

About Town...

•Del Frnka of Eagle Lake, studying diesel mechanics, is listed on the President's Honor Roll for the spring quarter at Texas State Technical College at the Texas Marine Education Center (TMEC) at Palacios.

The President's Honor Roll recognizes the scholastic achievement of those students who obtained a perfect 4.0 grade point average for the quarter.

•The Atilano Cardenas Jr. family is enjoying their grandson, Daniel (D.J.) Barten, for the week. Seems D.J. wanted to get out of Sealy for a while and came back to his hometown of Eagle Lake.

•Amanda Priesmeyer is spending the summer in Des Moines, Iowa, working as an actuarial intern at the Principal Insurance Co. Amanda attends the University of Texas where she is majoring in mathematics with a specialization in actuarial science. She has been awarded University Honors every semester by maintaining a 4.0 average in her major and a 3.9 overall average. The daughter of Ron and Marsha Priesmeyer of Garwood, she will be a candidate for graduation in Dec. 1997. Amanda is a 1994 Rice High School graduate.

•Michael Cooper, president of the Eagle Lake Housing Corporation, tells us that the 50-duplex-project is about 35% finished and they are hoping for an Oct. opening.

Cooper says interest shown by local residents has been appreciated, and, if you still have questions, you may contact him at 234-2937. He can also answer questions concerning rental of the duplexes.

•Okay. If y'all can send our boo-boos to the Tonight Show, then I can send a good one to the Guinness Book of Records. For our own mayor, David Mann, the record for the fastest City Council meeting that we know of... approximately 4 minutes!

Before the public meeting last Friday, Council had a special meeting to

form the Corporation mentioned in the story and appoint an initial board. With two council members out of town, it was mandatory that all others be present for a quorum. Unfortunately, René Cooper-Scott got tied up in Houston traffic and didn't make it to town until after 6:30 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 6:37 and officially adjourned at 6:41! I've never heard Mann talk so fast... I'm not even sure if he took a breath.

•Sportsman's Restaurant will be closed this Sunday, June 29, as well as Friday, July 4.

Habitat dinner theater a great success!

If you weren't at the Stafford Opera House on the night of June 7, sorry! You missed out big time!

The Colorado County Habitat for Humanity (CCHFH) Benefit Dinner Theater, featuring the Prairie Edge Players in their smash hit, *Faith County II, An Evening of Culture*, and a gourmet prime rib dinner by Susan Gay, were incredible!

The evening began with the Opera House hosting a cash bar, followed by the scrumptious dinner Susan and her mother, Leah Corrigan, planned and supervised.

Prepared by the River Oaks Convalescent Center kitchen staff, the prime rib, garlic potatoes, fresh sautéed veggies and an outrageously delicious cheesecake were deserving of applause themselves!

Of course the evening was topped off by Dr. Raymond Thomas' hilarious troupe, as they took us to the tiny town of Mineola where the culturally-challenged residents put on their version of "Romeo and Juliet".

This was so funny, a member of the audience fell out of her chair, she was laughing so hard!

Not only was the evening a success for those who came out looking for fun, but it was a financial success for CCHFH.

Over \$6,000 was raised, and after subtracting the cost of the rental of the Opera House, CCHFH netted approximately \$5,000!

Of course, this net would not be possible except for the generous donations of supplies, moneys and talent! We would like to thank all the vol-

unteers and businesses who helped make this benefit so great:

Habitat Partners: Susan & Robert Gay, Leah Corrigan, Rosemary & George Lewis, Ken & Lois Quenneville and Daniel Goodwin, Blair Hickley, Harold & Lois Raabe, Barbara Pidgeon, Jean & Julie McInteer and John Brasher.

Prairie Edge Players: Dr. Raymond, Helen Craig, Deborah Politsch, Darlene Argo, Gloria McCain, Josh Venghaus, Sherri Gould, Janet Dupré, Vicki Powers, Lee Politsch, Pat Mascheck, Vic Scott, Debbie & Melvin Schmitt, Elaine Hess, Elaine Hickey and Brice Stephens.

Businesses: River Oaks Convalescent Center, Laker Printing, U.S. Foods, Sysco, Columbus Pizza Hut and Houston Flowerery.

The United Methodist Youth Group: Susan Engstrom, Sarah Gould, Ann Capps, Jaqueline Thomas, Leslie Waddell, Kayce Wilkerson, Jessica Thomas, Jennifer Biselli, Betty and Chris Schiurring, Jacob Little, Alexandra Edwards, DeEdra Wesemann, Ashley Pavlicek and Amanda Henry.

Thanks again, everybody!

The Lord willing, let's hope this becomes an annual event. (Everyone who attended thinks it should be!)



4-H NEWS



The Colorado County 4-H Council met June 11 at the Venghaus farmhouse in Bernardo.

Clubs represented and delegates were: Wild Clover, Ryan Brandt and Mark Prihoda; Riverside, Derison Fitzgerald, Sheridan, Jenny Hajovsky; Frelsburg, Lora Weishuhn; and Live Oak, Andrew Koch, Penny Krueger, Garrett Poncik, Brandy Tuck and David Vohs.

Chairman Brandt called the meeting to order. Secretary Tuck presented the minutes and treasurer Hajovsky read the treasurer's report.

Hajovsky and Prihoda, members of the day camp planning committee, reported the date of the camp has been set for July 24 at Beason's Crossing from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Day camp is open to 4-H members and guests. Cost will be \$3 per person and includes lunch.

Tuck reported the 4-H Banquet will be held Oct. 4 at the Columbus High School cafeteria.

Marty Graves, Colorado Extension Agent, discussed summer trips that have been planned. Senior 4-H members (14-19 years of age) can par-



District 4-H Rifle Match competitors, at back, from left were Samantha Hoelscher, Kelsey Maertz, Casey Maertz; bottom, left to right, Garrett Poncik, Matthew Ross, Kenneth Reck and Daniel Perkins. 4-H Photos

ticipate in the Matagorda Island trip June 29 and 30. The cost is \$20 plus meals. Sign up deadline was June 20.

Junior 4-H members (11-13 years of age) can participate in an overnight trip to the Texas State Aquarium July 30 and 31. Cost is \$25 and includes a pizza party. Deadline is July 9.

Graves also discussed the District 11 Leadership Lab to be held at Texas A&M-Kingsville June 24 through 26. Representing Colorado County will be: Andrew Koch, Eric Pesak, Jay Knight, Brandt, Weishuhn and Tuck. The group will be accompanied by County Agents Graves and Hunter.

A multi-county office training will be held at the Fayette County Fairgrounds in La Grange July 16. Club officers from Austin, Colorado, Fayette and Washington Counties are expected to attend. Deadline to register is June 30 and the cost is \$3 per person.

4-H members interested in signing up for the summer trips, day camp or officer training should call the Extension office at 409-732-2530.

Election of officers for the 1997-98 year were held. Officers are: chair-

man, Ryan Brandt; 1st vice-chairman, Lora Weishuhn; 2nd vice-chair, Mark Prihoda; 3rd vice-chair, Frances Mrkwa; secretary/reporter, Brandy Tuck; treasurer, Jenny Hajovsky; and parliamentarian, Jay Knight.

Also attending were 4-H leaders Glen and Cindy Weishuhn, Ruth Poncik, Becky Koch, Beverly Tuck, Barbara Vohs and guest, Jim Graves.

Council's next meeting is July 30.

SHOOTING SPORTS

Teaching safety, concentration, self-discipline, goal setting, decision (See 4-H, Page 8)



Morgan Andreas competed in the District 4-H Rifle Match.

Military News

Pvt. Marcus York

...son of Brenda York of Eagle Lake and Stanley Howard of Kendallton, was home after completing his basic training in Ft. Sill, Okla., and Virginia and schooling in San Antonio. He will be stationed at Ft. Sill for more education.

His loving grandparents are Georgia York of Houston and Juanita Howard of Eagle Lake; and sister Michele and Kevin of Eagle Lake.

Congratulations, Marc! Love you, Mama (Ms. G)



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ELMS lists perfect attendance, honor roll

Eagle Lake Middle School listed following students for perfect attendance during the 1996-97 school year.

Fourth grade: Emerson Dawson, Amber Lancaster, Francisco Najera,

Hugo Rivera, Beatrice Rodriguez, Robert Scott, Stephanie Tillman, Vanesa Villafuerte, Jameka White.

Fifth: Arthur Lopez, Roland Luna, Cleve Scott, Jonathan Scott, Edward Thomas.

Sixth: Yvonne Collins, Felicia Galvan, James Phillips.

Seventh: Jason Johnson, Kendra Colson, Dante Fuller, Brenda Garza, Stephanie Sommerlatte.

Eighth: Daisy Granillo, Cari Haman, Johana Lopez, Dora Rodriguez, Chaston Thomas.

The following students made the honor roll the entire school year.

Fourth: Ysenia Castillo, Kelly Konesheck, Arizbeth Ruvalcaba.

Fifth: Vera Cleveland, Jessica Lopez, Audra Marsalia, Shani Pena, David Ramirez.

Sixth: Matthew Hentzell.

Seventh: Jennifer Biaselli, Chris Jasek, Ashley Lopez, Corissa Mathis, Stephanie Sommerlatte, Deedra Wesemann, Kayce Wilkerson.

Eighth: Sarah Gould.

Congratulations to all of you.

Highlights

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air fares, rental cars and hotels - after the *Austin American-Statesman* questioned lawmakers about taxpayer-paid expenses on trips and reported that some had spent excessive amounts on out-of-state trips the past two years.

"We're going to look at the issue from top to bottom," said Rep. Tony Goolsby, chairman of the House Administration Committee which oversees House members' spending.

"We got the green light from Speaker (Pete) Laney to do what needs to be done... It will be better for all of us," Goolsby, R-Dallas, was quoted in the *American-Statesman*.

Goolsby, however, said he was uncertain whether new rules could be enacted soon enough to affect House members' summer travel.

Under current House rules, legislators must first obtain Goolsby's approval by submitting a budget for out-of-state trips.

Perry Declares Candidacy

Promising to focus on education, crime and economic opportunity, Texas Agriculture Commissioner Rick Perry kicked off his campaign last week for lieutenant governor.

Perry, 47, a Haskell rancher, former House member and two-term agriculture commissioner, is the first Republican to declare for the post. He joins Democratic State Comptroller John Sharp in the race to succeed retiring Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock.

"I offer the people of Texas a solid record of delivering efficient and effective government," Perry told supporters in making his announcement in Austin.

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