

Girl Scouts Give/Receive Thanks

The Girl Scouts of Colorado County would like to thank all the people who made this year's Cookie Sales a great success! Don't worry about those few extra pounds, those calories were well worth it! The Girl Scout troops had a wonderful and educational experience—learning about money, manners and more, while earning needed money for their troop activities.

The Girl Scouts were also involved in a uniquely Girl Scout service project—"Operation Cookie" where almost 25,000 boxes of Girl Scout Cookies were shipped

to our military troops overseas. These packages included letters of encouragement and thanks written by the girls to our service men and women. One Section Chief sent a picture and the following email: "You are doing a very great thing! Please pass on a very heartfelt 'Thank you' to the young ladies of Brownie Troop 1214 and all the other participating troops. "What they have accomplished is no less than amazing. Each and every one of them should be so very proud of themselves. Once again, thank you so very much.

"The troop will definitely appreciate this outstanding donation and will take comfort knowing that there is immense concern and care back home for their safety and well-being."

USDA Marks \$3.5 Million For Rural Use

USDA Rural Development State Director, Bryan Daniel, announced the availability of \$3.5 million via the Rural Cooperative Development Grant (RCDG) Program for Fiscal Year 2006 as published in the April 18, 2007 Federal Register. Applications will compete nationwide for the funding.

The RCDG Program fosters rural cooperative development through projects that provide rural residents with education and technical assistance in areas of cooperative startup, marketing and managing, and other self-help tools. The grants are available to nonprofit corporations and institutions of higher education. The maximum award per grant is \$200,000 and matching funds are required.

RCDG application materials may be obtained at www.rurdev.usda.gov or by contacting Texas USDA Rural Development Business & Cooperative Programs at (254) 742-9780. Completed applications must be postmarked to RCDG Program, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Mail Stop 3250, Room 4016-South, Washington, DC 20250-3250 or submitted electronically at www.grants.gov no later than June 8, 2007.

USDA Rural Development works 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 regarding USDA Rural Development programs, visit our web site at www.rurdev.usda.gov.



JoAnn Castillo receives circus tickets from W. M. Tim Austin of the Eagle Lake Masonic Lodge.

The Eagle Lake Brownie and Junior troops are very excited about their upcoming trip to see the Shriner's Circus, thanks to the generosity of the Colorado Valley Shrine Club!

The Shriner's Circus has been a circus tradition for generations and is one of the biggest fundraising events sponsored by the Shrine. Shriners belong to an international fraternity of approximately 450,000 members throughout the United States, Canada, Mexico and Panama. Founded in 1872, the Shrine is best known for its unique parades, its distinctive red fez, and its children's hospitals and burn centers, where there are no costs for treatment to the patient.



W.M. Tim Austin presents Dayne Liescheski of the Texana Center with circus tickets on behalf of Eagle Lake Masonic Lodge #366 with the assistance of Colorado Valley Shriners.



Wishing You A
Happy 4th Birthday
(Daddy's Little Girl)
Allyssa Rene Cano
"Buttercup"
April 29

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Mommy & Daddy

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- 06 Ford F150 SuperCrew XLT V8, Auto.....\$19,995

CARS

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Youngsters at the Eagle Lake Lighthouse recently enjoyed a slip and slide afternoon.

Beef & Pasture Day Slated May 1

The Colorado County Beef & Pasture Field Day is scheduled for May 1, 5:30 p.m. at Cook Ranches. To get to the ranch travel 1.7 miles south of I-10 on FM 806 then follow the signs to the designated parking area. We will have signs posted along the road to direct you

to the right location.

Three Extension Specialists and their topics are to include Dr. James Cathy, Extension Wildlife Specialist will be talking about feral hog management. Dr. Barron Rector, Extension Range Specialist will be talking

about weed and brush control on our rangelands. Dr. Joe Paschal, Extension Livestock Specialist will be talking about livestock handling and working for low stress. If time allows we will evaluate the results of a Brush Control Result Demonstration on the property of the ranch.

Three CEU hours will be offered for licensed private pesticide applicators. Please RSVP by April 27, 2007 so proper ranch transportation can be made. For more information contact the Colorado County Extension Office at 979-732-2082.

We will seek to provide reasonable accommodation for all persons with disabilities for this meeting. We request that you contact the Colorado County Extension Service eight days (8) prior to the event at 979/732-2082 as soon as possible to advise us of the auxiliary aid or service that you require. Extension programs serve people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, disability, or national origin. The Texas A&M University System, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and County commissioners' Courts of Texas Cooperating.

I-10 Pickup Wreck

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Department of Public Safety Trooper Klent Tipton said he spotted the pickup after an off-duty constable from Goliad called authorities when he noticed several people who appeared to be hiding under a mat in the bed of the truck.

Tipton said he tried to stop the pickup for speeding, but the vehicle's driver refused to stop and sped up.

The pursuit continued for about two miles until the pickup truck, a 2001 Dodge extended cab, veered off the road, apparently trying to escape, and hit a tree.

The location was between FM 102 and FM 949, east of Co-

lumbus.

Four of the injured were in the bed of the pickup.

Tipton said the driver jumped from the vehicle and began to run.

Tipton said he ran after him and after a chase of about 50 yards tackled him.

He said the man then surrendered without resistance.

"He knew the law was on his back," Tipton said.

Assisting in the apprehension were Columbus Police Officer Lee Phillips and Game Warden Bruce Fike.

The Columbus Fire Department also assisted as the scene of the accident.

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