

Study Club Holding President's Luncheon On May 8

By Helyn Farris
The Eagle Lake Study Club will close the 2008-2009 club year with the annual President's Luncheon to be held in the conference room of Wintermann Library, Fri-

day, May 8, 2009 at 12 noon. The Study Club was organized in 1919, thus this will be a special day in the life of the organization that is approaching 90 years of age.

The club members are especially looking forward to the program, May 8th as Dr. Sandra C. Thomas an Eagle Lake native will be the speaker following the luncheon.

Her topic will be Vignettes of Local History: Settling the Prairie.

Dr. Thomas of Raleigh, North Carolina, is President of International Education Associates.

She has traveled to over 100

countries, and organizes international programs for educational and non-profit organizations around the world.

Her career has been spent in higher education, where she has recently served as President of Converse College in South Carolina.

She has served as President of the Southern Association of Women's Colleges, and on many national and international boards.

She was twice named a Distinguished Woman of North Carolina, the Outstanding Young Woman of Metropolitan Saint Louis, and served as the Executive Director of the N.C. Governor's Office of Citizen Affairs.

She received the Organization of American States International Research Award, and has done field research in Cuba, Papua New Guinea, Europe, and throughout South America.

She has authored numerous articles and several books. As a native of Eagle Lake, Texas, she is an advocate of local Texas and family history.

Jane Meldahl is chairman of the luncheon and Patty Holloway is chairman of decorations.

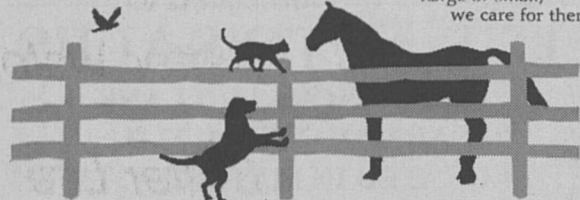
Due to the coming 2009-2010 club year will be collected the day or the luncheon and all members hopefully will plan to attend.

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Bellville Heritage Gathering May 2

Saturday, May 2nd the small, quiet town of Bellville will come alive with a Longhorn Cattle Drive stampeding down Main Street, performances at an "Old West" Town, the Spanish Mustang Indian Camp and much, much more.

Can you think of a better way to enjoy the day than to spend time with family and friends learning and participating in Texas heritage? The 7th Annual Bellville Heritage Gathering begins at 8:30 am Saturday, May 2nd, and continues throughout the day and into the evening.

The family-friendly event is aimed at teaching visitors, young and old, the ways of Texas in the 1800's. During the 1800 time period, Indians, Pioneers, Texas Rangers, Cowboys, and Longhorn Cattle roamed the 656 square miles of rolling hills and coastal prairies that make up the beautiful and Historic Austin County.

Austin County, named after the "Father of Texas", Stephen F. Austin, was recognized by the 79th Legislature of the State of Texas as the "Colonial Capital of Texas".

Industry, one of the 14 towns forming Austin County, was recognized by the same legislature as the "Oldest German Settlement in the Lone Star State".

San Felipe, recognized in earlier times as San Felipe de Austin, is known for being the "Birthplace of the Texas Rangers". San Felipe de Austin was established in 1823 and served as the capital and the

original county seat of Austin County. In 1846, Bellville replaced San Felipe as the county seat. Bellville is where the excitement of the Annual Heritage Gathering takes place.

Join us at 11:45 am for the Heritage Gathering Opening Ceremonies. The Heritage Parade starts at noon as Grand Marshal, local resident William Howard Davis, who served with the Tuskegee Airmen in World War II, leads the parade in an Old West Stage Coach.

The parade features Trail Riders from 71 Ranch and authentic Cowboys driving Longhorn Cattle around the Historic Square and the Austin County Courthouse.

Great food, all day live entertainment with the GOUGERS and the Lazy Farmers Band and real-live jailbreaks & shootouts are the perfect complement to tours of the 1890's Austin County Jail Museum. Don't be surprised to bump into gunslingers, saloon girls and pioneers from the 1800's.

Visitors will even have a chance to see historic shops, like the Old Blacksmith Shop built in 1891, where local blacksmith "Cowboy" Szymanski will be working away at his craft.

Arts and Crafts vendors will be open for business on the Square at 8:30am and businesses throughout the town will be offering sidewalk and special sales.

You definitely don't want to miss out on the tremendous variety of shopping and dining opportunities.

Enjoy the Bean Bag Tournament, the Texian Children's Area with Pony Rides, Petting Zoo, Moon Walk, Barrel Train, Face Painting, and games all located in the Mini Park.

While in there, visit with the Buffalo Soldiers, Cowboy Poets, and Members of the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Speakers Committee who will be presenting all the Texas history you can stand! The Bier Garten in the Mini Park will be serving food and cold beer and will have live polka music all afternoon.

Don't miss performances by the famed BRAZOS BOTTOM COWGRAPHERS, an entertainment group from central Texas specializing in historic and comedic shows in the Spirit of the Old West. They will have a true "Old West" town set up for all to see.

Texas Recollections Farm will be wowing attendees with their "Institute of Oxenology". New to the Heritage Gathering are the Spanish Mustang Indian Camp educating visitors on their herd of Spanish Mustang horses and their tribal history, the high stepping Paso Fino Horses from Rancho Texcelente IXL and the Old West Stage Coach offering rides to all!

The IBCA Sanctioned State Championship BBQ Cook-off will be at the Historic Turnverein Pavilion at the Austin County Fairgrounds.

The BBQ cook-off will begin Friday night with the margarita judging and will continue through-

out Saturday with the judging of the different meat categories and of course the beans! Come see what the teams have to offer as they compete to win.

Finish off your day by dancing the night away at the Heritage Gathering Scholarship Dance located in the Historic Turnverein Pavilion from 7 to 11 pm.

It will feature Al Sulak and the Country Sounds. All proceeds go toward the Bellville Heritage Gathering Scholarship fund.

We offer two scholarships to Austin County seniors each year.

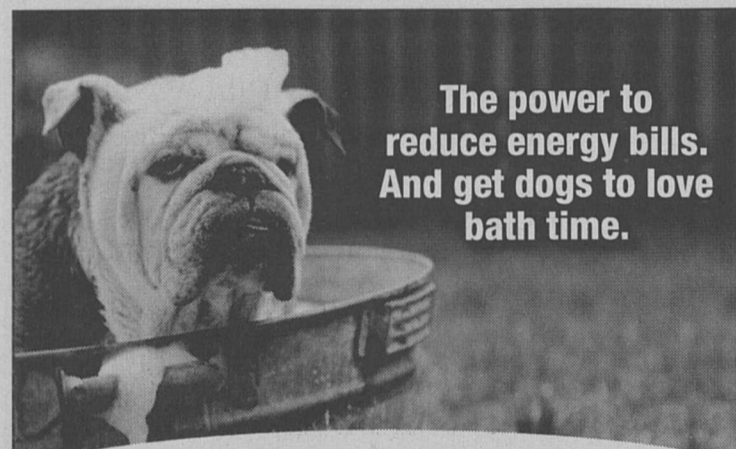
Come early and spend your day at the 7th Annual Bellville Heritage Gathering on Saturday, May 2nd.

With all the events planned you will be sure to come across something entertaining for you and your family to do.

Don't forget to take advantage of the free parking at the Austin County Fair Grounds and the free shuttle service provided by Colorado Valley Transit.

Information on the entertaining events and activities available this summer along with lodging, restaurants, shopping, and other local information can always be found on the Bellville Chamber of Commerce website at www.bellville.com.

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Colorado County Sheriff's Report

The Colorado County Sheriff's Department reported the following calls and cases for the period ending April 9.

Friday, March 27

At 2:25 pm, Deputy Hudson responded to CR 160 near Rock Island in reference to a farming accident. The victim was assessed by medical responders and subsequently air lifted to another location for treatment. Case closed.

Saturday, March 28

At 8:30 pm, Deputy Thumann responded to IH-10 near the 683 mile marker in Weimar in reference to an abandoned vehicle. The vehicle was removed from the location by Bob's Wrecker Service and stored as abandoned. Case closed.

At 10:39 pm, Sgt. Pflughaupt responded to a residence on Schaeffer Lane north of Columbus in reference to a disturbance involving weapons. After further investigation, warrants were issued and Ben Daniel Gonzales, 38 of Columbus, was arrested for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon and assault causing bodily injury. Case closed.

Sunday, March 29

At 1:10 am, Sgt. Pflughaupt responded to the Alleyton Shell Station in reference to a theft of beer. The suspects were captured on store surveillance. Case is pending identification of suspects.

At 8 pm, Sgt. Pflughaupt observed a vehicle that had been abandoned for over a month on I-10 near the 688 mile marker west of Columbus. The vehicle was removed from the location by Jimmy's Wrecker Service. Case closed.

At 8:20 pm, Sgt. Pflughaupt responded to the Broadway Food Mart (Citgo) on Hwy 71 west of Columbus in reference to a possible theft of gasoline that occurred two days before. On arrival, it was determined the incident was a civil matter. Case closed.

At 9:25 pm, Deputy Zak responded to CR 121 near Garwood in reference to an allegation of assault. After further investigation, no charges were filed.

Monday, March 30

At 11 am, Deputy Abbott responded to a residence near Columbus in reference to a possible rabid skunk. The skunk was transported to the Weimar Veterinary Clinic and later tested negative for rabies. The complainant was notified of the results. Case closed.

At 1:25 pm, Deputy Ortiz re-

sponded to a residence in Rock Island in reference to a possible rabid skunk. The skunk was transported to the Weimar Veterinary Clinic and later tested negative for rabies. The complainant was notified of the results. Case closed.

At 4:15 pm, Sgt. Pflughaupt responded to A-Braden Road in reference to damage caused by a vehicle. The suspect was later identified and issued a citation for criminal mischief.

At 11:36 pm, Sgt. Pflughaupt located an abandoned vehicle on Hwy 90 and Old McDonald Lane. The vehicle had a damaged steering column and a broken ignition switch. The vehicle was removed from the location by Jimmy's Wrecker Service and an owner was eventually located. Case closed.

Tuesday, March 31

At 10:20 am, Deputy Abbott responded to the Sandy Creek Bridge on CR 230 near Weimar in reference to graffiti. The case is pending further investigation.

At 4:30 pm, Sgt. Pflughaupt responded to a residence in Glidden in reference to identity theft. Case is pending further investigation.

At 9:58 pm, Sgt. Pflughaupt checked on two vehicles and a trailer parked at the end of River Plant Road near Altair in Colorado County. It was determined the subjects had recently stolen numerous railroad cross ties from the area of Hwy 90A and River Plant Road. During the incident, one subject fled on foot and several others were detained. After further investigation, Walter Dewayne Tate, 30 of College Station, Larance Curtis Wilson, 44 of Bellville, Gregory L. Wilson, 28 of Sealy, were all arrested for theft and public intoxication. Warrants were obtained for the subject who fled on foot and the case is pending apprehension.

Wednesday, April 1

At 5:06 am, Deputy Zak responded to a residence on Hwy 90 near Weimar in reference to a disturbance. After further investigation, Hector Garcia, 21 of Weimar, was arrested for family violence assault. Case closed.

At 8:41 am, Deputy Martell initiated a traffic stop on Sunderman Road and FM 2761 near Eagle Lake. After further investigation, Jose Marcio Tapia, 26 of Alleyton, was arrested for no driver's license and an outstanding warrant for family violence assault. Case closed.

At 2 pm, Lt. Neisner received

information about an identity theft from the Columbus Police Department. A report was filed and the case is pending further investigation.

Thursday, April 2

At 12:25 pm, Deputy Martell responded to a residence on Burford Street in Garwood in reference to a 911 hang up. After further investigation, the incident was determined to be a family dispute that did not warrant further action. Case closed.

At 4:04 pm, Deputy Martell responded to a vehicle fire on Hwy 90A in front of the Sandy Creek Store east of Sheridan. The Sheridan Volunteer Fire Department arrived on scene to put out the fire. Case closed.

At 8:49 pm, Sgt. Staff and Deputy Gonzalez responded to a residence on Nellie Street in Garwood in reference to a disturbance involving a knife. After further investigation, Sheryl Anne Cotton, 49 of Garwood, was arrested for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon. Case closed.

Friday, April 3

At 3:36 pm, Deputy Martell responded to CR 135 near Columbus in reference to an estray cow. An attempt to locate an owner was unsuccessful and the estray procedures were initiated. Case is pending further action.

At 11:59 pm, Sgt. Staff conducted a traffic stop on Center Street in Alleyton. After further investigation, Paul Alvarez, 38 of Columbus, was arrested for felony driving while intoxicated (3rd offense). Case closed.

Saturday, April 4

At 11:30 am, Deputy Hudson met with a complainant at the Sheriff's Office in reference to a found handbag. After further investigation, the owner of the handbag was located and the property was returned. Case closed.

At 3:37 pm, Deputy Martell responded to a residence in Sheridan in reference to a theft. A report was filed and the case is pending further investigation.

At 6:18 pm, Sgt. Staff conducted a traffic stop on 1st Avenue and Tuttle Street in Rock Island. After further investigation, Rhonda Marie Hooper, 41 of Rock Island, was arrested for felony driving while intoxicated (3rd offense). Case closed.

Monday, April 6

At 1:54 am, Sgt. Pflughaupt responded to CR 115 and CR 116

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Saturday MAY 2, 2009

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