

# Child safety seat program held in Columbus

Four out of every five child safety seats are improperly installed or the children are improperly secured in these protective seats.

To help combat this wide-spread problem, the Texas Agricultural Extension Service and Colorado County Family and Consumer Sciences Advisory Committee hosted a Child Passenger Safety workshop Sept. 2 at the Colorado County Ag. Building.

Martha Kingston, Extension Assistant and NHTSA Certified Child Passenger Safety Technician/Instructor, presented the program to three hospital employees and six law enforcement officers.

According to Kingston, "Our job as educators is to empower parents to correctly use a child safety seat on every ride. Parents often believe they are using a safety seat correctly, when even a few errors could be fatal to a child in the event of a crash."

The primary purpose of the workshop was to train representatives from area hospitals to educate parents on child passenger safety.

The Colorado County Extension Service (CCES) received 46 car safety seats through a grant from Texas Department of Health Safe Riders to implement a child safety seat loaner program for limited resource families.

The seats will be distributed through area hospitals and CCES. Along with providing families a child safety seat on a loan basis, parents will receive the necessary information to properly install and use car safety seats.

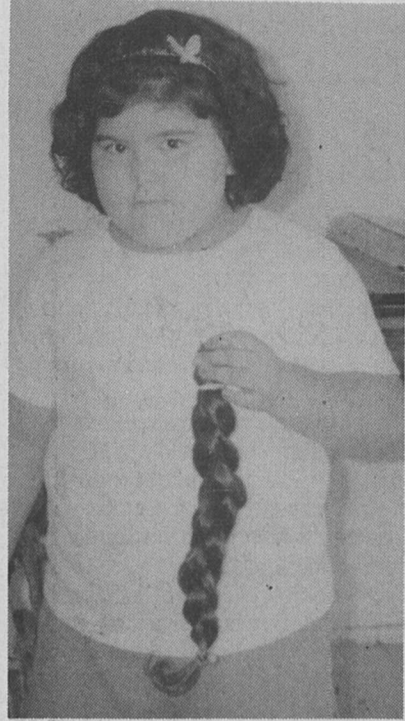
"This type of training is important for any individual who has an opportunity to educate parents of small children."

"Sometimes, parents or other family members transporting small children don't understand all the factors, such as the position of harness straps, air bags, seats and seat belts, that go into purchasing and correctly using

car safety seats," says Amy Erwin, CCE Agent.

Six local law enforcement officers, five from Columbus Police Department and one from the Colorado County Sheriff's Department, also attended the workshop to better understand the mechanics of car safety and how they should be properly installed in vehicles.

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**Cut for love**

Megan Contreras, daughter of Greg and Lydia Contreras of Eagle Lake, decided to go for the gusto and cut off 15 inches of hair.

She did it for a good cause. Her hair will be donated to Locks of Love, a charity which provides hairpieces to financially disadvantaged children under the age of 13 with medical hair loss. The donated hair must be at least 10 inches long.

If you would like to do something special like this, call 1-888-896-1588 toll free or log on to <http://www.locksoflove.com/hair-donation.htm>.

Headlight Photo by Carol Nelson

# County firefighters fundraiser is Oct. 9

The Oaks Theatre in Columbus is the place to be on Saturday, Oct. 9, at 7:30 p.m. when the Columbus Opry features a special Country Music Show to benefit all nine Colorado County Fire Departments.

This fundraiser will help pay the cost of training Colorado County firefighters and purchasing new equipment needed.

This will be a regular Saturday night Columbus Opry with the Texas Sagebrush Band on stage, plus many talented singers performing.

There will also be many door prizes given away during intermission.

Advance tickets will be sold; ticket price is \$6. Contact any Colo-

rado County Fire Department or purchase at the door the day of the show. Charlie Herchek, producer of this show, along with John and Brenda Buehler, the regular producers of the Columbus Opry, invite everyone to come out for a fun filled night of live

Martha Kingston, Extension Specialist and NHTSA Certified Child Passenger Safety Technician/Instructor (left), demonstrates how a seat belt's locking latch plate functions to Rice Medical Center nurses Imelda Hernandez (center) and Gabriela Saucedo (right)..

Photo Courtesy of Amy Erwin

country music entertainment.

The Columbus Opry is good, clean family entertainment and proud to be the winner of the American Eagle Award for "Opry of The Year" by the Country Music Organization of America for three consecutive years.

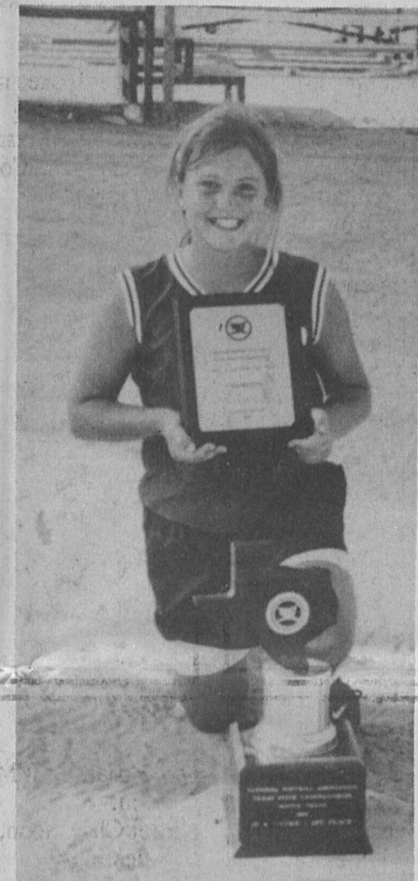
# Royal Purples are champs

The age 10 and under South Texas Royal Purples won the Division A state championship in the National Softball Association State Fastpitch Tournament in Austin.

Kelsey Berger, third base for the Royal Purples, is the daughter of Doug and Brenda Berger of Seguin and granddaughter of Anthony and Bernice Kallina of Garwood and Allan and Edna Mae Berger of Port O' Connor.

The Purples beat the nationally ranked Pasadena Krush, Texas Peppers of Houston, Midland Young Guns and Pearland Aces in the championship bracket. The team went 35-12 on the year and won tournament championships in Temple, Austin and Houston.

Sponsored by Natural Bridge Caverns, the team trains at Texas Lutheran University.



## ANNOUNCING NEW ARRIVALS

### Kristina Marie Dippel

Neil and Donna Dippel of El Campo are pleased to announce the arrival of their daughter, born September 15, 1999, at 10:50 p.m. at Rice Medical Center in Eagle Lake.

Kristina Marie weighed seven pounds, four ounces and measured 19 inches at birth.

Maternal grandparents are Donnie and Carol Means of El Campo. Paternal grandparents are Herman and Katie Mauch Jr. and John and Kathy Dippel of El Campo.

Great-grandparents are Leon and Dorabel Dippel of Danevang, Viola Hanus of El Campo, Merle and Sonny Daines of El Campo, Billy Means of Victoria and Dixie Hoop of El Campo.

Great-great grandparents are Marie Hanson and Pearl Means of El Campo and Jimmie and Doyle Riddle of Victoria.

## Chett Clayton Stribling

Johnny and Linda Stribling of El Campo are pleased to announce the arrival of their son, born September 14, 1999, at Presbyterian Hospital in Dallas.

Chett Clayton weighed eight pounds, three ounces and measured 21 inches at birth.

Proud grandparents are Sugar and Pete Stribling of Kaufman and John Lee and Virginia Korenek of Garwood.

Great-grandparents are Joe and Rose Bedrick of Terrell, Pete Stribling of Kaufman, Mrs. Alice Bludau of Hallettsville and Mrs. Richard Korenek of Garwood.

## Addie Alyse Taylor

We're tickled pink... Stephen and Shannan Taylor are proud to announce their latest blessing... Addie Alyse.

Addie was sent from Heaven above on September 3, 1999, at 2:09 p.m. She weighed seven pounds, five ounces and measured 19-3/4 inches long. The attending physician was Dr. Edward Zabrek.

The proud grandparents are Pat and Len Matula and Beverly and Steve Taylor of Eagle Lake. Great grandparents are Joe and Irene Skuca of Nada, Elsie Matula of Eagle Lake, and Roy and Irene Roberts of Harper.

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Dinner 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.  
Salute to Mr. Harrison 7:30 p.m.  
Dancing 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m.

Tickets may be purchased at Rice Medical Center, Eagle Lake Drug Store,  
or The First National Bank for \$50.00 per couple.

# GED classes to start in Weimar

Adults who wish to earn the equivalency of a high school diploma (GED) are invited to enroll in the classes held every Monday and Tuesday evening at 7 p.m. starting Monday, Oct. 11, in Room 6 at the Weimar High School, 506 West Main. There is no charge for the class.

The classes offer training in five categories: math, science, reading, social studies and writing to prepare the student to take the high school equivalency test. Anyone 17 years or older may enroll in the classes which are offered through Wharton County Junior College and the Weimar Independent School District.

Those who successfully pass the five GED tests will be issued a Certificate of High School Equivalence by the Texas Department of Education, which could open doors to opportunities otherwise unavailable.

Those wishing to register or receive further information should call Jerry F. Hudec at Weimar High School, 409-725-9504, or at home, 409-263-5829.

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## FALL FESTIVAL

### Sunday, Oct. 10

KC Hall, Columbus (IH 10 at Glidden Exit)

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Serving Starts at 11 a.m.

**Adult Take-Home Plates to Go... Drive Thru**  
Adults \$6 per plate Children under 12, \$3 per plate

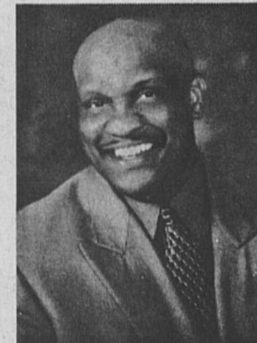
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