

County's Older Texans chosen

The 1998 Colorado County Older Texan Fair was held May 7 at St. Mary's Parish Hall in Nada.

Along with the nominations for outstanding male and female Older Texans, were exhibits, booths and, of course, an awards ceremony.

Nominees for 1998 Outstanding Older Texan Woman were: Loreda Buxkemper, Ella Cernosek, Mary Ann Gold, Marion Henkhaus, Ilse Miller, Henrietta Strunk and Betty Varley.

Chosen Outstanding Older Texan Woman was Miller of Columbus, nominated by The First United Methodist Church of Columbus.

She is a patron of the Homes Tour, Stafford Opera House, Nesbitt Library, Art Club and Columbus Community Hospital.

Ilse was instrumental in setting up the church library and is still librarian. She is also responsible for the Sunday School literature.

She has been a long time leader in

the United Methodist Women's group, the Education and Sunday School and was youth director for many years.

Ilse helped establish a scholarship for leadership training, both locally and at the conference level. She was also featured as Citizen of the Year during the Homes Tour several years ago.

Nominees for 1998 Outstanding Older Texan Man were: Walter Gold, Harry Henkhaus, Charlie Ma-

zoch, Ed Parham and Norbert Tasler.

The winner was Tasler of Columbus, nominated by the Ladies Auxiliary of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6113.

He and his wife, Frances, were married for 44 years and had four children before her death in 1988.

Norbert was in the Army during World War II, was captured by the Germans in Northern Africa and was a prisoner of war for six months before escaping.

He has served his community in many ways over the years. He is a member of St. Anthony Catholic Church and has volunteered unlimited hours to the church and its members.

For 12 years, he volunteered with the Columbus Ambulance Corps and transported citizens to local and city hospitals, continuing to do so even after retiring from the Corps.

Norbert has volunteered to cook for many of the city's events over the last 43 years and although he is great at barbecue, his specialty for the past 10 years has been pinto beans.

Norbert remains active at 86 years of age and he and several of his friends provide "local color" and entertainment for travelers as they discuss politics and other subjects while having coffee at a local restaurant.

Winners in the exhibitions were:

Art: LaJuan Braden, grand champion.

Baked goods: Alvina Otto, grand champion; Lorine Bubela, reserve champion.

Canned goods: Bridget Popp, grand champion; Madeline Hattermann, reserve champion.

Crafts: Irene Hagendorf, grand champion; Gladys Ulbricht, reserve champion.

Floriculture: Bridget Popp, grand champion; Alvina Otto, reserve champion.

Fresh garden products: Cecilia Hoffmann, grand champion; Rose Staff, reserve champion.

Needlework: Jo Knox, grand champion; Margaret Bunge, reserve champion.

Congratulations to all!



Exhibit winners for the 1998 Older Texan Fair are, in front, from left, Rose Staff of Nada, reserve champion, fresh garden products; LaJuan Braden, Garwood, grand champion art; Margaret Bunge, Nada, reserve champion needlework; Lorine Bubela, Nada, reserve champion, baked goods; and Irene Hagendorf, Sheridan, grand champion, crafts. In the back row are Betty Leopold (standing in for Cecilia Hoffmann, Weimar, grand champion, fresh garden products); Madeline Hattermann, Weimar, reserve champion, canned goods; Alvina Otto, Weimar, grand champion baked goods, reserved champion floriculture; Bridget Popp, Nada, grand champion canned goods, grand champion floriculture; and Jo Knox, Frelsburg, grand champion needlework; Not pictured was Gladys Ulbricht, Weimar, reserve champion crafts.



This year's nominees for Outstanding Older Texan were, in front, from left, Betty Varley, Sheridan; Mary Ann Gold, Nada; Ella Cernosek, Weimar; and Marion Henkhaus, Columbus. In back are Ed Parham, Sheridan; Walter Gold, Nada; Charlie Mazoch, Weimar; Henrietta Strunk, Weimar; Norbert Tasler, Columbus; Loreda Buxkemper, Columbus; and Harry Henkhaus, Columbus. Winners for Older Texan were Ilse Miller (not pictured) and Norbert Tasler.

'Princess' winner wanted it for gift

A drawing was held at Eagle Lake Drugstore May 1 for the "Princess" Beanie Baby, the much sought after beanie named for Princess Diana.

The winner was Charlotte Mieth of Wallis.

Charlotte wanted to win the "Princess" to give to her nephew, Ryan Reznicek, who is pictured holding the Beanie.

All proceeds from the drawing are being used to help sponsor "Gala for Renee", a fundraiser for the Gulf Coast Lupus Foundation's research.

Ryan Reznicek, nephew of Charlotte Mieth of Wallis (winner in the recent drawing for the "Princess Beanie Baby"), was the happy recipient of his aunt's gift.

Photo Courtesy of Linda Balas



APC Festival volleyball winners



The "A" division first place winners were "I Don't Care" from Columbus. Males players are Craig Pfluhaught, Alfred Kulhanek, Ryan Beane and Wayne Pfluhaught. (No names were furnished for the female players.)



The "B" division first place winners were the "Houston Chronicle", Steve and Shannon Taylor and friends.

Photos Courtesy of Joe Lee Perez



In the "A" division, second place went to the "Budlights" from Eagle Lake; standing, Henry Gonzales, Johnnie Gonzales, Alex Ramirez and Ben Gonzales. Seated, Christal Gonzales, Christal Ramirez, Anita Gonzales and Monica Gonzales.



The "B" division second place winners were the Eagle Lake Primary School staff and friends; Betty Janish, Wanda Gott, Melinda Kucherka, Kim Buxkemper, Jana Janish, Frank Middleton, Jeremiah Henry, Alan Byrd and Stephanie Byrd.

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nated in the position of President of the Outdoor Advertising Association of America.

After retiring, the Tockers actively pursued their advocations.

Phillip and Olive Tocker endowed the Foundation with their estates in 1994 and 1993 respectively.

In 1992, the Foundation board decided to focus grant distribution to small rural libraries serving a population of 12,000 or less.

The direction is to assist libraries in making services more accessible to individuals who by reason of distance, residence, handicap, age, literacy level or other disadvantage, are unable to receive the benefits of public library services.

Grants are distributed to assisting libraries to serve as community information referral centers and provide literacy and bilingual programs.

The Foundation partners with community libraries to meet the particular need of the community.

Foundation board members are Dr. Robert Tocker (Chairman), Mrs. Barbara Tocker, Mr. Mel Kunze and Mr. Darryl Tocker (Executive Director).

Grant applications are evaluated by a permanent committee of the Texas Library Association. Over the past years, board members have seen inroads made toward library automation, reference volumes reduced to laser disks, construction of facilities and expansion of services.

Grants have been extended for outreach and "shut-in" programs, library automation, enhancement of services, adult reading classes, after school projects, bilingual material and many other projects initiated by the

community public library.

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Treatment of BPH may involve a surgical procedure called transurethral resection. The success rate of this procedure is reported to be about 85%. Fortunately, we also have two prescription medicines which have relieved symptoms in many men. These medicines are *terazosin* (Hytrin) and *doxazosin* (Cardura). Both drugs have shown an ability to increase urinary flow and reduce the irritating symptoms associated with BPH. Medicines appear to be most beneficial in men who suffer mild to moderate symptoms.

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