

Texas trail ride to kick-off February 1; Leslie Heard is queen

The Texas Trail Riders Association extends a welcome to all riders to participate in the 1986 trail ride to San Antonio. The trail ride is a 17-day, 1,700-mile journey through the heart of Texas. The trail ride is a 17-day, 1,700-mile journey through the heart of Texas. The trail ride is a 17-day, 1,700-mile journey through the heart of Texas.

Riders should meet at the campsite grounds in Oakland, Texas on Friday, January 31 with registration beginning at 4 p.m. The group will leave the campsite on Saturday, February 1, to begin their trek into San Antonio for this year's 37th Annual Stock Show.

Miss Heard, 17, a member of the Texas Trail Riders for six years, especially enjoys "renewing old friendships" with each ride. This is her second time as a queen, as she was previously chosen FFA Trail Ride Queen and was also named FFA Chapter Sweetheart. An active member of Rice High School's Future Farmers of America, she has held numerous



Leslie Heard

for the trail ride, contact Ralph Gertson at (409) 234-2279 or J.B. "Budgie" Goodwin, assistant trail boss at (512) 672-2397.

Area students receive degrees

Students from Eagle Lake and Garwood receiving degrees from Sam Houston State University were John Paul Schneider, bachelor of science, agriculture business; Garwood; David Michael Sommer, bachelor of business administration, accounting; Eagle Lake; and Judith Rutledge, Waggoner, master of arts, health education, Eagle Lake.

Those from surrounding areas who received degrees were George William Conway III, bachelor of arts, political science, Rosenberg; Frank Tait Crane, bachelor of science, agriculture business; Columbus; Tammie Gail Giddens, bachelor of arts/teaching, dance; Judy Diane Gold, bachelor of arts/teaching, elementary education, El Campo; Karen Renee Hubenak, bachelor of business administration, management, Wallis; Joy L. Marsh, bachelor of business administration, marketing, Mine; Denise Mize, bachelor of arts/teaching, elementary education, Wallis; and Carlen S. Zunkiewicz, bachelor of arts/teaching, physical education, Rosenberg.

Rev. Charles Miller to be installed Sunday at First Presbyterian Church

The Rev. Charles C. Miller Jr. will be installed as pastor of First Presbyterian Church in a special worship service at 5 p.m. on Sunday, January 26 in the Church Sanctuary, 106 E. State Street. A seven-person commission from the Presbytery of New Covenant will lead the worship and conduct the installation. Presbytery moderator, Mrs. Carol W. Bibb, of Asacovita Presbyterian Church, will preside; Rev. Dr. W. Douglas Ensminger, of Central Presbyterian, Houston, will preach the sermon; the Rev. John K. Alexander, of First Presbyterian, Rosenberg, will charge the pastor; the Rev. Earl M. Clary, of First Presbyterian, Wharton, will charge the congregation. Elders J.H. Clipson Jr., First Presbyterian, Eagle Lake, Mrs. G.V. Land, First Presbyterian, Houston, and W.R. Howard, of Central, Houston, will read additional parts of the service.

Miller is a native of Fort Worth, a graduate of Texas Christian University (MA in Sociology, 1950) and of Princeton Theological Seminary (Bachelor of Divinity, 1953). He was ordained in June, 1953, by the Synod of the First Presbyterian Church in Fort Worth. He has served churches in the Texas communities of Jacksonville, Irving and Houston. Since May, 1985, Mr. Miller has been Stated Supply Pastor in Eagle Lake.

The community is cordially invited to the installation service and to the reception following, given by the Women of the First Presbyterian Church.

Prairie Edge Museum Notes

At a recent meeting of the board of directors of the Revitalize Eagle Lake, Inc. Museum committee the following board members and officers were elected: Three-year board members: Elizabeth Boothe, Ethel Cone, Larry Dalany, and Bruce Hicks; two-year board members: Mary Baker, Ted Brunner, Robert Samuel Martin, and Margaret McFar; one-year board members: Helen Craig, Bunny Frazar, Ohs Rhodes, and Elfrene Thomas; president, Ted Brunner; secretary, Helen Craig; treasurer, Bunny Frazar; reporter, Elizabeth Boothe.

Louis Schorlemmer was elected to our group of curators to work with Bill Harrison Sr. and Rollin Baker. We are privileged to have Elfrene Thomas and Bill serving on the County Sesquicentennial Committee. Exhibits for our Eagle Lake High School display continue to be come. One reminder of this high school that served our community for many years is the much used bulletin board located on our city square and having been donated in or around 1969 by the Student Council of Eagle Lake High School.

We would like to be able to exhibit memorabilia of Eagle Lake's history. Among these are bumper stickers, seals, caps, and aprons. These are available during our regular opening hours of 2-5 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. Marion Bennett who helps in so many ways at the museum will be happy to show them to you. Remember to mark March 4 and 5 on your calendar as the dates for our next "garage sale." Donations may be brought in now on the regular days that the museum is open and also by calling us to open the museum for you on other days.

One of our recent visitors was Tom Prusa, the new manager of the Atsivay Prairie Chicken Refuge. One of our display cases which features the late Tom Waddell gives much interesting facts about Mr. Waddell and the refuge. Elizabeth Boothe, reporter

Alpha Delta Phi holds meeting

The members of Alpha Delta Phi society met in the home of Sheila Mathis on January 6 for their regular meeting. Connie Gertson was in charge of the program and she had to Ann Gertson present a film on how to bandage wounds and had the members practice the methods they learned from the film.

After the minutes were read and approved, president Melody Grigar asked for committee reports. The sorority will have "R&R" for January, reported social chairpersons Debbie Christie and Charlene Rodgers. Connie Gertson volunteered to take care of the February tray favors for the service committee.

The next meeting will be held on Candy McCreary's home with Vicki Powers having the program. Rosebud girl Sheila Mathis asked for thank yous and reminded members of birthdays and anniversaries.

Melody reported the Alpha Delta Phi float on which the Sweethearts of Xi Pi Psi and Alpha Delta Phi rode were a third place ribbon in the Christmas parade.

Gail Guthman made a motion we add a tradition to our list: we are in charge of the floats for parades honoring our present Sweetheart. It was unanimously passed and the list of traditions with the group.

After closing, the group enjoyed refreshments provided by the hosts.

Shropshire-Upton chapter met

Shropshire-Upton chapter of UDC met at Nesbitt Memorial Library on January 9 with Mrs. Brandon Fitzpatrick as hostess. Mrs. Wm. Kemper opened the meeting with the ritual and pledge to the flag.

A letter from President General Bell asked for donations to help renovate the Confederate Museum in Austin. Members are asked to donate \$30 each to help with the restoration.

The December issue of the UDC magazine had a picture of some of the real granddaughters of this chapter.

Mrs. Curtis McClanahan presented two plans to the chapter to redecorate their home.

The business meeting conducted by Glenda Blair included a vote on the Texas State Project for Donna Guenther of Baytown (a Beta Sigma Phi member who has diabetes) a special Red Cross donation, a vote for the Valentine Sweetheart and a decision to sponsor an Art Show on the square. Cherry Corman will be in charge of the Art Show along with Linda Appel and Linda Balas.

The hosts served delicious treats and coffee during the social time.

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Fund raiser this Saturday for Golden Age Center

The Colorado County Golden Age Center is sponsoring a fund raiser this Saturday, January 25 at 7:30 p.m. in the Booker Memorial Temple C.O.G.I.C., located at 815 Bonham St. in Columbus.

Letters of interest have been mailed to ministers and their congregations in the Colorado County area.

Colorado County residents are invited to aid us in this worthwhile goal. You do not have to be present but give us a call or send your donations to the Colorado County Golden Age Center, 316 Spring St., Columbus.

This is a non-profit organization. Your donations are tax deductible and any amount will be acceptable and appreciated.

John Everett chapter hears talk on geology

Members of the John Everett chapter, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, held their meeting on Monday, January 13 at the home of Mrs. James R. Crane in Columbus.

The invocation and prayer were given by Mrs. N.J. Mainer. The pledge of allegiance to the flag and the American Creed were led by Kathryn McCreary, and Mrs. P.K. Shatto gave the national defense reports. After a brief business meeting, guests and speaker, Wayne Holcomb, were introduced by Mrs. Crane. Mr. Holcomb gave an interesting talk on conservation and geology of Texas.

Delegates and alternates were asked to represent the chapter at the State conference in Austin in March and at the Continental Congress, Washington D.C. in April.

Hostesses were Mrs. James R. Crane, Jane Crane, Roberta Tait, Beth Beken, Mattie Kromick and Ruby Catherine Isgrig.

There will be a George Washington's birthday luncheon at Schobel's Restaurant on Monday, February 24 for the next meeting. State regent, Mrs. B.J. Lovett, will be honored at that meeting.

Ruby Catherine Isgrig

Sheridan News

Mr. and Mrs. Jay Quigley of San Antonio and Mr. and Mrs. J.L. Vawter of Houston spent last weekend in Sheridan, visiting Mr. and Mrs. A.S. Vawter.

Boots Quinney was released from the Weimar hospital Sunday after being confined there since Friday. He was able to return to his job Monday.

The Sheridan Ambulance crew held their regular meeting recently and set May 3 as the date for the annual Bene-Fair. Preliminary plans are being formulated and more details will be released as plans are made.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Kutzer, Marlene and Justin spent Sunday at Lake Travis near Austin visiting with Scott and Rebecca Placke.

The annual Rice FFA trail ride will begin at Sandy Creek Drive in this Saturday at 8 a.m. (weather permitting). But for the youngsters who will show and sell livestock, the morning will begin before daylight. There are several young boys and girls from Sheridan who will show an animal at the sale this year. They work hard for many months in training, grooming and catering to the needs of their project and look forward to the sale date. The best of luck is extended to each participant.

Wagner citizens and retirees, today is Friendship Fellowship.

Marissa Dee Guthrie born December 26

Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Guthrie of Sharpsburg, Iowa would like to announce the birth of their fourth child, Marissa Dee. This little lady weighed six pounds, fourteen ounces and measured 19 inches at the time of her arrival on December 26.

Welcoming this newest "little blessing" are her sisters, Gwen 7, Nicky 6 and Tammy 4. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. David Guthrie Sr. of Garwood and Thomas Ontiveros of Columbus. Great grandmother is Mrs. J.B. Tipton of Garwood.



Special guest from Australia

Miss Narelle Meyers from Adelaide, South Australia, presented a very interesting and informative program to the second grade at Eagle Lake Primary School last Monday. She gave the pupils information on the geographical features of the country as well as information on the money and animals of Australia. Miss Meyers is an exchange student in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Thornton.

The Sheriff's office would like to remind everyone that a department still checks property for people that are on vacation or away from home for any reason. The Sheriff's Department feels the decrease of burglaries is partly due to these checks. Call the Sheriff's office and let us know when you will be away.

In addition to working school traffic in the mornings and afternoons, here is the report for the week of 1-12 through 1-18:

1-12-86: removed livestock from the roadway south of Columbus; checked on a suspicious subject in the Bernardo area.

1-13-86: checked on in Alleyton; transported a prisoner to San Antonio for evaluation; checked on reported stolen equipment near Columbus; removed livestock from the roadway on IH-10; checked on mail box damage on 806; issued eight traffic citations; served four civil citations.

1-14-86: checked on a reported theft on county road 215; checked on illegal aliens in Rock Island; removed livestock from the roadway on 90 near Weimar; checked on disturbances, one near Eagle Lake and one near Matthews; issued one traffic citation; served five civil citations.

1-15-86: checked on dogs on the Garwood school grounds; investigated a disturbance in Gladden; issued seven traffic citations; served three civil citations.

1-16-86: checked on a disturbance east of Columbus; assisted at the scene of an inquest east of Columbus; posted a citation in the courthouse; had district court; issued six traffic citations; served four civil citations.

1-17-86: investigated a rape incident near Columbus; arrested one for rape; assisted at the scene of accident east of Columbus; in Sheridan; checked on a burglar alarm activating in the Rock Island area; checked on a disturbance in Sheridan and investigated a disturbance in Garwood; issued five traffic citations; served three civil citations.

1-18-86: checked on a disturbance near Burden; assisted with a funeral procession in Columbus; checked on a prowler east of Columbus; assisted a stranded motorist near Altair.

Survivors include two daughters, Clara Mahalic of Eagle Lake and Beatrice Bittner of Nadi; one brother, Arthur E. Priesmeyer of El Campo; six grandchildren; one great grandchild and numerous other friends and relatives.

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Delta Savings of Texas offers new service

Delta Savings of Texas recently announced the creation of its new service to be offered to its customers and friends. Called Delta Destinations, it offers complete daily banking transactions. All eight Delta Retail Banking Centers will offer the service.

In addition to the basic travel service, membership in the Delta Destinations Travel Club, will enable the member to enjoy a unique preplanned group trip along with numerous money saving discounts. Four major trips are planned this year, including a trip to Hawaii. A special travel presentation of Delta Destinations Travel Club will be presented in Eagle Lake on Jan. 27. Seating is limited so those interested should contact Cindy Gohlke, branch manager, Eagle Lake Retail Banking Center, at 234-5556.

Don Dye, vice president-marketing, said "Delta's creation of such a service is unique to the banking industry. The new service is intended to add to the customers' convenience by enabling them to make all their travel arrangements, while at the same time, complete daily banking transactions."

By PEGGY KALINA, County Extension Agent

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