

Celebrate Texas Czech Heritage

The Texas Czech Heritage and Cultural Center Inc. (TCHCC) in La Grange cordially invites everyone to attend the second annual TCHCC Czech Heritage Day, celebrating Czech Heritage Month in Texas, Saturday, Oct. 12.

Activities for the day will include morning genealogy help desk staffed by representatives from the Texas Czech Genealogical Society and the Fort Bend Czech

Heritage Society; a performance by the Dallas Czech Singers; food and drink, a silent auction; and an afternoon dance featuring the Kovanda Band of Houston.

Activities will take place at the fair pavilion in La Grange on the Fayette County Fairgrounds, Hwy. 77 north, adjacent to the 70-acre Texas Czech Heritage and Cultural Center.

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NEWSBRIEFS

RHS fall blood drive is today

The Rice High School (RHS) Student Council will host its annual fall Blood Drive Thursday, Oct. 3, in the RHS gym from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center reminds us that blood shortages may soon reach the critical level, especially with a natural disaster brewing in the Gulf of Mexico. Please try to give blood and share the Gift of Life. For more information or to request an appointment, call Lee Politsch at 234-3535.

Senior Citizen's Dance is Friday

The public is invited to a Senior Citizen's Dance, a place to meet old and new friends, Friday, Oct. 4, from 8 to 11 p.m. at the Eagle Lake Community Center. Music will be provided by This Is It. Admission is \$5 per person. For more information, call 979-234-3795.

Wintermann Library book sale starts Friday

The Eula and David Wintermann Library will hold a book sale Friday and Saturday, Oct. 4 and 5; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Friday; and 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Saturday. Proceeds from the sale will go for replenishing the library's book collection. We appreciate the community's support of our previous book sales and look forward to seeing you again this year.

WCBC fish fry is Oct. 5

The White Cloud Baptist Church (WCBC) Pastor's Aide Dept. will host a fish fry Saturday, Oct. 5, at WCBC, 1493 Old Altair Rd. Serving begins at 11 a.m. Donations are \$6 a plate. For delivery, please call 234-3800 or 234-2467.

ELMS Cheerleaders to hold car wash Saturday

The Eagle Lake Middle School (ELMS) Cheerleaders will hold a car wash Saturday, Oct. 5, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at B&B Foods. They thank you in advance for your support.

Pastor Aide program is Sunday

White Cloud Baptist Church, 1493 Old Altair Rd., cordially invites everyone to come worship with them, honoring Dr. and Sis. Obie Rhodes at the Pastor's Aide Program, Sunday, Oct. 6, at 3 p.m.

SWCD meeting is Oct. 7-9 in Corpus

Conservation leaders will gather in Corpus Christi Oct. 7-9 to attend the 62nd Annual State Meeting of Texas Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) Directors. The meeting will begin Monday, Oct. 7, with various committee meetings and a "Get Acquainted" reception in the evening. A general session will be held Tuesday, Oct. 8, and the meeting will conclude on Wednesday, Oct. 9. For more information on the meetings and keynote speakers for Wednesday, visit the website at www.tssweb.state.tx.us.

Blood drive scheduled for Oct. 9

The Heritage House will hold a blood drive Wednesday, Oct. 9, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at their facility, 751 Heritage Lane. For more information, please contact Melissa Hobbs or Ann Chenault at 979-234-3591.

Study Club meeting is Oct. 9

The Eagle Lake Study Club will hold its monthly meeting Wednesday, Oct. 9, at 2 p.m. at the Wintermann Library. The program, "A Tribute to Early Texas" by Mrs. Sylvia Thompson, should be excellent. Come and bring a friend.

Second annual craft, trade day is Nov. 9

The Second Annual Community Craft & Trade Day is Nov. 9 at the First United Methodist Church of El Campo, 1001 Ave. I, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Indoor and outdoor spaces are available. For more information, call Karen Ringleb at 979-543-7486 or Lynn Reed at 543-2978 to reserve your space early. Indoor spaces are limited.

Garwood VFD hamburger supper is Oct. 9

The Garwood Volunteer Fire Department (VFD) will hold its hamburger supper Wednesday, Oct. 9, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Garwood fire station. Come and enjoy a great hamburger. Eat in or take it to go.

Defensive driving course scheduled

A six hour defensive driving course has been scheduled by retired DPS Sgt. Gilbert Kiel for Oct. 9 and 10 in Columbus at the Agriculture Building, 316 Spring St. Class will be from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. To pre-register, call 979-732-2734 or arrive a few minutes early the first evening.

Strudel, pie orders being taken

The Parishioners of St. Mary's in Nada are once again sponsoring the annual apple strudel and pie bake. Strudels and pies will be made Wednesday, Nov. 6. Orders must be in no later than Friday, Oct. 25, to either Janet Mahalitic (See Newsbriefs, Page 6)



Las Vegas Night

Black Jack was a popular game at Saturday night's Friends of Main Street's Las Vegas Night at the Prairie Edge Museum. Known "gamblers" above are Sam Thomson and Sandy Bendy. (See Page 4 for related story and photos.)
Photo Courtesy of Bernice Bornstein

JV Raiders win shootout with Brahmas, 33-27

By Coach Tritschler

The JV Raiders won an exciting game in Bellville last Thursday against the Brahmas, bringing home a 33-27 victory. This win moves the JV record to 5-0 on the season.

The Raiders struck first in the first quarter on a one-yard quarterback sneak touchdown run by Stuart Ray. Joe Lee Perez added the PAT kick to make the score 7-0.

The Raider defense held three downs and out, allowing the Raider offense to come storming back again.

Jonathan Thomas scored on a 53-yard touchdown run to make the score 13-0. The PAT kick failed.

Bellville scored two unanswered touchdowns and both PAT kicks were good to make the score 14-13 in favor of the Brahmas.

The Raiders marched the ball down field again right before haltime

behind a strong offensive line. When Ray scored from eight yards out, the score was 19-14 in favor of the Raiders. The PAT was good on a pass from Ray to Perez, making the score 21-14 in favor of Rice at the half.

The second half was just as exciting as the first as the Raiders drew first blood.

With 4:31 left in the third quarter, Ray struck again on a pass to Robert Scott for another touchdown, making the score 27-21. The PAT was no good.

The Raider defense kept the Brahmas from scoring and the Raiders got

the ball back ready to march again.

Thomas had another long run from 56-yards out to make the score 33-21. The PAT pass was incomplete to Marcus Woods.

The Raiders thought they had put the final nail in the coffin but the Brahmas held the Raiders on the next series of downs, got the ball back and scored another touchdown with 1:51 left in the game, making it 33-27.

The Brahmas tried an on-sides kick-off but Marshall Peterson recovered the football to seal the game.

The offensive line gave a great ef-

fort all night, creating holes and lanes that a truck could drive through. The JV offensive line consisted of Aaron Labay, Joe Cooper, Emerson Dawson, Jose Elizondo, Joey Posada and Laurence Vasquez with Gary McTeard and Peterson serving as tight ends.

The Raiders next contest is at home against East Bernard Thursday, Oct. 3. For this game, the JV team will combine with the freshmen team to take on the JV Brahmas at 5 p.m.

Come out and support the Raiders as the JV keeps its winning streak alive!

Saturday, Oct. 26... Be There!

Be where?

At the Eagle Lake Community Center for the Study Club's Annual Auction. The 23rd auction will begin with the Fireman's Stew Supper from 5 to 7 p.m.

Also starting at 5 p.m. will be the Bake Sale by Study Club members. Some of Eagle Lake's best cooks will be showing off their wares. Come early for the best selection.

Many interesting items will be available during the bidding in the silent auction. This auction will be held from 5 to 6:45 p.m.

For years, one of the most sought-after items has been the Gourmet Dinner donated by the R.R. Thomas family. The dinner will be prepared and served for eight people by Elfe Thomas, Russell and Robin Thomas and Bret and Julia Thomas Pardue. The dinner has been donated in memory of Dr. Raymond Thomas.

On the lighter side, Dianne and Eliot Tucker are offering a Sunday afternoon of fun and food, gathering at the I.V. Duncan Ranch.

Ladies, come bid on a wonderful Bridge Luncheon presented by Mrs. John (Joan) Matthews. Twelve will be seated for lunch and a fun afternoon of cards at the Matthews' home.

New this year is a treat for theater goers. The Vincent-Elkins Law firm in Houston is giving two tickets for the March 7 production of Meridith Wilsonic "The Music Man." In addition, there will be an overnite at the Four Seasons Hotel. A special treat for anyone.

Again this year, Deborah and Tom Reed and Vickie and Tom Kelley are offering their unique dinner. The Robert Burns, Multi-course Scottish Gourmet dinner with poetry, music and dancing, will be served for guests at the Reed home.

Austin's BBQ is again offering a barbecue ham. This item is to be ordered for the buyer's choice of date.

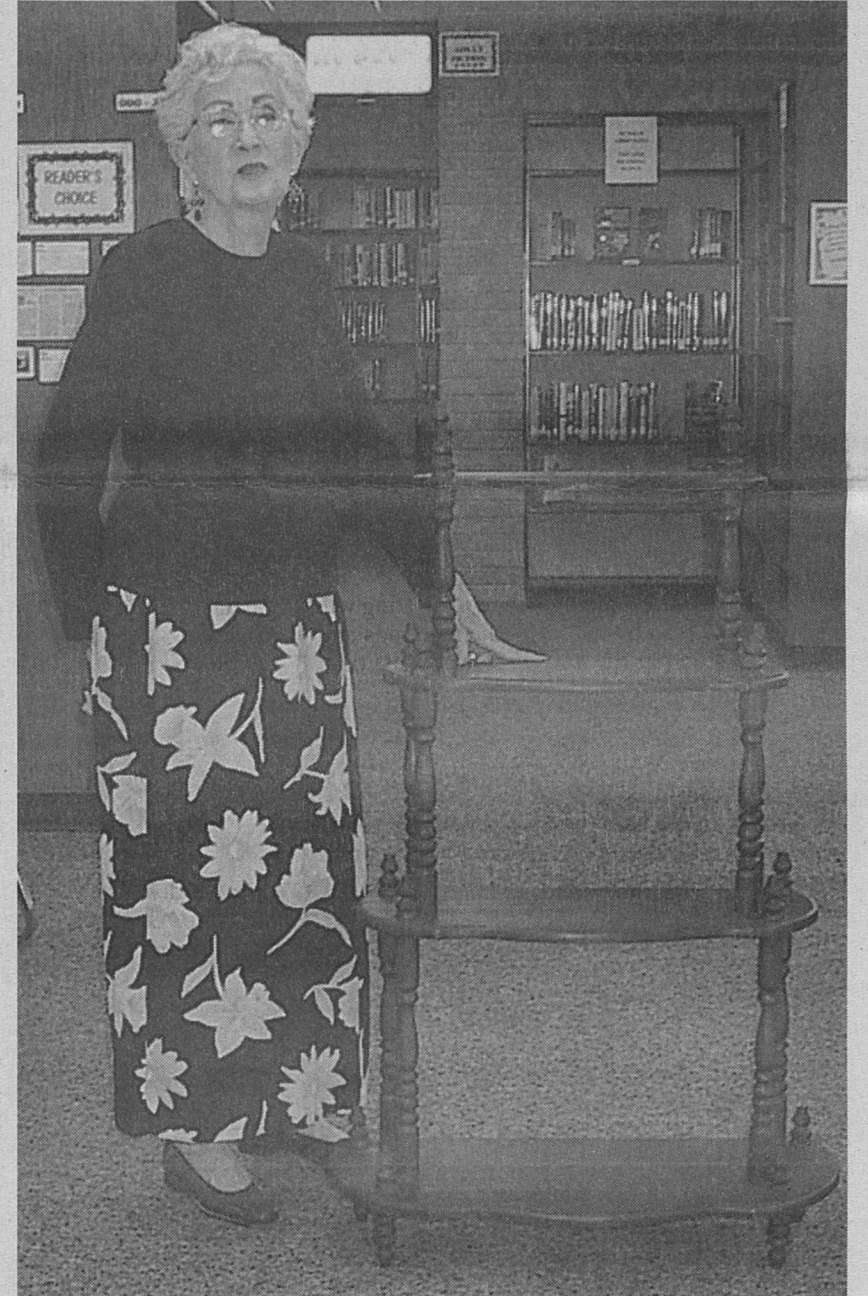
Ron and Denice Janow, owners of 2Ks Taqueria, are offering 10 take out fajita dinner plates. Have your own

Fiesta with the high bid on this item.

Please join the Study Club for an evening of excitement and good food.

Support our library with your gifts and your presence.

See you there Oct. 26.



Ida Causey, pictured above, is donating this Walnut four-tier Victorian Whatnot from her establishment "The Faded Rose". Be sure and join the citizens of Eagle Lake at the 23rd Annual Study Club Auction slated for Saturday, Oct. 26.
Headlight Photo by Carol Cardenas

German American Day to be observed Oct. 6

By Verna Nell Dittmar, President of Colorado County Chapter Texas German Society

In 1987 Congress enacted Public Law 100-104 designating Oct. 6 as German American Day. A proclamation was issued by President Reagan in a Rose Garden Ceremony calling on the American people to observe this day with appropriate celebrations and activities. The date was chosen because Oct. 6, 1683 the first group of Germans sailed into Philadelphia Harbor on the Concord. Individually Germans had arrived before that date.

According to the 1990 Census, more Americans claim some degree

of German "ancestry or ethnic origin" than any other, 57.9 million or 23.3%. Over 300 years, 8 million Germans have created lives for themselves and their families in the U.S., enriching its history and development.

It is generally accepted that the first

group of German settlers arrived in the American colonies in 1683. Thirteen families from the Rhine valley came to Philadelphia in the schooner Concord, the Mayflower of German immigration. They established a community on the city's northern outskirts,

later known as Germantown. However, individual Germans had been in America since the start of European immigration. Germans were part of the Jamestown settlement in 1608. And Peter Minuit, a Rhineland, is (See German, Page 6)

GCD forum set for Oct. 8

There will be a public information forum to discuss issues related to the formation of Post Oak Groundwater Conservation District for Colorado County.

The forum will be held in the district courtroom on the second floor of the Colorado County Courthouse in Columbus next Tuesday, October 8. (See Forum, Page 5)



On hand for the signing of a proclamation making Oct. 6 German American Day in Colorado County were, in back, from left, Commissioner Darrell Gertson, Texas German Society members Leon Dittmar Jr., Verna Nell Dittmar, Marjorie Brune and Fay Elliott, and Commissioner Doug Wessels. In front are Commissioner Tommy Hahn, County Judge Al Jamison and Commissioner Herbie Helmcamp.
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