



The Eagle Lake Volunteer Fire Department honored retired firemen at their banquet held recently. Pictured from left to right in back, Harold Raabe, Mike Canaris, Gary Glaisher, Ronnie Miller, David Baird, Bobby Joe Marsalia, Paul Marsalia and Jeff Argo. In front, Johnny Prazak, Melvin Stancik, Henry Kretzschmar, Mickey Kochwelp and Thurston Webb.

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will learn one of God's commandments through Scripture, interactive play, drama, crafts, and stories. The first Sunday after Easter the children will give a dramatic presentation in church to share what they have learned. You are invited to bring your children each Sunday, so they can learn about God's rules for life. For more information contact Fr. Ralph Morgan at 234-3437.

Gardiner in Sheridan, Jan. 23

David Gardiner Ministries, International Evangelist will be at Thy Word Ministries, 1112 Hwy. 90-A in Sheridan on Jan. 23 at 2:30 p.m. Worship, Word, Personal prayer, All are invited to this blessed service. For more information call 361-722-0170.

KC's Free throw contest is Jan. 26

Eagle Lake Knights of Columbus Free throw contest will be held Thursday, January 26 at 5:30 p.m. at the Eagle Lake Intermediate School on Tate Street. Warm up begins at 5 p.m. Boy and girls ages 10 to 14 are invited to participate. For more information call John Young at 234-3393.

Mt. Olive Tea is Jan. 24

Greater Mount Olive Baptist Church (GMOBC) at 709 N. Lake St., will host their Annual Four Seasons Tea on Jan. 24 at 3 p.m. Theme: Four Seasons of Praise ye the Lord, Psalms 111. Mission program president, Doris Sims; secretary/treasurer, Arie Frazier.

Take A Whack At Oiuuser . . .

The Plaza Theatre on Monterey Square in Wharton will hold open auditions for Robert Harling's comedy/drama Steel Magnolias Jan. 31 and Feb. 2 at 6 p.m. Director Amber Barbee needs women to play ages early twenties through sixties. Performances are April 16-May 2.

PUPS Can help

PUPS- Prevent Unwanted Pets has helped spay and neuter over 5,000 dogs and cats. We can help you too, if you can't afford to do it on your own. Please call 979-732-5591 for spay and neuter assistance.

Weimar Trade Days, Feb. 5-7

Weimar Trade Days will be held Feb. 5-7 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Booth space rentals available. Covered areas, stalls and open areas. Located on I-10 between Columbus and Schulenburg at Weimar, Legacy Buildings Systems. Call Sharon at 713-542-2528 or 979-263-4305 for more information.

Bennett to be in Garwood Feb. 7

The Lehrer Memorial United Methodist Church of Garwood is hosting Nashville recording artist Jerry Bennett during its 9 a.m. worship service on Sunday, Feb. 7. The public is invited to attend this special event and to enjoy the talents of this Christian musician.

Mid-winter camp meeting set

Rock Island Full Gospel Church will hold their mid-winter camp meeting Feb. 8-14 in Rock Island. Special singers welcome. All meals served. RV hook-ups. Services times are 10 a.m., 2:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. For more information call 979-234-5214, 979-732-3624 or 732-3945.

GVFD Stew supper, drawing is Feb. 8

The Garwood Volunteer Fire Department's (GVFD) stew supper and drawing will be held on Monday, Feb. 8. Serving starts at 5:30 p.m., drawing at 7:30 p.m. Come eat at the fire station in Garwood or take home containers available.

Relay for Life meeting Feb. 9

Colorado County Relay For Life will have a team meeting on Tuesday, February 9 at 5:30 at St. Paul Lutheran Church (in the fellowship hall) in Columbus. Come sign up your team and receive information about the event.

Brown Bag Lunch is Feb. 12

Rice Medical Center Employee Volunteers' Annual "Brown Bag" hamburger drive-thru fundraiser to support Rice and East Bernard High School graduating seniors entering into a medical profession is scheduled for Friday, February 12 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tickets are \$6/bag and are available for purchase by any RMC Employee Volunteer or by calling Geri Vandermark at 979-234-2551 or Vicky Pavlu at 979-234-5571.

RHS Powerlifting meet is Feb. 20

Rice High School (RHS) will be hosting the annual Rice Powerlifting Championships on Saturday Feb. 20. It has always been a huge success, due in large part, to the many community members who volunteer their time and hard work. If you're interested in volunteering this year please contact Coach Dumont at 234 - 3531 ext. 1204. Your help would be greatly appreciated.

Day of Prayer is Feb. 22

St. Mary's Nada will hold a Pro-life Day of Prayer on Friday 22. This year marks 37 years of legalization of abortion in the U.S. This means over 4000 babies lose their life each day. They will start with Holy Mass at 8 a.m. and have a Holy Hour at 6 p.m., which will consist of a living rosary, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy and other devotions. They also ask that people would consider fasting and abstaining this day. All are invited to take part. Prayer can make a difference.

County night at HLS&R is March 12

Colorado County night at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo is March 12. The entertainer for that night will be Toby Keith. Tickets for the show are available from any Go Texan Committee Member. Lisa Krenke is the Ambassador for Colorado County. You may also get tickets from Connie Herman. Call 979-234-3927. If no answer leave a message.

Residential sewer averaging

Annual residential sewer rates are determined by water consumption from through March 15. The readings for these three months are averaged and that average will be your sewer charge for the next 12 months, starting April 1, 2010. Customers are encouraged to fix any water leaks as soon as possible and limit water usage (like watering grass or washing cars) in an effort to keep water consumptions at a minimum during this time. Each residential sewer rate is based on the actual water consumed at that particular location. If you have any questions, please call city hall at 234-2640.

Eagle Lake Fire Dept. Annual Banquet Held

The Eagle Lake Volunteer Fire Department held their annual get-together recently at Sportsman's Restaurant.

The department handed out awards as well as naming their Fireman of the Year and new Miss Sparkle and Mascot.

Named Miss Sparkle 2010 was Summer Castro, daughter of

Fireman Sammy Castro. Kayden Mascheck, son of Fireman Todd Mascheck was named Mascot for 2010. Fireman of the Year honors went to Assistant Fire Chief Darrell Stancik.

On hand for the event were retired firemen as well. Two of the recent 2009 retirees are Jeff Argo and Gary Glaisher.

Habitat Info Meeting Well Attended Here

Twenty-nine local families attended the January 9 Prospective Homeowner Orientation hosted by Colorado County Habitat for Humanity (CCHFH) at the Eula and David Wintermann Library in Eagle Lake.

Scott Mattingly, Board President, welcomed the participants and thanked them for their interest in Habitat. Executive Director Christine Moore talked about Habitat, explaining what the organization is, what it does, and how it does its work. Moore also outlined the eligibility requirements for Habitat homeowners.

Applications were distributed to 25 participants for the next home to be built at 1503 E. State Street in Eagle Lake. The deadline to submit the applications is January 29, 2010.

Angelia Gonzales, the newest Habitat homeowner, commented, "Just a year ago I attended the Habitat Orientation and submitted an application. We moved into our new home in September and celebrated our first Christmas here. Christmas was wonderful. Our house is wonderful. Habitat is wonderful."

In November CCHFH was notified that it has been selected to receive a Thrivent Builds with Habitat for Humanity grant.

The Thrivent Builds program is a partnership between Minneapolis-based Thrivent Financial for Lutherans and Habitat for Humanity International. Since its inception, the program has funded construction for more than 2,000 homes in 46 states and the District of Columbia. C

CHFH will be responsible for 25% of the costs for the next home while Thrivent Financial will provide 65% of the funding and the local Thrivent Chapter and Lutheran congregations will

Did You Know?

Entrepreneurs are no doubt aware of the statistics concerning the failure of new businesses. However, budding business people or even corporate veterans might be able to hedge their bets by choosing an increasingly popular method of starting a business.

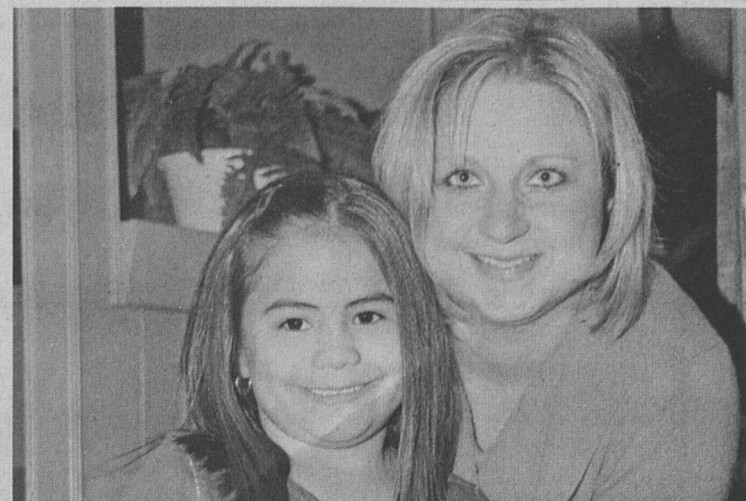
According to the United States Chamber of Commerce, franchises have far better success rates than non-franchised businesses. Notable franchises include Domino's Pizza, Kentucky Fried Chicken, Super Cuts(R), and Ace Hardware.

Within five years of opening, franchises have a 97 percent success rate, and 86 percent of franchises opened were still under the same initial ownership.

Conversely, 62 percent of non-franchised businesses closed within the first six years of their existence.

While the established name a franchise provides is certainly a boost, many franchise business owners cite the willingness of other franchise owners to share advice and offer support as reasons for their own success.

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Eagle Lake Volunteer Fire Department 2010 Miss Sparkle is Summer Castro, left. She is pictured with Shara Sunderman.

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**Effective January 31, 2010,
Columbus Physical Therapy
& Rehabilitation Services
will no longer be the
rehabilitation provider to
the residents of River Oaks
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Center in Columbus, Texas.
If you have any questions,
please call 979-732-8280.**



During the past four years on the Eagle Lake City Council, Chriss Schiurring has promoted a conservative budget while supporting or voting in favor of the following:

- Demolition of abandoned and condemned structures
- Sewer plant and Eagle Lake Volunteer Fire Department renovations
- Airport Hangar Project
- New Town Sewer Extension
- Updates to the Eagle Lake Community Center, Swimming Pool, and Security at City Hall
- The purchase of a dart gun for nuisance animal control
- Pursuing a state grant to remove and replace substandard housing
- Acquisition of Eagle Lake Police Department Narcotics Dog
- Replacement of water well on Davitt Street
- Renovation of groundwater storage tanks
- Improving city drainage

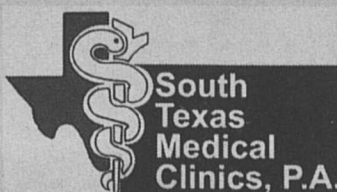
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