

St. Mary's Hallettsville's picnic is June 11

St. Mary's Catholic Church, west of Hallettsville, will celebrate its annual picnic June 11. The parish is located 1.5 miles off 90-A west on FM 340.

The day begins at 9:15 a.m. with the celebration of mass.

A meal, consisting of special St. Mary's stew and sausage with all the trimmings, will be served beginning at 10:30. Adult plates are \$5; plates to go will also be available.

Action at the antique auction begins at 1:30 p.m. with hundreds of items including quilts, arts & crafts, and livestock.

A country store will offer items such as homemade canned good, crafts, fresh vegetables and home-made goodies to take home.

Live music will be provided throughout the afternoon and evening under the many shade trees on the picnic grounds. Starting off the entertainment will be the Shiner Hobos from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. followed by Bobby Jones from 3 to 6 p.m. and, closing out the evening, The Red Ravens from 6 to 10 p.m.

There will be plenty of games for both children and adults including a

cake and plant walk, ball throw, fish pond, bean bag throw, ring toss and a train ride.

Ice cold drinks, popcorn and snowcones will be available throughout the day. Hamburgers will also be available in the evening.

Everyone is invited to come out to the country and enjoy a fun-filled day at the St. Mary's picnic.

NPS holding tour

The Columbus Chapter of Native Plant Society of Texas (NPS) is hosting its very first Garden and Tree Tour during the Spring Time Festival in

Columbus, May 20-21.

Justin Chandler, a local Boy Scout, recorded statistics on several of the old trees in Columbus for his Eagle Scout project. Some of the trees will be featured on the Tour.

Several local residents are hard at work, sprucing in their gardens, getting ready for you to come and share the beauty of their labor.

The walking/driving outing will be self-guided and will be available from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. (See Tour, Page 4)

Columbus Live Oak Festival includes star-studded line up

Music from gospel to Celtic and more events will give the annual Columbus Live Oak Festival, slated May 19-20, an international flavor.

Headlining the event Friday, May 19, on the Courthouse Square beginning at 5:30 p.m. will be Rudy y Grupo Completo from El Campo, the local rock group Paragon, and international recording artist Eric Taylor, who also lives in Columbus.

Saturday's lineup of music, which begins at 1 p.m., includes polka favorite Donnie Wavra and his orchestra, Columbus' own nationally-known jazz artist Robert Sanders, the Fayetteville Czech Heritage Dancers and the Austin Celtic band Lost Tribe.

Johnny Dee and the Rocket 88s will be featured in a street dance on Saturday at 9 p.m.

The renowned gospel group Bells of Joy will open Sunday's musical set at 1 p.m., which will also include Dickie Muerh's Dixieland Blues Boys.

Added to the list of Saturday events this year are storytelling sessions by Doc Moore, Tim Tingle and John Burleson, as well as the Moccasin Belle Canoe Races on the Colorado River, a tree and garden tour, an antique show and children's events which feature talent from the area.

The Festival will also include traditional activities such as the 46th annual Live Oak Arts and Craft Show, the 39th annual Magnolia Homes Tour, eighth annual Columbus Lions Club Rolling Hills Challenge bike ride, a dinner theater production in the 1886 Stafford Opera House of "How the Other Half Lives" (all on Saturday) and the third annual Pilot Club 5K Fun Run on Sunday.

There will be plenty of food throughout the Festival provided by local service organizations.

For more information about the Columbus Live Oak Festival, call the Columbus Convention and Visitors Bureau toll free at 1-877-444-7339.

State awards Wharton County \$750K for jobs

The Texas Department of Economic Development has approved a Texas Capital Fund award of \$750,000 for the County of Wharton to provide incentives for Hlavinka Equipment Company Inc. to create 38 jobs.

Representative Robert L. Cook (D-Eagle Lake) who represents Bastrop, Colorado, Fayette and Wharton Counties said, "I am pleased that the Texas Department of Economic Development has chosen the economic development efforts of rural communities like Wharton. It is comforting to know that at least 38 jobs will be created for the community."

The infrastructure improvements

will include the construction of a building as well as site improvements.

Texas Capital Fund is a part of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Community Development Block Grant Program. It promotes economic development in rural areas by providing financial incentives to non-entitlement cities and counties with populations of usually less than 50,000 and 200,000 respectively.

These financial incentives support the relocation of expansion of businesses into communities to create new, permanent jobs and/or retain existing jobs, primarily for low and moderate-income persons.

COURTHOUSE REPORT

COUNTY COURT CASE FILED
Clayton James Harbich, possession of marijuana (PoM); 4-26-00.

COUNTY COURT DISPOSITIONS
Juan Gutierrez, Eagle Lake, assault. Case dismissed.

Terry Dewayne Lee, Houston, PoM, 2-27-00 in Eagle Lake; investigated by Eagle Lake Police Department (ELPD) Sgt. Tim Crume. Sentenced to three months deferred adjudication and a \$350 fine.

Ernesto Rangel, Eagle Lake, assault, 11-7-99, in Eagle Lake; investigated by ELPD Officer Michael Krennek. Sentenced to one year probation and a \$2,000 fine (\$1,500 probed upon completion of anger management classes).

Tanner Walker Duncan, Altair, driving while intoxicated, 9-9-99, Hwy. 90A; investigated by Colorado County Sheriff's Department Toppel. Sentenced to one year probation and a \$500 fine.

James Seneca Woods, motion to revoke probation-assault. Pled true to motion; sentenced to six months in the county jail.

DISTRICT COURT CASES FILED
Borden Swabbing, Inc. vs Stanford Petroleum Inc., sworn account; 5-11-00.
Aguilla Southwest Pipeline Organization vs Carol Ann Fisher, condemnation; filed 5-15-00.

DIVORCE FILED
Freda Jo Abell and Robert Dean Abell; filed 5-11-00.

MARRIAGE LICENSE APPLICATIONS
Ronnie Dale Koopmann and Debbie Danell Carter; 5-12-00.

Charles Garland Cook and Rachelle Hunt Glover; 5-12-00
Marvin Lee Kelley III and Mary Jane Hulin; 5-12-00.

GARWOOD SCHOOL NEWS

U.I.L. meet

Recently, Garwood School students attended the U.I.L. Academic meet in Sealy.

These students worked very hard and thus received many medals and ribbons rewarding these achievements.

Winning medals or ribbons were:

Second grade: Shametria Gonzales, 5th place, Storytelling;
Third grade: Jessica Walzer, 5th, Spelling (S);

Fourth grade: Hillary Johnson first, Oral Reading (OR) and 1st, Ready Writing, Trey Staff, 3rd, OR, Kacie Smith, 6th, OR;

Fifth grade: Jasmine Jenkins and Jose Zepeda, 5th, Music Memory, T.J. Danklefs, 5th, Dictionary Skills (DS);

Sixth grade: Bridget Kaiser, 1st, S; Kristen Danklefs, 5th, DS, Jessica Engstrom, 4th, OR, Layton Gold, 5th, OR and Hunter Smith, 6th, OR;

Seventh grade: Mandy Staff, 4th, OR; and,

Eighth grade: Ashley Waligura, 3rd, S, Kristi Johnson, 4th, S, Jess Little, 4th, Listening Skills (LS), Jes-

sica Almond, 5th, LS and Adrian Axel, 6th, Maps, Charts and Graphs.

Jump Rope for Heart

Garwood School students participated in the Jump Rope for Heart for this school year and raised \$2,253.30 for the American Heart Association.

Sixty-five students joined in this project and received at least a new jump rope for their efforts. Some additional prizes were awarded to students based on the dollar amount raised.

Kindergarten: 13 participants with three earning t-shirts and two of those earning other prizes for their contributions. Their total contributions were \$402.50.

First grade: Nine participants with four earning t-shirts and one of those earning additional prize. Their total contributions were \$311.50.

Second grade: 13 participants with six earning t-shirts and one of those earning additional prize. Their total contributions were \$373.

Third grade: Four participants

with one earning a t-shirt. Their total contributions were \$78.30.

Fourth grade: Nine participants with four earning a t-shirt and four of those earning additional prizes. Their total contributions were \$486.

Fifth grade: Four participants with four earning a t-shirt and one of those earning additional prizes. Their total contributions were \$288.

Sixth grade: Four participants with two earning t-shirts. Their total contributions were \$101.

Seventh grade: Six participants with two earning t-shirts. Their total contributions were \$152.

Eighth grade: Three participants with one earning a t-shirt. Their total contributions were \$61.

The Garwood parents thank you for your help and support.

Did You Know...

Badlands are regions that have been worn into steep hills and deep gullies by the action of wind, rain and floods. Badlands are common in semidesert regions of the western U.S.

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Regular, Diet, Caffeine Free Mr. Pibb, Barq's Root Beer, Cherry Coke, Fresca, Minute Maid Flavors, Sprite or
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MILLER LITE BEER 12 Pk. 11.5-12 Oz. Bottles **\$6.49**
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BUDWEISER BEER 18 Pk. Cans **\$10.69**
All Flavors Hillshire Farm
ICE CREAM 1/2 Gal. Sq. Cn. **\$1.49**
Pre-Priced \$3.29; Assorted Tortilla Chips
TOSTITOS 14 Oz. thru 15-1/2 Oz. Bag **\$1.99**
Assorted Nabisco
NILLA WAFERS 12 Oz. Box **\$1.99**
Bumble Bee
TUNA 6 Oz. Can (Oil or Spring Water) **2 for \$1**
Parade Vegetable or Corn
COOKING OIL 48 Oz. Bottle **\$1.19**
Parade
APPLE JUICE 64 Oz. Bottle **\$1.29**
Assorted Heinz
BBQ SAUCE 18 Oz. Bottle **69¢**
3-Ring Macaroni-n-Cheese
DINNERS 7-1/4 Oz. Box **4 for \$1**
Assorted Hidden Valley
SALAD DRESSINGS 16 Oz. Bottle **\$2.39**
Assorted Peter Pan
PEANUT BUTTER 18 Oz. Jar **\$1.59**
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GRAPE JELLY 32 Oz. Jar **99¢**
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PEACHES 29 Oz. Can **88¢**
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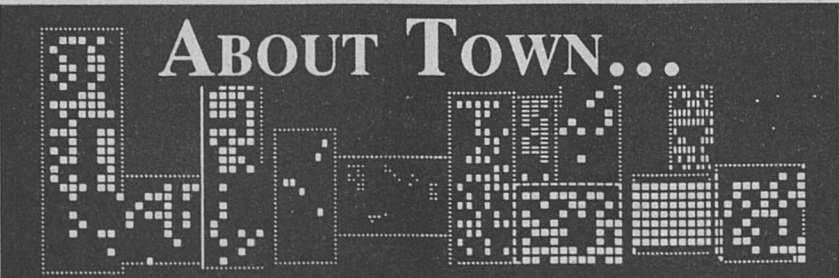
More Specials From Our Meat Dept.

Bar-S Extra Lean Sliced
COOKED HAM 12 Oz. Pkg. **\$1.99**
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USDA Boneless Beef
ROUND STEAKS lb. **\$1.69**
TENDERIZED lb. **\$1.89**

USDA Family Pack Boneless Beef
SIRLOIN TIP STEAKS lb. **\$2.19**
USDA Family Pack Boneless Beef
CUBE STEAKS lb. **\$2.49**
USDA Boneless Beef
RUMP ROASTS lb. **\$1.99**
USDA Fresh Lean
GROUND ROUND lb. **\$2.19**
USDA Family Pack Fresh Lean
GROUND CHUCK lb. **\$1.69**
USDA Beef
BACK RIBS lb. **\$1.19**
Gold Kist Boneless-Skinless
CHICKEN BREASTS lb. **\$2.39**
Fresh Tip Top
BAKING HENS lb. **79¢**
Farm-Raised
CATFISH NUGGETS lb. **\$1.49**
USDA Drumsticks, Wings, Necks
TURKEY PARTS lb. **49¢**
Bar-S Meat
HOT DOGS 12 Oz. Pkg. **59¢**
Bar-S Sliced Bologna, Salami, Spiced Luncheon
LUNCHMEATS 12 Oz. Pkg. **88¢**



•OOPS! Unfortunately, the extensive "Thank You" list from the Eagle Lake Prairie Chicken Festival Committee was one short. Eagle Cordell Concrete Products was inadvertently left out. Members of the Committee sends their apologies and do appreciate the company's assistance in the Festival and many other community projects.

•Jessica Nicole Briscoe Nickels graduated from St. Edwards University May 13 during commencement exercises held at 10 a.m. in the Frank Erwin Center in Austin.

Jessica is an Honors Program graduate, earning a Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology, Summa Cum Laude. Once again, she accomplished her goal in three years instead of four. Congratulations to you, three year

graduate!

•Sarah Navarro will make her public singing debut in Columbus at the festival being held this weekend. Your prayers are desired that God's will be done. Friends and family are asked to attend for moral support.

•James Allen Cardenas celebrated his first birthday at the park beside the Columbus High School on Saturday, May 6. James was born May 7, 1999. Many members from the church he attends, along with family, friends and playmates, helped make it a joyous occasion.

With the celebration of his first birthday comes a second wedding anniversary for James' parents, David and Stacy Cardenas, who were married on May 16.