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Ken Stavinoha, the owner of the depot building, will be on hand to offer guided tours and information about the restoration of the building.

The Santa Fe Depot was built in 1911. A newspaper article at that time stated that the Ameri-

can Women's Club had a supper inside the building that possibly was on the opening date.

The depot has a rich history beginning with the Cane Belt railroad, serving passengers until 1956 and hauling freight until 1970.

The history of the Santa Fe Depot, photos, system maps and Cane Belt History can be read and viewed on the Eagle Lake Depot website.

Since the building is undergoing a complete restoration, you will not be able to view the entire building.

However, the waiting rooms and office where the tickets were sold, schedules were handed out and telegraph or telephone messages transferred will be open for the tour.

Something new this year will be a 'Holiday Treat' at each of the homes.

The treats are from recipes in the Eagle Lake 'Pink Ladies' cookbook.

The 'Pink Ladies' cookbook will be \$10 each and will be on sale at each home on the tour, so don't forget to purchase some for holiday gifts!!!!

The tickets for the homes tour are \$20 each and may be purchased at the Prairie Edge Museum on Main Street. The Museum will also be open for your viewing pleasure.

Nesbitt Library To Host Cemetery Tours

For the fifth consecutive year, people from Columbus' history will figuratively rise from the dead and greet people at their gravesites at the Nesbitt Memorial Library's Live Oaks and Dead Folks cemetery tour.

This year's tours will be on Friday, Nov. 2, and Saturday, Nov. 3, at the Odd Fellows Rest Cemetery in Columbus. Tours begin at 7:30 p.m. and leave every ten minutes thereafter.

The cast will feature some of the best performers from previous years, including Gary Chandler, Libby Flint, Bob Gillespie, Jim Kearney, Paulina Kearney, Bill Mosley, Laura Ann Rau, Mike Ridlen, Sally Rogers, and Tracey Wegenhoff. There will also be two high school students in the cast, Amber Morlan and Allison Jones.

The characters will include two doctors, Joseph W. Brown and John H. Bowers, two schoolteachers, Kate Oakes and Mary Farrar Holland, and the city's first librarian, Ruth Gillespie.

As is true of real life, there will be both comedy and tragedy.

Bill Stein, who wrote the script and put the tour together, com-

mented "It's unfortunate that people die, but there doesn't seem to be anything we can do about it.

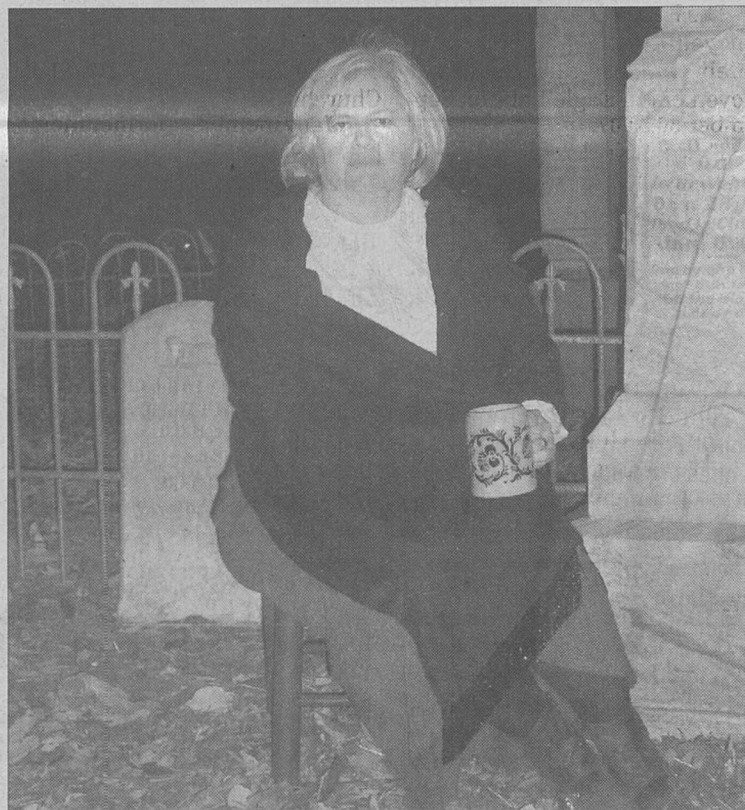
But just because they die doesn't mean that they have to be forgotten. This is something we can do

to remember them."

The Odd Fellows Rest Cemetery is located on the north side of Montezuma Street in Columbus, near its intersection with Speaksville Road. The tour should take about an hour and a half.

Tickets for the tour are available at the Nesbitt Memorial Library (529 Washington Street, Columbus), and cost ten dollars each. Persons who attend should expect to walk about the length of four city blocks.

Previous tours have been very popular. People who want a guaranteed departure time should definitely buy tickets in advance. However, tickets will also likely be available at the cemetery. All proceeds go to benefit the library.



Paulina Kearney, in her role as a brewer's wife in the 2005 Live Oaks and Dead Folks cemetery tour.

RHS Year Book Receives Honor

The Rice High School yearbook staff was notified on Monday that the 2007 yearbook has been named a semi-finalist for Taylor Publishing's Yearbook Yearbook.

Each year only 10 - 15% of the 7,500 yearbooks published by Taylor are recognized with a nomination. After further judging in November, the finalists will be

named.

The Yearbook Yearbook as a publication printed each year by Taylor Publishing highlighting books judged as the best in design, cover design and theme development.

The 2007 Raider yearbook, titled Are We There Yet?, featured cartoons by staff artist Clayton Bowen.

The editor of the book was

Kristi Sepulveda. The theme was suggested by junior staff member Katlyn Thomas.

Other members of the staff were: Samantha Castro, Alyssa Hernandez, Yolanda Cisneros, Morgan Dumont, Mallory Dumont, Kacie Smith, Farah Ellenbogen, Frank Cantu, and Courtney Sklar. Yearbook advisor is Melody Grigar.

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Ganado vs. Rice football game.
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