

Pink Ladies met in hospital conference room

The Eagle Lake Community Hospital Auxiliary (Pink Ladies) met Tuesday morning, September 27 at 9:30 in the conference room of the hospital with nineteen members present. Mrs. L. D. (Sydney) Sheldon, president, presided.

Reports were heard from each officer and committee chairperson. The treasurer, Mrs. William Zboril, reported a sum of \$21,600 was donated to the hospital in the past several months: \$10,000 toward the mammography; \$7,000 for the fetal monitor; and \$4,600 for furnishing one of the semi-private rooms in the new wing; also a rocking chair was purchased for use of parents with small children in the hospital.

Monetary donations were made to the Auxiliary by Mrs. W. W. Stuart, Mrs. Roy A. Van Nort, M. M. (Mae) Jones and the A.A. group. For these the Pink Ladies are deeply grateful.

Administrator Jack Harrell was present to present a past president's pin in behalf of the hospital to Mrs. Fred R. Frnka who served in that capacity for the past four years. He commended and thanked her and all the Auxiliary members for the for the numerous contributions and the many, many hours of service given to the hospital.

A get-well card was signed by each of the ladies present and sent to Mrs. Frank Davidson who underwent eye surgery Tuesday morning in the Columbus Community Hospital.

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Hospital News

Patients (October 3):
Eagle Lake: Ora Bell Baker, Willard Shuart, Olga Lang, Jessie Arnett, James Barclay, Pauline Sens, Josefa Estrada, Thomas Trevino, Bennie Allen, Jr., Myrtle Van Nort, Laura Howard, Louise Jack, Danette Duncan, Joe Salinas, Loretta Powell, Marguereta West, Isabel Vecera, Johnathon Villareal, Candario Campos.

Columbus: Mentha Williams, Jason Mathis, Bertha Tello; from Sheridan: Ruth Schilhab, Peggy Byrn; from Houston: Teleforo Lopez, Rose Marie Perry, George Baker; from Rock Island: Frances Burda, Kenneth Nance, Katherine Elnauf; from El Campo: Arthur Wilson; from Wallis: Leon Sowa; from Alleyton: Lisa Hoffman; from Garwood: William H. Lehrer; from Weimar: Bertha Banks.

Dismissals: Eagle Lake: Edna Mitchell, Lizzie Hill, George Hudson, Lillie Mae Williams, Clara Lee, Ruth Nelson, Mary Norris.

National 4-H week

National 4-H Week, October 2-8, 1983 is being recognized around the county. The theme is "4-H - Building on Experience." Ronald Reagan, president of the United States, complimented 4-H by extending warm greetings to the nearly five million 4-H youth for their personal accomplishments and their important contributions to American life and to all who observe National 4-H Week.

East Bernard ISD Menu

Monday, October 10: Pizza, English Peas, Salad, Fruit, Cookie, Milk.

Tuesday, October 11: Corn Dogs with Mustard, Macaroni and Cheese, Fried Okra, Fruit, Milk.

Wednesday, October 12: Chicken Patties with Rice and Gravy, Green Beans, Fruit, Hot Roll, Milk.

Thursday, October 13: Burrito with Chili and Cheese, Corn, Salad, Fruit, Cinnamon Roll, Milk.

Friday, October 14: Hamburger, French Fries, Pinto Beans, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickles, Onions, Milk.

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Block says no on stored corn to drought-stricken ranchers

Texas Agriculture Commissioner Jim Hightower says that last Wednesday's refusal by U.S. Secretary of Agriculture John Block to release government-stored corn to drought-plagued West Texas ranchers "is by no means the final word on the subject."

"In fact," Hightower said, "I am encouraged by the growing sentiment in Congress to pass legislation to force Block to turn that grain loose."

Hightower, who Wednesday met personally with Block in Washington to plead the case of the Texas ranchers, said he spent much of his two-day trip to the nation's capital talking with congressional leaders about the prospects for congressional action on the issue.

"It's just incredible to me that Block can refuse this

help and sit idly by while a group of American taxpayers — these West Texas ranchers — go down the tubes through no fault of their own," Hightower said. "It's apparently a case of their ideology getting in the way of their responsibility as public officials, which is to help people who need help."

"I tried to impress upon Secretary Block that our situation in West Texas is unique and more severe than that of farmers in other drought-stricken areas of the country," Hightower said. "Our ranchers don't have any crop land, so they don't even have access to federal crop insurance, they didn't have any land set aside in the PIK program that they could graze now, and they don't have any PIK entitlement coming to cushion the impact of the drought. The PIK program combined

with the drought has driven the price of feed up, so it's costing them a fortune to try to hold onto a few head. And they've bred their livestock over many, many years to come up with strains that can survive in West Texas. If they have to liquidate all their livestock, they can't just go out and restock after the next soaking rain — it will take them years to rebuild."

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Cub Scout News

Cub Scout den leaders training seminar was held Tuesday evening, September 27 for den leaders of Colorado County at the Weimar City Hall in Weimar. The program was presented by Brahman executive, Walt Mehnert of El Campo and discussion was led by Mrs. Wanda Brasher of Weimar, who serves as Cubmaster there.

Films on the role of a den leader and cubmaster were shown, printed information was presented and an open discussion was held regarding many subjects and problems. Also upcoming events in the Sam Houston District were announced.

Those den leaders in attendance from Eagle Lake were Lucy Buffington, Lis Hodde, Nina Easley and Larry Dulata.

Genealogical Society plans trip

The Colorado County Genealogical Society is planning a bus trip to Houston to the Genealogical Library of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 3000 Broadway, on Saturday October 15th. The bus will leave Columbus at 8:00 A.M. and will return around 5:00 P.M. Cost of the tour is \$20.00 and you are asked to bring a sack lunch. A limited number of 25 reservations will be taken on a first come basis. Contact Fay Elliott, society chairman at 732-5845 or 732-5881 or Mildred Campbell, a program chairman at 732-3785 for more information.

Well drilled to 6,246 feet

Chapman Energy, Inc. has drilled a new gas well in Colorado County, according to a company news release. Called the Girard No. 1 on Chapman's Calhoun Prospect, the well flowed 730,000 cubic feet of gas per day on an eight sixty-foot choke, with a flowing tubing pressure of 2,100 pounds. Roger Chapman, president, said "This is our second discovery within the last two weeks. The Girard well drilled to 6,246 feet is situated on a 750 gross-acre lease block and we plan immediately to develop this Yegua gas zone and an oil sand encountered in this well."

Chapman energy has a 5.31 percent net revenue interest in the Calhoun Prospect. The company headquarters are in Dallas with offices in Houston.

Work now toward a better spring lawn

Hot summer weather has taken its toll on home lawns — and homeowners — throughout Texas. But there's still more work to be done to insure a weed-free winter lawn and good recovery of the lawn next spring.

"Lawn insects, including chinch-bugs, white grubs and armyworms, must be controlled during late summer and fall," says Dr. Richard L. Duble, turfgrass specialist for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Texas A&M University System. "Where these insects damage the lawn, winter weeds rapidly invade the weakened turf and spring recovery is often poor. Timely applications of insecticides such as diazinon or chlorpyrifos (Dursban) will control most lawn insect problems."

According to Duble, fall fertilization is another requirement for maintaining green color and promoting early spring green-up of lawns. A dense, vigorous turf produced by proper fertilization also keeps winter weeds from invading lawns.

He recommends applying a complete fertilizer with a 3-1-2, 4-1-2 or similar ratio of nitrogen, phosphorus and potash at a rate of 1 to 2 pounds of nitrogen per 1,000 square feet of lawn. This would be 10 pounds of 15-5-10 fertilizer per 1,000 square feet.