

Obituaries

Joe Adolph "Papa Joe" Rebecek

Joe Adolph "Papa Joe" Rebecek, 87, of Wharton, passed away Tuesday, September 2, in Wharton.

He was born on August 17, 1921 in Moulton, Texas, son of the late Rudolph Rebecek and Marie Valenta Rebecek.

Mr. Rebecek was raised in Moulton and attended the Moulton Schools.

He married Anita Kocian on November 24, 1941 in Flatonia and she preceded him in death on October 10, 1996.

In 1943 Joe enlisted in the U. S. Army and served his country in WW II until his honorable discharge in 1945.

He was employed by the Southern Pacific Railroad Co. as a track foreman and roadmaster until his retirement in 1972.

Mr. Rebecek was a former resident of Eagle Lake before moving to Wharton in 1967. He was a member of St. Josephs Catholic Church in Boling and the Wharton American Legion Post #87.

Following his retirement, Joe enjoyed hunting, fishing, raising race horses, and caring for abandoned dogs.

Funeral mass services were held 10 a.m. Thursday, September 4, at Holy Family Catholic Church with Father Dominic Antwi-Boasiako officiating. Interment followed in Evergreen Memorial Park Cemetery in Wharton.

Rosary services were held Wednesday evening at the Wharton Funeral Home.

Survivors include his son, Ernest Joe Rebecek and wife, Barbara, of Rosenberg; daughter, Louise Ann Hamilton and husband, Leroy, of Bryan; special friend, Alice Pavlu of Wharton; sisters, Annie Kremethauer of Moulton, Bessie Silba of Moulton, Selma Otthole of Shiner, grandchildren, Kitti Ebner and husband, David, Dena Heiman and husband, John; great grandchildren, Gary Ebner, Ashley Sargent, John Heiman, Jr. and Austin Joseph Heiman.

Besides his parents and wife, Joe was preceded in death by brothers, John, Daniel, Rudy and Charlie Rebecek.

Pallbearers were James Kostka, Gary Ebner, David Ebner, Stewart Kocian, Bryce Kocian and Wayne Marsilia.

Honorary pallbearers were Franklin Kocian, Emil Kocian, Leonard Barta, Ronnie Wittig, John Heiman, Jr. and Austin Joseph Heiman.

If desiring, memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society, 204 Second St., Wharton, TX 77488 or to the Wharton American Legion Post #87, P.O. Box 162, Wharton, TX 77488.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

Alice Hemphill

Alice Hemphill, of San Marcos, affectionately known as "Sugar", passed away on Saturday, September 6, at the age of 80.

She was born September 11, 1927, in San Antonio, to Huey Thomas, Sr. and Henrietta (Shepherd) Thomas.

Alice was a member of Pentecostal Temple in San Marcos and was recently given an award for being the "Eldest Member" of the church.

Her life was her family; she loved people, she loved to cook and she especially enjoyed participating in functions at the church.

Her parents, and her husband, Jewell Hemphill, Jr. (1996) preceded her in death.

She is survived by two sons, Howard Hemphill and Travis Hemphill of San Marcos; three daughters, Mary Alice Holland and husband, George, of San Antonio, Mildred Stewart and husband, Toby, of San Marcos, and Bettie Nichols and husband, Baylor, of San Marcos; brother, Huey Thomas Jr. and wife, Willie Mae, of Houston; 10 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; and a host of family members.

Mrs. Hemphill will lie in state at Pennington Funeral Home, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Friday, September 12. Funeral Services will be conducted at 1 p.m., Saturday, September 13, at the First Baptist Church, at 420 S. Mitchell Street in San Marcos, with the Rev. Paul Thompson officiating. Interment will follow at Memory Lawn Memorial Park in Martindale.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Pentecostal Temple, 625 Centre Street, San Marcos, TX 78666.

Arrangements under the care and guidance of Pennington Funeral Home, 323 N. Comanche, San Marcos, Texas.

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Study Club Auction September 20

By Fair Wells

Get ready for a lot of action during the 29th annual auction on Sept. 20 to benefit the Wintermann Library.

Among the many marvelous items, we now have a 7-day Alaskan Cruise on Holland America's beautiful Ms Zaadam, cruising to Alaska from Seattle, Washington, Sept. 25-Oct. 2, 2009.

Accommodations for two in an oceanview stateroom as well as onboard meals and entertainment are provided. Taxes, fees, and airfare are the responsibility of the winner.

Cruise Center in Houston through President Tom Baker and

Cruise Specialist Carol Hoolier, is making this special offering possible in support of our endeavor to raise as much as possible for our library. You will love this beautiful trip, and we feel privileged to offer it.

Do come to the Community Center on the 20th - get your benefit drawing tickets and dinner tickets early from the library, A.J. Struss, Co., Chamber of Commerce office and members, and various Study Club members.

Hours 5 to 7 p.m. (silent auction); bakery booth and fried chicken dinner (\$8.00); 7:15 (main auction and drawing for prizes (\$20 tickets).

WCJC Annual Drama Music Night Sept. 18

On Thursday, September 18 the drama and music faculty of WCJC will present their annual performance, Something Old/ Something New. "It's a nice evening that allows us to say thank you to our fine arts donors and acknowledge our fine arts scholarship recipients," says Division Chair and Head of Fine Arts, Dr. Paul Spellman.

The program consists of a series of scenes, musical interludes and skits performed by the music and drama faculty. "This is one of my favorite performances of the year," says WCJC Director of Bands Joe Waldrop. Continuing, "It's an opportunity for the students to see the faculty pooling their talents, work as a unit, and come up with something really unique. We're showing the students that if we can do this, so can they; and it always sets a great tone for the year."

This year audiences will be treated to musical contributions by Lee and Debbie Lemson and

Dr. Jason Lester, a dance number performed by Joe and Dixie Waldrop, interpretive stories by Paul Spellman and Phil Hoke, and introduce the talents of our new Drama instructor Samuel Smith to the Wharton community. Sam is currently teaching drama courses at the Fort Bend and Sugar Land campus. "I'm not really certain what I'm stepping into, but I'm looking forward to it with both a sense of fear and excitement."

"It's a truly varied program and I never know what's going to happen," Says Drama director Phil Hoke. "In the past, I've performed Shakespeare, played musical tubes, piano, saxophone, and drums, and sung duets with various people. I'm not certain what kind of craziness we'll have this year, but I do know that it will be a night to remember."

"We've been performing Something Old/ Something New for the past ten years," explains Director of Choirs, Lee Lemson. "That's ten years of community support for student performers. There's no way we can express our genuine admiration and appreciation to the community for that. It's our privilege to have this opportunity to say thank you in the only way we know how, by sharing our gifts with those (donors and students) who share so much with us."

Performance time is 7:30 and admission is free.



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Angina is a heart-related condition caused by reduced flow of oxygenated blood to the heart itself. *Stable angina*, the most common type, is brought on by the increased oxygen demand on the heart caused by exertion, such as climbing a flight of stairs, and typically lasts only a few minutes. *Unstable angina* is a potential sign of a heart attack, which may occur unexpectedly while a person is at rest. Medical attention should be sought immediately when this occurs. Sensations of pressure, squeezing, fullness, or pain in the center of the chest are descriptive of the symptoms and discomfort associated with the condition. Other symptoms include dizziness, fatigue, and shortness of breath.

Mild angina pain may be controlled with lifestyle changes, such as eating a healthy diet, starting an exercise plan, and losing excess weight. Several medications are recommended for the management of angina. *Nitroglycerin* tablets may be placed under the tongue to allow more blood to flow to the heart. *Aspirin* helps the blood flow through arteries more easily by reducing the ability of the blood to clot. *Beta-blockers*, *calcium channel blockers*, and *angiotensin-converting enzyme (ACE) inhibitors* also may be prescribed. *Ranolazine (Ranexa)* is a newer medication approved for the treatment of stable angina.

THC Grants Available For Museums

The Texas Historical Commission (THC) is offering another round of History Museum Grants to Texas' small history museums. A total of \$10,000 in grant monies is available. Individual grants may not exceed \$1,000 and a one-to-one cash or in-kind matching contribution is required.

The grant program helps small history museums (with budgets of \$350,000 or less) fund projects that further the preservation of artifacts in their collections.

Grant information and applications are now available on the THC's web site at www.thc.state.tx.us. The deadline for proposals is Oct. 22, 2008.

Grant recipients will be announced in February, following the agency's January quarterly meeting.

Eligible projects include, but are not limited to, collections management software, environmental monitoring equipment, storage cabinets and shelves, photo digitization and duplication, acid free tissue, acid free folders and boxes, specialized cleaning supplies, UV light bulb covers and conservation treatments.

For more information about the THC's History Museum Grants, contact Museum Services Program staff at 512/463-5853 or history@thc.state.tx.us.



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New Arrivals

Raul Shiryu Zamora
Karla Cortez and Jesus Zamora of Eagle Lake are pleased to announce the birth of their child, a son, born September 3 at 7:07 p.m. at Rice Medical Center in Eagle Lake.

Raul Shiryu weighed seven pounds, 14 ounces and measured 20-1/2 inches long at birth.

Maternal grandparents are Gabriel and Guadalupe Cortez.
Paternal grandparents are Oscar and Olga Zamora.
Great-grandparents are San

Juana Estrada Ibarra, Josefina Camacho and Justo Camacho.
Karla Cortez y Jesus Zamora de Eagle Lake anuncian el nacimiento de su bebe, un niño, Raul Shiryu en el hospital Rice Medical Center a las 7:07 p.m. el 3 de septiembre.

Abuelos maternos Gabriel y Guadalupe Cortez.
Abuelos paternos, Oscar y Olga Zamora.
Bisabuelos, San Juana Estrada Ibarra, Josefina Camacho y Justo Camacho.

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Bible Verse of The Week

"Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty.
They say of the LORD, "He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust."
Psalm 91:1-2
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