

Weimar Heritage Museum receives \$13,500 grant

The City of Weimar and the Lower Colorado River Authority (LCRA) have awarded \$13,500 to the Heritage Society Museum of Weimar to renovate the museum.

The renovation includes lowering

the ceiling in the large entrance room, replacing old wiring and adding museum-quality lighting to enhance the exhibits. Lowering the ceiling will improve its appearance and cost effectiveness.

The grant was one of 30, totaling \$352,125, that were awarded in June through LCRA's Community Development Partnership Program (CDPP), now in its second year.

The program provides economic

development and community assistance grants to cities, counties, volunteer fire departments, regional development councils and other nonprofit organizations in LCRA's 58-county electric and water service.

An 11-member Board, made up of LCRA's general manager, three LCRA Board members and seven LCRA water and electric customers, awards the grants.

LCRA's Board of Directors set aside \$1 million for grants in fiscal year 1997.

Weimar is one of LCRA's 44 wholesale electric customers and a participant in the CDPP.

For more information on the grant program or to request an application, call Lori Vitek, LCRA, 1-800-776-5272, Ext. 3399.



LCRA, along with the City of Weimar, recently awarded a \$13,500 grant to the Heritage Society Museum of Weimar for renovations to the museum. On hand for the presentation were, from left, City Manager Frank Parks, museum representative Henrietta Strunk, Mayor Bennie Kosler, LCRA Board member George Cason, LCRA Regional Representative Marian Bahlke and museum representative Juanita Rabel.

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FCE profiles...

Lorine Bubela... a caring person

By Betty Leopold

We think Lorine Bubela is a special, caring lady here in Nada and we'd like to tell you a little about her.

Lorine was born in Nada on Sept. 17, 1921, to Bertha (Swoboda) and Charles Schneider. She has four brothers and two sisters.

Lorine married Charles Bubela in Nov. 1940. They lived in Hungerford for a few years, then moved back to Nada in 1946.

The union was blessed with nine children: Barbara Svatek, Charles Bubela, Elaine Westfahl, Ronald Bubela, Bertha Genzer, Marcia Krasucky, Judy Pavlicek, Monica Stock and Gregory Bubela.

In 1961, Charles died, leaving Lorine with nine children, ages 20 to a year and nine months, to care for on her own and nine dollars in the bank.

Her daughter, Barbara, says, "If Mother was the treasurer of the U.S., we wouldn't be in the shape we're in."

The family had to pull together, working and caring for one another. The whole family would go out chopping and picking cotton for local farmers and the older boys worked in the rice fields.

Little Gregory would ride on his Mothers pick sack.

Lorine remembers always having a big garden, a couple of cows, sometimes hogs and raising chickens.

She taught her children the value of hard work, how to make it on their own, have faith in God, to give to others, work for the church and the betterment of the community.

They learned that lesson well as they are all a value to their individual communities.

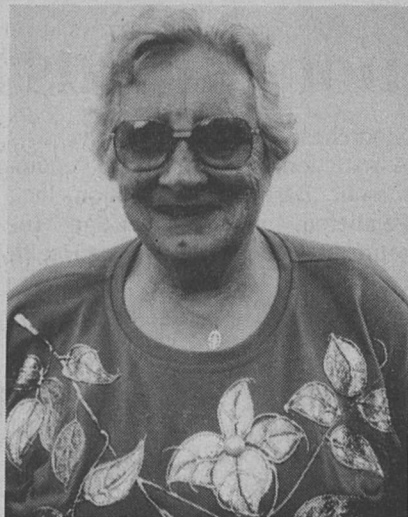
Lorine and her family also did a lot to help her aging parents; took them to church, doctors and where ever they need to go.

When her youngest, Gregory, started school, Lorine went to work at St. Mary's School cafeteria for about 10 years. Then she worked at Garden Villa Nursing Home as a housekeeper from 1978 to 1985.

She quit when she turned 65 and was offered a job at the Garwood School cafeteria. She told them she'd need at least a week off between jobs; she worked there from 1986 to 1995.

The school children thought of her as an extra caring grandmother who always took an interest in them and had a kind word and a smile for them.

In the nursing home, she would always visit with the patients, inquiring how they were doing and was a life line to home for those from Nada and



Garwood.

She would bring messages back and forth between family members.

Lorine has been an active member for many years in the PTC, Catholic Daughters, Christian Mothers, Council of Catholic Women and the Catholic State League.

Her faith in God has always been important to her and many times the only comfort she had.

She is a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church, the Living Rosary Assn., Blue Army, St. Mary's Cenacle and has been a weekly Eucharistic adorer for almost 14 years.

She truly believes in the power of prayer and has passed that on to her children.

Barbara, her daughter, said, "Mother's always praying for someone and she's prayed me through many difficult times in my life."

Lorine enjoys gardening, crocheting tablecloths, bedspreads, afghans, and designing, piecing and quilting. She has made each of her children a quilt and each of her grandchildren receives one when they graduate from high school.

Lorine has donated many of her afghans, and, in recent years, she has given at least two quilts to the church picnic auctions.

She also quilts with the ladies of Nada for funds for the Christian Mothers, picnic auctions, raffles, missions and people in need. She has also made lap robes for nursing homes, baby quilts and blankets for missions and hospitals, tacked quilts for elderly, the homeless and a retreat center.

To make a little extra money, Lorine has made oodles of the best noodles and kolaches in the area.

One lady said, "Lorine makes the best noodle soup in Texas."

She donates her noodles and baked goods to the PTC, church picnics, Christian Mothers, Catholic Daughters fund raisers, bake sales and auctions and is a loyal worker.

Over the years, Lorine has given of herself by visiting the sick and shut-ins, calling and checking up on them, running errands or taking them where they needed to go or even bringing food to those who needed it.

At this time, she is staying at night with a neighbor who is recovering from surgery so she doesn't have to be alone.

When visiting her children, grandchildren, friends, relatives or for the quilting group she is known to take food wherever she goes.

Lorine is always helping someone as she says, "That's why we're here—to help one another."

It gives her great pleasure; you can tell by the smile on her face and her gentle laugh.

She's one who lives by the saying, "It's more blessed to give than to receive."

Farm Bureau looking for outstanding farmer, rancher

The search is on for Texas Farm Bureau's annual Outstanding Young Farmer and Rancher, an award program highlighting the achievements of the up-and-coming generation of agricultural producers in the Lone Star State.

"Agriculture is the backbone of our state's economy and it is essential that we have an army of young producers actively carrying on the tradition," said Dean Venghaus, president of the Colorado County Farm Bureau. "The contest recognizes and rewards the best of the best."

According to Venghaus, farmers and ranchers 35 years of age and under who are Farm Bureau members and actively engaged in production agriculture are eligible for the award.

Three finalists, selected from among 13 district winners, will be awarded transportation, lodging and meals to the Texas Farm Bureau convention in Arlington, Nov. 29-Dec. 3, and complimentary use of a 1997 Ford pickup for a year.

"Judges will visit the finalists' operations before picking the winner," Venghaus added.

Jr. high twirlers, flags attend camp

The Rice Junior High twirlers and flags attended a marching auxiliaries camp June 23 through June 26 at Blinn College in Brenham.

Twirlers attending from Eagle Lake were Stephanie Sommerlatte, Jennifer Biaselli, Ashley Cardenas and Tamara Ellis.

Garwood twirlers participating were Melanie Brown and Amanda Henry.

The flags from Sheridan were Courtney Sims and Amanda Labay.

This was the first year for all of these girls to take part in a marching

auxiliaries camp and they were very successful.

They learned many routines they'll be performing at pep rallies and Jr. High football games this year.

Many of the twirlers received special honors at camp.

Melanie Brown and Jennifer Biaselli were chosen "All Americans". The twirlers chosen had to compete against all the other twirlers at camp and were selected to participate in the Citrus Bowl and Aloha Bowl.

All of the Jr. High twirlers received "All Star Performer" ribbons. These are awarded to girls who show spirit, talent and a positive attitude during instructional sessions.

On the last day of camp, the Jr. High twirlers took part in the Grand Champion Competition in which all of the schools attending competed.

The girls performed a routine to "You're A Grand Old Flag" and received a Superior Trophy for their excellent performance.

Congratulations, Rice Jr. High, on a job well done.

Did You Know...

•Arawek Indians, the first people to live in Jamaica, named the island Xaymaca, meaning "island of springs".

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Just because you're a senior citizen doesn't necessarily mean you'll need dentures. With good care, your natural teeth should last a lifetime. Only 25 years ago, over 30% of U.S. adults wore dentures. Today, there are fewer than 25%. Daily flossing, proper brushing, adequate diet, and regular dental visits have all contributed to this happy situation.

However, the oral problems of senior citizens can require special attention. They can be related to other health problems or changes in diet or nutrition. Unfortunately, senior citizens' cavities usually occur in the roots

of the teeth, and, because blood vessels are often constricted in people of this age group, teeth are more likely to fracture. This makes prompt detection and treatment necessary in order to save the teeth.

This detection happens far too seldom. Over 60% of senior citizens don't visit the dentist regularly. If you're a senior citizen, don't let this happen to you.

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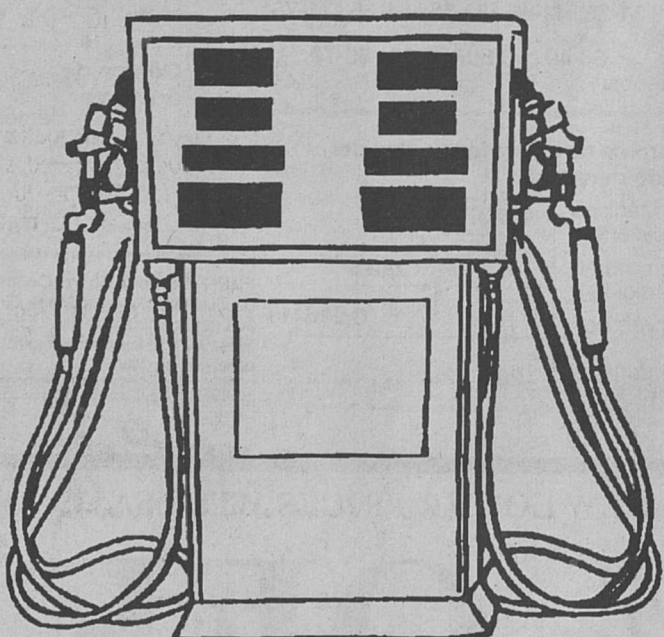
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