



Len Matula, VFW #8783 Commander recently presented Little League President Connie Herman a new flag to be used during the baseball season.

Gadabouts Report On March Meeting

The Nada/Garwood Gadabouts met March 20, 2008, at the Fire Station with President Anita Meismer calling the meeting to order.

Members and guest attending were: Helen Noteboom, Ella Buzek, Jeralyn Prihoda, Henrietta Patrick, Leona Wesselski, Jodi Miller, Ruth Hodge, Pauline Solomon, Anita Meismer, Minnie Lee Conner, Edna Shimek, Catherine Berger and Jacob Berger.

Catherine Berger led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance and the Club prayer, after which she read the minutes of the last meeting. Treasurer Helen Noteboom gave the treasurer's report.

The Gardening committee reported they are just starting their gardens, but Anita brought celery and onions from her garden for Show and Tell.

Hospitality: Anita reported sending a get well card to Janice Phillips, a sympathy card to the Janie Labay family, and a birthday card to Minnie Lee Conner. Helen Noteboom read a thank you card from the Hospice Group.

New Business: Anita reported that Rice High School had asked if we were going to give a scholarship again this year.

A motion was made and seconded by Minnie Lee and Pauline Solomon to give a \$100.00 scholarship to a senior from our area involved in 4-H and/or FFA. The motion passed.

The Older Texan Fair is scheduled for May 15th at the Sheridan Community Center. We will again have a booth with set up between 9:30 and 10AM, as well as registering any entries you may have at this time.

Reservations for tickets for the event, including lunch, for \$7.00, have to be made with Helen Noteboom by May 8th. The Nada Catholic Daughters and Christian Mothers will join with the Gadabouts in sponsoring Pauline Solomon and Edward Koronek for "Older Texan".

Someone has suggested that

we put some flowers around the monument. Anita talked to Gay Stephens, who has graciously agreed to start and keep up some flower beds with seasonal flowers. Helen and Minnie Lee made a motion that we pay Gay whatever expenses she incurs in this endeavor.

The issue of members bringing door prizes each month was discussed. A motion was made and seconded by Pauline and Edna Shimek to do away with members bringing door prizes and let the Club give a door prize. Motion carried.

An election of officers for 2008-2009 was held. Pauline and Jodi Miller made and seconded a motion that Anita, Minnie Lee, Catherine and Helen be reelected for the positions of president, vice president, secretary and treasurer respectively. Motion carried.

Future Events: The Gadabouts will again entertain the Kindergarten class with a party probably the second week in May, date to be selected.

The Veterans' luncheon is slated for June 19th. Anita is attempting to get memoirs from the veterans and has bought a tape recorder for the Club to use to obtain this information. Minnie and Helen made and seconded a motion to reimburse Anita \$33.94 for the cost of the recorder and tapes. Motion carried.

After the business meeting, Anita presented a very informative program on National Agricultural Day, which was March 20th.

After the program, Catherine led the group in a game finding as many words as you could from the words "Easter Bunny". Helen found the most, which was twenty-six.

Members contributed 246 hours of service, 811 miles driven and \$660.74 in expenses.

Refreshments of chicken spaghetti, meat empanadas, French

bread, strawberry cake, fruit cake, cup cakes, cookies and soft drinks were furnished by Anita, Catherine, Pauline, Jeralyn Prihoda, Helen, Leona Wesselski, and Minnie Lee Conner.

Wildlife Workshop Signup Deadline April 11

A Wildlife Activities and Practices Workshop will be held at the Lower Colorado River Authority's Cooper Farm near Waldeck in Fayette County on Friday, April 18, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The workshop is designed for landowners interested in using wildlife management as a qualifying agricultural practice for property tax purposes.

Presentations will cover rules for qualifying for wildlife tax valuation and tips on writing the wildlife management plan, as well as management practices that are commonly used for qualification. Additionally, the Fayette County Appraisal District will be present to explain what appraisers are looking for during site visits.

In 1995, Texas voters approved Proposition 11, which amended the Texas Constitution to permit agricultural appraisal for land used to manage wildlife.

Later, House Bill 1358 implemented the constitutional amendment by making wildlife management an agricultural use that qualifies the land for agricultural appraisal.

H.B. 1358 also requires the Comptroller to issue guidelines to county appraisal districts on qualifying land used to manage wildlife for agricultural appraisal.

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department is primarily responsible for development of those guidelines.

The workshop is put on by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, the Lower Colorado River Authority and the Tri-Region Chapter of the Texas Association of Appraisal Districts.

The topics covered at the workshop are universal to several

ecological areas and vary from year to year.

The LCRA Cooper Farm offers a unique setting for such a workshop because not only does it have a very nice meeting facility, it also is a 180-acre demonstration area.

Program topics and demonstrations include agricultural property tax conversion for wildlife, what are appraisers looking for, habitat management, prescribed burning, food plots, managing wildscapes and brown-headed cowbird control.

Attendees will receive certification for cowbird trapping at the workshop.

The workshop is free, but registration is required, and there is a \$12 charge for the catered lunch.

To register, send a check payable to Tri-Region TAAD to Fayette County Appraisal District, P.O. Box 836, La Grange, Texas 78945, or call Bobby Eichler at (979) 255-8477 for a registration form.

Please RSVP by April 11.

Feeder Cattle Prices Down On Week

For the week ending March 29, feeder cattle prices at Texas auctions ranged from \$5 per hundredweight higher to \$8 lower compared with a week ago.

High feed grain prices continue to pressure the market, but the numbers offered for sale have also declined seasonally, which helped support feeder prices.

Lower beef prices led to a decline in fed cattle markets.

Texas cash cotton prices were lower than a week ago, but still well above last year's level, as demand remains good for the available supplies.

Corn and grain sorghum markets were also higher, while wheat prices declined.

As for futures markets, cotton and corn were higher, while

feeder cattle, finished cattle, wheat and lumber closed the week lower.

A few scattered showers were reported last week, but most of the state remained dry, with topsoil moisture rated mostly short to adequate statewide.

Wheat is 4 percent headed and reported in mostly poor to fair

condition.

Corn planting progressed to 47 percent complete, slightly behind the normal 51 percent. Cotton planting is 7 percent complete.

Pastures continue to green-up, but supplemental feed is still necessary in many areas.

Pasture condition was rated mostly fair to poor.

Garrett Reception April 4

Sally Garrett, Colorado County Extension Agent-Family and Consumer Sciences, has accepted a position in the Fayette County Extension Office. Garrett has been the FCS Agent in Colorado County since June 1, 2000.

The Colorado County Extension Staff is hosting a farewell

reception for her on Friday, April 4, from 2 to 4 p.m.

The reception will be held at the Colorado County Agriculture Building Conference room.

The public is invited to attend.

Council

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Council said that if the property owner that opened the alley would not participate in discussions that the city would give notice and a time-limit for other access to be made for the property and then the city would remove all of the gravel material from the road down to dirt, and then block the path where the city's right of way ends.

"Our duty is to correct this problem, one way or another," said Mayor Mike Morales.

The next council meeting is April 8 at 7:30 p.m.

In other council action:

The city approved a low-bid of \$61,815 from Mercer Construction for sewer work being done as part of the community development grant that is being used for rehabilitation of the water storage tank on Davitt Street.

Discussed permitting for heating and air conditioning work inside the city. Council agreed that a permit procedure would help ensure safe and proper work is being done in the city. Council will look at a policy on the matter at their next meeting.

Approved an amendment to the park rules that designates fishing areas from behind the tennis courts to the start of the Wildlife area in the park. The Texas Parks Department will assume enforcement of state fishing regulations in the area, which include licenses for individuals older than 16. The city was advised that for six months violators would be given only a warning if they were not properly licensed. The parks department will also provide signage about the fishing area several places in the park.

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17, in Eagle Lake at Brookshire Brothers' Grocery Store. The time of the event is from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Bring your child and let a certified technician check to see if your seat is installed properly and if you are using your present seat correctly. It is important that you know your child's weight when you come to the event. This event is open to all individuals. For further information, please contact the Colorado County Extension Office at 979-732-2530.

Announcing Narcotics Anonymous

If you have a drug or alcohol problem or think you might have one and you want to stop, then Narcotics Anonymous is the solution! Every Wednesday night from 8 to 9 p.m. beginning April 2 in Columbus. For more information and location, please call (713) 858-5162.

Library to host computer classes

The Eula and David Wintermann Library will be offering beginner computer classes on April 15-16. The classes will be 2-day sessions and will be held from 10:30 a.m. to noon or 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. You must have a library card and computer card and the library card must be clear of any fines. Come by the library and sign up for the classes or call 979-234-5411. There is limited seating due to the number of computers in the library so sign up early.

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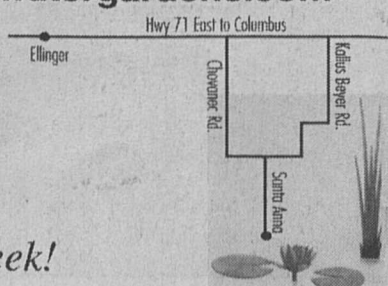
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WATER WELLS, OUR FAMILIES LAND AND YOUR
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**PLEASE ATTEND:
Tuesday, April 15, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.
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