

OBITUARIES

Willie B. "Dessie" Christal

February 14, 1926 - August 2, 1991

Willie B. "Dessie" Christal passed away on Friday August 2, 1991. He was born in Colorado County on February 14, 1926 to Ira and Irene Christal. He attended E.H. Henry High School in Eagle Lake and was a member of the Greater Mt. Olive Baptist Church. He was baptized by Rev. Tom Collins. His employment was with the Wintermann Warehouse from August 1, 1947, to April 1, 1991, when he retired.

He was treasurer of the Greater Mt. Olive Baptist Church, member of the Brotherhood Department, treasurer of the Church Finance Committee, veteran of World War II, member of the American Woodman, president of the Elite Social Club and treasurer of the Eagle Lake Community Cemetery.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Albert and Ernest Christal. Survivors include Mrs. Earnestine Scott (twenty-five years of devoted companionship); one son, Douglas H. Christal of Eagle Lake; three step-daughters, Robin M. Scott of Houston, Virginia Gail Scott of Ft. Worth and Rhonda Sue Scott of Houston; one granddaughter, Erica; two step-granddaughters, Regina Upson and Crystal Scott; three sisters, Mrs. Annie Lou McTeer, Mrs. Jennie Bruce Woolridge and Mrs. Etta Mae Hawkins; two brothers, Ira Christal Jr. and Roland Christal; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held at the Greater Mt. Olive Baptist Church at 1 p.m. Wednesday, August 7, 1991 with the Rev. R. Kiser officiating. Interment followed at the Eagle Lake Community North Cemetery. Arrangements were under the direction of Mann's Funeral Home of Eagle Lake.

Active pallbearers were Henry Flowers, Alex Woolridge, Sylvester Castor, Joe Stovall, James Roy Sr., Clarence Stevenson and Henry McGrew. Honorary pallbearers were Ira Christal, Herman McTeer, Roland Christal, Preston Glover, Roy Christal and Avery McTeer. Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

Lawrence Robert Krenke

May 10, 1917 - August 17, 1991

Lawrence Robert Krenke, age 74 and a native of the Nada Community, passed away at his home on August 17, 1991, following an extended illness. He was born on May 10, 1917 to the late Ernest and Cecilia Trcka Krenke.

Mr. Krenke was a 4th Degree Member of the Knights of Columbus; retired manager of the Garwood Coop; retired Ins. Representative of the R.V.O.S. He was also a member of the K.J.T. Society.

A rosary was recited in the Triska Chapel in El Campo on Sunday at 5 p.m. with Fourth Degree Knights serving as the Honor Guard. The body laid in state in the Triska Chapel until 8:30 a.m. Monday when it was taken to the St. Mary's Catholic Church in Nada for services which were held at 10 a.m. A great-nephew, the Rev. Gary Janak, officiated at the Requiem Mass. Interment was in the St. Mary's Cemetery under the direction of Triska Funeral Home.

Mr. Krenke is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Barbara Williams of Garwood and Mrs. Carol Nunez of Dallas; one son, L.J. Krenke of Houston; one sister, Mrs. Louise Krejci of El Campo; and six grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife, Vlasta on January 22, 1987.

Mr. Krenke was the brother of the late Mrs. Fred G. (Marty) Finka of Eagle Lake.

Friends join in extending sympathy to the family in their loss.

Sophia A. West

December 30, 1895 - August 12, 1991

Sophia A. West, age 95 of Alleyton, passed away on Monday, August 12, 1991, at the Columbus Community Hospital. She was born in Hallettsville on December 30, 1895, to Karl and Mary Kubala Pavlu. She was united in marriage to Walter R. West on September 15, 1925. Former residents of Galveston, they moved to Alleyton in 1979.

She was preceded in death by a son, Walter C. West. Survivors include her husband, Walter R. West, age 94 of Alleyton; daughters, Judith Henicke of Alleyton and Marjorie Hayden of Pearland; son, Robert L. West of Dickinson; 11 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

A Rosary was held at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the Henneke Funeral Home in Hallettsville. Funeral services under the direction of Henneke Funeral Home were held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, August 14, 1991, at St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Columbus with Father Tim Kosler officiating.

Interment followed at Odd Fellows Rest Cemetery in Columbus. Pallbearers were Ray Gould, Bud Hayden, Steve Hayden, Gary Kimmons, Sam Mandola and Bill Godfrey.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

Mary Z. Pitonyak

August, 1914-August 13, 1991

Mary Z. Pitonyak passed away Tuesday, August 13, 1991, at 2:30 p.m. at the age of 76 years, 11 months and 23 days, in the Lavaca Medical Center in Hallettsville.

Funeral services were held Friday, August 16, 1991, at 10:30 a.m. from the Kubena Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Royal Jacobs officiating. Burial followed at the Myrtle Cemetery in Rock Island.

She married Joseph Pitonyak on July 20, 1932, in Lake Charles, Louisiana, and they had three daughters and a son. Mary lived in Rock Island for many years. Later, she moved to Houston and worked in Houston and Alvin. When she retired last year, she moved to Hallettsville.

She is survived by three daughters, Joanna Matejak and Kay Rother of Hallettsville and Pat Woytek of Alvin; one son, Paul Pitonyak; five sisters, Edith McGlothlin of Garwood, Emma Walton of De Sota, Gladys Nay of Sheridan, Lillian Kincheloe of Eagle Lake, Adele Swindal of Dallas; 14 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren; and a great number of nieces, nephews, and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Joseph H. Pitonyak; her parents, Pete and Blanche Darnon Zeigler; one sister, Joyce Zeigler; two brothers, Bill and Charles Zeigler; three grandchildren, Wanda Rother, Steve Rother and Elton Woytek. Pallbearers were Lee Rother, Mike and Rudy Woytek, Mark and James Gramham and Donald Wilson.

Honorary pallbearers were John Pitonyak and Paul Jay Pitonyak Jr., Joey Woytek, Donald Etzler and Donald Skelton.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

Wynn descendants hold 50th reunion near Giddings

One hundred and fifty descendants of A.W. Wynn met August 3-4 at Camp Tejas, near Giddings, for their fiftieth reunion.

Family members from Washington state, Colorado, Missouri, Oklahoma, Florida, Michigan, Nebraska, Mississippi, New Jersey and Texas began arriving Friday evening. Saturday morning they all met in the large assembly room to register and get name tags. They enjoyed a reception of cake and punch as they visited and viewed the display of the family tree covering six generations. Saturday afternoon was spent playing games, swimming, horse back riding and viewing the pictures and scrapbooks of the last 49 years. At 6:30

Helen Lichey Wegenhoft

March 23, 1915 - August 17, 1991

Helen Lichey Wegenhoft, age 76 of Columbus, passed away Saturday August 17, 1991, at the Memorial City Hospital in Houston. She was born in New Belair on March 23, 1915, to August and Mary Dahse Lichey. She was united in marriage on June 16, 1938, to Oliver Wegenhoft. He preceded her in death on August 18, 1985. She was a resident of Columbus for 60 years and a member of the First Baptist Church of Columbus.

Survivors include two sons, Travis Wegenhoft of Eagle Lake and Kenneth Wegenhoft of Baton Rouge, Louisiana; sisters, Erna Dunn of Wimar and Elsie Pavik of New Belair; brother, Robert Lichey of Glidden; grandchildren, Cpt. John F. Wegenhoft IV, Anna W. Gertson, Randa H. Wegenhoft, Travis P. Wegenhoft, Mary Anne Wegenhoft and Karen R. Wegenhoft; and a great-grandson, James Travis Wegenhoft.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. on Monday, August 19, 1991, at the Henneke Funeral Home in Columbus with Rev. Raymond Cox and Rev. David Mann officiating. Interment followed at Odd Fellows Rest Cemetery in Columbus.

Pallbearers were John F. Wegenhoft IV, John Gertson, Tom Albright, Robert W. Dunn, Emmerson Etheridge and Reggie Taylor.

Friends wishing to give a memorial may give to The First Baptist Church of Columbus or The First Baptist Church of Eagle Lake. Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

HERITAGE HOUSE NEWS

By Gladys Owens, Activity Director

We have had a host of families and friends visit our residents this week. It is wonderful to see people come in the front door, they are always welcomed with big smiles from our residents.

Mr. and Mrs. Ugarte had visitors Thursday and their grandson Manuel Ugarte was kind enough to play the piano for everyone. He played in the lobby area after lunch and again in the dining room at supper. Much to everyone's delight, we thank Manuel very much, the music was beautiful.

Another visitor, Perry Morris, brought his Yorkshire terrier. Residents love seeing animals of any kind. Our Jr. Volunteers, Anna and Michelle Schmidt were here to help with the movie and snack Tuesday. These young ladies help in any way they can. They like all our volunteers, are a great asset to our facility.

Mr. Bob Chapman and Jean Crawford called bingo three times this week. Thank you, we love our volunteers.

September 8th is Grandparents Day. You may want to think about adopting a Grandparent from our facility to send cards to or visit. Some residents have no one to remember them on special occasions and a card would mean so much to any one of them.

Worship service was conducted by Rev. Larry Bailey of the United Methodist Church Sunday.

Welcome McKinley Martindale back after a short hospital stay. *Administrator's News*

Despite age, the resident can reach his/her full potential in health, fitness, and well being. The elderly tend to have more disabilities which decrease activity due to physical and/or mental impairment. This can cause the resident's physical health, sense of purpose and feelings of independence and well being all to suffer.

Activity directors in long term health care facilities can help the resident to reach his/her full potential by developing activity programs which meet his/her needs. One approach could be creative movement, which could be exercise by music or dance.

Exercise to music is one activity that the residents demand each morning. If you need inspiration to continue your exercise program, you should come out to the Heritage House and see our residents go through their routines. Some are very limited, but strive to increase the movement in their limbs and the "smile" in their eyes and on their faces make everything worth while.

Darnon-Zeigler 15th reunion held in Hallettsville

The 15th annual Darnon-Zeigler Reunion was held on the 28th of July, 1991, at Edwin and Kay Rother's home in Hallettsville this year. Mary Pitonyak was in the Lavaca County Medical Hospital there. We had it there so everyone could go by to see her.

Those attending were John, Ethel and Rebecca McGlothlin of Bay City; Leah McGlothlin, Huntsville; David McGlothlin, Fort Lauderdale, Florida; Lillian Kincheloe, Stephanie Braden, Danette and Wesley Duncan and Sammy and Misty Duncan, all of Eagle Lake; Adele Swindal, Carrollton, Texas; Joe B. Street and Blenda Jo Paradaux, both of Cold Spring, Tx.; Billie Jo Pitonyak, La Jene Pitonyak and Mary Jo Walker and son, Devon, all of Port O'Connor; Sharon Woytek, Xandi, Xiomara and Thayer and Pat and Alton Woytek, all of Alvin; Edith and John McGlothlin, Garwood; Rita Spindler, Columbus; Ed and Gladys Nay, Sheridan; Edwin and Kay Rother, Hallettsville; Norma and Trent Shelton, Victoria; Lee, Cindy, Amanda and Scott Rother, Corpus Christi.

Edwin barbecued chicken, sausage and wild hog. You did a wonderful job. Everyone brought their favorite covered dish and dessert.

Everything was delicious and all had a wonderful time. After everyone ate we went to the hospital one by one to see Mary.

Our attendance was down this year because some people got the dates mixed up. Del and June Bongert of Brookshire, Bill and Imogene Dorman and Esther Crawford from Argonia, Kansas, were here July 21st and had a good time, but could not stay for the reunion.

The Rolf family of Eagle Lake and Patti Mohler family of Orchard are local members of this family.

Eagle Lake Community Hospital Patients

Week-Ending 8-18-91

ADMISSIONS

Eagle Lake: Santos Tavera, Adela

Emmett, Henry Cordes, Paula Hernandez; Lissie; Fred Izenhauer; Colum-

bus: Mary Nava and Baby Girl, Gayla

Shof and Baby Girl.

DISMISSALS

Eagle Lake: Otto Miller, Atancio

Desantiago, McKinley Martindale,

Eusebio Salazar, Gail Knight; El

Campo; Robert York; Austin;

Beatrice Eustice; Sealy: Laurie Son-

tag; Garwood: Raymond Sauff.

Sheridan News

By Velma Kutzer

Mrs. Dot Warthan and Melanie Rother recently attended the 65th wedding anniversary celebration honoring Dot's sister and brother-in-law. The event was held in Texarkana, Texas.

Helen Meith and sons Ben and John enjoyed attending an auction in Harper Saturday. They returned home with a small menagerie much to the delight of the boys.

JoNell and Eugene Kazmir spent last weekend in Corpus Christi where JoNell attended "Save the Wave" hair show Sunday and Monday. Approximately 15,000 stylists attended representing hair salons nationwide. New products and techniques were displayed and one lucky lady won a new car. JoNell is the owner and operator of Hair Etc. here in Sheridan.

Brent Pittman, pastor of the Baptist Church, invites you to "bring your supper" and enjoy the last Sunday evening picnic before school starts. Activities will begin at 5:30 with volleyball for the youngsters and the meal will begin at 6 p.m. A song service and short devotional will be part of the program.

Vacation Bible School had an enrollment of 103 this year with an average daily attendance of 93. The boys and girls competed to see who could bring the most offering — by weight. The boys won, bringing in 16 pounds and the girls, 15. The school held commencement services Friday night where the children displayed things they had made and learned during the week. Special thanks and appreciation is extended to Dana Sanders, V.B.S. Director and the teachers and helpers who worked long and hard to prepare to make the week the huge success that it was!

Alice Hinz and her family and friends recently spent three days in New Braunfels. Hill Country R.V. Park was the gathering spot for Vicki and Ralph Arndt and children from Dallas; Cheryl and Clarence Orchard from Old Ocean; Rita, Jason and Jeffery from Hallettsville; Tammy, Alice and Chantel Chabrock of Sheridan; and Kari Seaborn from Eagle Lake. Granddaughter Haley returned home with the Hinz's and attended Vacation Bible School last week. Her parents came and took her home during the weekend.

Bradley Gohike spent the summer working in Rosenberg and returned home during the weekend to get ready for the new school year.

Jim, Justin and I enjoyed all of our children spending Sunday and Monday with us. Becky and Scott came from Killen and left late Monday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Steen, Jr. of George West announce the engagement of their daughter, Lori Lea of Wharton, to Douglas Alan Baumgarten of Garwood, son of Mr. and Mrs. Baumgarten of Garwood. The wedding is planned for October 5th at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Nada.

Lori is a graduate of George West High School. She is employed as a Business Coordinator at Riceland Regional Mental Health Authority in Rosenberg. Doug is a graduate of Rice High School and TSTL. He is employed as an Air Conditioning Technician with EB Air Conditioning in East Bernard.

Pilots to host fall workshop

The Pilot Club of Eagle Lake will host Region IV Fall Workshop Sunday, November 10th. Region IV Lt. Governor, Connie Ficker, of Canyon Lake, visited Eagle Lake August 9th to meet with workshop organizer, Jean Abel and President-elect Barbara Pidgeon to formulate plans.

Barbara Pidgeon will start her term as president of the Pilot Club of Eagle Lake, September 1, 1991.

Connie Ficker's next visit to Eagle Lake is scheduled for October 9th.

News from the Columbus FFA

The Columbus FFA Chapter has been invited to attend the National FFA Convention in Kansas City, Missouri, on November 12-16. The chapter was awarded a Gold Emblem in the National Chapter Rating Area. This award is given to the best 30 chapters in the nation.

Also received was a Silver Emblem for the chapters BOAC (community service), activities, and a Bronze Emblem for the Chapters Safety Program. Seven FFA members will attend this convention and the chapter will be awarded plaques and be recognized as an outstanding chapter.

The chapter has planned a leadership day on August 19, starting at 4:30. The program is scheduled to be held at the Columbus Ag. Building. All past FFA members and students new to the Ag. Program are asked to attend. Officers need to wear official dress and members should wear jackets.

Stacy Simonson is running for Colorado County Fair Queen. The Columbus FFA is sponsoring her effort. If you would like to support Stacy, please contact her or Doug Ulrich at the Ag. Building in Columbus.

On August 25, 4-H and FFA members are holding a joint Showmanship Clinic. All members of both organizations throughout the county are asked to attend. Sheep, swine and beef showmanship pointers will be given. Do not bring your animals to the clinic. The clinic will provide them.

Leadership practice for FFA teams will begin August 20 at 6 p.m. Beginning FFA members need to attend to begin practice for contest.

All FFA students planning to show steers and heifers in the Columbus FFA Livestock Show must weigh-in their animal on September 7, at the Columbus Auction, at 8 a.m. All beef animals must weigh, and tagged otherwise identified. Steers must weigh less than 600 pounds. Heifers and cow

ages will be recorded for class identification.

The District IV meeting will be held in Brookshire at Royal High School at 4:30 p.m. September 9. On September 10, at Sam Rayburn High School in Bryan, the Area III Awards Banquet will be held. All members are encouraged to attend these events.

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GARWOOD/NADA NEWS

By Georgia Michalka

Summer Programs

The Veterans Memorial Library held its end of summer party recently. The children enjoyed refreshments of cookies and cold drinks. Prizes were awarded for the reading contest in two divisions.

In the Read-to-Me division first place went to Lacy Lehrer with 86 books read. Second place went to Leslie and Bubba Woolard with 39 books read. In the first through fourth grade division, first place went to Lana Engstrom. She was very industrious reader this summer with a total of 103 books read. Second place in this division was Jana Janish with 36 book read. First place winners were presented with a back pack, school supplies and a book. Second place winners received a book and art supplies. All winners also received a "Make Friends with Books" button to wear. Children who attended the end of summer party received a "Make Friends with Books" bag filled with book markers and a blow pop sucker.

Many thanks to all participants and parents who helped to make this years program successful.

August Birthdays

25: Ashley Labay, Audrey Drlik, Steve Antrich, Tom Rohwer

26: Kenny Baumgarten, Kimberly Waligura

27: Leonard Staff, W.A. Manis, Donna Woolard, Donald Priemeyer, Dawn Popp

28: Andrew "Buckshot" Popp

29: Melanie Merta, Jeannene Crane, Jennifer Korenek, Edna Shimek

30: Clint Krenke, Mrs. John

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