MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Keeping Everyone Safe

Covid-19, Family Day, and Golf Tournament

Throughout this Covid-19 pandemic, it has been our goal to keep our employees, state and local officers, directors, and members safe. We continue to encourage our societies to abide by state and local regulations as well as the suggestions of the CDC when holding meetings or other events. Out of caution, the home office cancelled all its state sponsored events for the year including our north zone golf tournament and KJT youth and teen camp earlier in the year. We hoped to be able to hold state family day by postponing it to later in the year, but the board has made the decision to cancel the event for the safety of our members. Additionally, the south zone golf tournament is cancelled as well. We hope to be able to bring all these activities back in 2021 and look forward to your participation in them once again.

The pandemic has sadly affected all organizations such as KJT in that we have been unable to operate as usual during 2020. Whether or not this will continue into 2021 remains to be seen, but we are preparing for next year just in case it is much the same as 2020. Rest assured, we are still open for business (although our lobby is closed to the public), and we are here to help you with your life insurance or retirement needs.

KJT Financials Q2 2020

The 2nd quarter financials can be found on page 8 of this issue. Assets now sit at just over $94 million and surplus now sits at $6.033 million which is up right at a half a million dollars for the year. Net income through the 2nd quarter was $546,673. I would like to mention that after over 6 years on the market, we have finally been able to sell the KJT Activity Center. We sold the center in June for $800,000 which played a partial role in the improvements in KJT’s surplus and net income. The financials continue to look positive and the future is looking bright.

Catholic School Tuition Grants

KJT continues to support Catholic Education through its Catholic School Tuition Grant program. We paid 58 grants in the amount of $150 each to students attending a Catholic school or being homeschooled with an accredited Catholic curriculum. Congratulations to all recipients and we hope we see more of you apply in 2021!

Administrative Assistant Position

Description: Part-Time Administrative Assistant

Posting end date: Until filled
Hours/Week: 20-25 hours per week
See full description on Pg. 5
KJT Members Receive Catholic School Tuition Grant

The following is a list of the recipients who received the KJT Catholic School Tuition Grants. Each recipient receives a grant of $150.

**Society #3, Hostyn**
- Brielle Goedrich
- Dillon Goedrich
- Luke Goedrich
- Kenlie Jo Kallas
- Kirtley Kallas
- Krislee Kallas

**Society #4, Ammannsville**
- Noah Heger
- Natalie Osina
- Alyssa Zbranek
- Tenley Zbranek

**Society #13, Yoakum**
- Audrey Belicek
- Chloe Belicek
- Gregory Belicek
- Lillieana Bludau

**Society #20, Shiner**
- Gabe Darilek
- Julia Machacek

**Society #23, La Grange**
- Sophie Janda
- Ryan Lutkenhaus

**Society #46, La Grange**
- Gianna Kallus
- Bella Kallus
- Gabriel Kallus
- Sydney Kallus
- Anna Lynn Reid

**Society #71, Ganado**
- Gianna Kallus
- Bella Kallus
- Gabriel Kallus
- Sydney Kallus
- Anna Lynn Reid

**Society #6, Dime Box**
- Briscoe Blankenburg
- Langtry Blankenburg
- Liberty Blankenburg
- Trinity Blankenburg

**Society #80, Sealy**
- Addelyn Leopold
- Elizabeth Leopold

**Society #134, Round Rock**
- Juliann Tomasek

**Society #121, Katy-Spring Branch**
- Kyle Okruhlik
- Jack Okruhlik

**Society #126, New Braunfels**
- Emma Arismendez

**Society #129, Schulenburg**
- Laine Measom
- Parker Measom

**Society #134, Round Rock**
- Juliann Tomasek

**Reminder:**
Deadline to submit articles is the 10th of each month.

Articles can be emailed to media@kjt.net.org or mailed to the home office at KJT PO Box 297 La Grange, Texas 78945
Mark Twain once said, “Politicians and diapers must be changed often, and for the same reason.” Hence, another national election cycle is upon us. Archbishop Emeritus (Philadelphia) Charles J. Chaput authored a book in 2008 entitled “Render Unto Caesar: Serving the Nation by Living Our Catholic Beliefs in Political Life.” In his book, Archbishop Chaput argues that while American society has ample room for believers and unbelievers alike, our public life must be considered within the context of America’s Christian roots. American democracy does not ask its citizens to put aside their deeply held moral and religious beliefs for the sake of public policy. In fact, it requires exactly the opposite.

As America’s founders knew very well, people are fallible. The majority of voters, as history has shown again and again, can be uninformed, misinformed, biased, or simply wrong. Thus, to survive, Archbishop Chaput says that American democracy depends on an engaged citizenry—people of character, including religious believers, fighting for their beliefs in the public square, respectfully but vigorously and without apology. Anything else is bad citizenship and a form of theft from the nation’s health. He suggests that good manners are not an excuse for political cowardice!

America’s Catholics and other persons of good heart are part of a struggle for our nation’s future, says Archbishop Chaput. Our choices, including our political choices, matter. Catholics need to take an active, vocal, and morally consistent role in public debate. We can’t claim to personally believe in the sanctity of the human person and then act in our public policies as if we don’t. We can’t separate our private convictions from our public actions without diminishing both: “How we act works backward on our convictions, making them stronger or smothering them under a snowfall of alibis.”

“We do owe Caesar one final thing: our witness not simply as loyal citizens but also as faithful ones. Henri Bergson once said that the motive power of democracy is love. For many years,” Chaput says, “I didn’t understand what he meant. So much of democratic life is filled with conflict, hyperbole, theatrics, and bad taste. But I think I know now. We serve our democratic institutions best when we love our country; when we nourish its greatest ideals through our own courage, honesty and active political engagement. American Catholics may have carved out a ‘quasi-religious sweet spot,’ but its real name is complacency, and if it’s true, we’re betraying the best gifts we can offer our country: our Catholic identity and witness, and our love.”

Archbishop Chaput reminds us that “We are citizens of heaven first. But just as God so loved the world that he sent his only Son, so the glory and the irony of the Christian life is this: The more truly we love God, the truly we serve the world.”

KJT Society #3 Holds Flag Day Ceremony

On Sunday, June 14, 2020; Hostyn KJT Society #3 held a Flag Day Ceremony after Mass at Queen of the Holy Rosary Church, Hostyn. The KJT members gathered outside with the flag pole in the background and also members were holding flags to honor our Nation.

75-Year Membership
August & September

Society #27, Taylor
Harry Krhovjak
Society #31, West
Edwin A. Kocurek
Society #35, Ennis
Elick L. Marusak
Society #55, Corn Hill
Edward E. Havelka
Society #59, Seymour
Elmer J. Pechacek
Society #81, Poth
Joseph E. Linhart
Charles Swize, Jr.
Martin D. Swize
Society #102, San Antonio
Thomas E. Rohan
Society #111, Dallas
Benjamin J. Adamcik
TOP PRODUCERS

Brenda Fietsam
Society #3, Hostyn
First Place July & August
Top Producer

Ellen Zdansky
Society #72, Corpus Christi
Second Place July & August
Top Producer

Linda Gaas
Society #12, Frenstat
Third Place July & August
Top Producer

Tanner Schlottman
Society #35, Ennis
Fourth Place July & August
Top Producer

Margaret Hanslik
Society #38, Moulton
Fifth Place July & August
Top Producer

Deborah Currey
Society #130, Elgin
Sixth Place August
Top Producer

Robert Leopold
Society #84, El Campo
Sixth Place July & August
Top Producer

Joe Landsfeld
Society #35, Ennis
Seventh Place July & August
Top Producer

John Kana
Society #4, Ammansville
Eighth Place July & August
Top Producer

Lisa Alexander
Society #119, La Marque
Ninth Place July
Top Producer

Shirley Pokorney
Society #132, Pflugerville
Tenth Place July
Top Producer

Mildred Machacek
Society #20, Shiner
Seventh Place August
Top Producer

Reminder:

Please remember to update your records at the KJT Home Office periodically. With the turn of the century, home phone lines are becoming extinct, and most of us use our cell phones as our main lines. It’s important that we have up-to-date communication information here on record. We are proud to personally deliver membership notices, and make it part of our success that we recognize those who have been a part of our organization for so long.

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979-968-5877 or 800-245-8182
info@kjtnet.org
TCHCC Heritage Festival Has It All!

The Texas Czech Heritage and Cultural Center in La Grange will host the annual Heritage Festival & Muziky on October 17th. The Fest will be altered to a one-day event for 2020 only.

The Fest kicks off at 10 am with heritage & culture in the Czech Village, an early 1900s recreated village complete with residential houses, barns, and stores. Demonstrations of early life for the immigrants will take place throughout the grounds all day, including working in the saw mill, the operation of the Czech Newspaper Museum press and engine, blacksmithing, corn shelling and grinding, hay pressing, and more. Plenty of food and cold beverages will be available as well.

An antique farm equipment show sponsored by the South Texas Wheel Spinners & Crank Twisters Club and an antique/classic car show will spread throughout the village. Visit the country store and Gift Shop for some good buys, including fresh, stone-ground corn meal for cooking. The Janak Barn & Texas Czech Agricultural Museum displays farm practices and implements from the late 1800s up to 1940.

The Czech Village houses two music museums. The Czech Music Museum of Texas, located in the Kalich House, features four genres of Czech music – classical, folk, polka, and liturgical. The Polka Lover’s Club of Texas Museum, located in the Hoelscher House & Huebner Center, features a display of Texas polka bands, as well as memorabilia and photos of the Polka Lover’s Club of America, Texas Chapter.

Inside the TCHCC Main Center, stop by the Czech Gift Shop to browse the brand-new stock of authentic Czech items, T-shirts, caps, crystal, periodicals, music CDs, and new Christmas decorations for 2018. Enjoy the current exhibits in the Main Center Museum: Nas Novy Domov ‘Our New Home’ exhibit and other rotational exhibits. Have you always wondered about your Czech roots? The spacious Melnar Library, the largest Czech genealogy library in the US, will offer help with genealogy and other research.

In the evening, kick back in your favorite lawn chair to music by the Dujka Brothers from 6 – 9:30 pm. The Music will be broadcasted LIVE on Facebook! Mark and John Dujka have been making music together for over 30 years and have several acknowledgements, including being inducted into the Polka Hall of Fame at the KC Hall in Hallettsville, and receiving a Favorite Song Award from the International Polka Association for their recording of Church Picnic Polka. The song is featured on their latest CD, Let’s Have a Party, which celebrates the duo’s 30th anniversary.

Plenty to do for the entire family at the Texas Czech Heritage & Cultural Center in La Grange! If you’re not kin when you get here, you will be when you leave!

Article contributed by TCHCC.

Administrative Assistant Position

Description: Part-Time Administrative Assistant
Posting end date: Until filled
Hours/Week: 20-25 hours per week

A cover letter should accompany your resume and should address your specific interest in the position, outline your skills and experience that directly relate to this position, as well as your salary requirements.

Administrative Assistant Job Purpose: This position is responsible for providing clerical and administrative support in a customer service-oriented environment.

Administrative Assistant Job Duties:
• Welcomes guests and customers by greeting them in person or on the telephone answering or directing inquiries.
• Maintains customer confidence and protects operations by keeping information confidential.
• Works with the editor of KJT News providing information submitted by societies and proofing copy for final approval.
• Distributes membership pins monthly.
• Maintains company's calendar.
• Prepares enrollments for KJT Memorial Foundation donations.
• Assists in preparing reports by collecting and analyzing information from local societies.
• Helps organize KJT Youth and Teen Camps.
• Performs general office clerical and administrative duties as needed.
• Contributes to team effort by accomplishing related results as needed.
• Performs general office clerical and administrative duties as needed.
• A cover letter should accompany your resume and should address your specific interest in the position, outline your skills and experience that directly relate to this position, as well as your salary requirements.

Education, Qualifications, Experience, Knowledge:
• High school diploma, college degree in business a plus.
• Possessing advanced Microsoft Office skills is essential.
• Possessing social media skills is a plus.
• Must have excellent organizational skills.
• Must possess excellent phone/conversational skills.
• Familiarity with fraternal benefits society a plus.

Send your cover letter and resume to:
Catholic Union of Texas, The KJT
C/o Christopher L. Urban
PO Box 297
La Grange, Texas 78945
Nevlund Receives 75-Year Membership Pin

Pat Nevlud, President and Sales Rep. for KJT Society #121, Katy-Spring Branch; was presented his 75-year membership pin by his grandchildren Ethan, Peyton, and Lauren Nevlud.

Nevlunds Celebrate 55 Years

Pat & Carrol Nevlud celebrate 55 years of marriage. Pat is the president and sales representative of KJT Society #121, Katy-Spring Branch.

Society #75 Presents Scholarship

Pictured is Colton Meurer, who received a scholarship from West Society #31. Colton is pictured with his parents, Thomas and Jaye Meurer, and West Society officer, Robert Nors. Colton plans to attend Texas A & M University and major in Civil Engineering. Congratulations and Best Wishes, Colton!

Dear Friends of Sts. Cyril and Methodius,

As you must know by now, we cannot sponsor the Festival this year. Sad but true.

In the past, we have made a valiant effort to publicize it with ads, articles, and the webpage, etc. Rather than simply ignore it and not mention anything, I believe that we should post (free) ads and announcements saying:

“The Croatian, Czech, Polish and Ukrainian members of the Slavic Alliance of Houston regret to say that the annual Sts. Cyril and Methodius Slavic Heritage Festival will not be held this year. All are invited to celebrate their family’s culture and heritage at home on Sunday, Sept. 27th, with ethnic food and family recipes, music and dancing, family stories, calls to grandparents and relatives, and virtual meetings, etc. Let’s plan to celebrate the Slavic Festival next year with double energy and merriment. “

With best regards,
Rev. Paul Chovanec
Chaplain, KJT Society 119, St. Sylvester, LaMarque, TX
President of the Slavic Alliance of Houston
St. Mary’s Catholic Church in Caldwell is celebrating its 125th anniversary, being established in 1895.

A celebratory event was previously scheduled for Aug. 9, but was canceled due to COVID-19 safety concerns. St. Mary’s will be presented a Proclamation of Anniversary by the City of Caldwell to commemorate the milestone.

Catholicism was established in the area about 200 years ago, by Franciscan missionaries who traveled over the “El Camino Real” or “Kings Trail” -- State Highway 21 now -- on their apostolic missions to San Antonio and East Texas. The first Mass in the area was celebrated by Rev. Jacob Laud in the home of Charles Windhausen with a few Czech and German families attending.

Through the generosity of the members of the parish, a small frame church was built in 1895, where the first Mass was offered on Aug. 1, 1895. Furnishings were provided by the parishioners, including an oil painting of Our Lady of Lourdes, donated by Mrs. Antonie Baron.

A tract of land adjoining the church was purchased for the cemetery in 1899. Jacob Schweda was the first person buried that same year. Also buried in the cemetery are Rev. William Skocek, Rev. Max Budnik and the original families instrumental in the establishment of the church.

In September 1900, the Galveston storm destroyed the small church and all of the contents, except the oil painting of Our Lady of Lourdes. After restoration of the painting, it was placed above the main altar in the next church building where it remained until September 1984. The painting was removed, renovated and reframed -- currently hanging in the present church building.

In October 1983, the decision was made by parishioners that the present day church building would be built, and ground was broken in October 1985 and was dedicated in February of 1986.

The building committee wanted to use the furnishings from the old church -- especially the 22 large stained glass windows and the two smaller stained glass windows. Of those windows, 15 represent the 15 mysteries of the Rosary, and all of the windows remain in the church today.

The original church bell from 1895 has been refurbished and is located on top of the bell tower that was built and dedicated in 1997. The bell is still used for the call to Mass every weekend.

The first parishioner ordained a priest was Rev. Maximilian Budnik in 1917. Rev. Jesse Martinez was ordained 100 years later, and currently is the administrator of Santa Cruz Catholic Church in Buda.

Also, three young women parishioners joined the convent: Agnes Pivonka, Lena Budnik and Clara Schielack.

Starting with the first Mass in Caldwell offered by Rev. Laud, St. Mary’s 580 families continue to reflect on those priests who gave a part of their lives to serve the needs of St. Mary, Our Lady of Lourdes Parish and to its parishioners -- sustaining its faith and mission for 125 years.

-Article Courtesy of Burleson County Tribune

OUR LADY of Lourdes oil painting still hangs on the walls of St. Mary’s Catholic Church after surviving the Galveston storm of 1900.

THE ALTAR at St. Mary’s depicts a resurrected Christ, and at the bottom right a golden Tabernacle and the eternal flame.

THE LOURDES GROTTO stands proudly outside of St. Mary’s Catholic Church in Caldwell. -- Tribune photo by Roy Sanders
FINANCIALS

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Reserves, Liabilities, and Surplus

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Benefits and Expenses

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25-Year Membership

| Society #3, Hostyn       | Society #43, Wied |
| Brittany D. Fietzsam    | Lisa M. Kalich    |
| Chase A. Fietzsam       | John M. Konvicka  |
| Society #9, Fayetteville| Melissa A. Leita  |
| McKenna L. Sodolak      | Morgan B. Leita   |
| Society #16, Wallis     | Benjamin E. Leita, Jr. |
| Keaton J. Hruzek        | Jonathan M. Vanak |
| Taryn R. Hruzek         | Society #46, La Grange |
| Society #29, Frydek     | Katie M. Matthys  |
| Shannon E. Saha-Person  | Logan E. Polasek   |
| Frances J. Zapatrac     | Rebecca A. Proske |
| Society #31, West       | Society #56, Houston |
| Craig A. Hromadka       | Jennifer E. Reiss |
| Kayla J. Hromadka       | Society #59, Seymour |
| Anastasia F. Jaska      | Kenneth A. Fischbacher |
| Kimberly R. Jaska       | Society #60, Tours |
| Trenton R. Kolar        | Stanley Brown     |
| Andrew B. Soukup        | Odilia Kolar      |
| Alexander R. Barton     | Society #72, Corpus Christi |
| Lisa M. Nors            | Rev. Ralph A. Mendoza |
| Brent L. Pavlas         | Luigina Mokry     |
| Tammy L. Soukup         | Ryland J. Hoelscher |
| Society #35, Ennis      | Nicholas P. Valenta |
| Ryan B. Patak           | Kathryn V. White  |
| Society #40, East Bernard| Society #79, Hungerford |
| Jakob J. Jalowy         | Michaela M. Thornton |
| Rose A. Korenek         | Joe Ruiz          |

Society #112 Poinsettia Planting

Austin KJT Society #112 participated in the annual poinsettia planting at Down Home Ranch in Elgin. Even though there were fewer participants for each shift due to COVID, several of our members donned their mask and social distanced to join in.

Down Home Ranch is a working ranch for intellectually challenged adults. The ranchers (residents) do all the work pertaining to the ranch but they also have fun activities they love to participate in.

Even though this is such a small part that we participate in, it is very rewarding and we look forward to it each year.

Pictured L to R - Kenneth Klanika, Society Treasurer, Ted Vitek, Honorary Director and Sarah Vitek, Society Reporter.
KJT IN ACTION

**KJT Society #3 Hostyn**
*By Dianna Kallus, Reporter*

Hostyn KJT Society #3, Sts. Cyril and Methodius an St. George, met on Sunday, May 31, 2020 at 9 a.m. Due to the coronavirus, the meeting was held on the porch of the parish hall after the 8 a.m. Mass.

President Edward Kozel opened the meeting as Dianna Kallus led the opening prayer. There were fourteen members in attendance, and all recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. Roll call of officers was called as all were present for the meeting.

Secretary Joyce Muras read the minutes from February and they were approved as read.

Treasurer Brenda Fietsam gave her report. She reported expenses, balance and budget analysis.

Hostyn Society lost one member to death, John A. Muras. Joining our society were four members: Carol Janecia, Shannon Fietsam, Henry Muras, and James Conners. Congratulations!

Members decided to cancel the annual fundraiser that was scheduled for July 8 due to the coronavirus.

Join Hands Day activities were also canceled, to be re-scheduled to a later date.

As many of you may have heard, Queen of the Holy Rosary – Hostyn and Sts. Peter and Paul – Plum parish pastor, Father Dan Kahlich will be retiring on his 80th birthday on June 30. He will be missed. A Mass and hamburger and ice cream social is planned for Monday, June 29 at the parish hall. Hostyn KJT voted to contribute to Father Dan’s Seminary Burse in his honor of his retirement.

The first of July, the parishes, Hostyn – Queen of the Holy Rosary and Plum – Sts. Peter and Paul, will be welcoming Father Bob Knippenberg as their new parish priest. Father Bob is the KJT State Spiritual Director. We are honored and excited to have Father Bob joining us. Welcome!

Our next meeting is August 23. If you are interested in joining Hostyn KJT or need information on insurance, come to the meeting on August 23 at 9 a.m. at the parish hall or call Brenda Fietsam at (979) 702-0251 or leave a message at (979) 247-3433.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. Vice-President Benedect Kallus led the closing prayer.

The door prize was won by Shirley Macik.

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Father Bob Knippenberg celebrated his first Mass at the Queen of the Holy Rosary Catholic Church, Hostyn on July 5, 2020. Father Bob is the new Chaplain for Hostyn KJT Society #3.

Father Dan Kahlich celebrated his last Mass at Queen of the Holy Rosary Catholic Church, Hostyn, on June 29, 2020. Father Dan was the Chaplain for Hostyn KJT Society #3.
IN MEMORIAM

Herbert Thomas Thweatt

Herbert Thomas Thweatt passed away August 13, 2020. He was born in Cameron, Texas September 12, 1942.

He attended Maysfield Sunday School for 12 years with perfect attendance, and he graduated from Yoe High School in 1960.

After 30 years of service, Herb retired from Texas State of Mental Health and Mental Retardation. During his lifetime, he attended St. Elizabeth Catholic Church and was a member of the KJT Society 132 and assisted in many fundraisers with Society 132 and the church.

Herb proudly served our Country as a United States Marine and served his Pflugerville community as a volunteer Fireman and an EMS First Responder. In 1978, Herb helped organize the first Soccer League in Pflugerville and was on the Little League Baseball Board for several years. Herb was a Board Member several years for the Pebble Grove Cemetery in Maysfield, Texas.

Herb loved traveling and fishing with his friends- he was a true Fisherman. He was known for his witty humor and enjoyed making people laugh- some of his humor was OK and some was bad.

Herb loved his two granddaughters and looked forward to the times they came to see him running down the long hall screaming, “Hi Papa.” Herb beamed when he picked the girls up from school, because they always had such big smiles on their faces after spotting their Papa.

Herb was preceded in death by his parents Herbert Thweatt and Leota Floyd Thweatt, bothers Larry and Stevie Thweatt.

He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth of 54 years, two sons, Randall Thomas of Austin, Richard Todd and wife Denice, two granddaughters Daisy Paige and Annie Reed Thweatt of Pflugerville, sister, LaNette Hopkins and husband Mike of Maysfield, Texas, sister-in-law, Aleda Thweatt Johnson and husband Charlie of Austin, and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Elias was a lifelong member of St. Mary Catholic Church in Temple. He was a proud Army veteran of World War II, having served in the Philippines toward the end of the war.

After establishing Bigon Welding Shop in the 1950’s, Elias went on to work as a machinist for E.R. Carpenter Co. until his retirement in 1988. While there, he was the recipient of the Pantheon Award for technical advancement and excellence.

Elias was a longtime member of the Knights of Columbus 3rd Degree Council 3444 and 4th Degree Assembly 1138 in Temple. In addition to serving as Faithful Navigator of Assembly 1138, he also served in numerous chair positions in the Knights of Columbus. You could always find him helping with KC functions such as barbecues and preparing meals for annual picnics, weddings, and other events. Elias served on the board of Bell County WCID No. 5 for 40+ years and was a lifelong member of The KJT, serving as a local insurance representative for many years. He loved to deer hunt and was well known for his welding skills and mechanical craftsmanship.

Elias Methodius Bigon was born on July 14, 1925 in Granger, Texas, the son of Frank and Mary Tobolka Bigon.

He passed away from natural causes on Friday, August 7, 2020.

He is survived by his wife of 67 years Ruth Olbrich Bigon of Temple, son Edwin Bigon and wife Nita of Temple, daughter Judy Bigon of Point Venture, granddaughter Alex Beaver and husband Clayton of Temple, grandson Eric Bigon and wife Katherine of San Diego, CA, and great-grandchildren, Oakley and Abel Beaver. Elias is also survived by his sister Mary Marburger of Temple, numerous nieces, nephews and longtime family friend Angela Perez.

Elias was preceded in death by his parents and two sisters, Helen Mikeska of Damon, TX and Georgia Smetana of Schenectady, New York.

Elias was a true Fisherman. He loved traveling and fishing with George. She was a good cook and loved to have her home clean and tidy. She liked being outside whether it be to fish, work in the garden, or go camping with George and family.

Ella was a member of SPJST, KJZT, and was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Arlington, Texas.

Left to cherish her memory is her husband of 70 years, George; daughter, Dolores Dlabaj and husband, Leon; sons, David Babek and wife Mary, Danny Babek and wife Kristen; grandchildren, Brandon, Brian, Jaime, Kelly, Cameron, Austin, Jared, Jason and eight great grandchildren.

Ella is preceded in death by her parents and nine siblings.

There will be a Visitation for family and friends on Saturday, April 11, 2020, from 11 A.M. – 2 P.M. with a Rosary at 1 P.M. at Boze-Mitchell-Mckibbon Funeral Home in Ennis with Monsignor Leon Duesman as Celebrant. A private internment will follow for family only.

In lieu of flowers the family requests memorials be given to The Alzheimer’s Foundation.

IN MEMORIAM

Babek

Ella Toni Babek, age 89, went home to her Lord and Savior on Thursday, April 9, 2020, surrounded by family. She was born January 2, 1931, in Ennis, Texas to Louis Zabojnik and Mary (Valek) Zabojnik.

Ella and her husband George were married for 70 years. Ella loved dancing and fishing with George. She was a good cook and loved to have her home clean and tidy. She liked being outside whether it be to fish, work in the garden, or go camping with George and family.

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KJT COOKBOOK SALE!

Oven-Fried Zucchini Spears

Lorenda Polasek
Hostyn, #3

3 T. seasoned dried bread crumbs
1 Tbsp. Parmesan cheese, grated
⅛ tsp. garlic powder
⅛ tsp. paprika
⅛ tsp. black pepper
2 medium zucchini (about 12 oz.)
2 tsp. olive oil
2 tsp. water

Preheat oven to 475°. On shallow plate, combine all ingredients except zucchini, water and oil. Set aside. Slice off ends of zucchini. Cut each zucchini lengthwise into quarters; cut each quarter in half. In a large plastic bag, combine oil, water and zucchini. Close bag and shake well to moisten zucchini. Dredge zucchini in bread crumb mixture. Arrange zucchini in single layer on nonstick baking sheet. Bake until golden, 10-12 minutes.

Creole Okra and Celery

Diane Viktorin
East Bernard, #40

¼ c. onion, chopped
½ c. green pepper, chopped
2 Tbsp. butter
2 - 2½ c. cooked tomatoes
2 c. celery diced

2 c. fresh or frozen okra, cut up
2 tsp. salt
¼ tsp. pepper
½ tsp. basil or oregano

In skillet, sauté onion and green pepper in butter. Stir in tomatoes, celery, okra, salt, pepper and basil or oregano. Cook only until celery and okra are crisp-tender for 15-20 minutes.

Colorado Cream Peach Pie

Jo Ann Kloesel
Yoakum, #13

Crust:       ¼ tsp. salt
½ c. butter             1 tsp. vanilla
1½ c. flour      1 c. sour cream
½ tsp. salt      Topping:
Filling:       ⅓ c. sugar
4 c. fresh peaches, sliced
1 c. sugar, divided      ¼ c. Sugar
1 c. flour
2 Tbsp. flour
1 egg

Crust: Cut butter into flour and salt until thoroughly mixed. Press dough firmly into 9” pie plate.
Filling: Slice peaches in a bowl and sprinkle with ¼ c. sugar. Let stand. Combine ⅓ c. sugar, flour, egg, salt and vanilla. Fold in sour cream, stir in peaches. Pour into pie crust. Bake at 400° for 15 minutes. Then bake at 350° for 20 minutes. Mix topping ingredients together, sprinkle on top of pie and bake 10 minutes more at 400°.
Rosary Ministry Donates Rosaries

Corpus Christi Society #72 President Ellen Zdansky presented Laura Martinez, at Christus Spohn Health System with 40 rosaries to distribute to the Coronavirus patients. The rosaries were made by Danette Zdansky, a member of Society #72 and St. Faustina Rosary makers in Fulshear, Texas. Danette helped start the rosary makers in 2017 and they made over 1000 rosaries during the first 6 months. The rosary ministry continues to grow and flourish. Laura said that these rosaries will bring comfort to the COVID-19 patients and thanked the Society.

Society #133 Presents Scholarship

Cody Schlatterbeck graduated with Honors from Obra D. Tompkins High School in Katy, TX and is currently attending Houston Community College. Cody will transfer in the fall of 2021 to Texas State University in San Marcos, TX where he will major in Business Administration. He is the son of Craig and Dana Schlatterbeck and grandson of Benjamin and Emily Machalec. He is looking forward to being a part of the graduating class of 2024. His grandfather, Ben Machalec, Chaplain of Society #133 presented the scholarship.

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