

Eagle Lake Study Club Annual Auction Just Around The Corner

By Betty Wilcox
In two weeks the Eagle Lake Study Club will host the 27th Annual Auction.
Added in 2004 was a drawing managed by Linda Balas and Dianne Duncan Tucker. Dianne's grandmother Mrs. I.V. Duncan was one of the charter members

of the Eagle Lake Study Club. This year the drawing has a new slate of lovely prizes that will be drawn for at the auction.
Pick up some tickets at the library, Struss', the Golden Goose or from club members. Tickets are \$20 each and only 500 will be sold.
A list of the items up for grabs

include: a hand painted children's table and chairs donated by Evelyn Thomas; a nativity set donated by Dianne and Eliot Tucker; Remington 870 pump 20-gauge shotgun, donated by Johnny's Sport Shop, Mike and Melody Grigar, Carol and Clarence Gore; basket of gourmet foods and wines,

donated by Wildseed Farms, Marilyn and John Thomas; three strand "honey" garnet and gold necklace donated by Ann Tucker; pair of season tickets to Stafford Opera House Dinner Theater, donated by Judith Johnson Jarvis, in memory of her parents, Freda and Howard Johnson; Towle silver coffee urn donated by Evelyn

Thomas; hand woven rug from Aaxcica, Mexico, donated by Dianne and Eliot Tucker; Mexican pottery planter with tropical plant donated by Eagle Lake Tree, Lawn and Landscape; and a Sylvia Platinum 15" flat screen TV donated by Eagle Lake Drugs and Radio Shack.
Plan a full, fun evening! Eat

dinner, fried fish by Austin's BBQ and Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce; enjoy the bake sale then the silent auction. And at 7 p.m. the main auction will begin.
Master auctioneers Joe Herbert and Candy McCreary will lead a fun time for all.
See you there!

Shimek Named To Catholic Life Board

Lawrence Shimek of Garwood was elected to the Catholic Life Insurance Board of Directors at the company's 90th Convention held July 28-29 at the Crowne Plaza Riverwalk Hotel in San Antonio.
Shimek, who was elected to the Coastal Plains region, will serve a four-year term in his new position. He currently serves as the 2nd Vice President of the Nada Branch.
Shimek retired in 1994 as a Catholic Life General Sales Man-

ager for the Coastal Plains area. He and his wife Edna are members of Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Nada, Texas. He has been an active member of Catholic Life Insurance since 1964.
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Lawrence Shimek

company's assets have climbed to over \$630 million and the insurance in force exceeds \$1.69 billion.

Stafford Announces Theatre Season

Since 1992 the historic 1886 Stafford Opera House in Columbus has been host to professional theatre companies from Austin, San Antonio, Fredericksburg and Deer Park that have entertained audiences with musicals, comedies and dramas.

The 2006-07 Dinner Theatre Season will begin October 14 with Tintypes: A Nostalgic Musical Revue that includes some of the most amazing music ever produced by music greats such as Scott Joplin, John Philips Sousa, and George M. Cohan that will be performed by OnStage Theatre Company of Austin and the Violet Crown Players.

And, that is just the beginning. On November 11 Jeryl Hoover and the Fredericksburg Theater Company will chill you and thrill you with Dracula: The Musical? Hoover says, "...it's riotous, silly, fun for the whole family."

On December 2, during Christmas on the Colorado weekend, OnStage and Violet Crown Players will be back with A Christmas Surprise! What is it? Well, we can't tell you. It's a surprise!

After the hustle and bustle of the holidays Damian Gillen and The Company of San Antonio will present a special performance on January 13, 2007 of The Nerd written by Larry Shue. (The Nerd is not part of the season ticket package.)

OnStage Theatre Company performs Butterflies Are Free on February 10. If you remember the movie with Goldie Hawn, then you know that this production is not only funny but also has some very heart-warming scenes.

Susan Mele, Artistic Director of Art Park Players of Deer Park says, "Stop watering the grass, take the burnt burgers off the grill and get ready for a surefire night of entertainment, where you can take a moment to laugh at yourselves..." when the Players perform Suburbs on March 10.

Jeryl Hoover and the Fredericksburg Theater Company are back on April 14 with Broadway Springs Into Song. Enjoy another encore performance by Hoover

and his talented and glamorous singers and instrumentalists as they bring the best of Broadway to Columbus.

On May 19 Damian Gillen and The COMPANY return with the comedy Art. As one critic analyzes, "The play asks philosophical questions ...Are you who you are or are you who your friends think you are?"

The Art Park Players bring a fitting end to the season with Arsenic and Old Lace on June 9. It's a comedy to die for!

Tickets are available at the Stafford Opera House, 425 Spring Street in Columbus or call 979-732-5135 or 877-444-7339. Tickets are \$30 per person per production. Season tickets are \$210 for 8 shows.

Be a season ticket holder and get one production free, get preferred seating and be treated to a Sip Champagne With The Stars reception. This year the reception will be with Jeryl Hoover and the cast of Dracula: The Musical?

It is going to be another exciting dinner theatre season of music, comedy, a little drama and a few surprises at the historic opera house.

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Program Development Meeting Scheduled

The Texas Soil and Water Conservation Districts invite the public and any agencies with interest to participate in the Program Development Group (PDG) meetings.

These meetings are partnership with USDA - Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) in each county and provide an opportunity for participation and comments from a broad range of local agencies, organizations, businesses and especially farmers and ranchers that have an interest in natural resource conditions and needs. Each county in Texas holds public meetings annually.

The Colorado County meeting will held on Sept. 6 at 1:30 pm at the Colorado County Ag Building located at 316 Spring Street in Columbus.

The purpose of the PDG is to allow members of the community a forum for providing

recommendations on local issues and county based funding that can be addressed through the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP).

These local stakeholders include landowners, commodity groups, agri-business leaders, environmental groups, and others who may have an interest in local natural resource needs.

Following the PDG meetings there will be Local Work Group (LWG) meetings chaired by the NRCS District Conservationist scheduled prior to September 15, 2006.

The role of the LWG is to consider the recommendations of the PDG and to provide their own input.

They will advise NRCS on how the local people would like the EQIP program carried out. All recommendations will be taken into account before finalizing the program.

Members of the LWG include: NRCS District Conservationist, Soil and Water Conservation Board members, Farm Service Agency (FSA) County Committee Members, FSA County Executive Director, Cooperative Extension, State or Local elected or appointed officials, and other Federal or State government representatives, and representatives of American Indian governments.

One of the guiding principles of the 2002 USDA Farm Bill is that conservation programs are locally led. Through stake holder meetings the public is given an opportunity to help local conservation leaders set program priorities.

The Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) was established in the 1996 Farm Bill to provide a single, voluntary conservation program for farmers and ranchers to address significant natural resource concerns.

Nationally, it provides techni-

cal and financial assistance to address natural resource concerns. Administered by the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), EQIP was reauthorized in the 2002 Farm Bill and awards cost share assistance to agricultural producers who will apply cost share and incentive practices which provide significant environmental benefit.

In Texas, NRCS provides funding to each county to address local high priority resource concerns.

For more information, call the local USDA-NRCS office at 979.732.2773

DPS Reminds Watch Out For Kids

As the new school year starts, the Department of Public Safety (DPS) reminds motorists to slow down around schools and to watch for children who may be exiting school buses.

Drivers also should be aware that children might cross streets without watching where they're going.

"Avoid being distracted, pay careful attention to your driving, and always look for areas where a youngster may come out of nowhere," said Senior Trooper Gary Pflughaupt.

"When driving in the area of

schools, through school zones, or around school buses, watch out for kids. You don't want to become part of a tragedy," he added.

The most dangerous time for collisions is when school buses are loading or unloading students.

According to the National School Bus Loading and Unloading Survey, most children injured or killed while getting on or off buses are under the age of 10.

Students of all ages should be taught to follow safety rules and to watch for traffic before crossing streets.

It is illegal for motorists to

pass a school bus when it is flashing its alternating red warning lights.

Drivers who do not stop for school buses face a fine up to \$1,000.

If a driver is convicted of this offense more than one time, DPS can suspend their license for up to six months.

"Stopping for school buses is the law," Pflughaupt stated. "DPS has zero tolerance for vehicles that pass stopped school buses. Please watch out for our children, they're too important to lose."

ADHD Seminars Slated For Sept.

99 Strategies to help the ADHD Child, free seminar for parents of children with ADHD (Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder) or behavioral/anger problems, are scheduled at the office of Virginia Ruschhaupt, ADHD Counseling Center, 3403 N. Main St. in Victoria.

Workshops are video slideshow presentations, followed by open discussion. The first two of ten sessions are as follows:

Session 1 - Tues. Sept. 12, noon to 1 p.m.

Understanding diagnosis of ADHD, Oppositional Defiant Dis-

order, Conduct Disorder; Anger Control and Behavior Management, part 1.

Session 2 - Tuesday, Sept. 19, noon to 1 p.m.

Anger Control and Behavior Management, part 2, Academic Successes, pt.1, ADHD Strategies.

Due to limited space, you must

pre-register by calling 361-578-7441. The first 10 to pre-register will receive audio CD of material presented in Session 1.

Virginia Ruschhaupt, who has developed the program, is a Licensed Professional Counselor, who counsels children with ADHD, as well as children, adults, and families facing a variety of life

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Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase

The City of Eagle Lake will hold a public hearing on a proposal to increase total tax revenues from properties on the tax roll in the preceding tax year by 16.37 percent (percentage by which proposed tax rate exceeds lower of rollback tax rate or effective tax calculated under Chapter 26, Tax Code). Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

The public hearing will be held on September 12 & 19, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. at Council Chambers, 100 E. Main, Eagle Lake, TX

The members of the governing body voted on the proposal to consider the tax increase as follows:

FOR: Larry Contreras, Chriss Schiurring, John Young
AGAINST: Jane Meldahl, Dave Curry
PRESENT and not voting: None
ABSENT: None

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories:

Maintenance and operations	09,210	% (increase)	or	0	% (decrease)
Debt service	37,552	% (increase)	or	0	% (decrease)
Total expenditures	17,675	% (increase)	or	0	% (decrease)

Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value as calculated under section 26.04, Tax Code

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value* of all property	\$ 78,866,302.00	\$ 81,115,020.00
Total appraised value** of new property**	\$ 1,006,410.00	\$ 963,260.00
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$ 76,139,992.00	\$ 78,358,027.00
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$ 1,004,810.00	\$ 906,140.00

Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness \$ 2,875,000

Tax Rates

Adopted tax rate for the preceding tax year	\$ 0.66130	per \$100 in value
Proposed tax rate for the current tax year	\$ 0.75491	per \$100 in value
Difference in the proposed tax rate and the adopted tax rate for the preceding tax year	\$ 0.09361	per \$100 in value
Percentage increase or decrease in the proposed tax rate and the adopted tax rate for the preceding tax year	14.16	% Increase
	0	% Decrease

These tax rate figures are not adjusted for changes in the taxable value of property.

Comparison of Residence Homestead Values

Average appraised and taxable values on residence homesteads are compared from the preceding tax year and the current tax year.

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Average residence homestead appraised value	\$ 49,253.00	\$ 52,475.00
Homestead exemption amount for the taxing unit (excluding special exemptions for persons 65 years of age or older or disabled)	\$.00	\$.00
Average taxable value of a residence homestead (excluding special exemptions for persons 65 years of age or older or disabled)	\$ 49,253.00	\$ 52,475.00

Comparison of Residence Homestead Taxes

The taxes that would have been imposed in the preceding tax year on a residence homestead at the average appraised value (excluding special exemptions for persons 65 years of age or older or disabled) are estimated to be \$ 325.71.

The taxes that would be imposed in the current tax year on a residence homestead appraised at the average appraised value in the current tax year (excluding special exemptions for persons 65 years of age or older or disabled), if the proposed tax rate is adopted, are estimated to be \$ 396.14. The difference between the amount of taxes on the average residence homestead in the current tax year, if the proposed tax rate is adopted, and the preceding tax year would be an increase of \$ 70.43 or a decrease of \$ _____ in taxes.

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