



Local scouts place 4th of 12

Eagle Lake Boy Scouts ranked 4th out of 12 in popcorn sales in the Brahman District. The top three local sellers were David Ramirez, John Paul Supak and Samuel Rodriguez. These scouts received prizes for their efforts.

The yearly popcorn sale is conducted during a three-week period. National sales during this short time raised \$500,000 this year. The Brahman District, comprised of Colorado and several surrounding counties, contributed \$26,000 of that total.

Pack #3078 would like to thank all who supported their efforts.

Photo Courtesy of Pack #3078

Marquee dedicated at Eagle Lake Primary

The Eagle Lake Primary School PTO dedicated a marquee it purchased as its major project for 1996-97 prior to "Meet the Teacher Night" Tuesday, Aug. 19.

Following the dedication, refreshments were served by the organization.

The marquee stands at the entrance to the campus and will list activities and announcements that pertain to the

Primary School and Rice CISD.

The PTO solicited donations from parents and held fund raisers to obtain the necessary funds for the project.

PTO President Deborah Politsch is shown dedicating the marquee. She thanked parents, teachers, PTO members and community members who gave time and money to make the project possible.

Community donations were col-

lected by Christine Moody and Maria Leal.

Shown with Politsch is Eagle Lake Primary School Principal Frank Middleton.

The new addition will keep everyone up to date on all campus activities throughout the year.

The marquee presently carries the message: "Eagle Lake Primary School - A Texas Education Agency

Recognized Campus".

This status came as a result of the tremendous increase in third grade TAAS scores for the 1996-97 school year, a goal which all the staff in every grade, all the support personnel, administration and office staff, worked diligently to achieve.

Sheridan and Garwood Schools also achieved this level of recognition.

Bible Verse of the Week

"Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil."

— Ephesians 6:11

Submitted by Neddy Phillips



Shown with the new marquee at ELPS are, from left, Principal Frank Middleton and PTO President Deborah Politsch. The marquee was dedicated late last month after the start of the school year.

Headlight Photo by Lynda Appelt

COURTHOUSE REPORT

DISTRICT COURT CASE FILED

State of Texas vs. one 1981 Oldsmobile Van #163AM47N5BR403424, for forfeiture.

MARRIAGE LICENSE APPLICATIONS

Irvin James Janik and Doris Jean Noska.

Thomas Andrew Heffley and Dorothy Jean Jurica.

Larry Wayne Kunkel and Cynthia Ann Maertz.

Joe C. Escamilla and Rebecca Ann Rico.

USM employees return to Kenya

Two University of Southern Mississippi staffers took presents to friends in the African nation of Kenya and, in return, they gained simple lessons about life.

"There are many things that the Kenyans can learn from our society," said Barbara Ross, director of USM's R.C. Cook University Union and student activities. "But it's the simple things in life that we can learn from them."

Ross and Vicki Copeland, coordinator of the family housing at USM and sister of Sandy Bendy of Eagle Lake, returned July 19 from their two-week visit with Kenyan friends whom Copeland described as "the most refined and graceful people (I've) ever known."

Among their lessons from Kenya: "I learned that you don't have to eat dessert every day," Copeland said.

"You don't even have to eat lunch," said Ross.

The two women grew close to the

Kenyans during their stay in Hattiesburg last summer while the African nation's star athletes trained for the 1996 Summer Olympics in Atlanta.

"We developed strong friendships with the Kenyans through our volunteer work every day," Ross said.

On July 7 - one year after the Kenyans' visit to Hattiesburg - Ross and Copeland arrived in Nairobi, the capital of Kenya, to "return the favor" of their Kenyan friends' visit and to take them donated reminders of Hattiesburg.

"They took small American flags to the Kenyans. Hattiesburg businesses and companies donated T-shirts, bumper stickers, cups, blankets and other items bearing the Hattiesburg logo.

Copeland said that even though the Kenyans may not have the material and financial assets that our society has, they greatly enjoy life.

"Family and community are very

important to them," she said.

The Kenyans showed their hospitality to their Mississippi friends by arranging a trip that included such adventures as climbing Mount Kenya, visiting the pink flamingos at Lake Nakuru National Park and a safari in the Massai Mara Game Reserve.

"We saw poverty, and we saw wealth," said Ross.

The USM women visited the orphanage/farm of Kip Keino, head of the Kenyan Olympic team and a former four-time Olympic medalist. Besides having seven children of his (See Trip, Page 7)

THANK YOU, COLORADO COUNTY

For over 13 years, I have had the privilege of being the District Attorney for Colorado County as well as the rest of the 25th Judicial District. Effective September 1st, the Legislature has changed my jurisdiction to remove Colorado County, ending my years of service to the people of this great county. I am very proud of the record my office has established over those years including:

- Restoring respect to felony prosecution throughout the district;
- Conducting more jury trials and sending more defendants to prison than ever before;
- Establishing the 25th Judicial District Narcotics Task Force;
- Helping establish the 2nd 25th Judicial District Intermediate Sanctions Facility, where probationers who commit even minor violations can be locked up;
- Conducting successful prosecutions of crimes by public officials;
- Achieving a significant decrease in the index crime rate;
- Initiating a bond forfeiture program collecting hundreds of thousands of dollars for the counties in this district.

I am also proud of having been named 1996 Texas Prosecutor of the Year, which is a reflection of the hard work done by many people on behalf of this district. Finally, all of this has been done with concern for the taxpayers.

Thanks to you for electing me four times and for allowing me to represent the people of this district in felony prosecution. If my office can be of assistance, do not hesitate to call.

W.C. (Bud) Kirkendall
District Attorney
25th Judicial District of Texas



University of Southern Mississippi staffers Barbara Ross, left, and Vicki Copeland, sister of Sandy Bendy of Eagle Lake, are pictured in a rural part of Kenya while they visited friends made when the Kenya's athletes trained in Hattiesburg for the 1996 Summer Olympics in Atlanta.

Photo Courtesy of Sandy Bendy

ABOUT TOWN...

•Congratulations are in order for Russell Spalinger who made a hole-in-one while golfing at the Riverbend Country Club on Aug. 21.

He used a 5-iron on the 182 yard, par 3, number 14 hole. Rusty often golfs on weekends at the Eagle Lake Recreation Center.

Many happy returns, Rusty!

•Word was passed to our office that Jonathan Villarreal was scheduled for another surgery Tuesday, Sept. 2, and he is still in intensive care.

Anyone wishing to send get well wishes, etc. should address them to:

Jonathan Villarreal
Hermann Hospital
FT-ICU 2-Robertson
6411 Fannin
Houston, TX 77030.

We wish him all the best during his recovery.

•Tom and Deborah Reed extend an invitation to one and all to come out and enjoy Tom's Campaign Kick-Off this Sunday, Sept. 7, on the Square in Eagle Lake.

Festivities begin at 5 p.m. and will include a wide variety and lots of music, hot dogs, drinks and a bunch of fun!

If you haven't already heard, Tom is running for U.S. Congress against Ron Paul. That's our Tom... if you're going to go, go for broke!

•Amy and Cathy Fearing, chauffeured by their mom, made a quick trip Saturday night and Sunday to Cedar Hill (just south of Dallas) to check-out their Nana's new apartment. For the first time in their lives, and in almost 50 years for Nana, she will be living away from the land she and the girls' "Pop" purchased in 1947, now included in the city limits of Texas City.

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