

# Organizational News

## Gadabouts meet Oct. 21

By Catherine Berger, Club Secretary

The Nada/Garwood Gadabouts EE Club met at the Garwood Volunteer Fire Department (GVFD) meeting room Thursday, Oct. 21 with Minnie Conner vice-president conducting the opening ceremonies. Anita Meisner, president, welcomed 17 members and one guest, Kathryn Haluska. Roll call was answered with your favorite vegetable. Helen Noteboom gave the treasurer's report.

Catherine Berger introduced Haluska of Shaw's Bend EE Club and State Delegate.

Haluska gave a very interesting and informational report of the State Convention held in Abilene Sept. 21-23.

There will be three programs: Let's Have a Heart o Heart Talk; Mrs. Tool Man-You Can Fix It; and Identity Theft; presented to the county clubs within the coming year by resource persons. Haluska also had an interesting collection of mementos and photos for us to view.

Noteboom, council delegate, reported on the Association Meeting in Columbus on Oct. 6 that she attended.

Five county training is scheduled for Oct. 28 at the Frelsburg Catholic Church Hall to begin at 9:15 a.m. with secretaries from our county clubs to act as hostesses and to also bring a food item such as bread, muffins or cookies.

The Achievement Day Luncheon is scheduled for Dec. 1 and Noteboom reminded us to get involved in the cultural arts entries. The Woman of the Year awards will be announced at this meeting.

The 4-H archery project is in progress.

Colorado County won the Educational Programs Award at the State Convention.

Reviewed how to count volunteer hours, expense and mileage.

The diabetes workshop is scheduled for Jan. 26, Feb. 2 and Feb. 9.

The rice clinic is to be held in Jan.



Pictured are back row right to left, Kathryn Haluska, Helen Noteboom, Clara Gold, Josephine Popp, Clara Bruemmer, Janie Kristynik, Lucille Till, Jeralyn Prihoda, Karol Kallina, Anita Meisner, Catherine Berger, Juan Braden; front row, right to left, Minnie Conner, Lorine Bubela, Leona Wesselski, Tillie Janish, Clara Lophries and Ella Buzek.

at the El Campo Civic Center.

Statewide volunteer services came to over 7,000,000 hours.

Edna Shimek and Conner made and seconded a motion to dispense with reading of the minutes, as everyone reads them in the newspaper.

La Juan Braden, historian, passed around the scrapbook for all to view.

Lucille Till, hospitality chairman, reported sending a cheer card to Tillie Janish and a thank you card to Ethelyn Popp.

The gardening committee reported vegetables are growing nicely and are having some early harvests.

**Unfinished Business:** Plans were finalized for the "Let's Make a Difference Day" honoring citizens of the Nada/Garwood area who have attained the age of 80 or over, which was calendared for Oct. 23, 2004, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon at the GVFD meeting room.

Plans for the Veteran's Day celebration, that was on Nov. 11 included a lunch at 11:30 a.m., and was held at the Garwood Fire Station were. All

veterans who served in the Korean War up to the present time from the Nada/Garwood area were invited.

**New Business:** Meisner reminded everyone to get out and vote on Tuesday, Nov. 2.

Berger reported the Pecan Food Show is scheduled for Nov. 22 at the County Courthouse.

Entries, recipes and \$1 entry fee for each article needed to be submitted by Nov. 12 at the County Extension Office.

Berger gave a report on the hazards of an antihistamine-diphenhydramine used by people over 60.

Diphenhydramine is found in Benadryl, Excedrin PM, Nytol, Sleep-Eze, Sominex, Tylenol PM and Unisom, to name a few.

Harmful side effects include increased risk of altered attention level, disorganized speech, change in consciousness and alertness, behavioral disturbances, delirium and hallucinations, as well as urinary tract infections, increased risk of falls, nervousness, restlessness and nightmares.

This article was provided by Joseph V. Agostini, a professor at the Yale University School of Medicine and printed in the AARP magazine.

Berger handed out awards to club members for various services to the Club and communities during the past year.

Club members reported 414 hours of volunteer service and \$877.94 in expenses incurred for the month of Sept.

**Announcements:** Second Tuesday of each month-ladies coffee klatch at Garwood Veterans Library; next Gadabouts meeting, Nov. 18; "Let's Make a Difference Day" for 80 and over-Oct. 23, 10 a.m. to noon; Veteran's Day Celebration-Nov. 11, 11:30 a.m.

Happy Birthday was sung to our Sept. Birthday Lady, Clara Gold.

Delicious refreshments of sausage and crackers, cheese dip and dippers, chicken salad and party bread, assorted cookies and cakes, and cold drinks were furnished by hostesses Janie Kristynik, Braden, Meisner, Ella Buzek, Conner, Noteboom, Clara Bruemmer, Lorine Bubela and Berger.

Drawing for door prizes concluded the meeting.

## Eagle Lake C G Club

By Patty Holloway

Fall is one of the best times of the year to be a gardener especially if you live along the Gulf Coast. As the weather cools and the skies are a clear blue and the sun shines almost daily your energy and enthusiasm are renewed.

The flocks of birds visiting our yards share the feeders with the squirrels and then they fly into the shrubs to feast on Elaegagnus berries, Cherry Barbados fruit or the bright red fruit of the yaupon.

The quite yaupon berries can make a Birdie tippy and the other day I watched a mocking bird after he had over indulged trying to walk or hang on to one of my yaupons with much difficulty.

Since fall is a short gardening season you want to concentrate on sure things and plants with a quick turn around. Most leafy greens such as kale, cabbage, bok choy and most of the lettuces are ideal for planting now. Carrots, beets and peas are also good to plant now. For color use pansies, snapdragons, verbena, four o'clocks,

sweet alyssum, calendula, coreopsis and of course mums just to name a few. When your mums and other perennials finish blooming cut the plants back to encourage strong root growth. Lightly feed your roses with a non-nitrogen fertilizer and water deeply. Keep azaleas and camellias well mulched. After you remove dead plants and debris from the beds cultivate the soil exposing buried pests to the weather and the buds.

As I mentioned in the previous article the civic garden (C G) club has an exciting announcement to make. We are still going to recognize the yard of the month (when we get the sign from the painter) but for the month of December the committee will be driving through Eagle Lake to choose the three yards with the most outstanding Christmas decorations. Each yard will have a blue ribbon sign placed in the yard recognizing first, second and third place. First place, the winner will receive \$100, second, \$75; and third, \$50. This will be fun for everyone so get busy and start planning what you are going to do.

## CCW holds meeting Nov. 4

The Columbus Christian Women's (CCW) meeting was held Nov. 4. There have been a new record set for attendance since there were 67 members and guests present for the November meeting held at St. John's Episcopal Church.

Vice President, Robyn Adams, called the meeting to order. Betty Whittington, Rector at St. John's Episcopal Church opened with prayer. All new members and guests were introduced. November birthdays were acknowledged. The group sang the chorus of our theme song, "One Spirit, One Church". Janet Richardson gave our devotional, "You are where you are supposed to be". Treasurer, Joyce Gordy gave our financial report.

Janet Richardson announced under new business that the Bastrop Family Crisis Center would accept old cell phones to be reprogrammed for use by battered women.

A motion was made and accepted to participate with the Columbus Pilot Club during their Holiday Extravaganza by setting up and supplying a "Country Store". Shirley Frers, Betty Gills and Brenda Jacks agreed to be the committee responsible. Mary Lou Skinner graciously donated the fee for the space. Everyone was asked to bring non-perishable items to sell at the Country Store to the Dec. 2 meeting at First Baptist Church.

Please have your items priced and clean, ready to sell. Baked goods will be brought to the Veterans Memorial Center, Dec. 4.

Trees of Light, A Yuletide For Youth Project was, discussed and posters were displayed for the club to view. This year there are three beautifully decorated trees to win so don't wait get your tickets purchased soon. CCW uses this project to benefit Youth and Family Services each year.

The YFS Style Show/Luncheon was reported on and the fact that all the tickets have been sold was amazing and great that the support in the community is so strong. Ginner

## Xi Pi Psi

The Xi Pi Psi Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met Oct. 5 at the home of JoAnn Gertson.

President Ernie Sommerlatte conducted the business meeting and heard committee reports.

The program on Halloween was given by JoAnn. She told of the origins of the word earlier known as All Hallows Eve.

The harvest customs stem from Roman mythology. Members then discussed their past Halloween activities, as well as some they enjoy today. Trick or Treat bags were discussed and refreshments followed.

Becky Anderson was hostess for the meeting on Nov. 9. President Ernie heard reports from the Silent Auction given by our sisters as a success. Our group has been contacted to see if we would participate in the Health Fair in March. Also discussed were the hospital Christmas favors for patients. Committees will take care of final plans.

Connie Lange was elected as Rosebud Girl for the year. Thank you were given to Secret Sisters for birthday gifts.

"Never Forget, Never Forgotten" was the title of the video shown by Becky. It was a very informative narration on the donor program. Donations of skin, bone, heart valves, and organs can make a powerful difference. The message is to tell your family if you want to be a donor.

The 24-hour time frame is critical to harvest useable items. Certain criteria need to be met, but don't depend on your driver's license to make it known of your intention.

Make sure to let your family members know that you want to be an organ donor.

A social with refreshments followed.

## DAR, UDC, DRT hold luncheon

The Shropshire-Upton Chapter of United Daughters of the Confederacy (UDC) met at 11 a.m. at Poody's Restaurant for a luncheon honoring veterans with the John Everett Chapter of DAR and the Daughters of the Republic of Texas (DRT).

Millycent Cranek, president of the Shropshire-Upton Chapter greeted the guests. Laura Ann Rau, regent of the John Everett Chapter DAR, led the Pledge to the United States flag. The Pledge to the Texas flag was led by Nancy Wooten, president of the DRT Chapter. Cranek, Rau, and Wooten welcomed the guests. Carolyn Hastedt gave the invocation.

Following the luncheon Bill Stein introduced the speaker, Ed Cotham. Cotham has written two books about the Battle of Sabine Pass. He gave an interesting review of his latest book. Bill Dowling was the Texas leader who won the Battle of Sabine Pass. This was an outstanding battle with the Texans of 40 against the Northern troops of thousands.

Cranek gave some closing remarks and asked everyone to introduce themselves. She then read a poem about veterans. Kitty Benson read the poem, "In Flanders Fields". Evelyn Barrett, chaplain of the Shropshire-Upton Chapter, gave the benediction.

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**Nov. 11, 2004 Report**  
**Animals on hand:** cattle, 3264; two horses; six goats. **Sellers:** 414.  
**Packer cows:** higher dressing utility & cutter cows, 47-56 per lbs.; lower dressing utility & cutter cows, 40-46 per lb.; thin cows, 32-39.

**Packer bulls:** heavyweight bulls 58-65; utility cutter bulls, 50-57. Head tested: 423.

**Stocker/Feeder Calves/Yearlings**

Steers #1: 200-300 lbs., \$1.60-1.80; 300-400 lbs., \$1.45-1.70; 400-500 lbs., \$1.25-1.44; 500-600 lbs., \$1.11-1.21; 600-700 lbs., \$1.01-1.10; 700-800 lbs., 94¢-1.04.

Steers #2: 200-300 lbs., \$1.30-1.55; 300-400 lbs., \$1.25-1.39; 400-500 lbs., \$1.14-1.22; 500-600 lbs., 95¢-1.10; 600-700 lbs., 92¢-1.00; 700-800 lbs., 83-93¢.

Heifers #1: 200-300 lbs., \$1.40-1.60; 300-400 lbs., \$1.28-1.42; 400-500 lbs., \$1.14-1.29; 500-600 lbs., \$1.01-1.13; 600-700 lbs., 90¢-1.03; 700-800 lbs., 82-93¢.

Heifers #2: 200-300 lbs., \$1.25-1.40; 300-400 lbs., \$1.17-1.25; 400-500 lbs., 98¢-1.10; 500-600 lbs., 90¢-1.00; 600-700 lbs., 84-89¢; 700-800 lbs., 76-81¢.

Good stocker cow/calf pairs, \$700-1050 by the head; medium cow/calf pairs, \$800-895; common cow/calf pairs, \$700-790; good stocker cows & heifers, \$800-900; medium stocker cows & heifers, \$625-775.

**Rock Island Volunteer Fire Department**  
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Sunday, November 21st  
Drive-thru only at the Rock Island Fire Station  
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