

Gadabouts hold meeting at Noteboom home

The Nada/Garwood TEEA Gadabouts met Wednesday, Aug. 15, in the beautiful home of Helen Noteboom.

In the absence of President Betty Leopold, Vice-President Minnie Lee Conner called the meeting to order and lead the group in the club prayer.

She thanked Catherine Berger for having the club in her home in July, and Noteboom for sharing her home with them again.

Thirteen members answered the roll with, "My Fair Entry" and "Good Advice That Was Given To Me".

Members enjoyed sharing some personal experiences with the group. Minutes were read and corrected by Secretary La Juan Braden.

Treasurer Lucille Till gave her report.

Hospitality Chairman Regina Scheffler sent sympathy cards to the families of David Mahalic, Mary and Debbie Corliss, Walter Staff, Greg Buzek and Edwin Gold.

"Get Well" cards were sent to

Robert Scheffler, Olga Lundquist and Christina Scheffler.

Lovely "Thank You" notes were read from Anita Meisner, Ella Buzek, and Lorine Bubela.

Ella Buzek shared a poem written by Catherine H. Buchta entitled, "Remembering". Conner read the poem in memory of Greg Buzek.

Happy Birthday was sung to Noteboom, Edna Shimek and Henrietta Wesselski.

Council Delegates Shimek and Meisner attended the July 5 Association Meeting.

Frelsburg and Shaws Bend TEEA Clubs will donate quilts to the State Raffle.

The State Convention will be held in College Station Sept. 12. Delegates elected to attend are Betty Varley, Jo Know, Gladys Albright and Myrtle Kotrola.

The TEEA donated \$10 for a gift for Cloretta Parson.

Five, ten, 15, etc. years as members of Extension work are to be re-

ported soon.

So far, our county clubs have 10,175 volunteer hours served with \$1,388.24 donated toward these projects.

The Yearbooks will be out in Sept. Prayer will be featured on the front page of the yearbook.

4-H will be promoting youth dances, camps and workshops for the young people.

Meisner reported that Bobing had a great 4th of July fireworks exhibit... "very impressive".

Dates to remember:

Sept. 7, raffle tickets due in Columbus office;

Sept. 12, State Convention in College Station;

Sept. 13-16, Colorado County Fair;

Sept. 19, Gadabouts next meeting, 2 p.m.;

Oct. 3, Colorado County EE Association Meeting, Columbus;

Oct. 13, 4-H Banquet; and, Nov. 29, Pecan Show.

Conner reported 39 salads, no two alike, were served at the Summer Get Together, held July 9 in Columbus. A good time was had by all.

Those attending were Leopold, Meisner, Conner, Noteboom, Scheffler and Jessie Pavlicek. Pavlicek also won a door prize.

Leona Wesselski reporting for the Green Thumb Committee said this had been a dull time for gardens.

Clara Bruemmer reported black-eyed peas, okra and cucumbers are still growing.

The Gadabouts decided to donate a large bucket of canned goods and homemade items for the Dec. Association Raffle. Tickets will be sold at the Sept. County Fair.

Twenty-five dollars worth of raffle tickets were bought for the State Convention Fundraiser to be held in College Station. At least two quilts are on the ticket.

Membership forms were filled out for 20 members and were to be reported to the office.

Five year members are L. Wesselski and R. Scheffler; 10 years, Pavlicek; and, 15 years, Till, Irene Skuca, Shimek, Leopold, Tillie Janish, Millie Fajkus and Braden.

Conner read, "The Man Who Stubbed His Toe". Copies were provided for all members.

Braden shared a "Buttermilk Bran Muffins" recipe, compliments of the Wharton County "Fit For Life", Marilyn Sebesta's Health Smart Work-

shop.

Skuca shared photos of her trip to Switzerland in April.

All members attending received door prizes. They were: Catherine Berger, Braden, Bruemmer, Ella Buzek, Conner, Faykus, Meisner, Noteboom, Pavlicek, Scheffler, Skuca, Till and Wesselski.

Noteboom served a delicious meal of chicken pasta salad, Jell-O banana salad, dewberry layered dessert, veggie plate, assorted chips and crackers, homemade pickles, fresh baked zucchini bread, coffee and tea.

Back to school tips for bicycle safety

With classes in area schools already underway, Sally Garrett, Colorado County Extension Agent for Family & Consumer Sciences, said many of youth will be riding their bicycles to and from school and need to be reminded about Texas laws and how to ride safely.

Here are some tips to ensure children ride safely:

•In Texas, a bicycle rider is a vehicle operator: It's the law! Cyclists must obey all traffic signs and signals and if riding in the road one must act as if operating a motor vehicle. That means signaling all turns with hand or arm signals.

•Headlight and rear reflector for riding at night: It's the law! Bicycle riders who ride after dark must have a white headlight and rear red reflector. Many of the crashes which occur at night are caused by cyclists who aren't seen by other vehicle operators. If there is no light, a rider cannot be seen until in the headlights of the other vehicle.

•Ride in the same direction as other traffic: It is the law! Even on the sidewalk, cyclists should go in the

same direction as the other traffic on the road. Most drivers don't see cyclists on the sidewalk, especially those going the wrong way.

•One rider per saddle: It's the law! Most bicycles are designed to be ridden by one person and become unsafe when more than one rider is present. That means no hitching a ride on the handlebars, top tube or pegs on the axle.

•Always stop before entering traffic: This is especially important where drivers are not expecting bicycles. Many young riders dart out of

their driveways without stopping. A STOP sign means STOP even for a bicycle.

•Always wear an approved helmet: The most important safety measure is to avoid crashes. However, a Super Cyclist always wears a helmet to help survive those crashes that do happen. Make sure a helmet fits properly and is properly adjusted. Read the instructions!

For further information, contact the Colorado County Cooperative Extension Office at 979-732-2530.

Reliant Energy-Entex cuts natural gas prices

Reliant Energy-Entex announced natural gas bills will be lower for customers in the South Texas area this winter due to lower wholesale gas prices.

Decreasing the gas cost adjustment will lower the average residential winter gas bill using 100 cubic feet

of natural gas by about 25%. The decrease will appear on customer bills beginning in Aug.

"The price we pay to purchase natural gas has dropped in the last several months and these lower wholesale prices reduce the cost of delivering the (See Reliant, Page 8)



Nada/Garwood TEEA Gadabouts include, top left to bottom, Anita Meisner, Irene Skuca, Clara Bruemmer and Jessie Pavlicek. Top right to bottom, Helen Noteboom, Catherine Berger, Leona Wesselski, Minnie Lee Conner, Regina Scheffler, Ella Buzek, Millie Faykus and Lucille Till.

Thomas retiring after years as J.P. 4 Clerk

Due to the pending retirement of Phyllis Thomas, Chief Clerk of Justice Court Pct. 4 in Eagle Lake in Oct., an employment opportunity has become available.

The person filling the position will hold the title of part-time clerk with pay being \$7.79 an hour, and approximately 32 hours per week.

A County Retirement Benefit is included but paid vacation/sick leave and medical insurance are not.

Those interested may pick up an application at the Pct. 4 Justice Court office at 100 E. Main St., Eagle Lake.

Important responsibilities and duties may include, but are not limited to, the following: coordinate all telephone communications within the office; type and prepare a variety of correspondence and legal documents which may include warrants, bond forfeitures and dockets for the court; assist the public with paperwork; explain state and county policies and procedures; index and file legal documents; correspondence and reports; perform a variety of responsible and confidential secretarial and administrative duties including the maintenance of various records; make bank deposits; sort and distribute incoming mail; deliver documents to courthouse and other legal offices in the county;

Also, interpret and explain county policies, procedures, laws and regulations in response to public inquiries and complaints; refer inquiries as appropriate; over see all phases of civil procedure reports, appeals and transcripts; schedule all civil and criminal hearings; notify plaintiffs, defendants and attorneys of court settings; prepare judgements; monitor civil cases; process the collection of insufficient fund checks for merchants including issuance of warrant; serve as Deputy Local Registrar of Birth and Death records; perform other duties as assigned; and travel to and attend continuing education seminars as may be necessary for Court Clerk and State Registrar certification(s).

Qualifications for this important position include a high school diploma or equivalent; basic knowledge of modern office procedures, methods, computer programs and equipment; basic knowledge of business letter writing and report preparation; basic knowledge of principles and procedures of record keeping and reporting and the ability to work independently in the absence of supervision. Being bi-lingual is a plus.

Fair

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due at the Colorado County Extension Office by 5 p.m. Friday, Sept. 7.

Any individual entering 16 or more quality items in the Home Economics Department of the Fair at check-in will receive a free season pass.

Entry check-in time will be Wednesday, Sept. 12 from 3 to 6:30 p.m. at the Fair grounds in the Home Economics Building.

Baked goods, decorated baked goods, farm produce, favorite recipes and floriculture specimens must be entered Thursday, Sept. 13, from 8 to 9 a.m.

A special youth awards division is offered to encourage youth participation. First, second and third place high point awards will be given to youth in each age division: primary, junior and senior. The awards consist of a trophy donated by San Bernard Electric Cooperative and a cash prize by the Texas Extension Education Association. To compete for these awards, a youth must enter at least 10 items.

For more information, contact the Colorado County Extension Office at 979-732-2530 or Home Economics Department Chairman Stacey Hayek Heger at 979-725-6018.

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