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Legionnaires toy drive a big success

W. Cherry-M. Perry Post 108 of the American Legion played the role of Santa Claus' helpers last week and delivered toys to 134 children in 49 families in this community to help brighten their Christmas.

Many toys were contributed by many local citizens and others were purchased with cash contributions from other citizens of the area. Legionnaires estimate that over eight hundred toys of all description, from bicycles to stuffed animals, dolls, games, etc. were included in the deliveries.

Post Commander Fred Frnka expressed appreciation, in behalf of all members of Post 108 and their spouses, for the very generous responses in the second annual toy drive conducted by the Legion Post. "Your gifts of toys and cash, with which to buy toys, were a true expression of the love and concern for the less fortunate of the community," commented the post commander. "Thanks also to the Legionnaires and spouses who worked to bag the toys and to make deliveries and to businesses which assisted in the toy drive, namely Wilcox Minimax, Struss Auto Supply and Laker Printing."

Plans are already underway to repeat the project next year!

Prairie Edge Museum officially open

The Prairie Edge Museum opened again to the public on Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 15th and 16th. Morales Construction headed by Mike Morales, served as general contractor installing insulation, new ceiling, and carpenter work; Shindler Electric re-wired most of the building and installed new light fixtures; David Webster of EB Air Conditioning designed and installed four five-ton Lennox heating and cooling units to supplement an existing five-ton unit previously donated by the Farris 1912 Hotel. Painting and re-arranging displays is being done by curators Rollin Baker, Lloyd Spalinger, Louis Schorlemmer and Wm. H. Harrison.

Financing for the improvements was provided by a grant from the Meadows Foundation of Dallas and local matching funds from the generous citizens of Eagle Lake and friends of Prairie Edge.

Becky Chamberlain, hostess, or Sunday from 2 to 5 p.m. for a visit. Special group tours can be arranged. During of April the museum will be open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day.



Re-opening ribbon cutting

These brave souls ignored the cold a week ago Saturday to officially re-open The Prairie Edge Museum. The honor of cutting the ribbon was given to Mayor Roy Van Nort. Shivering along with the mayor were Helen and Kenneth Craig, Rollin Baker, Joe Lee McCreary, Lloyd Spalinger, Mike Morales, Mary Baker, Jenie Leopold, Rev. Obie Rhodes, Philip Leopold and Louise Spalinger.

Eagle Lake to receive grant for community development project

Bill Taylor, executive director of the Texas Department of Commerce, announced recently that 175 grants totaling \$33,064,769 are being awarded by Commerce through the Texas Community Development Program. These awards are the culmination of an annual eight-month competition among Texas communities for the funds. Eagle Lake will receive \$350,000 for sewage treatment plant improvements including sludge drying bed renovations, sludge digester modifications, influent lift station rewiring, sludge recirculation life station, aeration blowers/air diffuser, chlorination system, flow recorder measurement structure and an outfall line.

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projects, such as water and sewer system improvements, housing assistance and planning studies, principally to benefit low and moderate income persons.

"The injection of \$33 million into local economies around the state will not only provide a stimulus for economic growth, but will generate new jobs as well," Taylor said.

Since Commerce began administering the Community Development Fund program in 1987, it has awarded \$183.6 million, including the \$33 million awarded on December 21. Since 1983, the program has awarded some \$230 million to Texas communities.

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Development Fund and the Special Impact Fund. The majority of the awards are made under the Community Development Fund. These projects were selected through a comprehensive scoring system between Commerce and Regional Review Committees, each comprised of 12 local elected officials appointed by the Governor, from each of the 24 planning regions of the state. Funding recommendations made by those bodies were reviewed and approved by the State Development Review Committee.

"The results of the regional competitions indicate that basic human needs are being addressed, which is a primary objective of the Texas Community Development Fund," Taylor said.

(See City Grant, Page 8)

SCD has another productive year

Since the 1990 year has come to a close, the Colorado Soil and Water Conservation District would like to share with you a report of activities which took place during the past year.

This report recognizes the conservation needs in Colorado County and the assistance given to landusers in solving the conservation problems. Conservation of our natural resources is a job we must all be busy about if we are going to continue producing food, and fiber for future generations.

Began 43 years ago

The Colorado SWCD was organized by a vote of the landowners in 1947. Since that time 940 landowners and operators have become conservation cooperators with the District. Conservation plans have been developed with these cooperators who have applied conservation practices on more than 233,880 acres of land in Colorado County.

The five-member board of directors supervise the operations and are concerned with all aspects of the community environment in addition to the planning and application of conservation practices on the farms, ranches, and other lands in the county.

George Cason of Eagle Lake is chairman of the district board, Melvin Albright of Weimar serves as vice chairman and Theodore Schultz of Fayetteville is secretary-treasurer of the board. Herbert Engstrom of Garwood, Elton Litzmann of Alleyton are the other elected members of the board and Clara Horn is the district secretary.

(See SWCD Report, Page 8)

Ministerial Alliance sponsoring prayer breakfast

Rev. Charles C. Miller, Jr., Alliance President

The Eagle Lake Ministerial Alliance is sponsoring an Ecumenical Prayer Breakfast on Thursday, January 10th in Didner Hall at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church at 6:30 a.m.

Breakfast will be Continental (coffee and sweet-rolls).

The Prayer, directed and free, spontaneous and traditional, individual and group, will be directed toward peace in the Middle East, urgent as the January 15th deadline for Iraqi withdrawal from Kuwait approaches.

The whole community is invited to come and pray, intently, briefly, sharing, as their day begins. Thirty to forty minutes is the expected duration of the meeting.

"The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective." James 5:16b (NRSV).

Newsbriefs

Emergency care attendant course

An Emergency Care Attendant (ECA) course will be held at the Eagle Lake Ambulance Hall (above the Police Station) beginning January 7 at 7:00 p.m. The group will meet on Monday and Wednesday nights until 10:00 p.m.

This course is the lowest entry level training to become an ambulance attendant but it is open to the public. Anyone who wishes to attend the course to gain knowledge of emergency first aid for their own purpose is welcome.

The cost of the course is \$50.00 plus the text book, which will be about \$20.00. This fee need not be paid the night of registration. Arrangements can be made. Colorado County Volunteer Ambulance Cops members need not pay for the course.

If you are planning to join the Ambulance Corps, you should get your application in before the course starts. No one who is interested should let financial considerations keep them away. The training coordinator will be glad to arrange terms.

If you are interested, please call June Mahalic at 234-2678 as soon as possible so that text books will be available on the first night of class.

Study Club program, "Women and Living"

Wednesday, Jan. 9th, at 2 p.m., members of the Eagle Lake Study Club and their guests will gather at the Eula and David Wintermann Library to hear the Rev. Russell D. Minter, Rector of Christ Church here in Eagle Lake present a program entitled "Women and Living".

This will be a splendid opportunity to hear about outstanding women as revealed through literature. The Rev. Minter has been the pastor of Christ Church for the past year and one half. He also spends one day a week in Houston at Ben Taub Hospital where he teaches a Clinical Pastoral Education course to ministers training to be Hospital Chaplains.

Set aside the afternoon of January 9th to enrich your own life by hearing this program.

Defensive driving course scheduled

A Defensive Driving Course has been scheduled by retired DPS Sergeant Gilbert Kiel in Eagle Lake on Jan. 8 and 9. The class hours will be from 6:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. The location will be the Wintermann Library, 101 North Walnut St., in Eagle Lake.

To pre-register for the course call 234-2042 or report to the class room a few minutes early. Completion of the course can be used for a dismissal of a traffic violation or a discount on auto insurance for a three year period.

Cranek heads his last Commissioners' Court meeting

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raise some \$20,000 (a one-time monetary donation) to help fund the program.

The court also moved to allow Riceland to use the Waldvogel home as an expansion to its current offices with Riceland taking on the expense of renovating the building.

In other business, the court:

- Approved an application from San Bernard Electric Co-op to erect several power lines along County Road 106;
- Approved the two-year appointments of 82 people to the County Historical Commission;
- Approved a 20-ton load zone for County Road 109 from State Highway 1693 to Vic Shilling Road in Precinct 1;
- Approved the appointment of T.J. Smith to the 9-1-1 Regional Committee to replace E.F. Kochweip upon his resignation;
- Tabled action pertaining to the transfer of duties of the indigent health care coordinator and bill payer to the office of county treasurer effective March 1;
- Approved a contract with Fort Bend County for juvenile detention and with a psychiatrist to provide juvenile counseling per a juvenile grant;
- Approved a changed in the Houston-Galveston Area Council by-laws;
- Received official notice of the resignation of Colorado County Agriculture Extension Agent Leroy Hajdik;
- Granted the county auditor's office permission to use the Sharp copier from Justice of the Peace Precinct 5 Mary Ordner's office until her replacement, Francis Truchard, needs it;
- Discussed the potential problem of a skeet shooting and rifle range near a new Opportunity Center outside of Eagle Lake;
- Discussed a building permit ordinance as requested by Bobby Zajack, county engineer;
- Recognized letters from Dr. Tom Hancher concerning acknowledgment of UMB holding the indigent health care contract for the county; Petroleum Funds Inc. concerning the reimbursement of overcharges from 1973-81, and Colorado County Central Appraisal District concerning the possibility of the office being forced to move out of the courthouse. The court will discuss the latter at its January meeting; and
- Moved to advertise for a county depository.