

# OBITUARIES

## Lillian Agnes Frnka

October 9, 1913 - April 13, 1998

Lillian Agnes Frnka, 84, of Eagle Lake, passed away Monday, April 13, 1998, at 10:30 p.m. at Rice Medical Center in Eagle Lake.

She was born October 9, 1913, in Moulton to Ignac and Mary Kubicek Balajka.

Lillian attended school in Charlotteburg (between Moulton and Shiner) before entering nursing school.

She and James Theodore Frnka were married September 10, 1936.

Before retirement, Mrs. Frnka had a distinguished career in nursing which began as an LVN for Laughlin Hospital of Eagle Lake (now Rice Medical Center).

She was also a member and faithful servant of the Eagle Lake Parish of the Nativity.

Her devotion to her family, friends and service to others will long be remembered and missed.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, James, March 6, 1995; a granddaughter, Connie Marie Frnka; and her sisters, Frances Vasek and Anna Michulka.

Survivors include her daughters and sons-in-law, Delores Ann and Roald E. Andersen of Galveston, Judy and Ken Harris of Olney, Illinois; and Jeanette and Floyd Spenrath of Eagle Lake; sons and daughters-in-law, Jim-

my J. and Janet Frnka of Houston, John A. and Gayle Frnka of Willis and Delano and Linda Frnka of Eagle Lake; sisters, Mary Duyka of Wharton and Josephine Preisler of Hungerford; grandchildren, Scott and Todd Harris of Olney, Illinois, Sherri Sommerlatte and Delano Frnka Jr. of Eagle Lake and Nicholas Frnka of Willis; great-grandchildren, Christopher Michael Sommerlatte of Eagle Lake, Abigail Harris of Olney, Illinois, and Maria and Matthew Harris of Newburgh, Indiana; nieces, nephews, other relatives and loved ones.

Vigil services were scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 15, from the Sanctuary of Our Lady of Perpetual Help.

Funeral services will be held Thursday, April 16, at 10 a.m. from the Roman Catholic Parish of the Nativity's Our Lady of Perpetual Help Sanctuary in Eagle Lake with Rev. Father Eddie Winkler officiating.

Interment will follow in St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery in Nada.

Scheduled to serve as pallbearers were James, John, Nicholas, Delano Jr. and Delano Frnka; Roald Andersen; Floyd Spenrath; and Ken Harris.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

## Magdalene J. Kucherka

February 20, 1933 — April 14, 1998

Magdalene J. Kucherka, 65, of Rosenberg died Tuesday, April 14, 1998, in Houston.

Born February 20, 1933, in Richmond, she was the daughter of Laddy and Hilda Satsky Dobrava.

She was a member of Holy Rosary Catholic Church, Altar Society and Catholic Daughters and was a past member of the Holy Rosary School Board.

Preceded in death by her father, she is survived by her husband of 45 years, Stanley Kucherka of Rosenberg; daughters and sons-in-laws, Kathy and Glen Rod of Pierce and Cheryl and Phil Suter of Sugar Land; sons and daughter-in-law, Chris Kucherka of Eagle Lake, Kenny Kucherka of Richmond and James and Emily Kucherka of Rosenberg; her mother, Hilda Do-

brava of Richmond; sister and brother-in-law, Dorothy and Clarence Christ of Texas City; brother and sister-in-law, Larry and Karen Dobrava of Rosenberg; and eight grandchildren.

Visitation was to begin Wednesday, April 15, at 5 p.m. at Davis Greenlawn Funeral Home, 3900 B.F. Terry Blvd. (FM 2218 & Hwy. 59), Rosenberg.

A rosary was scheduled for 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 15, at Davis Greenlawn Funeral Home in Rosenberg.

Funeral services are scheduled to be held Thursday, April 16, at 10:30 a.m. at Holy Rosary Church in Rosenberg, with Fathers Dan Warden and Dan Scheel officiating.

Interment is to follow at Greenlawn Memorial Park in Rosenberg.

Serving as pallbearers were to be Chris, Kenny and James Kucherka; Glen Rod; Phil Suter; and Mark Christ.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Holy Rosary School Endowment Fund in Rosenberg.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

# Volunteering is alive in Colorado County

Volunteering is alive and well in Colorado County.

In celebration of National Volunteer Week, April 19-25, is set to give special recognition to over 93 million volunteers in the U.S.

Every day volunteers can be seen carrying out the mission of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service in Colorado County. From teaching youth life skills to demonstration projects or leading others through commu-

nity service projects, volunteers are involved in every aspect of the Colorado County Extension Service.

They determine the needs of the residents in Colorado County, plan programs, secure resources and evalu-

ate programs.

The Extension office is grateful for the endless hours of hard work put forth by countless dedicated volunteers.

The Colorado County Extension 4-H Program is comprised of many groups involving and thriving under the leadership of numerous volunteers.

These groups include a total of 12 community and project clubs and several county-wide projects, including Shooting Sports, Natural Resources, Food and Nutrition, Clothing and Consumer Decision Making.

The list of Extension volunteers goes on - over 100 individuals give their time and talents to share with others and better our county.

Thanks to each and every one who help with our youth, families and communities.

Even though Extension volunteers are appreciated through the year, this is the time to recognize the work they do for the betterment of our county.

The work of these volunteers is continuous. Every day, a volunteer is reaching out to lend a helping hand.

They give themselves and their time because they care about the people of Colorado County.

The staff at the Colorado County Extension Service salutes the many volunteers that keep Extension programs alive and well.

## Head Start gives volunteers, staff a gala

The glittering crystal chandeliers at the Colo Vista Country Club in Bastrop may seem miles away from the everyday lives led by Eagle Lake Head Start staff members, parents and volunteers.

But, on April 16, for one gala evening from 6 to 8 p.m., these folks will be putting on their finest suits and dresses to attend a banquet in the lovely red brick, white-pillared Georgian mansion that sits high atop a bluff overlooking the Colorado River.

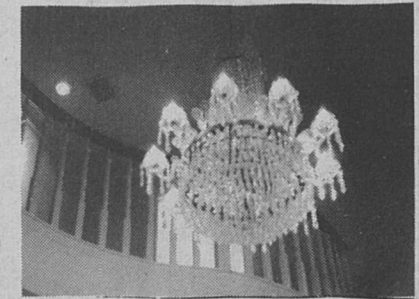
"This is our third banquet. It's our way of saying thank you to all of those

who worked so hard to make all of the Head Start programs a success," says Windy Hill, Executive Director of Cen-Tex Family Services.

Cen-Tex oversees the nine Head Start centers, including the one in Eagle Lake.

A special Foxvision video, "An Introduction to Head Start," will be premiered at the banquet.

It was filmed very recently by Cen-Tex and features students and staff from the Eagle Lake Head Start Center as well as executives from the National Head Start Association in Washington, D.C.



The mansion at the Colo Vista Country Club in Bastrop will be the scene of the third annual Cen-Tex Family Services banquet for Head Start volunteers and staff members.

Photo Courtesy of Head Start

## Hospice care helps during last stages of life

Hospice care is based on the concept that "you matter until the last moment of your life". The goal of hospice care is to achieve and maintain the best quality of life for patients and their families during the last stages of life.

Unfortunately, many terminally ill patients and their families are waiting too long to utilize hospice services.

"Our hospice staff is specially trained to provide pain and symptom management to our patients, give emotional and spiritual support to the patient and family, as well as offer grief counseling after the death of a loved one," said Ruth Kainer, R.N., Director of the hospice program at Gulf Coast Medical Center.

"We find that our patients and families often wait until a few weeks prior to death to allow hospice involvement. Frequently, they express regret with their hesitation in seeking hospice care."

"Early involvement in a hospice program can greatly reduce the emotional, physical and financial stress experienced by the patient and family. The hospice philosophy of addressing the patient's and family's individual needs and concerns, enables the hospice team to provide a level of care that is not available from other healthcare programs," states Kainer.

Medicare, Medicaid and many private insurance policies will pay for hospice services for six months and longer, when there is evidence of disease progression and the goal of care continues to be palliative.

Palliative care is not to cure a disease, but to manage and control the symptoms that accompany the disease as it progresses.

The objective is to keep patients comfortable and pain free.

When this is achieved, family interaction improves and patients can participate more fully in enjoyable activities.

Previous generations readily accepted the family home as a natural place to experience birth as well as death.

Today, approximately 90% of Americans are again opting to spend the final months of their lives in their homes or other familiar surroundings.

A vital component of hospice care is the education and training of caregivers who assist the hospice staff in caring for the patient, as well as supporting them as they cope with the patient's impending death.

Mrs. Kainer explains, "We can help make this time more meaningful for the patient and family, by teaching them to care for and ease the worries of their loved one."

"As the hospice staff and volunteers share this part of life's journey with our patients and their loved ones, a unique relationship is built," says Kathy Springer, Hospice Social Worker and Bereavement Coordinator.

"When we have been given time to develop this relationship, we are better able to help the family and loved ones deal with their grief."

Mrs. Kainer says that she is concerned that the concept behind hospice care is not widely understood.

"Hospice care is about listening intently as our patients and their loved ones express their joy and their sadness, as well as their hopes and their

fears. It is celebrating victories and sharing losses with them. It is rejoicing about past, present and future relationships. Hospice care is really more about living than it is about dying."

For information about Hospice care, call 409-543-9487.

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Rudolph Herman of Lissie crushed his knee in a tractor accident Thursday of last week about noon in a field near his home...

Garbage pick-up is to start here Mon., April 3...

All seems to be quiet on the city election front—no withdrawals from race, no statements from any of the candidates and no campaign promises...

In a band contest, Delores Tetsch won \$11.00—she was really lucky, but the band was lucky too—she donated it unselfishly back to the band for its uniform fund...

An estimated 100 members of the chamber of commerce attended the first general membership meeting Wednesday night in Rotary Hall, it was announced by Jack Grieves, Chairman. President C.H. Matthews told those present that no formal program had been planned and the purpose of the meeting was to acquaint the membership with the program of work and to announce the Chairmen and Co-Chairmen of the various committees along with other members who were asked to serve...

Sandra Thomas, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Thomas and student in Mrs. Flournoy's third grade room, will be crowned queen of the P-TA County Fair at a PTA meeting on Monday, April 3...

According to information received at the local Post Office, the last day of the month, March 31st, will be the last day the "Dinky" will run...

Clyde W. Nispel has been re-elected to the position of the Golf Club President...

Bob Ashby has resigned his position with the Shell Oil Company and has gone into business for himself. He has bought the End O'Main Service Station from David Konesheck...

Mr. & Mrs. Elmer Struss welcomed a second son last Saturday, March 11th. The baby was named Sidney Elmer...

Miss Bettye Doris Black and Lester Francis Paschall were united in marriage recently...

Today is the day for the "wearing o' the green"—St. Patrick's Day. If you want to be especially lucky, you'd better wear something three-leaved and green...

The marriage of Miss Helen Canaris to Bill Wilson was solemnized at 8 o'clock Friday evening...

Louis Balas received his pharmacy license and is now at Luna Drugstore.

## Personnel updates...

By Roxanne M. Walker

Shirley Fishar joined our staff at Rice Medical Center Feb. 2, 1981. She began her employment as a Nurses Aide with our facility.



## Bible Verse of the Week

"O give thanks unto the Lord for He is good for His mercy endureth forever." —Psalms 118:29

Submitted by Neddy Phillips

## RICE PACKAGE STORE

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P.S. I have friends here I know will H-E-L-P.



APC Festival art winners

Robert Woolard Jr. and Brittnea Williams from the Garwood School were winners in this year's APC Festival art contest. Robert won second place for his entry and received a \$100 savings bond. Brittnea won third place and received a \$50 savings bond.

Garwood School Photo

## Attend the Church of Your Choice...

LIVING HOPE CHURCH: Revs. Joe and Mercy Fling; 234-5536.  
TEMPLE BERE: 621 Maple Street, Eagle Lake. Rev. Romero.  
ROCK ISLAND FULL GOSPEL: P.O. Box 232, Rock Island; 234-5840; Nick Williams, Pastor.  
LATIN-AMERICAN ASSEMBLY OF GOD (Belen de Judea Mision): 1000 East E, Eagle Lake; Ruth Olivera, Pastor.  
SEALY ASSEMBLY OF GOD: 1140 Meyer St., Sealy; Warren Richardson, Pastor.  
THE DAY OF PENTECOST APOSTOLIC REVIVAL: FM 102 S, Matthews, 4 p.m. (at Mt. Zion). Rev. R.L. Carter.  
GREATER NEW FAITH CHURCH: 6406 Guylar, Wallis; Rev. Clay Spears. 409-478-2169.  
EAST BERNARD FIRST BAPTIST: Rev. Clifford Roser.  
FIRST BAPTIST: N. Lake at E. Prairie, Eagle Lake.  
FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST: 405 S. Lake, Eagle Lake; Rev. Earl Shorter, Jr., Pastor, 234-5795.  
IGLESIA BAUTISTA GETSEMANI: 901 B Street, Eagle Lake; Rev. Mario Vasquez.  
GREATER MT. OLIVE BAPTIST: Rev. R. Kiser, Pastor. 705 Lake, Eagle Lake, 234-3545.  
PROVIDENCE BAPTIST: 1207 E. State, Eagle Lake. Rev. Coby Shorter; 234-3735.  
ROCK ISLAND BAPTIST: Bob Allison, Pastor.  
SHERIDAN FIRST BAPTIST  
WHITE CLOUD BAPTIST CHURCH: 202 Old Altair Rd., Eagle Lake; Rev. Obie Rhodes; 234-3800.  
CHURCH OF CHRIST: Sheridan, Texas.  
NEW LIFE FELLOWSHIP: Hwy. 90A, Sheridan; Del Sanford, Pastor; 234-3276.

CHRIST OUR REDEEMER - Charismatic: 478-7534, 478-6512, Jerry C. McKinney, Pastor.  
HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH: East Bernard.  
PARISH OF THE NATIVITY: Our Lady of Guadalupe Sanctuary: Guadalupe Terrace Addition; Our Lady of Perpetual Help Sanctuary: 310 N. Stevenson; 7 a.m. (Español), 9 a.m., 11 a.m., Father Eddie Winkler.  
ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH: Box 97, Nada, 758-3218. Rev. Joseph Koebel, Pastor.  
CHRIST EPISCOPAL: 306 E. Stockbridge.  
EAGLE LAKE GOSPEL MISSION: Rev. Emil Burger.  
GRACE LUTHERAN: 408 N. Stevenson, 234-3381; Rev. Robert E. Schlott.  
LEHRER MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST: Garwood, Texas. Rev. Barry Bauerslag, Pastor.  
LISSIE UNITED METHODIST: Thomas A. Jax, Pastor; 234-2112; Lissie, Texas.  
ROCK ISLAND METHODIST: Ken Sellers Jr., Lay-Pastor.  
UNITED METHODIST: Barry Bauerslag, Pastor. 200 W. Prairie; Sunday School 9:30 a.m.; Worship 10:45 a.m.  
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN: 106 E. State Street, Eagle Lake; 234-3368.  
VINE OF THE LORD: Rev. Paul Aguilar, 1300 E. State, Eagle Lake; 234-7543.  
FRIENDSHIP A.G.: 501 Wallace, East Bernard. Fred Chambers, Pastor.  
THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS: 600 West St., Sealy; Marshall Crosby, Branch Pres.  
CHURCH OF CHRIST: 815 Milam, Columbus. Roy V. Palmer, Minister.  
THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS: 200 N. Lake, Eagle Lake, 234-5805; Miguel H. Arellano, Branch President.  
THE SHEPHERD'S WAY: Non-denominational Christian Fellowship; 217 Main, Sealy. Frank Lucas, Pastor. 885-7873.

In 1984, with a strong desire to excel, Shirley changed an ordinary person into an extraordinary individual when she graduated from nursing school as a Licensed Vocational Nurse (LVN).

She has also been recognized by her peers for her professionalism and dedication that she shows in the care of our patients.

In her spare time, she enjoys reading, yard work and spending quality time with her grandchildren every chance she gets.

She currently resides in East Bernard with her husband, Charles.

It is with great pleasure we introduce Shirley to you as a member of "Our family caring for yours."

## Did You Know...

•When baking layer cake, place the pans in the middle of the oven at least an inch from the edge and not touching each other.

•The jockey who won the most Kentucky Derbies is Eddie Arcaro with five victories.

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