

Clubs

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President Weaver distributed membership forms for the 2003-2004 EE year, which were due to the Extension office by Aug. 22. The Messenger subscriptions were also due at that time.

Club officers were reminded of the countywide officer retreat for all incoming officers. The retreat was to be held Sept. 22 at the Ag building.

It was noted that a canning workshop would be held on Nov. 5 at the Ag building at 1 p.m. Marjorie Brune is the presenter. Nov. 3 is the deadline to RSVP as there is limited space. There is no charge for the workshop.

The next meeting was scheduled for Sept. 8 with Clara Hornet as hostess.

TCHCC gets \$30,000 donation

Tuesday, Aug. 19, the Czech Alliance of Fort Bend County, represented by Patricia Parma, Vickie Matocha and Marvin Marek, presented a \$30,000 donation to the Texas Czech Heritage and Cultural Center (TCHCC) in La Grange.

The donation was designated for the museum/library fund for the purpose of a "Czechs of Fort Bend County" exhibit/room. The Czech Alliance of Fort Bend County has been a strong supporter of various Texas Czech organizations, including the TCHCC, and is pleased to be able to continue its support of the TCHCC in La Grange.

The Czech Alliance of Fort Bend County hopes this donation will spur other organizations throughout the state to continue to support the development of the TCHCC.

Shropshire Upton Chapter UDC

The Shropshire Upton Chapter UDC met Sept. 11 at 10 a.m. at the Tait Ranch near Columbus. President Millycent Cranek led the chapter in the ritual. Kitty Benson led the pledge to the United States flag. The salute to the Texas flag was led by Emelia Bayless. The salute to the Confederate flag was led by Jayne Easterling.

Cranek introduced guests. Several members from the Minnie B. Williams chapter in Brenham were present. Also present were Bobby Guerra from Eagle Lake and Bootsie Youens from Columbus. Cranek asked for members who might go to the Division Convention in Oct. Delegates are Sarah Uzzi, Benson and Cranek.

Reports of officer were given. The third vice-president reported the boat was given at convention for members to put change in to raise money for Children of Confederacy. Sonya Saul, treasurer filed her report. Benson, historian, gave a report on "Humor during the Confederacy" from the UDC magazine. Registrar, Earnest Mae Seaholm, stated that new members were needed. Recorder of Crosses, Uzzi, asked members to get applications in for crosses as soon as possible.

Committee chairmen reported next. Uzzi, Museum Wall chairman, asked members to turn in applications for plaques. Cranek reported we need help at the museum. Grave marker chairman Nancy Christenberry, assisted by Cranek reported markers have been ordered.

Easterling gave the program. She gave the history of the Tait family. The family story started with the move from Alabama to Texas. The home in Columbus was built like the home in Alabama, Dryforks. Dr. Tait was a surveyor and a medical doctor. Much family history was given.

Uzzi reported on the progress of the Nov. 13 luncheon, which is being sponsored by DAR, UDC and DRT. T. Austin Cummings will be the speaker. An interesting program is planned. Tickets are \$15. Members need to get their money in as soon as possible.

Cranek and Easterling treated members to a delightful lunch.

The next meeting will be at Wintermann Library. Hostesses are Dorothy Walker, Joyce Gordy and Jean Thornton.

Xi Pi Psi

Xi Pi Psi Sorority met Aug. 26 in the home of Jo Ann Gertson for Beginning Day.

The new year books for the coming year were discussed. Thanks were expressed to Joyce Stancik and Ernie Sommerlatte for preparing the books.

Delicious refreshments were served by Jo Ann.

The group enjoyed looking through past scrapbooks during refreshment time. My, how we have changed!



Another feature of the C&M Circus is Natalie and her Eskimo Spits.

Marsalia reunion held

The 9th Annual Marsalia Reunion was held Saturday, Sept. 27, at Mentz Hall. Everyone enjoyed a delicious fried chicken lunch while visiting and bidding on silent auction items.

Jeanie Marsalia updated us on our family history projects and Boots Jewell got all the updates on our family additions, newborns, marriages, etc.

After lunch we all enjoyed a horse-shoe pitching contest and more visiting with the family and friends.

Friends and family present this year were Brian & Shana Nesvadba, Wayne, Thelma & Justin Marsalia and Ashley, Brian & Tonya Spalek, Jean & Jeanie Marsalia, Randy, Betty, Chuck & Greg Baish, Dianna Maddox, Kevin, Valerie and Zachary Spalek, Billy, Laura, Jacob & Joshua Henry, Glenda Moore, Debbie Taylor, Dwayne, Monica, April & Nick Pagel, Frances Baird, Bill & Shirley Wilkerson, Howard, Gretchen & Tiffany Wilkerson, Terri & Nihla Perry, John Ganske, Leslie & Susan Wilkerson, Bobby Joe, Thomas & Neil Marsalia, Kim & Megan Bone, Lydia Simpson, Wanda Henry, Roy Cranek, Mark Sifuentes Jr., Robert, Alyassa & Joseph Marsalia, Michael & Rebecca Hernandez & Family, James & Boots Jewell, Sharon, Cameron & Justin Marsalia.

More Study Club Auction items...



Fair Wells believes you're never too old to learn to ride a bike. Just joking. She's donated this 16-inch Huffy Rocket for that youngster on your list that's going from a tricycle to big bike ridin'.



Forget about that diet... go hog wild and bid on the three gallons of Blue Bell ice cream Dairy Delite owner Rhonda Bridges has donated. Nothing tastes as good as Blue Bell!

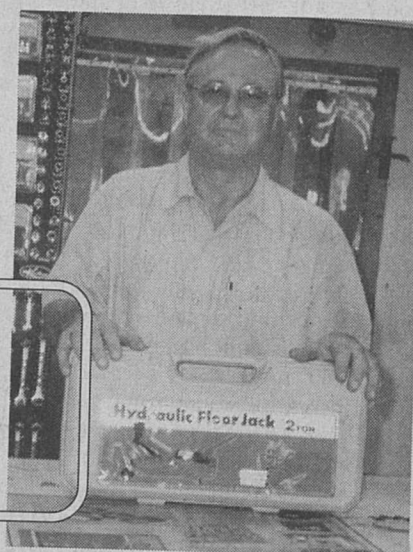


Sandra Flowers, new owner of Gerri's Homestyle Chicken, has donated a 14-piece chicken dinner with two family-size sides. If that's not enough, Sandra says, "You buy, I fry!"

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Even folks from out of town are in on the auction. Lois Vincek, owner of Vincek's Smokehouse in East Bernard, has donated some rib eyes, sausages, cheeses and other goodies.

Photo Courtesy of Alice Sunderman



Jim Wood of S&W Parts wants you to be prepared for those unexpected car repairs. He's donated this 2-ton hydraulic floor jack.

Photo Courtesy of Alice Sunderman

SPOTLIGHT ON THE CITY

By Candy McCreary, Contributing Writer

does not stipulate what testing should be performed.

Leslie pointed out the other issues such as groundwater contamination, soil contamination and run-off that are serious issues for our community.

She said if there were not sufficient public interest in the application, the permit would be issued. She urged people to write to Robby Cook to oppose the application. Cook has agreed to call a public hearing if there is enough interest.

Leslie also said she would be glad to answer any questions and give out any of the copious information she has gathered. Please call her during the day at 234-5713.

Fair Wells read a letter from Larry Lippman about why he feels Council should not pass the bond. (I believe the Mayor will respond to Mr. Lippman's letter in her own article, so I will not go into further details here.)

Evangeline Whorton commended Council for continuing to pursue the Billboard Ordinance. She also commended Carey for bringing the sludge issue to everyone's attention.

Sidney Struss said he had spent many years in the government in Austin... the good years and bad years. In the bad years, the government didn't give raises. He thought it wasn't a wise idea to have given City workers raises at this time. (Mayor reply comes later in this article) He said the government used the term "get lean and mean" and that's what Eagle Lake should be doing.

Struss urged Council to let the

people vote on the bond issue.

He also brought up the tree trimming which has occurred in Eagle Lake. It's policy usually to hire the low bidder and, in these cases, the low bidder sometimes only knows how to cut trees. They don't know the correct time to trim trees to prevent disease or the correct shape a tree should even form. He said someone needs to supervise these people when they come to town.

Steven Meinecke apologized to Council for coming across hard or crass when he spoke before the last meeting. He said he has been a resident for almost 33 years and is concerned about the issues.

Meinecke put the question before Council if it was Republicanism or a Democracy. He said he would explain that later if anyone were interested. (I should have really had him explain that one to me!)

Meinecke said he had never been opposed to the bond issue, but felt people should vote on it.

He also said the tree trimming done by City workers is not being done correctly. Due to the butchery job done by them, the look of the tree was ruined. Instead of just trimming the tree, which he can understand the purpose of having to trim, the limbs were cut all the way back to the trunk.

He added that safety procedures were not followed during the tree trimming process. Wood was flying and was a potential hazard. He was taking pictures of the process and has it on tape if anyone cares to view it. (Steven, (See Council, Page 6)

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Making your golden years golden

Many patients have approached me with concerns of aging gracefully. They ask, "Can it be done? Or are aches and pain a part of aging along with lack of sexual function?" I tell them that some things are a result of chronic conditions but, with proper "preventative" care, an older male and female can have a healthy and active life into their golden years.

Women need to continue to see their physician to get annual exams. With proper check ups and yearly mammograms, females may get early intervention with breast cancer that will allow the optimum levels of healing. With regards to any form of cancer, Ignorance is NOT bliss, so get checked. Also, in aging women, hormones play havoc with their bodies. Hormonal changes may lead to fatigue and even painful intercourse. You do not have to live this way. Your physician can investigate the problem to find a remedy so you can enjoy your life to the fullest.

Men are often the least likely to see a doctor. "Aw, I'm feeling fine. There's nothing wrong with me." The problem is that most deadly illnesses work over a lifetime and not overnight. High blood pressure is often called the "Silent Killer" because it usually does not cause any obvious symptoms until it has caused some major damage. This can be treated!! High cholesterol also does not cause noticeable problems until an artery has been clogged or is nearly clogged. But, if you wait till then, you're waiting too long. Here is another incentive men... if you take care of your cholesterol and blood pressure, there is a lower risk of sexual problems as you age.

What about the prostate? Well the prostate is an organ that can sometimes form a cancer in it as men age. It is a curable cancer if detected early. What is required is a visit to your physician to get a rectal exam and blood test called a "PSA". Unfortunately, African-American men are the most likely to die from prostate cancer because they rarely go to the physician to get checked.

Both men and women can suffer from arthritic changes, which can be very disabling. There are two main forms of arthritis: osteoarthritis, which is destructive changes through aging; and rheumatoid arthritis, which is more of an inflammatory destructive change and is much more severe. Arthritic pain can be treated in most cases. There is no need to suffer through it. Each individual case is different, so I encourage you to see your physician and discuss your possibilities.

In conclusion, having a good rapport with your physician is very important. Talk about your concerns. If you don't tell him/her about your problem, there is no way that your doctor can help you. Also, remember that your doctor may have to try several different medicines before he/she finds the right one for you.

Communication is the key.

Thank you, Ramon Cantu, D.O.
Rice Medical Associates, Eagle Lake

