



Goodyear Sales Manager Perry Leonard, center, presented Henry Sunderman, Dennis Neuman and Jimmy Kleimann with an Honor Award Medallion in recognition of recent conservation achievements by the Colorado Soil and Water Conservation District. *SWCD Photo*

Colorado SWCD wins award

The Colorado Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD), headquartered in Columbus, was named Honor Award Winner in the 53rd Annual Goodyear Conservation Awards Program.

The award was presented to the SWCD as a result of a nationwide competition sponsored by the Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company, in cooperation with the National Association of Conservation Districts.

"We at Goodyear have spent 53 years sponsoring an annual conservation recognition program for conservation districts and their cooperating landowners and operators.

"The Colorado district, in cooperation with other districts across the country, have contributed to saving thousands of acres of this country's soil, water, forests and other natural resources for future generations," said Goodyear representative Perry Leonard of Ft. Worth.

The Colorado SWCD received an Honor Award medallion that can be put on their Conservation Grand Award from previous years.

Colorado SWCD board members are Theodore Schultz of Fayetteville; Doris Albright, Weimar; Lawrence Shimek, Garwood; Henry Sunderman, Eagle Lake; and William Kleimann, Columbus.

"An independent judging committee of state agricultural leaders selected the Colorado SWCD on the basis of the district's accomplishments in soil and water conservation," said Leonard, who presented the award.

SWCDs are responsible for promoting and carrying out a conservation program by assisting landowners and operators plan, apply and maintain appropriate conservation and resource management plans.

Since their creation after the Dust Bowl of the 1930s, Texas' SWCDs have effectively administered conservation programs based on voluntary application of conservation practices. Currently, there are 216 SWCDs in Texas.

More than 600 SWCD directors and other conservation leaders attended the 60th Annual State Meeting of District Directors, held Oct. 2-4 in Fort Worth.

LIBRARY LINES

By Patty Holloway

Never let it be said that it isn't exciting to work in the library and that Librarian Laura Finney isn't brave and fearless.

One day last week before the library opened, I was walking through the workroom and spied something on the floor. Thinking it was a broken rubber band I reached over to pick it up but it suddenly slithered into a corner.

Screaming for help, our fearless librarian appeared, grabbed a plastic bag and scooped up the varmint. Do you know that snake must have been

close to six inches long and about as big around as a piece of spaghetti? Can you imagine encountering such a monster so early in the morning? But things quickly settled down and it was business as usual.

The Study Club Auction was a big success and the members wish to thank everyone who participated. It was a "fun" evening and such a great way to benefit the library. There were so many interesting and thoughtful donations. Once again Eagle Lake (See Lines, Page 4)

PJs' '101 Dalmatians' is nearly here!

Prairie Edge Junior Players is celebrating its tenth production with a wonderful, warm-hearted version of "101 Dalmatians".

The evil Cruella D' Evil is played evily by Shelly Myres which shows what a good actress she is because she is so sweet-natured (according to director Deborah Reed).

Cruella's two bumbling goons, Horace and Jasper, are played by Daniel Goodwin and Shawn Politisch. Their English accents and hilarious antics will have the audience rolling in the aisles.

Roger and Anita, who own the dalmatian dogs which produce the original 15 puppies, are played by Trent Kucherka and Ashley Donnelly.

We see Roger and Anita meet and

at the clever instigation of their dalmatian dogs, Pongo and Perdita, fall in love and get married.

And, of course, there are the 99 puppies!

"And, in rehearsal, it really feels as though we have 101 dalmatian puppies to contend with", laughed director Reed. "The play is the next best thing to owning a dalmatian plantation!"

Great songs such as "Bus Stop" by The Hollies, "Cruella D' Evil" (Disney movie), "You've Got A Friend in Me" (Toy Story), and "Zippidy-Do-Dah" round out the evening with dancing, singing and lots and lots of fun.

Don't miss P.J.'s tenth production on Saturday, Nov. 18, at 7 p.m. and Sunday, Nov. 19, at 4 p.m. Tickets are \$2 for adults; \$1 for children 12 and under; and \$5 for reserved seats.

Tickets are available at Laker Printing, Lake Motors and Dairy Delite.

For further information, call Reed at 234-2601 or Eve Lucas at 234-7848.



Kaitlyn Thomas and Shelly Myres are just two of the many performers in the latest P.J.s' production, "101 Dalmatians".

Photo Courtesy of Deborah Reed

A special birthday

Birthdays come and go, but 90 years don't come and go very often.

Mrs. Emelia Payne can vouch for that. She said it seemed like a long road to 80 years, but now that she turned 90 on Oct. 23, 2000, it was a nice journey.

She is proud and very thankful for all the different people she has contacted throughout her life. No one has ever heard her speak badly of anyone.

Mrs. Payne still remembers each occasion of like from childhood to now and tells how some were tough but enjoyable. A lot of it due to people being helpful and friendly.

Just as you and I can think back on our journey through life of our childhood friends, our school teachers, our daily chores, the way we had to do without, find something in a store, gas station service, having a car flat, a visit to the doctor, hearing a good word at church and the smiles from the Lutheran pastor and each congregation member and travel with the sights of beauty and the different terrains.

She sees some good in every situation and in each person. This may be the secret in having a long happy life.

For those of us that knew Mrs. Emelia Payne, it is a real pleasure for her to have touched our lives. As a thank you and recognizing her birthday, two different groups of relatives and friends had a birthday party with Mrs. Payne on two different days.

One party gathered with the birthday cake, hats, and blow out tops in The Rainforest Restaurant in the Katy Mills Mall in the atmosphere of the restaurant which included wild animal sounds, water falls, butterflies and lightning and thunder.

Then there was opening of gifts and picture taking which wound down the day for this group of Mrs. Payne; Jan Berry; Michelle, David and Christopher Payne; Brian, Heather, Keith and Korystina Payne; Judy and Bobbie Payne.

The next group gathered at Mrs. Payne's home bringing a variety of tasty eats and another hand decorated birthday cake. With balloons through out the house and garage and the group singing "Happy Birthday" made quite a relaxed setting for the day, winding down with the surprise of opening of gifts.

Among those present were Karen, Keith, Jason and Travis Lampton; and Dena, Gene and Mark Payne.

The birthday really lasted two weeks because of the "Happy Birthday" phone calls wishes, a corsage, cut and pot flowers and cards trickling in every day or so. This assortment came from Louise Spalinger, Ernest Mae Seaholm, Gwendolyn (Payne) Morgan, Kurt and Glenn Payne and a number of others.

This occasion began with Mrs.

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COURTHOUSE REPORT

COUNTY COURT CASSES FILED Oct. 30, 2000

Michael Lee Delgado, assault causing bodily injury.

Terry Allen Fine, criminal trespass.

Jeffrey John Garcia, reckless driving.

Nov. 2, 2000

John Schell Jr., driving without being secured.

DISTRICT COURT CASSES FILED State of Texas vs \$894.00 in U.S. Currency and One Nokia Cellular Telephone, forfeiture; filed 10-30-00.

Safeco Lloyds Insurance Company vs Matilda H. Cedillo and Michelle Denise Gutierrez; 11-3-00.

Bombardier Capitol Insurance vs

Freddie J. Jones, suit on contract; 11-6-00.

Chase Mahatton Mortgage Corporation vs Nathaniel Garza, Deidra Garza and Samuel Garza; retail installment agreement; 11-6-00.

DIVORCES FILED

Carl Otto Gurecky and Debra Jean Kopecky Gurecky.

Catherine Louise Jewett and Jeffrey Vernon Jewett.

MARRIAGE LICENSE APPLICATIONS

Jay Allen Blow and Catherine Elizabeth Moccabee; 11-1-00.

James Charles Johnson III and Tammy Cheri Schultz; 11-6-00.