



Accepting the donation from Anna Gertson, luncheon coordinator, are volunteers from the Food Pantry: Sandra Bengé, Kathryn Mehner, Virginia Bauer, Delores Grammer, Kate Spalinger, Charlene Konesheck, Sandy Thomson, Helen Supak, Mary Rodriguez, Ruthie and Ray Zichmer, Becky Marsalia, Jean Cranford and Angie Howland.

## Lenton Luncheons Make Food Pantry Donation

The 12<sup>th</sup> annual Community Lenten Luncheons is pleased to announce its 2008 donation of \$1,787.68 to the Eagle Lake Ministerial Alliance's Food Pantry.

The Lenten Luncheons are sponsored by the United Methodist Church with assistance from First Baptist, Christ Episcopal, Parish of the Nativity Catholic, First Presbyterian and Lissie

Methodist churches.

An average of 70 people from Eagle Lake and surrounding communities attended each of the six luncheons during the season of Lent.

Homemade soups, deli meats and homemade cookies were enjoyed by those who came. A favorite part of the luncheon was

the selection and singing of hymns accompanied by piano music.

The luncheon hour was concluded with an inspirational message about Lent from one of six ministers from the area, including one guest minister from Weimar.

The Lenten Luncheon committee would like to thank all

those who participated in this most worthwhile endeavor. This event is one of the foremost fundraisers that benefits the Food Pantry.

We look forward to our 13<sup>th</sup> year of providing food, fun, and fellowship during Lent 2009 while supporting our brothers and sisters in need.

## Nada CDA Reports On Recent Activities

Court Our Lady of the Rosary #1595 met on Tuesday, April 8, at St. Mary's Parish Hall in Nada.

A rosary service preceded the meeting and was led by Pat Wobbe and Edna Shimek.

Regent Anita Meisner opened the meeting and welcomed Father Tony Boateng-Mensah and District Deputy Darice Miksch as well as the members attending. Vice Regent Bernita Korenek led the opening prayer and Ode.

Helen Noteboom led the pledge to the US and Texas flags. The secretary's report was given by Virginia Pavlovsky, the treasurer's report was given by Marilyn Popp

and Barbara Leopold gave the financial secretary's report.

Reports from committee members were heard from Charity, Rose Staff, Masses and special enrollments, Mabel Beard, senior Domino party, Helen Noteboom, Ways and Means, Sandy Schneider who reported that the CDA fundraiser at the KC Fish Fry's was a huge success.

Education chairman, Lorrie Korenek reported on the Education Contest sponsored by the court.

The winner of the Adult Poetry first place, Anita Meisner, students Poster contest winners

first place, Tucker Korenek, second place, Kelsey Janow and third place, Austin Dota.

It was announced that the next domino party sponsored by the court will be held on April 30 at 2:00 PM at the Parish Hall.

Members observing birthdays were Irene Skuca, Mabel Beard, Marla Cranek, Beatrice Schoellmann and Delores Swoboda.

Father Tony spoke to the members on the importance of women in our society.

He stated that many recognize the fact that if the women of a nation were destroyed a whole

nation would be wiped out.

As Catholic women we need to be aware of the importance of motherhood and strive to preserve life for through our actions and prayers we can carry out the work our Lord intends for us to do.

The meeting closed with a prayer for vocation and religious life. Following the meeting a financial review was conducted by Monica Staff, Mabel Beard and Janie Mae Popp.

Refreshments were served by hostesses, Martha Shimek, Linda Swoboda, Pat Wobbe, Mary Till and Edna Shimek.

## Author Albert To Make Nesbitt Appearance

Susan Wittig Albert, the best-selling author of dozens of mystery books, will appear at the Nesbitt Memorial Library in Columbus on Wednesday, April 23, at 7 p. m. Albert will make a short presentation, answer questions from the audience, offer copies of her new book, *Nightshade*, for sale, and autograph books.

Albert is the creator of the critically-acclaimed China Bayles herbal mysteries. *Nightshade*, the sixteenth installment in the China Bayles series, was published on April 1.

Albert's novels have catapulted her into national fame and onto "must-read" booklists across the country.

The first China Bayles book, *Thyme of Death*, was published in 1992. Books in the series always feature information about herbs woven into the plots.

Her second popular series, the Beatrix Potter series, began with *The Tale of Hill Top Farm*, which came out in 2004.

They feature Potter, the English author of children's literature and the creator of Peter Rabbit, as an amateur detective.

A former English professor and university administrator, Albert has been writing full-time since 1985.

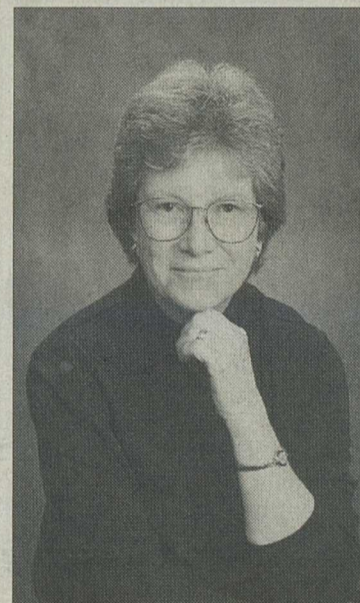
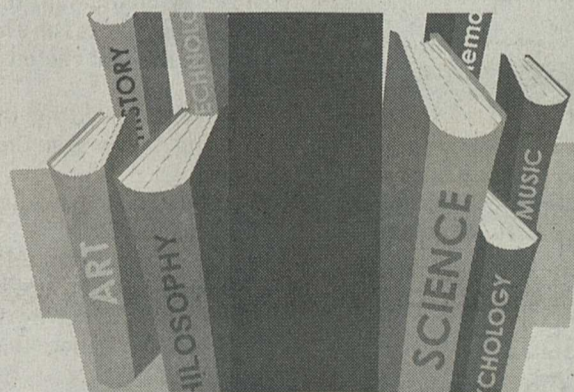
She and her husband Bill Albert have written over sixty novels for children and young adults, including books in the Nancy Drew and Hardy Boys series. They also have collaborated on a series of Victorian/Edwardian mysteries under the pen name of Robin Paige.

She is the author of two non-fiction books, *Writing from Life: Telling Your Soul's Story* and

*Work of Her Own: A Woman's Guide to Success off the Career Track*. A third, her memoir, *Landscapes of the Heart: A Memoir of Marriage and Place*, will be published by the University of Texas Press in 2009.

Albert is a founder and past president of the Story Circle Network, a non-profit organization created to help women explore their life stories.

The Albert event is free and open to the public. The library is at 529 Washington Street in Columbus.



Susan Wittig Albert

### New Arrival

**Austin Bernal Rios**  
Melinda Vargas and Shy Rios of Eagle Lake are pleased to announce the birth of their child, a son, Austin Bernal Rios born on April 11 at 8 p.m. at the Rice Medical Center.

He weighed seven pounds, one ounce and measured 19 1/2 inches.

Austin is welcomed by his siblings, Autumn who's five, Seth who's four, Jada who's three and Aiden who's one in a half.

Maternal grandparent is Linda Miramontes of Eagle Lake.

Paternal grandparents are Anita Lynn Bishop and Tim Rios Jr. of Sinton.

Great grandparents are Elvira Rios of Alice, Texas; Teme Rios of Rios, Texas; and Liz Klekar of Eagle Lake.

### "Western Extravaganza"

-Dust off your Hat and Boots-  
Join us for a fun-filled Western Extravaganza, Saturday, April 19!  
Kick off is at 10 a.m. with a trail ride beginning in Elm Grove. Trail ride ends at the corner of Lake Ave. and Hwy. 90 where BBQ and drinks will be sold.

Round up your posse and mosey on down to the Community Center for an all-out Jamboree at 8 p.m. Ages 21 and up, ID required

Western wear is preferred, but not required. DJs, food, door prizes and a heap of fun! See y'all there!

Call Eagle Lake Trailriders Cordis Upson at 832-771-6798 or Oliver Thomas at 979-533-4253 for additional information and or questions...

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### What To Do About A Stye

A stye is a painful red bump that appears on the eyelid. This bump is typically filled with pus and will eventually rupture. The rupture and release of pus usually lead to alleviation of associated pain. A stye is often caused by a type of bacteria called *staphylococcus*. Signs and symptoms include eyelid swelling, sensitivity to light, and tearing. Typically a stye will not affect vision. However, as the stye swells it may affect the ability to see clearly. It is possible for more than one stye to develop at the same time. Blepharitis, or inflammation of the eyelid, may occur as a result of multiple sties occurring at the same time.

Although a stye usually will disappear on its own in a few days, medications are available to treat this condition. A topical antibiotic, such as *sulfacetamide*, may be prescribed to treat the bacterial infection. In addition, a warm compress may be applied to the affected area for 10 minutes at a time, four times a day. This may help to alleviate the associated pain, as well as to cause the stye to rupture and drain sooner. Although a stye is not very contagious, good hand-washing techniques and avoiding touching the affected area are recommended. Children should be encouraged to follow these recommendations, as this age group may be more likely to develop a stye.

### In Memory of Kashara Pratt

The "Dash" - in her life made an impact in one young man's life, my son, Roman. After the devastation of losing his dad and now two years later losing his teacher's aid has saddened him again, but there is one thing I want to say to her family. Know the impact that she made in his life, his motivation to get out of his wheelchair and perseverance is dedicated to Ms. Pratt. Through her love, compassion and understanding, it brought forth the ability to want to do more. Instead of someone pushing him in the wheelchair, he is now pushing the wheelchair in the hallway.

My pastor once said to the congregation: Love unshown is love unknown! I Corinthians, 13:13 (ISV) Right now three things remain: faith, hope, and love. But the greatest of these is LOVE! Know that she was appreciated and loved by every one.

What would your "dash -" say to impact one's life?

Thank You, Ms. Herek

### The "Dash" - In Your Life

When the pastor stood to speak at the funeral of a friend, he referred to the dates on his friend's tombstone from the beginning...to the end.  
He noted that first came the date of her birth, and spoke of the following date with many tears, but he said what mattered the most of all, was the d-a-s-h between these years. For the d-a-s-h represents all the time that she spent alive on earth, and now only those who loved her know what that little line is worth.  
For it matters not, how much we own; the cars, the house, the cash - - what matters is how we live and love, and how we spend our d-a-s-h.  
So think about this long and hard. Are there things you'd like to change? For you never know how much time is left - - (You could be at d-a-s-h mid-range).  
If we could just slow down long enough to consider what's true and real, and always try to understand the way other people feel, and be less quick to judge and anger, and show appreciation more, and love the people in our lives like we've never loved before.  
If we treat each other with respect and more often wear a smile, remembering that this special d-a-s-h might only last a little while.  
So when your eulogy is being read with our life's actions to rehash - - - Would you be pleased with the things they say about how you spent your d-a-s-h?