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Historical Marker Unveiled



The new Historical Marker on Farm to Market 950, a half mile south of Matthews, for the Montgomery-Thatcher Cemetery was dedicated in a ceremony at the site of the plaque at 2 p.m. last Saturday. Participating in the ceremony officially dedicating the marker were, left to right, Colorado County Judge Lester J. Cranek; Mrs. James G. Hopkins of Garwood and Columbus,

chairman of the Colorado County Historical Commission; Mrs. Julian B. Cox of Houston, the former Dorothy Elkins, who presented a history of the cemetery; Mrs. Josephine Vollette of San Antonio, the oldest living descendant of the Montgomery-Thatcher families who had the honor of unveiling the marker; and the Rev. George Welsch, rector of Christ Episcopal Church of Eagle Lake, who gave the invocation and benediction.

Texturing To Begin On Highway 90A

The Texas Highway Department has informed the Headlight that work on texturing the section of Highway 90A from Eagle Lake to Altair, was scheduled to begin this week.

According to Bennie Holesky, maintenance supervisor, equipment will be used to give the surface a "grooved" appearance in order to prevent the slick condition which has occurred on several occasions during light rain and resulted in tragic accidents on that section of the highway. Two fatalities resulted from injuries in the accidents.

Not all of the section of the pavement from Eagle Lake city limits to the intersection of Highway 71 will be textured but emphasis will be given to the areas where slick conditions are known to exist.

Work will be done on one lane of the highway at a time and motorists in that area are urged to use caution when the equipment being used to do the texturing is operating.

8 Charged For Illegal Alcohol Sales

A task force of officers from numerous agencies operating in Colorado County combined in a raid on a local business establishment, The Sweet Shop, in the "flat" section of the city and as a result six persons paid fines for consuming alcoholic beverages after hours and two others are charged in county court with selling alcoholic beverages (beer) without a license.

Al Holland, Texas Alcoholic Commission inspector, headed the raid. He said that he had received numerous complaints that the place was selling beer after hours and the business had been under surveillance.

At 1:20 a.m. Saturday, the officers, nine of them, moved into the Sweet Shop and arrested the eight persons in the establishment.

The task force of officers included Holland, Texas Ranger Ray Nutt, Sheriff Jim Broussard, Chief Deputy Sheriff James Parcell, Eagle Lake officers Lupe Villarreal and Jack Reed, Columbus Chief of Police Tom Wine, Weimar Chief of Police Ken Hollan and Parks and Wildlife Supervisor Sam Center.

Deputy sheriffs James Brooks, Keith Riehs and Chuck Smith assisted in transporting those arrested.

Teen Boone Harold and Louis Ray Barrow were charged with selling alcoholic beverages without a license and placed in the county jail.

Both posted \$500 property bonds the following day and were released under bond pending trial of the charges in county court.

Charged in Corporation Court in Eagle Lake with consuming after hours were Gerald W. Flowers, Freddie C. Douglas, Malvin C. Gordon, Willie Jackson, Jr., Johnny Spates and Richard Davidson. Each paid fines of \$28.50 on the charges.

Holland was enthusiastic about the fine cooperation received from all agencies in the county in making the raid and arrests.

July 4th Celebration Here Opens With Noon BBQ Sat.

Arson Suspected In Two Fires Here Last Week

Eagle Lake Volunteer Fire Department was called to three alarms during the past week and investigation is underway on the possibility that two of the three may have been arson cases.

At 5:20 a.m. Thurs., June 25th the firemen were called to the Ray Coleman home on East D Street in the "flat" area where a 1979 Ford T-Bird was on fire. The vehicle, owned by Coleman, was completely destroyed. A gas can was found near the vehicle bringing about suspicion that the fire might have been the work of an arsonist.

At 10:30 p.m. Friday, June 26th the firemen were called to the Masonic Lodge Building on B Street, also in the "flat" area to extinguish a fire. It is believed that the fire was started by pop bottles filled with gasoline thrown against the side of the

building. Some windows in the building were also reported to be broken. Damage to the building was reported as being minor.

Investigation of both of these fires is continuing by local authorities.

Sofa Fire

The firemen were also called to the Edgar Davidson home at 1st and C Streets at 10:30 p.m. Friday, at about the same time the Masonic building was on fire. A sofa was burning at the Davidson home and source of the fire was believed to be from cigarettes. Minor damage was reported. Two of the units at the Masonic Bldg. fire came directly from that fire to the Davidson home.

The alarm was sounded Monday evening but was not a fire but rather a practice for the city's new dispatcher Teresa Beyers.

Chicken BBQ Dinner To Be Served 11-1; Tickets Still Available

A wide variety of events in Eagle Lake's observance of the 205th anniversary of the independence of the United States of America, sponsored by the Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce this Saturday, July 4th, is expected to draw another crowd to the community. Activities start at 11 a.m. with the serving of the barbecued chicken dinners at the Community Center and conclude with a dance from 9 p.m. to 12 midnight.

All of the activities will be held this year on Saturday, July 4th at the Eagle Lake Community Center.

The schedule of activities will be as follows:

- Dawn to dusk, U.S. Flags will be displayed by V.F.W. in front of local businesses.
- 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. the barbecued chicken and trimmings dinners will be served at the Community Center with dining in the air-conditioned center or in a fast curb-service line.

Tickets were to have been purchased in advance by Monday of this week, but the Chamber has extended the deadline until noon Friday (July 3). If the advance ticket sales do not surpass 900, a limited amount of dinners will be available at the Center Saturday.

Also those who purchase tickets in advance should note that dinners should be picked up before 1:00 p.m. or they will be resold after 1:00 p.m.

• 6:00 p.m. The portion of Walnut Street in front of the Eagle Lake Community Center will be closed to traffic and booths offering food, drinks, recreation and entertainment will open in the covered pavilion area on the north side of the Center. Also there will be recreation inside the air-conditioned center. These will include kiddie rides in the outdoor area.

• 9:00 p.m. A street dance featuring the music of the Circle K Band will begin on the pavilion on the north side of the Community Center.

An admission fee of \$2.00 per person will be charged for attendance at the dance.

• 12:00 midnight. All activities will cease and the clean-up of the area will begin.

The Chamber of Commerce asks your cooperation in clearing the area as soon as possible so that this mammoth task can begin uninterrupted in order that streets will be normal Sunday morning.

T. J. Smith, president and chairman of the Fourth of July celebration, said that plans are being made for a large crowd.

Booths Listed For C. of C. Celebration Sat.

Those planning to attend the Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce Fourth of July celebration at the Community Center Saturday, there will be lots of entertainment and a variety of food items for sale.

This is a list of the various booths which had been booked early this week with the chamber.

For last-minute information on booth space call the C.C. (Continued on last page)

Colorado, Austin Counties OK'd For Low Interest SBA Disaster Loans

SBA Reps. At County Courthouse Monday 12 Noon To 6 P.M.

U. S. Congressman J. J. Pickle's Washington office informed the Headlight Tuesday that the Small Business Administration (SBA) has designated Colorado and Austin Counties as disaster areas as the result of violent weather on April 23rd and May 1st, thus making those who had damage eligible for low interest loans, with some stipulations.

Colorado County Judge Lester Cranek said later Tuesday that SBA will have representatives in the county courthouse basement from 12

noon to 6 p.m. Monday, July 6th to accept applications for assistance due to the disastrous weather conditions. The SBA group will return on Monday, July 13th to process applications which qualify for the low interest loans.

According to Mr. Pickle's office, maximum loans for structural damage done to property owned by individuals is \$50,000 and \$10,000 for physical damage or a total maximum loan of \$55,000. Under the disaster program the rate of interest for the

individual loans will be only 3%.

For businesses seeking disaster assistance, loans will be made at 5% interest for 60% or more damage up to a maximum of \$500,000.

It was noted however that the loans will be available only to persons who are unable to obtain credit or loans from other established sources.

Deadline for filing for the physical damage assistance is August 29 and for economic or punitive damage, the deadline is Mar. 30, 1982.

90A, Eagle Lake To Altair, Included In Hwy. Program

Work in the Colorado County area is included in a huge highway rehabilitation and improvement program approved recently by the State Highway and Public Transportation Commission.

District Engineer Carl V. Ramert said the work in this area is part of a statewide effort to modernize roads and highways which are worn out or inadequate for today's traffic.

Area projects include:
• US 90A from State Highway 71 at Altair to the

west city limits of Eagle Lake, a distance of 7.1 miles, will receive surface planing and additional surfacing at an estimated total cost of \$325,000;

• A seal coat application on the south frontage road of FM 949 from the junction of FM 949 to near the Austin County Line, a distance of 6.8 miles at an estimated cost of \$72,800;

• FM 109 will be reconstructed and resurfaced from Frelsburg to approximately 1.2 miles east or an estimated cost of \$95,000.

EL Businesses To Be Closed Sat., Some On Friday Too

Eagle Lake business firms will be closed all day Saturday, July 4th for the annual observance of Independence Day. The Post Office will also be closed all day Saturday.

The City of Eagle Lake offices, Central Power and Light Co. offices, offices of Entex, Inc., the First National Bank, and offices in the Colorado County courthouse will be closed all day Friday, July 3rd as well as July 4th.

The city's sanitation department will work one-half day Friday and will make all pickups during the morning only.

Citizens of the area are invited to make plans to attend the Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce's annual Fourth of July celebration at the Community Center. A Barbecue lunch will be served from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.; and food, drink and entertainment booths will open at 6:00 p.m.; and concluding the event will be a dance on the pavilion area from 9 p.m. to 12 midnight.

Jack and Debbie Vawter, owner of Sears, announce they will be closed Saturday, July 4th through Monday, July 6th and will reopen Tuesday at regular hours.

Wilcox Closed on July 4th
Owners of Wilcox Minimex, Bob Wilcox and Buck Swords, ask your cooperation in the closing of the store Saturday, July 4th.

The supplement insert of the store's weekly specials erroneously states the store will be open.

Parking Meters Sacked For Two Months

Parking meters in the downtown area of Eagle Lake will be sacked this week and will remain inactive for the months of July and August.

The council ordered the meters sacked last week on a trial basis. It is anticipated that a poll will be taken at the end of the two month period to determine if the meters should remain in downtown Eagle Lake or not.

Getsemani Bible School Begins Sunday

The Mission Bautista Getsemani Vacation Bible School will begin Sunday, July 5 and continue through Thursday, July 9, each day from 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Registration will be at 4:00 p.m. Sunday.

Four year old children through the sixth grade are welcome and urged to attend, said the pastor, Rogelio R. Rodriguez.

Field Day At Rice Exp. Sta. Today, Wed.

The 7th annual Field Day and Tour will be held today, Wednesday afternoon, July 1st at the Eagle Lake Rice Experiment Station, north-west of Eagle Lake and over 500 farmers and agriculturists from over the rice belt area are invited to attend.

Dr. James W. Stansel, Scientist-in-Charge of the Western Area Project, says many activities are scheduled for the function.

Tours of the research plots will begin at 5:30 p.m., followed by a barbecue meal at 6:30 p.m. After the meal, there will be a program for question and answer sessions on rice farming practices. St. Grider with the Rice Council for Market Development will provide a 1981 crop market outlook.

'Dog Days' Bring Crack-Down On Roving Dogs

The "Dog Days" of summer are fast approaching remind Eagle Lake city officials and with the summer weather the dogs of the community have become active and the threat of rabies and of being nuisance continues to increase.

They note that the City of Eagle Lake has a dog ordinance which is being strictly enforced at this time which requires that all pets should be restrained to the premises of the owner and be registered and have a current rabies vaccination or are subject to being picked up and placed in the city pound. Also the ordinance provides for issuing a citation to

the owner or owners of the pets, dogs or cats, with a fine of \$10 for conviction on the first offense and \$20 for each succeeding violation of the ordinance's provisions.

City officials caution that it is illegal for private citizens to take action against roving pets, such as poisoning, and urge that you contact the police department instead.

City Manager Robert Klockman says it will be hoove all pet owners to become familiar with the ordinance and to restrain pets as required in the ordinance. A number of tickets have been, and will continue to be issued to pet

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