

LITTLE LEAGUE OPENING DAY

APRIL 5, 2008

8:30 a.m.	MUDCATS VS LIL' DODGERS (Tee Ball)
9:30 a.m.	HOOKS VS MUDCATS (Tee Ball)
10:30 a.m.	ASTROS VS EXPRESS (Pee Wee Boys)
12 noon	OPENING CEREMONIES (All Teams Must Attend)
1 p.m.	THUNDER VS GARWOOD (Pee Wee Girls)
2 p.m.	PADRES VS EXPRESS (Pee Wee Boys)
3 p.m.	AMERICAN EAGLES VS COBRAS (Minor Girls)
4 p.m.	DODGERS VS DIAMOND BACKS (Minor Boys)
5 p.m.	MAJOR GIRLS
6 p.m.	MAJOR BOYS



Views Around The Lake

by Cindy Klopsteck

"Spring shows what God can do with a drab and dirty world."
---Virgil A. Kraft

I'm cool.
It's a warm, Texas-style sticky, spring evening, but I am cool.

That's because I'm using the new iPod my daughters gave me.

They know I walk regularly for health and exercise and they understand - everyone within earshot of me is aware - that I love music and unfortunately love to sing with that music (actually knowing the true lyrics is totally optional).

So I'm walking along my neighborhood, attempting to refrain singing too loudly with my iPod tunes so as not to frighten the young children playing in their yards.

I can walk and enjoy music and appreciate all the new colors and fragrances that spring has provided for my enjoyment.

I usually tell people I despise the extent to which we are subjected to modern technology.

This column is usually initiated on my old, sturdy Smith-Corona typewriter and when near-completed, then, and only then, transferred to computer for email submission.

When my daughters first presented me with my new music toy, I was outwardly thankful but inwardly balking at the idea of having to "play" with and "learn" the functions of this new gizmo.

When I learned the iPod was "empty" and had to be loaded with tunes, I was even more apprehensive.

Realizing my techno-timidities, they gladly offered to load some tunes for me and promised a future "rap session" where we could get together and I could actually assist in the further selection of additional tunes.

Till then, I am enjoying their selections - which are very good, except for a few questionable country and western choices. Hearing a poor guy moaning over lost love and empty mugs of beer is not conducive to pleasure sought in walking and viewing Spring colors.

After two miles of music and exercise, I return to the house very sweaty and clammy to a cold drink of water and the local news and weather.

The weatherman is promising a worse day tomorrow. It seems the tree and grass pollens are off-the-charts and he is cautioning, if you suffer from allergies, to remain indoors if possible between the hours of 5-10 AM, when the plaguing conditions are at their worst.

I do have allergies and I do, at times, like to walk in the mornings rather than the evenings. Spring mornings are even better than the evenings, but this terminal Spring condition of rampant tree and grass pollens is threatening to upset my exercise regimen.

It's not fun to start the day by breathing in all those airborne allergens and then attempting to complete the day headache and symptom-free.

So the next morning finds me again walking with my cool new iPod, but this time any thought of exposing my singing talents is squelched by my allergy mask.

Now instead of "just" scaring the neighborhood children, I have to additionally fear an entire school bus load of children cringing at the sight of a masked lady, earphones intact, menacingly circling the block as they take off toward school.

A pure thought of spring color and beauty is gone.

.....not cool.



CDA Holds Monthly Domino

Thirty-four senior citizens gathered to enjoy an afternoon of playing dominos on Wednesday, March 26 at St. Mary's Parish Hall in Nada.

The domino party is held monthly and is sponsored by Court Our Lady of the Rosary

#1595, Nada.

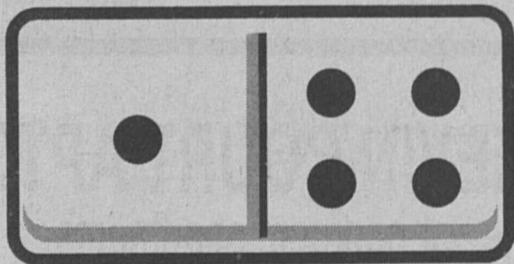
Domino winners were 42 hi-Agnes Labay, 42 low- Esther Popp, straight winners, Pauline Solomon and Delores Hoelscher, train, Patsy Miller and chicken foot, Henrietta Patrick, Annie Gal-low and Helen Noteboom.

The traveling prize was awarded to Joe Popp.

Seniors celebrating birthdays during the month were Agnes, Labay, Eleanor Hoffman, Irene Seifert, Pauline Solomon and Norbert Meisner.

During a break from the domino games refreshments of ham sandwiches, spinach dip, chips, carrot cake, tea and coffee were served by hostesses Helen Noteboom, Rosemary Wied, Irene Seifert, Leona Brzozowski and Anita Meisner.

The next domino party will be held on Wednesday, April 23, at St. Mary's Parish Hall in Nada from 2 to 4:30 p.m.



New Arrivals

Alondra Jaceline Gonzalez

Manuel and Gabriela Gonzalez of Eagle Lake are pleased to announce the birth of their child, a daughter, born on March 26 at 7:39 p.m. at Rice Medical Center.

Alondra Jaceline weighed six pounds, eight ounces and measured 20 inches at birth.

She is welcomed by her siblings, Alexis who's two years, five months and Angel who's 17

months.

Maternal grandparents are David and Alicia Becerra of Eagle Lake.

Paternal grandparents are Manuel and Florencia Gonzalez of Eagle Lake.

Great grandparents are Alfonso and Victoria Becerra, Juana and Jesus Banda and Maria Gonzalez.

De'Adric O'Rien Axel-Wilson

Desanie Axel of Altair and Derrick Wilson of Elm Grove are pleased to announce the birth of their first child, a son, born on March 27 at 10:20 p.m. at Rice Medical Center in Eagle Lake.

De'Adric O'Rien weighed seven pounds, 10 ounces and measured 19 inches at birth.

Maternal grandparents are the late Leroy Axel and Deborah Axel of Altair.

Paternal grandparent is Mary Wilson of Elm Grove.

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Library Lines

By Patty Holloway

Have you read any good books lately? Well if you haven't the Wintermann Library is the place to come. On the second Monday of the month at 2 p.m. the book club meets to discuss their current selection and to choose the selection for the next month.

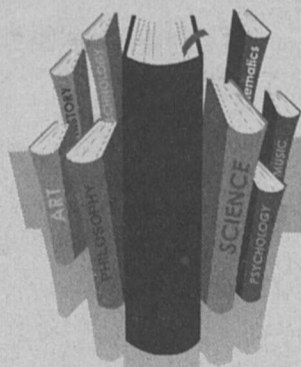
Currently they are reading "The Greatest Generation" by Tom Brokaw and their selection for April is "A Certain Justice" by P.D. James. The topics they choose to read about are varied and their discussions are lively. Come join the group on Monday, April 14 at 2 p.m.

The other day while I was shelving books in the juvenile section I ran across a book of poetry that caught my eye. The title "People I'd Like To Keep" by Mary O' Neill made me stop and take the book off the shelf and read through it and sure enough they are people I'd like to keep but are no longer here (for the most part). Such as The Balloon Man, The Hurdy Gurdy Man, The Shoe Repair Man, and you will have to check out the books to find our about Mr. Zinnia, the Woman with Walk, The Milk Man's Little Boy and many other characters that were part of a certain generations childhood. The children of today don't get to know these real lives, fascinating people that children 60 years ago just took for granted not knowing how unique these people would one day be. I hope someone will come in and want to check this book out and enjoy the sweet memories it will bring back.

For the month of February the library had a total circulation of 1,007 with an average daily circulation of 42. We registered 14 new patrons with 261 patrons using the computers.

Computer classes will be offered on April 15-16. Call or come by the library for further information. I know June is a long way off but just a reminder that the summer reading program begins June 4.

The Wintermann Library gratefully acknowledges the following memorials; In memory of Mrs. Harrison Walker: Mr. and Mrs. Bob Wilcox; in memory of Marvin Nelson: Mr. and Mrs. Jim Wood; in memory of Trip Clipson: Mrs. Kate Spalinger; in memory of Woodrow Russell: Mrs. Harrison Walker, Mrs. Mae Ashby; in memory of Bernice Dunn: Bonnie Halkett; in memory of Dorothy Cassidy: Fair Wells, Mary Ann Kaluza, Mr. and Mrs. George Causey, Tom Waddell Outdoor Nature Club, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. L. Farris; in memory of Mrs. Janet Brisco: Mr. and Mrs. A.A. Anderson; in memory of Bernice Halkett Dunne: Bonnie Halkett; in honor of Fair Wells, Vance Duncan.



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