

Live Oak Art Festival Schedules Activities

In May the magnolias bloom all around the quaint historical courthouse square in downtown Columbus; the town is alive with art, crafts, music,

and food during the Live Oak Festival; the Columbus Historical Preservation Trust (CHPT) presents a dinner theatre comedy at the Stafford Opera

House; and the lovely Magnolia Belles adorn the porches and lawns of the historical homes that are on tour.

As more people escape from the big cities, they are finding that there is so much to discover in this charming and refreshing town nestled between Houston and Austin and San Antonio.

During the Live Oak Festival on Friday, May 19 through Sunday, May 21, CHPT will be continuing its tradition of opening up historical homes for tours.

The homes will be open on Saturday, May 20, from 1 – 4 p.m. Docents will be at the following homes to greet visitors and tell of the rich history of the homes and of Columbus:

- The 1867 Tate-Sentenberg-Brandon House Museum, 616 Walnut St., located just a couple of blocks west of the town square, is a showcase of Victorian décor.
- In the area behind the house there will be an encampment of the 1st Texas Volunteer Infantry Regiment whose members are of the Nineteenth Century Living History Association, Inc., a non-profit organization that strives to keep the history of the soldiers who so gallantly fought during the War Between the States alive, both North and South.

- The 1858 Dilue Rose-Harris House Museum, 602 Washington St., is of interest because of its Tabby construction and is one of only a few homes in the area that were built with basements.
- The 1836 Alley Log Cabin, 1230 Bowie St., was built immediately after the Runaway Scrape and is a two-room square notch log cabin. Behind the cabin is the Antique Tool Museum that houses implements utilized by pioneer Texas families.

- The Mary Elizabeth Hopkins Santa Claus Museum, 604 Washington St., has more than 2,000 figurines and is the only Santa Claus museum in the United States.

Tickets for touring the homes are \$3 each and can be purchased at each home.

On Friday evening, May 19, 7 p.m., the Magnolia Belles will be presented to family and friends with a reception following at the 1886 Stafford Opera House. Katelyn Hobaugh, a freshman at Columbus High School, will perform a selection of country songs as well as an original song.

The Belles will also be presented on the south side of the courthouse square at 12 noon on Saturday. And then, in the afternoon, they will adorn the porches and lawns of the historical

homes during the homes tour.

Then after touring historical homes and enjoying wonderful art, crafts, music, a parade, clowns, cowboy storytellers, and rides during the festival, you will not want to miss the award winning Larry Shue comedy, "The Foreigner", on Saturday evening at the 1886 Stafford Opera House. The opera house is located at 425 Spring Street on the courthouse square.

The COMPANY, which will be coming from San Antonio, will perform the production. Be prepared to laugh as an Englishman goes on a holiday at a Georgia fishing lodge, but wanting to be left alone, he pretends he does not speak English.

His plan backfires when he becomes everyone's confidant and understands things he isn't supposed to understand. He finds himself in the position of needing to foil the schemes of the local Klan chapter without revealing his secret!

Enjoy social time at 5 p.m. Dinner will be served at 6 p.m. and the curtain will open at 6:45 p.m. Please note that in order to accommodate entertainment on the square that starts at 9:30 p.m. the times for this production have been changed.

Tickets are \$30 each. Call 979-732-5135 for tickets or information.

Obituaries

Dwight Miekow

Dwight Douglas Miekow, 52, of Abilene passed away April 27 at his residence.

Dwight was born September 2, 1953 in Houston the son of John Lee and Vicki Ruth (Jones) Miekow.

He received his Bachelor's degree and was a teacher at Texas State University in San Marcos.

Mr. Miekow was a citizen of Abilene since November 2005.

Dwight was a member of Westgate Church of Christ in Abilene. He also served in the Green Beret-101st Airborne 10th Division.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, John D. Miekow; and a sister, Alvoy Stehling.

Survivors include his daughters, Christine Carson of Austin, and Kimberly Miekow of Burnt Hill, N.Y.; sisters, Carol McDaniel, Mary Rucker, Vicki Lee Mascharks, and Linda Andrew, all of Austin.

Memorial services were held Saturday, May 6, at Henneke Funeral Home in Columbus with Pastor Aubrey Rodgers officiating. Interment followed at St. Anthony Catholic Cemetery in Columbus. Henneke Funeral Home in Columbus was in charge of arrangements.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.



Gary Herek

Gary Herek, 54, of Eagle Lake passed away May 5 in Richmond.

He was born January 10, 1952 in Stevenspoint, Wisconsin the son of Dominic Roman and Eugenia Gagas Herek.

Gary was employed as a salesman for Don Elliott and was of the Baptist faith.

Preceded in death by his parents; survivors include his wife, Angie; daughters and sons-in-law, Jenny and Danny Morales of Richmond, Lori and Jacob Sanchez of Eagle Lake and Erica Herek of Eagle Lake; son, Roman Herek of Eagle Lake; sisters and brother-in-law, Rose and Raymond Wanta of Rothch and Shirley Herek Suchon of Plover, Wisconsin; brothers and sister-in-law, Larry Herek of Plover and Ken and Joi Herek also of Plover; sisters-in-law, Janie Martinez Salvador Cantu of Bloomington, Oralia and husband, Paul Supak of Eagle Lake, Delia and husband, Harry Alibone of El Campo and Hope and husband, Nick Garza of Corpus Christi and Mary and husband, Danny Hernandez of Sugar Land; mother and father-in-law, G.A. and Febe Rodriguez of Eagle Lake; and grandchildren, Justin Cruz, Ethan Morales, Jacob Sanchez and Dominic Sanchez; numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, May 10, from Bible Truth Apostolic Church in El Campo with Pastor Larry Smith officiating. Interment followed in the Lakeside Cemetery Mausoleum.

Eagle Lake Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Pallbearers were Paul Supak, Harry Alibone, Michael Lopez, Andy Smith, Shannon Newkirk, Elbert Rives, John Supak and Isaac Atwood.

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Migraines are a severe type of headache. Although sufferers describe migraines differently, many have blurred vision, blind spots, throbbing head, and stomach upset. Additionally, bright lights and loud noises often make migraines worse.

There are many options for treating migraines; however, prevention may be the best option. Along with avoiding migraine triggers, there are several medication options. These therapies can take 2-6 months to show full benefits and may prevent or decrease the number of migraines. Beta-blockers typically used for blood pressure, such as *propranolol* (Inderal®) and *timolol* (Blocadren®), have been shown to be very effective. Others in this category, *atenolol* (Tenormin®), *metoprolol* (Toprol XL®), and *nadolol* (Corgard®), are less effective. *Amitriptyline* (Elavil®), an antidepressant, is also a good choice. Anticonvulsants, *divalproex* (Depakote®), and *gabapentin* (Neurontin®) have shown some degree of effectiveness. *Naproxen* (Anaprox® or Naprosyn®) is often effective for migraines associated with menstrual cycles. Lastly, several other blood pressure medications have been evaluated with mixed results. *Propranolol* and *amitriptyline* are usually considered the most effective.

Colorado County Education Meeting Held

The Colorado County Extension Education Association met on May 3 at the Colorado County Ag Building. Chairman Beverly Tuck called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

Madeline Hattermann of the Weimar Caring Hearts EE Club led the TEEA prayer.

Mary Ann Peach of the Weimar Caring Hearts EE led opening exercise.

Association Secretary Lillian Gohlke called roll with 14 delegates answering with club activities.

Club represented and delegates answering roll call include Happy Homemaker's EE Club - Tuck, Thelma Weaver, Evelyn Barrett and Barbara Praise; Shaw's Bend EE Club - Marjorie Brune, Alvina Poenitzsch and Kathryn Haluska; Sheridan EE Club - Gohlke, Betty Varley, and Melba Castillo; and from Weimar Caring Hearts Club - Gladys Ulbricht, Madeline Hattermann, Margaret Kaase and Mary Ann Peach.

Special guest recognized was Sharon Grahmann. Grahmann reported on 4-H activities in Colorado County and discussed the Older Texan Fair.

The OTF will be held on May 11 at the KC Hall in Columbus. John Spiess of San Bernard Electric will be guest speaker.

The District 11 TEEA Spring Conference was held in Brenham on March 14. Ulbricht of the Weimar Caring EE Club won first place.

This win allows Ulbricht's entry to complete on the state level at the State Convention in Lubbock in September.

Membership certificates of 50 years was announced for Marie Poenitzsch and 60 years for Mildred Schultz.

Barrett, Ulbricht and Haluska were appointed as the nominating committee. The committee will report at the July 5 Association meeting.

The TEEA club Messenger articles is due to Varley by May 15. All club reports are due to the Extension Office by May 25.

Tuck informed the delegates that Colorado County Fair Home Economic Department Division Chairman are needed. Anyone interested in volunteering need to contact Tuck.

Tuck reminded the group that the Country Store needed hand-crafted items to sell during the Fair. Those interested need to contact Barbara Praise.

Tuck presented a program "Fishful" Thinking! Members were exposed to a fresh look at catfish.

Brune, Weaver, Kaase and Gohlke had prepared catfish recipes for a tasting that was held after the business meeting.

Footliters To Present Oklahoma! May 5-21

The Footliters of the Community Theatre of Wharton invite you to their production of the Rodgers and Hammerstein musical Oklahoma! at the Plaza Theater on the Square in Wharton on weekends between May 5-21.

Oklahoma! was the first professional collaboration between Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein II, who would go on to become the most successful musical team in Broadway history.

It was the first musical to run over 2,000 performances and the first to have its score recorded (a practice we consider standard today).

Set in the "Indian Territory" just after the turn of the century, Oklahoma! illuminates the rivalries between farmers and cowboys trying to create a brand-new state by focusing on the love story of a cowboy, Curly McLain, and a farm girl, Laurey Williams.

From its opening number ("Oh What A Beautiful Mornin'") to its last (the sweeping anthem "Oklahoma!"), the show is filled with familiar and unforgettable music, including "The Surrey With The Fringe On Top," "Everything's Up To Date in Kansas City," "Out of My Dreams," "I Cain't Say No," "People Will Say We're In Love," and "Pore Jud Is Daid."

The plot is simple, revolving

around who will take Laurey to the box social-decent Curly or sinister farmhand Jud Fry.

Nevertheless, Oklahoma! was the musical that changed everything, mainly because Hammerstein insisted on writing the words, that is, the book and the lyrics, before Rodgers wrote any music.

Unlike previous shows in which a generic love song, comic number or dance could arbitrarily be assigned to almost any character or situation, the characters in Oklahoma! sing and dance only when they need to express themselves in an individual way.

This model has become so familiar from all the musicals that have followed that it is easy to forget it was unique when Oklahoma! debuted in 1943.

The curtain rises at the Plaza at 7:30 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays and at 2:30 p.m. on Sundays.

Tickets are \$15, with a \$2 discount available for full time students, age 22 and younger, seniors age 65 and older, and groups of ten or more.

For tickets or reservations, visit the Plaza box office at Hensley Medical Claims, 212-B North Richmond Road, 979-282-2970, or click on www.whartonplazatheater.org.

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Bible Verse of The Week

"Do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see if they are of God for many false prophets have gone out into the world."

-1 John 4:1

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