

Ag Field Day held for third grade students

Colorado County Farm Bureau (CCFB), in conjunction with the FFA department of Columbus and Weimar High Schools, sponsored its second Annual Ag Field Day Tuesday, Oct. 5, at the Columbus Ag Grounds.

School participating in the program were Garwood, Weimar, Columbus, St. Anthony, St. Michael's, Sheridan and Eagle Lake.

Some 350 third graders and their teachers visited 15 stations which included a dairy classroom by Roy

Henderson of Navasota; hatching chicks from Texas A&M; laying hens exhibit with Leon Hattermann of Weimar and his assistants; antique tractor display; tractor, farm and lawn mower safety programs by the Weimar FFA;

Also, a plant propagation demonstrated by Columbus FFA; rice display and its many uses by Monica Staff and Vivian Spanihel of Garwood; the use of hand tools and safety by Columbus FFA; forestry service program presented by Daniel Lewis of

La Grange; Also, soil conservation program on soil erosion by Jerry Pierce of Hallsville with the Natural Resource Conservation Service and Beverly Tuck, district secretary/technician; Weimar FFA enlightened the classes about hogs and pigs; Glen Weishuhn and Dr. Bill Rudgley showed how 99% of every beef animal is used one way or the other and how the animals are kept healthy.

A new station was added this year

angling by Columbus FFA. Students reached the ag grounds about 9:15 a.m. and visited each station for 15 minutes, taking a break at noon to enjoy corn dogs, chips and milk.

One of the most effective ways we can teach about agriculture is by allowing students to see and touch things related to agriculture.

CCFB thanks all those hard workers who helped these students "make the connection".



Guatamalan pastor arrives in Eagle Lake

Eagle Lake has a new family in residence. Rev. Julio Sosa, a pastor from Guatemala arrived in town Oct. 23 for an extended stay. Sosa's stay in Eagle Lake has been made possible by the efforts of Living Hope Church, according to Pastors Joe and Mercy Fling.

Sosa was the special guest at Living Hope Church this Aug. Sosa, his wife, Ruth, and children, Nancy (18 years old), Susie (14) and Julito (11), are residing on Dobbins Street, along with Nancy's three-week-old son, Brian. The Sosas expect to stay in Eagle Lake for about a year.

Sosa and his wife (a native of Honduras) have ministered in Julio's hometown (Huehuetenango, Guatemala) for the past 19 years. Sosa's calling is to pastor, and in addition to

Tabernaculo de la fe (Faith Tabernacle) the church in Huehuetenango, assisted in planting Antioquia (Antioch) church in Arlington in 1998, and has assisted a new work in Los Angeles, Calif., as well.

Sosa has also worked extensively with over 500 native Indian pastors among Guatemalas 26 native tribes. He is serving at Living Hope at this time, ministering in the Spanish language and assisting Pastors Joe and Mercy Fling as needed in music, teaching and prayer.

According to Sosa, the family had prayed for three years about spending time in the United States and came to Eagle Lake to be part of Living Hope and to have a time of sabbatical.

Rev. Sosa is one of nine foreign and local missions workers supported

in their work over the last nine years by Living Hope. Pastor Joe said that this is a unique opportunity for growth for Living Hope. "When Rev. Sosa was with us here in Aug., the Lord bonded Brother Julio with the body of believers at Living Hope, and Julio decided a few days later to make his home here with us."

Pastor Fling also thanked all those who made the trip to Eagle Lake possible, including members of the church who gave unselfishly of their time, talent and finances to prepare the Dobbins house for the Sosa family.

Also, thanks to all who donated furniture, appliances, sundries and pantry items to supply the home for its new residents. The Sosas are available for ministry in the area as the Lord leads.

For more information on the Sosa family and their work here, contact Pastors Joe and Mercy Fling at 409-234-3710 or Julio Sosa on Dobbins Street.

N. Lake Baptist Church Oct. missionary lessons

Quarterly Theme: Missions, the Great Biblical Enterprise
The Second Book of the Pentateuch Ex. 3: 7, 10

First Week, Basic Theme: "God, the Author of Missions."
Exodus, means, going out, leaving or departing, going back home.

But let's talk about the forth word of Genesis 1:1. God, the self existence one, the creator and architect of this universe, the life giver, the omnipo-

tence (all power), omnipotence (everywhere at the same time), omnipotence (all knowledge), "the" points out to the pre-existence one.

Author means, that God is sovereign, he possesses and exercises supreme authority, in all creation. He governs this universe which he created. He knows from eternity to eternity what will take place. His judgments, are unsearchable, and His way is past finding out. Romans 11:33.

Missions are rooted in the purpose of God. In Ex. 3:7, God told Moses, about the affliction of his people. Verse 10, God sent Moses on a mission to Egypt, to tell Pharaoh to let my people go. If the Holy Spirit is not first place, in our missions, then it will not be effective nor fruitful.

Second Week Theme: "Christ Came on a Mission." John 10:10
The Gospel of John, is called the Deity Book, deity means, same power, same glory, same authority.

Matt. 1:21 declares that, Jesus is His name, but Christ is His nature. The purpose of His mission was to (Luke 19:10) seek and to save that which was lost.

In the "Better Book", which is Hebrews, 10:5, Christ asked his Father God to "prepare me a body". Prepare meaning cover me up to appear as a natural human being, because the people cannot stand to behold (look at) me in my Divine Nature. God knew that mankind could not save himself. That's why God in his omniscience and divine love provided a sacrifice for our restoration.

Matt 1:17 teaches us that Christ came down through 42 generations just to save a wretch as we. Since the Holy Spirit is our in-dwelling intercessor, then we are identified as (Rom. 8:17) heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ in accomplishing his mission.

Third Week Theme: "What Christ's Mission Accomplished." Heb. 1:3

Hebrews is known as the "Better Book". A better hope, promise, covenant, sacrifices, country and a better resurrection. Accomplished means, successfully done, work completed. John 19:30, Jesus declares, "It is

finished," meaning the finished work of redemption has been wrought.

On Calvary, Jesus has made it possible and given us almost two thousand years to rectify (get it together) our selves.

On Calvary, he paid that ransom price to buy back our pardon. On Calvary, his blood was shed as a deliverance from the shackle of sin. For his blood is a powerful, hidden, spiritual, divine reality.

What did Christ's mission accomplish? He accomplished power over death. Apostle Paul said, I Cor. 15:54, that death, is swallowed up in victory. He hath all power, over death, the grave and hell.

Thanks be to God which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Fourth Week Theme: "The Context of Christ's Commission" Matt. 28:18-20

The Book of Matthew, is called "the King's Book". Context means, a word to help make clear, of what is meant. "C.O.", means, "with", or together. Mission, is a special duty that a person or group is sent out to do.

Matt. 28: 18-20, the Great Commission, is given by our Supreme Commander, and it revolved around his divine authority.

Jesus was commissioning his 11 disciples (all men), saying unto them, "all", power is given unto me, in heaven and in earth. He said, "Go, teach, baptize, observe". He came to do the will of His Father. The same command that Christ gave to His disciples then, applies to His called and chosen this day. The gospel is for the salvation of the whole world. His birth, ministry, death and resurrection was done "supernatural", (existing outside the known forces of nature).

Evangelism cannot be accomplished without the empowerment of the Holy Spirit.

For it is the Holy Spirit that trains and equips one for the mission. For His death-justified, His blood sanctified, Jesus (John 17:5) glorified and God was satisfied.

Pastor Rev. J.H. James; General Teacher Sis. Inola Johnson

Colorado-Fayette County Pecan Poster contest is Nov. 30

The 1999 Colorado-Fayette County Pecan Poster Art contest will be held Tuesday, Nov. 30, at Roundup Hall in La Grange.

The rules and regulations are:

1. All Elementary and Jr. High School students from Colorado and Fayette Counties are eligible to enter.
2. Each exhibit will receive a blue or red ribbon. A Grand Champion and Reserve champion trophy will be awarded in each division.
3. There will be three divisions: Primary Elementary (grades K-2); Elementary (grades 3-5); and Jr. High (grades 6-8).
4. **Poster size must be 14" x 22" (half of the standard size poster board).**
5. Posters must contain information on or be a promotion of pecans. Any type of art medium maybe used.

Each poster will be judged on its own merit. Posters will be judged for neatness, creativity, originality and theme use. **No actual pecans may be used on posters.** No other kinds of foreign material, i.e. bark, pecans shells, etc. should be glued on the poster.

6. Each poster should be labeled on the back lower left hand corner. Include your name, address, telephone number, age, school, telephone number at school, grade and county.

7. Only one entry per student.
8. **ARRIVAL:** All posters must be delivered to the County Extension Office in Columbus, 316 Spring St., between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. on or before Tuesday, Nov. 23.
9. Posters may be picked up between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 6, at the County Extension Office

in Columbus.

10. After judging, posters will be exhibited for public viewing on Nov. 30. The top winners will be called at the principal's office and will need to be at the Roundup Hall in La Grange at 5 p.m. to have pictures taken for the papers.

If there are any questions, contact the County Extension Office at 409-732-2530 or come by 316 Spring St. in Columbus.

- Criteria for Judging**
1. Attracts attention; something unusual, unique.
 2. Arouses and holds interest; tells story quickly using only materials with definite message.
 3. Pleasing appearance, good balance.
 4. Promotes pecans and their uses.

Residents take tour

A group of 52 passengers boarded a Coach USA for a eight-day trip with Fay Elliott in charge.

The group attended five shows in Branson, Missouri: the "Welks Show", "Mel Tillis" and two daughters and two grandchildren, "Country Tonight", "Shoji and his daughter", and "Jim Stafford."

After leaving Branson, a visit was made at the Bass Pro-Shop (one of the largest) then to Carthage, Mo. to tour the Precious Moment Chapel and Gardens.

Then on to Eureka Springs, Ark., to attend the Ozark Mountain Hoe-Down.

They then toured the "New Holy Land", "Sacred Arts Museum", "Bible Museum", the large statue of "Christ the King", the "Glass Chapel on the Hill", and finally, the Great Passion Play.

On the way home, a stop was made at the Rose Garden in Tyler.

The foliage was beautiful along the way with all the change of color. Everyone had a great time.

Taking the trip were Viola Zboril, Betsy Miller and Betty Krenek from Garwood and Irene Skuza from Nada. The rest were from Columbus and the surrounding area.

Does anyone have a camera?

By Carol Nelson

What a question from a person that is supposed to be a photographer at a newspaper. Boy, did I feel foolish during the Power of Houston event... in the front row of a concert and no camera. I never imagined we would be front row of a Jaci Velasquez concert. For those of you who don't know, Jaci is a Christian artist.

The whole thing started out with my wanting to make a dream of my niece Sarah's come true. She loves to sing in church and usually always does Jaci's songs.

So I thought, hey, why not try to get her to the concert? With the help of

a friend of mine named Vikki who works for KRBE in Houston I got the low-down on the concert.

So here we are, at a concert watching the first act and sitting in what I would call the nose-bleed section of the Compaq Center.

As the crowd starting moving around, waiting for intermission be over, we all were suddenly in front of the stage. Needless to say, I was amazed... and with no camera!

I kept thinking, hey, we'll just leave if it turns out not to be her. I really wasn't sure if we were going to see Jaci. You know how so many people have the same name and even sometimes spell it the same. But praise God, it was. I wish you could have seen all the young kids all together along with me, my niece and brother David enjoying the presence of God in the midst of so many different people.

I was surprised to see all the young people who enjoy Jaci's music as much as I do. With all the negative things folks say about young kids, it's nice to know there are still good kids out there.

By the way, we (Sarah, David and myself) got to shake her hand and Sarah even got to sit on stage. Before Jaci left, she came over and kissed Sarah and stroked her hair.

If nothing good ever happens to Sarah in her lifetime, she will have gotten to see one of her wishes come true.

A big thank you to Vikki and of course my brother, David, who braved the traffic and crowd to get us there.

Bull evaluation clinic scheduled for Nov. 18

A Colorado County Bull Evaluation Clinic will be held Thursday, Nov. 18, at 7 p.m. at the Columbus Livestock Auction Barn.

Dr. Joe Paschal, Professor and Extension Livestock Specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service (TAES), will be conducting the program.

He will be covering topics on the selection of quality bulls, nutrition to maintain quality bulls, bull fertility, breeds and other topics which will meet your needs as a cow/calf producer.

The importance of the bull in cattle breeding program is often underestimated.

A cow is responsible for one-half the genetic material for one calf, but a bull is responsible for one-half the genetic material for 20 to 50 calves. The ability of that bull to locate cows in estrus and breed them is vital for a successful cattle breeding program.

Bulls differ in physical appearances, fertility and sex drive. In the past, when a cow failed to become pregnant, it was assumed she was at fault.

A clearer understanding of the male reproductive system and the difference between reproductive capabilities of bulls indicates that assumption is not always correct.

We will give two continuing education units toward re-certification for private applicator license.

This activity is being sponsored by the Colorado County Livestock Committee and the TAES.

Did You Know...

- The word "millennium" comes from combining the Latin words for "one thousand" and "year".
- A grandmother clock does not exceed 6 feet, 6 inches in height.
- It's easier to peel a hard boiled egg that is still warm. If you allow it to cool, the shell can stick to the egg.

This kid's being sentenced to life.

A good one.

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That first time in court was not a pleasant one. Robert had vandalized a wall and shoplifted three CDs. But the second time wasn't so bad. This time Robert could report that his grades had improved, he'd repainted the wall, and he'd paid back the store owner for the CDs. Best of all, he and his parents were finally listening to each other, thanks to the family counseling the judge had ordered.

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