

OBITUARIES

George Crane

May 14, 1920 - November 20, 1998

George Howard "Pat" Crane, 78, of Lockhart, died Friday, November 20, 1998.

The son of Andrew Jackson and Daisy Idella Knight Crane, he was born in Pine Forest May 14, 1920.

On July 7, 1943, he married Alberta B. Schwartz in Urbana, Illinois.

He was a member and Deacon of First Lockhart Baptist Church having served on many committees. He was also a member of the Friendship Sunday School Class. He advanced to the rank of sergeant in the U.S. Air Corps during World War II.

At one time, he served as president of the First National Bank in Eagle Lake and president of Union State Bank in San Antonio.

In 1972, he moved to Lockhart from Kerrville in 1972.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Phil Jackson Crane on October 27, 1974.

Survivors include his wife of 55 years, Alberta B. Crane of Lockhart; sons and daughters-in-law, Les and Lisa Crane Wimberly and Mark and Deborah Crane of Austin; brother,

William A. Crane of Harwood; sister, Lee Ellen Watson of Harlingen; grandchildren, Shawn, Tamara, Tanner and Leslie Crane; and great-grandchildren, Brandon and Meagan Crane.

Funeral services were held Sunday, November 22, at McCurdy Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Gary Rodgers officiating.

Burial followed at Lockhart City Cemetery.

Funeral arrangements were under the direction of McCurdy Funeral Home in Lockhart.

Pallbearers were Shawn, Tanner and Dennis Crane; Dennis Harshbarger; Gene Gardner; Norman Moseley; and Harland Watson.

Honorary pallbearers were Jesse Williams, Benny Posey, Archie Roberts, Ken Hoffman, Charles Red, James Taylor, Oscar Sirkis and Duane Huseby.

Those who wish, may make memorials to the First Lockhart Baptist Church.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

Josephat 'Joe' Robert Janak

November 14, 1933 - November 30, 1998

Josephat "Joe" Robert Janak, 65, of Palacios and former resident of Eagle Lake, passed away Wednesday, November 30, 1998.

He was born November 14, 1933, in Lavaca County to Rudolph and Julia Fikac Janak.

Joe retired as a plant operator after 27 years with Tenneco Oil Company.

He was a member of St. Anthony Catholic Church, recognized as the 1998 Man of the Year by the Palacios Chamber of Commerce, a member of the Knights of Columbus, KJT Society #84 and the Palacios Volunteer Fire Department.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and two brothers, Leon and Alex Janak.

Survivors include his wife, Rosemarie Krejci Janak of Palacios; two daughters, Cindy Janak of Lewisville and Sharon Foltyn of Ganado; two sons, Allan Janak of El Campo and Rev. Gary Janak of Yoakum; sisters, Frances Anderle of Point Comfort and Stacie Wagner of Shiner; three brothers, Anton and Celestine Janak of Shiner; Charlie Janak of Rockdale and

Victor Janak of Hallsville; and eight grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Thursday, December 3, at 2 p.m. from St. Andrew's Catholic Church in Hillje with Most Reverend Bishop David Fellhauer officiating.

Interment followed at St. Andrew's Cemetery in Hillje.

Arrangements were under the direction of Triska Funeral Home in El Campo.

Pallbearers were Tom Fikac, Joe Kana, Arthur Michalec, J.C. Krejci, Pete Kocurek, Trammel Hunter, Monroe Ripper and David Wagner.

Honorary pallbearers were Members of the Palacios Volunteer Fire Department and Knights of Columbus #6889.

The family requests memorials be made to the Josephat R. Janak Seminary Burse, Diocese of Victoria, P.O. Box 4070, Victoria, TX 77930; or the American Cancer Society.

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ANNOUNCING NEW ARRIVALS

Gerardo Polanco Jr.

Gerardo and Adriana Polanco of Eagle Lake are pleased to announce the birth of their second child, a son, born December 1, 1998, at 12:47 p.m., at Rice Medical Center in Eagle Lake.

Gerardo Jr. weighed eight pounds, three ounces and measured 20 inches at birth.

He was welcomed home by his

sister, Gisselle, age four.

Maternal grandparents are Antonio and Mona Elizondo of Eagle Lake.

Paternal grandparents are Guadalupe and Amada Polanco of Eagle Lake. His great-grandfather is Leonardo Polanco of Eagle Lake.

The mom is the former Adriana M. Elizondo.

Andrew Albin Gertson

Mr. and Mrs. Andy Gertson of San Antonio announce the birth of their first child, a son, born at 6:25 p.m., Friday, December 4, 1998, at Methodist Hospital in San Antonio.

Andrew Albin weighed four

pounds, 15 ounces and measured 18-1/2 inches at birth.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Kaluza of Eagle Lake.

Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Ralph C. Gertson Sr. of Eagle Lake.

Great-grandparents are Mrs. Betty Kaluza of East Bernard and Mrs. Pearl Meitzen of Eagle Lake.

The new mom is the former Susan Kaluza of Eagle Lake.

Living Hope Church schedules Christmas program, annual distribution for needy

Living Hope Church in Eagle Lake welcomes the public to all of its Christmas season services.

Sunday night Dec. 13, at 6:30 p.m., special services start with the annual children's Christmas Nativity Pageant.

This year's program, written by Pastor Joe Fling and directed by Amy Catlett, will feature the largest group of young people in the program so far.

If you have not experienced the joy of seeing little ones dressed as angels and wisemen coming to worship the baby Jesus lately, this program will be a blessing to you.

The program will conclude with all children receiving fruit bags and the singing of traditional Christmas

songs.

On the night of Dec. 16, teams from Living Hope will be out in the community distributing necessities to the needy and singing Christmas carols.

From now through Dec. 16, the church is also accepting items for the seventh annual distribution to the needy.

Food items, as well as mittens and winter caps, may be brought to Living Hope Church at the corner of Church and N. McCarty during Sunday and Wednesday services.

Or, you may contact Pastors Joe and Mercy Fling at 409-234-3710.

Highlights

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If Faulder, 61, is executed as scheduled on Dec. 10, he would be the first Canadian put to death in the United States since 1952.

Faulder's case has received national and international attention, in part because of a recent request by U.S. Secretary of State Madeline Albright for Gov. George W. Bush to consider the clemency petition.

Albright called attention to the failure of arresting officials to tell Faulder that he had the right to contact Canadian consular officials, which violated the Vienna Convention on Consular Relations.

Health Plan Is Failing

The state insurance plan that pays for the health care of more than 100,000 retired public school employees and 17,000 dependents will be drained to insolvency by Sept. 2000, according to a legislative report made public last week.

Contributions to the plan have not kept up with the increase in claims, which reached \$211 million in 1997.

Failure of the health plan is a certainty unless the state takes corrective steps, House Public Education Chairman Paul Sadler, D-Henderson, told the *Austin American-Statesman*.

The program, administered by the Teacher Retirement System, was created in 1985 because most public school employees are not covered by Social Security—which means they do not get Medicare coverage upon retirement, the *American-Statesman* reported.

It could take as much as \$2 billion of the state's projected \$3 billion to \$6 billion budget surplus to cover teachers and retirees through Social Security.

Other Highlights

•Austin mayor Kirk Watson and about two dozen local religious leaders urged whites to acknowledge that Austin is plagued by racism. Their joint statement calls on the community to "repent and seek forgiveness for racist beliefs, attitudes and behaviors."

•State Rep. John Longoria, D-San Antonio, last week filed legislation that would require restaurant and bars to limit patrons to two drinks an hour.

•In January, aircraft will drop vaccine-laced coyote and fox bait over 52 south, central and west Texas counties in a state program to wipe out rabies.

•The price of West Texas intermediate crude last week fell below \$12 a barrel, the lowest price in more than a decade.

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LIVING HOPE CHURCH: Revs. Joe and Mercy Fling; 234-5536.
TEMPLE BERE: 621 Maple Street, Eagle Lake. Lic. Manuel Matamoros.
ROCK ISLAND FULL GOSPEL: P.O. Box 232, Rock Island; 234-5840; Nick Williams, Pastor.
LATIN-AMERICAN ASSEMBLY OF GOD (Belen de Judea Mission): 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 Guyler, Wallis; Rev. Clay Spears. 409-478-2169.
EAST BERNARD FIRST BAPTIST: Rev. Clifford Rorer.
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.
CATHOLIC PARISH OF THE NATIVITY: Our Lady of Guadalupe Sanctuary: Guadalupe & Murphy Streets; 7 a.m. (Spanish), 9 a.m., 11 a.m., Rev. Eddie Winkler, 310 N. Stevenson, 409-234-2842.
ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH: Box 97, Nada, 758-3218. Rev. Joseph Koebel, Pastor.
CHRIST EPISCOPAL: 306 E. Stockbridge.
EAGLE LAKE GOSPEL MISSION: Erik Cameron, 234-3225.
GRACE LUTHERAN: 408 N. Stevenson, 234-3381; Rev. Clements Richards.
LEHRER MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST: Garwood, Texas. Rev. Barry Bauerschlag, Pastor.
LISSIE UNITED METHODIST: Thomas A. Jax, Pastor; 234-2112; Lissie, Texas.
ROCK ISLAND METHODIST: Ken Sellers Jr., Lay-Pastor.
UNITED METHODIST: Barry Bauerschlag, 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.
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THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS: 600 West St., Sealy; Marshall Crosby, Branch Pres.
CHURCH OF CHRIST: 815 Milam, Columbus. Lynn Wilson, 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.