

CLUB & ORGANIZATION NEWS

Chamber of Commerce

By Lana Dulany, Chamber Secretary

The following is a summary of the events attended and held by the Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce.

Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce President, Becky Anderson and her daughter, Meredith, attended a ribbon cutting at the new Colorado County Agricultural Building in Columbus on Sept. 6.

Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce Vice President Sandy Bendy and her father, Mr. Ralph Truly attended a ceremony at the new Colorado County Agricultural Building on Sept. 14 in Columbus where the Colorado County Fair Association thanked the chambers from Columbus, Eagle Lake and Weimar for their support.

New member to the Chamber is Hunter's Lodge, Brent Mathis, 104 E. Waverly in Eagle Lake.

Following are the minutes of prior Chamber meetings:

The regular business meeting of the Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce was held on Monday, July 17, at Sportsman's Restaurant.

Directors present included Treasurer Mary Ann Kaluza, Lesley Matthews, Sam Thomson and Ronnie Sedgwick. Others present were W.H. Harrison Sr., Ron Holland, Robert Samuel Martin and Lana Dulany, Chamber secretary.

The meeting was called to order by Kaluza at 12:15 p.m. Minutes of the meeting of June 19 were reviewed and approved. Treasurer's report through July 7, 2000 were reviewed and approved.

Kaluza read a letter President Anderson had received from Susan Wilkerson resigning from the chamber board. In the letter Wilkerson stated her current job position would be changing with CPL. With this change, she would be unable to attend Chamber meetings and will miss being a part of this valuable and worthwhile organization.

After a quorum check, Kaluza informed the directors present that they would be unable to conduct any business, because a quorum had not been reached. Kaluza reminded the board that with the resignation of two directors, Sam Mims and Wilkerson, replacements would be needed.

At this time Ron Holland brought to the attention of the board that several other directors needed to be replaced, because of three missed meetings in a row. Kaluza suggested that a nominating committee be formed.

In old business: Kaluza showed an example of the newsletter that will be mailed the first of Aug. A few of the events were the Eagle Lake Preservation Alliance's (ELPA) plaque dedication ceremony on July 18 at 7 p.m. for the Calaboose Building located at 206 S. McCarty. Kaluza also informed the Chamber that Main Street Program Manager Venetta Seals would present a slide presentation to the Historical Society here in Eagle Lake on July 20. Coming in Sept. Kaluza brought to the Chambers attention the planned Main Street "Fun Day in the Park" along with Rice Medical Foundation's Annual Golf Tournament.

Holland relayed to the Chamber that work had started on the apartments on 90A and FM 3013.

Honorable Mayor Michael Cooper and Holland attended a meeting with Time Warner about upgrading the service Eagle Lake receives at this time. Holland stated that these upgrades if they come about, would be after the first of the year.

Holland also informed the Chamber that he would be attending meetings in San Antonio in about three weeks. Information obtained at the meetings would enable him to pull together several programs for the city to acquire property in Eagle Lake. This property would then be cleaned and built upon. At this time Holland also stated that other programs to help with low interest mortgage financing, down payment assistance, and homeowners education were in the works. Kaluza inquired of Holland if there was any activity at the airport. A grant has been obtained Holland stated for the airplane/airport action plan and that it would be implemented later this year.

Holland informed the Chamber that Main Street Manager Venetta Seals was attending a three-day seminar to become a Vista volunteer. The Chamber was informed by Holland that this program was funded by the federal government thus enabling Seals to receive a salary from Vista along with her salary as Main Street Manager. Kaluza thanked Holland for his report.

The next community report was on health and as David Keith was not in attendance, Kaluza asked if Holland would give an update on Main Street. A committee met, Holland stated, to plan a meeting for business and building owners in Eagle Lake. Kaluza commented she had attending the meeting and it was decided a future meeting would be in Aug.

Kaluza reminded everyone the location for the next Chamber meeting would be at Taco Tony's on Aug. 21 at noon. Kaluza thanked those present and adjourned the Chamber meeting at 12:45 p.m.

The regular business meeting of the Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce was held on Monday, Aug. 21 at 12 noon at Taco Tony's Restaurant.

Directors present included President Anderson, Richard Adams, Dr. Leonard Bornstein, Kaluza, Matthews and Sedgwick. Others present were Noble Anderson, Harrison Sr., Eve Lucas, Martin, Seals and Dulany, chamber secretary.

The meeting was called to order by President Anderson at 12:20 p.m. Minutes of the meeting of July 17, 2000 were reviewed and approved. Treasurer's report through Aug. 21, 2000 were reviewed and approved.

President Anderson then welcomed all present.

In old business: President Anderson informed the Chamber that several directors were unable to complete their term on the Chamber board and had asked to be removed from the board. An executive committee meeting was held and four new directors were chosen. Anderson welcomed two of the new directors in attendance, Denise Janow of Austin's Barbecue & Catering and Richard Adams of Antiques@ 312 Main. Other new directors are Clifton Tyler of Clifton Tyler's Hunting Club and Davis Waddell of Prairie Waterfowl Hunts.

In new business: Anderson reported the Eagle Lake Chamber had received a fax from the City Manager of Columbus, John Brasher. Brasher informed the Chamber that for \$2,500 an analysis of Colorado County economy could be done. Anderson stated that the Chamber does not have the funding to participate in this project now.

Anderson announced that the promotion committee of Main Street planned to have a fund-raiser on Sept. 16 in conjunction with the Rice Medical Center's Golf Tournament.

Anderson called on Evelyn Stowers, chairman of the Organizational Committee of Main Street to give a report to the Chamber. Stowers stated that 60 fliers were passed out and only 12 showed up for the Building and Business owners meeting.

It was decided at the Building and Business owners meeting that this group would be under the chamber at this time. Anderson asked for a motion to be made that the Chamber set up this committee.

Dr. Bornstein made the motion for a Building and Business Owners committee to be formed by the Chamber. Anderson asked for the motion to be seconded and Kaluza seconded the motion. The Chamber would form the Building and Business Owners Association committee. Anderson stated that this committee would work along side the Chamber. Anderson appointed Adams Chairman of the Building and Business Owners Committee. Adams was asked by Anderson to select people for his committee. Anderson then asked Adams to keep the Chamber informed on the Building and Business Association progress.

Anderson stated that Rev. Brent Beasley would be the President of the Eagle Lake Prairie Chicken Festival for the year 2001. Rev. Beasley was not present at the Chamber meeting. It was announced that the next Festival meeting would be Aug. 31 at 6 p.m. in the City Council room.

Anderson informed the Chamber that Commissioner Susan Combs would not be available to speak at the Annual Chamber banquet in Jan. Anderson asked for any suggestions for a speaker.

Anderson asked for a report on the Healthy Communities Advisory Board from Nobel Anderson. In a conversation with David Keith, Anderson was informed that the HCAB did not receive the grant.

Mr. Harrison Sr. reported he has now completed his information on the mayors of Eagle Lake. Harrison Sr. informed the Chamber that his book on the "Mayor of Eagle Lake" should be out in about three weeks.

Eve Lucas gave an update to the Chamber on ELPA's work to restore the Calaboose.

N. Anderson gave an update on several things that are planned by the Rice Medical Center (RMC). Anderson asked the Chamber to remember several upcoming events and dates that are planned by RMC. RMC's annual Golf Tournament on Sept. 16; and RMC's annual Harvest Ball, Sept. 30. Anderson also stated that RMC would have a Health Fair on Oct. 27 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Anderson called on Seals to give a report on the progress of Main Street. Seals gave a recap of the first six months of the Main Street Program. Seals reported improvements in the Eagle Lake downtown area are as follows: Five buildings have been purchased in the last six months; two buildings have completed renovation projects; one building has completed phase one of its renovations; two buildings are in the progress of renovation; two businesses have opened; two businesses have expanded and relocated to the central business district; one business will open in the next 90-120 days; one business is scheduled to relocate in the next 60-120 days; the design committee is working with U of H students; and the fourth meeting with the architect is on Aug. 30.

Seals also informed the Chamber that historical marker application packages are in the Main Street office if anyone needed them.

Anderson thanked everyone for attending the meeting and again welcomed Adams and Janow on the Chamber board.

Anderson adjourned the meeting at 1 p.m.

The next meeting for the Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce will be at the Prairie Edge Museum Monday, Oct. 16, from 9 to 11 a.m.

The speaker for the morning will be Julie Drake with LCRA. Ms. Drake will give a lecture on community and economic development in our area. Please come to this free Chamber-sponsored event.

Nada-Garwood FCE

The Nada-Garwood FCE Club met Sept. 20 at 2 p.m. at St. Mary's Parish Hall.

La Juan Braden called the meeting to order in the absence of President Betty Leopold.

Sally Garrett, our new Colorado County Extension Agent was introduced to the club members.

After the Club Prayer, nine members answered roll call with "My Favorite Food Now and From My Childhood Memories". Very interesting childhood foods were liver, stew with noodles or dumplings, chicken noodle soup with pickling spices (cloves).

Minutes were read by Vice President Irene Skuca and the treasurer's report was given by Lucille Till.

The Scrap Book Committee passed around photos and scrap books for members inspection.

Agent Garrett reported that Colorado County will host the District Food Show at the Jr. High Columbus Campus, Dec. 2. There will be as many as 200 children attending. Peggy Braden has been asked to have a pampered Chef Demonstration for parents and grandparents that will be attending the district meeting.

Regina Scheffler reported that Sympathy cards were sent to: Jessie Pavlicek, at the loss of her husband; Mary Ann Gold Family; Dorothy Rees Family; Get Well cards were sent to Agnes Labay, Leonard Staff, Bill Zbonal and Mary Schoellmann.

Mary Catharine Berger of Garwood, will be remembered with a card, since her recent heart surgery.

Lorine Bubela of the Green Thumb Committee reported that due to the drought, there is nothing but

"dirt" in the garden. Leona Wesselski reported that she has one row of cabbage, four Burpless Cucumbers, and her tomato plants are thriving. Others have been planting potatoes, beans, mustard greens and carrots. It is also time for broccoli and cauliflower.

The club has been informed that the Texas Association For Family & Community Education voted to change their name to Texas Extension Education Association (TEEA). A discussion was held on picking a new name for our club, which was tabled till the Oct. meeting.

County Association raffle tickets were passed out. The drawing will be at the Achievement Luncheon Dec. 7 in Columbus. Members were urged to

sell or buy as many as they can. This is the Association's main fundraiser, to cover operating expenses and 4-H scholarships.

St. Mary's Church is having a strudel and apple pie bake sale on Nov. 8. Our members are to get on comfortable shoes and bring rolling pens to work that day.

Copies of Minnie Lee Connor's recipe for the delicious carrot cake she served at the Aug. meeting were shared with the group. Also Braden

gave out copies of a recipe for Cake Mix dinner rolls.

Sept. birthdays are Millie Faykus, Betty Leopold and Lorine Bubela.

Woman of the Year forms were filled out and turned in.

Edna Shimek reported she won five blue ribbons with her kolaches that she entered in the Burleson County Kolache Festival in Caldwell. Her son, Bruno Shimek won first place and rosettes with his fajita kolache (See FCE, Page 10)

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St. Anthony Church - Columbus

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FALL FESTIVAL Sunday, Oct. 8

KC Hall, Columbus (IH 10 at Glidden Exit)

Meat To Go at Pit-Drive Thru Line for You

Serving Starts at 11 a.m.

Adult Take-Home Plates to Go... Drive Thru

Adults \$6 per plate Children under 12, \$3 per plate

Kolache Breakfast • Homemade Mexican Food • Hamburgers (in afternoon)

BIG COUNTRY AUCTION: 1 P.M.

SILENT AUCTION: 11 A.M. TO 4 P.M.

Old Time Music by... Donnie Wavra & the Hi-Liters perform 10:30 to 1

Outdoor Entertainment - Darren Kunz with Special Performances by Kaylyn Summers

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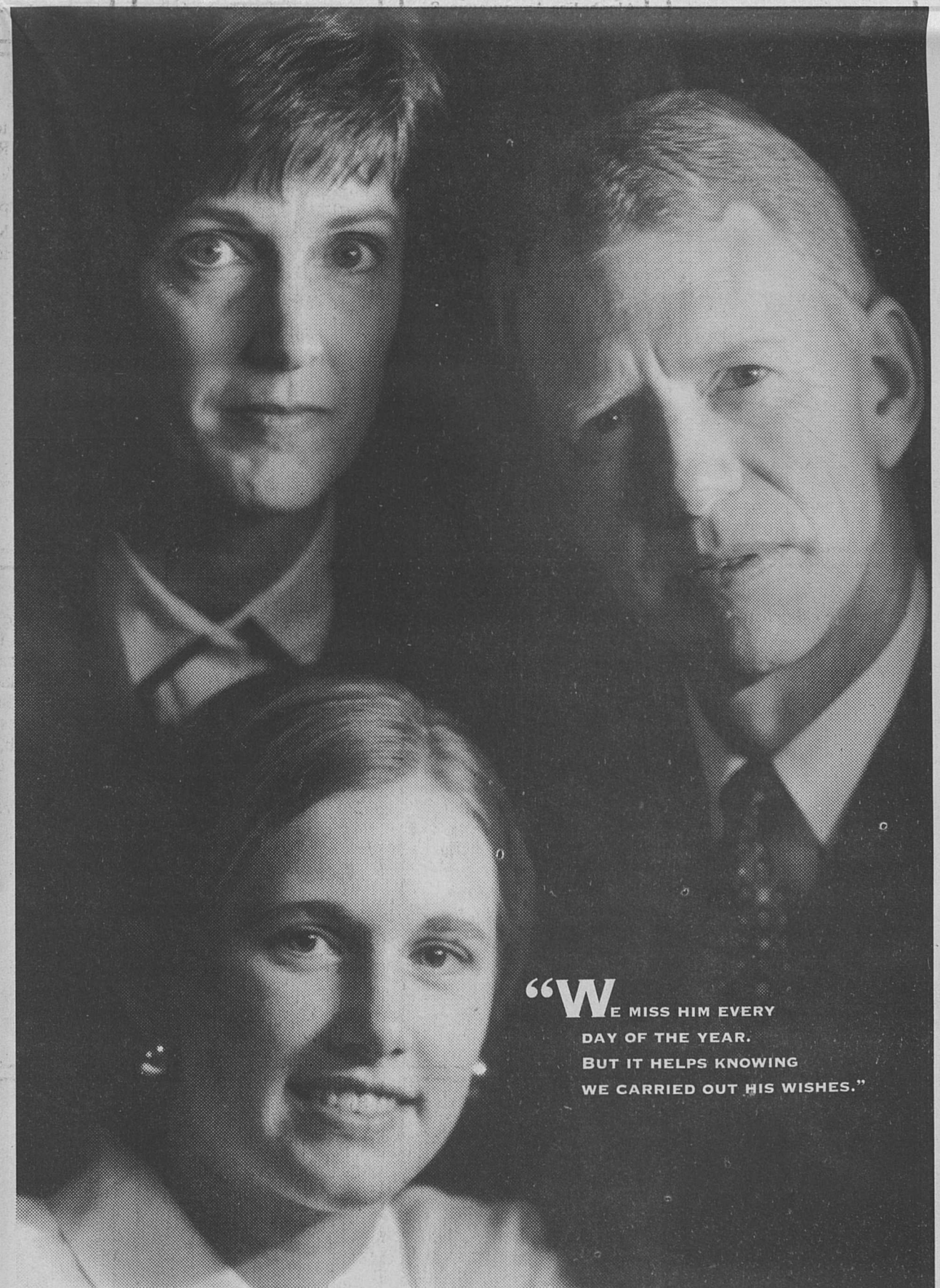
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