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Five-pound blocks of cheese to be distributed April 7

For the first time in Colorado County, free cheese will be distributed to qualifying families by the Combined Community Action Agency of Smithville.

According to Steve Quitta, Jr., the agency is receiving its eighth allocation of cheese and on April 7 will distribute it here at the Friendship Church, 405 S. Lake St., from 10 a.m. to noon.

To qualify, each family must complete and sign an application form which certifies that the recipient meets the income guidelines for the public school free meal program. Quitta said.

One five-pound block of cheese will be given free to families of five members or less, and two blocks to families with six members or more. "The cheese is issued on a first-come, first-served basis," Quitta said. There is no butter available in this allocation.

The cheese also will be distributed on April 7 at the community service center in Columbus and the city hall in Weimar.

Quitta said that the agency needs civic, church or other community groups to help pay for storage and transportation costs of the commodity in order for the agency to provide this service on a regular basis.



Garwood students place in Eagle Lake Literary

Garwood students placing in the Eagle Lake Literary Meet are: Picture Memory, fourth grade: Anessa Williams, fourth place; Jackie Drongooles, fourth place; and Tressa Sewell, alternate.

Picture Memory, fifth grade: Dawn Hornet, fourth place; Cynthia Krenk, Trace Sanders, Engstrom, fourth place; Allen Eggemeyer, fourth place; and Scott Janish, alternate.

Oral Reading, seventh and eighth grade: Kelli Lanier, second place and

Bill Hefer, fourth place. Ready Writing, seventh and eighth grade: Melissa Engstrom, fifth place. Number Sense, seventh and eighth grade: Danette Pagel, fifth place.

Others attending the meet but not placing were: Kendra Davidson, Todd Krenk, Trace Sanders, Engstrom, fourth place; Carter, Lezli Schilling, Chris Rodriguez, Lynette Banks, Kelly Salazar, Jennifer Mader, Florencio Ramos and Twaymon Boone.

Soil Conservation News

Melvin Albright, chairman; Henry Sunderman, vice chairman; Thos. Schultz, secretary; and Herbert Engstrom and Royal Henneke, members. Clarence Koel of the New Belau area is planning to construct a pond.

Mrs. C. W. Kearney is constructing a pond in the Glidden area.

Wayne Longoria is planning to repair an eroded pond dam and spillway.

Mare Hill is planning to construct a pond in the Frelsburg area.

Conservation assistance was provided to Buddy Wooten on the Alan Sanderson plan near Columbus. Alan is planning to sprig some coastal on a critical gully area which has been reclaimed.

Conservation assistance was provided to Kery Kahden who plans to reclaim a badly eroded gully area and to establish it to coastal.

Conservation assistance was provided to Gerald Staffel who plans to do some brush clearing, plant some grass, and do some fencing.

The conservation plan was written on Peyton Weems of Houston has been completed. Weems owns land south of Weimar and plans to establish some coastal for hay production.

Conservation assistance was provided to Fritz Rutta who plans to construct some hulae trees and also to coastal bermudagrass.

Conservation assistance was provided to Gardner Thornton of Houston for reclaiming a critical gully area and establishing it to coastal bermudagrass. Thornton owns a place between Rock Island and Sheridan.

Sales Tax receipts show sales decline

Sales in January in the city of Eagle Lake decreased drastically over the same period a year ago, according to sales tax figures released this month in Austin. Sales in Columbus and Weimar also decreased.

The check the city government received this month was for \$8,597.97, representing its one-cent share of sales tax collected on January sales. But receipts from the local sales tax were down 45.3 percent from the \$15,712.79 check received last year at this time. The decrease from year to year is down 21.76 percent.

Columbus' check for January was \$9,806.61, a 26.9 percent decline over the \$13,423.61 check received a year earlier. The decrease from year to year is down 8.3 percent.

Weimar's sales were down 39.6 percent. The city of Weimar received a \$3,318.86 check, compared to \$5,497.17 a year ago. The decrease from year to year is down 25.08 percent.

These figures represent sales reports for businesses which report monthly.

Calf visits ELPS

Becky Waddell, Shawn Hurd, Jill Stephens, Donald Obenhaus, and John Kaluza look on as Vic Corman feeds an orphaned calf. The children in the Kindergarten and Early Childhood classes were able to get close enough to pet the animal during feeding.

ELPS Photo

County Agent's Notebook

By Leroy J. Hajdik Herbicide purchase requires certificate
County Extension Agent

The Texas Department of Agriculture started verifying private applicators who purchase, use and/or supervise the use of Federally restricted use pesticides and state limited use pesticides in 1977. The County Extension Service provided this program so that producers of agricultural products may purchase and use restricted use pesticides legally. Over 1800 Colorado County citizens have been certified by this program since 1978. People regularly come by the office for the training materials and application form.

The private applicator definition reads as follows: "Private applicator means a person who uses or supervises the use of an restricted-use or state limited-use pesticide for the purpose of producing an agricultural commodity: 1. on property owned or rented by him or his employer or under his general control except that an employee qualifies under this subdivision as a private applicator only if he provides labor of the pesticide application but does not provide the necessary equipment or pesticides; 2. if applied without compensation, other than trading of personal services between producers of agricultural commodities, on property of another person."

In January, 1983, the Texas Department of Agriculture classified as additional to the list for "State Limited Use" the following herbicides:

1. 2, 4-Dichlorophenoxyacetic acid (2, 4-D)
2. 2, 4-Dichlorophenoxypropionic acid (2, 4-DP)
3. 2, 4, 5-Trichlorophenoxyacetic acid (2, 4, 5-T)
4. 2-Methyl-4-Chlorophenoxyacetic acid (MCPA)
5. 2, 4, 5-Trichlorophenoxypropionic acid (silvex)
6. 2, 4-Dichloro-o-anisic acid (dicamba)
7. 2, 4-Dichloropropionic acid (propanil)
8. Orthoarsenic (arsenic acid)

The above mentioned herbicides were classified for state limited use after careful review of the Departments complaint records and after holding a hearing to allow for comments as provided by law. Starting January 1983, it was necessary for private applicators to be certified in order to purchase, use or supervise the use of state limited use pesticides. The same certification was necessary for private applicators to be certified in order to purchase state limited use pesticides.

Please check your private applicators certificate before requesting recertification. A certificate number preceded by the year '81, '82, or '83 is a current certificate and need not be renewed. If your certificate does not have the year '81, '82, or '83 preceding the certificate number then please read on.

Any person who has had a private applicator certificate need not apply for a new certificate. Your county agent has a supply of the recertification application form available for your use. Simply fill it out and return to Texas Department of Agriculture, P.O. Box 12847, Austin, Texas 78711.

Attention: Charles G. Rogers. Give your old mailing address, if you have moved; your current address, and your certificate number if known. A duplicate certificate will be issued. There is no cost to you for this service.

If you have never been certified, please contact your county agent for an application package and follow the instruction. If demand justifies we will be holding certification meetings at some future date for those persons never having been certified. Do not ask your dealer to violate this law in order to service a sale to you.

The private applicator certificate is not to be confused with the spray application permit required of herbicide applicators in certain parts of Colorado County by TDA.

By Mrs. J.F. Struska

Garwood and Nada Community News

Call 758-3352

The senior citizens 42 party, sponsored by the Catholic Daughters, was held Wednesday, March 23 at St. Mary's Parish Hall in Nada from 2 to 4:30 p.m.

There were four tables of 42 and three tables of 24 and straight dominoes. Birth day prize for the month of March was awarded to Ella Struska.

Receiving door prizes were Ludwig Schellmann, a vase of flowers; Paul Laake, a plate of homemade cookies; Angela Laake, a vase of flowers; Mollie Hunt, a basket of Easter eggs; James Bunge, a vase of flowers; Mrs. Wine, a crocheted Easter bunny; Elizabeth Popp, a vase of flowers; and Lottie Krutick, a crocheted Easter bunny. High prize in 42 went to Martha Cernoch and low prize to Elsie Krenk, each winning a hot plate. There were 23 present.

Refreshments of cheese sandwiches, cake, chips, soda water and coffee was served. Hostesses were Pat Wobbe, Virginia Balusek and Janie Mae Popp.

Don't forget to vote Saturday.

Herman Powell, Jr., son of Loretta M. Powell of Eagle Lake has been promoted in the U.S. Army to the rank of specialist four. Powell is an infantry at Fort Lewis, Washington. He is a 1976 graduate of Rice High School.

The Alpha Sigma Omicron Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met Tuesday, March 15 at

the home of Linda Bubela. President Kathy Stienke called the meeting to order and all members repeated the opening ritual. Secretary Jane Wied called the roll with 19 members present, three absent and then read the minutes from the previous meeting.

Lyndia Engstrom announced the birthdays and anniversaries for the month of March. It was decided that the Mother's Day luncheon would not be held this year. As there was no further business to be discussed the meeting was then adjourned and all members repeated the closing ritual.

Mrs. Bubela served a delicious assortment of vegetables with dip and cherry and apricot squares. Kathy Schilling won the door prize which she was made to hunt for keeping with the spirit of Easter.

Mrs. Alex Orsak and Mrs. Edina Budhaus, both of El Campo, visited Mrs. Laura Littleton one day last week.

Mrs. Jacqueline Yanta of Runge and Mrs. Lorraine Steffek of Lake Jackson were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Parker last Wednesday and Thursday.

Sympathy is extended to the family of Mrs. Clara Sullivan who passed away. Mrs. Sullivan grew up in Garwood and still has relatives here.

Spec. 4 Sandra M. Haynes, daughter of Narsetta Haynes of Garwood has arrived for duty in

Columbus Livestock Market

The market this week was fully steady on most classes compared with last week's market. We had a good active sale with a house full of buyers on hand.

The packer cows sold strong to \$200 to \$200 higher. Packer bulls sold \$100 to \$200 higher. Good packer demand seen on about 100 packer cows. The stocker calves had some strong demand, more than we had seen in recent weeks. We had a good active sale on all classes.

If anyone has anything to sell now, would be a good time to sell. If we can be of any assistance in marketing your livestock or if you need help in hauling your livestock, please call collect, George Hagan or Don McCallister at 409-732-2622 or 409-732-5841.

Cattle on hand, 486; hogs, 14; sheep, 4; horses, 2.

Butcher Calves and Yearlings: good to choice, 62 to 65 cents per pound; standard, 58 to 62 cents; utility, 55 to 58 cents; culls, 55 cents (down).

Packer Cows: heiferlet

ELMS book fair from April 11-15

The Eagle Lake Middle School will sponsor a student book fair from April 11 to 15. Students will be able to browse and purchase books. The book fair will be open during regular school hours. Books will be on display in the library.

The school invites all students, parents and visitors to attend the fair. The fair will encourage students interested in reading and in building home libraries. The book fair display will include attractive new books from many major publishers in all popular price ranges. All reading interests will be represented.

The school is working with Educational Reading Service, a professional book fair company, to furnish an individual selection of books for the fair, says Charles Abel, principal of the Eagle Lake Middle School.

The wedding of Ms. Adair Chapman Barnett and Rodney Hickman on February 4 in Houston is being announced by her mother, Mrs. Grace Chapman Fitzpatrick.

Adair's father was the late Paul Chapman.

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Visits TFB in Waco

Leon Hattermann, left, of Weimar, president of the Colorado County Farm Bureau, recently visited the Texas Farm Bureau headquarters in Waco, for a one-day orientation trip with other county presidents in this area. At right is Charley Manly, the bureau's director of leadership and program development. He is explaining television production facilities in TFB's 6-story state office building.

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