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ASC Announces Grain Signup Period Begins

Intentions to participate in the 1979 wheat and feed grain program are now being filed at the Colorado County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service (ASCS). Sign-up began on Feb. 15 and will continue through April 30th.

Although program participation is voluntary, producers must file their intentions to participate during the signup period to obtain program benefits. All farmers planting wheat and/or feed grain for harvest in 1979 are eligible to participate.

Details of the 1979 program may be obtained from the local ASCS office.

Halbert's Car Broken Into

At approximately 3:00 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 14th, Les Halbert of Eagle Lake reported to the Colorado County Sheriff's Office that his 1968 Oldsmobile Delta 88 had been broken into.

Investigation revealed that Halbert had turned his car over while traveling on FM Road 950. The car was taken to a friend's house on Cat Spring Road where someone broke into the car and stole a Pioneer AM-FM Radio with cassette tape player and two speakers valued at \$228.55.

The investigation continues.

Mrs. Tennie Lee Sparks Passes Away

Mrs. Tennie Lee Sparks, 76, of Rock Island, the mother of County Auditor #Lee Briscoe of Columbus, passed away Friday, Feb. 16, 1979.

Services were held at 1:00 p.m. Monday, Feb. 19th from the South Park Chapel in Columbus.

Survivors include one son, Mr. Briscoe of Columbus; a step-son, Griff Sparks of Houston; two daughters, Mrs. Eunice Newlin of Houston and Mrs. Ruth Ely of Arcata; brothers, Hamp West of Sargent, Charlie West of Brazoria, Arville West of Crystal City; sisters, Mrs. Viola Smithy of Boling, Mrs. Eunice Wiley of Stockdale; five grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and three step-grandchildren.

Mrs. Sparks numbered her friends by her acquaintances and she shall be dearly missed by all who came to know her during many years of residence in the Rock Island area.

MAYC Pre-Lent Dance Sat. Nite

The Mexican American Youth Council will hold a pre-Lent Dance in the Eagle Lake Community Center from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. this Saturday, Feb. 24th.

Music will be by Suero Chico. Pre-sale tickets are \$5.00 per person; admission at the door will be \$6.00.

One and all are invited to the dance and support MAYC projects.

E.L. Lions' Mop, Broom Sale Mar. 8

The Eagle Lake Lions Club will conduct its annual sale of mops, brooms, and other household items made at the Lighthouse for the Blind in Houston on Thursday, March 8th and citizens are urged to begin making a list of their needs.

The sale will be located in the van to be located in front of the Municipal Building in downtown Eagle Lake. Businesses in the downtown area will be solicited by the Lions and homeowners may make purchases at the van or by calling 234-2780 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and your orders will be delivered to your door.

Proceeds from the event will be used by the local Lions for community projects.

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Raider Bandsmen Earn 52 1st Div. In Contests

Members of the Rice High School Raider Band competed in Interscholastic League Solo and Ensemble competition last Saturday, Feb. 17. Music Region XIII holds this annual contest at Victoria High School in Victoria.

Twenty-three soloists and eight ensembles from Rice earned a total of 52 first division medals at this event.

Those earning first division ratings for their solo performances were: Judy Bunge, tenor saxophone; Michaelanne Heffner, alto saxophone; Scott Holden, multiple percussion; Russell Johnson, tuba; David Kersh, trumpet; Peggy Leopold, tenor saxophone; Robert Moss, baritone horn; Kevin Pellerin, cornet; Arnold Rodriguez, trombone; John Stephens, trombone; Lulu Yanez, flute; Becky Anderson, piano; Janie Clippson, trombone; Vickie Eberhart, alto saxophone; Rich Farris, piano; Patsy Gutierrez, clarinet; Victor Reyes, snare drum; Cindy Rodriguez, tenor saxophone; Kitty Thomas, baritone horn; Charles McGrew, baritone horn; Patti Perry, tenor saxophone; and Susan Weston, Flute.

Ensemble Winners
Those ensembles and their members who earned a first division for their performances were: Judy Bunge, Michaelanne Heffner, Peggy Leopold and Cindy Rodriguez, saxophone quartet; Cheryl Crabb, Brenda Rucka and Michele Sibley, flute trio; Philip Leopold, Kevin Pellerin, Arnold Rodriguez and Mary Young, trumpet quartet; Elizabeth Berger, Luann Brown, Renee Hunt, three B flat clarinets; Bridgett Beyette, Angel Farrow, Kathy Perry and Jennifer Quiney, saxophone quartet; Pat Bradshaw, Carolyn Pavlu and Veronica Salinas, flute trio; Jay Bunge, Michael Duarte, Debbie Fudge, Deleelyn Valenta, trumpet quartet; Carol Montemayor, Lupe Morales, Paula Rohwer and Mary Jane Yanez, mixed clarinet quartet.

Fourteen soloists earned a second division rating and they were: Becky Anderson, Theresa Beck, Gilbert Correll, Carol Crabb, Rich Farris, Philip Leopold, Mary Young, Leigh Ann Bryant, Pete Garcia, Robert Klekar, Yolanda McTeer, David Sosa, Bobby Williamson and Ronnie Fry.

Five ensembles earned the very fine rating of second division and they were: Stacy Ann Beck, Theresa Beck and Carol Crabb; Julie Clippson, Renee Hunt, Lana Mahalite and Dianne Van Nort; Claudette Parker, Gaye Lynn Thomas and Lulu Yanez; Michael Duarte, David Kersh, Lori Mahalite, Robert Moss, Stephen Spanihel and Russell Wick; John Delgado, Jeffery Pasenik and Keith Rabel.

The results of this contest qualified 12 soloists and three ensembles to move on to the State Contest held each year at the University of Texas at Austin. This contest was held in June, 1979.

"We are all very thankful for the help of our piano accompanists for this year's soloists," said Floyd Spenserath, band director. "Thank you to Mrs. Weston, Mrs. Abell, Mrs. Spanihel, Angel Farrow, Rich Farris and Michele Sibley."

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Craig Has Been Lab Technologist, ART In Community Since 1963

Dear Editor: I read with interest the article in your paper of February 15 regarding the welcome of James K. Bailey to the Radiology Department of the Eagle Lake Community Hospital.

However, I believe that whoever supplied you with the information for the article was not in full possession of the facts. The word "unique" is hardly accurate. Kenneth L. Craig is qualified as a Laboratory Medical Technologist (A.M.T.) as well as a Radiology Technician (A.R.T.) in addition to having a bachelor's degree in science. The "added dimension" of coverage and skill has in fact been available to the Eagle Lake Hospital and community since 1963.

Sincerely,
Helen F. Craig

Columbus Livestock Co.
The Columbus Livestock Co. reported the market was fully steady to stronger on all classes of cattle at the sale last week.

The firm handled 735 head of cattle. Good to choice butcher calves sold 62 to 66, heiferettes 62 to 66, heiferettes No. 1 hogs brought 52 to 54 and lambs 40 to 75.

packer cows went 58 to 65 and commercial packer bulls sold 60 to 68.5. Heavy Hereford and Angus and crossbred steer calves went 70 to 85 and heifers 65 to 75. Good stocker cows and heifers went \$400 to \$500 head.

\$30 Million In Drugs Seized Near La Grange

Mechamphetamine with a street value estimated at \$30 million was seized when officers executed a search warrant about 1 a.m. Wed., Feb. 14th at the Withers farm located about 14 miles northeast of La Grange.

The raid was carried out by the Fayette County Sheriff's Department, assisted by the Texas Department of Public Safety and Harris County officers.

Arrested and placed in Fayette County jail were Eddie Gene Perkins, Philip Musgrave Jr. and Henry William Withers III. Bond was set at \$250,000 by Justice of the Peace Lloyd Goehring.

All three were charged with manufacturing methamphetamine. Separate charges of possession were filed on Perkins and Musgrave. A charge of attempted capital murder was filed against Withers.

During the arrest and search, seven shots were fired by a suspect at DPS Officer Kenneth Ariola. There were no injuries and no return fire from officers, according to a release from the Fayette County Sheriff's office - Fayette County Record.

Xi Pi Psi Has Program On Retiring

Xi Pi Psi members met at the home of Rita Sunderman Tuesday, Feb. 13 at 7:30. Jean Williams was the scheduled hostess but was ill so President Rita was graciously offered to be hostess for the 52nd regular meeting.

The program presented by Martha Laughlin and Brenda Corman was "Retiring Gracefully." Dressed as "Old Grannie" in a rocking chair, Martha explained the meaning of retirement as the changing conditions of life. Dressed as a baby, child, teenager, and mother, Brenda acted out the story as Grannie told of her lifetime of retiring gracefully. A poem, "Transplanting," was read to conclude the program.

During the business meeting, it was reported that Valentine cards with sachet hearts were sent to Beta Sigma Phi shut-ins from Texas.

Evaluation and reports on the Western Dance were given. Brenda Corman was introduced as chapter sweetener during the intermission of the dance. She expressed her thanks to sisters for the honor. Tasty refreshments were served as a social time followed.

Burglars Hit Two Area Nite Spots Last Week

Colorado County Sheriff's Department investigated two burglaries in the area which occurred during Thursday night or early Friday morning.

At 10:30 a.m. Friday, Feb. 16th, the sheriff's office was advised by Marlene Munoz that her place of business on FM 1083 (the 1083 Club) had been broken into. Investigation revealed that entry was gained by prying open the back door. Several coin operated machines were broken into and an undetermined amount of money taken.

While this was being investigated, Arizona Riggs, also of Eagle Lake, reported her place of business (Sambos) on Strickland Lane had also been broken into. Investigation revealed entry was gained through a rear window by cutting the screen and then removing the glass from the window. A juke box and pool table were broken into and an undetermined amount of money taken.

The sheriff's office believes that all the places broken into in the past couple of weeks is the work of the same subject or subjects and hopes to obtain enough evidence to make an arrest soon.

3 Charged In Assault Sat. Nite

Three men face charges of aggravated assault upon a man, who at first was thought to have been shot in the head, at a business place east of Columbus last Saturday night, Feb. 17th.

At 11:55 p.m. Saturday, the Colorado County sheriff's office was advised that there had been a shooting at a business place east of Columbus. Investigation revealed a parking lot with several persons around him. The subject was bleeding about the face and head.

Witnesses told officers that the man had been shot and the subjects who shot him had left the scene traveling east on U.S. 90 in a blue Ford with five or six persons inside. A partial license number was obtained and a radio dispatch was made to all officers and surrounding stations in an attempt to locate this vehicle.

Polo Rayes, age unknown at this time, was taken by ambulance to the Columbus-Hospital and later transferred to Ben Taub Hospital in Houston.

About an hour later, the subjects being sought were arrested near Sealy by highway patrol officers. The three arrested were: Juan Hernandez Rojas, 25 years of age; Vincente Pena Rios, 23 years of age; and Antonio Garwood, age unknown, all from Sealy. They were returned to Colorado County on charges of attempted murder.

However, upon officers returning to Columbus with the three subjects, it was learned from the doctors at Ben Taub that the subject had not been shot, but reportedly he had been kicked about the head and face.

Charges on the three were changed to aggravated assault and they were placed in the Colorado County jail. All three were released after their lawyer posted a total of \$750.00 cash bonds on the subjects. They were released from jail on Feb. 19th, and the case will be presented to the next Grand Jury in June.

Alpha Delta Phi Program on 'Love'

On Feb. 5th, Alpha Delta Phi members met in the home of Melba Higgins, with President Dianne Causey presiding.

Communications were read from Deer Park, with information on the Area Convention to be held there. A letter was received from Bill Carpenter concerning the scholarship to be given in May by the chapter.

Social chairman Diana Brunner finalized plans for the upcoming Western Dance. Recipes of trash would be placed in bags on the tables and tied with handana bows. Janice Obenhaus, Mary Ann Wood, Glenda Blair, Brenda Corman, Ernie Sommerlater and Mary Lou Szymanski were in charge of the horse shoe entrance, name tags and decorations.

Details of a "Pitiful Pearl Party" were explained by Diana Brunner. Members are to bring a hat to the next meeting in a paper bag to be auctioned. The articles of clothing will be worn to the May meeting; all articles of clothing were bought in the past auctions.

Sandy Bendy reported the Valentines were

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Darlene Lee, Chronicle Spelling Bee Champion for the Eagle Lake Middle School, left, is shown being congratulated by the school's counselor, Mrs. Helen Glover. Darlene will compete in the County Spelling Bee to be held at Rice High School Mar. 7th. ELMS Photo.

HOSPITAL News Notes

Patients [Feb. 19]:
Eagle Lake: Mrs. Allie Simmons, James Powell, Mrs. Carolyn Randell, Miss Carol Cranford, O. D. Mason, Mrs. Jewel Davis, V. J. Kana, Mrs. Roseda Corbett, Mrs. Neile Shell, Willie Marsalia, John Perkins; Altair: Mrs. Mary Rangel; Alleyton: Joseph Gant; Wallis: John Owczarcak; Lissie: M. E. Isehower; Sheridan: Tom Combest; Garwood: Whidby Dancy; Rock Island: Antonio Bujnoch, Jr.; Muldoon: Darrell Hart.

Dismissals:
Eagle Lake: Mrs. Dorothy Breithaupt, David Sosa, Todd Heinen, Mrs. Anna Pennington, Miss Veronica Salinas, Mrs. Ciprana De Luna, William Gardner, Jesse Price, Mrs. Sophie Pavlu; Columbus: Mrs. Annie Girdt, Willie Seals, Mrs. Telesfora Banegas, Arthur Willrodt, Mrs. Mary Hellring; Lexington: Mrs. Marry L. Reed; Alleyton: Ruben Noska; Sheridan: Ramedio Gomez; East Bernard: Archie Lopez, Douglas Jessup; Wharton: Mrs. Evelyn Kocurek; Glen Flora: Mrs. Loretta Morgan; Garwood, Jerry Smidovec.

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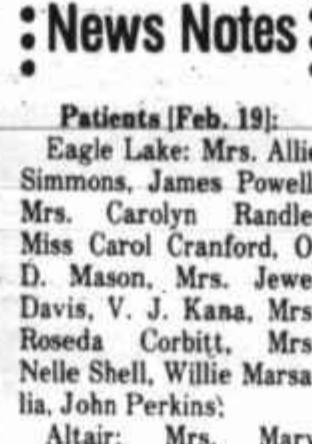


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Glenda Ann Sunderman To Wed Michael Bozalina Next Spring

Mrs. Leslie R. Sunderman announces the engagement and approaching marriage of her daughter, Glenda Ann, to Michael Bozalina, son of

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Axel Directs WCJC Black History Wk. Choir

Michael Axel of Eagle Lake directed the 25 voice Black History Week Singers at Wharton County Junior College in performances Thursday morning and evening of last week.

The third annual Black History Gospel Musical at WCJC Thursday evening also included singing by numerous church choirs from this area.

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Jochetz Celebrates 88th Birthday

Mrs. Raymond Jochetz celebrated her 88th birthday anniversary on Tuesday, Feb. 19th when her children came for the special event, each bringing a covered dish for a birthday dinner. Mrs.

WCJC Students Vote on Offices

The student body at Wharton County Junior College in Wharton voted Wednesday, Feb. 21 for next year's president and other officers of the Student Government Association which promotes student participation in college activities and works toward good campus-wide relations.

Presidential candidates included Lee Herrera of East Bernard, Phyllis Parms of El Campo and David Russell of Rich-

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Here For Visit
Guests of Mrs. Ervin Terrell during the past week were her two sisters, Mrs. Charles Pelton of Clinton, Iowa and Mrs. John Dushimer of Columbus, Ohio, and a dear friend, Mrs. Roscoe (Lucy Kate) Fountain of Atlanta, Texas.

George (Georgia) Nichols made the pretty birthday cake.

Present for the memorable occasion were her five children, Mr. and Mrs. George Nicholds of La Porte, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Jochetz of East Bernard, Raymond Jochetz of Huntsville, Mrs. George Roesser of Houston and her daughter Mrs. Marvin Lananah and her son Brian of Katy, and Mrs. Miles Theuman of Eagle Lake.

Jimmie Jochetz of Dallas was unable to attend but sent a beautiful arrangement of flowers.

The Sunday before her birthday, Feb. 11th, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Jochetz of East Bernard and Mr. and Mrs. Rick Baxter of Houston with their sons, Butch and Ralph, visited with Mrs. Jochetz.

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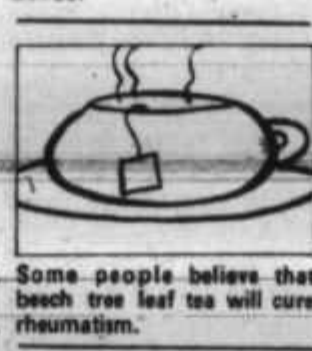
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NOTICE

At the last regular Directors Meeting of the First National Bank of Eagle Lake, decision was made to change the banking hours of this institution.

Beginning the ninth of March we will remain open until 6:00 P.M. on Friday afternoons and will be closed on Saturdays. This will give the banking public an additional four hours to take care of their business on Friday afternoons.

As an additional convenience, our Drive-In facilities will be open continuously on Friday from 7:30 A.M. to 6:00 P.M.

The practice of Saturday closing is becoming universal. Banks in all major cities and many small towns and communities in this state have already made this change. It has been found to be most practical and successful, and customers have been well satisfied with the new banking hours.

We will continue to give our customers the best service possible, and we feel sure that this change is a forward and progressive step in banking.

W. H. Harrison, President
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