites adventurers to immerse themselves in the volatile struggle Texas experienced to achieve independence. A notable stop on the trail is the city of Washington, where the first Declaration of Texas Independence was signed. Goliad, also included in the heritage region, is considered one of the best-preserved Spanish colonial communities in the country.

It is Texas' third oldest municipality and the site of numerous restoration projects including the Presidio la Bahia, a Spanish frontier fort that was restored in the 1960s.

The TITR is part of the THC's Texas Heritage Trails Program (THTP), the award-winning regional tourism initiative that helps Texas communities promote tourism, revitalize local economies and foster community leadership

through historic preservation. Other historic cities in the region include Cuero, Galveston, Houston, Seguin and San Antonio.

The heritage region is also home to several of the THC's recently acquired historic sites including the Fannin Battleground State Historic Site in Goliad, Levi Jordan Plantation State Historic Site in Brazoria (currently not open to the public), San Felipe State Historic Site outside Sealy and Varner-Hogg Plantation State Historic Site in West Columbia. These sites emulate the numerous struggles and milestones Texas went through during its evolution.

To learn more about the Texas Independence Trail Region visit www.texasindependencetrail.com. To receive a brochure on this heritage region or any of the other THTP travel guides, contact 866-276-6219. For additional information on the 10 Texas Heritage Trail Regions or the THC's historic sites visit www.thc.state.tx.us.

Expanded County Hours

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Citizens would have increased access to the courthouse from 7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. to get license plates, file or order documents from the clerks' offices, and file or make payments on hot check cases.

County employees would be more productive since dental or other non-emergency medical appointments would be scheduled on Friday, a non-workday, minimizing the need for personal leave time.

Courthouse thermostats would be adjusted from Thursday evening through Monday morning, saving on energy expenses.

Early voting hours would be expanded to 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. from Monday through Thursday

in addition to current voting hours on a Saturday.

If the proposal is implemented, the courthouse would be closed on Fridays. Employees would work four 10-hour days from Monday through Thursday with a 30-minute lunch break. For documents to be filed with a clerk's office, state law already extends the filing deadlines to the next working day if the last day for filing is a holiday or weekend or if the clerk's office is closed.

If implemented, the change would be effective January 1, 2009 to allow time to notify the public and plan court calendars. The change would only apply to offices in the courthouse.

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