

# OBITUARIES

## Eugene L. 'Gene' Baker

January 2, 1926 - March 6, 1995

Gene Baker, 69, of Eagle Lake passes away at 4:45 p.m. on Monday, March 6, 1995, at the Eagle Lake Community Hospital following a sudden illness.

He was born on January 2, 1926, in Cordele to William Loren and Betty Drew Wells Baker.

Born Eugene L. Baker, he attended Ganado High School and graduated class of 1943. Following high school, he served with the Merchant Marines for a period of time during WW II before returning to Ganado.

Baker and Dorothy Hicks were married in Ganado on January 1, 1948.

For most of 40 years, his career was in agriculture. He worked in rice drying and storage in Ganado and Edna and managed the Eagle Lake Rice Dryer prior to his retirement.

Baker was a member of the Eagle Lake United Methodist Church, past president of the Eagle Lake Chamber



of Commerce and served as Alderman for the City of Eagle Lake for 13 years as well as City Treasurer.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Mrs. Ethel Mosley.

Survivors include his wife, Dorothy Baker of Eagle Lake; two daughters, Diana Brunner of Eagle Lake and Barbara Holderman of Clear Lake; a son, Larry Baker of Houston; four sisters, Melva Mareah of Lolita, Helen Fletcher of Houston, Betty Ann Carroll of Edna and Virginia Calder of Alvin; a brother Billy Ray Baker of New Braunfels; his mother-in-law, Mable Hicks of Edna; seven grandchildren; a host of nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, other relatives and loved ones.

Funeral services were scheduled for Wednesday, March 8, at 2 p.m. from the Chapel of Dulany Funeral Home in Eagle Lake with Rev. Larry Bailey, pastor, Eagle Lake United Methodist Church, officiating. Interment was to follow in Lakeside Cemetery in Eagle Lake.

Dulany Funeral Home, Eagle Lake, was in charge of the arrangements.

Named as pallbearers were Larry Hansen, Kirby Waldrop, Tommy and David Guthmann, Bobby Thornton, Allen Campbell, Marvin Bachak, Clarence Coldey and Bill Appel.

Honorary pallbearers were to be Leroy Guthmann, Doyle Waldrop, T.J. Smith, Elmer Struss, Bob Cook, Lee Brisco, Ray Kasmierky and Lou Mack.

Memorials may be made to the church of your choice or the Memorial Foundation, an affiliate of the Memorial Health Care Systems, 7737 Southview Freeway, Suite 230, Houston, TX 77074.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

## James T. Frnka

November 9, 1913 - March 6, 1995

James T. Frnka, 81, of Eagle Lake, died Monday, March 6, 1995, at 11:55 p.m. at his residence following a lengthy illness.

He was born on November 9, 1913, in Nada to John and Mary Labay Frnka.

Frnka was a lifelong resident of Colorado County, attended local schools and graduated from St. Mary's Seminary in La Porte.

He and Lillian Babajka were united in marriage on September 10, 1936. Frnka also served as Constable for Colorado County Precinct 8 from 1964 to 1988, 24 years before retirement.

He was member of the Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church in Eagle Lake with Rev. Father Eddie Winkler, officiating.

Interment will follow in the St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery in Nada. Vigil services were scheduled for Wednesday, March 8, at 5:30 p.m. at the Chapel of Dulany Funeral Home. Dulany Funeral Home in Eagle Lake is in charge of the arrangements.

Named pallbearers are John A. Jimmy J. and Delano J. Frnka Sr., Delano J. Frnka Jr., Floyd Spearath, Roald E. Andersen and Scott and Ken Hansen.

Honorary pallbearers will be James (Bubba) Bunge Sr., Dr. Raymond R. Thomas, Dr. Russell Thomas, Larry, Kenneth and Somy Austin and Dr. Lester Cranek.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

Mae Droz and Mary Frnka; brothers, Leo Allen and Ben Frnka; and a granddaughter, Connie Marie Frnka.

Survivors include his wife, Lillian of Eagle Lake; daughters and sons-in-law, Delores Ann and Roald E. Andersen of Galveston, Judy and Ken Harris of Olney, Ill., Jeanette and Floyd Spearath of Eagle Lake; sons and daughters-in-law, Jimmy J. and Janet Frnka of Houston, John A. and Gayle Frnka of Willis, Delano and Linda Frnka of Eagle Lake; five grandchildren; nieces, nephews, other relatives and loved ones.

Funeral services will be held Thursday, March 9, at 10 a.m. from Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church in Eagle Lake with Rev. Father Eddie Winkler, officiating.

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## Emil 'Bobby' Guthmann

December 3, 1929 — March 2, 1995

Emil "Bobby" Guthmann, 65, of Columbus died March 2, 1995, at Columbus Community Hospital.

He was born Dec. 3, 1929, in Frelsburg, the son of Marcus Sr. and Eva Moeckel Guthmann.

Guthmann was a resident of Columbus for most of his life.

He was united in marriage with Larnette Barton on September 3, 1955.

Guthmann was a steel plant superintendent for Schindler Bros. Steel. He was a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Columbus, Woodmen of the World and served in the Korean War while in the Army. He had the flag folded for him for his war service.

Guthmann was preceded in death by his parents; wife; and two infant children, Sandra Kay and Bobby Ray Guthmann.

Survivors include three daughters and sons-in-law, Brenda and Jimmy Skuta of Mentz, Cindy and Freddy

Pelts of Columbus and Sheri Guthmann and fiancée, Mark Schmitt, of Ellinger; two sons and daughters-in-law, James and Joyce Guthmann of Columbus and Tommy and Susan Guthmann of Ramsey; a sister, Bernice Supak of Sealy; three brothers, Marcus of Eagle Lake, and Walter and Irvy, both of Columbus; and three grandchildren, Lauren Guthmann and Jennifer and Blake Skuta.

Services were held March 4 at Henneke Funeral Home in Columbus with the Rev. John Hunsicker officiating.

Burial followed at Odd Fellows Rest Cemetery in Columbus.

Serving as pallbearers were Pet Crawford, Jack Leyendecker, Gaylon McLlwain, Michael Maertz, Leon Zweschper and Lawrence Korenek Jr.

Henneke Funeral Home Inc., Columbus, was in charge of arrangements.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

Heritage House Living Center, in collaboration with CMS Therapies Inc., will be hosting a rehabilitation open house on Friday, March 10.

The purpose of the open house is to increase community awareness of the rehabilitation services offered at the facility. Services currently offered include: physical therapy, occupational therapy and speech therapy.

Often times people lose abilities such as walking, talking or various

## Heritage House to host open house this Friday

daily living activities due to strokes, fractures, amputations or other debilitating diseases.

The rehabilitation team at Heritage House specializes in various treatment methods with goals to maximize independent living skills and return to patient to prior living conditions when appropriate.

Everyone in the community is invited to come between 2 and 4 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

## Improvement initiative aunched at Heritage House

On Monday, March 6, the Heritage House adopted a new philosophy of care and management with the Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI) initiative.

"Continuous Quality Improvement is a mind-set and action-oriented approach to create high performance work systems," said Heritage House Administrator Jerry Meyers. "Our goal will be satisfying customers through leadership that promotes teamwork and uses data to continuously improve services."

The facility's CQI initiative requires that facility employees are committed to quality and take responsibility, individually and in teams, for problem solving.

"Continuous Quality Improvement will become the most important tool for providing quality services to our residents," said Dr. Keith Krein, Medical Director and Vice President of Professional Services for Living Centers of America, the company that operates Heritage House. "We believe our services can be continuously improved when departments work together in teams to satisfy our customers, including residents, clients, patients, families and physicians. Heritage House recognizes that long-term care facility would not exist."

Heritage House began CQI training on March 8. The CQI training is designed to heighten the awareness and understanding of the facility staff's role in quality improvement. Meyers said they are already seeing results.

"Instead of solving problems as they arise, we are working to find the cause of the problems to prevent them from reoccurring. We are also learning ways to find out what our residents and families expect from us and how to measure their level of satisfaction," said Meyers.

Heritage House is a 98-bed facility that provides skilled care and operates an Alzheimer's Care Center.

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first day of the season last Sunday in Uvalde.

The pretty home of Mr. & Mrs. S.S. Sinclair was beautifully arranged with fall blossoms when Mrs. Sinclair, Miss Albina Peters, Miss Angeline Yavrecka and Miss Josephine Frnka complimented Miss Hope Dornon, bride-elect of Edward Causey, with a miscellaneous shower on last Saturday evening.

Sympathy is extended to Mr. & Mrs. L.L. Briscoe on the death of their baby son, Michael Wayne, on Monday morning.

Oscar Louis Bunge, son of Mr. & Mrs. Lester Bunge, arrived at Nightingale Hospital in El Campo Wednesday, Nov. 13, weighing nine pounds.

Dr. & Mrs. J. Ben Johnson entertained with a "42" party at their home on Tuesday evening, honoring Joe Fojtik of Flint, Mich., and Mrs. A. E. Voight of San Antonio, brother and sister of Mrs. Raymond Jochetz.

Mrs. Dick Obenhaus, the former Miss LaVerne Muesse, was named honoree at a miscellaneous shower last Thursday evening at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Hillie Kretschmar. Miss Betty Jean Kretschmar, Miss Leona Gold and Mrs. Wilburn Wade were hostesses.

The baby son of Mr. & Mrs. Elmer Wallace born last week at Laughlin Hospital has been named Kenneth Gregory. He weighed eight and one half pounds.

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## Caffeine May Increase Work-Related Stress

Caffeine is considered the most commonly consumed drug in the United States. The *Handbook of Nonprescription Drugs* indicates that 80 percent of the U.S. population consumes caffeine every day in coffee, tea, soft drinks and foods such as chocolate products. A recent issue of *The Cancer Bulletin* reports that Americans consume about 2 billion pounds of coffee and 500 million pounds of tea each year. Greater than 75 percent of the U.S. population drinks an average of two to three cups of coffee every day. Studies of heavy caffeine consumption have shown an association with increased heart rate, irregular heart beats, and coronary heart disease. With moderate consumption there is an initial increase in blood pressure that returns to normal over time.

One new study reported by Dr. James Lane and associates at Duke University indicates that drinking coffee at work may increase a person's stress response to everyday situations. Their report, published in a recent issue of *American Family Physician*, indicates that workers given 300 mg of caffeine (equivalent to two to three cups of coffee) had an average increase in urinary epinephrine of 37 percent as compared to levels measured after they had no caffeine. Epinephrine is a stress hormone that can trigger an increase in blood pressure, heart rate and cholesterol.

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## Janow, Broesche wed at Lake Tahoe

Monica Janow and Larry Wayne Broesche were united in marriage at three o'clock on Monday, February 20, 1995.

The ceremony was officiated by Rev. Robert D. Orr in the garden

chapel of the Embassy Suites in Lake Tahoe, California. A reception followed the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Lt. Col. Ronald and Betty Janow of Salt Point. She is the granddaughter of Pearl Meitzen of Eagle Lake and A.H. Janow of Columbus.

The groom is the son of Frank and Annie Broesche of Eagle Lake.

Charlet Janow and Denise Janow of Eagle Lake served their sister-in-law as matrons of honor. Darrell Gertson friend of the groom and cousin of the bride, served as best man.

Special guests were the 30 family and friends who made the trip with the couple.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry "Pinto" Broesche will reside on Eagle Lake



Mr. and Mrs. Larry "Pinto" Broesche

## ANNOUNCING A NEW ARRIVAL

**Breann Tanaye Breithaupt**

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Breithaupt of Rockdale are proud to announce the birth of a daughter, Breann Tanaye. She made her arrival at 7 p.m. on January 11, 1995, at King's Daughters Hospital in Temple.

The little lady tipped the scales at nine pounds and measured 21 inches in length.

She is welcomed home by a brother, Justin, age seven.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Don Rash of Rockdale.

Proud paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. E.H. (Sonny) Breithaupt of Eagle Lake.

## Bendy bids WCJC farewell

Donald Bendy of Eagle Lake, President of the Wharton County Junior College Foundation Board for the last two years, overviews his last meeting as presiding officer. Bendy expressed his thanks for having had the opportunity to serve as president, before calling for an election of new officers. Pictured, from left, are: Jackie and Dr. Frank Vivelo, Bendy and his wife, Sandy.

WCJC Photo

## ELCH parties

Week ending Feb. 26, 1995  
ADMISSIONS  
Eagle Lake: Edward Preismeyer, Lorenzo Israel, Sarafino Belman & Baby Girl; Garwood: Lorraine Atkins; Columbus: John Wooten, Angeline Zhrank; Sheridan: Molly Martin, Wallace Alla R. Kelly.

DISMISSALS  
Eagle Lake: Isabel Vecera, Brendon Brisco, Doris Clipson, Molly Valdez, Paula Stevenson & Baby Girl; Phillip Soto; Garwood: Ann Zhrank; Columbus: Lorraine Girdt, Cynthia Wilk & Baby Girl; Sheridan: Violet Harrington, Tom Sichter; Sealy: Jahain Lewis.

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## RAIDER REVIEW

### RHS welcomes Milligan

A new face on the Rice High School campus is Coach Patrick Milligan. Coach Milligan has filled the position of former science teacher and head volleyball and tennis coach, Susan Pittman. He now resides in Columbus and enjoys coaching in the RHS district.

Coach Milligan was born in Baytown but has lived in various places, including Indiana, Kentucky, Ohio, North Carolina, Michigan, Utah, Tennessee and Japan. His coaching experience includes intramural teams at BYU, extramural volleyball at Houston Community College, and volleyball and basketball in Japan.

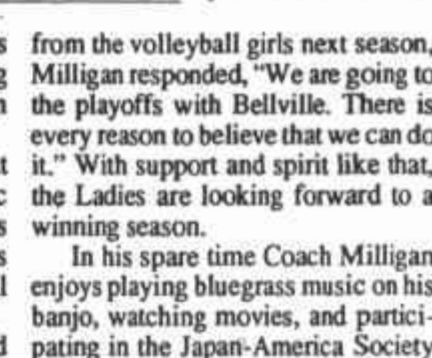
In 1979 a coach and good friend of Milligan's, Brent Brunson, influenced his career decision. "He told me that he enjoyed helping and watching the kids grow-up day to day. I found a

talent and a love for helping kids improve their self-esteem by teaching them to use their bodies skillfully in sports."

Coach Milligan expects only great things to come for the Rice athletic department. He feels the students possess championship abilities and as soon as they believe that, victory will be destined.

When asked what he expected from the volleyball girls next season, Milligan responded, "We are going to the playoffs with Bellville. There is every reason to believe that we can do it." With support and spirit like that, the Ladies are looking forward to a winning season.

In his spare time Coach Milligan enjoys playing bluegrass music on his banjo, watching movies, and participating in the Japan-America Society in Houston and church activities.



Coach Patrick Milligan

## Financial Aid Specialist talks to seniors

On Tuesday, Feb. 28, Mr. George Lehner, the Financial Aid Specialist from Wharton County Junior College (WCJC), came to visit with the seniors about scholarships and financial aid. This is Mr. Lehner's second year as the Financial Aid Specialist, which is a new position at WCJC. Prior to this job, Mr. Lehner spent 37 years as a high school teacher and counselor. Of that time, 36 years were spent in Louisiana.

Mr. Lehner is a graduate of Louisiana State University. He obtained an associates degree from WCJC, a Bachelor's degree from Texas A&M, and a Master's degree from Southwestern State University. He retired from teaching in 1992, and in 1993 he went to work for WCJC.

Mr. Lehner spends a lot of his time in high schools talking with students and parents about the availability of financial aid. Not only does he discuss the types of aid available to students during group presentations, Mr. Lehner also assists students on a one-to-one basis in filling out the required forms. Mr. Lehner says that the Federal forms for financial aid are complicated and students have a tendency not to fill them out. In many cases, this results in the student's not receiving Federal funds which were rightfully theirs.

The Wharton County Junior College Office of Financial Aid covers an area of approximately 30 schools in Wharton and surrounding counties.

Mr. Lehner says that as a result of this service, their increase in Federal funds coming to WCJC has increased dramatically. "It is our feeling that the increase in Federal funds coming to WCJC is partly the reason for our rather dramatic increase in enrollment this school year."

Mr. Wendel, the counselor at Rice High School, and Mr. Lehner have been working together to ensure that students receive all of the financial aid and scholarship information available. Mr. Wendel is one of Mr. Lehner's former students. Mr. Lehner says that Mr. Wendel was a very fine student and a hard worker in high school. It was Mr. Lehner who suggested that Mr. Wendel apply for a job at the "new" Rice High School CISD.

## Meet the Raider

The Raider for the week is senior, Nicholas Korenek. Wearing jersey #12, the athlete plays shortstop, pitcher or center field positions for the Rice Varsity Baseball team.

Korenek believes that the coaches influenced the team by making them work hard during practice and never giving up during a game. "The coaches are extremely talented and have already helped us improve over last year." Nick thinks that it is important for a team to have fun, team work and good attitudes. The player states that they need to work on the pitching area to help improve over the season. When asked how he felt about the upcoming games, he replied, "We have one of the toughest districts in the state but we have the talent to beat any team we play."

Nick's future plans are to attend Wharton County Junior College and then transfer to Texas A&M. His major is undecided.

In his spare time, he enjoys hunting, flying model airplanes and going out with friends.

By Ashley Cranek

Nick is the son of Clem and Grace Korenek of Nada.



Nicholas Korenek

## Who's Zat?

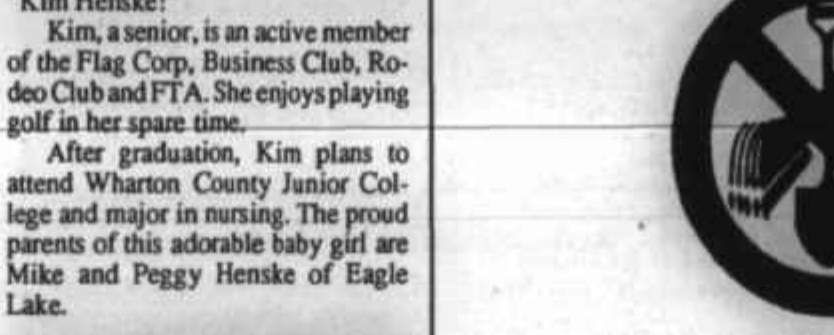
By Mari Valles

Oh, what a beautiful baby!! She's ready to go outside and play ball.

Norris Cavit, Haydee Garcia, Amanda Alaniz and Robert Hernandez, after staring at the picture for a long time, still couldn't figure out who this precious baby was. Sybil Buffington, Ashley Cranek, Carla Johnson and Heath Mahalic took only one glance and knew it was no other than Kim Henke. It took Regina Upon three tries and then she finally shouted "Kim Henke!"

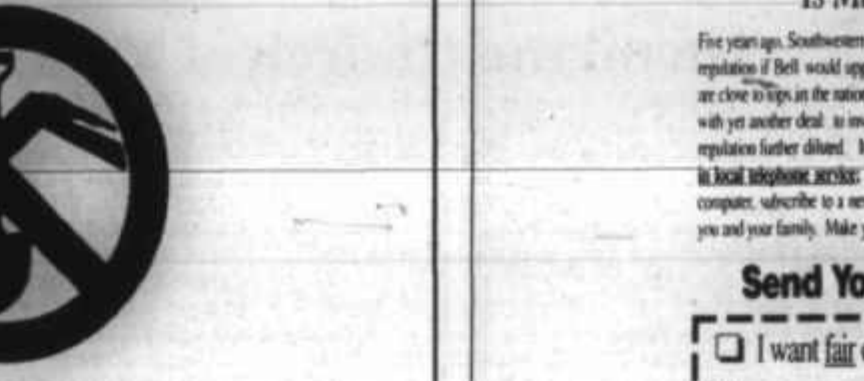
Kim, a senior, is an active member of the Flag Corp, Business Club, Rodeo Club and FFA. She enjoys playing golf in her spare time.

After graduation, Kim plans to attend Wharton County Junior College and major in nursing. The proud parents of this adorable baby girl are Mike and Peggy Henske of Eagle Lake.



Kim Henke

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