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"Food Safety: It's in Your Hands" was accredited this summer by the Texas Department of State Health Services and is now

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being offered online at <http://food-safetyonline.tamu.edu>.

It is being offered in English and soon will be offered in Spanish in early 2009.

The cost of the course is \$15.00 per person and will take approximately 1-2 hours to complete.

Upon completion of the course, the participant can print the certificate immediately and the certificate will have a "certificate number" that is unique to the individual who completed the course.

The Food Handlers course

covers the basics in retail food safety such as time and temperature abuse, cross contamination, and proper personal hygiene.

For additional information, you may contact Janis Pfeffer, at the Texas AgriLife Extension Office at 979-732-2530.

Ag Office Announces Well Screening Day

The Colorado County office of the Texas AgriLife Extension is sponsoring a water well screening day for area residents on Wednesday, January 7, 2009. Water sampling bags and instructions will be available to pick up at the following locations on January 2, 2009: Colorado County Extension Office - Columbus, M-G Farm Service Center Weimar, Bernardo Farm & Ranch, Heinsohn's Store - Frelsburg, Eagle Lake General Store Division of FCEC and Garwood Farmers' Co-Op.

This well screening day is

designed to inform private water well owners and users on the condition of their well water of possible contamination from two common contaminants. These contaminants are fecal coliform and nitrate.

The presence of fecal coliforms in water indicates that feces (bodily waste from humans or animals) may have contaminated the water.

Water contaminated with feces have microorganisms present that can cause a number of

"waterborne" diseases such as cholera, typhoid, and dysentery. Nitrates in ground water at levels of 10 milligrams per liter mg/L or parts per million) is considered unsafe for human consumption.

Nitrate levels above 10 mg/L can disrupt the blood's ability to carry oxygen throughout the body. Nitrate is converted to nitrite, which combines with hemoglobin, the chemical that carries oxygen in the blood, to form methemoglobin.

Oxygen cannot bind with meth-

emoglobin, therefore, oxygen is not carried throughout the body. As a result, oxygen starvation occurs. This condition is called methemoglobinemia.

If left untreated, death may result. Infants less than 6 months in age and young livestock are most susceptible.

The cost of the screening is \$5 per sample. The approved water sampling bag and instructions can be obtained from one of the above listed locations. It is very important that only sampling bags from these locations be used.

Colorado County Sheriff's Report

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about a Runaway Juvenile, who was possibly in the Columbus area. The Juvenile was located and returned home with her parents. Case closed.

At 6:40 pm, Sgt. Pflughaupt responded to the Rice Medical Center in reference to an assault involving Juveniles. After further investigation, one Juvenile was issued a citation for Assault.

Monday, November 24

At 11:03 am, Deputy Mieth was contacted by a complainant from Sheridan in reference to a child custody matter. A report was filed and the case will be closed unless additional problems arise.

At 11:06 pm, Deputy Martell responded to Broadway Food Mart on Hwy 71 west of Columbus in reference to a Theft of Gasoline. Case will be closed unless information becomes available.

At 12:45 pm, Deputy Mieth spoke with a complainant about a Criminal Mischief that occurred on A-Gonzalez Lane near Columbus. A report was filed and the case is pending further investigation.

Tuesday, November 25

At 7:57 am, Lt. Neisner responded to a residence on

Oakridge Road near Weimar in reference to a death investigation. Justice of the Peace Pct. 2 Richard Luhrs arrived on scene to conduct an Inquest. After further investigation, the cause of death was determined to be natural causes. Case closed.

Wednesday, November 26

At 6:15 am Deputy Mieth responded to a Burglary at Larry's Station in Garwood and a Theft on CR 113 across the street. A description of the stolen property was obtained in both cases. The night before, a Wharton County Deputy stopped a vehicle occupied by two individuals pulling a trailer loaded with property on Hwy 71 south. During the investigation, the property loaded on the trailer was positively identified as the property stolen from Larry's and from CR 113. After further investigation, Rusty Allen Winzenried, 21 of El Campo and Matthew Scott Amezcua, 26 of El Campo, were arrested on warrants for Burglary of a Building and Theft. The stolen property was later returned to the owners. Case closed.

At 8:10 pm, Sgt. Staff responded to Sheridan in reference to a

reckless driver on Hwy 90A. On arrival, the suspect vehicle was located and a traffic stop was initiated. After further investigation, Dakota Lee Ward, 19 of Georgetown, was arrested for Criminal Mischief and Driving Under the Influence by a Minor. Case closed.

Thursday, November 27

At 1:14 am, Sgt. Staff responded to FM 2434 and CR 210 west of Columbus to assist a Game Warden with an intoxicated subject. After further investigation, Cesar Duque, 36 of Oakland, was arrested for Driving While Intoxicated, 2nd Offense, with open container. Case closed.

At 11:25 am, Deputy Hudson responded to Weishuhn Road in New Ulm in reference to subjects reportedly shooting a road sign. On arrival, two suspects were identified and each was issued a citation for Disorderly Conduct by discharging a firearm from a public road.

At 9:24 pm, Deputy Gonzalez responded to Hwy 71 between Garwood and Altair in reference to a vehicle driving recklessly. On arrival, the suspect vehicle was located and a traffic stop was conducted. After further investigation, David Montes, 22 of El Campo, was arrested for Driving While Intoxicated. Case closed.

Friday, November 28

At 3:12 am, Sgt. Staff conducted a traffic stop on Hwy 71 north of Altair. After further investigation, Marcos Valenzuela, 24 of Alleyton, was arrested for Driving While Intoxicated. Case closed.

At 8:45 am, Deputy Abbott responded to a residence in Sheridan for a death investigation. Justice of the Peace Pct. 4 George Cason arrived on scene to conduct an Inquest. After further investigation, the cause of death was determined to be natural causes. Case closed.

At 1:40 pm, Deputy Abbott responded to the Mt. Zion Church on FM 102 near Eagle Lake in reference to a structure fire. The Eagle Lake and Garwood Volunteer Fire Departments responded to put out the fire. After further investigation, the cause of the fire is believed to have been from burning brush on the adjacent property. A report was filed and the case is closed.

At 10:14 pm, Deputy Zak conducted a traffic stop on Hwy 71 and Brushy Road west of Columbus. After further investigation, Larry Otis Charles, 22 of Alvin, was arrested for Driving While License Invalid. Case closed.

Saturday, November 29

At 12:15 am, Sgt. Pflughaupt initiated a traffic stop on Hwy 90 at the Alleyton overpass east of Columbus. After further investigation, Tracy Mae Grumbles, 40 of San Antonio, was arrested for Possession of a Controlled Substance in Penalty Group 1, Possession of a Controlled Substance in Penalty Group 3, and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. Case closed.

At 7:25 am, Deputy Abbott responded to a residence on D Street in Eagle Lake in an attempt to serve a Capias on a subject issued out of the Colorado County District Court. During the investigation, the subject of the Capias was apprehended inside the residence. After further investigation, Rowena Herd Earls, 55 of Eagle Lake, was arrested on a warrant for Hindering Apprehension or Prosecution of a Known Felon. Case closed.

Sunday, November 30

At 12:50 pm, Deputy Butts was contacted by a complainant from

Weimar in reference to several stolen business signs that were located at Hattermann Lane, Hwy 90, and FM 2434. The case is pending further information on possible suspect(s).

At 3:35 pm, Deputy Abbott met with a complainant at the Sheriff's Office in reference to a Runaway Juvenile. After further investigation, the complainant called to report the Juvenile had returned home safely. Case closed.

At 10:37 pm, Sgt. Pflughaupt initiated a traffic stop on IH-10 near the 691 mile marker west of Columbus. After further investigation, Paul Quintero, 25 of Nassau Bay, was arrested for Driving While License Invalid. Case closed.

Monday, December 1

At 1 am, Deputy Thumann conducted a traffic stop on IH-10 near the 683 mile marker in Weimar. After further investigation, Juan Antonio Reyes, 54 of Houston, was arrested for Driving While License Invalid with Previous Convictions. Case closed.

At 5:40 am, Deputy Abbott responded to a residence on Santa Anna Road in reference to a death investigation. Justice of the Peace Pct. 3 Francis Truchard arrived on scene to conduct an Inquest. After further investigation, the cause of death was determined to be natural causes. Case closed.

At 1:45 pm, Deputy Abbott conducted a traffic stop on Old Hwy 90 east of Columbus. After further investigation, Stacey Renee Scott, 27 of Columbus, was arrested for Driving While License Invalid and No Liability Insurance. Case closed.

At 5:15 pm, Sgt. Pflughaupt met with a complainant on Lakeside Drive in Eagle Lake in reference to a dog bite. The dog was quarantined by the Columbus Animal Clinic and determined to be in normal health. The complainant was notified of the results. Case closed.

At 8:02 pm, Sgt. Pflughaupt initiated a traffic stop on Lakeside and Hwy 90A in Eagle Lake. After further investigation, Michael Wayne Sosa, 23 of Eagle Lake, was arrested for Driving While License Invalid. Case closed.

Tuesday, December 2

At 5:38 pm, Sheriff Wied conducted a traffic stop on Hwy 71 and Hwy 90A in Altair. After further investigation, Bernabe Chirinos Alvarez, 36 of Houston, was arrested for No Driver's License. Case closed.

Wednesday, December 3

At 1:45 pm, Deputy Argo responded to a civil matter on the Patos Locos Ranch near Eagle Lake. The situation was resolved and no criminal charges are pending. Case closed.

At 7:30 pm, Deputy Gonzalez responded to a residence on Kansteiner Road in reference to a disturbance. After further investigation, the disturbance was determined to be a verbal argument. A report was filed and the case is closed.

Thursday, December 4

At 10:09 am, Deputy Hudson responded to Oakridge Road in reference to mailbox damage. A report was filed and the case is pending further information.

At 11:31 pm, Deputy Martell conducted a traffic stop on Hwy 90A near Sandy Creek Store. After further investigation, Leonardo Herrera, 25 of Sheridan, was arrested on a warrant for Theft out of El Campo and local charges of Driving While License Invalid. The passenger was later cited for Open Container and released. Case closed.

TAX TIPS from RAY

Contributions: You must really stay on your toes in making contributions, because strict record-keeping rules apply to all monetary contributions made in 2008. When its possible, write a check or charge your credit card instead of cash. If you can't produce the necessary record for the amounts challenged by the IRS, you can't take a deduction for those items. Under a new law, no deduction is allowed for a contribution of cash or any other monetary gift unless you maintain a bank record of the contribution, such as a bank statement or written communication provided by the charity.

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The herbal medications Gingki, Garlic, Melilot, Sweetwoodruff, Goldenseal, Horse Chestnut, Cinnabar Root, Alfalfa, Dong quai, Barberry, Oregon grape, Feverfew, and Bromelains can increase the action of the bloodthinners, Coumadin, Warfarin, and other anticoagulants. Gingko, Garlic and Feverfew can increase the effectiveness of aspirin and can greatly increase bleeding. The greatest risk is from surgical dental procedures (extractions, gum surgery, deep cleaning, biopsies, etc.) Some herbal medications may also reduce the effectiveness of antibiotics.

For safe and effective dental treatment, please inform your dentist about all of the medications you are taking, including herbal medications.

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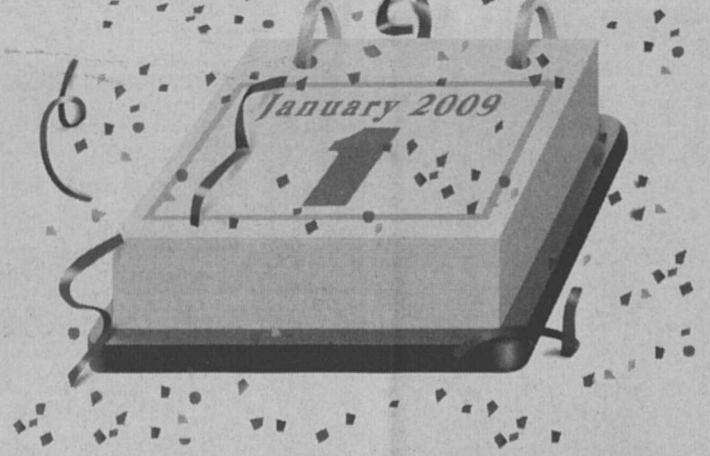
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