

Local 4-H member recognized at banquet

Saturday, Oct. 25, a Colorado County 4-H member was among 37 youth from the Coastal Bend District of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service receiving the coveted 4-H Gold Star Award.

The awards were presented during a luncheon co-sponsored by the Central Power and Light and the Texas Agricultural Extension Service at the Victoria Country Club.

Receiving the award from Colorado County was Andrew Koch of Columbus, who was accompanied by his parents, John and Rebecca Koch, and County Extension Agent C. Jack Hunter and his wife, Linda.

The Gold Star is the highest County 4-H award provided by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

Outstanding 4-H members who have achieved high standards of excellence in their work are chosen annually from each of the 18 counties in the Coastal Bend District to receive this honor.

Selection is made by a committee on the basis of personal development, leadership, outstanding achievement in 4-H projects and activities and overall contributions to the 4-H program.

4-H enrollment in the 18 county Coastal Bend District of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service totals over 12,000 youths between the ages of 9 and 19.

This year's keynote address was given by Dr. Martha Couch, Assistant Director for 4-H & Youth, Texas A&M University.

Serving as master of ceremonies was Shane Brister, President of the Coastal Bend District 4-H Council from Lavaca County.

Senator Ken Armbrister presented the 4-H Gold Star pins to the honorees.

Assisting Armbrister were Mr. Lin Wilson, District Extension Director-AG, and Ms. Irene Keating, District Extension Director-FCS, both of Corpus Christi.



ELVFD visits daycare, Primary School

The Eagle Lake Volunteer Fire Department (ELVFD) visited My Friend's House Pre-School and Daycare during Fire Prevention Week, Oct. 13-17, as pictured above.

The children were able to visit with some of the local firemen and view equipment on the trucks, as well as hold some of the water hoses.

My Friend's House appreciates the ELVFD taking time to visit.

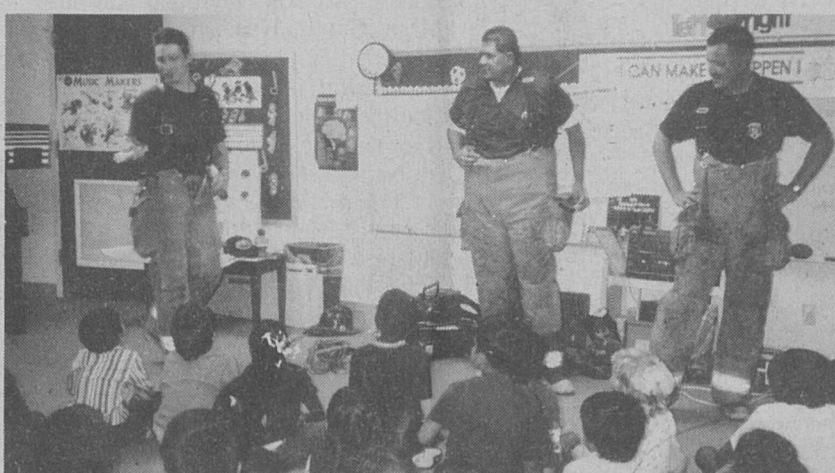
My Friend's House Photo

In the photo below, ELVFD members, from left, Donny Obenhaus, Michael Mota and Craig Guthman are shown visiting the first grade students at Eagle Lake Primary School during Fire Prevention Week.

The firemen demonstrated fire equipment and vehicles, explained safety rules and rules to follow in case of a home fire. The children were allowed to "play firemen" and spray water.

Some of the second and third grade classes, accompanied by the kindergarten classes who are their "reading buddies", visited the fire station.

ELPS Photo



Wallis church to hold garage sale fundraiser

The newly formed St. Vincent de Paul Society of Guardian Angel Church in Wallis will hold a gigantic garage sale type fundraiser this Friday and Saturday, Dec. 5 and 6, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on the parish grounds.

This year, the society incorporated the church's annual Thanksgiving food drive to include clothing and white elephant items.

The response from the public was great!

Alot of good quality children's and adult clothing, all sizes, including formal wear along with lots and lots of white elephant and household items

has been collected and will be sold at modest prices.

Proceeds from the sale will help benefit the needy.

Ya'll come! Your support will be greatly appreciated.

"Never invest your money in anything that eats or needs repairing." —Billy Rose

Garwood School celebrates homecoming week

The Garwood School Cheerleaders sponsored Homecoming Week, Oct. 28-31.

Tuesday was "Clash Day" where students and teachers wore mismatched clothes. There were people wearing different shoes, different earrings, mismatched plaids and stripes.

Visitors at the school looked at the participants a little funny until it was explained to them. Their comments were something like, "Oh, I see", or "Yeah, right".

Wednesday was "Bad Hair Day". Students and teachers really had fun making their hair just right.

Students and teachers who participated in "Bad Hair Day" were Vanessa Johnson, Ashley Labay, Theresa Henry, Amanda Kaiser, Melanie Brown, Bernardo Vasquez, Jessica Popp, Rusty Moore, Coach Goetzke, Kenisha Wicks, Frank Chavira, Britany Waligura, Mrs. Coach Goetzke, Tiffany Perry, Kristyna Lobpries, April Manciaz, Tanner Wishert, Kaydi Gold, Hillary Johnson, Destiny Fra-

zier, Jessica Woods, Matt Hoffman, April Pagel, Jessica Engstrom, Danny Shimek and Katie Hoffman.

Thursday was "Spirit Day" and Jr. High Homecoming. Athletes' lockers were decorated with blue and white helium balloons and paper mums.

The cheerleaders did a lot of work decorating the gym with streamers and signs for the pep rally.

Earlier in the week, Mrs. Bradford, cheerleading coach, told the students that if 80% of the student body got their face painted by the cheerleaders, she would walk on her hands and do a flip at the pep rally.

To her surprise, they answered her challenge when more than 80% of the students participated. So she entertained the audience with her gymnastic skills.

Mr. & Mrs. Coach Goetzke, along with the 7th and 8th grade classes, put on a very spirited skit for the Spirit Jug.

During the pep rally, Homecoming King and Queen were announced. Benjamin Ortiz and Tiffany Perry were selected by the student body.

Friday was very frightful because it was "Spooky Day" at the Garwood School.

Student Council members led the Halloween train throughout the building and to the gym. Once in the gym, teachers were brought forward and the mummy wrap began. All the teachers were declared winners.

"Spooky Day" participants were Adrian Axel, Jose Zepeda, Coach Goetzke, Mrs. Boenisch and Jess Little.

The cheerleaders want to thank all of the students and teachers who participated in the homecoming activities and for showing their support for the Mighty Raiders.



Tiffany Moore and Ben Ortiz, in photo above, were selected by the Garwood School student body as Homecoming Queen and King.

Garwood School Photo

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Stancik honored for investment training

Colorado County Treasurer Joyce Stancik was honored last month for five years' continuing certification as a County Investment Officer (CIO).

Stancik joined 14 other CIOs from Texas' inaugural Class of 1992 at an awards dinner presented by the Texas Association of Counties (TAC).

The CIO designation is a professional credential earned by county officials who complete a course of concentrated study and pass a thorough examination of investment skills.

The program's aim is to train county financial officers, including treasurers, auditors, CPAs and others, in the most modern techniques to maintain and invest public accounts.

CIOs work in compliance with government accounting standards and the Public Funds Investment Act.

"Certified CIOs are a distinguished group of county officials and these 15 who have maintained their credentials since the program began have demonstrated a true commitment to taxpayers," said TAC Assistant Executive Director Karen Norris.

In addition to the special awards dinner presented Nov. 5, participants attended seminars to meet the mandatory education requirements for cou-

nty auditors and CPAs and satisfy the curriculum mandates instituted by the Texas Legislature for all local public fund investment officers.

The TAC, headquartered in Austin, is comprised of the 254 counties in Texas.

Its purpose is to support county government and officials through education programs and legislative awareness in order to make local government work for all Texans.



HERITAGE HOUSE NEWS

By Linda Tillman, Activity Director

Oct. 3: Residents outing to Beason's Park in Columbus.

Oct. 30: All employees with birthdays in Oct. were honored with cake and ice cream.

Oct. 10: Residents outing to Sealy, Wallis and East Bernard.

Oct. 31: The residents birthday party was hosted by the Parish of the Nativity. Thanks to all the ladies from the church for a job well done. Celebrating birthdays were Irene Meyer, Anne Brune and Angela Laake.

Oct. 15: Residents attended bingo in Wallis at the Catholic Hall.

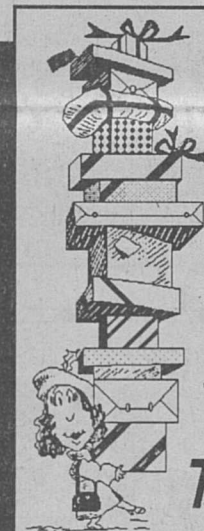
Oct. 17: Heritage House sponsored a bake sale for our residents activity fund which was very successful. Thanks to everyone for their help.

A special thanks goes to Mrs. The-Ima Johnson for making the ladies lap covers.

Oct. 22: Residents attended bingo in Wharton at Avalon Place. They really enjoyed playing bingo with the residents of Avalon Place.

Oct. 24: Residents outing to Garwood and Nada. They really enjoy their outings.

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COURTHOUSE REPORT

COUNT COURT CASES FILED
Nov. 26, 1997

Alfred Torres Jr., Eagle Lake, evading arrest, 10-3-97, 100 block Alan Street, Eagle Lake.

Manuel Stephen Ebarra, Eagle Lake, theft, 8-11-97, 815 East C Street, Eagle Lake.

Paul Mendoza Ebarra, Eagle Lake, driving while intoxicated (DWI), 10-14-97, 300 Guadalupe, Eagle Lake.

Abel Lopez, Richmond, DWI, 10-4-97, 600 block of E. Main.

Felipe Ray Melendez, Eagle Lake, possession of marijuana, 6-4-97, 500 S. Austin, Apt. #3, Eagle Lake.

Melvin Rush White, Eagle Lake, possession of marijuana, 9-27-97, 814 East B Street, Eagle Lake.

Chance Anthony Thornhill, Eagle Lake, possession of marijuana, 6-4-97, 500 S. Austin, Apt. #3, Eagle Lake.

Bobby Molano, Eagle Lake, assault, 10-19-97, 1200 Raezer Street, Eagle Lake.

DIVORCES FILED

Alison Betbeze and Robert Eugene Betbeze Jr.

MARRIAGE LICENSE APPLICATION

Jose Guadalupe Cano Jr. and Yolanda Flores Perez

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