

Go Texan Queen entries sought

The young lady who will represent the County on Colorado County Day at the 2000 Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo in Feb. will be selected Sunday, Sept. 5, with personal interviews at 2 p.m. and public presentation immediately following.

The event will be held at the Nesbitt Memorial Library in Columbus.

The entry fee is \$25. Dress for the pageant will be western attire. Girls must be between the ages of 14 and 21 and reside in Colorado County.

Contact Katrina Kohleffel at 234-7504 or Pam Potter in Columbus at 409-732-2705 for more information.

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NEWSBRIEFS

Senior Citizens' dance set for Sept. 3

The public is invited to a Senior Citizens' Dance, a place to meet old and new friends, on Friday, Sept. 3, 8-11:30 p.m. at the Eagle Lake Community Center. Music will be provided by "This Is It". Admission is \$5 per person. For more information call 234-3795.

Cerny on ESPN this Sunday

Clay Cerny of Eagle Lake will be on ESPN2 this Sunday, Aug. 29, at 7 p.m. He'll be participating in the roping event in Caldwell, Idaho. Be sure to take time to watch this young man make his hometown proud.

PBC anniversary, homecoming is Sunday

Rev. Coby Shorter Jr., the officers and members of Providence Baptist Church (PBC) invite you to attend the Church Anniversary and Homecoming on Sunday, Aug. 29, at 3 p.m. at 1207 Seaholm Street in Eagle Lake. The speaker will be Rev. J. Hargrove, Pastor of New Greater Smith Chapel Baptist Church in Columbus.

ICE House announces new activities

"A hundred years from now, it will not matter what my bank account was, the sort of house I lived in, or the kind of car I drove...But the world may be different because I was important in the life of a child," ICE House.

The ICE House is now having bible study on Thursdays from 6 to 7 p.m.; choir practice twice a week (various days); and Narcotics Anonymous meetings Saturdays from 8:30 to 10 p.m. The public is invited to join us anytime! For more information, call 409-234-7990 and ask for Troy.

County Hay Show deadline is Sept. 17

The Colorado County Hay Show will be held Wednesday, Oct. 6, at 4 p.m., at the Frelsburg Fire Station. If you are interested in entering a hay sample, please submit on or before Sept. 17. Each sample submitted will cost \$1 for the protein test. Samples should consist of a feed bag full of hay from round bales or two blocks of hay from a square bale. Samples should include your name, address, sample number and hay type.

Hay samples may be submitted to: County Extension Office and Heffley's Mill and Grain, Columbus; M-G Farm Service, Weimar; Heinsohn's Store, Frelsburg; Bernardo Farm and Ranch Supply; Eagle Lake General Store; Farmer's Co-op, Garwood; and Colorado Feed in Columbus. For more information call the County Extension Office at 409-732-2082.

Calling all quilters!

The 1999 Colorado County Fair is sponsoring a quilting contest again this year, so the county will have an entry in the 2000 Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo. This Go-Texan event will be held on Sunday, Sept. 12, at the Colorado County Fairgrounds. All quilters and quilting groups located in the county are invited to participate in this Go-Texan event. Applications are available from Potter's Western Store in Columbus or contact Holly Waligura at 409-732-5630 or 733-0750 for an application or to answer any questions about this event.

ELMS schedules Open House

The Eagle Lake Middle School (ELMS) Open House will be held Tuesday, Aug. 31. The ELMS PTO meeting and introduction will be held in the cafeteria from 7-7:20 p.m. The Open House will follow from 7:20 to 8:30 p.m. ELMS Raider shirts will be available at the Open House for \$12 each.

Home Economics entries sought for Fair

The Colorado County Fair will be held Sept. 9-12. Entries for the Home Economics division are needed. Anyone who enters 16 or more items will receive a free season pass the Fair. Deadline for entry cards and fees is Sept. 3. For more information, call 409-732-2530 or 732-3823.

Ag Commissioner to speak in Columbus

Texas Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs will speak on the subject "The Outlook for Agriculture in the Year 2000" at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 14, at the Live Oak Art Center in Columbus, 1014 Milam. The event will be hosted by the Colorado County Republican Club. The public is invited. There will be no charge for attendance.

Tennis lessons to be given

Houston Tennis Pro, Chris Holeness is offering tennis lessons on Monday and Wednesdays, beginning Sept. 13. Beginner, intermediate and advanced lessons will be available for ages five to adult. Call Laura Myres at 234-5172 for more information.

Sacred Heart Picnic set for Sept. 5

Plans are underway for the Sacred Heart Fall Picnic Sunday, Sept. 5, at the Hallettsville KC Hall. Dinner, including country fried chicken, stew and delicious cornbread dressing, will be served from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. There will be musical entertainment and food throughout the day. Check out the auction, cake walk, carnival, fish pond, horseshoe and washer pitching tourney. Pony rides start at 1 p.m. For more information, call 512-798-5888.

Bellville Swap meet is Sept. 3-6

Come to the Bellville Swap Meet on Labor Day weekend, Sept. 3-6, where antique and collector car hobbyists, as well as arts and crafts fans, may find all they need. Vendor spaces can be rented at the main gate from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Thursday, and 7 a.m. until 10 a.m. the other days. Full meals, refreshments and snacks will be available. Admission and on-site parking are free. For more information call 713-771-4062 or e-mail fmcaddy@swbell.net.

Singles dance Friday

Ft. Bend Singles Club will sponsor a public dance Friday, Aug. 26, at 8 p.m. at the Needville KC Hall. Music will be provided by Ray Krenek and the Texas Sounds. Door prizes will be given; admission is \$5. The public is welcome.

1999 Jerry Lewis MDA telethon starts Sept. 5

It's time for the 1999 34th Annual Jerry Lewis MDA Telethon to benefit the Muscular Dystrophy Association. The event takes place on Sunday, Sept. 5, at 6:30 p.m. EDT through Monday, Sept. 6, and can be viewed on Channel 2. Be sure to take time to call in your pledge. It's for a good cause.

Hunting, Fishing Show is this weekend

The 17th Annual Hunting & Fishing Show is coming to the Astrohall Aug. 27-29; educational, entertaining and fun for the whole family. Wildlife exhibits, exotic animal show and zoo, game calling championships, retriever training, wild game kitchen, bass tub, trout tank, fly casting, hunter education tours, seven top pro fishing guides together on stage at 3 p.m. Saturday. Shop for outdoor products, campers, watercraft, wildlife decor and more. Book trips from Texas to Russia. For more information, call 281-351-7052.

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Don't Panic!

German measles reported in Eagle Lake

Provided by The Thomas Clinic
One case of the rubella virus, also known as German measles or 3-day measles, has recently been documented in Eagle Lake.

This virus, which used to be common in children and young adults, can cause mild symptoms of tiredness, a low-grade fever and headache for several days.

In an infant, these symptoms would be expressed by fussiness or irritability.

After several days, a little rash starts on the neck or face, and then within hours, spreads to the rest of the body. We rarely see rubella any more as almost all children are vaccinated against this at the age of one and then also receive a booster at four years of

age.

The problem with rubella is that if a woman who has never been vaccinated against rubella gets the infection while she is in the early stages of pregnancy, the child she is carrying may be born with severe birth defects.

The Texas Department of Health has been notified of the one rubella infection in Eagle Lake and these are

their recommendations:

1. Don't panic!
2. If you are a woman of child-bearing age, know your immune status. This can easily be done with a simple blood test at your doctor's office. If you are immune, you have nothing to worry about. If you are not immune, we recommend that you be vaccinated after making sure you are not pregnant (getting vaccinated while you are pregnant is just as bad as getting the disease as far as the baby is concerned).

3. If you are pregnant and being seen by a doctor for your pregnancy, more than likely your immunity to rubella was checked when they drew all that blood from you. Just call them to get a report. If you are not immune and in the first trimester of your pregnancy, your doctor will tell you what needs to be done.

4. If you have children who are one year of age or older, check their vaccination records to make sure they are up to date. They should have received a MMR shot at one year of age, and then again at four years old. If your children are not current, please get them vaccinated as soon as possible. Vaccinations can be given at your doctor's office, the Health Department or through the WIC program.

5. If you have children that have not yet reached their first birthday, watch for unexplained fussiness or low-grade fevers followed by a rash that starts on the neck or face and then, within a few hours spreads to the rest of the body.

Again, there is no cause for alarm. If no further cases are documented in the next several weeks, then the alert should be over for the Eagle Lake area.

This one case of rubella was most likely picked up in Houston, so please make sure you follow the above recommendations.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call us at the Thomas Clinic, 234-2551.



Fully engulfed

When members of the Eagle Lake Volunteer Fire Department responded to a report of a structure fire in the 200 block of East A Street Monday evening, they found the abandoned house fully engulfed in flames with large clouds of black smoke.

Even though there was no way to save the structure, firemen were able to keep the flames from spreading to any other structures in the vicinity including businesses and a home next door.

Headlight Photo by Jeannine Fearing

EAGLE LAKE POLICE REPORT

The Eagle Lake Police Department reported the following calls and cases for the week ending Aug. 23.

On Aug. 17, at 11:30 a.m., Officer Brian Lasley responded to a welfare concern on Dobbins St. Lasley made contact and all was okay.

At 11:45 a.m., Officer Lasley was flagged down by a complainant in reference to an unwanted subject at the residence. The subject was later issued a criminal trespass warning. No further action was taken.

Officer Lasley assisted with traffic control at B and 3rd Streets at 4:30 p.m. when a Rice CISD school bus broke down.

On Aug. 18, at 3:26 p.m., Sgt. Tim Crume was dispatched to Schley St. about a disturbance. Adrian Farrow was later arrested for family violence, processed at the police department and transported to the County Detention Center (CDC) for confinement.

At 7:40 p.m., Officer Randy Schlauch was dispatched to N. Lake Ave. in reference to a disturbance. He and Sgt. Crume learned that it had been verbal only. No police action was necessary.

Officer Schlauch was contacted at 9:42 p.m. in reference to a problem between parties. It was learned that it was a civil problem.

On Aug. 19, at 12:32 p.m., Lt. Clem Johnson arrested Willie Parker Jr. on outstanding municipal warrants.

Officer Michael Krenek was dispatched to 807 E. Main St. at 2:30 p.m. in reference to a possible theft. Later, two subjects were located and issued criminal trespass warnings.

At 7:56 p.m., Officer Schlauch assisted the juvenile probation officer in checking curfew violations on several juveniles who are on probation.

On Aug. 20, Sgt. Crume was dispatched to 600 S. Austin in reference to a Detox patient being disruptive. Crume spoke with the subject. The call was handled without incident.

As a result of an earlier investiga-

tion, Carolyn Faye Shorter was arrested on an outstanding warrant for motion for adjudication of guilt-assault. After processing at the police department, Shorter was transported to the CDC for confinement.

At 7:39 p.m., Sgt. Crume met with a complainant at 601 E. Main in reference to criminal trespass. The case is being investigated.

At 8:24 p.m., Sgt. Crume met with several subjects at the police department. As a result, Felipe Melendez was arrested on an outstanding warrant for motion to revoke probation-assault. After processing, he was transported to CDC for confinement.

On Aug. 21, at 8:53 a.m., spray

paint damage to the Prairie Edge Museum and its caboose was reported to Officer Krenek. Krenek responded, gathered information and filed a report. The case is under investigation.

At 1:39 p.m., Officer Krenek was dispatched to the 800 block of Church St. in reference to mailbox damage. The vehicle and subject were located. The matter was cleared at the scene.

At 4:51 p.m., Sgt. Crume was contacted by a complainant in reference to damaged property. He advised the subject that it was a civil matter.

Sgt. Crume received a report of a disturbance on Hunter's Lane. The subject was located and issued a criminal trespass warning.

Officer Schlauch was contacted at 8:14 p.m. in reference to the theft of a checkbook from a vehicle. Information was gathered and a report filed.

Sgt. Crume conducted a traffic stop on Glen Flora Rd. resulting in the arrest of the driver, Gregory Paul Bradberry, for driving while license suspended. Bradberry was processed and transported to the CDC for confinement.

On Aug. 22, at 1:35 p.m., Officer Lasley responded to an activated alarm in the 1500 block of E. Main St. The building was checked and found to be secure.

At 2:50 p.m., Officer Lasley met with a complainant in reference to a theft on Clark St. A report was filed.

At 4:27 p.m., Sgt. Bill Lattimore and Officer Lasley assisted County deputies on a shots fired call off of Cat Springs Rd. It was discovered that the men in question had been skeet shooting. The matter was handled by the deputies.

Officer Stephen Nelson and Sgt. Lattimore provided standby at 9:23 p.m. on Stephens St. while subjects (See Police, Page 10)

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Combs, a fourth generation cattle rancher from Brewster County, is the first woman to hold the commissioner position.

She currently serves on the boards of the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association and the Texas Wildlife Association. She has also served on the board of directors of the Texas Beef Council and Texas Production Credit Association. She is a member of the Texas Farm Bureau and Independent Cattlemen's Association of Texas.

This will be part of a series of "Town Hall" meetings as a way for folks to tell Combs and the Texas De-

partment of Agriculture what's on their minds.

Following her appearance at the LOAC, she will go on to a Farm Bureau meeting in Columbus.

Loan approved for Garwood's water district

The Texas Water Development Board approved a \$260,000 loan to the Colorado County Water Control and Improvement District No. 2 (WCID) for water and wastewater system improvements. The loan will be funded through the Texas Water Development Corporation.

Colorado County WCID proposes to construct a new water well and chlorination equipment to replace an existing 30-year old well. The new well will serve as the primary water supply for the district. The existing well will be retained and used as a backup.

In addition, the district will improve its wastewater system by replacing an aerator, making structural repairs, upgrading electrical and control components, and rehabilitating drying beds. The district will also test for infiltration and inflow and make needed repairs.

Colorado County WCID serves the town of Garwood.