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Elderly Get Aid In Fight Against Heat

Grants of up to \$200 per family will be available to help the poor and elderly who are experiencing medical problems because of the heat, the Gulf Coast Community Services Association announced Monday, July 21, according to Colorado County Senior Citizens Director Jeanine Lowery.

The anti-poverty agency said it has been authorized to distribute a total of \$130,000 in heat relief emergency aid to \$10,000 in Austin, Colorado and Waller counties.

To be eligible for the grants, persons must have a statement that aid is needed because their health is endangered under some type of cooling in their home. Referrals will be accepted from doctors, nurses, hospitals, the welfare department, police department and fire department paramedics.

Applicants must prove their incomes fall within 125% of the Gulf Coast poverty guidelines, and must be 60 years of age or older, handicapped or disabled, or demonstrate an extreme crisis.

The purpose of the program is to buy or rent fans and/or provide repairs to air conditioners. The aid is not primarily a utility-bill payment program, although 25% may be used to pay utility bills.

For more information, call the Gulf Coast energy program at 748-4410 or call the Colorado County Services to Senior Citizens at 732-9006 in Columbus.

Celebrate 55th Wedding Anniv.



Mr. and Mrs. Ed Uhlig, Married 55 Years

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Uhlig Honored On 55th Wedding Anniv. Tues.

A large gathering of family members and friends joined together on Tuesday afternoon, Aug. 5th at the Heritage House in Eagle Lake to celebrate the 55th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Uhlig, residents of the Heritage House. The honored couple were married in 1925 in Columbus and were long-time citizens of the Hungerford community before moving to the Heritage House in April of this year.

Several gifts were opened during the festivity and the honorees and guests also enjoyed an anniversary cake and punch. Some special guests present were the Uhligs' daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. James T. Hlavinka and daughter, Susan; also Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Krause; brother-in-law Herman Kveton and son, Lee; Leslie Stewart of Wharton; and Mrs. John Hlavinka of East Bernard.

Rice CISD Schools To Open Aug. 25

The opening of the 1980-81 school term for the Rice Consolidated District schools is less than three weeks away.

Faculty members and administrators will hold In-Service sessions beginning Tuesday, August 19th and continuing through Friday, August 22nd. The first day of classes will be on Monday, August 25th.

Other In-Service dates are listed on the 1980-81 calendar for Nov. 17, Jan. 12, Mar. 13 and May 22nd. Holidays on the 1980-81 calendar include: Sept. 1st for Labor Day; Nov. 27-28 for Thanksgiving; Dec. 22 through Jan. 2 for Christmas and New Year's; and April 16, 17, and 20 for Easter.

The Free Immunization Clinic sponsored by the Texas Department of Health will be held on Thursday, Aug. 14th, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Ugarite Clinic in Eagle Lake. Immunizations for Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis (DTP), Polio, Measles, Mumps, and Rubella will be given to infants, preschoolers, and school-age children. Tetanus and/or Diphtheria will be given to adults.

Personal immunization record cards showing dates and kinds of immunizations received are given to parents, as they will have the immunization record of each child.

Any questions on immunizations can be answered at the clinic.

Ronnie Pfeiffer Are Parents Of Baby Boy Aug. 3

Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Pfeiffer of Eagle Lake proudly announce the birth of a son, Ronnie Dean Pfeiffer, Jr. The young lad made his arrival in Eagle Lake Community Hospital Sunday, August 3rd at 1:05 p.m. He weighed eight pounds and twelve ounces at birth and measured twenty inches in length.

Grandparents of the newborn are Mr. and Mrs. Owen Pfeiffer of Eagle Lake and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Kalina, Jr. of Garwood. His great-grandparents are Mrs. Emily Paschall of Bellville, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Kalina, Sr. of Garwood and Mrs. Lorraine Livance of New Tulsa.

Winners Named In Partnership Pool Tourney

Thirty-two players participated in a partnership pool tournament at El Zorpe Bar in Eagle Lake with Andy Morales and Lee Garcia winning first place.

Other winners were: John Morales and Armando Rosen, second place; third went to: Earl Martinez and Val; fourth, Jose Lopez and Lalo R.; fifth, Rudy Lopez and Gabriel Morales; and sixth, Brenda Corales and Sammy Castro.

ABOUT TOWN

Mr. and Mrs. Howard C. Johnson are busy this week moving into their pretty new home on Partridge Lane in the Ridgeline Addition. The Johnsons sold their home on Prairie Street to Mr. and Mrs. Joe Lee Foster. The Johnsons, who recently celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary, say that a family sure can collect a lot of collectibles in 20 years at one location.

Eagle Lake firemen continue to stay busy answering grass and trash fires. It's a good bet that most of the alarms could have been avoided with a little more care on the part of citizens of the area. Remember, the firemen are volunteers. They have to take time away from their businesses or from their employment to serve the citizens. You never hear them complain about it, but they undoubtedly would appreciate your cooperation about burning trash or grass out of doors until such time as the threat of fire from the long-dry spell eases.

J. and D. Furniture awarded three gift certificates at the anniversary sale held recently. Winner of the first place \$100 gift certificate was Barbara Cunningham; Doris Higgins won the second prize \$50 gift certificate; and Alice Williams, the third place \$25 gift certificate.

Last Rites For Willie Fuller

Funeral services were held at 4:00 p.m. Tuesday, August 5th from the Kubena Funeral Home in Hallettsville for Willie A. Fuller, 75, a life-long resident of the Sheridan and Sublime areas. Mr. Fuller died in the Eagle Lake Community Hospital at 6:30 p.m. Sunday. He had been in failing health for several months.

Burial was in the Fuller Cemetery near Hallettsville. Serving as pallbearers were Earl Dibbleau, Alvin Fuller, Melvin Fuller, David Fuller, Glen Tesch and I. W. Fuller, Jr.

The Rev. Bernie Helge, pastor of the Sheridan Baptist Church, officiated at the services.

Mr. Fuller was born Oct. 6, 1904 in Sublime the son of John and Jo Ann Fuller. He was a rancher and carpenter prior to his retirement. He was a member of the Lutheran Church and a member of the Sheridan and Sublime areas.

Only a survivor is a sister, Miss Arnette Fuller, 81, of Bay City; and nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, one brother and three sisters.

Residences At Columbus Burglarized

Colorado County Sheriff's office was called at 11:40 a.m. Thursday, July 31st by Mrs. Melvin Krueger of Columbus to investigate the entry of her residence on Annette Drive southwest of Columbus. Investigation revealed that the Bradley West residence next to that of Mrs. Krueger had also been burglarized. Neither residence was locked and there was no apparent forced entry.

Taken from the Krueger residence were: a GE color television set; a Lutron microwave oven; a Segun high school ring, one gold ring, miscellaneous collection of silver coins; a .25 automatic pistol; a .380 semi-automatic deer rifle; a 20 gauge Westernfield pump shotgun; and a Remington 308 ADL deer rifle. Value of the missing items was placed at \$1,725.

Investigation of the entries continues.

NOTICE!

1980 Colorado County Fair

CRITICAL DEADLINES

For Competitive Events

- ★ Aug. 15: 4-H & FFA Livestock Forms Due
- ★ Aug. 29: Home Economics Dept. Pre-Registration (758-3623)
Open Poultry Show Entry Forms Due
- ★ Sept. 1: Children's Pet Show, Open 4-H Dog Show (234-5388)
Collective Hobbies (357-2142)
Fine Arts (732-2507)
- ★ Sept. 8: Parade Entries (732-2530)
Photography Contest (732-6508)
Fair Queen Contest (732-6336)

Home Economics and Fine Arts Entry Blanks will be at pick-up points this week.

Entry Forms may be mailed to The Colorado County Fair Association, P.O. Box 506, Columbus, Texas 78834; or they may be delivered to the Colorado County Extension Office or may be given to any officer, director or committee chairman.

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Fed'l. Report Lists 46 Bridges In County In Unsafe Condition

35 Are Rated At Zero Tons By Brinsap Study

A preliminary report on a study of bridges made under contract to the Texas Department of Transportation has been received by Colorado County indicating that the results of the study will have wide spread effect on citizens of this county for many, many years. The report, made public at the meeting of the Commissioners' Court Monday, is called the Brinsap Study and says that this county has 112 bridges of 20 feet or longer on its county roads and of the 112, forty-six are capable, according to the engineering study, of only carrying loads of "less than 3 tons (6,000 pounds)".

The Brinsap Study (Bridge Inventory and Span Assessment Program) was conducted for the federal highway department by the engineering firm of Turner, Collier and Braden. Four engineers, hired by the engineering firm, made the bridge study in this county, according to Judge Lester J. Crank.

The report brought to light the following information:

- Of the 46 bridges capable of carrying less than three tons, twenty-eight are in Precinct 1, eight in Precinct 2, and four in Precinct 4.
- Of the 46 bridges, thirty-five are rated by the report at "zero (0) tons" and technically are not capable of supporting even an automobile; seven are rated as capable of carrying one ton load; and eleven (including the seven one-tonners) were rated as capable of carrying loads of two tons or less.

Judge Crank noted that the study is subject to challenge. To do so, the county would have to hire its own engineers. If the two reports differed, then another engineering report might be necessary, and on and on.

County Attorney Durward Self was asked by the Commissioners' Court to render an opinion on the report and Judge Crank also contacted the legal advisor for the Texas Association of Counties for an opinion in the matter. Both rendered opinions that, under the Tort Liability Law the county and the commissioners' court, collectively and individually, could be held liable if no action were taken as a result of the study.

Judge Crank commented that "made his best effort to recognize and publicize the fact that we have these types of bridges and puts up signs that there is a weak bridge and a close limit, then a decision on the possibility of

contributing negligence could be lessened if a damage suit were brought to a court of law."

Liability Discussed
"Otherwise, if we ignore the report, it could be judged that the county is not with this study alone. Other counties in the state are reported to be facing the same problem."

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Thomas Ins. Offers Bargain On Ambulance Corps Ins.

W. M. Thomas Jr. Insurance Agency of Eagle Lake was the successful bidder Monday for providing Colorado County Ambulance Corps auto liability and physical damage insurance on the three modular units at Eagle Lake, Columbus and Weimar; and on accident insurance on volunteers in the four units, also including Garwood. The county does not own the Garwood ambulance hence auto liability and physical damage was bid on only three units.

Thomas, who was present for the meeting, offered bids which were \$7,297.35 below the costs of insurance coverage which expires on August 28th of this year. He is representing Volunteer Firemen's Insurance Services, Inc. of York, Pennsylvania.

Thomas Insurance offered auto liability with \$300,000/\$300,000 coverage (bid specifications had called for \$100/\$300/\$50 only) and \$14,000 physical damage with \$500 deductible and including personal injury protection and uninsured motorists coverage, for the three modular units at \$2,257.35. The agency also offered accident insurance on all volunteers in the four units.

Hearings On Rice CISD Budget, Tax Rate Mon.

The Board of Education of the Rice Consolidated School District will have two meetings on the same night next Monday, August 18th. The first will be on the proposed 1980-81 budget, still under preparation at press time by Supt. King; the second to follow will be a public hearing on the proposed increase in taxes although the board has announced its intent to retain the same \$1.75 per \$100 valuation which was in effect for 1979.

It will also be the regular session of the board at which time final plans will be made for the opening of the 1980-81 school year on August 25th.

The public is invited to attend and participate in the budget hearing and the hearing on the intent to increase tax revenue in the district; and the regular session of the board to follow.

The hearings and meeting will be held in the board room of the Administration Building on the Rice High School campus west of Altair.

Registration At St. Mary's School Fri.

Registration for new students wishing to attend St. Mary's Catholic School of Nade will be held on Friday, August 15th from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. until 5 p.m. in the School Library.

At this time parents may also take care of the fees such as registration, tuition, bus fare, etc.

School will start on August 18th with a full faculty. St. Mary's has the space and capability of accepting a few more students, report school officials.

Sr. Citizens Director Resigns

The resignation of Mrs. Jeanine Lowery as the Senior Citizens Program Director in Colorado County, effective Aug. 18, 1980 was accepted by the Commissioners' Court Monday, and the court on two 3-2 votes decided to continue to be contractor for the senior citizens program in this county and also to advertise for a new director.

Ms. Lowery informed the court that she has accepted a position "to become a multi-handicapped student teacher under the Colorado County Plan A Cooperative, working out of Columbus. She has been senior citizens director in this county since May 1974.

Two commissioners, Crockett Leyendecker of Precinct 8 and Bill Stiles of Precinct 4, expressed opposition to continuation of the program in this county and it fell to Judge Lester J. Crank to cast the deciding vote to continue the program. Precinct 1 Commissioner Otto Loeslein and Precinct 2 Commissioner Rafael Venilla expressed favor toward continuing the program. The vote followed the same pattern, with Judge Crank breaking a 2-2 tie, on another motion to advertise for applications for a new director for the program in this county.

Wind Down Program
Leyendecker said that he felt the program was a good one and that he would like to see it continue. He said that he felt "there is no real need for the program in this county." He urged that the program be held at the present level or perhaps "wind it down and do away with it all together."

Loeslein pointed out that "if (Continued on Last Page)

Thomas Ins. Offers Bargain On Ambulance Corps Ins.

To Cost \$4,715.25, \$7,397.55 Less Than Costs For 1979-80

(estimated at around 100) for \$12,220. His policy included \$20,000 for accidental death or dismemberment; \$100 per week for 260 weeks for total disability with a \$20,000 lump sum payment at the end of 260 weeks; also \$50 per week for 13 weeks for partial disability and \$19,999 lump sum payment if disability is permanent at the end of 13 weeks; \$20,000 for death due to a heart condition (under 65) plus \$15,000 medical; and an additional \$20,000 death and \$5,000 medical for young members in training.

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Teachers Begin In-Service Tues.

The first In-Service sessions for faculty members and administrators in the Rice Middle School District for the opening of the 1980-81 school year will be held on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday (Aug. 19-22) of next week.

First classes of the year will begin Monday morning, August 25th. At that time all schools will conduct classes on a full-day basis.

New ELMS Students Register Thurs. or Fri.

Students that are new to the Rice School District and who will be attending the Eagle Lake Middle School during the 1980-81 school year should register on either Thurs. Aug. 14th or Fri. Aug. 15th from 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. in the school office. New students should bring their 1979-80 report cards and immunization records with them when they register.

Students who attended the Primary School last year and who were promoted to the fourth grade have already been registered, noted ELMS Principal James Crabbs.

Heritage House Gets Superior Award 2nd Time

Congratulations are in order for the second time this week to five nursing homes which received repeat Superior Certificates for providing something extra for their residents, according to Dr. Robert Bernstein, Texas Commissioner of Health.

Among those receiving the superior marks from Texas Department of Health inspectors for the second time were: Geneva Lois Mills, administrator of the Heritage House in Eagle Lake.

First Superior Awards went to three nursing homes including Marjorie Hatcher of the Care Inn in La Grange.

Burglars Active In This County Committee Recommends That City Sell Gas System

Heimlich Maneuver 'Saves' Chalkin Rotator Ward

Eagle Lake Rotarians got a "true-life" demonstration of the Heimlich Maneuver, used in the case of strangulation due to choking on food, at the meeting of the club on Wednesday of last week. One of the Rotarians choked on a piece of fried chicken. Those sitting next to the Rotarian did not recognize the fact that the victim was choking to death and the victim had the presence of mind to tap another Rotarian, former City Manager T. J. Smith on the shoulder. Smith immediately recognized that the victim was choking and he applied the Heimlich Maneuver and immediately the throat was cleared and the Rotarian was able to breathe again, without any apparent serious repercussions from the incident.

Rotarian Smith was praised for his prompt and effective action in the emergency situation, which happened so swiftly that many of those present were hardly aware of the lifesaving incident.

The application of the Heimlich Maneuver is discussed in an "Editorial Speaking" story on page 9 of this issue.

Commr. Court Discusses Courthouse Heritage Features

Advisability Of Retention Of Wood Ceiling Questioned

Colorado County Commissioners' Court in session Monday approved the issuance of a \$25,000 certificate of obligation on work done by the contractor on the courthouse restoration project; and spent some time discussing with a representative of the Texas Historical Commission the possibility of covering the ceiling of the county courtroom with dry-wall materials instead of retention of a beaded wood ceiling.

Project Director Arthur J. Wilkroff met with the court and discussed an application for payment of funds from the contractor, Circle Double (C) Enterprises, Inc. for the period of June 25 to July 28th. The contractor reported that a total of \$25,173.20 in work had been done during the period. The certificates of obligation are issued only in multiples of \$5,000 hence the court approved on a 3-1 motion the payment of \$25,000. Precinct 4 Commissioner Bill Stiles cast the dissenting vote.

Wilkroff reported that work done to date totals \$575,748 (contract price was \$687,200) and the county retains ten percent of that amount to assure final completion, hence total amount earned, less retainage, is \$518,173.20 and of that amount \$450,000 had been previously paid.

Ceiling In Courtroom
The Commissioners and County Judge Lester J. Crank have expressed dissatisfaction with plans to retain a beaded wood ceiling (covered by ceiling tile for many years) in the county courtroom. The ceiling has many nail marks and areas were removed when the courthouse was rewired. The court feels that it will be difficult to cover the cracks, nail holes and vacancies in the ceiling and come out with an acceptable appearance. They pointed to a third floor stairwell where the wood ceiling was removed.

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New Students Register Mon. At Garwood School

Registration for students entering Garwood school that have not previously attended will be held Monday, August 18 between 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. at the school in Garwood.

The new students are to bring birth certificates, health records and previous school information.

Registration at this time is for new students, only, said principal John Mader.

2 AC Compressors Stolen At New Apartment Project

Two outdoor air-conditioning compressors at the new Kevin Court Apartments project were stolen between 2 a.m. and 8 a.m. Tuesday of this week. It was reported to the Eagle Lake police department.

Chief Jimmie Smith said that electrical current was cut off from the units by entering the apartments and the units were clipped from connections and hauled off. Value of the items was estimated at \$1000 per unit.

The theft was reported by the foreman of the construction project which is nearing completion on Austin Road just north of the hospital.

Investigation of the theft continues, said Chief Smith.

2 Fined For Fighting
Local police were called to the D.D. Grocery on East Main at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday where two men were reported to be fighting.

The two men were taken to the jail and fined \$50 each for disturbing the peace.

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Raiders To Practice In Garwood, E.L. and Sheridan Next Week

Raiders fans throughout the community will have a chance to preview the 1980 Rice High School football team during practice held in Garwood, Eagle Lake and Sheridan next week.

The Raiders are currently working out twice a day at the high school in Altair and will break camp after Friday and hold the special session on Saturday.

All of the 1977-78 offered was of the Laidlaw variety. Right of the silver will be held on the bid shot offered bid during the sale.

Tax Hearing

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IS, known as "Truth in Taxation" legislation.

Since \$1.75 Tax Rate

He noted that the increase in valuations in the district (almost \$10 million) would have required a tax rate of \$1.67 to maintain the same level of tax income for 1980. Using the same tax rate which was in effect for 1979, \$1.75 per \$100 valuation, the result would increase tax revenue by some 5%, hence it became necessary for the hearing. The state statute allows a taxing entity to raise taxes by 5% without the necessity of a hearing.

As reported previously, persons with the same properties with no significant improvements since last year will experience no change in school taxes, added the superintendent.

He said that the increased revenue was needed to meet increases in costs of operation due to inflation. King stated that inflation is expected to increase costs of operation by some 15%, hence the increase in tax revenue proposed by the Rice District is within a ten percent increase and is well justified in light of the inflationary costs.

The board voted unanimously 4-0 on a motion which sets out the board's intention to vote on the proposed increase in tax revenue at 7:30 p.m. Monday, August 18th.

The public is invited to attend this hearing on the proposed increase in tax revenue.

New Apts.

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A community building of 1200 square feet containing a general purpose room, an office, a laundry and mail facilities is part of the apartment complex and for use by the residents.

The Kevin Court Apartments have been selected by the Department of Housing and Urban Development to receive a rent subsidy in the form of Housing Assistance Payments under their Section 8 program. These payments will cover the difference between the contract rent and 25% of the income, determined in accordance with HUD standards, of eligible tenants. Financing of the apartment is by the Farmers Home Administration of the Department of Agriculture.

The four-color painting is by Austin artist and historian Bruce Marshall. Selection of the men and women in the painting was made with the assistance of the Texas Historical Commission.

An additional 4,154 dollars have been granted to accommodate customer growth and movement, Oldime said.

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