



Miller, Stach announce engagement

Jamie Sue Ferrill-Miller of Eagle Lake and Edward Matthew Stach of Burleigh are pleased to announce their engagement and approaching marriage. The couple has planned a November wedding.

Ficklin-Frank Stephens Co. building awarded plaque

The Eagle Lake Preservation Alliance, Inc. (ELPA) recently added the Ficklin-Frank Stephens Co. building to its local historical landmarks register.

In acknowledgement of this honor a bronze plaque was awarded to Karyn Frayard who owns the building at 123 E. Main in historic downtown Eagle Lake. It currently houses the H&R Block tax office and Henry Schmidt Jr.'s mechanic shop in the rear addition as well as the Kiddie K Tango dance studio in the original storefront location.

Intensive research conducted and documentation collected by Frayard over the course of approximately a year, reveals the building is one of Eagle Lake's oldest remaining business buildings.

It was built in 1885 by J.F. Ficklin, a Civil War veteran who served in the military from 1861 to 1865. A very prominent man in Eagle Lake, he was associated with the business of J.F. Ficklin & Co., taking the 1880 census of Eagle Lake, and, in Nov. 1885, a military company bearing the name Ficklin Fusiliers was formed.

It is important to note that J.F. Ficklin's signature was on the field notes connected with the incorporation of the City of Eagle Lake in 1888.

It was fitting tribute to the building and the man who built it by awarding the bronze plaque on the 115th birthday of the incorporation of the City of Eagle Lake.

The following information reflects the ownership of the building from its beginning to present day.

Oct. 1885 saw the commencement of work on the new building, Joe Fately was the contractor; the bricks for the building were fired on the Walker Farm on Calhoun Road.

It is interesting to note that the following year Mr. Fately, along with Q.F. Walker, were awarded the contract for making the brick for the Stafford Opera House. These bricks were also fired on the same farm.

The building was nearing completion by Dec. 1885, and, in Jan. 1886, a ball and supper to be given by the "Ficklin Fusiliers" took place in the new brick building.

In April 1886, Mr. Ficklin sold his building to the firm of J.F. Ficklin & Co. comprised of himself, Q.F. Walker and W.G. Beard.

In 1890, W.G. Beard sold his interest to his two partners.

In June 1890, the *Colorado County Citizen* newspaper stated that a considerable portion of Main Street was de-

stroyed by fire and had it not been for the brick store of J.F. Ficklin & Co., the entire street would doubtless have been destroyed.

In April 1891, J.F. Ficklin and his wife sold their half interest in the property to B.L. Vineyard. The deed states that in the described lot is situated a two-story brick building now occupied by Vineyard & Walker and known as the J.F. Ficklin Store House.

Advertisements after this show the owners and occupants of the building to be Vineyard & Walker.

Sometime around 1900, the Frank Stephens Co. began renting the store house. The current lettering on the tin cornice reflects this portion of the buildings history.

However, it wasn't until Jan. 1907 that the Frank Stephens Co. purchased the building from B.L. Vineyard and the executors of the estate of Q.F. Walker.

After owning the building for 53 years, the sale of the building by the Frank Stephens Co. to Lloyd Spalinger took place in Jan. 1960.

In turn, Lloyd Spalinger sold the property to C.L. Spalinger in May 1974.

In May 1996, the building was sold to the current owner, Karyn Frayard, who undertook its restoration with outstanding results.

During the course of her research, Karyn had the opportunity to contact

Scholarships: Colorado County Extension Education Association, Garrett Poncik; Colorado County 4-H: Casey Maertz and Matt Ross.

In addition, members who completed Record Books were awarded pins for their achievements: A. Glaeser, Lauren Trojacek, M. Leopold, S. Jobe, M. Ross, C. and K. Kulhanek, Jacob and Ross Weishuhn.

4-H members who represented Colorado County at District, State and National events were recognized with a certificate: J and R. Weishuhn, C. and K. Kulhanek, L. and E. Trojacek, S. Jobe, M. Leopold, Simone Petrosky, M. and M. Ross, G. Poncik, MaCelsy and MaChelsea Thomas, Courtney, Cameron and Cassie Urban, Brittany & Ashley Parker, Amanda & Hannah Glaeser, LaKerrica Hancock, Steven Stock, Levi, Amos, Carol & JoLynn Stancik, Ashton Chapman, Ben Mieth, Alicia & Diana Jurek, Jacqueline,

Mack IV, Caleb & Luke Helms, Evan Venghaus, Eleanor & Katelyn Hobough, Paul Schlaudraff, Kayla Pfeffer, Dana Waagner, Haley Benton, Taylor Hollman, Brynna Lucas, Nicholas Hoelscher, Jaclyn Jacobs and Adam Rebel.

Leaders receiving certificates for their years of service to 4-H: **37 years:** Claudine Shorter, Eagle Lake; **35 years:** Bob Sronce, Colorado Horse; **25 years:** Lucy Sklar, Frelsburg; **24 years:** Darnell Varley, Sheridan; **22 years:** Erma McGrew, Eagle Lake; **19 years:** Rhonda Schneider, Colorado Horse; **15 years:** Ted Brandt, Shooting Sports; **14 years:** Mark & Sandra Robinson, Colorado Horse; **13 years:** Betty Coreathers and Annie Mae Hargrove, Riverside; **12 years:** Teresa Fitzgerald, Riverside; **11 years:** Becky Koch, Live Oak; **10 years:** Sharon Ross, 4-H Challengers;

9 years: James Ross, Shooting Sports; **nine years:** Glenda Axel, Riverside; **Wanda Faldyn, Frelsburg; Richard Poncik, Shooting Sports; Sheryl Prihoda, Wild Clover; Barbara Waddle, Riverside; eight years:** Ruth Poncik, Shooting Sports; **seven years:** Joan Brune, Frelsburg; **Six years:** Sandra Buhler, Colorado Horse; **Cathy Leopold, Bluebonnet; Robin Maertz, Bernardo; Rose Urban, 4-H Challengers; Tricia Vasut, Bluebonnet; four years:** Kristen Baumbach, Colorado Horse; **Johnna Benton, Colorado Horse; Peggy Braden, Live Oak; Kamala Hillmer, Colorado Horse; Deborah Petrosky, Live Oak; Greg Petrosky, Shooting Sports; Charlene Surovac, 4-H Challengers; Barbara and James Weishuhn, Frelsburg; three years:** James Stock, Wild Clover; **Edna Venghaus, Frelsburg; Kim Vincent, Colorado Horse; Carlenna Jacobs, Colorado Horse; two years:** Terri Jurek, Shooting Sports; **Bryon and Jeri Jobe, Colorado Horse; Tammy Poncik, 4-H Challengers; one year:** Bryan Jacobs, Colorado Horse; **Cheryl and John McDonald, Sheridan; Sandy Pesak, Wild Clover; Barbara Rutkowski, Sheridan; Barbara Zapalac, Wild Clover.**

By noon, there were about 100 family members with plenty of infants and young adults. Otis & Loretta Johse of Hamshire, Lester & Yvonne Johse of Wharton, Eric & Trisha Huffman and Gracie of Lake Jackson, Todd Johse, Robin & Tessa Johse Mathews and family, Elton & Ruby Litzmann of Columbus, Mark & Barbara Litzmann and sons of Sealy, Mary Ann Shry and Mary Litzmann of Alvin, Diane Measell of Sugar Land, Shirley Alderson

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cemetery.

Anyone desiring more information pertaining to this property is encouraged to stop by and visit Frayard at the H&R Block tax office.

The ELPA Inc., along with Frayard, proudly presents this information to enhance the significance of the designated local historic landmarks, to encourage the appreciation of our heritage and to preserve the contributions of past generations.

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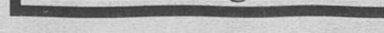
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The Eagle Lake Preservation Alliance has added the Ficklin-Frank Stephens Co. building to local historical landmarks. Karyn Frayard, who owns the building at 123 E. Main, was presented a bronze plaque to be affixed to the building by ELPA President Joe H. McCreary. Photo by Candy McCreary

Annual 4-H Archery Invitational is Thursday

The Colorado County 4-H archery project is hosting its annual Colorado River 4-H Archery Invitational at the Home Ec building on the Colorado County Fairgrounds beginning at 6 p.m. this Thursday, Oct. 16. The tourney will take a break on Friday before resuming again at 8:30 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 18.

Last year's tournament drew over 100 archers and their families from across District 11, as well as guest ar-

chers from other select organizations. This year's event is expected to draw over 100 participants as well. The public is invited to come watch the event as some of the state's top-ranked young archers vie for medals.

The county-wide Colorado River 4-H Archery Project boasts 39 members between six and 17 years of age.

For more information on the archery project, contact the County Extension office in Columbus.

Johse, Litzmann reunion held Sept. 28

The Cat Springs Agricultural Society Hall in Cat Springs was the place where the Johse-Litzmann family reunion was held Sunday, Sept. 28. Gathering were descendants of Carl Johse and Eliza Sens Johse, both born in Mecklenburg-Schwerin Prussia, and left Germany because of the unsettled political atmosphere during the 1840s. They married in Austin County in 1860.

Carl Johse was a decorator by pro-

fession and a highly skilled artisan. He served in the Civil War living on Galveston Island during his Confederate service. After the war, they bought a farm a few miles south of Cat Spring where they lived with their 17 children. Only seven daughters and one son lived to adulthood.

The Johse Cemetery is about three miles from the Cat Springs Agricultural Hall. Five years ago, several members of the family made the last visit to the

cemetery.

Descendants of MaryLitzmann and Augusta Kretschmar, Henry, Huld, Minna, Ida, Ella and Theresa Johse came together that Sunday. This reunion was mostly on the Maria Johse Litzmann and Elly Johse Litzmann family who invited other Johses to join and get acquainted and re-acquainted.

By noon, there were about 100 family members with plenty of infants and young adults. Otis & Loretta Johse of Hamshire, Lester & Yvonne Johse of Wharton, Eric & Trisha Huffman and Gracie of Lake Jackson, Todd Johse, Robin & Tessa Johse Mathews and family, Elton & Ruby Litzmann of Columbus, Mark & Barbara Litzmann and sons of Sealy, Mary Ann Shry and Mary Litzmann of Alvin, Diane Measell of Sugar Land, Shirley Alderson

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Birthday
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