

PRAIRIE EDGE MUSEUM HIGHLIGHTS OF 1997

By Rollin Baker

Major activities in 1997 of Prairie Edge Museum (PEM), as summarized recently by curators William H. Harrison Sr. and Rollin H. Baker, show that your treasured museum is making substantial progress.

The following are a few of the accomplishments:

(1) The curators helped set up but have not yet implemented, a computer-using collection-cataloguing system.

(2) Many display cases have been refurbished with new material and labelling. New exhibits include one dignifying the history of Eagle Lake journalism and another honoring WWII hero Jesse Yanez.

(3) PEM educated and entertained about 1,000 visitors - including participants in conferences and theatergoers with 321 taking time to sign our register. Of the later, 90% were from Texas with others coming from as far away as Canada, California, Japan, Washington and the Netherlands.

(4) Public meetings held at PEM including representatives from the Colorado County Historical Commission, the Attwater's Prairie Chicken Festival, the Tom Waddell Outdoor Nature Club, the Phileathian Club of Wharton, the District meeting of the Lions Club, senior citizens from Franco Lee's Houston precinct, Golden Age Club from a Baptist church in Belton, AARP group from Houston, a teachers' workshop from Rice Independent School District, etc.

(5) A grant for \$2,000 from Houston's York Foundation (with an assist from Larry Dulany) provided for a summer PEM workshop experience for local school children in June-July.

(6) Approximately 50 lots of preservable collections were accessioned featuring such items as a Rice High

drum major helmet, an ancient grind stone, a copy of Eagle Lake's first paper, *The Canoe*, dating from 1891, a library table from Eagle Lake High School (ELHS), a pencil collection with each bearing the name of an Eagle Lake business, band and sports jackets from ELHS, memorabilia from Rice High School, historic signature quilt from the Eagle Lake

Methodist Church, and Civil War era artifacts excavated in Alleyton by archaeologists from College Station.

(7) A grant for \$12,000 from LCRA will help provide funds for refurbishing and painting the external walls of PEM. To this amount the City of Eagle Lake generously added \$2,000 from receipts from the Hotel-Motel Tax.

(8) The Prairie Edge Players produced one dramatic program entitled "Faith County II" which highly entertained approximately 450 members of two audiences on April 25-26.

(9) Local citizen support came from all directions but here we salute Joe Lee McCreary for our eave-hung Christmas lights and weed-killing and Ivory "Shorty" Stewart for mowing.

Mann is stage manager of *Fool For Love*

Sara Mann, daughter of David and Claudia Mann of Eagle Lake, is stage manager for the New College Theater at Hofstra University's production of *Fool For Love*, a Sam Shepard drama directed by Jeff Romano. Sara is active in the New College Creative Studies program.

Performances are scheduled for Dec. 10-14 with evening performances beginning at 8 p.m. Saturday matinees begin at 2 p.m. and the Sunday, Dec. 14, performance is a 2 p.m. matinee. Admission is free, but reservations are required.

This intense drama illustrates the relationship between a woman and man who have lived through a strange and strained life. Hofstra New College students Jessamyn Blakeslee, David Perez and Ryan Holliday will perform in *Fool For Love*.

A brief symposium will be held following each evening performance. The symposium provides an opportunity for the audience to meet the actors, director and crew for an open exchange of ideas about the play, performing and the rehearsal process.

Hofstra University is a private, lib-

eral arts institution founded in 1935. It is located in suburban Long Island, 25 miles east of New York City, holds 32 national and regional accreditations, and has a chapter of Phi Beta Kappa.

The current population is comprised of 7,000 full-time undergraduate and 5,000 part-time and graduate students.

Hofstra's 238-acre campus is a registered member of the American Association of Botanical Gardens and Arboreta. The Hofstra Museum is accredited by the American Association of Museums.



ELPS holds 'drug free' ceremony

Eagle Lake Primary School (ELPS) kicked off Texans' War on Drugs Red Ribbon Week with a flag raising ceremony and balloon release!

Pictured above, from left, conducting the ceremony are ELPS Principal Frank Middleton, Eagle Lake Police Chief Keith Webb, kindergarten student Cody Risk (who released the balloons) and Police Lt. Clem Johnson. Behind Cody is the inflatable mascot which was given the name "Doug No Drug" by Christian Cordova.

The coordinator for Red Ribbon Week was Lynda Appelt. Eagle Lake Crime Stoppers provided the balloons and red ribbons for the Rice CISD and businesses and lollipops for the officers of the Eagle Lake Police Department to pass out if students got caught "wearing a red ribbon".

Photo Courtesy of Lynda Appelt

SHERIDAN LIBRARY NEWS

The Sheridan Memorial Library received these memorials during the month of Nov. 1997: in memory of Gladys Nay: Ora Criswell, Harvey & Connie Laake, Kenny & Bobbie Jatzlau; in memory of C.C. Cole: Harvey

& Connie Laake, Kenny & Bobbie Jatzlau, Wayne & Natalie Dupré; in memory of Lena Balusek: Bill & Lillian Gohlke, Wayne & Natalie Dupré; in memory of John Henke Sr.: Bill & Lillian Gohlke; in honor of the 50th

wedding anniversary of Willard & Irene Hagendorf: Wayne & Natalie Dupré.

The library received book donations from Eldon and Joyce Ohm, Jenavée Peterson and Carlton Cody.

Local students in 'Who's Who'

A total of 16 students from this area are included in the 31st Annual Edition of "Who's Who Among

American High School Students, 1996-97".

"Who's Who", published by Educational Communications Inc. Lake Forest, Ill., is the largest high school recognition publication in the country.

Students are nominated by high school principals and guidance counselors, national youth groups, churches and educational organizations based on the student's academic achievement and involvement in extracurricular activities.

Traditionally, 99% of those chosen have a grade point average of B or better and 97% are college bound.

The 31st Annual Edition of "Who's Who Among American High School Students, 1996-97", published in 18 regional volumes, features over 700,000 students, just 5% of the nation's 14 million high school students.

They represent approximately 18,000 of the 22,000 public, private and parochial high schools in the country.

"Who's Who" students also compete for \$200,000 in scholarships and participate in the publication's Annual Survey of High Achievers, an opinion poll of ten attitudes. The book is distributed to 15,000 high schools, colleges, universities and public libraries in the country.

Local students selected include, from: Eagle Lake: Jessica Briscoe, Jamarus Brooks, Ralph Gertson, Lori Grigar, Dustin Hruzek, Amalie Kucherka, Susie Smith, Leon Taylor-Davis and Tiffany Wilkerson;

From Altair: Laine Labay; From Garwood: Vanessa Goode, Jennifer Krenek, Amy Moore, Delana Smith and Marcie Till; from Sheridan: Michael Brown.

Winter rice meeting is Dec. 5

By C. Jack Hunter, Colorado County Extension Agent

The Colorado County Office of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service and the Colorado County Extension Rice Committee will sponsor the winter rice meeting Friday, Dec. 5, at 9 a.m. at the Lehrer Interest building meeting room in Garwood.

Guest speakers for the program will include Drs. Arlen Klosterboer and M.O. Way.

Klosterboer will provide an update on variety selection to include yields, problems with particular varieties and a variety of research update.

Way will discuss the use of Furadan, use of Karate for rice water weevil control and update information on

chinch bug control.

Individuals who hold either a private non-commercial or commercial pesticide applicator's license are required to collect continuing education units (CEU's) over a given time frame in order to maintain an active license.

Private applicators must obtain 15 hours over a five year period while non-commercial and commercial applicator's must obtain five hours each year.

The Colorado County Extension office will provide one hour of CEU's at the winter rice meeting. The one hour credit will be in general.

For additional information, contact the County Extension Office at 409-732-2082.

Kubesch named FCE 'Woman Year'

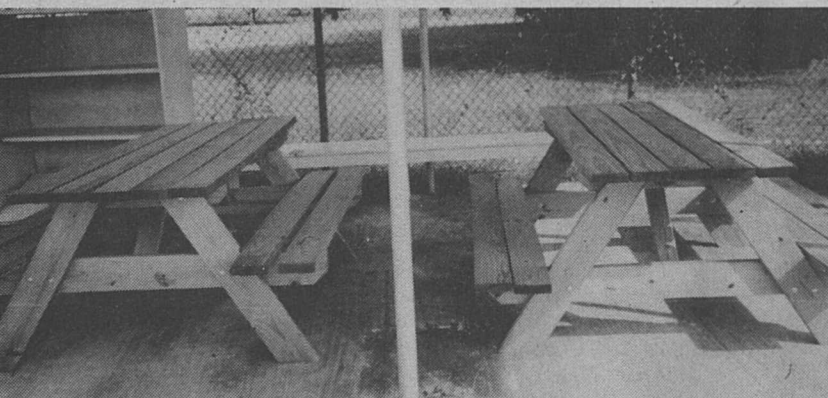
By LaJuan Braden

Frieda Meismer Kubesch was recognized as "Woman of the Year" for 1997 by the Nada-Garwood F.C.E. Club.

She is a life long resident of Nada, still lives on the same farm she was born on 88 years ago, June 19, 1909.

On Oct. 25, 1933, she married Fred Kubesch. They were blessed with four children, seven grandchildren, five great-grandchildren: Jo Ann Truman, Friendswood; Lillian Gohlke, Sheridan; Raymond Kubesch, Wharton; and Fred Kubesch, Victoria.

"Years ago, before I was married, Mr. Hurr was editor of *The Colorado County Citizen*, and I wrote a weekly (See Kubesch, Page 10)



Pool sports new tables

Donations made to the City pool recently were two weather-treated picnic tables for swimmers and families to enjoy. Eagle Lake Rotary Club members donated their time, material and delivery of the picnic tables which received many compliments.

The pool also received monetary donations from several individuals and businesses, allowing the purchase of updated rescue equipment.

The Revitalize Board would again like to thank each and every person who has donated or continue to donate time and money to keeping this summer recreational facility operating.



Frieda Meismer Kubesch

Award

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two (Noble and Meredith) while devoting so much of her time to "community building" still keeps family, home, church and friends foremost in her life.

Masonic Grand Treasurer Arvol Willingham of Houston was the evening's speaker and entertained attendees with humor and philosophy.

City and county officials, along with friends and relatives, were present to honor Becky as the announcement was made.

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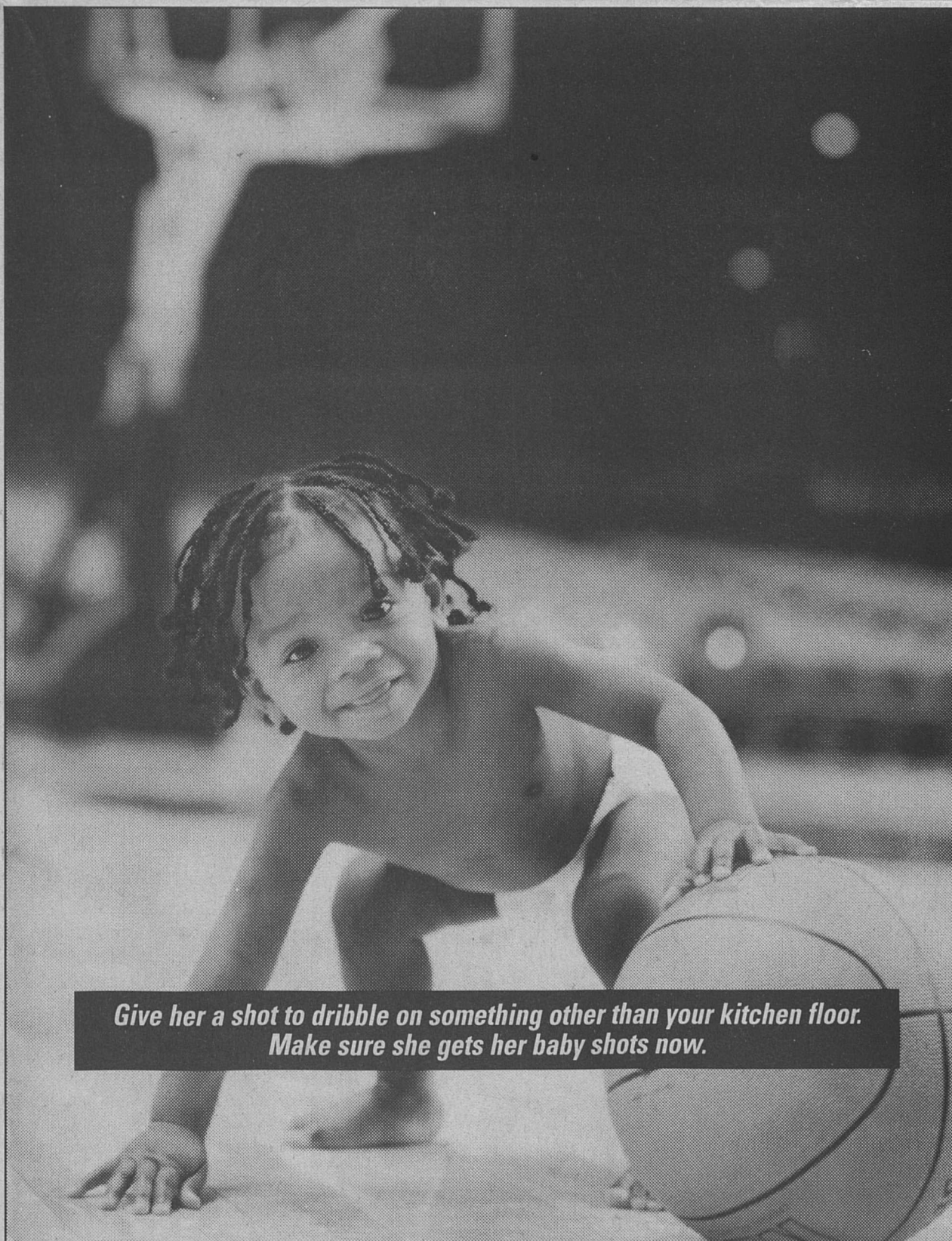
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