Sheridan News

By Velma Kutzer

The Second Sheridan Community Reunion was held March 29, 30 and 31 with a large crowd attending each gathering. Fifty-six attended the buffet supper Friday evening in the community center. The only couples who registered Friday night, but were unable to attend the day-long affair Saturday was Mr. and Mrs. Dallar of Brookshire and Bill and Jana Spangler.

Saturday, the following people registered at the Sheridan School: Alvas Spittler Nottingham, Joyce Kincheloe Williamson, Joe and Ora Kincheloe Vanak, Ed and Gladys Nay, Bob and Jean Chappel Barker, Eddie Ray and Lois Taylor, David and Linda Taylor, Julia Davis Laird, Robin Tesch, Violet Herrington and Melvin Fuller.

Also, Bernice Varley McCauly, Alice Balusek Hinze, E.J. and Mildred Criswell Eskine, David and Nancy Criswell Allgayer, Carol Spittler Edwards, Omi Kincheloe, Betty Briscoe Layton, Lillian Briscoe Allen, Marlene Tesch Middleton, Virginia Varley and Janis Chappell Gilley.

Also, Bill and Ravena Chappell, Boots and Cooter Briscoe Quinney and Jessica, John and Georgia Schilhab Hoggatt, Wesley Buchanek, Patrica Buchanek David, Velma Schilhab Kutzer, Pat Rogers Kocijan, Tony and Tammy Walker Weid and sons, Judy Gosney LeNormand, Kelley, Kayla and Staci Lloyd and Greg Cover.

Also, Albert and Earlene Botard, Fred Grahmann, Bill and Linda Cousins Davidson, Dennis Winton, Roy and Annie Eaton, Richard Varley, Lola Moseley Pustejovsky, Lamme Pustejovsky, Oland Pustejovsky, Cheryl Hinze Orchard and Jack and Debbie Duncan Vawter.

Also, Mildred Thompson, Ike and Ann Peterson, Dolores Sonntag Mole, Weldon and Susie Briscoe, Sophie and Burnet Jones, Shannon, Kim and Aimie Smith, Anna Benoist Hester, Kenneth (Bill) Varner, Bobbye Varner and Chris Varner.

Also, Larry and Darnell Blanchard Varley, Mack and Sandra Kloss Botard and children, Rex Chappell, Phil and Dolores Schneider, J.B. and Jewell Ross, Paul Swearingen, Deanne and Donna Kincheloe Gullett, Marjorie Criswell McIntosh, Ed Varley, Billie Sparlin and Jane Kincheloe Svec.

Also, Ray and Elosie Creek, Verlee Newmann Cole, Jeannie Briscoe Barletta, W.C. and Audrey Dupree, Gilbert and Delene Hollub, Warren and Sonia Franklin Menking, La Verne Muehr Chovanetz, Rida Hinze Chovanetz, Patti New Nolte and children, Dean and Betty Varley and Richard and Margie Schilhab Paige.

Also, June Schilhab Pilsner, Jackie Boartz, Carmen Potter Jackson and Chris, Hugo and Annette Helmcamp, Charles and Clayton Armstrong, Sherry and Buddy Armstrong, Rachael Helmcamp, Jed and Nanette Helmcamp, Lisa Helmcamp, Clara Belle Johnson Rabel and Linda and Deanna Boatman.

Also, Don Spittler, Barron and Juanita Kirk, Delbert Coleman, Franklin and Trisha Walker, Alan, Debbie, Zack and Ty Kloss, Wayne and Natalie Dupre, Frank, Jeanne, and Frank II McClain.

Also, Karen and Richard Murphy, Mick and Joan Westhoff, Earl Smith, Lavo, Ruth and Regina Brisco, Butch and Ruth Fuller Brinkmeyer, Bobbie and Gus Krienke, Thelston and Eula Raye Moseley, Nicole and Jeff Moseley, Martha Scott and Randy Bell.

Also, Evelyn Whitley Klekar, Guy Botard, Carl and Gaylon Winton, A.J. Brisco, Hulda Kelly Hobbs, Traylor Walker, Shelby Sonntag Simmons, Georgia and Harvey Criswell, Joe L. Schilhab, Florence McShan and Connie Criswell Laake.

Also, Jerry and Maye Beth Potter Brocker, Lara Dupre, Michael Palmer, Sharon Grahmann, Franklin, Trisha and Brandy Walker, Ben Smith, Willie and Billie Rae Denbow, Hume and Nelda Baker, Kennette McKennon Woytek and Vera Tesch.

Also, Tom and Sadie Eaton, Lloyd and Donnie Spittler, O.H. and Lassie Spittler, Vera Muehr, Bill and Lillian Gohlke, Frank and Mary Gosney, Cindy Quinney Gohlke and sons, C.W. and Mary De Shazo, Janet Briscoe Castillo, Ervin Briscoe and Pat and Jeanette McKennon.

Also, Lowell and Carla Rogers, Nina Merle Criswell Matthews, Jean and Zelda Brisco Walker, Harmon Moseley, Elvin and Ora Criswell Tesch, Patsy Esparza, Louis and David Esparza, Dale Loner, A.T. and Teel Blanchard, Ed and Dot Botard Janak, J.D. and Mary Whitley Ashley.

Also, Rae Bell, Bill and Shirley Spittler, Autrey and Nita Monroe, Leola Kloss, James and Maxine Kincheloe Moore and children, Irma Helmcamp, Joyce Helmcamp Svoboda, Warren Dupre, Roy and Patsy Zuehlke Pettiette, Lee E. Botard, Celia Hall Spittler and Gary.

Also, J.L. and Laneil Peterson Vawter, Pete and Steven Schilhab, Jo Lynn McShan, Vera Vawter Alleway, Isam and Helen Brisco, Beverly Botard High, Dollie Botard, Hellene Brisco Meith, Ace and Vi Williams, Mary L. Criswell, Willard and Irene Hagendorf, Chantelle and Nancy Chabreck, Janelle Renfrow and Darryle Hinze.

Thirty-five attended the Sunday morning breakfast which concluded the event.

Sheridan shines at UIL Contest

Sheridan UIL contestants went to the district meet at Brookshire Royal, Friday, March 8th. Sheridan thanks these students for their hard work and enthusiasm. The participants were:

Second grade: Robyn Alleway, Jessie Werner and Joshua Spangenberg all participated in Storytelling.

Third grade: Danielle Tesch, Kimberly Smith and Tiiu McGee, Storytelling; Chanda Coxwell, Erica Fuentes and Dustin Brisco, Spelling.

Fourth grade: Matthew Milentz and Paul Hadac, Number Sense; Stacy Rodriquez, Johnny Slawinski, Eric Sanders and Matthew Milentz, Spelling; Johnny Slawinski and Leslie Kershner, Ready Writing; Tommy Garza, Thomas Pittman and Trish Chisum, Picture Memory.

Fifth grade: Rafael Rangel, Jeremy Gohlke, Jennifer Hajovsky and Crystal Frenzel, Oral Reading; Courtney Garza and Karen Kazmir, Number Sense; Courtney Garza, Kimberly Axel, Christy Kincheloe and Joshua Godley, Spelling; Rafael Rangel, Jeremy Gohlke, Jenny Hajovsky and Kimberly Axel, Dictionary Skills; Rafael Rangel, Jenny Hajovsky, Michelle Carey, Hellena Banks and Michael Brown, Ready Writing.

Sixth grade: Andrea Machac, Leah Brisco, Lea Ann Spangenberg, Nerissa Brisco, Oral Reading; Leah Brisco, Nerissa Brisco, James Ortiz, Ready Writing; Lea Ann Spangenberg, Brian Ford and James Ortiz, Number Sense; Nerissa Brisco, Charley LeBouef, James Ortiz and Misty Tesch, Calculator Applications; Alfred Estrada, Brian Ford, Nerissa Brisco and Rogelio Estrada, Spelling; Lea Ann Spangenberg, Leah Brisco, Andrea Machac and James Ortiz, Dictionary Skills.

Seventh grade: Leigh Jackson, Ready Writing; Lindsay Bujnoch, Aimie Smith and Jodi heard, Oral Reading; Leigh Jackson, Nani Ramos and Jodi Heard, Number Sense; Nikki Fuller, Marsha Denison and Leigh Jackson, Spelling; Nikki Fuller, Leigh Jackson, Christy Kazmir and Nani Ramos, Calculator Applications; Jodi Heard, Lindsay Bujnoch and Nani Ramos, Life Science; Nani Ramos, Dictionary Skills.

Eighth grade: Mandy Ortiz, Dictionary Skills; Sharon Grahmann, Spelling; Byron Dupre and Chad Girndt, Calculator Applications and Number Sense.

Lieutenant George E. Adams of the Harris County Sheriff's Department (third from left) is pictured with Sheriff Johnny Klevenhagen, his wife Candy Adams and his mother Thelma Adams of Eagle Lake. Adams was promoted to the rank of Captain. He has been employed with Harris County since August of 1973 and is presently assigned to the Jail Division on San Jacinto in Houston.

Students who placed

Fourth grade
Ready Writing: Johnny Slawinski, 1st place and Leslie Kershner, 2nd.

Fifth grade
Dictionary Skills: Jenny Hajovsky, 1st place. Ready Writing: Jenny Hajovsky, 1st; Michael Brown, 2nd; Michelle Carey, 3rd; Rafael Rangel, 4th; and Hellena Banks, 5th. Oral Reading: Rafael Rangel, 5th place.

Sixth grade
Oral Reading: Leah Brisco, 1st; Andrea Machac, 2nd. Calculator, Nerissa Brisco, 3rd. Ready Writing: Nerissa Brisco, 1st; Leah Brisco, 2nd; and James Ortiz, 3rd.

Seventh grade
Ready Writing: Leigh Jackson, 1st. Oral Reading: Jodi Heard, 4th. Calculator: Nikki Fuller, 6th.

Eighth grade
Spelling: Sharon Grahmann, 2nd place.

Drug Council to hold awards banquet April 11

The Colorado Valley Council on Drug and Alcohol Abuse in La Grange is planning their annual awards banquet for April 11 at 7 p.m at the Schulenburg Civic Center.

The keynote speaker for the evening will be Mr. John O'Neill, who along with his wife, Pat, co-authored the book, Help to Get Help: When Someone Else's Drinking or Drugging is Hurting You!, and have presented educational programs nationally to more than 750,000 people and are frequent media guests.

Mr. O'Neill is the executive director of the Alcoholism and Drug Research Communication Center. The Center is devoted to improving the flow of information betweeen research scientists, health professionals, the media and the general public. He is also a certified alcohol and drug abuse counselor who specialized in especially difficult and challenging interventions.

The public is invited and urged to attend. Tickets which are $10 each may be purchased from a director or at the drug council office located at 258 W. Pearl or by calling 409-968-9585.

Locals complete nurse aid training

Sweetbriar Nursing Home #144 of Columbus is pleased to announce that the following students have successfully completed the 80-hour state approved nurse aide training program: Orrenna Miller, Rock Island; Sharon Simmons and Lillian Williams, Eagle Lake; Portia Wilson, Glidden.

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Eagle Lake Middle School News

Fourth six weeks honor roll

The following students at the Eagle Lake Middle School made the honor roll for the fourth six-weeks period.

Third grade: Tabitha Connor, Jason Edwards, Amy Fearing, Kimberly Lott, Shawn Lujan, Dustin Mills, Shaneiqua Moody, Denise Mortensen, Jamesangela Phillips, Brandon Shanks, Rose Sosa, Sharla Wauls.

Fourth grade: Rebal Canaris, Ginger Case, Kasey Eubanks, Valerie Galvan, Matthew Gertson, Ralph Gertson, Lori Grigar, Brian Hadley, Amalie Kucherka, Kurt Rodgers, Holli Shindler, Amanda Sosa, Lisa Valigura, Danielle Witte.

Fifth grade: Christy Aldridge, Jessica Briscoe, Jonathan Burrow, Tiffany Castro, Fulton Dromgoole, Clinton Gertson, Stralecia Johnson, James Lamkin, Alexis Marshall, Kelli Matthys, Kerri McGaughey, Deeann Meehan, Frances Mrkwa, Amy Obenhaus, Vanessa Rodgers, Adela Rodriguez, Nency Rodriguez, Mildred Smith, Charles Stephens, Latoya Timms, Benjamin Turner, Risa Waddell, Britni Wood.

Sixth grade: Kelly Almanza, Bridget Baird, Sarah Buckner, Josefina Castillo, Corina Chamberlain, Willie Cleveland, Adriana Cordova, Kyle Fink, James Garcia, Sunny Gertson, Shara Glaiser, Ivoone Gonzalez, John Grigar, Alicia Hengst, Gracie Hernandez, Dustin Hruzek, Wilbert Kucherka, Consuelo Longoria, Sara Mann, Angelica Martinez, Diana Pantoja, Timothy Powers, Emelda Ramirez, Ramona Rivera, Justin Rodgers, Janel Romero, Robyn Rucka, Gina Sides, Christopher Soto, George Weller, Sarah Wetzel.

Seventh grade: Rebecca Burrow, Christian Cordova, Kristi Gertson, Garett Hagendorf, Nicholas Hengst, Sarah Matthews, Rachel Matthys, Valerie Moreno, Cortney Parker, Stephanie Rivera, Billie Jean Salazar, Jill Satsky, Michelle Spanihel.

Eighth grade: Meredith Anderson, Jana Buckner, Janil Chapman, Ralph Esparza, Lakeisha Fry, Nancy Hernandez, Roberto Hernandez, Christal Lockett, Robin McClanahan, Kimberly Miller, Christina Rodriguez, Kelly Thomson, Maribel Valles, Ginger Ward, Jessica Whisnant.

Rock group visits

On Wednesday, March 27, the Eagle Lake Middle School students were treated to a special performance by a rock group that goes by the name of "Free Fare". The free assembly began at 9:30 a.m. and lasted until 10:10 a.m. This group travels on tour around the country performing concerts to schools only. They also talked to the students about the importance of staying in school and staying drug and alcohol free. This activity was sponsored by the RAD (Raiders Against Drugs) group.

On Thursday, March 28, the group came back for a performance that began at 2:45 and was over at 4:15. There were a little over 200 students attending and a charge of $6 per student was required for admission. The group not only performed the songs well liked by the students, but they also did skits and got the students involved in some of them. The concert was enjoyed by all students attending.

Mrs. Morgan's 4th graders enjoy pizza party

The 4th grade class of Mrs. June Morgan has been actively involved in a literary program that began in October of this school year. Recently the Pizza Hut's National Reading Incentive Program "Book It" was concluded. Mrs. Morgan is proud to announce all of her hard working students were eligible for a free pizza party because the class met their reading goals for the five month program.

The party was held Wednesday, March 27 in the ELMS cafeteria. Students in attendance included Sonia Amos, Brandon Besch, Ginger Case, Jennifer Christ, Drue Dulany, Marvin Garza, Cori Gertson, Matt Gertson, Justin Jobe, Zack Marland, Edmee Molina, George Morales, La Toya Parker, Ronnie Peronie, Dena Pustejovsky, Joe Romo, Carrie Semora, Susana Silva, Joey Sommerlatte, Coy Sunderman, Brenda Torres, Richard Vargas, Jermaine Williams and Kasey Eubanks.

The entire class wishes to thank the Sealy Pizza Hut for sponsoring the national program, and Ms. Billie Jean Case for volunteering to pick up and deliver the pizza for the party.

Students perform well in UIL contests

The Eagle Lake Middle School participated in the U.I.L. Contest at Brookshire Royal Friday, March 8. Following are the results of the events in which the students participated:

Spelling
Sixth grade: Sunny Gertson, 6th place. Seventh grade: Rachel Matthys, 5th place.

Picture Memory
Fourth grade: Amanda Meehan, Rebal Canaris, Danielle Witte, Holli Schindler and Lori Grigar, 4th place. Fifth grade: Kerri McGaughey, Jarmarcus Brooks, Vanessa Rodgers, Kelli Matthys, Britni Wood and Frances Mrkwa (alt), 6th place.

Music Memory
Fifth grade: Deah Hutchison, DeeAnn Meehan, Jason Waddell and Tiffany Wilkerson, 2nd place. Sixth grade: Nicole Chamberlain, Bridget Baird, Joy Hengst, Shara Glaiser and Robyn Rucka, 2nd place.

Oral Reading
Fifth grade: Britni Wood, 1st place; Jake Lamkin, third; and Risa Waddell, 4th. Sixth grade: Sara Mann, 6th place. Seventh grade: Kate Weller, 1st place. Eighth grade; Shea McClanahan, 1st place; Breana Wood, 6th.

Impromptu Speaking
Seventh grade: Courtney Parker, 3rd place; B.J. Salazar, 4th. Eighth grade: Kelly Thomson, 1st.

Modern Oratory
Kelly Thomson, 4th place.

Listening
Sixth grade: Bridget Baird, 6th place.

Dictionary Skills
Fifth grade: Jessica Briscoe, 5th place.

Calculator Application
Sixth grade: Gina Sides, 4th; Dustin Hruzek, 5th; and Trey Kucherka, 6th. Eighth grade: Nancy Hernandez, 5th.

Number Sense
Eighth grade: Nancy Hernandez, 3rd place; Eddie Esparza, 5th. Sixth grade: Willie Cleveland, 6th place. Fourth grade: Amalie Kucherka, 6th place.

Ready Writing
Third grade: Denise Mortenson, 1st place; Shawn Lujan, 2nd; Domingo Sosa, 3rd; and Amy Fearing, 4th. Fourth grade: Valerie Galvan, 1st; Amalie Kucherka, 2nd; Ideth Gonzalez, 3rd; and Dawn Schwemm, 4th. Fifth grade: Amanda Dusek, 1st; Kerri McGaughey, 2nd; Adela Rodriguez, 3rd; and Jose Garza, 4th. Sixth grade: Lance Grigar, 1st; Sunny Gertson, 2nd; Kyle Fink, 3rd; and Timothy Powers, 4th. Seventh grade: Rachel Matthys, 1st; Jill Satsky, 2nd; Rebecca Burrow, 3rd; Cortney Parker, 4th; and B.J. Salazar, 5th. Eighth grade: Breana Wood, 1st.

Cub Scouts hold Pinewood Derby

Cub Scout Pack 3078 held its annual Pinewood Races Saturday, March 23rd. Pictured are the winners in each division.

They are from left: front row, William Ramirez, Wolf division, 1st place; Joshua Foster, Tiger division, 1st place; Robert Ramirez, Tiger division, 2nd place; and Jordan Konesheck, Tiger division, Best Design. Pictured in the back row are: from left, Clint Mueller, Wolf division, Best Design; Christopher McCreary, Wolf division, 2nd place; Jacob Foster, Bear division, 1st place; and Jeffrey Morales, Bear division, 2nd place and Best Design. Grand Champion for the pack went to Jacob Foster.

Games This Week!

April 5 ..... Rice Baseball vs. Sealy*, Here, 5 & 7:30 p.m.
April 6 ..... ELMS Track Teams at Sealy (District Meet)
April 9 ..... Rice Baseball at Columbus*, 5 & 7:30 p.m.
*District games

First round of District golf

In the first 18 of 36 holes of District 20-AAA golf played at La Grange, Rice Raider Todd Mascheck led medalist play with a score of 88. Raider Shane Glaiser scored third in medalist play with a score of 98.

In team play La Grange High School led the first round with a score of 343, followed by Columbus with 345 and Bellville with 349. The final 18 hole round was to be played Monday, April 8 at Stephen F. Austin Golf Course at San Felipe.

Colorado Soil, Water awards banquet held

The Columbus High School cafeteria was again fully packed with students, parents, teachers and other friends of Conservation, for the annual Awards Banquet held Thursday night, March 21, 1991.

With a combined group of county and local politicians, parents, teachers, conservationists and dignitaries, those people who have made contributions to the conservation efforts in Colorado County, were recognized and honored.

State and area representatives present for the banquet were Clyde Gottschalk, Information Specialist of Temple and his wife; C.R. "Dick" Schendel, member of the State Board and his wife of Goliad; Roy Freeman, Area III Field Representative for the State Board and his wife, Betty; and Dexter Svetlik, Area Conservationist with the Soil Conservation Service from Victoria. Other special guests included Jerome Wicke and Leon Spanihel, County Commissioners and their wives.

In July of 1989, an Environmental Educational Committee, made up of retired teachers and interested parents of school children, was formed. Their goal is to promote conservation of our natural resources through the contests sponsored by the Colorado Coil and Water Conservation District. The total number of entries in the coloring, poster and essay contest in the 1988-89 school year was 461. With the expert knowledge, experience and guidance of all committee members and with the district directors approval, the contest entries have greatly increased. Last year there was a total of 1,400 entries int he coloring, poster and essay contests. This year the total entries was 1,922. All students entering the contests receive a ribbon. Students in each class in each grade receive a first, second, third, fourth or participation ribbon in each category. From all first place winners in the county in each category, the district winners are selected.

The district winners in the coloring, poster and essay contests, as published in the February 14, 1991 issue of The Eagle Lake Headlight, were introduced and presented awards. At the same time, the parents and teachers of each student were recognized.

Other awards presented were for the Conservation Minister, Business, Teacher, Absentee Rancher, Resident Conservation Farmer and Conservation Homemaker.

Rev. Jerry Adkins received the Conservation Minister Award. Jerry is a former rancher, who heard and answered the Lord's call, having started in the ministry in Weimar in 1986.

Charles Herzik, Vice President and Business Manager for M-G, Inc. received the Conservation Business Award. He has been employed by M-G for the last 34 years and is a great promoter of Conservation.

Tracey Wegenhoft, a teacher at St. Anthony's Columbus, is the recipient of the Conservation Teacher Award. Tracey is a young, energetic, enthusiastic teacher who loves to get her students involved in Conservation Activities as she teaches them.

The Absentee Rancher Award was presented to Ernest Prihoda of the Brushy Community. In the late '60s, Ernest purchased 53 acres of land that was badly in need of good conservation. Since that time he has constructed a pond, planted grass for grazing, pecan trees for nuts, pine and oak trees for shade for the livestock and wildlife as well as to protect the soil from erosion.

"Family Operation", that's what the directors called the Resident Conservation Farmer award when the plaque was presented to the Charles Glueck Family. Charles and Mildred "Mickey" Glueck and their seven children are all actively involved in the farming operation.

Doris Albright of the New Bielau Community was the recipient of the Conservation Homemaker Award. This was a complete surprise to her and not even her husband, Melvin, a district director, knew of the choice until two days before the banquet.

The Directors of the Colorado Soil and Water Conservation District want to thank every one who helped in any way to make the banquet the success it was.

Bastrop to hold 'Yesterfest'

Recapture the spirit of Texas frontier and celebrate the tricentennial of the Old San Antonio Road at the fourth annual Yesterfest!

There will be children's activities, entertainment, pioneer foods, historical exhibits and hands-on demonstrations for the entire family. Admission is $2 for adults, 12-18 years, $1 and 11 years and under get in free. Free shuttle bus service from HEB/Walmart and Bastrop High School.

For information call the Bastrop Chamber of Commerce at 512-321-2419.

FmHA announces new interest assistance program

The Farmers Home Administration is launching a new program to help local farmers obtain credit from local lenders, according to Neal Sox Johnson, FmHA State Director for Texas.

Known as the Interest Assistance Program, it provides strong incentives for commercial lenders to make loans to farmers who otherwise could not qualify.

Under the new program, FmHA will pay up to 4 percentage points of interest for farmers to help them qualify for FmHA guaranteed loans. "If a credit-worthy farmer can't cash flow with a guaranteed bank loan at regular interest rates, we can pay part of that interest for him until he can," Johnson said.

The percentage of interest FmHA will pay depends on the financial condition of the farmer. FmHA will pay only the number of points necessary to help the farmer cash flow with a small reserve.

An FmHA guaranteed loan is made by a bank, PCA, or other lender with an agreement from FmHA that if the loan goes bad, FmHA will compensate the lender for up to 90% of its loss. "That guarantee plus the new interest assistance," Johnson said, "should greatly increase availability of credit through the private sector."

The program, made law in late 1990, was put on a fast track, so as to assist farmers in time for the 1991 planting season," Johnson added.

According to Johnson, the level of interest assistance will be adjusted each year, based on a review of the borrower's need for continued assistance. In addition, a borrower must be able to project a positive cash flow, including a 10 percent debt-service reserve to qualify for assistance. This is the same rule for guaranteed farm loans not receiving interest assistance.

Additional details can be obtained from any FmHA county or district office or from the FmHA state office at 101 South Main, Suite 102, Temple, Texas 76501.

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Steps for a greener lawn

Here are some lawn care tips that will help keep your lawn greener with less water and work.

•Cutting your grass too short allows the soil to dry out quicker, increasing the need for more frequent watering. Keep the grass at the height at which it grows best: Common Bermuda, 1-1/2"; St. Augustine, Buffalo and Zoysia, 2". All of these grasses can be cut a half inch higher (except for st. Augustine, which should grow to 3") in high traffic and shaded areas of your lawn. (Buffalo grass doesn't grow well in shade).

•Leave the clippings on the lawn. The thin layer will help to hold moisture in the soil and protect the roots from the sun. As decomposition set in, clippings add nutrients to the soil.

•Applying too much fertilizer will increase water and mowing needs and the vulnerability of the grass to insects and disease. Fertilize only twice a year, in the spring and early fall. To avoid over-fertilizing, calculate the amount of fertilizer needed at a rate of one pound of nitrogen per 1,000 square feet. Divide the first number of the mixture, such as 15-5-10, into 100. Multiply that number by the number of pounds recommended for your particular lawn grass (Bermuda, 2-3; St Augustine, 1-2; Buffalo, 1/2) and apply only that amount per 1,000 square feet. For example, for St. Augustine divide 100 by 15=7 X 2=14 pounds of fertilizer per 1,000 sq. ft.

•Use slow-release fertilizers (ratios of 3-1-2), which promote even, long-term growth instead of quick-release products which give only a short spurt of grown and require more watering.

•Sharpen your mower blades every year. Dull blades tear the grass, which becomes stressed, requiring more water.

•Water when your lawn begins to show footprints, and water slowly and deeply. Make sure that water goes down about 4 inches into the soil. A soaker hose is the best way to water but if you use a sprinkler, use on that shoots the water out low to the ground rather than high in the air where much of the water will evaporate.

•The best time to water is in the early morning. By contrast, consistent watering at night can leave your lawn more susceptible to disease.

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• Take tablets and capsules with liquid such as water or juice.

• Swallowing a liquid before taking tablets/capsules lubricates the esophagus and helps ease the passage of the medicine to the stomach.

• If tablets or capsules do not go down easily, stand up. The pull of gravity may help move the medicine into the stomach.

• Swallow the medicine quickly. Certain coated tablets and capsules may stick in the throat unless they come in contact with adequate amounts of saliva. This may result in choking or blockage of the esophagus. Soft fruit provides a smooth coating for medicines. Eat a banana if tablets or capsules become lodged in the throat.

• Do not crush or cut tablets or capsules unless you first talk to the pharmacist. Some medicines lose their effectiveness when cut or crushed.