

Heritage House seeking volunteers

The staff of Heritage House offers a wide variety of activities to meet the residents needs. We offer sewing club, cooking class, bible study and games. We encourage those individuals wanting a challenge to assist their fellow man by visiting our facility and explore the possibilities. Individuals and groups are welcome.

East Bernard Fair Fund plans annual cook-off

The East Bernard Fair Fund Inc. will host its 8th Annual Chili Cook-off on Saturday, March 4, at Riverside Hall Pavilion. Entries are being sought for the chili, cornbread and beans categories. Entry fee for chili is \$15, for cornbread \$10 and for beans \$10. There will also be an auction and a silent auction beginning at 1 p.m.



Owens, Torrez exchange vows Feb. 14

Mr. and Mrs. Guadalupe Torrez of Eagle Lake are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter, Jennifer, to Joseph Wayne Owens, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Moore and the late Fred Owens. The couple was joined in marriage on February 14, 1995.

CLUB & ORGANIZATION NEWS

Eagle Lake Study Club

The Study Club held its regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 8, at the Wintermann Library. Guest speaker was Ms. Laura Ann Rau, who owns an antique shop in Columbus. Ms. Rau gave a very interesting program on "Victorian Furniture". She showed slides on the different types of furniture that were prominent during the Victorian era.

Eagle Lake Hospital Auxiliary

Eagle Lake Community Hospital Auxiliary is reminding the members that dues may be paid at this time for 1995-96. We are working on the year book and it would be helpful if the members paid their dues as soon as possible so we have a correct membership list for the book.

Shropshire-Upton U.D.C.

The historic home of Mr. and Mrs. J.M. Paschal was the place for the Feb. 9 meeting of Shropshire-Upton Chapter #261 of the U.D.C. Hostesses were Mesdames Helen McDow, Muriel Rhoads, Wanda Schock and Bernice Eberidge. Vice-president Betty Jo Rutta presided.

Historical Commission

The Colorado County Historical Commission met in the District Courtroom for its organizational meeting on Thursday, Jan. 19.

Judge Vince Slominski welcomed the group and administered the oath of allegiance to the 66 members. The slate of officers for the next two years was presented. Doris Albright was elected chairperson. Ed Ellis, vice chairman, Colleen Willard, secretary and Joyce Stancik treasurer. Joyce Loessin was appointed reporter.

The official meeting was opened by Doris Albright. After the minutes were read and the roll called, the treasurer report was given.

Mrs. Albright placed all the members on five active committees. She also told the group that a newsletter will be issued during the months the commission does not meet so that news and events can be kept current.

Rhonda Simmons reported on three markers that are in the process of being placed.

A Columbus group will host the next meeting on March 16.

"All progress is based upon a universal desire on the part of every organism to live beyond its income." — Samuel Butler

Eagle Lake Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary will be holding a TUPPERWARE FUND RAISER THURSDAY, MARCH 2

Come & Go: 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Knights of Columbus Hall; Hwy. 90A at FM 3013. All proceeds to benefit the Pagar Fund for our Firemen. For More Information, Contact Lydia Contreras (234-3239) or Carolyn Baird (234-5864)

Nada Catholic Daughters

The Nada CDA held their monthly meeting on Feb. 14 at 7:30 p.m. at the Parish Hall. Regent Ernestine Schneider presided. Brenda Bittner reminded the court that the 1995 dues are now due. They are \$15.

Pat Wobbe reported having 32 guests for the Jan. Senior Citizens party. The next domino party is scheduled for Feb. 22 from 2-4:30 p.m. at the parish hall. Several prizes were presented for the Mother's Day drawing. The ladies are presently working on a quilt. If you would like to make a donation, please contact Renee Staff.

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 1. The Catholic Daughters will be selling sweets at the KC Fish Fry on the Fridays during Lent. Please contact Renee for cake donations and work schedules.

Join us for St. Mary's Spring Festival on March 5. The Victoria Diocesan Council of Catholic Women Convention will be held on March 25 in Goliad.

We are looking for new members who will be initiated at that time. Any one interested please call Ernestine Schneider or Sharon Till.

The Victoria Diocesan Council of Catholic Women Convention will be held on March 25 in Goliad. Msgr. Victor encouraged the members to go to the confession to prepare themselves for the Lenten season.

The next meeting will be held on March 14.

County TFB eaders attend annual conference

Farm Bureau leaders from Colorado County attended the recent annual Texas Farm Bureau Leadership Conference launching their 1995 program of work in Texas. The leadership conference was held Jan. 16-18 at the Waco Convention Center.

Attending from this county were: Leon Haterman, Russell Trefny, Gary Kaiser and Perry Kloesel of Weimar, Max Dittmar of Cat Spring and Billy Hefner of Garwood.

Also attending the Secretary's Conference on Jan. 17 in Waco were office secretaries Gloria Ise and Emily Frank.



TFB Members achieve VIP status with Carquest program

In observance of Farm Bureau Week, Feb. 6-10, Perry Kloesel, Colorado County Farm Bureau Director, Marian Schenberger of Curtis Automotive Supply of Columbus and Joe Hermis of Brasher Motor Co. of Weimar offered a new money saving program for TFB members as a result of a recent agreement between TFB and Carquest Auto Parts Stores in Texas. Pictured, from left, are Schenberger, Kloesel and Hermis. TFB Photo

ANNOUNCING A NEW ARRIVAL

Everett John Shimek

Mr. and Mrs. Al Wayne Shimek of Garwood announce the birth of their fourth child, a boy, born February 13, 1995, at 8:16 a.m. at the Eagle Lake Community Hospital.

Everett John weighed nine pounds, 12 ounces and measured 20 inches at birth. The attending physician was Dr. Russell Thomas.

Everett is welcomed home by Danny six and one-half, Adam five, and Lauren three.

Maternal grandparents are Geraldine Streckfuss of Columbus and the late Dan Streckfuss.

Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Shimek of Yorkum and Earline Camik Shimek of Lone Oak.

For More Information, Contact Lydia Contreras (234-3239) or Carolyn Baird (234-5864)

"When you praise someone you call yourself his equal." — Goethe

Area youth compete in calf scramble

Frances Mirkwa, 15, of the Colorado County 4-H, Brandon Shanks, 13, also of the Colorado County 4-H, and Amy N. Obenhaus 14, with the Rice FFA, will be competing in the 1995 Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo calf scramble.



Locals win in San Antonio

As sponsors of the 1995 Calf Scramble Event at the 46th Annual San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo, H-E-B is helping youth of Texas grow and prosper in their agricultural endeavors. Frances Mirkwa of Eagle Lake was a winner in this event. Shown congratulating her, in photo above, are Joe Ernst, calf scramble committee chairman; Rub Riedel Sr., Renee Wheat and Rub Riedel, calf scramble committee members.

Also winning in the scramble event was Chad Fucik of Garwood. Shown congratulating him, photo below, are Ken Fritcher, Tommy Hummel, Jill Newton and Wayne Stroud, calf scramble committee members.



Hospital Patient Lists

For the two weeks ending Jan. 29 and Feb. 5, 1995

ADMISSIONS

Eagle Lake: Rosie Pettis, Aberle Parker, Wilma Shorter, Willie C. Jones, Beulah Tyler, Herbert Stern, Susan Morales; Sealy: Evelyn Kveton, Christina Torres; Columbus: Herbert Schwander, Brenda Stovall & Baby Boy; Garwood: Sheryl Cotton, Edna Girmid, Paul Laake, Audrey Smidovic; Wharton: Kermit Krueger; Houston: Joaquin Garcia; El Campo: Rachel Flores & Baby Boy; East Bernard: William Beisel.

DISMISSALS

Eagle Lake: Lavada McCoy, Angelina Lopez & Baby Girl, Willard Shuart, Lizzie Tillman, Georgia Adams, Susan Morales, Herbert Stern, Jewel Lewis, Gloria Escalante & Baby Girl, Zoe Kell, Helen Owen, Earl Fendley, Rosie Pettis, Aberle Parker, Wilma Shorter, Mike Gonzales; Sheridan: Warren Schneider, Webb Cunningham; Sealy: Harvey Gonzales, Debbie Sastro, Raymond Valigura, Evelyn Kveton, Kristi Blakey & Baby Girl; Lissie: Helen Swenson; Alleyton: James Beane; Hallettsville: Johnny Gipe; Garwood: Kimberly Korenek & Baby Boy, Sheryl Cotton, Catarina Leal & Baby Boy; Wharton: Kermit Krueger; Houston: Joaquin Garcia; El Campo: Ivan Skow, Diana Leal & Baby Girl; Columbus: Sheryl Vincent & Baby Boy.

"Politeness is like an air cushion: there is nothing inside but it softens the shocks of life." — Schopenhauer

Additional information and complete income eligibility guidelines may be obtained by calling the CCA Weatherization Program at 512-237-2321.

CCA weatherization program offered

Ms. Rhoda Gersch, Combined Community Action Agency Executive Director, announced recently the availability of a new state-wide energy conservation program targeted to moderate income families.

The program, Weatherization Plus, is designed to help households whose income falls between 125% and 175% of the federal poverty guidelines.

A family of four, for example, could earn between \$18,500 and \$25,000 annually and still qualify for WAP Plus Energy savings services.

WAP Plus is designed to cut household energy use and reduce monthly utility costs for eligible households.

Benefits are provided free of charge and include window and door repair or replacement; caulking and weatherstripping; attic insulation, storm windows and solar screen.

In Bastrop and the surrounding counties, Combined Community Action will administer the WAP Plus Program. Interested parties need only complete a simple application (available by mail upon request) and provide proof of reported income. CCA plans to provide WAP Plus benefits to some 100 households before this one-time program ends in August of 1995.

"We are especially pleased to be serving Texans with slightly higher incomes than many federal or state programs allow", Gersch explained. "Elderly Texans whose social security benefits may be supplemented by

small pensions or families with one or two wage earners struggling to make ends meet will now have a resource to help lower their utility bills." Additional

Legal Matters...

Fake bills, real scams abound

By Texas Attorney General Dan Morales like "renewal notice" or "amount due" may appear on the notices.

Businesses or organizations that pay the bills may think they are paying for ads in the local telephone directory. Instead, the solicitations are for independent directories which may have very limited distribution.

Other businesses report that they have received official-looking invoices asking for hundreds of dollars and charging for listings in an "international fax directory." Companies considering this service should verify that there is actually a directory available and should check on how many and to whom it is distributed.

(See Scams, Page 10)

Employment classifieds schemes Businesses that have published employment ads in local newspapers may get solicitations through the mail or by phone offering to place him same ad in a "special edition employment advertising directory." The mailing may even look like an invoice but the disclaimer, "This is not a bill" may be missing entirely or may be hard to see because of the ink color used.

Yellow pages? Then there are some schemes that are not out and out scams but rather deliver considerably less than you might think you are getting. Some companies send statements for "yellow page" advertisements that look like regular bills or invoices. Words

Cast

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and Old Lace. Powers has also served on the crew of several productions. Son of Clark and Vicki Powers, he is active in sports, music and Baptist youth activities while maintaining his standing as an honor roll student.

Deborah Politsch claims no previous acting experience although she was invaluable to Prairie Edge Players last year, working backstage. Politsch, a kindergarten teacher in Eagle Lake, is active with the Prairie Edge children's theatre. She and husband Lee are the parents of two boys. In her rare leisure, Politsch enjoys crafts.

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Hunt, Greene to marry March 11

Pat and Barbara Hunt of Galveston announce the engagement of their daughter, Melissa, to Brian Greene of Eagle Lake, son of Jack and Janie Greene of San Antonio, and grandson of Hugh and Emy Sheridan and great grandson of Rose Lange, all of Eagle Lake.

Melissa is a graduate of North Central Texas College and plans to attend the University of Houston this fall.

Brian is currently attending Wharton County Junior College in Wharton. He is ranch manager at the HV Bar Ranch, Eagle Lake.

The couple will wed March 11, 1995, at the First Baptist Church in Galveston with Rev. Tim Money officiating. Following the ceremony, the couple plan to reside in Eagle Lake.

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Croup is Common in Young Children

The medical word for this common childhood respiratory problem is laryngotracheobronchitis. It is better known as the croup, a condition characterized by a barking cough and noisy, rapid breathing. The child also may have a runny nose and fever for a few days. Croup typically occurs in children under 3 years of age, but has been seen in children up to 10 years old. The cough and breathing problems are caused most often by a virus which results in inflammation, swelling, and narrowing or obstruction of the airway passages. Attacks of croup often occur at night. Children may awaken with loud, raspy breathing which is most noticeable as they inhale.

Holding the child in the bathroom near the steam of a hot water shower for 10 to 15 minutes may help reduce symptoms. A similar benefit may occur if the child is exposed to cooler outdoor air for a few minutes. A cold water vaporizer in the child's room may do the same thing. If fever is present, acetaminophen in an appropriate dose may be helpful. The child should be encouraged to drink as much water as they want. If the child does not respond, call your physician or take the child to a hospital emergency room. Epinephrine may be given to improve air flow. Some children are hospitalized, but the stay usually is brief and improvement is rapid.



Krahn, Schorlemmer to wed March 4

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Krahn of Tomball are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Shannon, to David Schorlemmer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Schorlemmer of Eagle Lake.

The couple is planning a March 4, 1995, wedding at Trinity Lutheran Church in Tomball.

Shannon and David are both graduates of Sam Houston University in Huntsville and will make their home in Austin where he is an employee of Pulte Homes Corporation.

ELCH Patients List

For the week ending Feb. 12, 1995

ADMISSIONS

Eagle Lake: Dorothy Breithaupt, Edward Preismeyer, Jody Rowe, Isabel Vecera; Sheridan: Violet Herrington.

DISMISSALS

Eagle Lake: Willie C. Jones, Susan Morales, Beulah Tyler, Herbert Stern; Garwood: Edna Girmid, Matilde Guerra & Baby Girl, Paul Laake, Audrey Smidovic; Columbus: Janet Puentes & Baby Boy, Brenda Stovall & Baby Boy, Glorine Venghaus; Sealy: Christina Torres; El Campo: Rachel Flores & Baby Boy; East Bernard: William Beisel; New Ulm: Marcella Riccar; Boling: Sharon Helms & Baby Girl.

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Advertisement for Tupperware Fund Raiser. Ladies Auxiliary will be holding a TUPPERWARE FUND RAISER THURSDAY, MARCH 2. Come & Go: 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Knights of Columbus Hall; Hwy. 90A at FM 3013. All proceeds to benefit the Pagar Fund for our Firemen. For More Information, Contact Lydia Contreras (234-3239) or Carolyn Baird (234-5864)

Advertisement for Socha, Staff plan April wedding. Mr. and Mrs. Albert Socha of El Campo are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter, Elizabeth (Betty) Ann, to Emil Trae Staff, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Staff, also of El Campo. Elizabeth is a 1990 graduate of El Campo High School and a 1993 graduate of Wharton County Junior College with a secretarial degree. She is employed at Leach Insurance Agency. Emil is a 1989 graduate of El Campo High School, a 1991 graduate of Texas State Technical Institute College in Waco and is employed by L7-Ranch-Farmer. The couple plan to wed on April 22, 1995, at 2 p.m. at St. Philip's Catholic Church in El Campo.

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