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Achalasia is a medical term that describes an abnormal functioning of the esophagus and lower esophageal sphincter. A breakdown of nerves in the wall of the esophagus occurs. Normal muscle contractions that move food through the digestive tract (peristalsis) are impaired, and the lower esophageal sphincter does not relax properly. This combination leads to impaired emptying, and can therefore lead to obstruction of the esophagus. About 1 person in 100,000 each year is affected. Adults between the ages of 25 and 60 years are most commonly affected. Common signs and symptoms include dysphagia (difficulty swallowing), weight loss, chest pain, and heartburn. Hiccups also occur commonly in persons with achalasia.

The process of nerve breakdown in the esophageal wall cannot be stopped. However, treatments that work to improve the functioning of the esophagus may be prescribed. Nitrates, such as *Nitro-Dur* and *Nitro-Bid*, and calcium channel blockers, such as nifedipine (*Adalat*, *Procardia*), relax the smooth muscle of the lower esophageal sphincter. Procedures, such as physical dilation of the sphincter and surgery, also may be performed. Botulinum toxin injection into the sphincter itself may be administered to decrease pressure.

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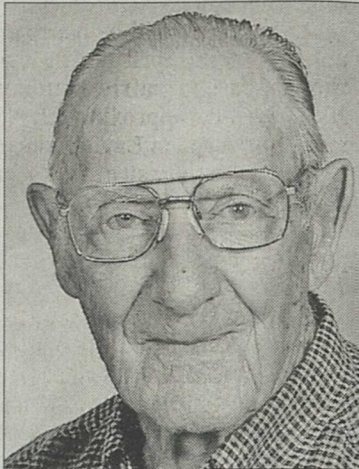
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Alois Frenzel

Alois Frenzel, 86, of Bernardo, passed away Saturday, April 3 at Rice Medical Center in Eagle Lake.

He was born April 4, 1923 in Westphalia, Texas to Ben and Mary Moeller Frenzel.

Alois married Rosemary Neundorff on June 12, 1948.

He was a retired mechanic and farmer and had been a resident of Bernardo since 1952. Alois was a member of St. Roch's Catholic Church and a veteran of the U.S. Army in WWII.

Alois was preceded in death by his parents; son, Raymond Frenzel; and sister, Regina Schraer.

Survivors include his wife, Rosemary Frenzel of Bernardo; daughters, Grace Oppermann and husband, Kevin of Weimar, Marjorie Frenzel of Katy, Edna Venghaus and husband, Gregory of Columbus, Mary Torres and husband, Jessie of Weimar and Laura Walla and husband, Glenn of Bernardo; sons, Richard Frenzel of New Braunfels, Stanley Frenzel and wife, Shirley of Columbus, James Frenzel and wife, Mary Lou of Rock Island and Daid Frenzel and wife, Bernadette of Columbus; sisters, Helen Wilde of Olfen, TX, and Margaret Mathiesen of San Angelo; brothers, Lawrence Frenzel and wife, Anna Mae and Ben Frenzel and wife, Dorothy, all of Rowena, TX; and Robert Frenzel and wife Barbara of San Angelo; 13 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, April 7 at 10 a.m. from St. Roch's Catholic Church in Mentz with Fr. Wayne Flagg officiating. Interment followed in St. Roch's Catholic Cemetery in Mentz. Henneke Funeral Home in Columbus was in charge of arrangements.

Pallbearers were Chris Frenzel, Craig Frenzel, Jimmie Frenzel, Evan Venghaus, Crystal Frenzel and Jennifer Venghaus.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

Tech Helps Seniors Get Healthier

As senior citizens learn more about health and technology, they're beginning to combine the two. According to the National Institutes of Health, more than 70 percent of online seniors look for health and medical information when they go online.

To help meet demand, the NIH's Web site now offers a variety of quick and easy online exercise ideas for seniors at nhseniorhealth.gov/exercise.

Seniors can peruse sample exercises in four categories of physical activity.

Regular exercise can reduce the risk of developing certain diseases and disabilities that can occur as people grow older.

Indeed, exercise can help prevent or manage heart disease, diabetes and osteoporosis.



Elsie Inez Richter Krenek

Elsie Inez Richter Krenek, age 96 of Garwood, passed away on March 30.

She was born on November 25, 1913 in Garwood to the late Louis and Annie Meisner Richter.

She married Joseph Paul Krenek on January 7, 1935. She was a loving mom, grandma and great grandma, a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Nada, the Catholic Daughters and the Christian Mothers.

She is survived by sons, Ladie Krenek and best friend, Ms. Kay Tucker of El Campo, Delmar Krenek of Garwood, J.P. Krenek, Jr. and wife, Beverly of Garwood; sister, Ida Richter Fuex of El Campo and formerly of West University Place in Houston; grandchildren, Terry Krenek and wife, Anne Marie of Seabrook, Sherry Strunk and husband, H.O. "Butch" of Oakland, Jason Krenek of Garwood, Jennifer Miles and husband, Gene of Fulshear, Nicole Joines and husband, Luke of Richmond, Dustin Krenek of Kingsville, Dane Krenek of College Station; great grandchildren, Colton, Cameron and Connor Krenek, Cody and Cullen Chapman, Jensen and John Thomas Miles and Lauren Joines.

Her parents; husband, Joseph Paul Krenek; and son, Lloyd Neal Krenek preceded her in death.

Visitation was held on Sunday, April 4, from 5 to 6 p.m. at St. Mary's Church in Nada.

A Rosary recited by the Nada Catholic Daughters and Christian Mothers will be at 6 p.m. on Sunday at the Church.

Funeral Services were held at 10 a.m. on Monday, April 5, at St. Mary's Church in Nada with Rev. Joe Vrana officiating. Burial followed at the St. Mary's Cemetery. Pallbearers were Robert Woolard, Terry, Jason, Dustin, Dane and Robert Krenek.

Honorary pallbearers were W.M. "Mark" Wied, Jerome Waligura, Dennis Korenek, Timmy Bittner, Donald Krenek and Billy Joe Krenek.

Memorial donations in memory of Elsie Krenek may be made to the Upkeep of St. Mary's Church or to the Garwood Volunteer Fire Department.

Triska Funeral Home in El Campo was in charge of arrangements.

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Dan Stephens Taylor

April 8, 1943- April 3, 2010

Dan Stephens (Steve) Taylor died peacefully at his home 111 East State Street on April 3, 2010, five days before his 67th birthday.

Steve grew up in Eagle Lake where he loved to farm, fish, and hunt, especially on the Lissie Prairie with his dad. His parents were Dan Stafford Taylor and Addie Jo Johnson Taylor.

As his parents' only child, he traveled to many places with the Stephens' Family.

His favorite travel memories were the trips to eastern Tennessee, his mother's family home to visit aunts, uncles, and his very special cousins.

He went to Eagle Lake Schools where he was active in sports, and enjoyed many close friendships that remain today. He also attended Sam Houston State University where he received a degree in Agriculture and Business.

Steve's career was primarily in banking. He began his banking career at Katy National Bank at age 23. Later, he worked as the Senior Vice President at First State Bank in Clute, which he truly loved.

He also attended Texas Tech School of Banking. Then, he and family moved back to Eagle Lake where he served as a loan officer at First National Bank.

Steve also owned the Ford Mercury dealership, "Steve Taylor Ford Mercury" for several years.

His love of the outdoors continued throughout his life. He was Chairman of Ducks Unlimited of Brazoria County, and active in CCA.

His true passion was his family. He quietly and faithfully adored his wife and his children. He provided a wonderful home, warm security and priceless memories. New joy came into his life with the birth of his grandchildren.

He is survived by his wife of 42 years, Beverly Ann Roberts Taylor; his son, Dan Stephens Taylor, Jr., (age 41); daughter, Tess Miranda Taylor Stephens (38); and his son-in-law, Joe B. Stephens of Katy. Additionally, he is survived by four grandchildren, Addie Alyse Taylor, age 10; and triplets Benjamin William, Jack Taylor, and Sophia Renee Stephens, age 3.

Services were held at The United Methodist Church of Eagle Lake, Tuesday, April 6, 2010 at 2 p.m. Burial followed at the Eagle Lake Masonic Cemetery.

The family requests that donations be made to the United Methodist Church of Eagle Lake or First Presbyterian Church of Eagle Lake.

Services were under the direction of Eagle Lake Funeral Home.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

Celebrate San Jacinto Day Festival

The annual San Jacinto Day Festival and Battle Reenactment will be held April 24 from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. at San Jacinto Battleground State Historic Site in La Porte, 20 miles east of downtown Houston.

The event is free to the public and follows the Texas Historical Commission's Annual Historic Preservation Conference which will be held in Houston, April 22-24.

The day's activities will celebrate the battle that won Texas' independence in 1836.

As a result of the Battle of San Jacinto, almost a third of what is now the United States changed ownership, first creating a new nation — the Republic of Texas — and ultimately gaining the United States nine territories that reached to the Pacific Ocean.

The festival offers living history camps, period demonstrations, family entertainment and children's activities.

In the afternoon, hundreds of historical reenactors will gather at the San Jacinto Battleground to stage the state's largest battle reenactment.

Attendees are also encouraged to visit the San Jacinto Museum of History's exhibits, take the 489-foot ride to the top of the monument and view the digital presentation "Texas Forever!!"

For more information about this event or the San Jacinto Museum of History, call 281.479.2421 or visit www.sanjacinto-museum.org.

To learn more about the THC's Annual Historic Preservation Conference visit www.thc.state.tx.us.

Timely Tips For The Growing Season

By: Kara J Matheney, County Extension Agent - Ag/NR

It's that time of year again! Here are a few timely tips for vegetables, herbs, and fruit for the Spring Growing season.

*Take advantage of warm days and cool nights this month by fertilizing vegetables to generate lots of growth.

The more growth and foliage there are the more energy is produced by the plant for production of a bountiful harvest.

*Lengthen the harvest period of fast-producing crops (e.g., green beans, bush type) by sowing a second and third planting in early and mid April.

*Mulch the vegetable garden to preserve moisture from spring rains and to reduce disease-causing fungi splashing from the soil to the plant and/or fruit.

*Remember that the best pest management strategy is your presence in the garden.

*Thin fruits from overburdened branches of fruit trees.

This is the toughest job in growing quality apples, peaches, pears, and plums.

Immature fruits are pulled off the tree to allow the remaining fruits to obtain maximum size.

*Continue checking for insect pests and diseases on your fruit and nut plants. Insect control is "kill them once you see them."

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Bible Verse of The Week

The Lord will perfect that which concerneth me: thy mercy, O Lord, endureth forever."

- Psalm 138:8

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