



### Coastal Banc donates to Habitat

The Columbus and Weimar branches of Coastal Banc donated \$2,500 to the Colorado County Habitat for Humanity (CCHFH) recently. On hand for the presentation were, in front, from left, James Helfrich, CCHFH board member; Eddie Winkler, CCHFH president; Tara Lux, Weimar branch manager; Joan Coufal, Columbus branch manager; and Harold Raabe, CCHFH board member. In back, Richard Luhrs and Colorado County Judge Al Jamison and Doug McLemore, CCHFH board members.

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## War concerns at RHS

By Jessica Thomas, Raider Review Staff

Everyone is aware of the tragedy on Sept. 11. This terrorist attack has touched the lives of people all over the world. One of the heaviest things on the minds of students is the thought of going to war.

Following is a list of opinions from students on this situation:

Trent Korenek: "I believe we should get revenge."

Hub Weller and Janna Janish, "Justice must be served, and terrorists must be destroyed."

Nick Sharp and Matthew Shimek, "Do what is necessary to protect our country, even if it means going to war."

Jenna Cook, Jennifer Hassin and

Lindsey Thomas, "We are scared at the thought of going to war, but you got to do what you got to do."

From all of the comments above, it is obvious the concern lives in us all.

But, in addition to concern has been the rebirth of patriotism and that fighting American spirit.

Although we'll never forget this tragic event, life must go on with one thought... Every second in life is precious and should be lived to the fullest. And, we can all be proud to be Americans.

As our President George Bush said, "...God bless the victims, God bless their families and God bless the United States of America."

## Sealy Assembly to host marriage seminar

By Gayle Frank

When is the last time you did something that would enhance your marriage, bring blessing to your home and bring you and your spouse closer? That is a question asked by Harold and Jeannie Ross, Marriage Ministry Leaders for Sealy Assembly Word and Worship Center.

Most would answer that it has been a long time or maybe never, and that is why all couples will want to attend a very exciting upcoming event. A marriage seminar like no other. "Journey To Intimacy" is being held in this very area on Sept. 28 and 29 at Sealy Assembly Word and Worship Center.

"We pray with diligence, seeking the Lord for anointed ministers who have a heart for marriage and family, and we found this treasure in Pastor Tom and Crystal. We believe they are a gift to the Body of Christ taking couples from over the U.S. and the world on a journey to intimacy," say Harold and Jeannie Ross.

Tom and Crystal are pastors of "Family Matters", the marriage ministry at Calvary Temple Worship Center in Modesto, California.

Tom is an author and very popular conference speaker. He has given conferences all over the U.S. and many foreign countries as well.

Those who attend will be blessed with information and material that every couple needs to be able to touch the deepest, innermost part of their spouse's spirit. Building strong families begins with an intimate marriage relationship! Intermingled with drama and music, you will be challenged to reach the intimate relationship that you have always dreamed of.

If you are not satisfied with "settling for" or "maintaining" a marriage, then this "Journey" is for you.

The cost is \$65 a couple and \$50 per person at the door.

The fee includes the "Journey to Intimacy" conference, a workbook and lunch on Saturday.

As a courtesy to other participants, it is requested that all attendees not

bring their children, including nursing infants to the seminar.

To register or for more information, contact the church office at 979-885-3113.

Sealy Assembly Word and Worship Center is located on Hwy. 36 by the Hwy. 90 overpass.

Senior Pastors are Rusty and Anne Griffin.

## Light from the Lighthouse

Respectfully Submitted by Gay Anderson

The Psalmist declares in the word of God, "The entrance of YOUR Word brings light." Again, the Psalms tell us what God's word is truth, forever fixed in the heavens.

The Prophet Joel speaks of multitudes being in the valley of decision. Yes, there are multitudes seeking, searching in all the wrong places! In the book of Proverbs, chapter 25:2, we read: "It is the glory of God to conceal a thing, but it is the glory of kings to search a thing out."

Truly, it is a good thing to be a seeker, but Jesus told us to be careful what we seek and what we hear. What is it that we seek? Whom do we seek? God's Word tells us we will find Him

if we seek Him with our whole hearts. Once we find Him, we know the search is over and our hearts can rest in the knowledge of Him, as The Way, The Truth, and the Life.

All of us are seekers of something, be it life, riches, reputation, love, peace, whatever, but there is only one source of true life. When Jesus asked Peter and the disciples if they were

also going to go away from Him, Peter said, "Lord, where could we go? Only You have the words of eternal life."

So, the question remains: Will we receive the greatest gift ever given and accept the gift of God's Son, the Lord Jesus Christ; believing on Him and receiving eternal life? Then, will we make known to the seekers the One Who truly satisfies? His name is Jesus.

## Civic Garden Club

By Patty Holloway

With Oct. just around the corner, if you haven't pinch-pruned your perennials you need to do it now.

Nothing drastic. Just tidy them up and I even gave mine a little slow-release fertilizer a couple of weeks ago. Your hanging baskets will really appreciate this.

Now is the time to plant spring flowering bulbs (except tulips). If you have established bulbs, feed them now with bone meal and superphosphate.

Fertilize your daylilies with a good complete fertilizer. Even though daylilies are low maintenance, they will really thrive with a little extra attention now and then.

This is the time to take care of the many garden chores that we neglected during the hot summer. Feed your roses lightly with 0-10-0 to allow them to harden-off for dormancy and improve bloom.

Feed and water your trees, but no pruning other than removing dead wood.

During Oct., we will be looking for Halloween decorations so come on and get started... let's have some fun.

In view of the tragedy that has occurred, I would like to share these words with you. I cut them out of a magazine some time ago.

Take a solitary flower  
Look full into its face,  
Examining each detail, its exquisite charm and grace.

And after you have looked awhile think how that mighty hand that fashioned this gem from the dust, this offspring from our land,

Has held this world within His power

All through these many years;  
Surely His hand will hold us too,  
Through times of doubt or fears.  
He is the Master of the sea,  
Master of earth and sky;

And though we call in still, small voice,  
He'll be so very nigh.  
Georgia B. Adams  
God Bless America

## ELMS students qualify for Duke program

The faculty and administration of Eagle Lake Middle School (ELMS) are pleased to announce that three students have met the qualifications for the Duke University Talent Identification Program.

This year's qualifying students are Clayton Bowen, Sabrina Cavazos and John Supak.

The Duke program identifies academically talented students and provides them with opportunities to make the most of the seventh grade year.

These students will be given the opportunity to take the college entrance exam of their choice alongside the graduating high school seniors.

The test that our seventh graders will take is the same test the high school seniors take.

Depending upon their score on the college entrance exam, our students may qualify for future scholarships and academic opportunities.

This year, Duke set the qualification for the state of Texas according to TAAS test scores. A seventh grade student who scored a 91 or higher in sixth grade or a 93 or higher in fifth grade in math qualified, as did any student who scored a 100 or higher in sixth grade or 101 or higher in fifth grade in language arts.

Congratulations to these students, and best wishes for continued success.

### Ag field day is Oct. 2

Colorado County Farm Bureau (CCFB), in conjunction with the FFAs of Columbus and Weimar High Schools, is sponsoring an Ag Field Day at the new County Fair Grounds Tuesday, Oct. 2, 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. for the third graders in Colorado County and home tutored children.

Home tutored children are encouraged to attend. Please call the CCFB at 979-732-2383.

## Rice Project Graduation holds Sept. meeting

Sept. 10, at 6:30 p.m., Lisa Hoffman called the Rice Project Graduation meeting to order. Readings, reports and old and new business were read, approved and discussed.

The main focus was the first fundraiser, Powder Puff Flag Football, Nov. 1 at 7 p.m. at Rice Stadium. Donations are being accepted for the concession stand... sodas, chips

and candy. They may be brought to the next meeting or contact Sherry Thomas at 234-3251 or Marla Cranek at 758-3625.

Seniors, remember your donations of \$5 worth of refreshments will earn you 5,000 points. A donation limit of \$20 per senior will be accepted towards their points.

Also, seniors who want to participate in Powder Puff may start signing up at the next meeting.

All other participants will have a chance to sign up at school during their lunch period at a later date. So, listen to the announcements at school.

All students involved in any way with Powder Puff MUST sign a release form with parent or guardian signature.

The next meeting will be held Monday, Oct. 15, at 6:30 p.m. at the Rice High School commons.

Anyone with any questions concerning Project Graduation may also call Lisa Hoffman at 758-3933 or 758-9077.

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## Parish plans Oct. 21 Festival

You may well have noticed that the Parish of the Nativity has been working on the construction of a road on its property located on 545 S. Austin Rd., across from the hospital. The Parish extends its appreciation for the interest and support received from the community.

The Parish has scheduled its Annual Festival for Oct. 21, which will be held on the property at 545 S. Austin Road.

Preparations for the Festival have begun and the Parish invites the community to come and share a day of festivities and fellowship. Barbecue and sausage will be served starting at 11:30 a.m. and curb service will be

available.

An auction is scheduled to begin at 1 p.m. There will be drawings, offering 40 wonderful prizes such as a \$1,000 gift certificate.

There will be many different amusements and games throughout the day including all kinds of booths, Rainbow the Clown, a live band and DJs.

There will be plenty of fun for the whole family.

Drawing and meal tickets can be purchased in advance at S&W Parts, 607 E. Main, 234-3509; Marcy's Beauty Salon, 1112 Raezer, 234-2952; or you can contact the Parish office at 234-2842.

## A NEW ARRIVAL

### Arath Lee Ruvalcaba

Orvil and Letty Ruvalcaba of Eagle Lake, are pleased to announce the birth of their second child, a son, born at 7 p.m., August 24, 2001 at the Rice Medical Center in Eagle Lake.

Arath Lee weighed seven pounds, two ounces.

He was welcomed home by his brother, Orvil "Cat" Ruvalcaba Jr.

Maternal grandparents are Gabriel

and Martina Zarate of Eagle Lake. Paternal grandparents are Ramiro and Lupe Ruvalcaba of Eagle Lake.

Great-grandparents are Crescencio and Julia Zarate of Juventino Rosas, Mexico, the late Francisco and MaPueblito Ojodeagua of Juventino Rosas, Mexico, and Casimiro and Felicitas Romo of Queretaro, Mexico.

## Only five weeks to go!

There are only five weeks left before the Eagle Lake Study Club's 22nd Annual Auction, held to raise funds for the support of the Eula and David Wintermann Library.

This library is the pride and joy of our community; with the addition of new carpeting and 11 full-service computers, the library is moving forward.

One of the new and unusual items at this year's auction include a two-seat gasoline powered go-kart donated by Tommy and Theresa Galvan.

Many of the previous auction items will again be available.

Dr. Russell Thomas and Julia Thomas Pardue will give the Gourmet Dinner for eight, in memory of their father, Dr. Raymond Thomas.

A.J. Struss Auto Supply has given a Radio Flyer Bike for some lucky

little fellow or girl. The Camp House Cooks are again offering a Barbecue Supper for 30 hungry folks.

There will be holiday wreaths and decorations that will be great for any home. Elizabeth Waddell and Jackie Middleton will again ply your sweet tooth with candy.

Christine Owens started her baking last year with a "batch" of cookies each month for a year and will again bake for a special person in 2001-02.

A number of items have been donated for the silent auction but there is room for more. If you have an item you would like to give, call Betty Wilcox at 234-3554 or drop your gift by the library.

Keep Saturday evening, Oct. 27, open to help support the Eagle Lake Volunteer Fire Department and the Eula and David Wintermann Library.



Making you look your best is what Linda's Beauty Salon is all about. Linda Matura has graciously donated a \$25 gift certificate. Look your best for all the upcoming family get-togethers.

## We would like to express our appreciation and thanks to the following contributors to the Eagle Lake Community Buyers Group:

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These generous people have made it possible for the Eagle Lake Community Buyers to support the youth of Eagle Lake at the 2001 Colorado County Fair Junior Market Sale. We had 20 exhibitors from our group with one receiving Reserve Champion Honors! We purchased 10 of the projects with the other 10 going to outside buyers.

As was the case last year, we had set floors for each project. If they went over our floor, we let them go to outside buyers. We will be sending each contributor a detailed accounting of the monies within the next two weeks.

Please Note: Lone Oak Cattle Company donated a Brangus Bull and each buyer was given a ticket with his or her purchases. Eagle Lake Community Buyers had the winning ticket. We donated the animal back and Columbus Livestock purchased it for \$2,000. These monies have been set aside to establish the Eagle Lake Community Buyers Scholarship Fund. A scholarship committee is working on the particulars, however, we do know that the scholarship will be given to eligible Rice CISD FFA/4-H members who have participated in the Colorado County Fair Junior Livestock Division. All specifics will be given out through the Rice CISD Counselors, along with other local scholarships.

We would like to express a BIG THANK YOU to Columbus Livestock for their purchase.

If any of you get a chance, please give a big THANKS to all the Eagle Lake Community Buyers. Their generosity over the past years shows their dedication to the Youth of tomorrow. Please don't let it go unnoticed!

Congratulations to all of you who participated in the 2001 Colorado County Fair. We look forward to seeing you again next year!

Submitted by Eagle Lake Community Buyers  
Eugene & Debbie Shanks, Representatives