

USDA To Hold Rural Development Office Day

Representatives of USDA Rural Development will be holding an Office Day for residents of Wharton County on Tuesday, July 11 to provide information, assist with applications, and answer questions regarding USDA Rural Development Housing, Com-

munity and Business Programs. The event will be held at the Farm Service Agency Office, 2225 Hwy. 59 Loop South in Wharton from 10 a.m. to noon.

Housing Programs, offered by USDA Rural Development, include the Guaranteed Housing

Loan Program, Direct Housing Loan Program, Home Repair and Rehabilitation Grant Program, and the Self-Help Housing and Technical Assistance Program. Assistance is available to low and moderate income families that live in rural areas.

USDA Rural Development Community Programs are designed to enhance the growth and economic opportunities of rural areas by providing the means for construction, expansion, or enhancement of community facilities, telecommunication and distance education programs, and water and waste disposal systems. Since 2001, USDA Rural Development Community Programs have awarded \$868 million for these purposes, and touched the lives of more than 840,000 rural residents in the process.

Entrepreneurship plays a vital role in the economic stability of rural Texas. With USDA Rural Development Business and Cooperative Programs, rural businesses can gain access funds that normally would not be available to them. With the help of the Business and Industry Guaranteed Loan Program, Rural Business Enterprise Grant Program, Rural Business Opportunity Grant Program, and the Cooperative Development Grant and Technical

Assistance Program, businesses and cooperatives in rural areas can increase the economic opportunities in rural areas throughout Texas.

USDA Rural Development strives to ensure that rural citizens can participate fully in the global economy by providing

technical assistance, funding, and other programs that help rural Americans build strong economies to improve their quality of life. For further information, please contact the Edna Local Office at 361-782-7151, ext. 4 or visit them on the web at <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov.tx>.

Obituaries

Horace Johnson

Horace Johnson departed this life June 21 at Rice Medical Center in Eagle Lake following a lengthy illness.

He was born July 8, 1917 in Vox Populi the son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Johnson.

He married Marcella McGrew Johnson on June 24, 1991 and to this union no children were born.

He acknowledged Christ as his personal Savior and exemplified belief through his genuine love for people. He would always speak the kindest words.

His parents, three sisters, and one brother preceded him in death.

Horace, who was nicknamed, "Zue, Zue" will be missed by his family.

He leaves to mourn his passing, his loving wife Marcella of Altair; a sister, Jewell Johnson of Houston; two stepsons, Rev. Truman Scott, Jr. (Mae) of Garwood and Robert Lee Scott, Jr., (Marcel) of Sugar Land; and a host of special nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Funeral services were held Saturday, July 1 at 11 a.m. from South Point Baptist Church in Garwood with Rev. Kenneth Wicks officiating. Interment followed in Willing Workers Cemetery in Columbus. Ben Davis Funeral Home of Columbus was in charge of arrangements.

Pallbearers were Ronnie Sanford, Isley Edwards, Melvin Carter, Willie Sanford, Douglas Tillman, Jr., and Twamon Boone.

Honorary pallbearers were family and friends.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Open Letter To LCRA Manager Joe Beal

Mr. Joe Beal:
Your impressions of those attending the LCRA/SAWS meetings were most interesting to me.

You saw our citizens as eager and curious. Being further down stream and closer to the citizens of Colorado County than you.

I can assure you our citizens are neither curious nor are they eager for your project to continue.

I know them to be angry and anxious that you plan to take their land and create a tax burden on them.

Joe, let me understand what the LCRA/SAWS Project would mean to our citizens.

Now our country folks are bottom line people, so forget the Land Use and Technical Studies that can be used to cloud the real issues.

The deal as we understand it is as follows:

1. LCRA/SAWS would condemn up to 10,000 acres of our citizens land.

Negative for Colorado County.

2. LCRA/SAWS would control all mineral rights from those owning them.

Negative for Colorado County.

3. LCRA/SAWS would take up to 10,000 acres off our tax roll valued at approximately \$60,000 a year to honor an 80-year water contract with San Antonio.

Negative for Colorado County.

4. LCRA is the current water

provider of many of our rice farmers and is now telling us they need to supplement them with ground water even as rice farming acreage has declined 30 percent since 1968.

Negative for Colorado County.

5. LCRA/SAWS removes all the economic impact that our county would receive, i.e. jobs, leases and landowners spending by condemning 10,000 acres.

Negative for Colorado County.

6. LCRA would sell 134 million gallons of river water a day to San Antonio for \$900 an acre-foot.

No Benefit to Colorado County.

This is our understanding of what awaits Colorado County from LCRA.

Now we pose this question to you, "Of what benefit is this project to Colorado County?" This project certainly has all the appearances of a one-sided deal.

Joe, it is with much interest that I await your response.

Please, no e-mails or phone calls, lets use the media of choice here so that all of us in Colorado County will be aware of what LCRA has in mind for us.

Sincerely,
Richard Heffley
Columbus

Youth Football League Being Organized

Everyone in Eagle Lake is aware of the need for safe, organized activities for the local youth.

Several members of the community are currently attempting to put together a youth football program.

LIFESPORTS offers youth programs that teach kids teamwork, pride and respect. As with any new program, there are startup costs.

We are asking the community for donations in order to get this program off the ground.

Help us keep our kids out of trouble and give them something positive to do with their free time.

Please feel free to contact me at 979-234-6577 or 281-594-1376 if you would like to donate or have any questions.

Thank you for your support of this worthwhile project.

Ike Clayton,
Coach

New Arrivals

Zym Zylan Jochec
Ashlee Longoria and Josh Jochec of East Bernard are pleased to announce the birth of their child, a son, born June 27 at 11:08 p.m. at Rice Medical Center in Eagle Lake.

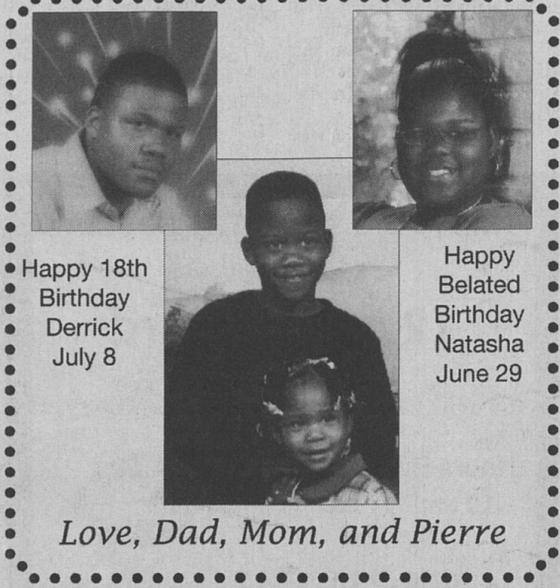
Zym Zylan weighed eight pounds, four ounces and measured 20-1/2 inches at birth.

He was welcomed home by a sister, Kyleigh Reyna Longoria age 10-1/2 months.

Maternal grandparents are Rena Longoria Sr.

Paternal grandparents are Larry Jochec Jr. and Debbie Bacon.

Great-grandparents are Flora and Ernest Longoria and Emil and Emilie Jochec.



Happy 18th Birthday Derrick July 8

Happy Belated Birthday Natasha June 29

Love, Dad, Mom, and Pierre

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Living with Parkinson's Disease

Parkinson's Disease (PD) is a neuromuscular disorder which results from the loss of brain cells that produce *dopamine* (one of body's neurotransmitters). As a result of this loss, there are four major symptoms that occur - trembling in the hands, arms, legs, and face; rigidity of the arms and legs as well as the trunk; a slowing of body movement; and instability of body posture which occurs as imbalance and lack of coordination.

Exercise may help make it easier to live with this condition since activity will often improve mobility, muscle tone, and range of motion. Improving muscle strength often improves confidence and the ability to move. Short naps may help improve energy. Purchasing clothes that require less zipping and buttoning will help if the conditions progresses and the skills to do these things become diminished. Physical therapy may be prescribed. Medications that help restore the lost dopamine from the brain can provide dramatic relief of symptoms. *Levodopa* is the primary drug prescribed. In the body, it is converted to dopamine by nerve cells. It is combined with another drug called *Caridopa*, which causes more of the levodopa to get to the brain. Other drugs such as *Eldepryl* (Selegiline) are also used. A relatively new drug called *Azilect* blocks the breakdown of dopamine.

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Bible Verse of The Week

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- Luke 12:2

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