

OBITUARIES

Annie Kveton Janak

October 20, 1898 - June 4, 1993

Annie Kveton Janak, 94, of Eagle Lake, passed away in Gulf Coast Medical Center in Wharton Friday, June 4, 1993. She was born October 20, 1898, in Sealy to Frank and Frances Sodalak Kveton.

She and Frank Louis Janak married in Sealy in 1929. They resided and farmed near Matthews. Mr. Janak died May 9, 1981.

She lived most of her life in Eagle Lake and was a member of the Catholic Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, parents, daughter, Sophie in 1978; sisters Mary Dwyer, Albina Ryza and Sophie Labay; brothers, Frank Jr. and Otto Kveton.

Survivors include her daughters and son-in-law, Elvina and Daniel Marekta of Wharton, Elsie Drake of Austin; brother and sister-in-law, Richard and Hermia Kveton of Taylor; two granddaughters and one great grandson.

Funeral services were held Monday, June 7 at 11 a.m. in Dulany Funeral Home Chapel in Eagle Lake with Rev. Eddie Winkler officiating. Interment followed in Lakeside Cemetery.

Palbearers were Johnny Kujawa, Edwin Pollock, Alvin Kocurek, Norris Janak, George Perry and Freddie Kocurek.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

Janelle Secrist Klein

January 29, 1949 - June 4, 1993

Mrs. Janelle Secrist Klein, 44, of Rock Island, passed away Friday evening, June 4, 1993, in Southwest Memorial Hospital in Houston.

She was born January 29, 1949, in St. John's, Mich. to Joel Edwin and Theda Manier Secrist.

She grew up in Lewiston and Atlanta, Mich., graduating from Atlanta High School in 1967. She and Randy Klein were married in Atlanta April 5, 1969.

The family moved to Rock Island in 1979. She attended Wharton County Junior College School of nursing and earned her RN degree in 1988. She had worked for Columbus Community Hospital, Lavaca Medical Center Hospital in Hallettsville and was director of nursing for Southern Manor Nursing Home in Hallettsville.

She served as a member and past president of the Sheridan Ambulance Corps, and was a member of New Life Fellowship Church in Sheridan.

She is survived by her husband; parents; daughters and son-in-law, Traci and Jeff Marquart of Houston, Kori Klein of Austin and Kaci Klein of Rock Island; brother, Joel E. Secrist Jr. of Traverse City, Mich.; a number of nieces, nephews and other loved ones.

Funeral services were held Sunday, June 6, at 4 p.m. in the chapel of Dulany Funeral Home in Eagle Lake. Brother Del Sanford, pastor of New Life Fellowship Church officiated. The remains were taken to Green Funeral Home in Atlanta, Mich. for services at 3 p.m. Tuesday, June 8, at Big Rock Congregational Church with Rev. Jeff Meyers officiating. Interment was to follow in Briley Township Cemetery in Atlanta.

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Ethel M. Reese Potter

March 24, 1915 - June 1, 1993

Ethel M. Reese Potter, 78, of Sheridan, passed away Tuesday, June 1, 1993. She was born March 24, 1915, in Lavaca County to John Henry and Ida Mae Kersh Reese.

She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Sublime.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Fred E. Potter in 1961; a son and a brother.

Survivors include her daughters, Mae Beth Brocker of El Centro, California, Carmen Jackson of Sheridan and Sharon McAnelly of Weatherford; son, Arthur L. Potter of Mathis; sister, Evelyn Buchanan of Sublime; eight grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Thursday, June 3, at 10 a.m. in the chapel of Kubena Funeral Home of Hallettsville with Revs. Brent Pittman and Ed Benick officiating. Burial followed at Geiger Cemetery in Sublime.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

Domin 'Dee' Sopchak

August 4, 1906 - June 5, 1993

Domin "Dee" Sopchak, 86, of Eagle Lake, died Saturday, June 5, 1993, at 9:05 a.m. in Eagle Lake Community Hospital.

He was born August 4, 1906, in Waller to Tom J. and Stella Gajewski Sopchak.

He farmed for many of his younger years and later worked as an auto mechanic in Eagle Lake. He had been a resident here for 50 years and was a member of the Catholic Church.

He was preceded in death by his parents; sister, Mary Schindler; and brothers, Leon and John Sopchak.

Survivors include sisters, Sophie Kemp of Houston and Martha Korta of California; numerous nieces and nephews; and special friend Maggie Schmitt of Eagle Lake.

Vigil was held Monday, June 7, at 7 p.m. in the chapel of Dulany Funeral Home. Funeral services were scheduled at 10 a.m. June 8 at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church with Rev. Eddie Winkler officiating. Graveside service and interment followed at Lakeside Cemetery in Eagle Lake.

Serving as pallbearers were David Schindler, James DeShazo, James Brune, R.E. Altman, Walter Fmka and Felix Lepok.

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Heritage House News

By Mary Ellen Wiseman, Activity Director

Our residents having birthdays this month include Ruby Hirschback and Dorothy Peoples on June 13, Helen Oehlers and Agnes Weatherman on June 16, Emma Randolph and Martha Coleman on June 18 and Ann Shain, June 30.

Mark your calendar for our senior games coming up soon.

June 3 was Nurses Assistant Day. To honor our nurse's aides there were refreshments and a drawing. Bea King won the prize of a microwave oven. It was presented to her by Wendy Gerner and Carolyn Ferrill.

We welcomed several new residents to Heritage House recently. Rosie Clemmons, Martha Coleman, Lula Schoellmann, Frances Kelter, Trino Maldonado and Harriet Taylor have come to join us.

We are all saddened by the passing of one of our residents, Mr. Des Sopchak. He will be greatly missed.

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Winner

To honor our nurse's aides at Heritage House for Nurse's Assistant Day, there were refreshments and a drawing. Bea King, center, won a microwave oven. Presenting it to her are Wendy Gerner, left, and Carolyn Ferrill, right.

Heritage House Photo

New laws 'taxpayer friendly' says Nabers

Several laws passed by the 73rd Texas Legislature will be welcome news for Texas taxpayers, according to Railroad Commissioner (RRC) Mary S. Nabers. The new laws are designed to encourage economic growth.

"I guess you could call them user friendly," Nabers remarked.

A far-reaching transportation law will relax intrastate trucking regulation. It represents a compromise between the regulation-deregulation proponents. It should make doing business in Texas easier for shippers and carriers thus making Texas more competitive, she noted.

SB1313, signed into law by Gov. Ann Richards, amends the Motor Carrier Act by expanding commercial zones, easing entry into the industry under certain circumstances and modifying current rate structures as well as application procedures. It goes into effect Sept. 1.

One major impact of this law may be the increase of women and minorities in the business due to loosened regulations.

Two new laws focus on alternative fuels. One will create a six member Alternative Fuels Council to oversee the state's policies. The council is to be made up of the RRC Commissioners, General Land Commissioner, and chairman of the General Services Commission and Air Control Board. They will consolidate, coordinate and promote the state's alternate fuels policy.

About \$5.5 million in oil over-

charge funds will be appropriated to the council and up to \$50 million in revenue bonds may be issued. The council will direct efforts to distribute these funds designed to cover costs of installing refueling systems, modifying engines and purchasing new vehicles to run on alternative fuels.

The second law authorizes the issuance of \$100 million in bonds to finance the Texas LoneStar Program, which provides low interest energy loans to public utilities.

Another law will give the RRC the power to establish rebate programs for consumers of alternative fueled products.

Incentives for oil and gas producers have also come through new legislation signed into law.

Texas oil and gas producers get an incentive to discover new fields with the law that states "upon discovery of 521 new oil and/or gas fields in 1994, every producer who discovered one of the new fields will be rewarded with a \$10,000 credit in severance taxes."

Similarly HB1975, now a law, is designed to provide relief to producers who bring wells that have been inactive for three or more years back to producing status. The RRC can certify such a well eligible for a 10 year severance tax exemption.

"The most important feature of these new laws is that they give taxpayers some freedom from taxes and regulations that often slow economic growth," Nabers concluded.

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