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49¢ LB.

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FIRST OF THE SEASON! NEW CROP **Bartlett Pears** **79¢** LB.

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FRESH **Home Grown Okra** **59¢** LB.



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Refuge center cancelled

The proposed visitor's center for the Attwater Prairie Chicken Refuge near here has been cancelled, according to Gary Montoya, acting refuge manager.

The idea for the center has been kicked around at least since 1978 when an architectural firm in Austin, Coffee and Crier, drew the plans.

Earlier this summer a complete set of the plans were received at the refuge here, and the word at that time was that construction would begin in 1986.

However, Montoya said last week he had been notified recently that the construction was cancelled due to limited funding from the National Wildlife Service, the arm of the federal government responsible for the refuge.

Last month, Congressman Mac Sweeney was asked to check into the status of the center after Helynn Farris, proprietress of the Farris 1912, told Lions Club members about the positive economic effect several thousand visitors could have on the area. A report from Sweeney has not yet been received.

Sewer lines in Garwood water district to be tested for leaks

The sewer lines in the Garwood Water District will be tested for leaks starting Saturday, according to manager Jerry Smidovec.

Rain water is leaking into the system during storms, Smidovec said, causing an overload on the sewer plant. To find the leaks, smoke generating devices will be placed in the sewer system. If crews see smoke escaping, they then can pinpoint leaks.

Smidovec said that if leaks are found on private property, owners are required to fix the leaks. However, if the leaks are in lines belonging to the district, the district is responsible for repairs.

Notices have been posted around Garwood alerting residents of the tests since some smoke can escape through the lines into homes.



Summer reading program ends

Tuesday was the end of the summer reading program at the Wintermann Library, and it was Mrs. Betty Brown's enjoyable task of awarding reading certificates. Dusty Zbrank, second from left, was the recipient of this certificate. Theme of this year's program was "Awesome." Additional photo on Page 11.

Sheridan sewer not funded

Eagle Lake coping with water, grant problems

City hall was coping with its recurring water pumping problems this week, as well as mulling over the low rating it received last week in its effort to obtain a \$500,000 grant for the Rice Mill area.

The pumping problem, not expected to affect water supplies even though there has been a scarcity of rain recently, involves the new water plant built in 1980. This is about the fourth time the expensive pump motor on the new well has burned out.

City manager Robert Klockman said the old well was pumping at least 22 hours a day, but managing to keep up. The new motor should be running Thursday.

As for the grant application, Klockman said he received notification last Friday that of the 35 cities and counties in the Houston-Galveston region that applied, Eagle Lake was ranked 30th. Columbus ranked 20th, the county application for a sewer plant system in the city of Weimar ranked 11th, and the city of Weimar ended up in a three-way tie for eighth place with applications from Liberty County and from Conroe.

On July 17, Klockman and Mayor Elmer Struss attended the meeting of the Houston-Galveston Area Council's regional review committee, chaired by Colorado County judge Lester Cranek. Struss made the city's case for the project.

The committee scored each application in five areas, with 600 points possible. Highest score was awarded to the City of Fulshear with 466 points. Eagle Lake's score was 316. Klockman said he found it hard to understand why "we moved down in our scoring compared to two years ago when we submitted same application."

The first category, priority of need, had 100 points possible. That amount was awarded if the application was for a project that met basic human needs, such as water, sewer and housing rehabilitation, as is the case in Sheridan. Eagle Lake's application fell into the next category for essential community needs covering streets.

Public hearing on steel shot in Columbus Wednesday

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department will hold a public hearing in the District Courtroom in Columbus at 7 p.m. this Wednesday, July 31 to receive comments regarding nontoxic shot regulations.

All interested citizens are encouraged to attend.

drainage and traffic, and was awarded 75 points.

The second category was simply based on whether the application had been submitted previously. Eagle Lake earned 25 points, and Sheridan 50.

The third area was on how severe the problem was. Out of 200 points, Eagle Lake scored 119, Sheridan 187, Columbus 147 and Weimar 140. The next category is on how efficiently the money was to be spent and how cost effective it was. Out of 50 points, Eagle Lake scored 16.

Fourth man arrested in vandalism

A fourth man has been arrested and charged in connection with the recent vandalism at Lake Motors and thefts in the Lakeside area.

Late Tuesday morning, Joseph Louis Garcia was arrested at a home on Shirley St. by Eagle Lake officer Lupe Villarreal, chief Ben Johnson, and Lt. Game Warden Sam Center. Garcia was charged with two counts of criminal mischief from a 1984 incident, with criminal mischief at Lake Motors, unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, and burglary of a motor vehicle. He was arraigned Tuesday afternoon before Judge Mac Jones who set bond at \$75,000. He was lodged in the Colorado County Jail.

In the early morning hours of Thursday, July 18, several thousand dollars in damage was

First rice brings \$9.27

The first rice of the season was sold last week, and as the Eagle Lake division of the American Rice Growers Cooperative prepared for the first public sale this Wednesday, July 31, manager Donald Obenhaus said the quality was very good.

Last week, Neal Stallman of Garwood sold one lot of rice that graded 61-71 for \$9.27 per hundredweight. It was purchased by P&S Rice Mill in Houston, with only one other mill bidding. Obenhaus said Stallman had that lot he wanted to sell, without waiting for this week's sale.

The eight lots approved for sale Wednesday also were in the 61-71 range, meaning that after milling, there would be 61 percent whole grains. Government loan on that grade of rice is \$9.46.

Owners of the lots to be bid Wednesday are Nelson Isenhower, Sunderman Farms, Sunderman Farms and Dixon Farms, Guthman Farms, Ralph Thomas, Frank Smaltrie, and Neal Stallman. Stallman is selling Skybonnet, with the others the Labelle variety. In all, the division will be selling about 31,000 hundredweights with the usual sealed bid process.

Obenhaus added that the rice has a good, clean high cup weight, which is a measure of weight per bushel. The standard weight is 45 pounds, and Wednesday's lots all are above that, with most above 47.

A very rough guess on Wednesday's pricing was in the \$9.25 to \$9.35 range. The sale should close about 11 a.m.

Football players pick up shoes August 7

All prospective football players are urged to be at Rice High School on August 7 anytime between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. to pick up football shoes and any other information that needs to be finished.

Coach Darden announced that football practice will begin August 12 with the freshman players starting at 8 a.m. and the upperclassmen at 6 p.m.

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done to cars at the Chevrolet-Cadillac dealership, a tractor was stolen from Eagle Lake Farms, and a car was stolen from the Wintermann residence.

Three others have been charged. Michael Arnell Davis, James Long and Jeffrey Leon Tillman were charged last week. Tillman was released from the county jail after posting bond, but the others remain incarcerated. Chief Johnson said there are no other suspects sought.



Poster promotes Waterfowl Festival

Organizers of the second annual Eagle Lake Waterfowl Festival got an early start on the project this year and had this poster produced to promote the weekend November 8-10. Sandy Bondy, holding this framed poster in the offices of Truly Real Estate, said the cost, unframed, is \$15. There are 50 signed and numbered artists proofs available for \$50 each. Mrs. Bondy said that she and her husband Don attended the hunter's extravaganza Sunday at the Albert Thomas Convention center in Houston, and that Waterfowl Festival brochures were readily available there, and that one gallery that will exhibit works here this fall prominently displayed the poster.



Patching a quilt

This emblem of the Lower Colorado River Authority embroidered by Mrs. Bruce (Colleen) Hicks is one of the squares for the Prairie Edge Museum quilt being put together for showing at the waterfowl festival in November. Completed quilt squares can be returned by August 15 to Mary Lou Szymanski, Ethel Cone or to Paulette Klockman at her store, A Touch of Class, 219 East Main.

Top tax delinquents

A total of about 500 property owners in Colorado County who have not paid local taxes have been identified by the county central appraisal district. The total owed by the 500 is about a half-million dollars, with the top 14 owing more than \$140,000.

The names of owners that top the list were released to local media this week, and those as well as the others on the list are being notified by registered mail dated Friday, August 2. If payments or payment arrangements are not made within 30 days of the letter, chief appraiser Bill Youens said suits will be filed and published.

"I feel that our office would not be performing its duty if we did not do everything possible legally to force payment. Apparently some of these

delinquent taxpayers feel that payment of ad valorem taxes is optional," Youens said. "It is not" optional, he said in his usual candor.

Included on the list are two Eagle Lake businesses that together owe more than \$39,200, which is the reason the collection rate for Eagle Lake taxes is below 90 percent, and the lowest in a number of years. The two are Jack Cogbill, Inc., and People's Cleaners.