

Main Street brings Joel Guzman to town

The community of Eagle Lake is gearing up for a week-long visit from master accordionist Joel Guzman.

Nov. 12 through 19, Joel will educate and entertain the community, playing traditional Tex-Mex conjunto music in venues all over town.

With workshops, presentations and performances, he will discuss the importance of Tejano conjunto music and demonstrate why his accordion is influential in keeping this Texas tradition alive.

Joel also invites Eagle Lake residents of all ages to join him for jam sessions Thursday and Friday nights, as well as workshops Saturday afternoon.

This residency celebrates Mexican-American culture and one of the classic traditions of Texas music, conjunto. Joel enjoys playing every type of music, but expresses his cultural heritage best through conjunto accordion.

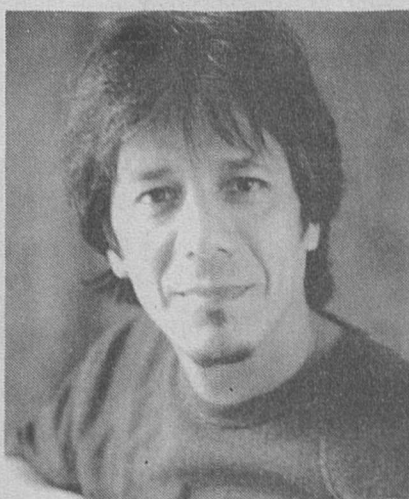
He started his professional career as a conjunto accordionist at the tender of age five with his family band, *Los Cinco de Joel Guzman*, which included his father and brothers.

His father, Lupe Guzman, an accomplished bajo sexto player from Brownsville, introduced his son to many of the conjunto greats such as Lydia Mendoza, Ruben Vela and Paulino Bernal.

By 1962, the eight-year-old Joel released the first single, a polka entitled, "Puro Tejas". For 15 years the Guzman family band toured throughout Washington, Oregon, Idaho, California, Arizona and Texas. Joel has played on and co-produced over 75 albums and is not about to slow down.

After studying at the University of Washington, he came to Texas on his own in 1978 and played accordion and piano for many different bands including Little Joe y La Familia and Joe Ely and has continued to tour, record and produce music.

He says of his diverse career as a musician, composer, performer and



producer, "I think all the training and discipline that my parents instilled in us kids was through working the land. And now I'm working it, toiling the land. And I will do it with a smile."

Main Street Eagle Lake has organized the week's events. The Eagle Lake residency is only one community residency scheduled throughout Texas from Sept. through Dec. 2001 and Guzman is but one of the master artists participating this year.

Traditional fiddlers Valerie Ryals and Alvin Crow and conjunto accordionist Santiago Jimenez Jr. will each spend seven days in a Texas community performing, jamming with local musicians, teaching classes and conducting workshops in a variety of settings, all to demonstrate their connections to Texas' musical traditions.

Texas Folklife Resources is a statewide non-profit cultural organization that serves Texas folk artists and their audiences by helping present and promote a diverse and living artistic heritage for all Texans. Statewide community residencies are made possible with funding from the National Endowment for the Arts and the Texas Commission on the Arts.

Look for a schedule of events in next week's *Headlight* or call Main Street Coordinator Venetta Seals at 979-234-6933.



Eagle Lake resident makes 'Flag' quilt

Thelma Johnson of Eagle Lake says she has the largest quilt around in the form of a flag; it measures 16 x 15. This photographer would have had to stand outside to shoot the entire quilt.

While doing the work, she said the Lord gave her these scriptures, so she noted them on the quilt: II Chronicles, 7:14; Romans, 10:1; Psalms 27 and 37; Ephesians 6: 10-18; and Revelations 22: 12-13.

She also has 9-1-1 on the quilt. If you put them in a different format, it marks the date of the terrorist attacks on the U.S. "God Bless America" is on the top of the quilt.

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presents for you and your cat. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$3 for children and seniors over 62. A portion of the proceeds goes to animal shelters and the Brazos Valley Performing Arts Council. For more information call 713-667-6454.

Come celebrate SFAs 208th birthday

Come celebrate the 208th birthday anniversary of Stephen F. Austin (SFAs), "Father of Texas" Saturday, Nov. 3. There'll be reenactments and encampments, Texas Militia, buffalo soldiers, Brazoria Militia, special programs from the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame, archaeologists, Austin town, major art exhibit by Kenneth Richard Turner the "Texas Heritage Collection", entertainment and music, food, arts and crafts and games. Admission is free. Tour the museum and heritage buildings, SFAs home site and historic cemetery. For more information or directions, call 979-885-3222.

Retired Teachers meeting is Nov. 5

Retired school personnel and teachers of Colorado County are encouraged to attend the second meeting at Schobels' Restaurant in Columbus at noon on Monday, Nov. 5. We are encouraged by the increase in pay, but, there are still issues that a strong, hard working organization need to address to make your retirement better. Eagle Lake/Garwood are the host towns.

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RAIDER REVIEW

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Mighty Raider Band competes in marching contest

By Amanda Burrow

The Raider Band competed in a marching contest at Victoria High School on Saturday, Oct. 20.

This year's band is smaller than the ones Rice has been known to produce but they received a Division III ranking at contest, one Division above last year's. This is considered to be mid-ranking on a scale of I-V.

Mr. Volding, band director, said the students did a great job learning a difficult drill and more challenging music. He says this feat will help them score high later this year when they go to Concert and Sight Reading Contest.

Mr. Volding has planned an array of activities for the rest of the school year.

Their next competition is All-Region Band. This is a contest in which students compete head-to-head with

students of the entire Region. If students win at this level, they move forward to All-Area, where the competition becomes increasingly more difficult, followed by All-State.

Next, the band is headed for Concert and Sight Reading Contest, dur-

ing which they will compete against an established Standard of Excellence.

In the Sight Reading Portion, the students and conductor have to look over the piece and find the pitches, rhythms, accents, volume and speed

of each portion, which is all to be done within eight minutes. After the time limit, the judge will call "time" and they are required to start performing the piece.

The Mighty Raider Band will also perform concerts throughout the year.

We at the *Raider Review* congratulate the band for their accomplishments and wish them all good luck!

Teen Read Week

By Jessica Thomas

Oct. 14-20 was Teen Read Week across the United States. Teen Read Week is sponsored by the American Library Association.

The theme for this year was "Reading For the Fun of It, to Make Reading a Habit". The purpose of Teen Read Week is to promote reading among teenagers.

Many fantasy books were set out for students to check out and read. Among the many books were "The

Hobbit" and "The Ring Trilogy" by J.R.R. Tolkien. Bilbo, a Hobbit, is the main character in Tolkien's book "The Hobbit".

Reading and rocking was part of the celebration during Teen Read Week to promote making reading a habit. Students and teachers were encouraged to sit in the rocking chairs and read for 15 minutes.

After 15 minutes, their picture was taken and placed on the bulletin board for everyone to see.



At left, Valeen Soliz finds a smart way to celebrate her birthday (Oct. 16) by participating the Teen Read Week Program at Rice High School. Pictured with her are Rene and Nicki Ruiz.

County 4-H selling fruit

Colorado County 4-H members are holding their annual fruit sales.

They have the following selections available: 20 lb. navel oranges, \$12.50; 40 lb. navel orange, \$17; 20 lb. grapefruit, \$11.50; 40 lb. grapefruit, \$15; 3-way mix (grapefruit/orange/apple), \$15; 4 way mix (orange/apple/grapefruit/pear), \$16; 20 lb. apple, \$17.50; 2-way mix (orange/apple), \$13; apple, pear, cheese mix, \$17; grapefruit/navels, \$12; peanut pack, \$9; pecan/jelly/honey pack, \$22; wooden gift box, \$18; citrus

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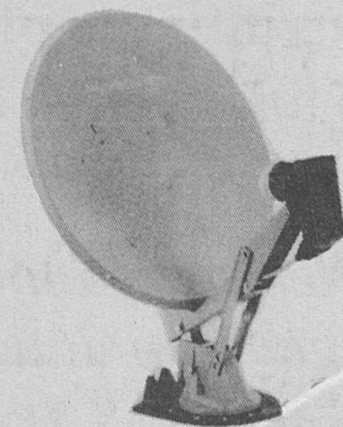
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