

Many team up to help CCHFH...

Habitat looks toward Weimar for next build

There are a lot of mission-minded youth in Sealy and they have teamed up with Sealy WalMart, providing not only the funds to sponsor the Eagle Lake Habitat house interior paint job, but also the manpower (in this case, the women-power) to do all the priming on the interior!

The Jr. High School Sunday School class of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Sealy held a bake sale at WalMart, and with WalMart matching the proceeds 100%, they raised over \$600 which was then donated to Colorado County Habitat For Humanity (CCHFH) to be used to purchase the interior paint and supplies. They wanted to come out and work at the site as well, but unfortunately because of insurance liability, no one under the age of 16 is allowed on the work site.

The Junior Catholic Daughters of America (Jr. CDA) also raised over \$400 which they donated to Habitat and, on May 6, an enthusiastic group of young women, led by Joyce Eckelberg, primed the 1,050 square foot, three-bedroom home.

And they primed everything... the walls, the trim, each other... a great time was had by all and a great job was done by the girls!

This is the second Habitat house the Jr. CDA has partnered on and Habitat appreciates their continued involvement as well as that of the other volunteers.

It is wonderful to know that our youth are concerned about the housing

needs of their neighbors and can actively doing something about it!

Many thanks again to the Jr. High School Sunday School, the Jr. CDA and WalMart for helping provide decent, affordable housing for a family in need.

Speaking of youth, the Weimar United Church of Christ (Weimar UCC) will be featuring HFH in their Vacation Bible School this summer. This program is not only fun and creative, but teaches biblical principles of loving our neighbors, not just in words, but in deeds as well. We are excited about this opportunity to share Habitat with our children and look forward to involving more youth in the next build.

Rev. Ralph Ludwig of the Weimar UCC is CCHFH's new Church Relations person and he will be contacting other churches within the Weimar area as well as throughout Colorado County about partnering with Habitat.

As this second Eagle Lake house nears completion, the prospective owners, the Castillo family, will be helping other volunteers on their home to lay floor tiling and put the last of the door hardware in place.

The Castillos have put in more than their required 300 volunteer "sweat equity" hours. They have been a real inspiration to all those who have been involved.

Mary Lou and her two sons are looking forward to closing on their new house, as decent, affordable housing is now within their reach.

Mary Lou will purchase the house from Habitat for its fair-market price with a 15 to 30 year no-interest, no-profit loan from Habitat. Her monthly mortgage payments will go directly back into CCHFH to be used in another build in Colorado County.

Habitat is not a give-away program. Homeowners are chosen from applicants on the basis of need of housing, ability to pay the mortgage and willingness to partner (volunteer) 300 hours with CCHFH.

CCHFH is the local affiliate of Habitat For Humanity International and is an ecumenical Christian housing ministry whose goal is to abolish poverty housing both here and around the world.

Ten percent of donated funds are sent overseas to help provide decent housing where ever there is a need.

Affiliates in other countries also tithe 10% and their country has been in construction of homes here in the U.S.

With the completion of the second Habitat home in Eagle Lake, CCHFH

will be turning its attention to the Weimar area, as there has been specific donations of money to be used there. It takes, on the average, two years to raise the funds to build a Habitat house. One of the biggest costs is land.

CCHFH is praying there is someone in the Weimar area who would be willing to donate a vacant lot that could be used for the construction of another Habitat house.

If you currently have a lot that is a burden to you (cost of upkeep/mowing, property taxes, possibly has a condemned structure that is a safety liability, headache of trying to sell the property), consider donating it to Habitat.

Since CCHFH is a tax-deductible charity, you may deduct the appraisal value of the property from your taxes as a charitable contribution. You will also have the satisfaction of helping a neighbor escape the vicious cycle of poverty housing.

Habitat homes are straight-forward, no-nonsense houses which are generally about 1,000-1,050 square



feet, three bedroom, one bath, no garage.

All materials and appliances used in the construction of these homes are new and come with the manufacturer's warranty.

Foundation, plumbing and electrical work are all done by professional contractors to comply with city regulations.

Other work, including framing, roofing, siding, drywall, painting, etc., is done by volunteers under the watchful eye of construction supervisors who have experience as professional contractors/builders.

If you are interested in becoming involved, or would like more information about CCHFH, please call 1-800-243-5369.

COLORADO COUNTY COURTHOUSE REPORT

DISTRICT COURT CASES FILED

Anthony Jackson and Sheila Jackson vs Shaunte Black a Minor, and Thella Black, next friend and Willie Mayberry; personal injury; filed 6-5-00.

Texas Workers' Compensation vs Harvey Speck d/b/a H.L. Speck, building company; 6-5-00.

Aquila Southwest Pipeline Corporation vs Carol Ann Fisher, condemnation; 6-8-00.

DIVORCE FILED

Ramona C. Garcia and Avelino P. Garcia; filed 6-8-00.

DIVORCES GRANTED

June 8, 2000

Jennifer Barbara Rutta and Barry Douglas Rutta.

JoAnne Davies-Baggett and Robert Lee Baggett.

Lee Marvin Bluntson and Lillie Mae Bluntson.

Annie M. Parker and Charles L. Parker.

Jacklyn B. Glenn and Kirk D. Glenn. Ronald Ray Cockren Jr. and Alicia Ann Davis Cockren.

Bruce Reising and Jeannie Reising.

MARRIAGE LICENSE APPLICATIONS

Billy Kazmir and Sharon Marie Layton; 6-8-00.

Alejandro Macias Lara and Maria Carmen Reyna; 6-8-00;

Matias Tovar Reyes and Lorrie Ann Romo; 6-8-00.

Keeping an Eye on Texas

Keeping cool in the Texas heat

The temperature in Texas is rising, and with high temps comes heat-related illness and even death. The best defense against heat-related illness is prevention.

Heat precautions include:

- Never leave anyone, including pets, in a closed, parked vehicle.
- Drink plenty of fluids, but avoid drinks with alcohol, caffeine or a lot of sugar. Start drinking fluids before going out into the heat.
- Take frequent breaks when working outside.
- If you do not have air conditioning at home, go to a mall or other public place with air conditioning.
- Check frequently on people who are elderly, ill or shut in.
- Check with a doctor about the effects of the sun and heat exposure when taking certain prescription drugs, especially diuretics or antihistamines.
- At first signs of heat illness—dizziness, nausea, headaches, muscle cramps—move to a cooler place, rest a few minutes, then slowly drink a cool beverage. Seek medical attention immediately if conditions do not improve.

SOURCES: Carole Keeton Rylander, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts (www.window.state.tx.us) and the Texas Department of Health.

El bienestar de Texas

Cómo mantenerse fresco en el calor tejano

Las temperaturas en Texas van aumentando, y junto con las altas temperaturas vienen las enfermedades relacionadas con el calor, y hasta la muerte. La mejor defensa contra las enfermedades relacionadas con el calor es la prevención.

Las precauciones contra el calor incluyen:

- Nunca deje dentro de un vehículo estacionado y cerrado a ninguna persona o animal doméstico.
- Tome muchos líquidos, pero evite las bebidas que contienen alcohol, cafeína o mucha azúcar. Empiece a tomar líquidos antes de salir al calor.
- Tome descansos frecuentes cuando trabaje afuera.
- Si no cuenta con aire acondicionado en su casa, vaya a un centro comercial o a otro lugar público que lo tenga.
- Revise con frecuencia a las personas de edad avanzada, enfermas o que permanecen dentro de su casa.
- Si usted está tomando ciertos medicamentos con receta, especialmente diuréticos o antihistamínicos, consulte con un médico acerca de los efectos del sol y el calor.
- A la primera indicación de alguna enfermedad relacionada con el calor—mareo, náuseas, dolor de cabeza, calambres—cámbiese a algún lugar más fresco, descanse unos minutos, y luego tome lentamente una bebida fresca. Busque atención médica inmediatamente si su condición no se mejora.

FUENTES: Carole Keeton Rylander, Contralora de Cuentas Públicas de Texas (www.window.state.tx.us) y el Departamento de Salud de Texas.

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