

CLUB & ORGANIZATION NEWS

Columbus FFA

On Oct. 3 the Greenhands of the Columbus FFA Chapter were officially installed and received their greenhand pins and certificates.

The Greenhands receiving this award were Jeremy Adams, Jeremy Anderson, Jonathan Barrett, Jared Benker, Tim Buhler, Klye Burris, Lance Ceroack.

Also, Walter Clore, Shawn Dabney, Jeremiah Dunn, Jeremy Eden, Jay Glueck, Brandon Guzman, Will Haley, Nicholas Harbes.

Also, Bryan Heintschel, Stephan Hoelcher, Rit Johnson, Dawson Kaiser, Daniel Krueger, Kris Kuhn, Mickey Magnus, Bobby May, Melinda Masoch, Anson Miksch, Katherine Miller.

Also, Chase Mueller, Kenneth Reck, Devin Runk, Stephanie Simmons, Jessica Stancik, Jason Vehlhaus, James Wallace, Rhonda Warschak, Rhonda Weishuhn, and Amber Wilson.

To get this award you have to be a first year student enrolled in an agriculture class who has paid their dues.

Eagle Lake Middle School PTO

The first official meeting of the Eagle Lake Middle School PTO for the 1994-95 school year was held Tuesday, Oct. 11, in the cafeteria.

President Vicki Powers addressed the parents, teachers, students and guests. She reminded them that they are a support group for the middle school. Some of the activities planned for this year were presented.

Pilot Club of Eagle Lake

The program meeting of the Pilot Club of Eagle Lake was held Wednesday, Oct. 26. Guest speaker was Eagle Lake Chief of Police Buck Hall.

Chief Hall gave an interesting program on "Drugs and Our Youth" stating that Eagle Lake is much more drug free than it has been in the past, and that the citizens of our community have been very helpful in working with the police to curb drug dealing and use.

Chief Hall stated that our goal should be to educate the youth about drugs and alcohol use so that it becomes less socially acceptable and not

"cool" for the young people to get involved in the drug scene. He stressed that abuse of alcohol by minors often leads to other substance abuse.

The Pilot Club sponsors the "Just Say No Club" in Eagle Lake Middle School for fourth and fifth grades. The students wear green "Just Say No" shirts each Wednesday to help all be aware of the drug problems.

Thanks to Chief Hall for taking time to present a very interesting program to the Pilots, reported Nancy Grasshoff.

UDC Chapter #361

The Nesbit Memorial Library was the scene of the Shropshire-Upton Chapter #361 of the United Daughters of the Confederacy on Oct. 13.

Hostesses were Jewel McNabb, Doris Cobb, Laura Gliethero and Teeta Mehrens.

Vice president Betty Jo Rutta presided in the absence of president Sarah Uzzi. Officers reports were given.

A report from Sarah Uzzi about the division convention in Tyler was read. The Chapter gave a donation to the Randolph Relief Fund. A certificate from the division recognized the many Crosses of Military Service that our chapter has awarded.

A membership certificate was presented to Jennie Sue Muggill of Weimar.

The chapter donated money to the Live Oak Art Club to help with the expenses of the press tour breakfast of Nov. 19.

A video was shown of the U. D. C. Memorial Building in Richmond, Va. where the membership records and gifts to the U. D. C. are kept. The organization is observing its 100th Anniversary this year.

Xi Pi Psi

Oct. 4, the members of Xi Pi Psi Sorority met in the home of Anna Mae Wiese with 13 members present. President Ernie Sommerlatte announced the 1995 Sorority Birthday Calendars have arrived.

Members decided the chapter would donate a decorated vest to the Study Club Auction on Oct. 22. Chapter members will make sandwiches for the Opportunity Center Halloween Party.

Connie Lange gave the program. The video "Red Cross and How it Serves Your Community" was a very informative program for everyone.

Lynda Appelt reminded everyone about the Red Ribbon campaign. The sorority placed red ribbons around trees on the square downtown.

The next meeting was held Oct. 18 at the home of Jean Williams.

Members were reminded the first meeting in Nov. includes exchanging of Christmas ornaments.

The sorority also bought Christmas stockings, to be put on the doors at Heritage House.

Pat and Bob Cook were host and hostess for a Hobo Party Oct. 20 for Xi Pi Psi members and their husbands.

With lots of food and talking, this was a very enjoyable evening for everyone.



Museum hosts Tri-Cities group

The Colorado County Tri-Cities meeting was held at the Prairie Edge Museum Oct. 17 with Cong. Greg Laughlin as guest speaker. City officials from Eagle Lake at the head table were Ron Holland, Mary Kay and Mayor Robby Cook, Laughlin and Councilman and Mrs. Mike Duarte. Officials from Columbus, Weimar and the county attended.

SPARC elects new board

The Sheridan Park and Recreation Committee (SPARC) met Oct. 19 at the Sheridan Community Center to elect new board members.

With 27 people attending, the group elected individuals to represent various organizations in the community.

New board member are Jack Vawter representing the Lions Club; Darrell Varley, Sheridan Youth Soccer; Monte Peck, Sheridan PTS; and Marty Graves, community at large.

Graves is a new extension agent in Colorado County and the SPARC members were delighted to have her

take an interest and get involved in the Sheridan community.

The committee discussed a grant application to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. This would be a matching funds grant.

Everyone who spoke at the meeting seemed to agree this would be the most feasible avenue to obtain money to continue park development.

They noted, however, it would take a great commitment by the community.

The consensus was that if the community works together this is a very realistic vision for Sheridan.

Apply now for rice leadership program

Applications for the 1995 Rice Leadership Development Program are now available from the USA Rice Council. Men and women with leadership experience and a desire to serve the rice industry are encouraged to apply.

"The program was begun in 1989 with sponsorship from Du Pont through the Rice Foundation," said

Curtis Leonhardt, Rice Council vice president for members program. "Many graduates already are serving in leadership roles throughout the rice industry."

The class size will be increased to seven participants this year. A committee of rice industry and agribusiness leaders will select five rice producers (See Leadership, Page 8)



ANNOUNCING A NEW ARRIVAL

Skylar Rae Clough

Charles and Shannon Clough of Wallis announce the birth of their first child, a daughter, born at 5:45 a.m. Thursday, September 29, 1994, at Gulf Coast Medical Center in Wharton.

Skylar Rae Clough weighed seven pounds, nine ounces, and measured 20-1/2 inches at birth.

Her maternal grandparents are Kathy and Daniel Viktorin of East Bernard. Paternal grandparents are Jackie and Max Clough of Wallis.

Her great grandparents are Lucille and Henry Kretschmar of Eagle Lake, Mary Viktorin of East Bernard and the late Henry Viktorin.

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QUESTION?

What does this little girl and Greg Laughlin's opponent have in common?



ANSWER

Both have lived in the 14th congressional district for less than two years.

"Greg's opponent owns an ostrich ranch in Blanco County and has lived in the district less than two years. He has nothing to campaign on except to attack Greg. Help fight negative campaign tactics. Vote for Greg Laughlin, U.S. Congress."

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To combat his opponent's negative campaign, Greg Laughlin has installed a toll free telephone line to provide accurate information about his record. If you hear a questionable claim, don't be fooled. Call toll free 1-800-360-2260. Greg is not afraid to tell you where he stands on the issues. Help fight negative and deceptive political campaigning by getting the facts.

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County clerk explains how to cast ballot

Colorado County Clerk Darlene Hayek has issued a set of instructions to help voters cast their ballots for the optical scan voting machines.

Anyone who does not understand how to vote the optical scan ballot after reading the instructions below may ask an election official at the voting place or call the county clerk's office at 409-732-6561.

To vote for the candidate: 1. Mark your ballot by completely darkening the designated area to the left of the name of the candidate you wish to vote for. Use only the marking instrument that has been provided to you by the election official for marking your ballot.

DO NOT use a red, black or blue pen or any other type of pencil to mark your ballot. DO NOT draw lines through any of the candidates' names. Only darken the oval beside the one

candidate you choose with the marker provided.

2. In a general election, you may vote for all the candidates of a party—a straight ticket—by darkening the designated area adjacent to the name of that party. If you cast a straight party vote for all the nominees of one party and also cast a vote for one opponent of one of that party's nominees, your vote for the opponent will be counted as well as your vote for all the other nominees of the party for which the straight party vote was cast.

3. When depositing your ballot in the ballot box, DO NOT FOLD your ballot. The ballot need to be deposited flat into the ballot box so it will go through the optical scan ballot counting machine.

If you have any questions contact the county clerk in Columbus, located in the Courthouse.

Balas testifies at USDA hearing

An area rice farmer and businessman testified recently before the USDA hearing on the Farm Bill for 1995.

Steve Balas, rice producer from Eagle Lake and member of the USA Rice Federation board, testified on behalf of the Federation at a hearing in Kingsville Oct. 15, according to a report in the Rice Miller's Association publication.

Balas explained in his testimony, "In general, the federation supports continuation of the current program. It has done well for the entire rice industry and for the national economy. And with NAFTA and the Uruguay Round Agreements in place and fully implemented, program costs should decrease over the next five years to meet with any budget constraints."

Balas noted the rice program has benefited the national economy in several ways.

A result of the program, domestic use has been increasing. Rice has found its way to the table in many forms: as table rice, breakfast cereal and mixed in numerous other foods.

"U.S. rice is recognized as a premium product and has been exported to 118 countries," he added.

Balas said they were pleased with

the pledges given U.S. agriculture by the president and administration regarding restructuring the export enhancement program so it can be used for market expansion and promotion.

The administration agreed to maintain total discretionary spending on USDA agricultural programs in its budgets for the next two years at or above the 1995 level.

The president also pledged to support extension of the CRP programs and to propose increases over the next five years of \$600 million for the GATT allowed "green box" export programs.

Balas told the hearing that the Federation is opposed to the proposal advocated by the Iowa Farm Bureau and others to supplant the current program based on a percentage of the average market price during a past period. U.S. domestic market prices are determined by prices in the world market since the U.S. is not a dominant exporter of rice.

"Because of this factor and because of the high cost of production, the rice industry could not survive on such a system which provides protection at a price well below the cost of production," Balas concluded.

Columbus Hospital receives funding grant

Columbus Community Hospital announced Oct. 5.

Rural health care in Texas has suffered over the past few years with numerous hospital closings making access to care even more difficult.

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THE CANDIDATES' RAP SHEET ON CRIME DON'T READ THEIR LIPS - READ THE RECORD

Ann Richards' Record on Criminal Justice

Source: Texas Dept. of Criminal Justice	Total Prison Releases	Total Prison Population
1990: Republican Gov. Bill Clements leaves office	38,041	49,157
1994: Improvement under Gov. Ann Richards	16,538	92,775

The record, not the rhetoric, best tells which candidate will fight crime most effectively. The last Republican Governor talked tough, but record numbers of prisoners were granted early release. Ann Richards is turning things around. We can't afford another Republican who talks tough but doesn't know how to do the job.

THE DEMOCRATIC RECORD

- 76,490 new prison beds under construction to lock up more criminals and keep them locked up longer.
- Doubled the minimum time served by violent criminals.
- Cut the early release of prisoners by more than 50%, the release of violent criminals by 52%, and cut approval of parole requests by two-thirds to the lowest level in 10 years.
- The Texas crime rate dropped 9.7% from 1991 to 1992 and 8.7% from 1992 to 1993, the lowest level since 1985.

THE REPUBLICAN RECORD

- Clements vetoed prison construction, leading to prison overcrowding and the early release of prisoners.
- A Republican-sponsored bill let prisoners serve only 25% of their sentence before release.
- More than 16,000 prisoners released early and approval of parole requests increased, leading to an increase in the crime rate.
- Under Clements, the Texas crime rate rose. In 1990, the rate was 7,825 per 100,000 Texans; a figure that dropped to 6,400 per 100,000 by 1993.

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