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Obituaries

Fred Clarence Klekar

Fred Clarence Klekar, 58, of Eagle Lake, died Wednesday in a Galveston Hospital, following a long illness.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday, March 23, at 11 a.m. at the Holy Cross Catholic Church in East Bernard, with Father Joe Vrana officiating. Burial was in Holy Cross Cemetery there.

He was born March 6, 1927, in Wallis, a son of the late Emil and Clara Liberda Klekar. He was married to Agnes Nemec of Eagle Lake. He was a member of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church in Eagle Lake, the Knights of Columbus and the KJT.

Survivors include his wife; four sons, Clarence James and Robert Francis Klekar of San Marcos, Christopher Stephen Klekar of Austin, and Richard Allen Klekar of Eagle Lake; three sisters, Sybila Wygris and Matilda Vacek of East Bernard, and Lillie Clark of Orange; five brothers, Pete D. Klekar of East Bernard, Victor and Donald Klekar of Orange, Bernard Klekar of Spring, Texas, and Herman Klekar of Dangerfield.

Funeral arrangements were under the direction of David-Dawson Funeral Home of East Bernard.

Dick Henry

Dick Henry, 74, of Rock Island, died on March 18 at the Heritage House Nursing Home in Eagle Lake, following a brief illness.

Services were conducted at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, March 20 at Myrtle Cemetery in Rock Island with Rev. Melburn Sibley, pastor of First Baptist Church of Eagle Lake, officiating. Dulany Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

He was born on May 4, 1910 in Hallettsville, a son of John Paul and Bonnie Estell Ponton Henry. He married Ruth Robertson on October 21, 1962 in Rock Island and lived in this area most all of his life. He was a veteran having served briefly with the United States Army during World War II and retired after over 30 years service as an employee of Colorado County.

Survivors include his widow, Ruth Henry of Rock Island; a brother, Clyde Henry of San Antonio, and numerous nieces and nephews.

James B. Franklin

James B. "Bert" Franklin, 71, of Sheridan, died on March 24 in a Victoria hospital.

Services were conducted at 2:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 26 from Kubena Funeral Home Chapel in Hallettsville with Rev. Bernard Ritchea officiating. Masonic Lodge 366 AF&AM conducted the graveside services at the City Cemetery in Hallettsville.

He was born on May 11, 1913 in Arkadelphia, Arkansas. He married Mabel Foster on April 7, 1935 in Smackover, Arkansas. He was a member of Masonic Lodge 366 AF&AM in Eagle Lake, Sheridan Volunteer Fire Department and Sheridan Lions Club. He retired after 36 years of service with Shell Oil Company.

He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers and two sisters.

Survivors include his widow, Mabel Franklin of Sheridan; a daughter, Sonia Menking of Hallettsville; two grandchildren and two great grandchildren and numerous other relatives and friends.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

Becky Benge on honor roll at ASU

Becky Yvonne Benge of Eagle Lake, a student attending Angelo State University in San Angelo, is listed on ther Dean's Honor Roll for the fall semester at the university.

Ms. Benge, an elementary education major who is the daughter of Major and Sandra Benge of Eagle Lake, is listed on the 3.00 to 3.49 honor roll.

St. Mary's honor roll list

St. Mary's School of Nada lists the following students on the honor roll for the third quarter:

Grade 1: Greg Deaton, Erin Gallagher, Dana Leopold.

Grade 2: Kimberly Korenek, Nicholas Korenek.

Grade 3: Stacey Leopold, Erin Korenek, Cari Cranek.

Grade 4: Amy Leopold, "A" honor roll; Neysa Popp, "B" honor roll.

Grade 5: Rebecca Korenek, "B" honor roll.

Grade 6: Shannan Matula, "B" honor roll.

Grade 7: Linda Gold, "A" honor roll; Vicky Hyek, Charlotte Korenek, Michael Popp, "B" honor roll.

Grade: LuAnn Korenek, "A" honor roll; Dawn Popp, "B" honor roll.

Dr. J.C. Laughlin

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received his Medical Degree (M.D.) from Baylor University in June of 1941. After fateful Pearl Harbor, he accepted the call to serve his country by enlisting in the United States Air Force as a First Lieutenant.

July 3, 1942 he and Miss Avis Ann Moorehouse were united in marriage in Cleveland, Ohio. In August of 1942 Dr. J.C. attended Flight Surgeon School at Randolph Field and in December of 1942 opened a Flight Surgeon's office at the B-26 base in Dodge City, Kansas.

Distinguished service career

After promotion to Captain in November of 1943, he transferred to the China-Burma-India theatre of operations. Several incidents of prominence often discussed by Dr. J.C. come to mind. Once he parachuted into Changsha, China to attend a wounded airman. He later made many rescue missions in the China-Burma-India area. Dr. Laughlin was promoted to Major and Group Flight Surgeon for four B-24 squadrons. However, shortly before his promotion, he was declared missing in action when he bailed out of a damaged plane. He landed in the Hsiang river valley in China behind enemy lines. With the aid of friendly Chinese he made a perilous 28-day walking trip back to a friendly base. Among the doctor's most prized possessions on display in his former office were the bronzed boots used to make the 28-day hike to safety.

For illustrious service with the U.S.A.F., Dr. Laughlin was awarded, from a grateful nation, the Purple Heart, two Soldiers Medals and an Air Medal.

Began practice here in 1945

Following the cessation of hostilities in World War II, Dr. J.C., Avis and family came to Eagle Lake community where he joined his brother, Dr. J.R. Laughlin, in practice in the Laughlin Clinic and Laughlin Hospital.

During the four decades of residence here, Dr. J.C. and family were a prominent part of all community activities. In early 1980, he was commended for over 35 years of service to the community with a retirement plaque from the Eagle Lake Community Hospital's board. The citation noted the award was "in appreciation for serving this community tirelessly and without regard to his personal health." It continued, "through his efforts the Eagle Lake Community Hosptial came into being and has become a hospital of prominence in the area."

Dr. J.C. served as chief of staff and as staff member at the hospital for many years. His knowledge and expertise in the field of medicine contributed immeasureably to the construction and management of the current hospital facilities.

It is said today by all of his friends of every race, color and creed that "Dr. J.C. was a friend indeed." He took special pride in the care of young and old and those in between. Despite heavy demands for his medical services, he found time to serve his community in so many other ways. He served as County Health Officer and as City Health Officer for many, many years. Dr. J.C. also was a long-time member and past president: Eagle Lake Lions Club, Eagle Lake School Board, Colorado County School Board, and Eagle Lake Community Hospital's medical staff.

It can be noted that his tenure on the Eagle Lake School Board and the County School Board came during many major and drastic changes in education policies and in the formation of the Rice Consolidated Independent School District. He served on the RCISD's first board but relinquished his position so that representation on the board could go to other communities in the district.

During his lifetime, he was a staunch advocate of honest and representative government on all levels and dedicated countless hours of effort to achieve this goal.

Dr. J.C. Laughlin will be hailed in the annals of this community as a "one-in-a-lifetime person" always willing to work for the betterment of the health and welfare of his fellow man and of his community, state and nation.

Countless thousands whose lives were touched in one way or another by this fine man join in extending heartfelt sympathy to the family in their great loss. He made his mark on this community and it will be remembered in our grateful hearts forever.

Dr. Laughlin's family requests that in lieu of usual remembrances, contributions may be made to the Eagle Lake Community Hospital Auxiliary, 600 S. Austin Road, Eagle Lake, Texas 77434.

East Bernard school menu

Monday, April 1: Breakfast, cinnamon roll or cereal, fruit, milk; Lunch, barbecue on bun with pickles, Ruffles chips, baked beans, fruit, cookie, milk.

Tuesday, April 2: Breakfast, pancakes with syrup or cereal, juice, milk; Lunch, burrito with chili and cheese, corn, salad, fruit, cake, bread, milk.

Wednesday, April 3: Breakfast, sausage patty with biscuit and jelly or cereal, juice, milk; Lunch, chicken nuggets, buttered rice and gravy, green beans, fruit, homemade bread, milk.

Thursday, April 4: Breakfast, french toast with syrup or cereal, juice, milk; Lunch, hamburger, French fries, pinto beans, lettuce, tomato, onions, pickles, milk.

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Deed, Colorado Oaks Enterprises Inc. to Jerry S. Winston et ux; lot 2 blk. 4, The Falls Subdivision Section II; 2-7-85.

Deed, George Bazan et ux to Michael B. Boyette et ux; 0.76 acres, Lake View Acres Subdivision; 2-22-85.

Deed, James Howard Stephens et ux to William L. Geldmeier Jr. et ux; 54.08 acres, James Cummins League; 2-21-85.

Partition deed, Millie Middleton et al to Don W. Rau trustee; 81.512 acres, James Cummins League; 12-8-84.

Deed, Donald D. Naiser et ux to Harry C. Henkaus Jr. et al; part of original lot 3 blk. M. Smith & Jones Addition; 2-25-85.

Deed, Ronnie Guenther et al to Walter A. Vornsand et ux; S. ½ lot 4 blk. 33, Weimar; 2-23-85.

Gift deed, Leslie Williams to Sandra Kay Williams et al undivided interest; Subdivisional lot 11 blk. 104, Columbus; 2-26-85.

Deed, MBank Brownsville, National Association, trustee to Commerce Bank-Houston, trustee undivided interest; tracts of land in M. Holden Survey et al; 1-28-85.

Quit claim deed, Ernestine Hodge Rowe to Jody Rowe; land in G.W. White Survey blk. 61; 2-25-85.

Deed, Lee Roy Lundquist et ux to Veterans Land Board; 12.12 acres, Joseph Grant Survey; 2-18-85.

Deed, Veterans Land Board to Merle Carlson; 12.12 acres, Joseph Grant Survey; 4-1-85.

Gift deed, Howard Wiese et ux to Donald Ray Wiese undivided interest; 95.284 acres, GH&HRR Co. Survey; 2-25-85.

Gift deed, Howard Wiese et ux to Glen Edward Wiese undivided interest; 117.25 acres, GH&HRR Co. Survey; 2-25-85.

Deed, Marvin Sherwood to Keenan O. Carstens et ux; 2 acres, Henry Austin Five League; 2-19-85.

Deed, Wentworth G. Eaton to Texas Gulf Building Corporation; 5.961 acres, John Hadden League; 2-21-85.

Deed, Douglas James Hastedt to Judy Carol Hastedt undivided interest; tracts of land in Colin DeBland Survey et al; 2-27-85.

Gift deed, John Hastedt Jr. to Julie Kay Beu et al undivided interest; tracts of land in Benjamin Parker Survey; 2-28-85.

Deed, Jose Rodriguez et al to John Manuel Rodriguez et ux; lot 28 & 29 blk. 49, P.O. Putneys College Subdivision; 2-26-85.

Deed, Mrs. Agnes Malik to Melvin Fuller; N ½ lot 7 blk. 13, Sheridan; 11-15-84.

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J.M. Craven to I. Jon Brook Jr.; 147 acres, Peyton R. Splane Survey; 7-20-84.

Harry W. Horndt et ux to Robert Mosbacher; .356 acres, Benjamin Beason Survey; 12-20-84.

Charline Little et vir to Robert Mosbacher; 4.370 acres, Benjamin Beason Survey; 12-20-84.

Francis Randolph Moerke to The Louisiana Land & Exploration Co.; 85.25 acres, C.W. Wilson Survey; 12-27-84.

Willaim E. Bauer to The Louisiana Land & Exploration Co.; 5 acres, HE&WTRR Co. Survey; 11-29-84.

Michaels Real Estate Investment Corp. to The Louisiana Land & Exploration Co.; 10 acres, HE&WTRR Co. Survey; 12-3-84.

A. Schlick Boettcher & Clem W. Boettcher Co-Executors & Co-Trustees for Clem C. Boettcher et al to Roger Chapman Inc.; 119.67 acres, Micah Andrews Survey; 12-28-84.

Boyd L. Farr et ux to Columbia Gas Development Corp.; 34.530 acres, Reddin Andrews Survey; 11-26-84.

Clara Heller et al to Columbia Gas Development Corp.; 70 acres, R.M. Johnson Survey; 12-5-84.

Molly A. Heger et vir to Columbia Gas Development Corp.; 70 acres, R.M. Johnson Survey; 12-4-84.

Jacqueline Morphis Hleer et al to Columbia Gas Development Corp.; 70 acres, R.M. Johnson Survey; 12-12-84.

UTEX Industries to Columbia Gas Development Corp.; 65.462 acres, R.M. Johnson Survey; 12-4-84.

Mary E. Taylor to Columbia Gas Development Corp.; 3 acres, Micah Andrews Survey; 12-10-84.

Henry Herbert Seifert et ux to Columbia Gas Development Corp.; 5 acres, H. Austin Survey; 11-28-84.

Minnie Mae Myatt et al to Getty Oil Co.; 40 acres, William Reney Survey; 12-13-84.

Morris *V. Jacks to Getty Oil Co.; 10 acres, North J.B. Fenn Survey; 11-9-84.

Richard V. Armstrong et al to Getty Oil Co.; 10 acres, South J.B. Fenn Survey; 6-9-84.

Horace G. Jacks to Getty Oil Co.; 10 acres, North J.B. Fenn Survey; 11-9-84.

William H. Hoegemeyer et al to Ballard Exploration Co. Inc.; 1.962 acres, Amos D. Kenion Survey; 12-13-84.

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Henry Mocisek to Ballard Exploration Co. Inc.; 80 acres, M.H. Phelps Survey; 11-29-84.

John Hastedt Jr. et al to Ensearch Exploration Inc.; 163.3 acres, I&GNRR Co. Survey; 11-20-84.

Earnestine Bell et vir to Lone Star Exploration Corp.; 19.5 acres, Joseph Tinkler Survey et al; 10-24-84.

Isabel Webb et vir to Lone Star Exploration Corp.; 19.2 acres, Joseph Tinkler Survey; 10-24-84.

Norwin G. Dahse et ux to Lone Star Exploration Corp.; 75 acres, Joseph Tinkler Survey; 10-18-84.

Bennie Kunz et al to Lone Star Exploration Corp.; 70.974 acres, Joseph Tinkler Survey; 10-18-84.

Bennie Kunz et ux to Lone Star Exploration Corp.; 5 acres, Joseph Tinkler Survey; 10-18-84.

Letha Ann Grahmann to Murff F. Bledsoe III; 21.428 acres, Wm. W.W. Thompson Survey; 10-8-84.

Helene Stech Keas et al to Murff F. Bledsoe III; 111.53 acres, W.S. Fisher Survey; 10-14-84.

Milady A. Leppin to Murff F. Bledsoe III; 23.08 acres, M. Phelps Survey et al; 10-13-84.

Willie A. Fuchs et ux to Murff F. Bledsoe III; 96.25 acres, W.S. Fisher Survey; 10-8-84.

Timothy John Strunk et al to Murff F. Bledsoe III; 34.847 acres, James Bowie League; 10-24-84.

Julie A. Benassini to Haber Oil Co.; 19.65 acres, J.M. Steiner Survey; 11-30-84.

Julie A. Benassini to Haber Oil Co.; 48.4 acres, J.M. Steiner Survey; 11-30-84.

Edgar Beken et ux to Lincam Oil & Gas Inc.; 88 acres, James G. O'Farrell League; 2-15-85.

Delbert Fuchs et ux to Lincam Oil & Gas Inc.; 70 acres, James G. O'Farrell League; 2-15-85.

William Joseph Lau to Haber Oil Co. Inc.; 48.4 acres, J.M. Steiner Survey; 11-27-84.

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Wilma Teichman to Esenjay Petroleum Corporation; 167.56 acres, T.J. Smith Survey; 8-7-84.

Mary H. Hazen to Alcorn-Tx Properties Inc.; 220 acres, Johnson & Stafford Survey; 9-24-84.

Norwest Agencies Inc. to Alcorn-Tx Properties Inc.; 238 acres, Johnson & Stafford Survey; 12-12-84.

Joyce Terrell to Ballard Exploration Co. Inc.; 4.50 acres, M.H. Phelps Survey; 1-15-85.

Lydia Kuhn et al to George D. Artusy III; 35.412 acres, John Dunlavy Survey; 11-16-84.

Max C. Dittmar et ux to George D. Artusy III; 51.29 acres, John Dunlavy Survey; 10-10-84.

Franklin Krause to George D. Artusy III; 62.5 acres, John Dunlavy Survey; 10-10-84.

Alvin D. Baggett et ux to Roy R. Gardner; lot 11 blk. 8, Sheridan; 1-4-85.

The Rita Dromgoole Sunderman Partnership to Forney Oil Corp.; 294.662 acres, Thomas Cartwright Survey et al; 1-14-85.

Oliver Jack Dromgoole et al to Forney Oil Corp.; 271.588 acres, Thomas Cartwright Survey; 1-14-85.

Willis G. Otto et ux to Harvey H. Howell; 43.068 acres, Richard Dowdy League; 8-29-84.

Beth Mack Castle, trustee of the Beth Mack Castle Revocable trust to Hanley Oil Co.; 30 acres, Waco Mfg. Co. Survey; 1-17-85.

C.J. Marik to Shanley Oil Co.; 10 acres, Waco Mfg. Co. Survey; 1-11-85.

W.E. Belt Jr. to Shanley Oil Co.; 10 acres, Waco Mfg. Co. Survey; 1-16-85.

Howard E. Otto et ux to Harvey H. Howell; 43.068 acres, Richard Dowdy League; 8-29-84.

Brunner in hospital

W.J. Brunner was taken to Southwest Memorial Hospital in Houston earlier this week. A speedy recovery is wished for him.

Pool, karate, track: Items to mark on calendar

Among future items to mark on your calendar are:

•The opening of the Eagle Lake Swimming Pool is just around the corner and the Revitalization Inc. parks committee is seeking applications for amanger and life guards. The applications should be mailed to P.O. Box 428, Eagle Lake.

•Karate classes, taught by First Degree Black Belt holder Neal Marsalla, are scheduled to begin April 2. The courses are for ages 5-10, and 11-adult. For registration information, call 234-2828.

•The Eagle Lake middle school will host a 7th and 8th grade track meet this Saturday, with field events starting at 9 a.m. and running events at 11 a.m. Schools from Bellville, Edna, El Campo, Columbus and Eagle Lake are expected to send girls and boys teams.

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Sheridan News

By Velma Kutzer Call 234-3988

The Sheridan Ambulance Corps cordially invites one and all to attend their second annual Benefair. The fair is set for Saturday, May 11 at the Sheridan Fire and Ambulance Hall and Park. The fair will get underway at 8 a.m. with some of the contests. The parade will begin at 10 a.m. with booths and other activities planned for the remainder of the day.

The funds raised at this event are used by the Sheridan Emergency Aid to help pay for the upkeep and insurance of the Sheridan ambulance. Your support will be greatly appreciated.

If you would like to participate in the events of the day you may contact the following people for more information: Loretta McCloud, pet show and other booths; Trayor Walker, barbecue cookoff and volleyball tournament; Vicki Ashley, parade officer, and Jean Walker, horseshoe pitching contest.

Other activities for the day will include an arts and crafts booth, dunking booth, game booth, kiddie rides and pony rides. Other contests will include Long John race, beard growing contest, hairy leg contest, husband calling contest, egg tossing contest and many, many more.

The youth of the Baptist Church will have a bake sale near the entrance of the Post Office this Saturday at 9 a.m. Proceeds will be used for their activities in the future, which will include a trip to Astroworld next month for Baptist Youth Day.

Get well wishes are extended to Luda Swann and Mable Boiard who entered hospitals this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Mayes Fuller of Houston spent last weekend at L&M Brangus Ranch visiting his mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Smith of Houston were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bufford Ashley Sunday.

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Don't linger! The chances for a successful replantation are best if done within 30 minutes to an hour after this mishap.
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