

Get acquainted meeting held

A get-acquainted meeting with Congressman Mack Sweeney was held July 18 at Schobel's Restaurant with approximately 60 people attending. This was a joint meeting with the County Farm Bureau and Congressman Sweeney's district.

Those attending from the

Future highways

January. Future projects, with no dates set, include making U.S. 71 a four-lane highway from Altair to the Wharton County line, at a cost of about \$14.5 million; making Interstate 10 a six-lane highway from Columbus to the Austin County line at a cost of about \$41 million; and work on bridges on U.S. 71 and Spur 329 in the Columbus area at a total cost of about \$7.5 million.



Honored

Harry Supak was honored Tuesday for completing 25 years of service to the City of Eagle Lake. Council presented him with a plaque and a gift as official recognition for his faithful service.

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million level. That has to be divided among the 254 counties, and in this district it means there is less than \$1 million available for the 11 counties for new construction.

Crankle told Ramert that in the Early 1970s, he felt Colorado County was considered a step-child when it came to highways. But, changed his opinion since FM 3018 was constructed, and FM 946 built. However, Commissioners have asked Ramert to consider building the remainder of FM 950 connecting Garwood to FM 3018 south of Matthews, and to extend FM 1690 and FM 1693. The latter connects Garwood to U.S. 90-A at Rock Island.

When it came to bridges to discuss, there are two on the state roads that are under consideration, and two on county roads.

One of the county bridges, across Sandy Creek on County Road 810, was the lowest on the priority list. The others were in the Columbus area. After commissioners Bill Stiles and Otto Loessert questioned priorities, Ramert said he would resubmit the list for changes in priorities, but no one said anything about whether a Number One rating would mean the bridge would be replaced.

Stiles referred to another bridge near Eagle Lake that wasn't included on Ramert's list. He said he was planning to build a road from Interstate 10 to Eagle Lake, that would be the most direct route available, and the bridge commissioners discussed earlier would be part of that. The road Stiles referred to would serve a visitor's center at the Attwater Prairie Chicken National Wildlife Refuge, if one

Also, he said that it would be impossible, and in fact probably add danger to the Lakeside Drive (FM 102) Main St. (90-A) intersection if a traffic light was installed there. "We brought specialists in on that and they couldn't come up with something," he said about trying the light in on that and they said there just isn't enough traffic at that intersection to justify a light. Eagle Lake city council has asked for a meeting with Ramert to reconsider.



On June 29 H.S. Diaz was honored with a party celebrating his 90th birthday. The party was given by his children, from left to right, Robert G. Diaz of Eagle Lake, Martha Sosa of Missouri City, Esther D. Contreras of Eagle Lake; sitting, from left to right, Manuel G. Diaz of Houston, Rachel D. Braswell of Florida, birthday boy, Sarah O. Flores of Eagle Lake and David G. Diaz, not pictured. Helping celebrate his birthday were his sister from San Antonio, nieces and nephews and most of his grandchildren and great grandchildren. Everyone enjoyed having a good time and are waiting for next year's birthday party.

Heritage House files suit

The owners of the Heritage House nursing home here have filed suit in District Court in Columbus seeking to remove the home's operators for the past decade, National Living Centers.

The signers of the original contract for the home, dated October 31, 1974, were Raymond R. Thomas, Sherman D. Tryon, T. Lang and Eddie A. Krivacka. The contract gave NLC operating authority for ten years, with a five year option. The July 12th suit asks the court to remove NLC on several points.

One point alleges that NLC itself "breached its duty to perform (some) times after January, 1982 by abandoning the contract." The suit then reads "In its place NLC substituted an unauthorized trespasser who provided personnel not previously known to Heritage Home and services markedly inferior to those previously performed by NLC." In an earlier paragraph in the document, the plaintiffs said that when it entered into the contract, NLC was a well-respected, nationally known provider of nursing home management services.

Also, the suit claims NLC used Heritage House equipment in a cover-up of deficient conditions at other nursing homes. "Without approval or knowledge of Heritage Home, NLC officials took from Heritage Home equipment needed to meet state standards for equipment and transferred this equipment to under-equipped nursing homes where it was used to defraud state inspectors for the Texas Department of Health." Also, the suit says the equipment and supplies never were returned, but instead substituted with inferior quality replacements.

In another section of the suit, plaintiffs also claim NLC defaulted on its contractual responsibility for routine maintenance. Not only did that cause major repairs to be charged to the home's owners, plaintiffs claim lack of maintenance kept occupancy at about 70 percent, compared to 90 percent in other areas homes.

The suit was filed by attorney Arthur Mitchell of Bastrop and also carried the name Mitchell J. Green, an Austin attorney.

Soil Conservation News

Remember your contract! No grazing of ACR is permitted in Colorado County from May 1 through September 30 and weeds and shrubs must be controlled. Minimal tillage is allowed to control weeds on designated acres. Suggested practices are light off-set disking, shredding, rough-tilling, chemical control, or other means that will control the weeds and shrubs.

This office is in the process of checking in the field at this time and we are encountering problem areas, noted Daniel C. Streckfus, county executive director. Program benefits could be lost if your farm is enrolled in the program and you fail to take care of the problem.

The Colorado County committee has designated July 22 through August 3 for producers to apply for cost-share assistance in the Agriculture Conservation Program. Funds are limited and not all applications will be funded as requested.

Sign-up is not on a first come first serve basis. Only those farms with the most needed conservation problem (soil loss) as required will be funded. Request must be filed and approval obtained prior to starting a practice.

Proven yields

If you want to prove your yield, you are required to furnish production evidence on all your farms. The records must show the date, commodity, weight, producer and the farm from which the commodity was harvested. Keep production records separately, by each farm. If ever federal crop insurance is desired you must have some kind of proven yield.

Loan rate for sorghum

The loan rate for 1985 grain sorghum crop grading No. 2 or better stored in an approved warehouse in Colorado County is \$4.57 per cwt. Only participation farms are eligible.

Loans disbursed by this office during July will carry a 7.875 percent interest rate.

Eligibility for participation in all programs administered by ASOS is established under law without regard to race, color, religion, age, sex, handicap, or national origin.

Retail sales up in county

Retail sales in Colorado County for 1985 through May were up by 3.3 percent over the same period in 1984, according to figures released last Thursday by the state comptroller's office.

For the same period, Columbus showed a 5.2 percent, Eagle Lake increased by 2.5 percent and Weimar sales were down slightly. The combined total of checks to Columbus, Eagle Lake and Weimar was \$35,028.40 for local May sales tax payments reported by June 28.

Eagle Lake's check was for \$9,549.70 bringing its total for the year to \$92,833.21. The report shows that without the increase reported in January, Eagle Lake's receipts from the tax would be way down. In fact, city manager Robert Klockman said it may be the lowest report in more than five years.

Columbus received the largest check, \$20,002.10, bringing its 1985 payments to \$176,465.66. Weimar's check for May was for \$5,476.60 bringing

TEXAS HIGHWAYS

A substantial portion of the Texas economy is directly dependent upon our highway system. About 70 percent of Texas cities and towns depend entirely upon trucks for their shipping service. Almost 100 percent of our fresh fruits and vegetables reach your neighborhood grocery store by truck. Because our economy is dependent on an efficient highway system, your Highway Department is constantly seeking to have well-planned and well-maintained roads throughout the state. Texas highways are about a \$100 billion investment in today's dollars. To protect that investment your State Department of Highways and Public Transportation is shifting its focus from construction to maintenance and preservation. Our present highway system is one of the finest in the United States. We aim to keep it that way!

Hospital helps WCJC students

Providing high quality health care to the sick and injured is the prime objective of any health care facility. Other objectives include research, education and disease prevention and health promotion. Even though most health care facilities are feeling the economic effects of the federal prospective payment system, Eagle Lake Community Hospital has continued to fulfill its role as an educator within the community, through the efforts of its administration and Lisa Sabatara, RRA, director of the medical records department. That department serves

Wood science

Program educational

4-Hers who enjoy doing things with their hands will find the H Wood Science program "a natural."

The program helps youth learn all about different types of wood and wood products and provides a number of career opportunities. Specific objectives are designed to:

- Develop an understanding of and appreciation for the fiber products of the forest.
- Acquire knowledge and develop skills in the selection and use of various types of wood and wood products.
- Acquire knowledge and develop skills in the selection and use of various types of wood-working tools and machines.
- Learn about the business and economics of the forest products industry.
- Learn about environmental protection and the wise use of natural resources.

Outstanding accomplishments in the program are rewarded by the National 4-H Council which provides four trips to National 4-H Congress and four \$1,000 scholarships, all at the national level.

Additional information about the 4-H Wood Science program or other 4-H projects is available from the County Extension Office by calling 732-6694.

ABOUT TOWN

Raynolds Beane, son of James R. Beane of Allegron, was admitted to the M.D. Anderson Hospital on June 23 to remove the balance of thyroid gland. He was discharged on July 2. He is doing fine and is back at work.

Support the Eagle Lake 4-H Club this Saturday by going to the desert sale in front of Rice Drug Store. They also will be selling light bulbs.

as a clinical practice site for Wharton County Junior College's medical record technology students. It is just one of the clinical education experiences the center provides in various facilities close to the student's residence.

The hospital and students benefit. The facility recognizes a cost factor in time and effort expended by its employees to provide the student with necessary practical experience, but it also realizes a benefit in obtaining trained individuals who are familiar with the organization.

Elis Mach and Sabatara, employed by the Eagle Lake Community Hospital, are graduates of the WCJC Medical Record Technology program. Sabatara serves on the advisory committee for the program.

Mary King, the director of the Medical Record Technology Program at WCJC, stresses that the college is appreciative of the support of the medical community for the program and suggests that anyone interested in a medical record career visit the medical record department at the hospital or contact her at WCJC. She adds that the employment future continues to be bright and that registration for fall classes began July 22.

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