

TEC Minerals donates to United Way

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Contributing Writer

Employees of TEC Minerals recently presented a donation to Mike Duarte, United Way Drive Chairman.

TEC Minerals (formerly Pioneer) is a division of Texas Industries Inc. (TXI) and is located on Calhoun Road.

J. Barrett Reese, vice president of marketing and sales from Dallas, told the group that United Way is the only charity TXI supports because 90¢ of every dollar actually goes to those in need.

"Only 18¢ of every welfare dollar actually reaches the needy, the rest goes into the bureaucracy. That's why TXI supports only United Way and matches whatever its employees give to the community," stated Reese. TXI's operations include expand-

ed aggregates, expanded shale and clay products, steel and recycling.

The Eagle Lake plant manufactures sand.



In attendance as TEC Minerals presented the United Way with a donation were, from left, in front, Xavier Esparza, Kenneth Colson and Vice President Reese. In back were Gretchen Wilkerson, John Marshall, Roy Johnson, Duarte and Valerie Scott who presented the check.

Headlight Photo by Lynda Appelt

Colorado-Fayette Pecan show is Dec. 4

The 1997 Colorado-Fayette County Pecan Show will be held Thursday, Dec. 4, at the Weimar Veteran's Hall. The show exhibits will be open to the public from 4 to 6 p.m.

You are encouraged to enter your pecans and help make this two-county show a success.

Colorado County producers should submit their entries to the County Extension office in Columbus on or before Wednesday, Dec. 3.

Entries may be submitted to the show site on the day of the show but must be delivered by 8 a.m.

Pecan show rules are:

1. Pecans must be from 1997 crop and produced in Colorado or Fayette County.

2. Each entry should consist of at least 55 pecans for improved varieties and a minimum of one pound for natives.

3. Pecans must be grown by the person exhibiting.

4. Each grower may enter as many natives as he/she has produced. (Native should be good-sized and not

mixed).

5. Each grower may enter one entry in each variety class. Example: John Doe can enter a Desirable, Mahan, Success, etc.

6. Pecans (by entry) should be placed in a paper bag with exhibitor's name, address, phone number, county, variety or native plainly written on the outside of the bag.

7. All entries will be judged by competent judges and division winning pecans will be entered in the Regional Pecan Show.

8. Pecans entered in the show will become property of the show. Pecans will be sold and the money used to keep the show self-sustaining.

9. Plaques and ribbons will be awarded to the winning entries. Categories are based on the USDA grading system. They are: commercial varieties, classic varieties and native nuts. Other categories include: commercial high percent kernel, classic high percent kernel and native high percent kernel.

The pecan show is sponsored by

the Colorado and Fayette Counties Horticulture Committees and the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

Schmidt family holds reunion

The descendants of the eight children of George J. and Bertha (Findeisen) Schmidt gathered at the New Beilau Hall Saturday, Oct. 11, for the 19th year, with a delicious barbecue supper with all the trimmings.

The deceased eldest son of George J. and Bertha Schmidt, Johnnie Sr.'s widow, Mary Schmidt attended from Cat Spring along with their son, Johnnie Schmidt Jr. and his wife, Alice of Junction and Lissie and grand-son, J.J. Schmidt of Chesterville.

The children of deceased daughter, Thilda (Schmidt) Birdwell who attended were George Birdwell of Eagle Lake, Emily and David Frank of Columbus, and Ethel and Eugene Engbrock with their son, Thomas and granddaughter, Ariana of Sugar Land,

and son, James Darrell Engbrock and his wife, Donna and their daughter, Shelby of East Bernard.

The daughters of deceased daughter Mary (Schmidt) Zahradnick at the reunion were Daphne (Zahradnick) Vasut with her daughter, Rosemary Tobin of Nashua, Iowa, son, Emil Vasut Jr., with Sonia Anel, and son, Paul David Vasut and his wife, Tricia and their sons, Karl and Kelly of Garwood. Tricia's brother, Wayne Fleck also attended.

The granddaughters of Mary that attended were Denise Newsom of Rosenberg, Debra (Newsom) Sea-holm, and Donna (Newsom) Cook with her husband, Rusty and daughter, Mandelyn all of Houston. Daughter, Evelyn and her husband, Earnest Hunick and son, Marvin attended from Jacinto City.

The children of deceased son, Arthur Schmitt Sr., who attended were Edwin Schmitt and wife, Janet, and their daughters, Catherine and friend, Daniel Kulala of Glidden, and Brenda (Schmitt) and husband, Troy Zahradnick with their daughters, Amber and Shelby Lee of Wharton.

The widow of Arthur Jr., Patsy Schmitt of Weimar and her daughter, Dianna (Schmitt) and husband, Marvin Ulrich with their daughter, Abby Lynn of La Grange, and Sandra (Schmitt) and husband, James Led-nicky with their daughters, Cindy and Jesslyn, and Arthur Sr.'s widow, Georgia Schmitt attended from Weimar.

Shirley (Schmitt) Hull, son, Jacob and daughter, Sheila (Hull) and her husband, Christopher LaCourse and son, Stanton Michael attended from Columbus. From Houston were Lillie Mae (Schmitt) Hairell and husband, Roger and son, Faron Hairell and his (See Schmidts, Page 7)

Happy Birthday to the World's Greatest Dad!

(Len Carson, Jr.)
November 26, 1997

I Love you with all my heart.

Love always,
Your daughter,
Katina M.
Carson, Houston

COUNTY COURT DISPOSITIONS

Nov. 18, 1997

James Christopher Hampton, Eagle Lake, possession of marijuana, 2-8-96, 1100 block of Seaholm, Eagle Lake, investigated by Eagle Lake Police Department (ELPD) Officer Keith Norman. Defendant pled no contest; fined \$500, court costs, six months deferred adjudication.

Lethan Shirley, Columbus, motion to revoke probation filed. Defendant placed on probation 5-14-96 for deadly conduct. Defendant pled true to motion; fined \$500, given one year probation (nine months to be spent in Intermediate Sanction Facility in Gonzales).

Willie James Toliver, Eagle Lake, driving while intoxicated-2 (DWI), 8-11-95, 600 East Main, Eagle Lake, investigated by ELPD Officer B.K. Ochoa. Defendant pled guilty; fined \$1,000, court costs, given one year probation.

Ernest Wayne Torres, Eagle Lake, driving while license suspended (DWLS), 8-9-97, 1-10 two miles north of Columbus, investigated by Department of Public Safety (DPS) Trooper Jeff Pickett. Defendant pled guilty; fined \$500, court costs, given 90 days jail time (credit for time served) to

run concurrent with Cause #13,868.

Ernest Wayne Torres, Eagle Lake, DWI, 8-9-97, 1-10 two miles north of Columbus, investigated by DPS Trooper Jeff Pickett. Defendant pled guilty; fined \$1,000, court costs, 90 days jail time (credit for time served) to run concurrent with Cause #13,864.

Nov. 21, 1997

Donald Fleck, Austin, criminal mischief, 11-21-95, 1880 Hwy. 72 S. #116, Columbus, investigated by Columbus Police Department (CPD) Officer Brian Davis. Defendant pled guilty, waived jury, tried by the court, County Judge Vince Slominski presiding. Court found defendant guilty; fined \$250, court costs, given three months deferred adjudication.

COUNTY COURT CASES FILED

Nov. 21, 1997

Maria Pineda Rivera, Weimar, DWI, 9-11-97, 1600 block of Walnut, Columbus.

Benny Raniel Black, Hitchcock, DWI, 10-4-97, FM 102 south of Eagle Lake.

David Castaneda Ochoa, East Bernard, DWI, 9-29-97, Hwy. 90A at Laughlin Rd., Eagle Lake.

Fernando Ledezma, Houston, possession of marijuana, 10-5-97, Weimar Hall, Weimar.

Ismael Guadalupe Cordero, Houston, possession of marijuana, 10-5-97, Weimar Hall, Weimar.

Antonio Leonel, Houston, possession of marijuana, 10-5-97, Weimar Hall, Weimar.

Narciso Beltran, Houston, possession of marijuana, 10-5-97, Weimar Hall, Weimar.

DISTRICT COURT DISPOSITIONS

Jose Quinones Garcia, burglary of habitation, 8-26-96. Defendant sentenced to four years in the Institutional Division of Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) to run concurrent with Fayette County Case #96R-082.

Rafael Martinez Silva, burglary of habitation, 5-7-97, 7-2-97, 7-9-97, 7-11-97. Defendant sentenced to 15 years in the Institutional Division of TDCJ to run concurrent with Colorado County District Court Cases 97-102, 97-103, 97-104.

DIVORCES GRANTED

Charles Marvin Schaeffer and Cherill Jean Schaeffer; granted 11-24-97.

MARRIAGE LICENSE APPLICATIONS

Willie Seals Jr. and Rosie Rivera. Roy Gustavo Garcia and Erica Melisa Rangel.

Willie Leon Perry and Betty Jean Thompson.

Happy 13th Birthday Sarah



Love, Mom,
Dad &
Charlotte



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Parish of Nativity acknowledges donations

In the past, many parishioners of the Parish of the Nativity have given generously to the Memorial Building Fund. We would like to acknowledge those who have made donations from Jan. to Oct. 1997 in the name of loved ones.

Aggie Briscoe for Monroe Briscoe; Florence Belmares-Jesusa Fernandez; Jose Belmares, Leonardo Belmares; Nicolas and Rosa Conejo, Petra Gamez; Esteban Cordova, deceased family members, Andy Gomez, Pedro Cortianras, Ireal Luna, Bernabe Cordoba, Ernest Longoria and Ramona Sanchez; Mr. & Mrs. Forest English, Simon Landry; Cindy Fink, Kyle Fink; Frenzel Family, Edgar Schobel; Joe Frybert, Joe Frybert Family and Frank Novak Family; Mr. & Mrs. Lupe Gasca, Salvador Sanchez, Daria Almanza, Tomaza Gasca and Thomas Almanza Gasca; Laura Mae Glueck, deceased family members, Ellis Glueck and Kathy Sorensen; Della Grasshoff, Agnes Weatherman;

Also, Mr. & Mrs. Louis Grigar, deceased family members; Louis Grigar, Willie and Clara Supak and Rosie Grigar; Letha Henneke, Frank Henneke and Wayne Henneke; Leona Landry, Simon Landry; Alma Larmer, Michael Meitzen and Bert Larmer; Bruno Leal, Jesus Leal and Fernando Huizar; Glen and Eva Lockier, Acencion Rodriguez and Kyle Fink; Gertrude Matecek, Oscar and

Lillie Samora; Coleen Meitzen, Chris Halbert; Rachel Mendoza, Bennie Contreras and Edward Mendoza; Josephine Montemayor, Roberto Montemayor;

Also, Nancy Nelson, deceased family members and Adolf Hollas; Carmen Nunez, Brigid Nunez, Ar-celia Osornio, Sergio Manuel Valdez and Esperanza Flores; Maria Nunez, Brigid Nunez; Emil and Mary Ann Owen, Simon Landry, Sergio Valdez and Leona Helm-camp; Alex Ramirez, August Ramirez; Herbert and Hortense Ramirez, Sergio Valdez; Isidoro and Antonia Ramirez, Victor and Jesusita Jimenez; Rigoberto Rodriguez, Margarito Lira; Mr. & Mrs. Jose Romo, Virginia Guerra, Esperanza Flores, Tidora Yanez, Celia Villanueva, Ray Garza Jr., Jesse Romo and Anita Carlin; Tony Romo, Ray Garza Jr., Ynes Borela, Leoradio Cordova, Tony Cordova, Amelia Garza and Victor Valdez Sr.;

Also, Draper and Patty Stephens, Marie Cain Stephens, Clarence H. Martin and Charles D. Stephens; Joe and Elaine Suarez, Elizabeth Sanchez, Luciano and Dolores Suarez Sr.; Eder Samuel and Saeal Valdez, Sergio Emanuel Valdez; Ricardo and Rosa Vallejo, Family Vallejo; Bill and Shirley Wilkerson, Kayce Wilkerson, Louise Novak, Julie Ann Carway, Bill Henry, Mark S., and Laura Taylor, Henry Wilker-

son, John Wilkerson Jr., Wanda Henry, Frances Baird, Lou Wilkerson, Ray Wilkerson, Tubey Wilkerson, William Moore, Betty (Mar-salia) Besch, Roy Crane, William Pearson, Howard Wilkerson and Tiffany Wilkerson; Joseph Wilkerson, Senver Wyatt, Tence Wyatt and Amy Moore Pearson; Jim and Mary Ann Wood, Dick Wood.

In our memorial Building Fund envelopes, the following donations were given in names of these people by the names that follows:

Matthew Argo by Gloria Skowryra; Julia and Alcario Barrios, 50th Wedding Anniversary; Willie Boudreaux, V.J. and Liz Kana; Amelia Hall Bray by family; deceased members of the Dromgoole and Hengst Families, Fulton and Frances Dromgoole; Esperanza Amaro Flores, Joe and Mercedes Garcia and Eva and Glen Lockier; Jesusa Flores, Robert Guerra; Isabel Guerra, Robert Guerra; Marie Graves by family, Mr. & Mrs. Bill Wegenhoft;

Also, Adolf Hollas, Bill and Emily Stiles, Draper and Patty Stephens, V.J. and Liz Kana, Mr. & Mrs. Louis Grigar, Dwight and Barbara Manna, Bennie Holesovsky, Fred and Eunice Frnka, Laura Mae Glueck, Mr. & Mrs. James Dierschke, Charles Besch and Family, Ada Mae Keith and Betty Wegenhoft; John and Natalie Hudec, for their wedding; Scot and Tiffany Jones, for their wedding; Simon B. Landry Jr. by Family, Leona Landry, Rice Family, Louis & Willie Mae Grigar, Clinton & Janelle Mascheck, Wilbert & Vernell Kucherka, Ray & Suzanne Sykowski, Mr. & Mrs. David Hengst, Mrs. Bill Wegenhoft, Alma Larmer, Mr. & Mrs. R.L. Kohleffel, Mr. & Mrs. Pedro Amador Jr., Forest English, Emil & Mary Owen, Mr. & Mrs. Gilbert Owen, V.J. & Liz Kana, Leona Miles and Mr. & Mrs. (See Donations, Page 10)

Sheridan Lions sponsoring 'Small Town Christmas'

The public is invited to attend the lighting and Christmas program Sunday, Dec. 14, starting at 6:30 p.m. in Logan Park, one block off Hwy. 90A on Farm Road 2437 adjacent to the Sheridan Volunteer Fire and Ambulance Hall.

The Sheridan Lions would like to help put you in the Christmas Spirit with the Sheridan Community Choir performing "The Little Drummer Boy", "A-Caroling", and "O Night Divine" from the "On Christmas Day" musical, and "Carol Medley" from the "Celebrate The Gift" Christmas musical.

Individuals and businesses will have on display, lighting displays located around the park between the

live oak trees and the audience will be asked to vote for the best decorated scene.

The Sheridan Lions will also announce the winners of the Community Lighting Contest and present the first place winner with \$50; second, \$30; and third place with \$20.

There will be a reading of the Christmas Story, sing-along Christmas carols and, of course, the arrival of Santa Claus.

While the children are being entertained by Santa, everyone else is invited to enjoy cookies and wassail.

The Sheridan Lions hope you plan to join them as they sponsor their first-ever "Small Town Country Christmas".

Happy Belated Birthday

to our daughter

Katina M.
Carson

November 17, 1997

Love Always,
Mom & Dad



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