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$39.4 billion budget is either too fat or too lean

State Capitol Highlights

By Lyndell Williams

The Texas Senate is poised to challenge the veto powers of Gov. Bill Clements with a controversial budget that is $3.5 billion over the new taxes ceiling he set.

Politically, it's not pretty, but the Senate Finance Committee last week approved a $39.4 billion budget that is either too fat or too lean, depending on who's talking, and sent it to the floor for debate.

In the House, leaders said the Senate bill is too expensive, but members expect to report out a bill only $1 billion less, still over the governor's ceiling.

Some senators doubted their version contains enough money for education and the prison system, but agreed it was the only way to get a bill out of committee.

The debate is expected to be tough and tedious as senators try to refashion the bill on the floor.

Crisis plan sought

State Treasurer Ann Richards, meanwhile, wants legislators to establish a priority system for paying bills in case the state runs out of money in the fall.

Richards says key questions concerning how much law enforcement to keep, or which life support hospitals to maintain, may have to be decided by legislation.

Certainly, her sobering reminder to lawmakers had an effect on their actions.

Public works bonds

Meanwhile, Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby [illegible] idea to spread costs of expensive water and facilities projects.

"Texas is in an absolutely classic situation for an accelerated public works program," Hobby said, comparing the program to the federal Works Progress Administration (WPA) created during the Depression.

Hobby will appear before the Senate State Affairs Committee this week to endorse resolutions permitting the state to issue $300 million in general obligation bonds for prison construction, $400 million for water development projects and $400 million in a state loan program for local public facilities.

"The aim is job creation," said an official in Hobby's office. "The state will have 3 million more people, 20 million people, by 1990."

The package, called the "Build Texas Program," contains three separate proposed constitutional amendments. The three senators sponsoring those amendments are Bob McFarland R-Arlington, John Montford, D-Lubbock, and Hugh Parmer, D-Fort Worth.

AT&T deregulation

Senators approved by one vote a plan to deregulate AT&T, the only one of Texas' 165 long distance carriers that is regulated by the state, but only after adding an amendment that the sponsor called "schizophrenic."

Currently, AT&T can raise or lower its rates within a narrow range without asking permission from the Public Utilities Commission. The new bill allows AT&T to lower rates without PUC approval, but if commissioners suspect an anti-competition situation, the PUC can investigate and invalidate the rates.

The House

The House passed a package of economic development bills, including three proposed constitutional amendments to end the state ban on investing tax money and state credit in private businesses.

One bill creates a Texas Department of Commerce to make business loans.

The House also approved legislation to allow the State Board of Insurance to watch more closely the job-safety programs of insurance companies.

Also approved was a measure allowing judges to order the installation of breathalizer equipment on car ignitions of persons convicted of DWI.

Other highlights

•A West Texas judge ruled in favor of the state in a dispute over millions of royalties from the Yates Field, and the Texas General Land Office could collect up to $13 million.

•Out-of-state businesses have been buying troubled Texas businesses at record rates. Last year, 114 Texas-based companies were acquired by non-Texas interests, compared to 71 in 1985.

•Meanwhile, farmland prices in Texas dropped an average 11 percent last year, compared to a 17 percent decline in 1985.

•The Texas House heard a plan to give property tax exemptions to mothballed offshore drilling rigs, which are usually moved to non-Texas waters to avoid such taxes. Owners spend $500 to $2500 daily to maintain mothballed rigs which could mean more jobs in Texas.

Letter to Editor

No parking on West A

To the Editor:

West A Street has just been paved and it really looks and rides good, with one exception, they stuck a "no parking" sign up instead of a sign for our children for example "slow - children at play" or "15 mph". Since we're going to have to park up in the yards, where will the children play? Where will visitors park?

When I saw that no parking sign, I got in my car and rode around town, especially the hill area of town, and you know what, I couldn't find one sign like that up anywhere, but I saw some with speed limits and children at play.

My mom is ill and she lives on that street and I visit her every day and I cannot park in her yard because her car is there. So I guess they can get ready to ticket me, because I'm going to continue to park on that street.

Signed,
Bea Kuykendall

Alpha Delta Phi enjoys crafts program

Alpha Delta Phi sorority held its 317th meeting on April 6 at Sportsman's Restaurant. An enlightening crafts program was very capably presented by do-it-yourselfer Gail Guthman as she showed members money-saving tips on making fashionable hair bows and putting the popular studs, rhinestones and conchos on shirts. Debbie Christ also showed appliqued and studded shirts she has been busy designing.

Gail Guthman presided over the regular meeting during which customary business was tended. Communications included a letter from the Eagle Lake Industrial Foundation notifying shareholders of the annual meeting on April 16.

Sorority sisters will spring into the spirit of Easter as they gather for an Easter egg hunt for their children on April 16. Social co-chairmen Connie Gertson and Sylvia Rucka announced plans for the social.

Members were reminded of the upcoming Founder's Day luncheon scheduled for April 25 at The Farris 1912.

Under service, members reviewed the applications received from five Rice High School seniors for this year's Alpha Delta Phi scholarship. President Gail Guthman will announce the deserving scholarship recipient at the academic banquet on May 11. Chairman Shelia Mathis will be preparing the hospital tray favors for Easter.

Rosebud girl Mindee Porter reminded members to remember their secret sisters during Easter, and thank yous were expressed by Robin Thomas and Melody Grigar for the St. Patrick's Day surprises sent by their secret sisters.

Members were pleased to hear the announcement that Tess Taylor, daughter of Steve and Beverly Taylor, would be representing Alpha Delta Phi in the Miss AprilFest activities on April 11.

The next meeting will be held on April 20 in the home of Sylvia Rucka with Debbie Christ presenting the program.

Fish pond management field day

A fish pond management field day will be held on April 24 at 2 p.m. at the John Griffin Pond on Struss Lane, just south of FM 2434. All the management techniques for fish ponds will be discussed including fish pond stocking, pond fertilization, recognition and control of aquatic plants, clearing muddy water and using rotenone to clean out trash fish in ponds.

This fish pond management field day is jointly sponsored by the Soil Conservation Service personnel, the directors of the Colorado Soil and Water Conservation District and the Colorado County Extension Agent.

Directions to the site are: go south from Glidden on FM 2434 about 1.5 miles, then turn left on Struss Lane going about 1/4 mile to the Griffin pond on the left.

Prairie Edge Museum Notes

Two groups visited Prairie Edge this past week. The first group included Lillian Eisenhower Raby and seven friends from San Antonio. They enjoyed the tour conducted by Bill Harrison Sr. On Saturday Marion Bennett enjoyed being hostess to visitors who belong to the Gulf Coast chapter of the Antique Auto Association. The group was in Eagle Lake to attend Come AprilFest activities and stayed at The Farris 1912. On Sunday afternoon Mr. and Mrs. Odell Craig of Kennett, Missouri, parents of Kenneth Craig enjoyed a visit to the museum. We have much potential for wide publicity with all these visitors; and, of course, we Prairie Edge enthusiasts expect the reports to be good ones. If you have out-of-town friends or relatives who visit and sign the register, let me know about them.

If you would like to help make interesting items for our sales counter, plan to meet with the Museum Crafters at the home of Jean Leopold (234-3373) the evening of April 27 at 7:30. Our special stationery with the tatted flowers has all been sold but we hope to have another supply available soon.

The museum is open from 2-5 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. Call Bill Harrison Sr. at 234-2662 or Elizabeth Boothe at 234-3361 if you would like to arrange for a special tour.

Elizabeth Boothe, reporter

OBITUARIES

Lela Mae Hamilton

Lela Mae Hamilton, 92, of Victoria, mother of Jim Hamilton of Eagle Lake, died April 12 in a Victoria hospital following a short illness. She was born in Abbott on August 12, 1894, a daughter of the late James Wesley and Martha Lee Walls Denton. She was a resident of Waco and had lived in Victoria for the past 56 years. She was a retired custodian from Patti Welder High School and Victoria Junior High School and was a member of Western Hills Baptist Church in Nursery.

Funeral services were conducted at 3 p.m. Wednesday, April 15 from Colonial Funeral Home Chapel with Pastor Doug Shelley of Western Hills Baptist Church officiating. Burial followed in Memorial Park Cemetery in Victoria.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her husband, Robert Burns Hamilton; a daughter, Ollie Lee Ellsworth, and a son, Bryant Albert Honey.

Survivors include her three daughters, Grace Armstrong Reyna, Claudia Hamilton Fuelling and Paula Hamilton Sparks, all of Victoria; a son, James Denton Hamilton of Eagle Lake; a sister, Ruth LaVell Denton of Lueders; 17 grandchildren; 22 great grandchildren; one great great grandchild, and other relatives and friends.

Pallbearers were Ray Lambright, Michael Sparks, John Ellsworth, James Armstrong, John Konesheck, Wayne Smith. Honorary pallbearers were Patrick Hathaway, B.A. Honey, Richard Honey, Larry Ellsworth, Leonard Ellsworth, Jeff Bazin, Brad Bazin, Bob Burrell.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

Mrs. Jessie M. Arnett

Mrs. Jessie M. Arnett, 94, of Eagle Lake, died at 5:20 p.m. Friday, April 10 at the Eagle Lake Community Hospital. She was born in Beaconville, Iowa on October 14, 1892 to James Edward and Margaret Jane Nash Davidson. She moved to Pearland in 1898 and to Chesterville in 1901. She later taught school in the Pearland and Chesterville schools. She married Sam Arnett in 1920 where they lived until 1923 when they moved to Miami, Texas. She had served as postmistress of Laketon from June 1932 until retirement in November, 1954 and moved to Hearne in 1955. She had been a resident of Eagle Lake since 1963 and was a member of the United Methodist Church of Eagle Lake.

Funeral services were conducted at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, April 12 from the Dulany Funeral Home Chapel of Eagle Lake with Rev. Charles Runk, pastor of United Methodist Church of Eagle Lake, and Rev. Melburn Sibley, pastor of First Baptist Church of Eagle Lake, officiating. Burial followed in Lakeside Cemetery in Eagle Lake.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; and a sister Della Randolph.

Survivors include a sister, Mrs. Dora Larsen of Eagle Lake; two brothers, Sam J. Davidson of Eagle Lake and Elton Davidson of Houston; numerous nieces and nephews, and a host of relatives and friends.

Pallbearers were Gayle Thomas, Bob Backhus, Keith Sommerlatte, Norman Clark Jr., Roger Clark and Jerry Cameron.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

East Bernard school menu

Monday, April 20: Easter holiday.

Tuesday, April 21: breakfast, cereal or doughnuts, fruit, milk; lunch, pizza, vegetable sticks or mixed vegetables, salad, fruit, spice bar, milk.

Wednesday, April 22: breakfast, cereal or peanut butter and jelly on toast, juice, milk; lunch, finger steak, buttered rice and gravy, green beans or broccoli, fruit, hot roll, milk.

Thursday, April 23: breakfast, cereal or biscuit with breakfast sausage, juice, milk; lunch, chicken nuggets, creamed potatoes and gravy, ranch style beans or peas, homemade bread, milk.

Friday, April 24: breakfast, cereal or pancakes, syrup, juice, milk; lunch, hamburger, French fries, pinto beans, lettuce, tomato, pickles, onions, milk.

Sheridan News

By Velma Kutzer

If you have a child who will be kindergarten age next year, please come and preregister your child at Sheridan Elementary School. Bring your child's birth certificate and shot record to Mr. Gohlke's office.

Congratulations to Jodi Smith who is the recipient of the $800 scholarship which the PTS presents each year to a senior from Sheridan. Jodie is the granddaughter of Bufford and Mildred Ashley and plans to use the scholarship for her education at Alvin Junior College in the fall.

Mr. and Mrs. Alan Kloss and son, Zachery, are proud to announce the birth of a baby boy, Tyler Catlin, born Sunday in Women's Hospital in Houston at 11:46 a.m., weighed eight pounds two ounces. Leola Kloss of Shiner is the proud grandmother.

The blood drive which was previously scheduled for this week has been cancelled. As soon as details and rescheduling are available, information will be publicized.

Mrs. Vickie Ardnt and daughter, Brittiany, of Topeka, Kansas are spending several weeks here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Hinze and Tamc. . .

Mary Lou Criswell spent Wednesday through Sunday visiting relatives near Caldwell.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Eaton of Carmichael, California are in Sheridan visiting with friends and relatives. Mrs. Eaton is a sister to Opal Varley.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Cri vell of Atkins spent last weekend in Sheridan.

The deadline for the recipes is nearing. Last week I had obtained approximately three dozen. I was very surprised to receive recipes and a check for two cookbooks from Lynn Stroud-Dangherty in California. Lynn attended Sheridan High School and enjoys reading the "Sheridan News" each week.

The annual Homecoming for the First Baptist Church has been scheduled for Sunday, May 3. Families are asked to bring fried chicken and either a vegetable or dessert dish. Be sure to tell your family members to attend this fellowship.

A building fund has begun to raise money to complete renovations on the First Baptist Church. In the last few years a new brick parsonage and educational building have been built and are debt free. Recently, renovations have begun on the church house.

In 1989, only two years from now, the church will be 100 years old. In those many years, the old building has served many, many services and purposes. Now in order to preserve its past and ensure its future, the building needs extensive repairs. The steeple is now being reworked and plans are to replace windows, add a porch to the front, and have the building painted and partially bricked.

If you would like to be a part of preserving the church, your contributions will be graciously accepted by church treasurer Mary Lou Criswell.

A reminder that the Sunrise Easter services will be held at the Cheatham Cemetery Sunday morning at seven o'clock. A song service followed by a short service is scheduled.

Hospital News

Patients (April 13)

Eagle Lake: Pearlie McGrew, Zelphia Gillis, Monroe Briscoe, Rosalie Pettis, Cameron Newton, Mary Norris, Luisa Hernandez, Bertha Montemayer, Gracie Coronado and baby girl, Freida Johnson, Claudette Powers;

Columbus: Patsy Gray; from East Bernard: Henry Pelzel.

Dismissals

Eagle Lake: Shirley Johnson, Randolph Buffington, Theresa Losoya;

El Campo: Henry Staff; from Wallis: Lillian West, Annie Holecek, Dora Martinez, Peggy Pohl; from Fayetteville: Hilda Schmidt, Kristen Graeter; from Garwood: Janett Edwards; from Katy: Helen Rios.

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Frank Cobia and Michelle Marie Hernandez.

Raymond D. Hillyer and Lynn D. Bucker.

Curtis Darrin Dolejsi and Jacquelyn Elizabeth Cloat.

Ruben Galabeas and Diana Vasquez.

Edward Louis Gunselach and Debra Jean Moore.

Al Wayne Shimek and Martha Gayle Streckfuss.

Jose Lopez and Rebeca Guerra.

Bryan Lee Johnson, 27, and Shirley Baluack Mathews, 35.

Brian Anthony Bartek, 22, and Jennifer Linette Quinney, 23.

DIVORCES FILED

Nancy Fay Jackson and Dorman Jackson.

William Charles Hammond and Carol Ann Hammond.

Lucille Perry Lange and Perry Daniel Lange.

Brenda Faye Brown Ellison and Freddie Ellison.

Charles Lee Tillman and Yolanda Kay Tillman.

DIVORCES GRANTED

Lydia Ann Almanza and Martin Almanza Jr.

Diane Lynne Matura and Keith Allan Matura.

Sharon Kay Brune and Arlen Gene Brune.

REAL ESTATE DEEDS

Deed, Helen H. Ball to Ruth M. Jacobsen, 1 acre, I&GNRR Co. Survey; 3-21-87.

Deed, Daphene M. Reading to Reginald R. Montemayor, tract of land, block 20, town of Eagle Lake; 12-5-86.

Gift Deed, Peggy Dennis Webb to Bobby Waymond Webb, undivided 1/2 interest in and to 1.42 acres, J.H. Burton SUrvey; 3-11-87.

Deed, George W. Vogt, d/b/a Colonial Coins Inc., et al, to Colonial Coins Inc., 15.292 acres, Henry Austin Five League; 15.292 acres, Henry Austin Five League Grant; 15.292 acres, Henry Austin Five League Grant; 15.292 acres, Henry Austin Five League Grant; 15.292 acres, Henry Austin Five League Grant; 15.292 acres, Henry Austin Five League Grant; 3-9-87.

Deed, Cary Muehr, et ux, to Don R. Austin, et ux, 2.4915 acres, J.G. O'Farrell League; 3-23-87.

Deed, Paul Gonzales to Mary Helen Vasquez, lots 8 and 9, block 1, Putney-Roos State Street Addition, city of Eagle Lake; 3-13-87.

Deed, Alvin Cernoch to Paul Cernoch, 0.963 acre, A.D. Kenion Survey; 3-12-87.

Deed, Patricia Brooks to Paul Cernoch, 0.963 acre, A.D. Kenion Survey; 3-12-87.

Gift Deed, Florence Waddell Goodson to Bette Lou Wornat, et vir, 4.892 acres, Martin Ramsey Survey; 3-18-87.

Deed, Ruby Cypert to Sidney G. Rutta, et al, two tracts part of original lot 1, block 13, town of Columbus; 3-17-87.

Deed, James H. Webb, et ux, to Janet H. Schmitt, 2.284 acres, Wm. Bell Survey; 3-17-87.

Deed, Helen Ondrias to Louis Cranek Jr., et ux, 11.32 acres, Preston Gilbert Survey; 3-16-87.

Deed, Dorothy Grace Johnson Staffel, et vir, to Raymond Lastovica, et ux, 19.5 acres, Joseph Thompson Survey; 3-18-87.

Deed, Gayle W. Thomas, et ux, to Bryan Lee Johnson, et ux, 5.036 acres, J.M. Steiner Survey; 3-16-87.

Deed, Michael G. Strauss, et ux, to Bobby L. Whisnant, et ux, 15 acres, J. Lowe Survey; 3-17-87.

Gift Deed, Fention F. Bauer to Roy W. Kaase Jr., undivided 0.0750 interest in and to 76.8184 acres, H. Austin Five League Grant; 7-31-86.

Deed, Tommy C. Joplin, et ux, to Russell H. Kight, et al, 2 acres, James Nelson Survey; 3-20-87.

OIL, GAS LEASE

Roberta Loving Cunningham to Bartlett Resources Inc., 1 acre, Cartright Survey; 2-11-87.

Jeweline Fling, et al, to Zapata Exploration Company, 320.63 acres, I&GNRR Co. Survey 51; 2-16-87.

Charles Frank Hoffmann to Shell Western E&P Inc., 145.34 acres, Conrad Gurgens Survey; 1-19-87.

Wilson M. Rutherford to Shell Western E&P Inc., 692.37 acres, AB&M Survey; 2-20-87.

Wilson M. Rutherford to Shell Western E&P Inc., 304 acres, I&GNRR Co. Survey; 1-19-87.

Timothy F. Stanton to Shell Western E&P Inc., 320 acres, SA&MGRR Co. Survey; 6-19-86.

Lorena Miller to Shell Western E&P Inc., 92.66 acres, Conrad Gurgens Survey; 1-22-87.

Adela Korenek to Shell Western E&P Inc., 130 acres, Conrad Gurgens Survey; 1-22-87.

Leonard Korenek, et al, to Shell Western E&P Inc., 152 acres, Conrad Gurgens Survey; 1-21-87.

Frank Tate, et ux, to Steamboat Petroleum Corporation, 20 acres, Thomas Cartwright Survey; 3-20-87.

NEW ARRIVALS

Casey Kenneth Weaver

Kevin William Weaver

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Weaver, of Columbus, announce the birth of twin boys born on March 28 at the Eagle Lake Community Hospital. The boys were named Casey Kenneth and Kevin William. Casey weighed six pounds 14 ounces and measured 18 3/4 inches long and Kevin weighed six pounds nine ounces and measured 19 3/4 inches long.

Casey and Kevin are being welcomed home by a brother, David, 4.

Maternal grandmother is Mrs. Marge Speck of Columbus. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. William Weaver of Columbus. Great grandmother is Mrs. Nettie Swetnam of Houston.

Lisa Rubio

Samuel and Lucille Rubio, of Lissie, announce the birth of their third child, a daughter, born on April 2 at Eagle Lake Community Hospital in Eagle Lake. The baby was named Lisa and weighed eight pounds and one ounce and measured 19 1/2 inches long.

The baby is welcomed home by two brothers, Samuel Jr., 14, and Nick Gerard, 3.

Maternal grandparents are Lupe and Eloisa Yanez of Bay City. Paternal grandparents are John and Janie Rubio of Houston. Maternal great grandparents are Felipa and Estanislao Losoya of Markham. Paternal great grandmother is Felicitas Ruiz of Lissie. The new mother is the former Lucille Yanez.

Future homemakers at state meeting

Representatives of the Rice High School chapter attended the 1987 state meeting of the Future Homemakers of America along with over 5,000 members and advisors from all over Texas. "Tune in to the Magic of FHA/HERO" was the theme of the meeting held in the San Antonio Convention Center, April 10-11.

Attending the state meeting from Rice were Vantrese Tillman, Wendy Herman, Marina Cavazos, Janie Botard and advisors Jewel Coreathers and Diana Wunderlich. Keynote speakers and presentations challenged members to find the magic in learning life skills. Interesting sessions focused on leadership skills, employability, self improvement and drunk driving.

The FHA youth organization is sponsored by Vocational Home Economics Education, Texas Education Agency.

Boothe visits with Sandra Thomas in Washington, D.C.

I have enjoyed many wonderful experiences in my life of almost eight years. One of the most memorable occasions was my recent visit to Washington, D.C., after having accepted an invitation from Sandra Thomas to visit with her there for the weekend of April 3-5. Sandra is one of my favorite former students of Eagle Lake High School. She is now vice president for student development at Meredith College, a Baptist girls' college located in Raleigh, North Carolina. She finds her work there to be very challenging and enjoyable.

So many of you in Eagle Lake helped me in so many ways to make this trip to our national capital. My first consideration upon receiving the invitation was who would care for Herman in my absence. I soon discovered that under a new plan under consideration at the time he could stay at the Eagle Lake Community Hospital during that time. Because of such efficient care and comfortable environment he enjoyed his stay very much.

I won't begin to mention names, for there were so many who helped me to make the trip. There were those who took me to Intercontinental Airport in Houston and brought me back to Eagle Lake. This was my first time to fly, and for many years I had said that I would only if an emergency situation called for me to do so. After deciding to exercise faith, away I flew and thoroughly enjoyed the experience. I had a window seat both ways, and how I did enjoy seeing those beautiful clouds and other extraordinary scenes. There were those of you who visited Herman at the hospital and one of you who stay with him while he ate his lunch and supper each day. Many of you graciously gave me gifts, loaned me articles to take along, and packed my bag. Others helped me by your many expressions of happiness that I was being given the opportunity to make the trip and by giving me valuable information about Washington, D.C., the airports, planes, etc. I am a firm believer in the well-known saying "Flowers to the living." Many of you practiced these words.

I plan to write about my trip in several installments. I left Houston Intercontinental Airport on a Continental flight before noon Friday, April 3 and arrived at National Airport in Washington about 3 p.m. Sandra was there to meet me; and after we checked into our hotel, we went to the National Archives, where we were previleged to view the original Declaration of Independence, the Constitution, and the Bill of Rights. These invaluable documents "in their helium-filled bronze cases are lowered into the vault" each night. The vault's floor is about 20 feet from the floor of the Exhibition Hall. I do hope that many of us will either read or reread these three documents which are most valuable safeguards of our rights as United States citizens. Let's make this Bicentennial year of the signing of our Constitution one that can proudly go down in the records of our country's history.

I invite you to continue with me on my "journey" next week.

Elizabeth Boothe

Louis Vacek

Adm. Richard Luebke

Heritage House News

By Patricia A. Horndt

Last Thursday morning, Father Jesse Euresti, pastor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church, held a special Mass for Catholic residents of Heritage House. A large group of people attending this special Mass received communion and a prayer for health. Everyone attending was very thankful for Father Jesse's visit.

Residents and staff of Heritage House want to thank the congregation of Our Lady of Perpetual Help for their support and visit, and special thanks to Mrs. Margaret Briscoe, secretary for Father Jesse, for her time and effort in scheduling this meaningful mass for our loved residents.

Our activities for last week were slightly off schedule because Ms. Ann Zbranek, D.O.N.; Helen Perry, F.S.S.; Pat Horndt, A.C., and Margie Vacek, L.V.N. attended a health care plan seminar in Houston. The seminar was hosted at the Westin Galleria Hotel and conducted by Eckerd Lab Pharmacy. We enjoyed the outing and seminar immensely.

On Wednesday, Carolyn Ferrill and Pat Horndt visited the Sweetbriar Nursing Home in Columbus and met with Patty Gorman, activity director; Helen Dunlap, bookkeeper, and of course Ms. Marian Werland, administrator. In all, we enjoyed working with these ladies and plan future visits to Sweetbriar (and they will visit us) to combine different activities for residents, such as the junior/senior games in May which will be held in Columbus. A large group of nursing homes will be participating in this event and everyone is looking forward to joining the groups for the festivities.

We held our resident council meeting last Friday in the dining area and it was well attended by residents.

We discussed upcoming events for the month of April and gave a special thanks to Evelyn Redmond for arranging our dining room table centerpieces in which she did a beautiful job.

We also discussed our new activity room located in room 34 on "C-wing". This new activity room has a large storage area for activity supplies and room to conduct different and more productive activity such as a cooking class which will begin in May. We will be able to use a microwave to do our baking and cooking. We also will be able to wash and dry small loads of clothes for the residents in the activity room. These types of activities will provide a meaningful way of life and provide a more "homey" type of atmosphere for residents. In all, we are grateful for the new location of our activity room which will be well used.

During the meeting, we were pleasantly surprised by Louis Vacek of Rosenberg. He delightfully entertained residents during the lunch hour by playing happy, foot-tapping polkas and waltzes on the piano. Midway through his playing, Heritage House administrator Richard Luebke joined in by playing the accordion. Everyone enjoyed the duo and want to thank these gentlemen for giving us the pleasure of having their unique talents in our nursing home. We truly enjoyed lunch.

Baseball stories by Old Timers to be swapped at annual reunion

Bragging rights will be at a premium when several hundred yesteryear stars of the 900 members of the South Central Texas Old Timers Baseball Association meet in Schulenburg for the 18th annual reunion and barbecue. Their stories will add much to the good fellowship that always prevails at these meetings — many attendees have not seen their former teammates in 25 or more years.

According to "Higgs" Kana of Eagle Lake, president of the association, the reunion will be held, rain or shine, on Sunday, April 26 (the Sunday after Easter), in the American Legion Hall in Schulenburg's Wolters Park. Registration starts at 1 p.m. and the business session will begin at 2:30 p.m. The barbecue, with all the trimmings, will be served at 4 p.m. at a cost of $4 per plate. Cash reservations must be received by Thursday, April 23. Refreshments will be available throughout the afternoon. Please mail your reservations to Fred Scheska, secretary-treasurer, P.O. Box 75 or to Bill Midkiff, awards chairman, 1222 St. Louis St., Gonzales, Texas 78629.

Founder's Day celebration April 25 at The Farris 1912

On April 25 in Eagle Lake, Texas Alpha Delta Phi and Xi Pi Psi chapters of Beta Sigma Phi, in concert with 12,500 chapters of 250,000 members throughout the world, will celebrate their Founder's Day.

During the Depression, Walter W. Ross thought that young women needed more in their lives than work, responsibility and hardship. He thought a social and cultural outlet was needed and that he was the man to see that it was provided. His efforts brought seven young women in Abilene, Kansas, together on April 30, 1931 to form that sort of organization. Beta Sigma Phi began, and time proved Walter Ross' idea a good one. Because Beta Sigma Phi has continued to meet their needs, on this April 30, Walter Ross will be remembered by this largest Greek letter sorority in the world.

Throughout the fifty-four years of their history, the members of Beta Sigma Phi have enjoyed programs for cultural studies and numerous social events; they had a difference in their lives. As they enjoyed these opportunities for personal growth, they came to make a real difference in the world around them.

A typical year finds the chapters donating over $3 million directly to charities, reflecting over two million work hours. Early, the chapters created their own international funds for purposes they selected. Their International Endowment Fund has donated over $2 million to health research groups, to homes for underprivileged children and to many worthwhile causes. Their Exemplar Fund helps support the Literacy Village in India. Through Beta Sigma Phi's International Loan and Scholarship Funds, members and their families are helped.

Basic to Beta Sigma Phi, however, are the socials for its members. One of the most important is their Founder's Day celebration. Each year a theme is selected to both challenge and to exemplify each member. This past year the theme has been "Walk in the Sun — Find Renaissance."

The Alpha Delta Phi and Xi Pi Psi will meet on April 25 at 11:30 a.m. at The Farris 1912, to observe Founder's Day. Kay Clipson has been selected for the honor of presenting the special message from the International Executive Council of Beta Sigma Phi.

Awards will be presented during the evening to outstanding chapter members, recognizing them for their sorority and community work. Some local Beta Sigma Phi projects include tray favors for the hospital, Prairie Edge Museum, art show and scholarships for high school seniors.

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ELMS competes in literary meet

The fourth through sixth graders (elementary division) finished second with 85 points in the district UIL literary meet Saturday and the seventh and eighth graders (junior high division) won the district title with 75 points. Individual winners were as follows:

Fourth Grade: reading writing, Neil Broesche, third: picture memory, Christina Rodriguez, Meredith Anderson, John Kaluza, Chrystal Lockett, Becky Waddell, third.

Fifth Grade: picture memory, Irma Mendoza, sixth; number sense, Chris Burrow, first, and Lupe Hernandez, fourth; oral reading, Ryan Thomas, fifth; music memory, Selsa Zarate, Kathy Johnson, Lupe Hernandez, Abel Cantu, Lawanda Alley, third, and Kameka Davis, Corey Farrow, Jason Rodriguez, Scot Jones, Monica Vargas, fourth.

Sixth Grade: spelling, Kelli Walker, second, and Tara Johnson, sixth; oral reading, J'Amy McClanahan, first, and Joy Johnson, second.

Seventh Grade: ready writing, Shane Glaiser, sixth; spelling, Jaime Marquart, third, and Laura Rodriguez, fifth; prose, Bonnie Benge, third, Shanna Brunner, fifth, and Robert Lujan, sixth; impromptu speaking, Bonnie Benge, second, Peri Ferguson, fourth, and Larry Flathmann, fifth; number sense, Larry Flathmann, first, and Jaime Marquart, sixth; calculator applications, Yaneth Benavides, fifth.

Eighth Grade: impromptu speaking, Katey McMurrough, second, and Patrick Powers, fifth; prose, Tricia Thomas, third, and Katey McMurrough, fifth; number sense, Darryl Anderson, third, and Heather Abel, sixth; ready writing, Dustin Hengst, third; spelling, Sher Sunderman, first, and Natalie Cordova, sixth.

Congratulations to all of the winners and to all the contestants, alternates and coches for a job well done.

Older Texan nominations

By Peggy Braden, County Extension Agent

May is Older Texans month. To help celebrate this, the Older Texan's Committee and the Colorado County Extension Service will be sponsoring the annual Older Texan's Fair on May 7 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall in Columbus.

Each year, an outstanding older Texan man and woman are selected and recognized for their volunteer and community service. Each civic organization is encouraged to submit nominations for this award.

A program on Alzheimer's disease will be presented at the fair. All interested persons are invited to attend. A chicken spaghetti lunch will be served at a cost of $2.50 per plate. Lunch reservations must be made.

Nomination forms are available from Peggy Braden, call 732-2530. **All forms and lunch reservations are due by April 24.**

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