

Oakland hosts 1994 Heritage Days

Everyone in the area is invited to Oakland Heritage Days the weekend of June 4-5. Oakland is located between Weimar and Hallettsville on FM 532 south of IH-10 and north of U.S. 90A.

The proceeds from the weekend festival are used to equip the Oakland Volunteer Fire Dept. and other community improvements.

A home town tour, and a 5k run-walk for people at 8:30 a.m. open the activities at the historical marker and proceeds north and east along FM532. There are various age categories with a \$10 advance registration fee or \$15 the morning of the race.

Barbecue cookoff contestants move in Friday night or early Saturday to begin their contest. Judging is at 5 p.m. Saturday. For details on the barbecue cookoff contact Donnie Head at 409-725-8139 or 1-800-421-2847. Trophies will be awarded.

Other activities begin at noon Saturday with arts and crafts, commercial food and games booths as well as a biergarten. The Wagner carnival will be on hand with a Friday night special from 6 to 10 p.m.

Sulaska Helicopter rides will offer aerial views of the Oakland area. Handmade quilts will be on display on

the square. The City Polka Boys of Houston will be on stage at 12 to open the day's entertainment. The POLKs of A dancers take the stage at 12:30 p.m. and the Orange Blossom Special, the Janda Family Band and others will play during the afternoon.

A free dance at 8 p.m. will feature the Midnight Rodeo. At dark, fireworks will light up the Oakland skies Saturday night.

Sunday begins with a volleyball tournament at 9 a.m. Registration is at 8 a.m. and a trophy goes to the winning team. Entry is \$30 per team and the teams must provide officials.

Another Chance Parade starts

Shell announces Center as scholarship winner

Leslie K. Center, graduating senior at Rice High School, was chosen as the winner of the \$500 Shell Western E&P Inc. Scholarship. She is the daughter of Sam and Wanda Center of Eagle Lake.

Robert Chapman of the Houston Central Plant presented the scholar-



Leslie Center

Merrill Luman home gets marker today

The Colorado County Historical Survey Commission invites the community to the marker dedication at the Merrill Luman home Thursday, May 26.

Commission members and their guests will have a dinner and short meeting at 7 p.m. followed by a presentation by Elaine Luman of the history of the Harrison-Hasted-Luman House. Mr. and Mrs. Jesse J. Harrison, Lester Hastedt and Merrill Luman all have made significant contributions to the state's old house without altering its historical beauty.

The public is invited to join the group in front of the Luman home at 236 Preston St. for a formal dedication and unveiling of the marker shortly after 8 p.m.

Graveside service was held in Elgin with the pastor of First United Methodist Church officiating. Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

He is survived by two sisters, Elizabeth Allen Bothe of Eagle Lake and Kathryn Allen Baker of Edna; sister-in-laws Mary Nell Chapman and Etta Mae Carter of Edna; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

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LOCAL GRADUATES, AREA STUDENTS

Popp earns M.D. Three graduate from Sam Houston

Sister Rosanne Popp, formerly of Nada, is to graduate with honors Saturday, May 28, from the University of Texas Health Science Center in San Antonio.

She has earned her doctorate of medicine.

A catered barbecue lunch follows the parade for \$4.50 a plate. Other food concessions also open at noon. At 1:15 p.m. the country auction begins with homemade jellies, pickles, quilts, fresh vegetables, plants, cakes and collectibles all donated for the auction.

Everyone is encouraged to come out and join the fun at Oakland on the Navidad for the Heritage Days.

Shuart graduates from Charleston

Sarah Espy Shuart of Eagle Lake received her bachelor of science in sociology on May 8.

She was among the 870 students who received their degrees from the College of Charleston at the University of Charleston, S.C.

History students pinned by DAR

The John Evirot Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution recently recognized two county students for their outstanding study in United States history.

Ashley Crane and Leah Brisco were presented with impressive pins by Ernest Mac Seaholm to commemorate this special occasion.

Crane is the daughter of James and Connie Crane of Columbus. Brisco is the daughter of Reggie and Barbara Brisco of Sheridan.

Dromgoole, Korenek in Who's Who

The 1994 edition of Who's Who Among Students in American Junior College includes 21 students at Wharton County Junior College.

Of these 21 selected as national outstanding campus leaders are two from this area. Dena Dromgoole of



Popp is the daughter of Clara Bruemmer and the late Lawrence Popp.

She is a Sister of Charity of the Incarnate Word in Houston. Her residency program in family practice is to begin in July at McLennan County Family Practice in Waco.

Columbus FFA competes at Blinn, elects officers

The Columbus FFA traveled to Blinn College for the Area III convention May 7. Two Columbus teams competed at the area event.

Kevin Little and Angie Hoffman were in the Mr. and Miss FFA competition where they placed fourth overall. The talent team entry, In The Mood Band, made up of Jordan Brod, Glen Knigge, Kevin Little and Cody Swindall, played their way to second place.

Nicole Noska won area for her turf and landscape management proficiency and will advance to the state competition at the Texas FFA convention this summer. The state convention will be held in Ft. Worth, July 12-15.

District IV officer elections were held in Weimar. Columbus had three

people running: Lynn Kopecky, Tara Hagedorn who was elected district treasurer and Melanie Frank elected to the Area III courtesy corp.

The Columbus club officer elections were held May 12. Each member running for an office gave a speech and answered questions from a panel of four alumni, Sandy Jones, Al Kaiser, B.J. Malatek and Glenn Weishuhn; both ag teachers; graduating senior officers Kevin Little and Cody Swindall. Bradi Jones and Julie Miller were unable to attend.

Officer candidates also had to obtain seven signatures from teachers and 50 from current FFA members. There were 10 candidates.

Elected president was Melanie Frank; vice president, Tara Hagen-

dorf; secretary, Lynn Kopecky; treasurer, Nicole Noska; reporter, Melissa Templeton; sentinel, Jordan Brod; student advisor, Melanie Duke; parliamentarian, Greg Miller; chaplain, Randee Blankenship; and BOAC chairman, Amanda Kleiman. They will represent the chapter for 1994-95.

For the District IV degree check, seven members traveled to Brenham High School. Duke, Jonathan Kubick and Donnie Rollins earned their district Lone Star Farmer degrees.

Noska won in turf and landscape management. Hagedorn, who did not attend, won district for sheep proficiency.

The Columbus FFA fishing tournament, April 22-23, had 25 participants. Grand champion bass went to Jace Klein, reserve champion went to Randee Blankenship and Amanda Kleiman; grand champion catfish to Nic Yearwood, reserve champion catfish to Jordan Brod; grand champion stringer of bass to Blankenship, Amanda and Jimmy Kleiman; and grand champion stringer of catfish to Arnie and Mindy Malatek.

Primary School students 'Just Say No' with essays

The third grade students at Eagle Lake Primary School participated in the Just Say No essay contest this spring. A winning essay was chosen from each class and the overall winner was selected from these top four class winners.

The Just Say No, anti-drug program, is sponsored at the school by the Eagle Lake Pilot Club. President Lucille Perry announced the winners of the contest.

The overall best essay was written by Felicia Galvan, a student in Mrs. Henry's class. The other three winners and their teachers were Melinda Cavazos, Mrs. Mazoch; Ashley Cardenas, Ms. Peralez; and Joshua Henderson, Mrs. Ardis.

Following is the winning essay:

Why I should say no to drugs

By Felicia Galvan

The reason I think I should say no to drugs is because it can poison you or it can be very dangerous. In magazines it makes you think you'll become prettier or more cool. Beer, wine, whiskey, champagne and many more are kinds of alcohol. Alcohol can get in your blood stream and get to your brain and make you go crazy.

Crack cocaine, dope, weed and more are illegal drugs. Illegal drugs can get you put in jail or you can die. It can really affect your body.

Tobacco can be very harmful to you. Cigarettes are made of tobacco. Cigarettes can fill up your lungs with tar and it can make you have cancer. Cigarettes make your teeth look bad and you'll die.

These are some reasons to say no!



Third grade winners in the Just Say No essay contest at Eagle Lake Primary School are shown with their teachers, from the left, Melinda Cavazos in front of Mrs. Mazoch, Ashley Cardenas in front of Ms. Peralez, Mrs. Henry with Felicia Galvan, overall winner, and Joshua Henderson in front of Mrs. Ardis.

Eagle Lake Community Hospital Patients

Week ending May 15

ADMISSIONS

Eagle Lake: Joaquina Morales, Vickie Chavez & Baby Boy; El Campo: Maria Garcia & Baby Boy; Sheridan: Paul Hada.

DISMISSALS

Eagle Lake: Stanley Kucherka, James Dierschke, Melissa Martinez & Baby Boy; Marvin Arons; Columbus: Mary Lipperdi; El Campo: Michele Cruz & Baby Boy, Mary Flores & Baby Boy, Kimberly Frances & Baby Boy; Wallis: Charles Grigar; East Bernard: Bernard Marik.

Week ending May 22

ADMISSIONS

Eagle Lake: Jenelle Miller, Edna Fouts, Doris Thomas; El Campo: Stephanie Lee & Baby Girl.

DISMISSALS

Eagle Lake: Vickie Chavez & Baby Boy, Joaquina Morales, Jennifer Alvarado & Baby Boy, Lee Aldridge, Robert Shelton, Raymond Kohleffel, Monica Poole; El Campo: Maria Garcia & Baby Boy, Kimberly Francis, Wallis: Charles Grigar; Sheridan: Paul Hada; Bellville: Dawn Maines & Baby Boy.

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Producer

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8:00 P.M.

THE MUSEUM THEATRE
Eagle Lake, Texas



Orpha Teel (Janet Dupré in center) brings her daughter Ruthie (Sherri Gould, right) to her miserly, sarcastic Aunt Augusta's home with the idea of moving in with Augusta (Marsha Priesmeyer, left).

Would-be angel Pilone (Mike Michalka), who caught a ride to Earth on the scarf of a real angel, is more rascal than angel. During this scene, he dogs Ruthie (Sherri Gould) who thinks she's alone in the room.

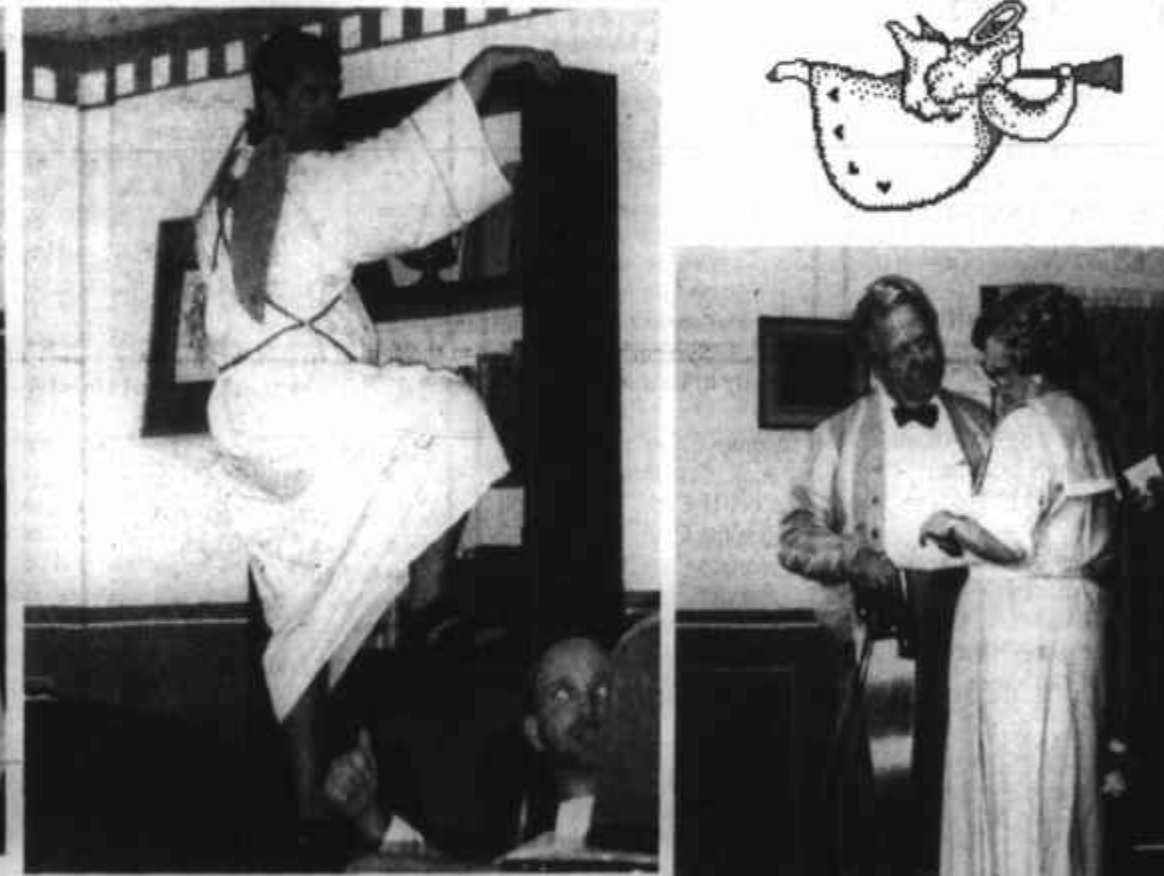


It was the job of Agnes (Vicki Powers, center), an angel, to "tune in" on Augusta with a cosmic counter and take her back to Heaven. Fellow angel Wilfred (Lee Politsch, right) helps her concentrate while Pilone tries to think up more mischief to get into.

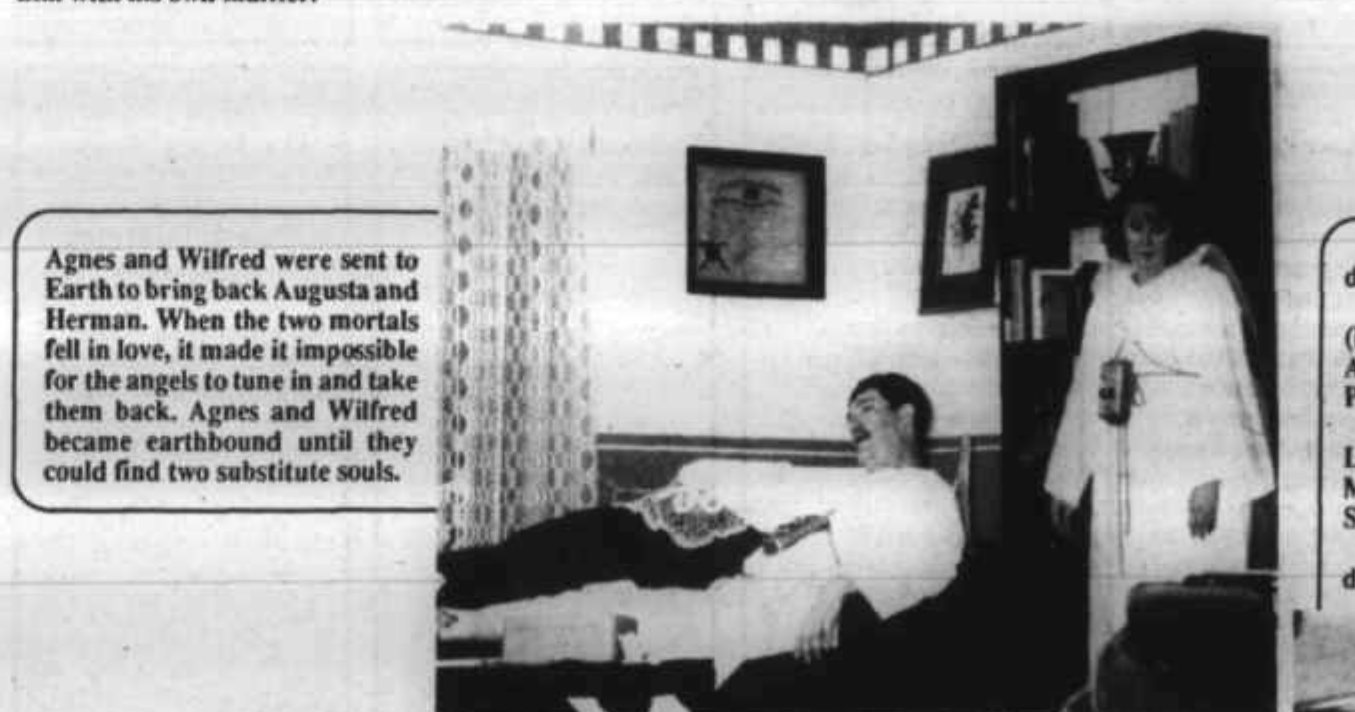
Pilone's favorite thing to do was to dog Diana Clump (Laura Myres), Augusta's maid. The two eventually fell in love even though Diana couldn't see him.



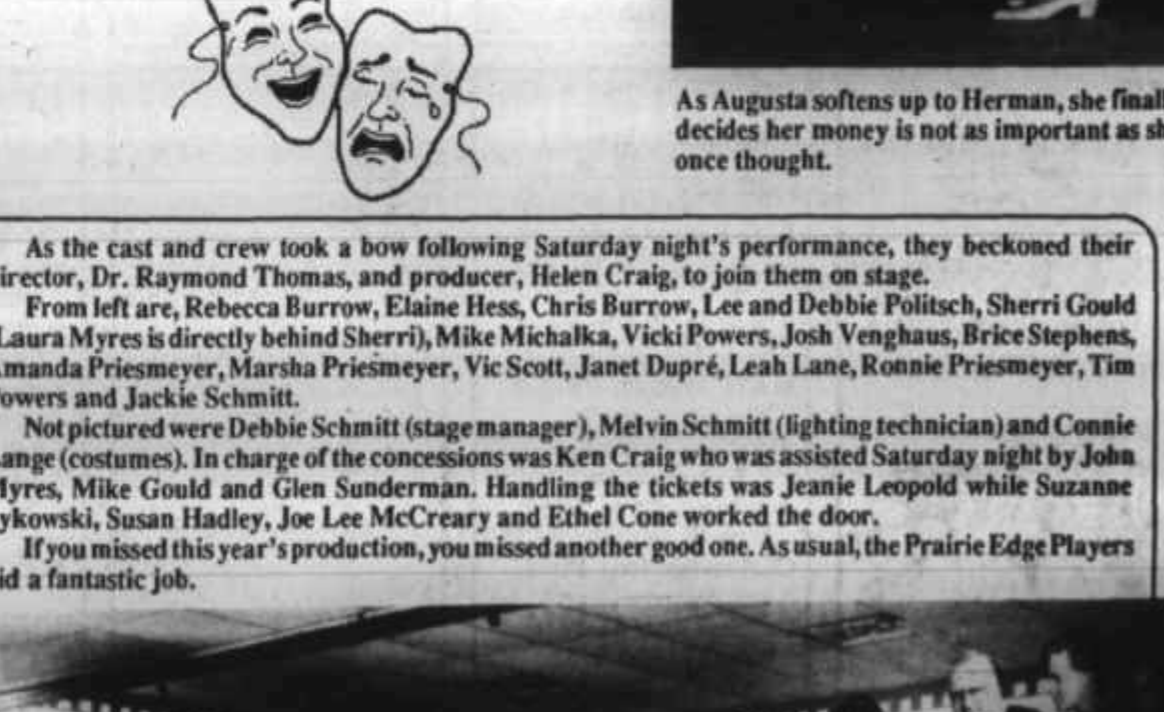
Trying to get Robert Hanley, a rich hypochondriac, (Chris Burrow) to feel something for Ruthie, Pilone almost strangles him with his own muffler.



One scene opened with Wilfred trying to get away from Pilone who had stolen his cosmic counter which was tuned in on Herman Howell.



Agnes and Wilfred were sent to Earth to bring back Augusta and Herman. When the two mortals fell in love, it made it impossible for the angels to tune in and take them back. Agnes and Wilfred became earthbound until they could find two substitute souls.



As the cast and crew took a bow following Saturday night's performance, they beckoned their director, Dr. Raymond Thomas, and producer, Helen Craig, to join them on stage.

From left are, Rebecca Burrow, Elaine Hess, Chris Burrow, Lee and Debbie Politsch, Sherri Gould (Laura Myres is directly behind Sherri), Mike Michalka, Vicki Powers, Josh Venghaus, Brice Stephens, Amanda Priesmeyer, Marsha Priesmeyer, Vic Scott, Janet Dupré, Leah Lane, Ronnie Priesmeyer, Tim Powers and Jackie Schmitt.

Not pictured were Debbie Schmitt (stage manager), Melvin Schmitt (lighting technician) and Connie Lange (costumes). In charge of the concessions was Ken Craig who was assisted Saturday night by John Myres, Mike Gould and Glen Sunderman. Handling the tickets was Jeanie Leopold while Suzanne Sykowski, Susan Hadley, Joe Lee McCreary and Ethel Cone worked the door.

If you missed this year's production, you missed another good one. As usual, the Prairie Edge Players did a fantastic job.

OBITUARY

George M. Allen

October 7, 1904 - April 29, 1994

George M. Allen, 89, of Elgin, passed away April 29, 1994, at his home.

He was born to Hiram Perry Allen and Lizzie Stagner Allen in Giddings, October 7, 1904.

At a very young age he moved to Luling with his parents where he attended school. During his teens, Allen

worked with his father who was station agent for the San Antonio and Arkansas Pass Railroad.

There he learned the art of telegraphy which enabled him to work for the railroads as chief dispatcher in several cities. At his retirement in 1969, he was rules examiner for Southern Pacific Lines in Texas and Louisiana.

Allen married Mozelle Carter of Elgin in 1929. She preceded him in death. He was a member of First United Methodist Church of Elgin.

He is survived by two sisters, Elizabeth Allen Bothe of Eagle Lake and Kathryn Allen Baker of Edna; sister-in-laws Mary Nell Chapman and Etta Mae Carter of Edna; nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Graveside service was held in Elgin with the pastor of First United Methodist Church officiating. Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

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Results of a Stanford University School of Medicine study may cause physicians to reconsider the use of aspirin. Toxicity scores for NSAIDs and aspirin were based on symptoms reported, abnormal laboratory findings, and hospitalizations. Aspirin had the lowest toxicity score - 1.26 compared to scores ranging from 1.87 to 2.91 for the NSAIDs. Researchers concluded that aspirin is a safe medicine for many arthritis patients and can be used as an alternative to the NSAIDs.

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