

Firefighters honored

The Office of Senator Phil Gramm commemorated Fire Prevention Week Wednesday, Oct. 11, during a ceremony at 10:30 a.m. honoring the fire safety promotion efforts of the Eagle Lake Volunteer Fire Department.

Chris Devaney, Southeast Texas Regional Director for U.S. Senator Gramm, presented the department with a certificate of appreciation and read a letter from Gramm recognizing the department's efforts to protect the community.

National Fire Prevention Week was Oct. 8-14.

"In every city across America, firefighters have made a commitment to help promote fire safety," Gramm said. "National Fire Prevention Week is a time to honor those dedicated professional and volunteers who risk their lives every day to protect our homes, neighborhoods and communities."

National Fire Prevention Week was initiated by a presidential proclamation to promote and support local fire departments and to make the public aware of the many services firefighters provide to their communities.



The Eagle Lake VFD was honored by Senator Phil Gramm's office last Wednesday. Chris Devaney, Gramm's Southeast Texas Regional Director, presented the certificate. Pictured above, from left, are Greg Contreras, Howard Wilkerson, Devaney, Gary Glaiser and Curtis Rose.

Headlight Photo by Carol Nelson

Boot Camp expansion will boost local economy

Correctional Services Corporation (CSC) recently announced that by early next year, the 48-bed Texas Youth Commission female unit will be finished, bringing the total bed capacity at their facilities in Eagle Lake to 164.

The female unit is an expansion to the original 98-bed boot camp facility that opened three years ago.

Total payroll to 132 staff by next year will be \$2.7 million, 75% going to locally employed personnel.

Considering that each dollar injected into the local economy is multiplied four times (economic transactions such as rent, groceries, etc.) the impact on the local economy grows to over \$8 million.

Possibly the greatest impact of all is the rehabilitation of delinquent juveniles using military type discipline taught by uniformed Drill Instructors in combination with resocialization skills taught by Boot Camp case managers, and drug and alcohol abuse

outpatient therapy provided by Colorado County Youth and Family Services.

In the past month, Boot Camp cadets have made presentations at the Weimar 4-H Club and the El Campo Lions Club in addition to helping move bleachers at the recent Colorado County Fair.

Upcoming events for participation of Boot Camp Cadets include Czhilispel, Oct. 28 in Flatonia; and the Austin County Fair Parade this month.

A recent project by the Boot Camp, cleaning the new City Park in Eagle Lake each Wednesday, was undertaken as another example of civic involvement.

CSC welcomes opportunities to provide community services in Eagle Lake and surrounding communities. Mr. Dalton Sherill, Administrator, is the person to contact to set up these services. You may reach him at 979-234-5243.

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SHERIDAN LIBRARY NEWS

The library board thanks all the supporters who joined the Friends of the Library. Membership jumped from 11 to 64 members in the past few weeks. Patrons have just a few weeks to join. The deadline is Oct. 31.

Friends for 2000 include: A.T. Blanchard, Charles & Mary DeShazo, Jeanette Nance, Shirley Moore, Marguerite McCoy, J.C. "Hootie" & Maide Clark, Gordon & Beverly Mercer, Patsy Fuller, Willard & Irene Hagendorf, Bill & Lillian Gohlke, Jenavee Peterson, Wayne & Natalie Dupre, Duane, Kathy & Kelley Ricks, Irma Kelley, Dean & Betty Varley, Bobby Haines, Dollie & Maggie Bortard, Martha Polach;

Also, Ed & Kay Parham, Jean & Zelda Walker, Franklin & Tricia Walker, Bessie Dorhauer, Webb Cunningham, Eddie Ray & Lois Taylor, Dot Warthan, Dennis & Wanda Zbrunek, Gary Spittler, Lavo & Ruth Brisco, Monica Broesche, Rosalie Brocker, Evelyn Holt, McDowell & Laverne Criswell, Harry & Grace Brisco, Eldon & Joyce Ohm, Mary Lou Criswell, E.R. Spittler, Vernita Dopslauf, Donald & Patsy Alex, Ron Lewis, Sharon Hughes, Ray Lee, Carmen, Chris and Leigh Jackson.

Last year's membership numbered 82. Let's try to top that number.

The library received book donations from the following: Eldon & Joyce Ohm, Jenavee Peterson, Olga

Lundquist, Robyn & Jakki Alloway, Dean & Betty Varley and McDowell & Laverne Criswell. The library just finished weeding many old books from the collection; new titles are needed to fill in the gap.

The following memorials were received during the past month: in memory of Louise Smith: Bill & Lillian Gohlke; in memory of Gertrude Ouzts: B & L Gohlke; in memory of Marvin H. Ulbricht: Willard & Irene Hagendorf; in memory of Mary Ann Gold: B & L Gohlke; in memory of Nancy Jo Williams: Susan & Jim Fairman; in memory of Elaine Harry: Ed & Kay Parham, Harry & Grace Brisco; in memory of Mr. Wheeler: E & K Parham, H & G Brisco; in memory of Father Charles Kram: W & I Hagendorf; in memory of Woodrow R. Schorlemmer: B & L Gohlke.

Farm Bureau holding membership drive

Charles Harbich, president of Colorado County Farm Bureau (CCFB), and the Colorado County Board of Directors have set Oct. 16-27 as a special membership drive.

If you're concerned about tax reform, public school financing, water rights and other vital issues, FB is your voice.

FB represents agriculture and rural America in Austin and Washington. FB members are families joining together to solve common problems.

Right now, CCFB is conducting a special membership drive. Sign-up is easy!

Join the CCFB today. Individuals

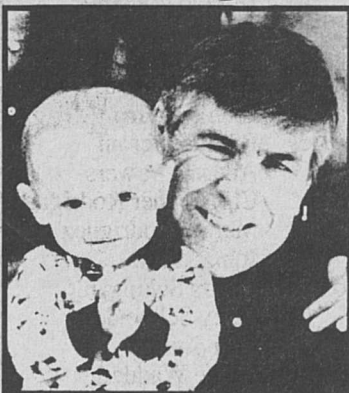
working together makes a difference.

For more information, call 979-732-2383; or contact Harbich, Dean Venghaus, Glenn Weishuhn, Russell Trefny, Larry Poenitzsch, Larry Hillmer, Richard Willette, Marv Ulbricht, A.R. Dittich, Bill Pavlicek or Leon Hattermann.

A Leader in Education for the Children of Eagle Lake!

Phil Stephenson
2000
for State Representative District 28

Putting Children First!



Phil is dedicated to the young people of our community. He has pledged to donate 100% of his salary as a state representative to the Boys and Girls Club for educational programs. Phil has also been a role model for hundreds of young men as a youth baseball coach for more than a decade, and he is active in area high school booster clubs. By electing Phil, we can be assured that he will put all of our children at the top of his priority list.

Fighting for Teachers!

Phil has a long track record of working to improve local schools and increase teacher pay. He believes parents and teachers can better educate our children than state agencies and unelected bureaucrats. However, this cannot happen unless teachers are paid well. As a member of the local community college board of trustees, Phil was instrumental in securing a \$171,000 teacher pay raise while giving residents an \$80,000 property tax cut. That is the kind of leadership in education that we need at the Capitol in Austin working for all of us.



"Phil, thank you for your loyal commitment. I'm looking forward to working closely with you for a great victory this year."

George W. Bush
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"I am running for state representative because of my strong belief that education is the best way I can help the young people of Eagle Lake.

In order to have quality schools, we must allow you, the residents of Eagle Lake, to decide how to educate your children. Unfortunately, too much control is now in the hands of state agencies in Austin who know nothing about your children or mine. We must regain control of our schools and hold our elected officials accountable for the results.

I need your vote in order to work for all of the children in Eagle Lake. Thank you."

Phil



2000-01 4-H officers

Colorado County 4-H officers for 2000-2001 are, in front from left to right, Matt Ross, chairman; Brandy Tuck, first vice-chairman; Lora Weishuhn, second vice-chairman; Chris Kulhanek, third vice-chairman; Ashley Waligura, secretary; Stacy Markwardt, treasurer; Margie Leopold, reporter; and Garrett Poncik, parliamentarian.

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Eagle Lake Lions Club

**BBQ Chicken
Dinner**
Sunday, Oct. 29

Eagle Lake Recreation Center (Golf Course)

\$5⁰⁰

per plate

Serving 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.



Early Voting Started This Week!

Contact the campaign if you need to find an early voting location in Eagle Lake

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