



From left to right are in back, Linda Lipperdt, Colorado County Opportunity Center; Ronnie Sedgewick, United Way Board Member; Robert Griffith, Salvation Army; Steve Whitefield, Ministerial Alliance and Youth & Family Services; Connie Herman, Eagle Lake Little League; Brenda Besch, United Way Board Member; Don Church, Colorado County Red Cross; Lydia Contreras, United Way Board Member; in front, Jessica Burris, Elizabeth Lipperdt and Angela Duet, representing Colorado County Special Olympics and the Colorado County Opportunity Center.

Eagle Lake United Way Distributes Funds

The Eagle Lake United Way distributed its funds raised during their 2008 drive.

Funds raised amounted to \$10,000.00. This was the first time in many, many years that United

Way reached their goal and actually surpassed it.

Funds disbursed at 100% were as follows: Eagle Lake Youth Council, \$1,275; Children's Protective Services, \$975; Little League

Operations, \$975; Local Relief (Ministerial Alliance), \$2,000; Texana (Colorado County Opportunity Center), \$850; Colorado County Red Cross, \$400; Eagle Lake Salvation Army, \$1,150; Colo-

rado County Special Olympics, \$1,050; Colorado County Youth and Family Services, \$1,050; Project Phone Home (for military Personnel), \$300 = \$10,000.00.

Fiddlin' Dan To Play At Seniors Dance

Fiddlin' "Dan" Daniel Cendalski celebrating sixty years in music. Born December 13, 1940. He learned to play the fiddle at seven years old, as of December 17, 1947. He started playing in his father's band in 1948.

His current band, Daniel and the Country Boys, will play for the Senior Citizen's Annual Christmas dance and Fiddlin' Dan Cendalski's sixty year celebration in music on Friday, December 7th, 7:30-11:30 pm at the Eagle Lake Community Center, a special four hour dance.

Everyone is invited to come

celebrate these special events. For more information call: 979-234-2903.

December 17, 2007 is the anniversary date honoring "Fiddlin' Dan" 60 years of fiddling music, with various celebrations.

The Cendalski family immigrated to Texas from Poland in 1895. While living in Poland, they had a family band there and played for many celebrations in the old country.

When the family settled in Texas, grandpa Stanley Cendalski and his four sons took over the band in 1920 and continued the fiddling music.

(This was the first generation.) After Grandpa Stanley passed away, Daniel's father Mitchell Cendalski and sons continued the fiddling music.

(The second Generation.) Then Daniel and his brother Bruno took over the band, traveling place to place in a 1929 model A, playing for various celebrations and at private homes adorned with kerosene lamp.

(This is the third generation.) Today Daniel resides near Brenham. He has a band of his own called "Daniel and the Country Boys".



Ready Your Home For Holiday Guests

The holiday season brings with it great meals, presents, beautiful decorations and guests; and lots and lots of guests coming and going.

Holiday guests -- be they family members or friends -- often show up early, stay late or even pop by unexpectedly. And with them can come hectic, harried moments as you rush to get your house company-ready.

Organizing expert, Vicki Norris, calls this phenomenon the "dash and stash" -- when we frantically rush around hiding clutter, hanging up coats or even strategically placing a plant or floral arrangement before opening the door.

"I recommend people strive to keep the most visible spaces of their home organized 24/7. It's not nearly as hard as it sounds," says Norris, author of "Restoring Order to Your Home."

Norris suggests several simple tricks that can help keep your home's public spaces, such as your entryway, living room or family room, neat for holiday traffic.

"For instance, placing flowers or a favorite accessory where clutter typically congregates does two things: it brightens the room and prevents future messes from settling there," suggests Norris.

While your family room probably is your home's superhighway, a few tweaks can eliminate those piles of roadway rubbish, such as toys and magazines. And quick fixes that yield permanent results can help ensure your entryway (the natural "drop zone" for your family's coats, shoes, and keys) doesn't become an unruly hazard.

Because the entryway is the easiest place to drop things, and is the first space guests see, your focus in this area should be clutter control. Determine what types of items are left here and then implement a clutter capture system.

Look around. Do you see a handful of coats or an entire closet

full? Do you spy a few shoes or a shoe mountain?

Select and install the right storage solutions, whether they are hooks, bins, shelving, benches or other furnishings. Think about your aesthetic preferences. If you prefer not to see clutter, consider a narrow armoire to neatly store your belongings.

Then personalize your entryway. Welcome your guests with an inviting display of family photos, a favorite collection, or fresh flowers to suit the season. Having these items on tables actually will prevent future clutter from collecting. Also, a strategically placed floor plant can divert attention from less appealing areas.

As for the family room or living room, Norris recommends determining the room's direction, de-littering and finding homes for such nomadic items as backpacks, toys, magazines and everything in between.

First decide upon the room's direction. For example, should it

be an off-ramp of the kitchen or an entertainment hub where you will gather to watch TV and play games? Set up a "go-elsewhere" basket, so at the end of each day you can relocate items that don't belong here back to their proper places.

And don't be a litter bug! Keep surfaces such as ottomans and tables clear, and beautify the room with flowers or a plant to reclaim the space and make it a nice place in which to spend time -- both for you and those holiday guests.

"Perfection is unattainable and should never be the goal," stresses Norris. "By clearing out the clutter and reclaiming your space, you create more time for the things that are truly important in your life."

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5th Grade Students Math Assignment Results In Lap Quilt For Military Hospital

The 5th grade students of Mrs. Pearson's ELES Class were given a math assignment: measure pieces of fabric to make a lap top quilt for returning wounded troops at the Womack Army Medical, Fort Bragg, North Carolina. After the fabric was measured and assembled, their teacher, Mrs. Pearson, sewed the lap quilt. The students were so proud to use their math skills to create a special gift for the soldiers. Students participating were left to right, Dominique Llanos, Nathan Cranek, Joseph Lujan, Ryan Castillo, and Carla Diaz. ELES is very proud of these students for their hard work and unselfish spirit.