

Sheridan News

By Velma Kutzer

The first PTS sponsored volleyball tournament and horseshoe pitching contest took place Saturday at Logan Park. It was a huge success. Ten teams entered the volleyball tournament with the following winners:

First place went to the Head Shots. Team members were Cindy Pflughaupt, Wayne Pflughaupt, Gary Pflughaupt, Krista Steck, Betty Supak and Danny Hill.

In second place were the Thunder Spikes, consisting of Cedric Popp, JoAnn Popp, Minnie Williamson, Diane Machinsky, Pam Reimer and Ben Munsch. Third place went to the Intimidators made up of Steve Raab, Linda Raab, Jeff Earl, Helen Talley, Leslie Coker, Delores Kemp and Steve Tschatschula.

The horseshoe pitching first place

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winners were Jacques Sevcik and Mary Lou Spalek. In second place was the team of Keith Williamson and Ann Pavliska. Darrell Quinney and Robert Krpec made the third place winners.

Thank you is extended to everyone who made sandwiches and treats for the concession stand. Special thanks to Darryl Hinz and Minnie Williamson for coordinating the volleyball; Billy Sanders and Jacques Sevcik for coordinating the horseshoes; Leatrice Heindol for heading up the concession stand; and to the parents who worked at the concession stand.

Meanwhile across the street at the community center, the Sheridan Little League held their annual barbecue dinner. President Leatrice Heindol reports there were 260 dinners purchased. She expresses sincere appreciation to everyone who made donations or worked to make the dinner possible.

Last of all, thank you so much for all the calls and prayers concerning our grandbaby, Hayley, who was rushed to De Tar Hospital in Victoria last Tuesday afternoon with a temperature reaching 105 degrees. We spent some long anxious hours at the hospital. She was finally released late

Monday and is doing fine at her home in Weimar.

Get well wishes are extended to five year old Clayton Brown who miraculously escaped serious injury during the weekend when a gun discharged while he visited his father near Vienna. He was admitted to De Tar Hospital where fragments were removed from his chest area. He will return to the hospital Friday for treatment of the injury to his hand.

The Sheridan Lions are sponsoring a health fair on Thursday, April 16, from 1 to 5 p.m. at the Sheridan Community Center. Area hospitals, Columbus Community, Eagle Lake Community, Lavaca Medical Center, and Colorado-Fayette Medical Center will be helping by offering information on diet, giving free cholesterol and blood pressure checks and more.

The Blood Center of Houston will be on hand to accept blood donations for the annual blood drive. The Texas Department of Health, represented by the Colorado County office, will be on hand to do glucose screening to detect the possibility of diabetes and hearing tests to determine loss of hearing.

The American Heart Association, American Cancer Society, American Diabetes Association and the Texas Lions Camp will have booths set up with public information. Please make plans to attend this free health screening and learn more about your local hospitals.

Give the gift of life by donating blood. Blood bank hours will be from 1 to 5 p.m. then from 6 to 7 p.m.

Frances Mahon was important to Colorado County's history

This is the second of a series of sketches of Colorado County women in Women's History month, prepared by the Colorado County Historical Commission.

In the nineteenth century, women had few options in life aside from being a wife, mother, or teacher. Frances Mahon fulfilled these roles and also found time to write her reminiscences at age 85, and to serve in her church as well as perform work in civic and social organizations.

Frances Arnold was born in Meadon, Madison County, Tennessee on 28 October 1846, the daughter of Col. John N. Arnold and Sarah J. Henning. After moves to Lauderdale and Tipton counties, Col. Arnold became a representative in the Tennessee legislature, allowing Frances (Fannie) the opportunity to see Nashville and meet Mrs. James K. Polk. Also as a child she made her first trip on a railroad from Nashville to Murfreesborough and then on a boat on the Cumberland River to the Mississippi to Memphis. They did not travel by stage coach since there was no escort for the ladies and children traveling alone.

Frances' early education was with a governess, and then she was sent to a boarding school at Covington. In 1859 she and her sister went to Memphis Conference Female College in Jackson, Tennessee. During their school days in Tennessee, they studied piano and painting and were taught knitting, crocheting, and embroidery.

hoping to recover his health. However, he died soon after his arrival in Tennessee.

Back in Colorado County, Fannie's mother opened her home to boarders; one was Professor Post from Pennsylvania who started a private school. Fannie Arnold taught in this private school and then in the combined private school of Professor Post and Mrs. Kate Oates. This school later became a public school. Then Fannie Arnold, who had previously met Felix Grundy Mahon and had received a favorable opinion of him from her father, became engaged to him at the wedding of Miss Harbert and Mr. Webb Harcourt. Fannie and Felix were married on 4 June 1872 at her mother's home. For a short time Fannie taught school in the public school after her marriage, but she quit teaching after the birth of her first child, a daughter named Cara.

In 1873, yellow fever again hit Colorado County, especially in Columbus. People again left the town. The Mahons and Mrs. Arnold went to stay with Felix Mahon's brother near Weimar. Five bodies of yellow fever victims were carried to the cemetery the day they left Columbus and while they waited J.N. Mahon that they were refugees from yellow fever, he quickly invited them in to stay with him until they could go home three months later.

Fannie and Felix Mahon eventually had four daughters and two sons; two of the children died of childhood diseases. While rearing her children, Fannie Arnold Mahon also found time to work for her church, the Methodist Church, serving as president of the Ladies Missionary Society for many years. She was also an organist for the church and served as a substitute organist for the Episcopal Church when needed.

Since her husband was a Confederate veteran and she had many ties to the south, Fannie became quite active in the Shropshire-Upton Chapter of Daughters of the Confederacy. She served as registrar and then president for many years. The chapter eventually made her an honorary life president. Her daughter, Anita, was a charter member of the chapter and her granddaughters, Grace and Frances Adam, whom she helped to raise after the death of their mother, served as mascots of the chapter.

Interest in her family heritage also extended to her revolutionary ancestor, General David Meriwether, and she joined the Lady Washington Chapter of the DAR in Houston before Columbus had a chapter.

One of Fannie Mahon's greatest pleasures was cooking, especially pies and cakes. Her wedding cakes were especially prized and when she was 77 years old, she made a trip to Vicksburg, Mississippi, to make and decorate the wedding cake for her granddaughter, Margaret Woods. Never charging for her cakes because she just enjoyed sharing in the celebration, she also shared her prized recipe in the Cemetery Ladies Association Cookbook, published in 1897.

Painting was another of her joys and her granddaughters were pleasantly surprised to find praise from a curator of the Houston Museum of Art for her paintings as exceptional work of the period.

Frances also found time to meet many of the practical needs of the community. At a time when there were no funeral homes or morticians, she and friends often prepared the bodies for burial, even making the shrouds. Sometimes they worked with victims of contagious diseases, but they still performed their duties. Thus when the I.O.O.F. established an association for a cemetery in Columbus, Frances Mahon was actively involved, serving as president for many years. She was especially diligent in celebrating Memorial days for Confederate and World War I veterans.

For many years Frances Mahon suffered from heart problems which limited her physical activities, but she remained mentally alert and did much of her work in genealogy in her later years. At age 89, she died on April 19, 1936, a woman who had lived a full and useful life for her family and community.

Coastal Plains Commission to represent nine counties

The newly formed Coastal Plains Commission will hold its first annual meeting and organization workshop at the El Campo Civic Center on Tuesday, April 28, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The corporation known as the CPC consists of Austin, Calhoun, Colorado, DeWitt, Fayette, Jackson, Lavaca, Matagorda and Wharton counties. The grouping of counties is based on a rural/agricultural background with an emerging industrial economy and common problems, goals and objectives. The small cities and towns in the area have found they are less effective in working on many common projects with larger cities and urban counties. They feel that the similar demographics of the coastal plains are well contribute to its networking strength and political status.

The meeting will feature speakers on political awareness and economic development, a luncheon and an afternoon workshop to brainstorm and develop vision and goals for the commission.

Membership in the Coastal Plains Commission is open to individuals, organizations, corporations, clubs, governmental units, endowments and other interested entities. Annual membership dues are set at \$15.

A \$10 registration fee for the April 28 meeting will cover the meal and supplies. Please contact Peggy Braden at 409-732-2530 in Columbus or Sandra Michna at 409-725-9511 in Weimar for additional information and registration.

Fannie and her sister studied art under Prof. H.A. Tatum, and her father even planned to send the girls to Europe to study art, but the marriage of Fannie's sister to H.D. Donald put an end to those plans.

The year 1867 brought yellow fever to Colorado County and escape to the Allegheny. Trying to escape the fever, the Arnolds and seven other families camped at Harvey's Creek for three months. Col. Arnold was very ill at that time and returned to Tennessee.

Senator Gramm opposes tax hike on small business

Addressing the Senate at the height of the tax bill debate, U.S. Sen. Phil Gramm denounced the bill as an attempt to raise taxes on farmers and small businesses.

"Two thirds of the people who are taxed with this 16 percent increase in marginal rates are small businesses and family farms," said Sen. Gramm. He noted that after the tax was revamped in 1986, many small businesses and farms chose to be taxed as individuals in order to minimize their tax burden, build up retained earnings and expand their businesses and create jobs.

"Raising the marginal tax rate for small businesses by 16 percent will destroy jobs in America," said the senator. "If this bill is adopted into law, we will see another 500,000 Americans lose their jobs in the next five years."

The bill was subsequently passed and the president immediately rejected it.

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The second generation of cephalosporins are usually effective against the same bacteria that the first generation cephalosporins are effective against plus Haemophilus, Enterobacter, and Neisseria bacteria. Examples of second generation cephalosporins include cefaclor and cefuroxime.

Third generation cephalosporins such as cefixime are effective against most of the gram negative organisms. In order to know which cephalosporin antibiotic to use, physicians routinely order culture and sensitivity tests. According to a recent issue of Postgraduate Medicine, researchers are planning for fourth and fifth generation cephalosporins.

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Eagle Lake Primary School Happenings



Showing their trophies

Olivia Cardenas and Johana Lopez display the trophies they received in the Colorado County Soil and Water Conservation District coloring contest. Olivia won the second grade award and Johana won for the third grade.



Learning about E.H. Henry

Mrs. Claudine Shorter shows a picture of E.H. Henry while presenting a documentary on his life and the ideals he exhibited working with students and teachers at the E.H. Henry Elementary School. Her presentation was a part of Black History Month for Eagle Lake Primary School first graders.



Baby goes to first grade

Mrs. Jeanie Sommerlatte and son, Scott, visit Mrs. Leopold's first grade class at Eagle Lake Primary School to tell the students about the special care infants need as they grow. Each child in the class got to play with the baby and ask Mrs. Sommerlatte questions.



'Senior citizen' visits

Mr. John Canaris visited Mrs. Leopold's first grade class at Eagle Lake Primary School to tell the children some of the advantages of being a senior citizen. After working many years as a teacher, he now has time to enjoy hobbies and nature. Mr. Canaris told the children to stay in school, always do what is right and listen to their parents or guardian.

Photos by ELPS Staff

CLUB/ORGANIZATION NEWS

Colorado County Historical Commission

The Colorado County Historical Commission met Thursday, March 19, to hear an entertaining program by Joe Tom Davis on "Sam Houston's Women."

He discussed the nine influential women in the life of the first president of Texas and gave reasons for his selections.

Davis is a history professor at Wharton County Junior College and formerly taught at Sam Houston State University for two years. He is the author of four books on Texans, each of which include a series of famous people.

Davis has recently begun a second book on cities in Texas and Columbus is to be included in it.

He is married to the former Cathy Hastedt, daughter of Johnnie Hastedt, and currently lives in El Campo.

Larry Unlig, county chairman, presided at the meeting, which was attended by approximately 65 members and guests.

Hostesses were Joyce Loessin, J.F. and Murrie Rhodes, Ben and Georgia Hrochovy, Leslie and Mark Goldsmith, Florence Zajicer, Joseph Spitzer and I.A. and Wilhelm Smahlik.

Lions Roar

Lion President Steve Taylor welcomed the members to the weekly noon meeting. Joining the club as guests were Mike Marland, Cody Breeding, Sam Center, Mike Gould and John Myers.

Charles Abel and Dan Canaris on the fun run and bike ride next weekend, April 11, Lion Pat Mascheck introduced the program.

Purley Bushong and Bruce Bayless from the Texas Department of Highways and Transportation gave the program. They briefly outlined some of the many programs this department provides, including buckle-up, adopt-a-highway, wildflower seeding, high school graduation, safety and some other public service programs.

After the informative and educational presentation, Lion Mike Mangum led the club in the pledge of allegiance and the meeting was adjourned.

SCS News

District cooperators Frank Seifert of the Weimar area is planning to shape and vegetate eroded areas to control erosion.

Alan Uhlig, Bernardo area, is planning to construct a pond and also to shape and vegetate eroded areas to control erosion.

Warren Fautner, Shaw's Bend area, is planning to construct a pond.

H-GAC meeting

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rections for regional solid waste management if adopted by the H-GAC board and the state.

The plan suggests the region needs to develop an "integrated" system to include waste reduction, recycling, composting, provisions for handling special waste and reducing dependence on landfills.

The plan has set a goal of reducing the per capita amount of waste being put in landfills by 80 percent over the next 20 years. However, H-GAC and its advisory task force believe the region currently lacks an "infrastructure" to meet that goal.

At a later point, the proposal suggests, the region may need to adopt garbage fees and provide other incentives for waste reduction. Ultimately, regional consolidation of facilities may be necessary to meet the goals.

H-GAC has developed a summary of the proposed regional plan. It may be obtained by calling the H-GAC Community & Environmental Planning Dept. at 713-627-3200 or writing P.O. Box 22777, Houston, TX 77227. After gathering public comments, H-GAC will consider all of them, make appropriate changes and submit the plan to the state for final approval.

Tax Facts... Battery recycling fee

By John Sharp, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts
Retail sales of lead-acid batteries of at least 6 volts are now subject to the new "battery sales fee".

The fee (\$2 for a battery at least 6 volts and up to \$3 for a battery 12 volts or more) will be used to recycle old batteries under supervision of the Texas Water Commission.

Foot Facts

By Dr. Eric R. Tepper, Podiatrist

VERY REAL "PHANTOM PAIN"

Can you feel pain in a foot or toe that has been amputated? Ask anyone who has lost an appendage due to accident or surgery and the answer will likely be an anguished "Absolutely!" Although phantom pain is still something of a mystery, we know that remaining nerves continue to process pain messages in ways that register in the brain identically to the way they did when the messages were sent by the once-present tissue. In years past, there wasn't much that could be done for the excruciating sensations of pain that resulted. Today, several techniques are effective. Whirlpool baths and motion exercises are surprisingly successful. Injection of local anesthetic into the area of the amputation can also help.

If you experience infections around the foot or leg, please be sure that they are seen by a podiatrist. Please call my office for further information or for an appointment, at the Eagle Lake Community Hospital at 409-234-5571. I am there the first and third Tuesdays of the month. As a family practice, I offer comprehensive diagnosis and treatment of foot problems, as well as preventative foot care direction.

P.S. If other methods fail, surgical removal of scar tissue or the regional nerve supply may be in order to stop "phantom pain".

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We again thank you for your vote and support in the March 10th Democratic Primary and for the kindness and encouragement you showed us during the campaign. We are still very concerned about who will fill this office, and we are endorsing Dwight Peschel for Judge of the 25th Judicial District Court.

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