

Gadabouts Report on Recent Meeting

By: Catherine Berger,
Secretary

The Nada/Garwood Gadabouts met January 21, at 2:30 p.m. at the Garwood Fire Station with 17 members present, to-wit: Pauline Solomon, Janie Kristynik, Henrietta Patrick, Viola Frels, Leona Wesselski, Ethelyn Popp, Minnie Lee Conner, Katie Kunz, Janis Phillips, Betty Leopold, Ann Carpenter, Helen Noteboom, Anita Meismer, Clara Gold, Sybil Balusek, Karol Kallina and Catherine Berger.

The meeting was called to order by President Anita Meismer, who welcomed the members to the meeting.

Vice President Minnie Lee Conner led the group in the opening ceremony.

Secretary Catherine Berger called the roll and then read the minutes of the last meeting, which were approved as read.

Treasurer Helen Noteboom

Area Go Texan County To Be Saluted At HLS&R

Guests from Area Go Texan Colorado County will be saluted on Friday, March 12 during the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo (HLS&R) Grand Entry. The entertainer will be Toby Keith.

Each year, 20 or more different star entertainers from a variety of music genres perform at the HLS&R.

The Show invites superstars who usually have garnered numerous music industry honors, including GRAMMY®, Country Music Association and Academy of Country Music awards — even

gave the treasurer's report. Communications: Anita read a thank you from Charlotte Schneider and the kindergarten class for the party they were treated to by the Gadabouts last May.

With the help of Mrs. Schneider, the students put together a cookbook of their favorite recipes and presented them to the helpers at the party.

Anita spoke on behalf of Ella Buzek, one of our club members, at her wake service.

The family expressed their appreciation to Anita for this recognition.

Gardening: Leona, Clara, Betty and Anita reported still having many vegetables in their gardens and will be planting spring gardens soon.

Birthdays: Members having birthdays in January are Jeralyn Prihoda, Ruth Hodge, Josephine Popp, Jodi Miller and Tillie Janish.

Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Country Music Hall of Fame members!

For further information on Colorado County's participation in Grand Entry, contact Lisa Krensek at 979-758-3733 or tkrensek@elc.net.

The Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo™ is a Section 501(c)(3) charity dedicated to benefiting youth, supporting education and facilitating better agricultural practices through exhibitions and presentation. The 2010 Show runs March 2-21 at Reliant Park.

And that's going to cover a lot more people, particularly in agriculture.

Texas Farm Bureau (TFB) continues to advocate repeal of the estate tax, maintenance of stepped-up basis and action to provide certainty for estate tax planning.

TFB and the American Farm Bureau Federation (AFBF) backs HR 3905, the Estate Tax Relief Act of 2009, introduced by Reps. Kevin Brady (R-Texas), Shelley Berkley (D-Nev.), Artur Davis (D-Ala.) and Devin Nunes (R-Calif.).

The bill phases in a \$5 million exemption and 35 percent top rate over 10 years while preserving stepped-up basis.

Unfinished Business: Everyone enjoyed the Christmas party and dinner at Anita's.

New Business: Helen gave an informative talk on the Rice Conference held in El Campo on the 20th.

Members attending were Helen, Anita, Sybil and Catherine, who gave a demonstration on cooking rice and eating twice.

Their recipe was for Salsa rice. Guest speaker was Brent Bachelor and entertainment was by Marilyn Matus, who played her accordion.

A motion was made and seconded by Clara Gold and Ethelyn Popp to donate \$50 to the Fire Department. Motion carried.

Anita thanked Ann Carpenter for the information she had on community gardens.

Anita announced that Bernice Popp will take over as librarian for the library on February 9, being open on Mondays and Wednesdays from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Board members are President Sheryl Carnes, Vice President Ruby Hoffman, Secretary Jennifer Peacock, Treasurer Jennifer Jeffrey, and Anita Meismer, Monica Mattoon and Karen Center.

The Library will begin the monthly coffee klatch again beginning February 9 from 9:30 to 11 a.m.

Anita reported on the GAR Christmas activities that included a parade with 29 entries and the honoring of Jeralyn and Alfred Prihoda and Charlene Williams for Citizens of the Year for Nada and Garwood.

One of the projects of the GAR organization is to get the streetlights burning again.

Betty announced there would be a Pro Life Rosary on the 22nd at 6 p.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church.

Pauline announced that Nashville singer Jerry Bennett would be presenting special music at Lehrer Memorial Methodist Church on February 7 and everyone is invited to attend this special event.

Anita suggested that everyone check their medicine cabinet and dispose of all out-dated medicine, suggesting that the first of the year is a good time to do this.

Minnie Lee read an article entitled "White Lie Cake". Anita read an article entitled "To Realize".

The next meeting will be February 18 at Helen Noteboom's home.

Door prizes were won by Pauline, Clara Gold, and Sybil.

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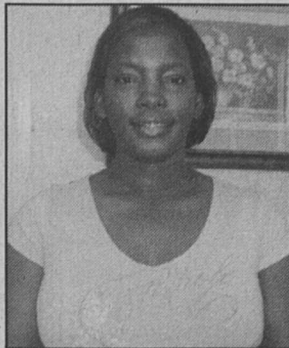


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Farm Bureau Says Estate Tax Big Issue

The estate tax will be one of the big issues in Congress for farmers and ranchers in 2010.

"The exemption levels at the end of 2009 were \$3.5 million per household. In 2010 that has gone away.

The estate tax has expired," said Marv Ulbricht, president of the Colorado County Farm Bureau.

"However, leadership in Congress and the administration are opposed to keeping it dead, and it will come back to life in 2011, but it will do so in a way that encompasses far more people than it previously affected."

The exemption will drop to \$1 million per household.



Catholic Church's Nativity Play 2009

Students of the CCE program of Guardian Angel Catholic Church presented the annual Christmas Nativity Play before the 7 p.m. Christmas Eve Vigil Mass on Thursday December 24. Students who participated include from left to right: Zane Litzmann, "Voice of God;" Megan Lepovitz, "Roman Herald & Shepherd;" Andrew Laurel, Assistant; Natalie Zamora, "Lamb;" Shelby Mangrum, "Shepherd;" Hayley Jeansonne, "Angel of Good Tidings;" Matthias Litzmann, "Star of Bethlehem;" Jarrid Jurkowski, "Joseph;" Erin Laurel, "Mary;" Jewelisa Zamora, "Angel Gabriel;" Ethan Jurkowski, "Innkeeper & King Melchior;" Dalton Haynes, "King Balthasar;" Amber Adamcik, "Narrator;" Cael Jurkowski, "Innkeeper & King Caspar;" and Sierra Hoffart, "Innkeeper." Zane and Matthias Litzmann are the sons of Mark and Barbara Frybert Litzmann of Sealy; and the grandsons of Kay Frybert, and the late Joe F. Frybert of Eagle Lake.

Feeder Prices Steady For Past Week

For the week ending Jan. 23, feeder cattle prices at Texas auctions were steady to \$6 higher per hundredweight on offerings weighing less than 600 pounds and steady to \$2 higher on heavier weights.

Lower grain prices and demand for cattle for winter grazing supported the market.

Fed cattle prices were 50 cents to \$1 higher per hundredweight as sellers were able to capture some of the recent gains in beef prices.

Cotton and grain prices were lower as markets continued to adjust to the most recent supply and demand reports.

Lower crude oil and stock markets contributed to the declines. As for futures markets, lumber was higher, while feeder and fed cattle, cotton, corn and wheat were lower.

Parts of the Trans-Pecos, Edwards Plateau and East Texas recorded up to 1.5 inches of rain

during the week while other areas reported little or no rainfall.

Topsoil moisture was rated mostly short to adequate statewide, with some surplus conditions in East and Central Texas.

Wheat on the High Plains suffered from dry conditions and high winds, but warmer temperatures and recent rains improved conditions in the Blacklands region and South Texas.

Overall, the crop was rated in mostly fair to good condition.

In many areas, field preparations are underway for spring planting.

Pastures remain in mostly fair to poor condition.

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