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Views Around The Lake

by Cindy Klopsteck

"The splendor of the rose and the whiteness of the lily do not rob the little violet of its scent nor the daisy of its simple charm. If every tiny flower wanted to be a rose, spring would lose its loveliness."
---Therese of Lisieux

The roses in my home flower-bed are doing just fine this spring. Regular watering and attention, which I usually start about this time each year, has helped to produce some lovely blooms. The neighboring flowers, not to be robbed of attention, are also basking in their lovely, vibrant colors.

It was the dewberry patch that worried me.

A farmer who came by the office about 4-5 weeks ago discussed the upcoming dewberry crop: "They're doing fine now since we've had some rain. But if it starts drying, the berries will stay small and not produce a sweet, juicy crop."

"Really?" I ventured. "There are flowers everywhere. They're blooming more than I've seen in years. It's bound to be a bumper crop." I figured that sounded good, using the term "bumper crop." Obviously this man, with years of farming experience, knew a bit more than me about predicting the success of a crop of ANYTHING. But I wanted to sound intelligent in this conversation, so I let him know that I'd been picking dewberries for years and years.

The lines on the face of the friendly farmer crinkled as he broke into a knowing smile, "You'll see...they're gonna need some rain."

"But it's spring...we ought to get plenty of rain yet...." My voice dwindled off vaguely, remembering some very wet springs, but also some extremely dry early summers.

He was still smiling when he left, and within weeks I was pulling water hoses through my berry bushes along a fence line bordering our Eagle Lake business property.

As we all know now, the late

I thought about the first time I can remember participating in the spring ritual of berry picking.

I was maybe ten or eleven and enjoyed taking the little bucket my parents gave me, putting on a pair of my mother's too-large rubber boots and heading off to the wild dewberry patch near our home.

Through all the years of participating in this rite of passage, up until the time when I refused to allow my manicured, teen nails to become stained by the juicy purple berries,

I never remember my parents watering a dewberry patch. And it was only a few years ago that I discovered some

gardeners, not wanting to stray far from their property or wanting to keep all growing things under their control, actually plant dewberries in their gardens. I had always believed the wild-

berries to be creatures of dew. It was rather ironic that I was in recollection of all this on Mother's Day weekend. For me, there seems to be a direct relationship between motherhood and dewberry picking.

The early years involve my own mother and her boots and her encouragement at my young bravery of picking berries by myself.

Of course I distinctly remember her delicious pies and home-made jams bursting with the flavor of ripe berries. Then came the time when my daughters were young and enjoyed joining me in this outdoor activity, though to this day they do not crave the "taste of the berry" as I do.

But most outstanding is the memory of my mother-in-law's delicious berry custard pie. Though I have her recipe (and share it with you at the end of this writing) I have never been able to duplicate the secret to her much acclaimed success at baking pies.

This year my granddaughters are still too young, so I'm picking my berries alone again, deep in thought that's rich in memory of past days of simple pleasures, including berry picking. I'll pick one more round and then turn on those soaker hoses. There are still some red berries just starting to ripen, and I plan to share them with that wise farmer... maybe even in the form of a delicious pie.

Grandma Ellie's Dewberry Custard Pie

1-1/2 cups sugar
2 cups flour
1 whole egg, slightly beaten
2 cups berries
1/2 cup evaporated milk

Mix together, pour into unbaked pie shell and bake 45-50 min at 425 degrees.

15 min prior to completion, sprinkle crumble on pie: 1 T butter, 1 T sugar and 1/4 cup flour

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winter/early spring rains subsided and the dry heat, within the past two weeks, has been an unwelcome constant of our state's unpredictable weather patterns. And the winds...there have been moments when I thought the dewberries might actually take flight and burst from the stems, conveniently blowing into my ready container.

But no, of course after all the years of berry picking, I still contend with the sticking thorns, no matter how long my sleeves or sturdy my gloves.



Pictured from left to right, Shirley Luedecke, Cynthia Luna, Vada Bluntz, Maria Cardenas, Marjorie Porter, RN, Mary Walker, RN, Aimee Bubela, LVN, Fabby Vazquez, RN, and Betty Guthmann, RN.

RMC Marks Nurses Week, May 6-12

The work of America's 3.1 million registered nurses to save lives and to maintain the health of mil-

lions of individuals is the focus of this year's National Nurses Week, celebrated annually May 6-12 throughout the United States.

This year, the American Nurses Association (ANA) has selected "Nurses: Caring Today as the Healthier Tomorrow" as the theme for 2010. Annually, National Nurses Week begins on May 6, marked as RN Recognition Day, and ends on May 12, the birthday of Florence Nightingale, founder of nursing as a modern profession.

Traditionally, National Nurses

Week is devoted to highlighting the diverse ways in which registered nurses, the largest health care profession, are working to improve health care.

From bedside nursing in hospitals and long-term care facilities to the halls of research institutions, state legislatures, and Congress, the depth and breadth of the nursing profession is meeting the expanding health care needs of American society.

Rice Medical Center salutes the nursing staff and commends their achievements during 2010.

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Live Oak Chapter annual banquet

The CCA Live Oak Chapter 7th Annual Banquet will be held Thursday, June 3, at the GC Hall in Columbus. Doors open at 6 p.m. Meal: Ribeye Steak and Grilled Shrimp—catered by Austin's Catering, Eagle Lake. Tickets presale \$30, at the door, \$35, youth 12 and under \$10 includes memberships. Table sponsorships available. Call Ellen Labay at 979-733-6045 if no answer, leave a message. Special drawings for ladies and youth, live auction, silent auction. Gun (drawing) tickets \$20 each, only 650 tickets sold. Tickets available at: Columbus State Bank, The Vintage Shop/Columbus, Columbus Tire Center, The Flower Garden-Columbus, The Brides House-Columbus, Main Package Store-Columbus, and Johnny's Sport Shop and Schindler LP Gas in Eagle Lake or call Ellen Labay.

Hemphill-English reunion set

The Hemphill-English Family Reunion will be held on Saturday, July 3 at the Municipal Park in Eagle Lake. The park will be opened from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. for the families. However there will be a traditional religious hour from 10 to 11 a.m. at White Cloud Baptist Church. For information contact Robert Hemphill at 915-328-4197 after 6 p.m. or email butuhemp@hotmail.com.

Rice Medical Seeks Community Input

Rice Medical Center is currently engaged in a Strategic Planning process for its hospital and both clinic operations in Eagle Lake and East Bernard. Typically, the hospital does this periodically to evaluate its current programs and services and to determine what the community needs are for the future.

As a part of the Strategic Planning process for 2010-2011, the administration is seeking input from area businesses in the Eagle Lake/East Bernard areas.

Many business organizations will be receiving a brief survey

about the hospital in the mail within the early part of May.

If your business does not receive a survey form and you wish to participate in the area survey about Rice Medical Center and its two clinics, you may obtain a copy of the survey form from either the hospital's administration or the Eagle Lake or East Bernard Chambers of Commerce.

RMC is very interested in receiving your feedback about the hospital/clinics and the programs and services currently provided, as well as those you would think we should consider offering to community residents in the fu-

ture, based on what you need.

The deadline for receiving all survey results is MAY 31, 2010. You can return the completed surveys by mail or drop them off at the hospital or at either clinic.

If you have any questions about the Strategic Planning Process, please contact the hospital's administrative offices at 234-5571.

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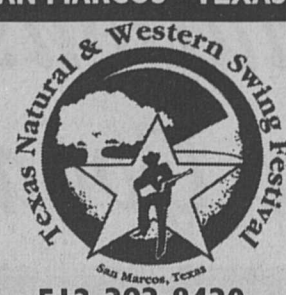
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