

Prairie Edge Museum Notes

By Elizabeth Boothe

A lively and very interesting group of scouts under the careful guidance of curator Bill Harrison Sr. toured our museum Wednesday, March 5. The boys were accompanied by Debbie Schmitt, den leader, and her assistant Donna Tierney. I very much enjoyed being there to share their enthusiasm. Several voiced the opinion that the Eagle Lake was prettier years ago than it is now after they had looked at old pictures of our little city.

The Cub Scouts making the tour were Christopher Burns of Clay Dietrich, Carlos Gonzalez, Bobby Green, Lupe Hernandez, Kevin Schmitt and Rick Thomas. Jamie Green, who is a Boy Scout, accompanied the group.

When asked what they enjoyed most the following were among their favorites: John Deere tractor, 1924 Reo car, stuffed alligator, Eagle Lake High School memorabilia, wall telephone, curly Eagle Lake, and birds.

Again, I want to urge principals, teachers and other leaders of our youth to make arrangements with us for a tour. Call Bill Harrison Sr. at 234-2662 or me at 234-3361.

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Sheriff Report

By Sheriff Jim Broussard

From time to time the Sheriff's office will have people file charges on someone, have them arrested and then want the charges dropped. Sheriff Broussard would like to remind everyone that once a complaint is filed, the only way it can be withdrawn is through the prosecuting attorney making that recommendation to the judge. The judge, sheriff or anyone else can not dismiss a case without the recommendation from the prosecuting attorney.

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Summer camping at Texas 4-H Center

By VERONICA HUNDL

County Extension Agent

Summer camping programs for Texas 4-Hers this year. The Texas 4-H Center, located on Lake Brownwood in the heart of central Texas, offers a unique camping experience for youth 9-19.

For 9-11 year olds, four-day camps are scheduled for July 6-9 and July 9-12. Youth ages 12-14 can attend camps July 13-16 and July 16-19. These camps offer fun and adventure and include swimming, sailing, canoeing, shooting sports, crafts, outdoor cooking, high adventure, recreation and parties.

For youth 14-19, a week long special interest camp is offered June 23-28 to provide in-depth training in a selected area including computers, shooting sports, food and fitness, canoeing and sailing, clothing, tennis, photography or water skiing. This training is combined with the fun and excitement of camp life.

As 4-Hers grow and develop in their 4-H programs, they too can become helpers as outward expressions of their caring and sharing for others. The time that a leader gives to 4-H members can make the world a better place to live and will be multiplied many times over through each 4-Her's help others.

A 4-H volunteer leader helps coordinate 4-H projects, activities for a small group of 4-Hers. The first and most important step is to get the group together to plan what members would like to do in the project. Younger 4-Hers will need more guidance, but a leader should be made by the 4-Hers themselves.

After a general plan for the project is developed, the leader and the group should decide what will be needed and what other leaders will be needed. 4-H parents and others adults will be willing to help with specific needs. Assistance may be needed with such things as refreshments, meeting places, transportation, speakers and tour leaders.

Although planning takes a little time, it will make the rest of the project much easier and more fun.

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There are three types of trees which are desirable: a tree which has a full canopy, a tree which has a full canopy and a tree which has a full canopy and a tree which has a full canopy.

The ideal landscape tree does not exist. Trees which have desirable features also have those that are undesirable. A tree may have beautiful flowers in the spring, only to be followed by undesirable fruit or seedpods in the fall.

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Study your landscape carefully to best determine the tree's needs. Determine where the tree is needed and for what purposes. Know how much growing room is available, as well as existing conditions such as falls, drives, overhead lines, water lines, drainage, and the overall effect the new tree will have on existing plantings in the landscape.

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County extension agents and volunteer adult leaders supervise campers at all times.

For applications or additional information, contact the county extension office in Columbus at 732-6694.

4-H leadership. An effective 4-H leader is an adult or teen leader who makes it possible for 4-Hers to get together as a group to learn and do things that would not be possible to do alone.

A good 4-H leader offers security, suggestions and support. A good leader doesn't dictate, sternly and direct all activities of the group. The group is only meaningful when individual members are the doers and leaders.

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Essential vitamins and minerals

By PEGGY KALINA

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Vitamins are organic substances which are essential to the body. They are necessary for the metabolism of carbohydrates, fats and proteins and the maintenance of health, growth and reproduction. Our bodies cannot make vitamins and we must get them from the foods we eat. There are 13 vitamins known to be essential to health. No one food contains all the vitamins we need nor can we get all our vitamins from a pill.

Minerals are inorganic substances required in very small amounts. At present, the Food and Nutrition Board considers 16 minerals essential for humans. Of these, the six needed in daily amounts of 100 milligrams or more are called major or macrominerals. They are calcium, phosphorus, magnesium, sodium, potassium and chloride. The other 10 are micronutrients, usually called "trace minerals" because they are required only in tiny amounts, some less than 1 milligram (1/28,000 of an ounce).

There are some substances promoted as "vitamins" for which no vitamin function has been established. Some of these substances are essential to the body, but not as vitamins. Some are called "phony vitamins."

1. Choline - this substance is required by rats and chickens, but not humans. Some animals make all they need from other food substances.

2. Carnitine (vitamin B-1) - this is an important compound used in fat metabolism but humans can make all they need from the amino acid lysine contained in protein.

3. Lecithin - this is made in the body and is not a vitamin. There are claims that lecithin supplements "keep blood cholesterol in solution" and prevent it from forming deposits on the wall of arteries. However, there is no scientific evidence to

support this claim.

4. Para-aminobenzoic Acid (PABA) - it is a small structural part of the B vitamin, folic acid. It is a vitamin for bacteria but not needed by humans.

5. Other "phony vitamins" include inositol, rutin, vitamin Q and U, and Lactin or B-17.

Many companies market these substances individually or in combination with essential vitamins, consumers should not be misled by claims that their absence from the diet causes disease or illness. Nor should they believe that their presence improves health in any way.

Vitamin B-6 is being promoted to help relieve Pre-menstrual Syndrome (PMS) as well as to relieve arthritis. There is no evidence to support these claims but evidence for toxicity is accumulating. There are several documented cases of severe nerve damage from massive doses of B-6 (1,000-2,700 times the RDA). Smaller amounts may interfere with other prescribed drugs, such as L-Dopa used to treat Parkinson's disease. Megadoses of B-6 also interferes with the body's utilization of B-2.

The RDA for Vitamin C is 60 mg for adults, with more needed during pregnancy and lactation. These amounts are based on the amount needed to prevent scurvy, the amount metabolized by the body daily, and the amount needed to maintain adequate reserves. Vitamin C is one of the most commonly used supplements.

More than half of the U.S. population believes that it will cure or prevent the common cold. Several carefully controlled studies have proven that Vitamin C does not prevent the common cold and does not shorten its duration.

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The project would extend FM 950 along an existing county road, from FM 102 near Matthews, eastward one mile to FM 3013.

The highway commission's approval is contingent on acceptance by Colorado County within 90 days. Local governments must agree to furnish all required right-of-way, clear of obstructions and free of cost to the State, before the highway department can proceed with engineering development and construction.

The project would go to bid in August, 1988, with an estimated cost of \$715,500.

Wilson said the rosy prospects for the spring hunt apply in the Edwards Plateau, Eastern South Texas, the Cross Timbers and Rolling Plains of West Texas.

He added that East Texas turkey populations are making a slow but steady comeback, and 1985 production was good in some areas.

Hunters should check the department's 1985-86 hunting guide, available at TPWD offices and hunting license outlets, to determine season dates and other information for the county they intend to hunt.

Rabies vaccination clinic this Saturday at Garwood school

A dog and cat rabies vaccination clinic, sponsored by the Garwood Lions Club, will be held this Saturday, March 15 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Garwood school.

Dr. R.H. Potter, veterinarian, will vaccinate the animals. \$5 per animal will be charged.

Mr. and Mrs. George Kasim Jr. and twin daughters spent Saturday and Sunday in Houston.

Enjoying a day at the Houston Zoo Monday were Carmen Jackson, Vickie Ashley, Patsy Fuller, Loretta McClelland and Blanch Johnson. They took with them the following youngsters: Chris Leigh Jackson, Nikki and Tammie Fuller, Andrew Varley, Susie and Nancy Vornand, Jenny Hajovsky, Kelley Ashley and Misty McClelland. They all enjoyed a picnic lunch in the park after their zoo.

Jake Gottschald, who suffered a brain neck in a fall at his construction job, was scheduled to undergo surgery in John Sealy Hospital Monday. Word received from friends of the family is that the surgery was postponed. Get well wishes are extended to him.

Mrs. Carmen Jackson and Mrs. Darnell Varley are co-chairmen this year for the annual bike-athon to be held this Saturday. All bike riders are to meet at the swimming pool at 10 a.m. Saturday, March 15.

Youngsters in the community will be accepting pledges through Saturday which will be forwarded to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital to help with research in the prevention and the cure of childhood cancer. Riders who collect \$25 or more will receive a t-shirt. T-shirts plus a tote bag will be awarded to those who collect \$75 or more. Refreshments will be served at the pool after the ride. Be generous when you are asked to pledge to this worthy cause. The strong, healthy children of our community are doing their part to help children that are not able to help themselves.

The First Baptist Church has unanimously voted to call Rev. Avery Sullivan as their interim pastor. Rev. Sullivan has over 30 years of preaching experience and has obtained several college degrees. He has expressed a strong desire to become acquainted with the people here and looks forward to visiting regularly. He stresses the point that he is available to be of service in any way that he may serve in a time of need in our community. We extend a hearty welcome to Rev. Sullivan and his wife Grace.

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Heritage House News

By Patricia A. Hornst

Heritage House worship services were held Sunday, March 9 conducted by Rev. Charles Ruck. A contact service was held at the church of United Methodist Church of Eagle Lake. Residents attending are thankful for the church services held each Sunday by the Ministerial Alliance and are grateful for each minister that visits our home.

Leslie Stewart and Mr. and Mrs. Chester Jones of Wharton visited our facility last Tuesday for Bible study services. The Bible study activity is so special to our residents for they learn and receive such warm feelings when it is over. Mrs. Cecil Jones entertained residents on the piano and they sang religious tunes at the beginning of Bible study.

Our special thanks to Mrs. Fay Anderson who also visited during Bible study and conducted an exercise session for everyone. Our residents deeply love the Bible Study teachers and Ms. Fay for they bring such love, smiles and warm feelings when they visit.

We viewed a very enlightening old movie this past Thursday in the dining area of Heritage House. "Life with Father" was shown to a large number of residents. The movie was about a family in the late 1800's and about the head of the household who did not want to be baptized in church. At the end, "father" was baptized and "mother" was very happy. Everyone enjoyed the lengthy film and the refreshments served during the picture show.

The Matagorda Bays chapter of the Gulf Coast Conservation Association has received a donation of PVC (plastic) pipe from J-M Manufacturing company of Wharton. This pipe is to be used for expansion of the satellite refishery ponds at the Dow Chemical Plant in Freeport. This project was initiated by the Brazoria County chapter of GCCA in cooperation with Dow.

Construction of the original three acre pond was begun last summer and completed in the fall. In mid-October 1.2 million refishery spawned at the GCCA John Wilson Hatchery near Corpus Christi.

The pond was slowly drained until November 12 when 945,000 fingerlings were collected. Officials of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, Gulf Coast Conservation Association and Dow were excited over the high survival rate (79%) which they attribute to the presence of higher concentrations of nutrients in bay waters along the upper Texas Coast.

The fingerlings were transported to nearby Christmas Bay and released. Future stockings of refishery are scheduled for East and West Matagorda Bays next summer and fall.

The project expansion will include construction of 3 additional ponds on adjacent land provided by Dow. The Matagorda Bays chapter will continue to assist in the acquisition of additional materials for the facility.

Larry Cannon, manager of the services, obtained approval for the donation. J-M Manufacturing Company, a subsidiary of Formosa Plastics USA, is located on Hwy. 59 at FM 102.

Staff Sgt. Walter R. Williams Jr., son of Walter R. and Margaret L. Williams of Alleyton, has been decorated with the Army achievement medal in West Germany.

The achievement medal is awarded to soldiers for meritorious service, acts of courage, or other accomplishments.

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