



Emy Sheridan celebrated her 90th birthday a couple of weeks early (her actual birthday is March 28th). Her three grandchildren and five great-grandchildren surprised her at her daughter, Janie Greene's, house in Eagle Lake on St. Patrick's Day. Brian, Alexis Sheridan and Hugh Jackson Greene came from Gainesville. David, Ashleigh, Kyleigh Nicole and Payton Mackenzie Greene came from Plano, and Christy, Benny and Drake Jackson Landrum came from Sugar Land.

\$2.6 Million Given By USDA In 2006

In any emergency, all Texans count on first responders. Law enforcement, fire fighters, EMT and medical services protect public safety. USDA Rural Development responded to these needs in 2006 by providing more than \$2.6 million for first responder facilities and equipment for nearly 173,000

rural Texans.

"We work hard to assist rural communities prepare for emergencies and the delivery of lifesaving services," said Bryan Daniel, USDA Rural Development State Director. "Our Community Facility Programs offer loans and grants to rural Texas communi-

ties as a part of USDA's First Responder Initiative."

USDA Rural Development has earmarked one-fifth of Community Facility Program to first responder projects. Both grants and low-interest loans are available to support the building of facilities and equipment in rural areas. Eligible projects include fire protection equipment, fire station, fire trucks, rescue and ambulance services and equipment, emergency response training, physician's clinics, early storm warning systems, education facilities for emergency services, police stations and cars, communications centers, and mobile communications centers.

Detailed information and applications for financial assistance are available at 30 local USDA Rural Development Offices located throughout Texas. For additional information call the State Office at 254-742-9700.

Little League Schedule

The following is the schedule for Little League Opening Day Saturday, March 24.

8:30 a.m., Mud Cats vs. Yankees (T-Ball); 9:30 a.m., Hooks vs. Astros, (T-Ball); 10:30 a.m., Dream Catchers vs. Angels (Pee-Wee Girls); 12 noon, Opening Ceremonies (Attendance Required - All Teams); 1 p.m., Cardinals vs. Detroit Tigers (Pee-Wee Boys); 2 p.m., Rangers vs. TBA (Pee-Wee Boys); 3 p.m., Lady Mustangs vs. Wallis (Minor Girls); 4 p.m., Brewers vs. Athletics (Minor Girls); 5 p.m., Lady Mustangs vs. Bandits (Major Girls); 6 p.m., Red Sox vs. Yankees (Major Boys).

Life Guard Registration March 29

A registration meeting will be held Thursday, March 29 at the Eagle Pool for all students interested in taking either the Red Cross Lifeguarding course or the renewal course.

Current lifeguards wanting to renew their CPR and/or lifeguard certificates will meet at 6:30 p.m. and, new students will meet at 7 p.m. Course schedules will be discussed at this meeting.

Prerequisites for new students: Must be 15 years of age or older by May 1st, dive to a depth of seven feet and retrieve a 10 pound object, tread water for two minutes, swim five hundred yards continuously using the front crawl, sidestroke, and breaststroke.

Students must attend all classes, and pass all written and skills tests with an 80 or better score.

Course fees for new students are \$125 (\$86 to American Red Cross for text books, pocket mask, valve, bandage kit, equipment usage fee and administrative fee; and, \$39 to local Red Cross for pool and instructor supplies.)

Course fees for lifeguard renewals are \$35 and for CPR renewals are \$25.



Eagle Lake Junior High (ELJH) students redeemed points earned by reading books during fall semester at the semi-annual AR Store, held Feb. 26-28 at the ELJH library. Top point earners were seventh graders Sandra Vega (right), whose rewards included a 14" color TV; and Guy Hemphill (left) whose rewards included a CD stereo system. Students are now collecting spring semester points, to be redeemed during the next AR Store in May.

Rice High School Taking Yearbook Orders

The Rice High School yearbook staff is excited about the work completed so far on the 2007 yearbook.

"Are We There Yet?" is the theme that is carried out through the custom designed cover drawn by Clayton Bowen. Clayton's cartoon work is also featured on the division pages.

Another exciting aspect of the 2007 yearbook is that it will be produced entirely in color for the first time ever.

Cost of the book is \$45, with a

\$20 deposit required to reserve one. However, the price is discounted \$5 for students who pay in full when ordering their book.

A final count of must be turned in to the publisher by April 1st, so books must be ordered by March 31st.

Staff members urge students to order their book as soon as possible. No extras will be ordered.

Contact advisor Melody Grigar, Editor Kristi Sepulveda, or Business Manager Samantha Castro to order a yearbook.

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