

Bluegrass band will perform free concert

"I think it's dumb too, but some of these guys are eager to get

the bonfire started. I don't know why they left the first log in

The College Station Community Center and the Arts Council of Brazos Valley will present Country Gazette, a bluegrass band, Monday, Sept. 10, at noon on the Community Center's front lawn.

Country Gazette was formed in lawn chair or blanket.

music is inspired by Los Angeles folk rock groups as well as Appalachian

bluegrass singers.

The Community Center invites the public to the free show. You are welcome to bring a sack lunch and a

Alf Landon turns 97; GOP parties with patriarch

TOPEKA, Kan. — Republican Party patriarch Alf Landon, celebrating his 97th birthday Sunday with greeting from President Reagan in a telephone call, told Reagan he stands little chance of losing his replaction bid this fall. re-election bid this fall.

Landon, who marked his birthday with a lawn party thrown by Kansas Republicans at his Southern-style mansion, was noticeably excited and high-spirited after receiving Reagan's brief call from Camp David.

Sitting in his memento-stocked living room, the former Kansas governor and presidential contender told Reagan he is one of the most popular presidents in history.

"In all my 97 years I don't know of a president who has occupied such a strong, stout-hearted position of leadership that you do," said Landon, lucid and articulate despite his years and a hearing problem. Reagan was full of good words for

Landon, calling him an inspiration and jokingly saying Landon's age was an incentive for himself.

"I've been celebrating my 39th birthday now for about 34 years and you've been celebrating yours about 24 years longer," Reagan said.

Landon made a valiant recovery from broken hip surgery last year, progressing enough to cast aside his steel walker and rely only on a cane or the arm of an aide most of the time. He tries to take daily, halfhour walks around his estate.

Landon is probably best remembered for his crushing defeat in the 1936, presidential race at the hands of Franklin D. Roosevelt. He failed even to carry his home state. He was governor of Kansas from 1932 to 1936 but never ran again for public office after his presidential bid.

Elderly can learn new skills at camp

By MARY ANGELA LEBLANC

An estimated 540 people are expected to attend the 4-H Octoberfest camping program for senior citizens this year, said Marshall Crouch, a 4-H specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service at Texas

"This is the fifth season for these camps, and participation has been truly outstanding," Crouch said.

The program began after the Center discovered additional uses for the Texas 4-H Center at Lake Brownwood. Its traditional use is for

childrens' camps, Crouch said.

"Kids have so much fun at camp, I bet senior citizens would too if they had a place to go," Crouch said.

Crouch said extension specialists

participate in some of the programs. scheduled programs include: horticulture, wardrobe planning, oil painting, chair caning, needlepoint and chime making. Nature hikes and boat rides also are available.

ities taught by senior citizens who have attended previous camps,

Crouch said.

"Most of the learning is generated out of the group," Crouch said.

Special events also are planned for meal-times.

"This year's program is centered around dinner on a cruise ship," Crouch said. "The participants will dress up for dinner as if they are on a cruise ship and even get a chance to eat at the captain's table. A casino

room is set up at the facilities."

The program has five different sessions in October, each lasting about a week.

Crouch said 30 to 40 percent of the senior citizens return for the

"We've had a lot of response from

word-of-mouth," Crouch said.
Participants in the programs are between 55 years old and 90. Crouch said the senior citizens are free to do what they want at their own pace.

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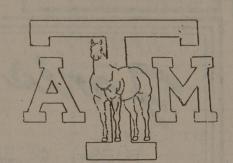
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