



Quinceañera...
Brianna Adell Davila will celebrate her 15th birthday on Saturday with a Mass at St. John of the Cross Catholic Church in Orange Grove. A dinner and reception are planned that evening at the Alice VFW Hall. Brianna, a freshman at Orange Grove High School, is the daughter of Irene and Rudy Rodriguez.

(Photo submitted)

Lagarto Club Meets, Holds Christmas Bazaar

The Lagarto Community Club met November 11 at 9:00 am, early so members could set up for the annual Christmas bazaar to be held Saturday November 13th.

In the absence of President Lucy Cantu, Vice-President Linda Avila presided over the meeting. Fifteen members were present. Linda Avila read an inspirational story entitled "Parable of the Pencil" by Mark Sedrak. Members sang "Happy Birthday" to Connie Reardon.

Members who worked at the Jim Wells County Fair were thanked for their efforts.

Old business was discussed to continue the repairs and cleanup of the building. Bathroom and roof repairs were done and fir trees were cut down.

New business included setting the Christmas party at the December meeting.

The Club decided to again support the Woman's Shelter. They will set up two baskets, one for women and one for children and start collecting donations. Linda Avila will coordinate the project. Members chose to have a gift exchange again, as well. Anyone wanting to donate their gift after the exchange may do so.

Members decided to hold a "Christmas in Lagarto" sale to sell any items left over from the bazaar. The sale will also be open to outside vendors at \$20 a table. The date

will be December 4. Jessica Keese will organize the vendors.

At this time, she reports six already signed up. Trish Arink will prepare flyers to advertise the sale. It will start at 8 am and end at 2 pm. The Club will sell Frito pie and a drink for \$2. Donuts will also be available to purchase and free coffee will be served.

Mary Salmon won the door prize, which was a gift bag of body lotions.

The bazaar was very successful, with the Club making over \$2000 in profits!

There was a table of Christmas decorations, a table of afghans and other crocheted and knitted items, kitchen items, baby clothes and blankets, and one of miscellaneous items. There was also a raffle, bake sale and hot dog lunch. Money from the sale helps in the upkeep of the Old Lagarto School, helps the Boys and Girls Club of George West and is used for college scholarships in the spring.

The next meeting is scheduled for December 9 at 11:00 am. There will be a Christmas luncheon and gift exchange. Anyone interested in joining the club is welcome to attend.

T-Shirt Sale, Send-Off Planned For Pirates

There will be a send off for the Mighty Mathis Pirates. On Friday, they will be escorted down San Patricio Ave. and Front Street on their way to IH-37 headed to San Antonio for their regional playoff game.

They will be leaving at 2 p.m. Pirate fans are encouraged to come out and see them off. Bring your signs, and decorate your business or marquee.

Fans can pick up streamers for their vehicles or have them painted Thursday, while the Boosters are selling new area champ t-shirts and sweatshirts.

They will be in front of Event Center at 1 p.m. on Thursday (yes Thanksgiving, bring your favorite dessert to salesperson).

If the merchandise is ready, the Boosters will set up on Wednesday afternoon.



International Education Week...

International Education Week at Mathis High School was celebrated on Friday, November 19, with a strong emphasis on foods of Jamaica, Thailand, Sudan, Egypt, Mexico, Spain, and China. The European nations were represented by a banquet of dishes prepared by students. International Education Week is celebrated by schools in a number of countries. Above, Shadrack Songok, from Kenya, spoke to MHSIS students. Mr. Songok is studying for a master's degree in accounting at TAMU-Corpus Christi. He explained to students that the education system of Kenya differed from that of the U.S. in that students took a comprehensive examination at the end of their senior year that covered all subjects they had studied from their freshman year. He explained that there were only six universities in Kenya, and that a student's performance on the national examination was critical to entering a university.

(Photo submitted)



Bands Perform at State Conference...

The Mathis High School Mariachi band and the Mathis High School and 21st Century CLC Steel Drum bands appeared at the state Gear Up conference, held in Corpus Christi on November 10. Seated with the bands are keynote speaker Erin Gruwell, founder of the Freedom Writers Foundation to support innovative writing teachers and young writers, and two of the "Freedom Writers" who also participated in the conference.

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