

Nada/Garwood Gadabouts celebrate 'Make a Difference Day'

Saturday, Oct. 25, the Nada/Garwood "Gadabouts" EEA members honored senior citizens of the Nada/Garwood communities with a "Celebration of Age". The event was held at the Garwood Volunteer Fire Department (GVFD) Meeting Room at 10 a.m.

Approximately 25 seniors 80 years of age and over were honored. Of the 25 attending, four were 90 and over. The eldest was "Gadabout" member Millie Fajkus, age 98. Millie is still an active member and attends all "Gadabout" meetings. At age 90 were Elsie Krennek and Irene Fling of Garwood and Charles Schoellmann age 92 of Nada.

Among area dignitaries attending were Colorado County Commissioner

Doug Wessels, TEEA Association President Beverly Tuck and TEEA Messenger Reporter Barbara Prause and her husband, Buddy.

Colorado County Soil and Water Conservation District #333 Director Lawrence Shimek welcomed the guest attending and extended a greeting from Colorado County Judge Al Jamison who was unable to attend. Shimek introduced the honorees and asked each one to state their age. All were very proud to do so.

Anita Meisner, "Gadabout" president, extended a welcome to all attending and gave a brief history of the Garwood/Nada and Vox Populi area, calling to mind many of the early settlers and business owners of those communities.

Many of those early settlers still have strong ties to these communities. She also read a proclamation from Eagle Lake Mayor René Cooper-Scott, declaring October 25, 2003 "Make A Difference Day" in the area communities.

The "Gadabouts" extend a special thanks to the GVFD for the use of their meeting room, to Clara Gold for providing her beautiful fall floral arrangements which were used throughout the room, the Nada Catholic Daughters, Linda Bubela, "Biddy Bob" Van Court for providing his Jack-O-Lantern for a touch of Halloween, to Bertha Reese for suggesting that something special be done for senior citizens.

Refreshments of cookies, chips, dips, nuts, Halloween candies, coffee

and holiday punch were served to the approximately 40 guests.

Hostesses for the event were Helen Noteboom, Gold, Pauline Solomon, Edna Shimek and Meisner, all EEA members.

As the guests departed, each was given a "Trick or Treat" bag of cookies and Halloween candies to take home and enjoy. All attending reported

having a great time and have asked this event be held again next year. We would like to see more of our 80 and over friends attend the next "Celebration of Age".



Celebrating Make a Difference Day were, from left, Gadabouts President Anita Meisner; Colorado County Commissioner Doug Wessels; Millie Fajkus, age 98, of Garwood; TEEA Association President Beverly Tuck; Irene Fling, age 90 of Garwood; TEEA Messenger Reporter Barbara Prause; Elsie Krennek, 90, of Garwood; Charles Schoellmann, 92, of Nada; and Lawrence Shimek, a member of the Colorado County Soil and Water Conservation District #333 Board of Directors.

Gadabouts Photo

Historic characters visit Columbus

Historic characters who shaped our past and present will be portrayed by the Texana Living History Re-enactors when they visit Columbus during the Christmas on the Colorado celebration, Dec. 5-7.

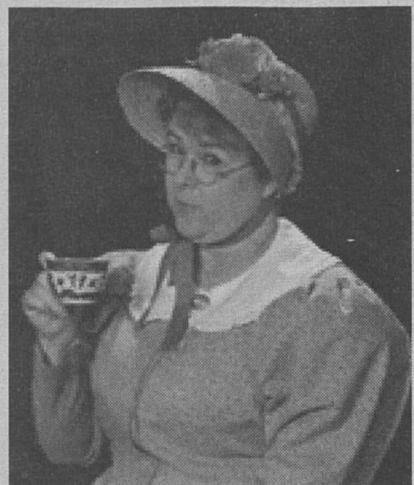
Events sponsored by the Columbus Historical Preservation Trust include a Candlelight Christmas Homes Tour of five private residences and a house museum Friday evening, 6-9 p.m., and a Heritage Christmas Homes Tour Saturday, 1-5 p.m., where costumed historic characters will tell their stories.

Beginning Friday, the 1836 Alley Log Cabin and Antique Tool Museum, 1230 Bowie Street, and the Mary Elizabeth Hopkins Santa Claus Museum, 604 Washington, will be open for tours from 1 to 4:30.

The 1867 Senftenberg-Brandon House Museum, 616 Walnut, and five private homes will be adorned in Christmas greenery and lighted candles in the windows with costumed docents, music and gracious hosts inviting guests to stop by and visit during the Candlelight Christmas Homes Tour from 6 to 9. The St. Anthony School Choir will be caroling at 6.

Private homes that will be open are the 1887 Ilse-Rau House, 1100 Bowie Street; the 1882 Simpson-Williamson-Rankin House, 630 Milam; the 1861/88 Merlaine, 236 Preston; the Steiner-Hastedt Home, 1336 Milam; and the 1885 Smahlik-Haluska Home, 1503 Milam.

At 1 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 6,



Ingrid Koerling, a German immigrant spinner portrayed by Barbara Welch, will be spinning her wares and yarns at the Stafford Opera House entrance, 425 Spring Street.

Sam Houston, the general in charge of the Texas Army during the Texas Revolution, will be portrayed by re-enactor Bob Welch. He will be at the Dilue Rose Harris House Museum, 602 Washington, at 2 p.m. and then at the Stafford Opera House entrance at 3.

Deliens Rose, mother of Dilue Rose Harris, will tell her "teacup stories" about early Texas characters like Houston, Travis and "3-Legged" Willie. Deliens will be portrayed by LaJuana Faught and will be at the Dilue Rose Harris House Museum at 4 p.m.

From 1 to 5, the Texas Historical Shootists will be in costume at the Alley Log Cabin and Antique Tool Mu-

seum and Columbus' own Dilue Rose Harris, Mary Lynn Skinner, will be inside the Dilue Rose Harris House Museum telling her story and showing guests through her historic home.

The Mary Elizabeth Hopkins Santa Claus Museum, always a favorite of visitors to Columbus, has North America's largest collection of Santa figurines and will be open from 1 to 5.

Visitors can enjoy caroling by the Ecumenical Angels at 3 in front of the Senftenberg-Brandon House Museum.

The Mary Elizabeth Hopkins Santa Claus Museum, the 1836 Alley Log Cabin and Antique Tool Museum, the 1858 Dilue Rose Harris House Museum, and the 1867 Senftenberg-Brandon House Museum will all be open for tours 1-5.

"Run for Your Wife" will be performed at the Stafford Opera House in the evening. Social hour begins at 5:30, dinner will be served at 6:30 and the ON STAGE Theatre Company will perform this British farce at 7:30.

Sunday, Dec. 7, at 2, a one-act play, "The Christmas Carol" by Damien Gillen of Austin, will be presented for children and adults at the Stafford Opera House.

For information or tickets, call 979-732-5135 or toll free at 877-444-7339 or visit www.columbus-texas.org.

The Columbus Historical Preservation Trust is a non-profit organization that not only preserves and maintains the Stafford Opera House, but also the house museums.

County Hay Show held

The Colorado County Hay Show was held Thursday, Oct. 6, at the Mentz Parish Hall with 40 entries.

The Grand Champion Perennial entry was exhibited by Milton Beken from the Weimar area, with Tifton.

There were no annual entries. There were a total of 18 blue ribbons, 18 red ribbons and four white ribbons.

Coastal Bermuda had 12 entries; Johnson grass, three; Jiggs, eight; Tifton, eight; Bermuda/Bahia, seven; and Native Prairie, two.

Acid detergent fiber (ADF) was measured with that figure representing the quantity of cellulose, lignin, silica, insoluble crude protein and ash which are the least digestible parts of the plant. Thus ADF in forages negatively relates to digestibility. Low ADF is preferred because it means higher net energy. The level of ADF increases with plant maturity.

The 2003 Hay Show was sponsored by the Colorado County Livestock Committee, Texas Cooperative Extension and the following businesses: Bernardo Farm & Ranch, Colorado County Farm Bureau, Colorado County Oil, Colorado Feed, Colorado Valley Bank-Weimar, Columbus Ford-

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If you would like a printed copy of this year's show results, please feel free to pick up a copy at the office.

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Study Club celebrates success!

Wednesday, Nov. 12, the Eagle Lake Study Club gathered for its monthly meeting.

This was a special time for members.

The 24th Annual Auction held Oct. 25 was celebrated with the presentation of a check for \$19,630 to Library Board President Harry Anderson. This

is one of the largest profits in auction history.

The program of the afternoon was "The Three Ladies from Edna". These ladies are all involved in volunteering. Those attending were inspired to join in civic volunteering - be it library, hospital auxiliary or mentoring in the school system.

Lois Herman and Alice Sunderman served refreshments.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, Dec. 10. The program will be presented by the children from the New Beginnings Child Care Center. Please join the Study Club for a fun afternoon with the children.



These are the ladies from Edna who are involved in volunteering. They gave a very inspiration program.



Vicki Powers, Betty Wilcox, Fair Wells, Arthur Anderson and Ernie Sommerlatte were on hand as Wells presented Library Board President Anderson with a check for \$19,630 from the Study Club.

Photos Courtesy of Alice Sunderman

Miles

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program began Sept. 26. He said he's even donated his miles to the cause.

Launched by Maryland Congressman C.A. "Dutch" Ruppersberger, whose district includes the Baltimore airport, the Hero Miles Web site lists participating airlines and provides information on how to donate frequent flier miles and how soldiers can receive complimentary tickets. Delta, Southwest and Alaska Airlines/Horizon Airlines have joined the operation.

"I am getting a phenomenal response to Operation Hero Miles," said the congressman. "So many Americans want to donate their frequent flier miles to help our men and women in uniform in Iraq so they can spend quality time with their family and friends here at home. I'm confident other airlines will want to join this effort to help our soldiers risking their lives for our country." (To participate, go to the following web site: www.heromiles.org/donate.html)

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As the bone reabsorbs (particularly under a lower denture), more pressure will be transferred through the denture base, which can hasten the shrinking

process and irritate the nerves which were previously well protected. The resulting pain while chewing can be severe. It is sometimes possible to smooth an uneven ridge surgically, or to build up a severely reabsorbed ridge with grafts of natural or artificial bone. Since reabsorption is likely to continue, dentures may have to be periodically relined or even completely replaced.

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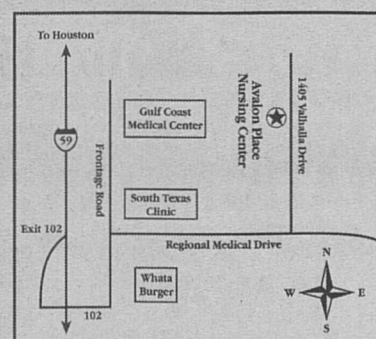
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