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Highway Crashes In E. B. Area Claims Two Lives

Two highway crashes claimed two lives in the East Bernard area during the past week.

The first one occurred about 5 miles east of East Bernard on Highway 90-A, when a truck driven by Daniel W. Butler of Seabrook sideswiped an 18-wheeler that was going west. The impact immediately caused a fire when a gasoline tank ruptured. One of the trucks continued to roll on for 200 hundred feet before turning over on the highway, pinning Butler in the cab.

The driver of the empty gravel truck was Angel Perez of Columbus. He was injured and was taken to Polly Ryon Hospital in Richmond by the Fort Bend Co. ambulance.

Inquest was held by a Fort Bend Co. Justice of the Peace, pronouncing Butler dead at the scene.

Burning gasoline scorched the highway. The Butler truck was totally destroyed by fire.

The second crash claimed the life of Navasota. Harrelson was driving south on Highway 60, about three miles north of East Bernard when he attempted to avoid hitting a cow at 2:10 in the morning on Monday, August 16th. His vehicle left the road and struck a utility pole, killing him instantly and clipping the pole in two pieces. Justice of the Peace John Murrie held the inquest and Wallis ambulance took charge of the body. The pickup truck was demolished. The utility pole was replaced by the power company before morning; and electric power was restored in that area. – East Bernard Tribune.

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Deed, Henry Krenek Jr. et ux to Dr. Bobby Ray Richter et ux 5.00 Acres Howard McElroy Survey 7-10-79

Deed, Oscar A. Henicke Sr. et ux to Va bech Properties parcel of land in Columbus, Texas 7-9-79

Deed, Larry Merle Sine et ux et al to Colorado County Federal Savings and Loan Association Lot 25 Blk. 4 Weimar, Texas 7-10-79

Gift Deed, Raymond E. Klaus et al to Emily Klaus 53.60 Acres Howard McElroy League 7-10-79

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19 Certificates Presented In Exercise Clinic

Nineteen certificates were presented to those women completing the first series of the Exercise Clinic held every Monday and Wednesday from July 23 - August 15 at Columbus Elementary School Gymnasium.

According to Mrs. Donella R. Pantel, County Extension Agent, the clinic reaches over 50 women at least one time and each person learned exercises to help them individually. The women reported losing more inches than they did pounds which was attributed to toning up their bodies through proper exercise.

Another exercise clinic is being planned for this fall beginning in September so anyone interested should contact the County Extension Office or Mrs. Hoppe to get the fall schedule. Instructor for the clinic will be Mrs. Dessie Hoppe, Columbus H. E., Physical Education Instructor.

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Plans Laid Out For Tax Appraisal Dist.

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of opinion on the nomination of directors so that all areas will be represented."

The judge pointed out also that the election of the directors is one of the few decisions the entities will have a say in. S.B. 621 authorizes the board of directors to hire a chief appraiser, a three-member board of equalization, and set a budget by Oct. 1, 1980.

A provision of the bill also sets out that all properties in the county must be valued for tax purposes at 100% of market value by Jan. 1, 1981. The board would have the power to do this through an "in house" assessment program conducted by the appraisal district with the help of the participating agencies or could hire an outside appraisal firm. Judge Cranek cited the possible costs for such service at from $15 to $25 per parcel for the 35,000 to 40,000 parcels in the county, or as much as $750,000 in total cost.

Voting formula

Votes assigned to each entity will be based on a formula set out in the law and places that entity's total property tax levy for 1978 over the total property tax levy in all participating agencies, times 1000, times 5 directors.

Mayor Struss noted that under the election of director plan, the costs of the appraisal district will be assessed to the seven entities on the same basis as the vote for directors.

Commr. Court On Board?

Mayor Struss suggested that since the commissioners were elected from representative areas of the county, they could conceivably serve on the board, however none indicated that they would be willing to do so. Judge Cranek reported that the attorney general has ruled that an elected official could be a board member "until challenged in the courts."

It was finally agreed by all present that through a sort of nominating convention, the seven entities could agree on five members who would be representative of all areas and Judge Cranek called such a meeting for 10 a.m. Wed., Oct. 3rd. At that time each entity is to propose nominations and it is hoped that five can be agreed on by a consensus of opinion.

The question of whether or not the countywide appraisal district would also collect taxes for each entity was left undecided. Under the law, each entity can apply its own tax rate levy to the 100% market values set by the appraisal board and can collect its own taxes, or let the countywide district do it.

Mayor Struss said the City of Eagle Lake was not opposed to letting the appraisal district collect his city's taxes but wanted to withhold a definite decision until the cost dollar for such collection services is determined.

As to the location of the countywide appraisal district, it was apparent that most favored having the district located in a central location, namely in Columbus. At first, Judge Cranek and tax office Hajovsky said there wasn't space in the courthouse for such an agency but after more discussion, it appeared that space might be available. But the county tax office does not have computer equipment which would be capable of handling the tax processes required.

It was also a consensus of opinion that these would have to be some of the decisions made by the appraisal district's board of directors.

If a central location was selected, it was also the opinion of the entities that the board of equalization and the taxing and collecting agencies should make visits to areas in the county away from the courthouse to accommodate those unable to make the trip to Columbus and for the convenience of all taxpayers.

Deadlines Set

The commissioners' court must resolve to join the appraisal district by Sept. 15th and also multi-county taxing units such as Columbus and Weimar school districts, must notify the county clerk by Sept. 15th that they have designated one appraisal district.

Mrs. Gunn said that Weimar school district would like to have the county appraisal districts in the county where the property is located service that property. Columbus superintendent Saul hastily pointed out that this would prove to be very expensive since the school district would have to share in the costs of multiple appraisal districts. He said Columbus school district favored accepting valuations set on Columbus school district properties in other counties and have the appraisal district in this county handle all of that school district's properties.

County Clerk Schneider must notify each unit of its total vote by Oct. 1; nominees must be submitted to the county clerk by Oct. 15; ballots prepared and delivered by Oct. 30th; votes cast by each governing body by Nov. 15; ballots counted by Dec. 1; and the directors will begin 2-year terms of office on Jan. 1, 1980.

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Justin Wilson

East Wharton County DU Dinner Sept. 13

Advance ticket sales are accelerating for the annual East Wharton County Ducks Unlimited Banquet, Thursday, September 13 at the Boling Community Center.

Distinguished Cajun humorist Justin Wilson will be the guest speaker for the affair which is expected to attract a record number of area sportsmen. In addition to being an entertainer, he is a recognized author, recording artist, TV personality, Cajun Chef and noted Safety Consultant.

Tickets are on sale for $25.00. Price of tickets includes DU membership for one year and one year subscription to the colorful wildlife DU magazine. Also included is barbecue, beer and other activities. Those joining the local chapter will be eligible to attend the National DU meeting in Houston April 21-24, 1980. Another exciting part of the evening will be the auction of wildlife paintings, sculptures and outdoor articles.

East Wharton County Ducks Unlimited banquet tickets are on sale at following places: Union State Bank, Sports Center, Catholic Church, Deans Pharmacy and Edward Vacek in East Bernard; John's General Store in Egypt; and many locations in Wharton, Boling and Newgulf.

Jim Clipson, Jr. State Comm. On Alcoholism, Is Rotary Guest

Jim Clipson, Jr., chairman of the Texas Commission on Alcoholism, was the guest speaker at the meeting of the Eagle Lake Rotary Club on Wednesday of last week and discussed the importance of recognizing alcoholism as an illness and the importance of preventative as well as treatment methods.

Clipson told the Rotarians and guests that alcoholism is now being recognized as an illness and told about the high cost of treating alcoholics in the state hospital system. He discussed the establishment of HMOs, Health Maintenance Organizations, designed to treat the alcoholic.

The important role played by AA, Alcoholics Anonymous, was stressed by Clipson, but he stated that AA as an organization takes no issues on such legislation as the proposed decriminalization of the alcoholic, rather that he be treated as a patient with illness.

Funding Required

The state commissioner said that $200 million collected annually from mixed drink sales are channeled into the Mental Health and Mental Retardation system.

He estimated that there are 653,000 alcoholics in Texas alone and nearly twice that number of people are affected by the use of alcohol. "Children are fifty per cent more likely to be alcoholics if they are subjected to seeing the use of alcohol in the home," stated Clipson. He cited the growing problem of alcoholism among the youth of the state and nation and commented that it takes a teenager only a year and one-half of consumption to become an alcoholic as compared to 12 years of consumption by an adult before he becomes an alcoholic.

The commissioner urged that all interested citizens contact their state representative John Wilson and state senator Bill Moore and urge their support of legislation to provide funds that are urgently needed not only in treatment and rehabilitation of alcoholics but also in preventative measures to insure a healthy generation in the future.

Clipson was introduced by Louis Balas, program chairman for the day.

Minor Damage In Wreck Sun.

Minor damage and no injuries resulted in the collision of two vehicles in the 100 block of Main Street at 4:40 p.m. Sunday.

A 1979 Pontiac driven by Patsy M. Choate of Clute stopped for the four-way red light and a 1978 Chevrolet pickup driven by Donald N. Perry hit the back of the Pontiac.

City patrolman Jimmy Jenkins was the investigating officer.

NOTICE

PUBLIC HEARING ON USE OF REVENUE SHARING FUNDS

Time of Hearing: 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, August 29, 1979

Place of Hearing: County Courtroom, County Courthouse, Columbus, Tex.

Subject of Hearing: Proposed use of Revenue Sharing Funds Entitlement Period 11

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Lester J. Cranek,
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First, Second Winners In Mixed Softball Tourney

The American Hydrograss Company's mixed softball team, shown at top, won the first place trophy in last weekend's mixed slow-pitch softball tournament at the City Ball Park. Twelve teams competed in the successful tournament, staged by Frank Gonzales. The AHG team defeated the E&J Bunch from Hungerford and Eagle Lake in the first round of play Saturday and again in the finals around midnight Sunday to win the competition without a loss. The American Hydrograss team was sponsored by John Thomas. In the bottom photo are the E&J Bunch of Eagle Lake and Hungerford who won second place in the competition.

Amer. Hydrograss Wins Mixed Softball Tourney

Edge E&J Bunch In Finale Sun. Night

The American Hydrograss Company's mixed slow-pitch softball team, sponsored by John Thomas, local manager, won the championship of the Mixed Tournament held last weekend at the City Ball Park, without a loss. The AHG team defeated E&J Bunch from Hungerford and Eagle Lake in the first round of play on Saturday morning and then went through the Q&O Painters and the Cornhuskers to reach the finals. Meanwhile the E&J Bunch had to work their way up through the loser's bracket and they got into the finals with a victory over the Cornhuskers in a semi-final contest. The Cornhuskers nailed down at least third by topping the Unknowns who had earlier outlasted the Sluggers 4-2 in a fourteen inning contest.

The first place AHG team received the large first place trophy and individual first place trophies. The second place E&J Bunch received the second place team trophy and individual second place trophies. The Cornhuskers won the third place team trophy, the Unknowns took home the fourth place trophy, the Sluggers the fifth place trophy and El Campo Chuck II sixth place.

Members of the first place team were: Rhonda Cochwelp, Steve Almanza, Cynthia Sunderman, Terry DeNorman, Vance Duncan, Carol Dostal, Peewee Blinka, Mike Grigar, Brock Ashby, Mary Jo Spanihel, Marilyn Thomas and Dale Morris.

Other teams competing in the event were: the Nighthawks, Dynamic Duo, Good Times, Rejects, F. Troop and the Rare Breed.

The trophies were presented at the conclusion of the event after midnight Sunday night by Frank Gonzales who sponsored the tournament assisted by Lupe Almanza.

Outstanding Players

Gonzales also presented Golden Glove trophies to the outstanding infielders and outfielders and to the most valuable players.

Golden Glove outfielder awards went to: Peewee Blinka and Mike Grigar, both of the AHG team; the Golden Glove infielder trophies to Rena Popp of the Cornhuskers and Fred Broesche of the E&J Bunch. Named the most valuable players were John Grammer of the Cornhuskers and Sandra Salazar of the Unknowns.

The tournament was completed despite a violent electrical storm and heavy rain which fell shortly after the noon hour. Because of the wet grounds, the length of the field was shortened by moving home plate to the normal second base location. Men slamming the ball over the fence from that shortened distance were limited to doubles while the ladies got home runs for an over the fence hit. A number of the men pasted the slow pitches over the fence, but the ladies were unable to get one out of the shortened ball park.

During the tournament the women batted from their normal side of the plate, the men from the opposite side of their normal batting stance.

Gonzales expressed thanks to all who assisted in making the tournament a success - the players, sponsors, the umpires, scorekeepers, announcers and others.

Teams Needed For Men's Initial Bowl League

The fall bowling season is almost here and the Men's Initial League at Skull Creek Lanes in Altair is in need of at least four more teams to fill out its quota. If you are interested in bowling on Thursday evenings at 8 p.m., contact the Lanes at 234-2583 or Doyle Waldrop, secretary at 234-2561 (days) or 234-2362 (after 5 p.m.).

Owners of the Lanes are planning to have them resurfaced on September 1st and 2nd.

Council Sets Fee

The Eagle Lake city council, in session on Tuesday night, Aug. 14th, approved a resolution charging private profit-seeking individuals a fee of $35 a day plus cost of lights for use of the City Ball Park.

The new fee is aimed only at individuals seeking private profit and will not effect non-profit organizations wishing to use the field for tournaments that benefit community activities.

Mixed Volleyball Tournament To Be Held This Weekend

The Gethsemane Baptist Mission will sponsor a Mixed Volleyball Tournament in Eagle Lake this Saturday and Sunday.

Several outstanding teams will be vying for trophies to be awarded to the top four teams.

Tournament director Larry Controras invites the public to be on hand for the exciting action which gets underway Saturday and last until the finals on Sunday afternoon. The tournament will take place in the area behind the Nu-Courts.

Proceeds from the event will benefit Mission activities.

★★ Sports ★★

By Jeff Fraks, Sports Editor

800 More Pheasants Are Released In This County

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department participated in its annual pheasant release program last week in this county and a total of 800 Chinese Ringneck-Iranian Blackneck cross birds were released. The birds were released in the area of the Stallman Dryer near Garwood and just north of Highway 90A between Altair and Rock Island.

The birds were eight to nine weeks of age and were raised at the Department's Management and Research Station in Tyler. "This was the last planned release at this time for the county," reported Royce W. Jurries, Wildlife Biologist for P&WD. "The birds that have been released in the past two years have been surviving well although reproduction has been somewhat lower than expected," added Jurries.

Outlook Optimistic

The biologist added that the Department is optimistic that the birds will do well and thus allow a hunting season in the early 1980s. "This is the same bird that was stocked in Jefferson and Liberty Counties in similar type habitat and these 2 counties now have a hunting season for pheasants," he pointed out.

"We will have to wait and see if the stocking is successful in Colorado County. Reproduction, of course, is the key to any stocking effort," Jurries emphasized.

Pheasants were also stocked for the third and final year in Lavaca County near Provident City and in the Moulton area.

Fun Tourney At EL Rec. Center Sunday

Eagle Lake Recreation Center will hold a Fun Golf Tournament this Sunday, August 26th.

Tee-off time is 1:30 p.m. All members and guests are invited to participate.

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Raiders Host Tomball For Scrimmage Thurs.

Action Gets Underway At 5:00 P.M. In Altair

The Rice High School Raiders will have the first of two scrimmage sessions prior to the regular season this Thursday evening when they host Tomball at Rice beginning at 5:00 p.m.

The Raider freshmen will see the first action against Tomball with the junior varsities scheduled to tangle at about 5:30. The varsity scrimmage has been set for 7:00.

The second Raider scrimmage will also be at Rice, when they host Boling on Fri., Aug. 31st. The Raiders open their regular season on Sept. 7th when they travel to Weimar.

The scrimmage will be the first chance for Raider head coach Mike Rice to see his team in action against an opposing team, and he is hoping that it will answer some important questions for him.

"It's hard to tell just how we stand at this point in the season," says Rice, adding, "We've got some new people in the line-up and we are hoping to know more after the scrimmage."

One thing Coach Rice is sure of is his offensive and defensive line.

"Our line will average over 200 pounds," boasts Rice. "We have several good prospects at those positions making the competition tough."

Rice believes that the competition for the positions on the line will help make the Raiders a better team and listed many players who he figures will play key roles in the trenches for the Raiders this season, including: James Rhodes, Melvin Carter, Andy Morales, Mike Rios, Johnny Gonzales, Kenneth Bluntson, Tim Woods and John Chisholm.

At the end positions, Ernest Fields and Robert Frazar, along with Robert Barrios, should see a lot of action, according to Rice.

Victor Davis has the inside track on the quarterback position for the Raiders and will be getting lots of help in the backfield from Roger Fry, Jeff Darden, Robby Cook and John Schneider.

Injuries could play an important role in the Raider hopes this season as Schneider has been sidelined since practice started with a hurt knee.

Cook Injured

A big scare came this week when Cook was accidentally kicked in the throat during a practice session Monday evening. Although he passed out from the blow and had temporary trouble breathing, no serious injury occurred.

Cook was brought home to Eagle Lake by the EL Ambulance Corps after an examination by Dr. Jose Ugarte, who was called to Rice H.S. Cook was back in action this week and is expected to be ready for Thursday's scrimmage.

Coach Rice reported that 76 prospects are currently working out in anticipation of the '79 season. Twenty-six of those are freshmen and Rice is expecting several to contribute to the Raider cause this season. Rob Johnson, Dwayne Pagel, Eric Christal, Eugene Kazmire and Phillip Schorlemmer were listed as bright spots among the freshman crop.

Coach Rice is anticipating a tough battle this Thursday against Tomball, as they have two outstanding all-district running backs returning along with a strong overall team. Rice invites all Raider fans to plan to attend the scrimmage this Thursday to take a sneak preview along with him of the 1979 edition of the Rice Raider football team.

Once again, the action gets underway at 5:00 at Raider Field.

Mixed Tourney's Outstanding Players

Golden Glove trophies were presented to the best infielder and best outfielder for men and women and the most valuable players at the conclusion of the Mixed Slow-Pitch Softball Tournament held here last weekend. Left to right are: Frank Gonzales sponsor of the tournament is shown presenting a trophy to Peewee Blinka, of the champion American Hydrograss team for being named Golden Glove Outfielder; Mike Grigar, men's Golden Glove Outfielder, also of the AHG team; and Fred Broesche of the second place E&J Bunch, Golden Glove Infielder; and Lupe Almanza who assisted in staging the tournament. Other outstanding selections not shown were: Rena Popp of the Cornhuskers, Golden Glove Infielder; and Most Valuable Players John Grammer of the Cornhuskers and Sandra Salazar of the Unknowns.

Carter's of Madisonville Wins State Fast-Pitch Softball Title

Carter's All-Stars of Madisonville captured the 1979 Open State Fast-pitch championship the past weekend, knocking off Lubbock in the finals to take the coveted crown in the double elimination tournament held in Brownwood.

The All-Stars, sponsored by John Dean Carter of Madisonville, defeated Denton, Beaumont, Odessa and Lubbock to reach the finals as the only undefeated team. Lubbock came back through the loser's bracket to reach the finals and knocked off Carter's to give the All-Stars their first loss.

But Madisonville came up with two runs midway through the final game and allowed only one run to Lubbock, coming in the last inning, and took the victory and the state championship.

Two players on the Madisonville squad were from the Eagle Lake area. Bill Carpenter of Garwood pitched in two games for the All-Stars, having no decision in his first contest, and picking up the win in the first win over Lubbock. Jeff Fraks of Eagle Lake played third base for Carter's throughout the tournament.

It was the first state crown for Madisonville and for the sponsor John Dean Carter, who has been an avid supporter and long time participant in fast-pitch softball. The title came on he and his wife's 39th wedding anniversary and was quite an adequate gift for the celebration.

For Carpenter, it was his fifth time to be on a state championship team, having collected three consecutive titles while playing for the Rebels of Refugio in 1967, 1968 and 1969. He was later a member of a championship team while playing with Stephenville.

The win by Madisonville advances them to the regional playoffs which will be held in Austin this weekend. The top two teams from the open tournament will participate along with the top teams from the metropolitan areas throughout Texas.

Canadian DU Waterfowl Hatch Reported Good

With the young of many early-nesting waterfowl species already able to give their wings a try, officials of Ducks Unlimited, North America's largest waterfowl conservation organization, feel the 1979 waterfowl hatch through Saskatchewan and Manitoba has progressed sufficiently to draw some conclusions as to how successful production has really been.

According to Ducks Unlimited Executive Vice President Dale E. Whitesell, waterfowl production in Manitoba looks to be excellent thanks to the availability of plenty of water all summer long.

"Stir all the observations we've gathered together," said Whitesell, "and you come up with a waterfowl population for the Central and Mississippi Flyways which is encouraging. In fact, our DU (Canada) staff has concluded that conservationists can look forward to an overall increase this fall in the size of our North American waterfowl flight."

2-Day Partnership Golf Tourney Here Sept. 8-9

$5500 In Prizes To Be Awarded

Entries are coming in for the third annual Eagle Lake Recreation Center's Partnership Best Ball Golf Tournament to be held at the Recreation Center course on Saturday and Sunday, September 8th and 9th.

Terry Causey, tournament chairman, said that the tournament will be over 36 holes of play with shot-gun starts at 8:00 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. on both dates. The field will be limited to the first 72 teams entered in the event.

A total of $5500 in prizes will be awarded in five flights, with four prizes in each flight. Prizes in each flight will include: 1st, Model 1100 Remington Shotgun; 2nd, Chain Saw; 3rd, AM-FM Radio; 4th, golf balls.

Also participants will have a chance to win a brand new golf cart if they can score a hole-in-one. The hole-in-one prize sponsors are Johnny's Sport Shop, The First National Bank, J. F. Miller Ford, Inc., Eagle Tractor, Inc. and S & W Parts.

The $80 entry fee (per team) will include the 36 holes of competition, plus drinks beginning at 6:00 p.m. Saturday and a dinner beginning at 7:30 p.m. Saturday. An auction will follow the meal. Extra meal plates will be available in advance for $3.50 each.

Saturday morning golfers will also play Sunday morning. With entry, please show morning or afternoon time. The first 36 teams requesting afternoon time will be so placed. If your preferred time is not available you will be notified.

Entry Deadline Sept. 4

Flights will be determined by the lowest team member's handicap with both day's best ball determining winners of each flight. No high school or college entrants accepted. All entries must be accompanied by pre-attested handicap and entry fee. Entry deadline is Sept. 4th.

Use of golf carts permitted. Rental carts available by reservation only. Practice rounds Friday to be concluded by 4:00 p.m.

Golfers interested in more information may write to Causey at Box 191 Eagle Lake, Texas 77434 or call him at 713-234-3968.

Freddie Gant Wins Gold Medal In Special Olympics Event

Freddie L. Gant of Eagle Lake was a gold medal winner in the Softball Throw at the fifth International Special Olympics Games held at the State University College at Brockport, N.Y. Aug. 8-13.

More than 3,500 mentally retarded athletes from 30 countries participated in the week-long activities which included competition, sports clinics and demonstrations by sports celebrities, as well as many social events.

Participants in the International Games at Brockport were selected from almost one million athletes who took part in more than 17,000 competitive events during 1978-79.

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