

HERITAGE HOUSE NEWS

By GLADYS OWENS, Activity Director

We had a very busy Friday this week. Our Catholic residents received Holy Communion as they do the first Friday of each month. We also held our resident council meeting and set the meal of the month. I told the residents we were still looking for relics to

put in our dining room to go with our western theme. Thanks to Ed Andel we have the barn board for our shelves. The board is from Eagle Lake prior to 1910. We want to try to stay with historical pieces from this area if possible. The new (old) look will be

good therapy for our residents. Please call if you have an old piece we might display.

We also have a new volunteer to read for our residents on Saturdays. Margie Wiese called and has signed up for weekly sessions of poetry or short stories. We welcome you with open arms.

Worship service was conducted by Rev. Russell Minter of Christ Episcopal Church Sunday.

Residents celebrating birthdays this month are Beather Robinson, Elton Davidson, Victoria Wilson, Lillie Behrens, Josephine Gandy, Lena Rabel and William Noska.

Keep those volunteer calls coming!

Administrators notes: Staff and residents at Heritage House will join thousands of health care professionals across the country as they pay tribute to physicians on Doctor's Day, March 30.

It is no secret to the staff at Heritage House as to why their physicians are so deserving of this recognition.

Meeting the changing health care needs of elderly individuals is placing new challenges on today's long-term

care physician. Doctors who care for elderly residents have the complex task of providing medical direction to staff members, contributing medical expertise to care planning, exercising compassion toward the resident, and serving as a source of comfort and hope to family members.

Physicians who are willing to devote themselves to long-term care deserve a great deal of recognition. Physicians today have increasing demands placed on their time and talents to maintain their office practice and treat hospitalized patients. So serving as an attending physician or medical director at a long-term care facility really says something about a doctor's compassion and their personal commitment to elderly individuals.

The American Medical Association sponsors Doctor's Day to increase public awareness of the valuable role physicians play in our nation's health care delivery system.

We at Heritage House would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to Dr. Raymond Thomas, Dr. Russell Thomas and Dr. Jose Ugarte. We appreciate your dedication to the treatment of our residents.

Birdwell celebrates 87th birthday

Mr. Harvey Birdwell was surprised Sunday, March 3, the occasion being his 87th birthday. He enjoyed his family sharing dinner with him and visiting. Those attending were his wife, Bessie; children and grandchildren, Harvey, Gladys and Rebecca Birdwell, Roger and Richard Birdwell, John, Pat, John Jr. and Brandy Birdwell, Carol Ann, Robert, Kellie and Chris Hancock.

Also helping Mr. Birdwell celebrate this special occasion were Angie

Brown, George Birdwell, Emily and David Frank, Pete and Ruby Linne-mier, Bobby, Linda and Brian, Charlie Hodde and Helen Ponce, Annie and Faye Zig and Barbara Wikerson.

All enjoyed a dinner of BBQ turkey and chicken, dressing and all the trimmings plus cake and pie. All wished Mr. Birdwell a happy birthday and wished him many more. Guests came from Van Vleck, Bay City, Columbus, Clear Lake, Aldine, San Marcos and Eagle Lake.

OBITUARY

Sam J. Davidson

November 6, 1901-February 26, 1991

Sam J. Davidson, age 89, of Eagle Lake, passed away Tuesday, February 26 at the Eagle Lake Community Hospital following a brief illness.

Born in Chesterville, Texas on November 6, 1901 to James and Margaret Nash Davidson, he had been a resident of our area all of his life. On March 15, 1931, he married Alma Helen Miller in Lissie. For many years following "Mr. Sam" drove a truck for the Gulf Oil Company and in 1940 he began a distinguished career in agriculture, farming rice until his retirement in 1974.

Civically, he served his community and fellow citizens in every way possible. He served as Alderman for the City of Eagle Lake from 1958 to 1967, was involved in the instigation of the city's natural gas service, it's beginning and turnover to the City of Eagle Lake. He was a life member of the Eagle Lake Noon Lions Club, having served on its Board of Directors and Past President. He was also a faithful member of the Eagle Lake Methodist Church.

Mr. Sam was preceded in death by his parents; his wife Alma, who passed away on February 5, 1983 and two sisters, Mrs. Jessie Arnett and Mrs. Della Randow. Survivors include his devoted daughter and son-in-law, Ernie and Lonnie Sommerlatte of Eagle Lake; sister, Mrs. Dora Larsen and brother, Elton Davidson, both of Eagle Lake; grandchildren, Debbie and Jerry Cameron, Dallas; Keith Sommerlatte, Houston; great grandchildren, Chris and Scott Cameron, Dallas; a number of nieces, nephews, relatives and loved ones.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. on Thursday, February 28 from

the Dulany Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Charles Runk, pastor of Eagle Lake Methodist Church, officiating. Mrs. Carol Joyce Ripper served as organist. Graveside services and interment followed at Lakeside Cemetery in Eagle Lake.

Pallbearers were T.J. Smith, Vic Scott, Dr. Raymond R. Thomas, Lloyd Spaulding, Lee Briscoe, Donald Obenhaus, Gayle Thomas and R.L. "Bob" Cook, Jr.

Honorary pallbearers named were Alvin Kohleffel, W.C. "Dub" Alley, J.O. Stein, Simon Sinclair, Doyle Waldrop, Roy A. Van Nort, M.M. "Mac" Jones and Louis Muzny.

The family has requested memorials be made to either the Eagle Lake Community Hospital Auxiliary or the Eagle Lake United Methodist Church.

Mr. Sam's devotion to his family and dedication to his community will long be remembered and missed by all.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

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Now look who's reached the BIG 4-0!

March 7th

Happy Birthday

From Mikie, Teenee, Dus & Jon

ORGANIZATION/CLUB NEWS

ELCH Auxiliary

The business meeting and selection of officers has been set for Tuesday, March 19 for the Eagle Lake Community Hospital Auxiliary. The time is 9:30 a.m. in the conference room of the hospital.

The spring luncheon is scheduled for Monday, April 8 at 11:30 a.m. at the First Baptist Church. The new officers will be installed and membership dues collected at this time. The volunteers are asked to bring a salad.

Eagle Lake Study Club

Were you on the waiting list at the Wintermann Library to read *Cold Sassy Tree*? Did you see the movie? If you read the book or saw the movie, you will not want to miss the next meeting of the Eagle Lake Study Club. If you did not read the book or see the movie, then come to the Study Club meeting on Wednesday, March 13th at 2 p.m. to see what everyone is talking about.

Carole Beth Gore, daughter of Robert and Fair Wells, will review *Cold Sassy Tree* in the Conference Room at the Wintermann Library. Carole Beth grew up in Eagle Lake, attended Stephens College and the University of Texas. She is a member of the Kappa Alpha Theta Sorority. She and her husband, Clarence, lived in Bahrain for several years. She is the mother of a son, Jeffery and a daughter, Carey.

Circle March 13th on your calendar and plan to be at the meeting of the Study Club to greet Carole Beth and to hear her review *Cold Sassy Tree*.

United Way of Eagle Lake

The Board of Directors of the United Way of Eagle Lake met on Tuesday, January 29, 1991 at 7 p.m. at Sportsman's Restaurant for election of new officers and directors and the approval of the distribution of funds.

New officers elected were: Larry Rodgers, President; Melvin Stancik, Vice President; Nancy Nelson, Secretary; and Laurel Holden, Treasurer.

New directors elected to three-year terms were: Irving Williams (re-elected to a new term), Mike Duarte, Veronica Villafuerte and Rev. Charles Miller. Retiring from the board are Past President Ernie Rodgers, past Vice President Carl Ripper and Past Secretary Connie Gertson. Connie presented a plaque of appreciation to Ernie for the many hours and years he devoted to the organization.

Nancy Nelson, 1990 fund drive chairman, reported that a grand total of \$9,044.20 had been collected which was 90% of the original goal of \$10,000.00. Past President Ernie Rodgers made the motion to deduct 10% from the organization's Certificate of Deposit in order to distribute 100% of the proposed budget.

It was unanimously voted to distribute the funds as follows: Boy Scouts, \$300; Youth Development, \$500; Camp Fire Girls, \$500; Colorado County Children's Service Board, \$750; Colorado County Valley Council on Alcoholism and Drugs, \$750; Little League Operations, \$25; Little League Camp Improvements, \$750; Local Relief, \$1,875; Colorado County Mental Health-Retardation, \$750; Colorado County Red

Cross, \$375; Eagle Lake Salvation Army, \$1,125; Colorado County Special Olympics, \$1,000; Administrative Costs, \$600.

A lengthy discussion was held on the amount distributed to the Boy Scouts. Further discussion was tabled for the August meeting when the 1991 budget will be adopted.

Directors present were Ernie Rodgers, Connie Gertson, Larry Rodgers, Laurel Holden, Olivia Villafuerte, Melvin Stancik, Mike Duarte, Irving Williams and Nancy Nelson. Other directors are Suzanne Sykowski, Claudine Shorter, Kitty Thomas and Rev. Charles Miller.

The Board of Directors extends sincere thanks to all supporters of our annual drive. Thank you for working the United Way.

Texas rice milling and processing industry has exciting future

The rice milling and processing industry in Texas has an exciting future, according to a comprehensive study released by the Texas Agri-Business Electric Council (TABEC).

That is especially good news for South Texas because four of the state's five largest rice-producing counties are in this region, said Bill Kyle, commercial program advisor for Central Power and Light Co., which helped sponsor the study. Wharton, Matagorda, Colorado and Jackson counties are the state's leading rice producers, and two other counties in the area — Victoria and Calhoun — also produce significant rice crops.

The study, *Feasibility of Increased Processing of Rice in Texas*, presents detailed analyses of start-up costs for several types of rice processing mills, including a regular rice mill, a mill producing water-milled aromatic rice, a rice parboil mill and a rice flake cereal plant.

TABEC is composed of nine investor-owned electric utilities in Texas, including CPL, and is guided by the Agricultural Engineering Department at Texas A&M University. The study was written by Dean McCorkle and Greg Stark, both of Texas A&M.

It cites three major factors in predicting a bright future for the state's rice industry:

•The growing popularity of rice products among consumers as the result of scientific evidence that rice bran and rice oil reduce cholesterol.

•The recent development of a jasmine long-grain aromatic variety of rice that offers the potential of capturing a large part of the U.S. aromatic rice market currently supplied by imports from the Far East.

•Texas' large and growing populations of Asians and Hispanics, who are among the nation's largest consumers of rice and rice products.

Stark, executive director of TABEC, said, "Texas is a natural location for almost any kind of rice processing facility. A site near the

Gulf Coast provides mills with easy accessibility to export markets, where about half of Texas' and a third of the nation's rice is marketed."

The study points out that the location of new rice mills in the region also will be encouraged by general business conditions in Texas.

"Throughout the 1980s, Texas' business climate held top-10 ranking positions in nationwide surveys," the report noted. "For example, *Fortune* magazine named Texas the first choice of corporate executives for new plant locations. And in studies conducted by the Grant Thornton Co., Texas consistently ranks among the nation's leaders with low taxes, low union membership, low costs of energy, higher value added by manufacturers, greater number of hours worked and net increases in population."

The TABEC feasibility studies of model rice processing operations cites the following results:

•Regular rice mill — sales of \$21,603,238 and a return on investment of 11.9%.

•Aromatic rice water mill — sales of \$25,978,134 and a return on investment of 31.8%.

•Rice parboiling mill — sales of \$23,744,175 and a return on investment of 15.5%.

•Rice flake cereal processing plant — sales of \$1,773,333 and a return on investment of 9.2%.

Kyle said TABEC and the investor-owned electric utilities that comprise the council want Texas to continue to be a major player in the rice processing industry.

"Growth in the rice industry certainly will benefit South Texas because our area is such a big part of that industry," Kyle said.

"We are very encouraged by the results of this study," he added. "The data from this report makes the point that new rice processing operations can be located in South Texas and show a favorable return on investment."

Kyle stated copies of the full report can be obtained by contacting him at CPL's home office, 512-881-5300.

Belton Polka Music Festival scheduled for March 15-17

In Texas, the use of superlatives has almost reached the point of becoming cliché, yet nothing else will do in describing the events about to take place in Belton, Texas. March 15-17 will be the date of the greatest Polka Music Festival ever held in Texas, or anywhere else in the country.

Thirty-five of Texas' greatest polka bands have committed to play in the First Annual Texas Polka Music Awards Festival. Present will be the Vrazels, Lit'l Fishermen, Ed Kadlecak and His Village Band, Harry Czarnek and the Texas Dutchmen, Jodie Mikuls Band, Czech Harvesters, Seven Dutchmen, Algenist and Valerio Longoria and his Conjunto Band, just to name a few. Rounding out the entertainment will be appearances by the Czech Folk Dancers of West, Fire on the Mountain Cloggers, East Bernard Czech Singers and more singing and dancing groups.

Calls are being received almost every day from folks as far away as Arizona and Minnesota who are planning to charter buses for the trip. Festival promoters expect between thirty and fifty thousand to attend.

Tickets for the event are moderately priced at \$22 for three days, \$16 for two days, and \$8.50 for a single day. Tickets may be purchased at the Dillard's Department Stores in Waco, Killeen, and Temple, or by calling the Dillard's Ticketline at 1-800-800-8399. Tickets, or hotel/motel information, may also be obtained from the Expo Center by calling 1-800-444-9309. The TPMA has established a Festival Hotline at 1-800-447-3653.

For more information about the

Wendel, Sykowski attend TCTA Convention

Local teachers, Joe Wendel, Vice President of the Texas Classroom Teachers Association and Ray Sykowski, Eagle Lake Middle School faculty representative were among more than 700 Texas educators participating in the 1991 Convention of the Texas Classroom Teachers Association (TCTA), which was highlighted by keynote speaker James Vasquez, the superintendent of Edgewood I.S.D.

TCTA is a professional association representing more than 27,000 public school teachers across Texas. The annual convention, held February 22-23 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Austin, gave delegates the opportunity to discuss current education issues and to make policy decisions for the Association. TCTA President Ron

Spears presided over the gathering. Vasquez, whose school district was the original plaintiff in the landmark Edgewood vs. Kirby case, gave his address to the delegates Friday. Edgewood I.S.D. has been in the forefront of the drive to equalize state funding to all school districts in the state. Delegates were briefed regarding the need for a more equalized funding system as well as the legislative proposals that have been filed to address the issue.

State Board of Education member Will Davis provided the official greeting to the delegates. Teachers also attended mini-conferences on the issues facing the 72nd Legislature, the Texas academic skills tests, education restructuring, and the career ladder. TCTA presented its annual Friend

of Education awards to State Rep. Ernestine Glossbrenner and Roger Lowe, owner of the Pay-n-Save grocery chain. Rep. Glossbrenner was honored for her service as chair of the Public Education Committee during the 71st Texas Legislature. Lowe was recognized for his many contributions to school activities in Littlefield I.S.D.

Honored as 1991 Administrators of the Year were Debbie McGriff-Maxey of Tatum I.S.D., Doris Whitley of Lamar Consolidated I.S.D. and Davina Spencer of Killeen I.S.D. Frances Monk of Fort Neches I.S.D. was honored as Retiree of the Year, and Patricia Gola of Grand Prairie I.S.D. was named Faculty Representative of the Year.

Convention delegates also were treated to a "Dancing Through the Decades" dinner and dance, which featured songs and costumes from 1900 to 1990.

At the Saturday morning session of the convention, the Rice Classroom Teachers Association were recognized with a certificate along with 41 other local units in Texas for having a 5% or more growth in membership. The Rice C.T.A. membership almost doubled from the 1989-90 to the 1990-91 school year.

Magnolia Place to host insurance conference

Magnolia Place Retirement Apartments will sponsor an insurance conference as a public service for senior adults on Thursday, March 21 at 2:30 p.m. in Columbus.

Bill Ward, Prudential representative for the AARP Group Health Insurance Program, will discuss AARP's portfolio of Medicare Supplement and Hospital Plans and answer individual questions.

All AARP members are urged to attend, but the conference is offered to the public as a service by Magnolia Place and AARP. Reservations should be made by writing Magnolia Place at 1216 Montezuma, Columbus, Texas, 78934 or calling 409-732-3248 with the number of people expected.

AARP, founded in 1958, is the nation's largest organization of older Americans with a membership of over 30 million. Membership is open to everyone age 50 or older, whether retired or not. The Association is a

non-profit, non-partisan group dedicated to helping older Americans achieve lives of independence, dignity and purpose.



Anderson's Herefords wins Reserve Senior Champion

BSH L1 Domino 134 was named the reserve champion senior bull at the Southwest Region Herd Show held in conjunction with the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo. Anderson's Herefords, of Rock Island, showed the winner that earlier claimed the blue ribbon in the senior yearling bull class.

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Frybert, Litzmann plan June wedding

Mr. and Mrs. Joe F. Frybert of Eagle Lake, are pleased to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Barbara Anne, to Mr. Mark W. Litzmann of Columbus, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elton W. Litzmann of Alleyton.

Mark is a graduate of Angleton High School and received his BS degree in Civil Engineering at Texas A&M University. He is the Senior Resident Engineer for the Texas Highway Department in Columbus.

Barbara is a graduate of Rice High School and received a BA degree in History from Texas A&M University. She is employed as a History teacher

for Katy ISD. The wedding is scheduled for Saturday, June 8, 1991 at St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Columbus.

Happy 27th Anniversary

March 10



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