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Cranek alerts elected officials to use county depository

Although the Colorado County Commissioners went to no small amount of trouble earlier this year to establish a county depository, they had to speak up again Monday so all county officials became aware of the depository, and use it.

Their position on the depository, and other items were on the commissioner's agenda Monday for their regular July meeting.

County Judge Lester Cranek noted that commissioner's court cannot tell other elected officials how to operate their department. However, he did read a section of state law that he wanted other officials to know existed.

That law says that elected officials not in a jurisdiction that has its own depository, must use the county depository. This includes justice of the peace courts, too, he said.

Violation of that law could mean a large fine and jail sentence, according to the law Cranek read.

In Eagle Lake, Justice of the Peace M. M. Jones said Tuesday that for the 25 years he has been JP, money collected through his court is deposited in the First National Bank of Eagle Lake, in a trust bearing checking account. Once a month, Jones said, he takes his books to Columbus where the county treasurer audits them.

He then writes a check to the county for the cash balance, thereby transferring money from Eagle Lake into the county depository.

Cranek also said some of the funds involved were trust funds, held in trust by JP and other courts either until suits are settled, or in the case of a recent decision for a family in Eagle Lake, until children become of age.

He said law also allows the county to retain interest that those trust funds earn, to help cover the costs of keeping the funds.

As for other financial matters, commissioners accepted the audit of county funds, done by Pierce Arthur.

The suggested the county change its financial practices from a cash basis to an accrual basis, meaning that revenue and expenses are counted when the obligation arises, rather than when paid.

Arthur also suggested that county departments make deposits daily, and keep only a small amount of operating money available.

In other business, commissioners:

- Considered bids for buying road lime for precinct 3.
- Agreed to advertise for bids for ambulance corps papers; 10 for Columbus, four for Weimar and five for Eagle Lake.
- Adopted a policy that water improvement districts must bore county roads and ask for permission before doing so.
- Agreed to purchase a typewriter for the ambulance accounting office.
- Set the pay scale for county election judges and clerks. They will be paid \$3.35 per hour, the same as last year.
- Agreed to advertise for insurance for the ambulance corps. At present the insurance is through the

Museum committee to meet

The next meeting of the Museum Committee of Revitalize Eagle Lake, Inc. will be Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in city hall.

Highlights of the planned agenda include a report on progress being made in finding a museum site; plowing into the back history of the Eagle Lake area; collectibles for museum exhibits for viewing; and a short slide

presentation showing exhibits and techniques of operation in other museums.

So far in the committee's research, they have discovered that Cabeza de Vaca came within 50 miles of what is now Eagle Lake.

Anyone interested in the items on the agenda or in helping to begin a museum in Eagle Lake is invited to attend next Tuesday evening.

Headlight loser; real winners are Honey Bees

For those of you looking at the sports page the last two weeks, the headline over the girls major softball league stories may have been puzzling.

For others, they were maddening.

The problem — they were incorrect.

As the season ended, the Eagles and the Honey Bees were forced into a playoff to determine league champions. Two weeks ago, the headline ignored that fact and said the Eagles were league champs...Not so!

Then, when the playoffs were finished and the final story was being written, a correction statement was added to the story, so the reader would understand. That was supposed to eliminate confusion over who the league champs were.

The correction last week was correct because it said the Honey Bees were the real winners. The story last week was correct because it told how the Honey Bees twice defeated the Eagles in the playoff.

But, alas, the headline was wrong when it still said the Eagles won.

As losing coaches can tell their teams at season's end...Next year fans, next year.

Eagle Lake All-Stars fall in first game

The first game again proved to be the nemesis for the Eagle Lake All-Star Little League team in the Area III Little League playoffs now underway in Weimar.

In the second game of the evening Monday night, Eagle Lake was defeated by the Twin Cities team, by a score of 11 to 1.

Bobby Wied was the losing pitcher going all the way on the mound.

Eagle Lake collected one run on five hits. Two of those five hits came from the bat of Scott Ripper, while Gilbert Sosa, Utah Johnson and Wied each contributed one.

Twin city had its 11 runs on six hits. Tim Mica was the winning pitcher.

In the first game of the evening, the Columbus All-Stars defeated Weimar, 9-1.

Tuesday, Colorado Valley All-Stars from Garwood and Sheridan played Schulerberg. The winner of that game will meet LaGrange Wednesday night, and Columbus will play Twin Cities. The championship game will be played Thursday night in Weimar at 7 p.m.

Members of the Eagle Lake and Colorado Valley teams are pictured on page one of this issue.

Bernardo Bears advance in playoffs

The Bernardo Bears advanced to the second round of playoff action in the South Central Texas Amateur League as they defeated Katy in a best of three game series played last weekend.

The Bears traveled to Katy Saturday and were beaten 11-10. Pat Neundorff picked up the loss.

The Bears returned to their den in Mentz on Sunday and swept the double header 16-3 and 17-6. Mark Krampitz was the winning pitcher in the first game, giving up three runs on five hits, and striking out seven batters.

Leading hitters in the game were Mark Faldyn, who went three for four at the plate, Terry LeNorman who was two for three, and Kenny Koehl and Krampitz who went two for four. The Bears earned their 16 runs on four hits.

In the third and decisive game of the series, LeNorman was the winning pitcher. The Bears collected 17 runs on 17 hits. Leading hitters in that game were Faldyn and Neundorff, three for three; Dwayne Pagel, two for four, and Krampitz, two for two.

Pagel, who plays catcher for the bears, held Katy to only one stolen base.

In the three game series, the Bears slugged seven home runs, including three by Faldyn, two by Neundorff, and one each by Kenny Sodolak and Krampitz.

Saturday the Bears play New Ulm in Mentz at 3 p.m., then they play in New Ulm on Sunday for a double header to determine the winner of the second round playoffs.



Cowpokes

Front row, left to right, Jill Stephens, Leslie Smith, Kurt Sunderman, Donny Obenhaus, Cash Ferrill, Jason Rodriguez; middle row, l. to r., Jason Brunner, Christopher Burrow, Isabell Rodriguez, Kristen Nachlinger, Ryan Thomas, Michelle Sosa; back row, l. to r., coaches Janice Obenhaus and Cynthia Sunderman.

Lakers, all-stars play in senior baseball league tournament

The Eagle Lake Lakers were defeated 15-4 by the Columbus Cardinals in the championship game of the Senior League tournament last Friday night at Cardinal Stadium in Columbus.

This week, all-star teams from the league have been chosen. The league is for boys 13-15 years old.

For the 13 year olds, all stars are Xavier Pratt, Kevin Long, Jeff Marquart and Darrell Stanick from the Lakers; Troy Niesner, Rod Radke and Wes Shoen from the Cardinals; Greg Waddell, Brandon Barton and Craig Moore from the Columbus Red Sox; and Steve Heffley, Roy Glover, William Farris and Bryan Berger from the Columbus Blue Jays.

Coaches are Richard Heffley, Mark Faldyn and Joe Moore.

For the 14-15 year olds, all stars are Bryan Wiese, Lynn Montgomery and Florence Ramos of the Lakers; Scott Radke, Percy Waddell, Paul Ivey, David Niesner and Gregory Denly of the Cardinals; Russell Urban, Phillip Prause and Craig Tyler of the Red Sox; and Jesus Lopez, Anthony Faldyn and Andy Heffley of the Blue Jays. Cardinal Coach Leon Thomas will coach the all star team.

The 14-15 year olds will begin play this Wednesday night at 8 p.m. in San Marcos where all games are being played. Their opponent will be the winner of the La Grange-San Marcos game Tuesday. The final game will be Friday night.

The 13 year-olds begin play Monday in Brenham against their all stars at 7 p.m. The championship game will be July 22.

As for the Lakers, they advanced to the final game by defeating Schulerberg II 5 to 4 in extra innings, then defeated Flatonia 17-3.

Jeff Marquart was the winning pitcher in the Schulerberg game, giving up four runs on five hits and striking out 12. Lynn Montgomery was the leading hitter.

Florence Ramos was the winner of the Flatonia game, allowing three runs on three hits and striking out 12.

Both Marquart and Ramos pitched in the championship game, with Marquart the loser. Kevin Long was the leading batter.

Laker coach Mark Faldyn said the championship effort was a great effort by the team that finished the season with a 3-5 record. Columbus finished 7-1.

Other members of the Lakers were Chad Miller, Twaymon Boone, Robert Dierschke, Glen Leopold, Jerry Fajkus and Raymond Thomas.

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