



The 10th annual Community Lenten Luncheon raised a record \$1969.01 benefiting the Eagle Lake Ministerial Alliance's Food Pantry. Accepting the donation from Anna Gertson, luncheon coordinator, was Rev. Chris Thacker of the First Baptist Church. Pictured with them are: second row from left; Patty Stephens, Melba Sisk, Margie Cason, Kathryn Mehner, Evelyn Thomas; back row, Joan Matthews, Lois Herman, Anna Lee Higgins, Rev. Ardie Nelson, Sandy Thomson, Don Bendy. The Lenten Luncheons are sponsored by the United Methodist Church with assistance from First Baptist, Christ Episcopal, Parish of the Nativity Catholic, Presbyterian and Lissie Methodist Churches.

The Lenten Luncheon committee would like to thank all those who participated in this most worthwhile endeavor. This event is one of the foremost fundraisers that benefits the Food Pantry. We look forward to our 11th year of providing food, fun, and fellowship during Lent 2007 while supporting our brothers and sisters in need.

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DPS Issues Memorial Day Reminder

DPS is reminding drivers to obey the speed limit, driver sober, and always make sure all passengers and drivers are properly secured. During Memorial Day weekend, Texas drivers face increased traffic on the roadways and a greater risk of involvement in vehicle crashes.

"Remember to drive sober, and make sure that everyone in the vehicle is wearing a seat belt or buckled into the appropriate child safety seat," says Senior Trooper Gary Pflughaup with the Texas Highway Patrol. "Taking these simple steps will help ensure everyone's safety."

DPS troopers and hundreds of other law enforcement agencies across Texas will have increased patrols looking to stop drunk drivers, speeders, and seat belt violators. The DPS is participating in the national "Click It or Ticket" enforcement mobilization, which begins 12:01 a.m., Monday, May 22 and will end midnight, Sunday, June 4.

Another nationwide effort designed to reduce fatalities is the C.A.R.E. - Combined Accident Reduction Effort - program. State troopers across the nation participate in C.A.R.E., maximizing enforcement on major high-

ways to reduce fatalities commonly associated with holiday weekends.

C.A.R.E. will start at 12:01 a.m., Friday, May 26 and conclude at midnight, Monday, May 29.

"What can safety restraints do? They can increase a person's chance of surviving a vehicle crash," added Pflughaup. "If the vehicle you're riding in has seatbelts, use them, especially in pickup trucks! A pickup truck will rollover a lot easier than a car, and without a safety belt, you probably won't survive. Drive smart and buckle up every time you drive."

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Teething Milestones

Although you won't see your child's teeth until he/she is several months old, they've been developing since he/she was in the womb. Soft tooth buds appear as early as the eighth week of pregnancy and begin to harden during the fourth month in utero. The tooth will break through the gums around six months of age-although they occasionally emerge as early as four months or as late as one year.

Baby teeth often-but not always-come in the following order: the center bottom two, the center top two, the bottom lateral incisors (they're next to the center teeth), the top lateral incisors, the first molars, the top two eyeteeth (the ones next to the laterals), and then the bottom two eyeteeth. Second molars show up a little later, usually around age 2. In general, your child will cut four teeth every six months of life. By age three he/she will probably have all 20 baby teeth.

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Library Lines

By: Patty Holloway

Registration for the summer reading program begins May 30th and the first program will be on June 7th. If your children don't have a library card it's a good idea to come to the library now and get their cards.

While you are in the library look through the large selection of books regarding Mexican culture that are displayed and easily accessible on one of the bookcases. There is also a large display of Texas books regarding Texas insects, flowers, wildflowers,

seashells, reptiles, birds and many other native Texas interests.

Hummingbirds of Texas by Clifford E. Shackelford, Madge M. Lindsay and C Mark Klyne, is a new book at the library that you will find among this display.

The book offers good tips for making your yard more inviting to the hummers and of course it suggests which flowers to plant that are the most appealing to the hummers. The color photos in this beautiful book are outstanding.

The next time you are in the li-

brary look through these two displays and find a book that interests you and check it out.

The Wintermann Library gratefully acknowledges the following memorials: In memory of Leonard Walker: Mrs. Mae Ashby, Mr. & Mrs. George Causey, Patty Holloway; In memory of Anselin Reed: Mrs. Mae Ashby; In memory of Clyde Lee Phillips, Jr: Mrs. Mae Ashby, The Wintermann Library gratefully accepts the following donation: In memory of Bernice Halkett Dunne: Bonnie L. Halkett

LCRA Supports Reading Program

Public libraries in 14 counties, including Colorado, will entertain children with "Reading: The Sport of Champions" this year's summer reading program with the help of a \$5,900 donation from LCRA employees.

Libraries will use the funds to purchase materials and provide incentives for children who participate in the summer reading program.

Librarians will provide books, T-shirts, end-of-program parties and other prizes for participants. Among the libraries receiving funds from

LCRA employees is the Eula and David Wintermann Library in Eagle Lake.

The donation came from LCRA employees through the LCRA Employees' United Charities program. LCRA employees who participate in United Charities voluntarily donate up to two hours of pay monthly to support the program and then employee committees decide how the funds will be distributed. United Charities contributes more than \$450,000 annu-

ally, supporting a variety of nonprofit organizations throughout LCRA's service area.

"Our employees share the opinion that there is nothing better than a good book and a child's imagination and we appreciate the local libraries providing the opportunity to bring the two together," said Renee Randall, LCRA community outreach coordinator. "We are happy to help make the summer a happy time for these children."

USDA Announces \$28 Million In Loans

Bryan Daniel, USDA Rural Development State Director, announced that the USDA Rural Development is accepting applications for the Business and Industry (B & I) Guaranteed Loan Program. Funding in the amount of \$28 million is available to bolster economic development in rural Texas.

"USDA Rural Development is committed to providing economic development opportunities in rural Texas communities," said Daniel. "These loans will help preserve or create jobs needed to maintain the economic vitality of rural communities."

Business and Industry Loan Guarantees are provided by USDA Rural Development to help local lenders provide credit needed for expansion and preservation of jobs in rural communities. The guarantee allows lenders to make larger loans, provide better rates and terms, and bring additional capital into the community. Loan proceeds may be used for working capital, purchase of machinery and

equipment, purchase of buildings and real estate, and certain types of debt refinancing.

USDA Rural Development is dedicated to delivering programs in a way that will provide increasing economic opportunity and improve the quality

of life of rural Texas residents. For further information regarding USDA Rural Development Programs, contact the Bastrop Local Office at

512-321-3428, Extension 4, or visit our website at <http://rurdev.usda.gov/tx/>.

Youth Free Fishing Day Set For June 3

A "Free Sportfishing Day" will highlight National Fishing and Boating Week, allowing anglers to fish any public waters in Texas without a fishing license on Saturday, June 3.

The sixth annual National Fishing and Boating Week is June 3-11 with thousands of local events in communities across the country.

Events will provide hands-on opportunities for families and friends to share fun, quality time together while

learning about two of our nation's favorite pastimes - boating and fishing.

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department officials said the special day in this state, authorized by the Texas Legislature, is intended to promote fishing and encourage people to enjoy the state's fishing resources.

Both resident and nonresident recreational anglers will be allowed

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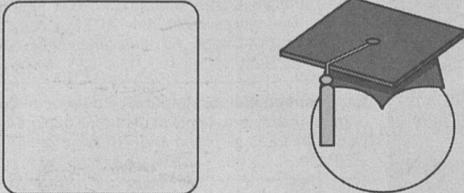
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