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Recreation Center to hold team invitational tourney

The Eagle Lake Recreation Center will host its annual 2-man partnership invitational this year the weekend of August 24 and 25. It will be a two day, 36-hole tournament with 18 holes of Best Ball Play on Saturday, August 24 and 18 holes of Scramble Play on Sunday, August 25. The teams will be divided up into four flites with prizes awarded to team members for the first 4 places

in each flite. Free gifts will be presented to everyone entering the tournament, plus free beer on the course both days of play. A "players pool" will be held on Saturday's round and a calculata will be held Saturday evening immediately following play with a free bar and refreshments for all auction participants and there's more! During the tournament, the first player to "ace" either the Par 3, 145 yard fourth hole or the Par 3, 155 yard 19th hole will win \$10,000 cash.

Tournament invitations will be in the mail soon to area golfers and pro-shops. Should you have any questions or are interested in entering, contact Larry Dulany (409) 234-2306 or 234-2011. Entry fee is \$100 per team and entry deadline will be August 21.



Eagle Lake All Star Girls

Members of the 1985 Eagle Lake Little League Girls All Star team are from left, front row, Melissa Guthmann, Bonnie Benge, Jackie Dromgoole, Janice Johnson, Cassandra Edwards, Dede Valdez, Trudi Morales and Amy Flores; back row, from left, Lisa Dromgoole, Jennifer Luna, Jennifer Alvarado, Natalie Cox, Jova, Sher Sunderman, Krista Miller, Monnie Noska, Laura Rodriguez, Shannan Matula.

Hunting license costs up

Resident and non-resident Texas hunting licenses will cost more in 1986-87 as a result of action by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission last week. Commission chairman Ed Cox Jr. said the commission members all regretted having to raise license fees, but additional revenue is required to maintain parks and wildlife department functions during the coming year.

The most dramatic increases were for non-resident hunting licenses, with the general non-resident license price raised from \$100.75 to \$200 and the non-resident small game license from the current \$37.75 to \$75. Staff members told the commission that the increased fees bring the cost of Texas non-resident licenses more in line with those in other states, and especially those states which provide the bulk of hunters visiting Texas.

All the increases will be effective September 1, 1985. Licenses for the 1985-86 seasons will be available from department offices and retail outlets by August, officials said. Other license fees increased are: resident combination hunting/fishing, from \$12 to \$15; resident hunting, \$8 to \$10; resident hunting exempt, \$5 to \$6; hunting duplicate, \$5 to \$6; and temporary non-resident fishing, \$7 to \$8.

Community Drug Awareness program August 6 in Nada

The Nada Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a Community Drug Awareness program on Tuesday, August 6 at 8 p.m. at the St. Mary's Parish Hall in Nada. Members of the Houston Narcotic Division, Texas Ranger and Sheriff Jim Broussard will speak at the program. The public is invited to attend.

Homemade dessert sale this Saturday sponsored by local Pilot Club

The Eagle Lake Pilot Club is sponsoring a homemade dessert sale this Saturday, August 3 beginning at 9 a.m. in front of Rice Drug Store. Also, they will be selling light bulbs, 5-bulbs \$3. Let the Pilots brighten of your day.

Dave Allen Hunick

Dave Allen Hunick died suddenly Friday, July 19 from an apparent heart attack while in his pickup. He was on his way to pick up work material for a job. Observers reported seeing the pickup pull off the highway, but he was dead when the ambulance arrived. The ambulance attendants worked on him on the way to the hospital and the hospital personnel at Spring Branch Hospital worked another hour on him but were unable to revive him.

Dave was 27 years old, 10 months and 6 days old at the time of death. He was born on September 13, 1957 in San Antonio. He married Lisa Gay Nell on May 5, 1979 in San Antonio. They have a son, Nicholas David, 8 months old, born on November 14, 1984.

Dave lived a short time in Eagle Lake before the family moved to Houston. He attended Furr Junior-Senior High School and was employed with P&S Glass Company at the time of death.

Services were held at 2 p.m. on Monday, July 22 at Howard Glenn Funeral Home Chapel in Houston with Rev. Massey and Oscar Hunick, Dave's uncle, officiating at the service. Burial was in San Jacinto Memorial Cemetery.

Survivors include his widow, Lisa; a son, Nicholas; parents, Earnest and Evelyn Hunick and brother, Marvin Hunick, all of Houston; grandparents, David and Mary Zahradnick of Eagle Lake; aunts Daphne Vasut and Dorothy Newsum, both of Eagle Lake; uncles, Robert Zahradnick of Richmond, Va., Oscar Hunick of San Antonio, Gene Hunick of Midvale, Utah, Lewis Hunick of Leland, Florida and Charles Hunick of Wadsworth, Kansas, along with numerous uncles and aunts-in-laws, great aunts and uncles, cousins, nieces, a nephew and several sisters and brothers-in-law.

Flallbearers were C.D. Newsum, Oscar Hunick, Rusty Cook, Carl Sasholm, Mark Pheffer and Phil Gonzales.

Dave will be sorely missed by all.

Attention swimmers: swim cards are in

Red Cross Swim Cards have arrived and are ready to be picked up at the Eagle Lake Pool. If you attended swimming lessons in June, check to see if your card is in.

All students who completed the course successfully should receive an official Red Cross Swim Card. This card is necessary for next year's swimming registration.

Rice consumption exceeds 15 pounds per capita

Total per capita consumption of rice in the U.S. climbed to its highest plateau ever — 15.3 pounds per person, miller basis — 2.2 pounds for process foods, and 4.1 pounds for beer production. A year earlier, per capita consumption was 14 pounds. Since 1980, consumption of rice has increased 70 percent.

Many factors have influenced this rise in consumption. But certainly contributing to this achievement has been the Rice Council's information and education programs that range from the Council's home economists appearing on TV and radio programs, consumer and foodservice advertising, regular releases to newspapers and recipes developed, tested and released from the Council's test kitchen.

Changes in the American consumer's lifestyles also have been instrumental in the dramatic increase in consumption of rice as consumers look for "lighter," more "favorable" substitute for potatoes — foods that are low in calories.

Shindler joins real estate agency

Jeri Lou Shindler of Eagle Lake has joined the staff of Century 21, Brown and Associates of Columbus, to provide real estate services in the Eagle Lake area.

She is the former Jeri Lou Pate, is a Rice High School graduate, and is married to Philip Shindler. They have a four-year-old daughter, Hollie Shindler. The Shindlers have owned and operated Shindler Electric Service here for the past ten years, and for the past three years have owned Eagle Lake Radiator. She is a member of the Methodist Church.

She said she plans to list and sell property in the Eagle Lake area for Century 21, Brown and Associates.

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\$9.47 is top rice price at first sale

Last week's sale at the Eagle Lake Division of the American Rice Growers' Coop saw three lots of LaBelle sold for \$9.47 per hundredweight. One of the lots had a loan value of \$9.69 while the other two were valued at \$9.55.

This week, Wednesday, August 7, 32 lots of LaBelle and two lots of Skybonnet were offered. The total was 189,082 hundredweights, according to Joyce Stanick.

In last week's sale, Uncle Ben's only bid was for Neal Stallman's Skybonnet. However that bid of \$8.96 was lower than the Comet mill bid of \$9.32. Comet bid on all eight lots, but its Skybonnet bid was its only high bid. P&S mill bid only on the seven lots of LaBelle and all were the high bids. Cotra, Elico, Lindsey and Moore all passed on the bidding.

Firemen busy

Firemen have been busy since the first of the month, answering nine fire alarms.

Three of the calls were to the same location, on FM 102 at Strickland Lane, and two calls were to the Gayle Gertson property about two miles south of U.S. 90-A on County Line Road. The Strickland Lane fires last Thursday and Friday involved dry grass rekindling in a field near several homes. A fuel tank in the field kept neighbors worried.

The first call to the Gertson property was about 3:30 p.m. Thursday when some hay bales began burning. That was extinguished, but on Friday some fencing caught fire and firemen returned to the scene.

Firemen also were called Friday to a vehicle fire on B St. about 6:10 p.m. They returned to the station 20 minutes later. Sunday they were called to property owned by Steve Balas on Austin Road where grass caught fire from some fireworks. Firemen were on the scene about 30 minutes.

As usual during this time of the year's dry, hot weather, residents should remember how easily dry grass burns, and the damage it can cause. Smokers must use their ashtrays in cars, and outside burning must be kept to a minimum, and curtailed completely if wind conditions are up.

Knights of Columbus Blood Drive Saturday

The Knights of Columbus, Council 4843, will hold their annual Blood Drive this Saturday, August 10 at Diner Hall from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Each year this drive grows with community support. We again ask for your "gift of life."

For an appointment please call Randy Burrow at 234-3073.

FFA hay sale helps program

Hay in the Rice High School FFA meadow is ready for cutting for sale.

Purchase of the hay pays for growing costs and provides funds to the FFA chapter for the ag program at the school. Ron Roberts said Monday that they will try to bale the hay to the customer's specifications.

Prices start at \$2 a bale for small, square bales picked up in the field, \$2.50 from the barn.

If interested in a purchase, call the school at 234-3331, or Roberts at 234-3272. Finest Axial at 758-3482, or Mike McMahon at 758-3009.

Hunters tell TPWD about steel shot

Picture on back page

Hunters and representatives of area hunting clubs testified last Wednesday at a public hearing for the Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission.

However, many who spoke up indicated they felt the hearing was a farce, and considered appeasement by parks and wildlife department personnel.

State representative Robert Saunders of La Grange asked the commission to hold the Columbus hearing about the use of steel shot. Hunters also took the opportunity to ask questions and express their opinions about other matters such as the 700 percent increase in out-of-state license fees, the triple-segment goose hunting season, and about the studies the state used in its steel-shot decision.

Wildlife commissioner Bill Graham of Amarillo chaired the hearing, with TPWD biologist Bill Brownlee and wildlife department head Ted Clark attending.

We felt we were never listened to, Rep. Saunders said in explaining why he asked the hearing be held. He added, "What I read tells me we don't have a lead-shot problem in Colorado County (see related story). It mostly is along the coast." He went on to say that there are about 2 million acres under the lead-shot ban. Ducks Unlimited, he said, agrees with the ban in "hot zone" areas where the problem can be particularly damaging, but he added that he didn't think the entire 2 million acres was a hot zone.

As speakers continued to testify, it became evident that they didn't believe there was a problem either. Brownlee even said that in the Murphree wildlife management area on the coast, a study has shown that there are about 330,000 to 400,000 pellets per acre along the coast, but in Colorado County, only about 45,000. "By no means is it as high as along the coast," he said.

Clifton Tyler of Columbus, owner of his own hunting club, questioned that figure. He said he talked to the Rice University professor that did a study in the area to determine the number of pellets per acre. He immediately after the study, Tyler said he was told there was no lead found, but a month or so later, the professor reversed himself and said the figure was as high as the Murphree area. Another reason Tyler said he questioned the validity was that part of the study was done on land owned by David Wintermann, where no hunting is allowed.

Jim Clipson spoke up with a suggestion. According to a slide presentation shown at the opening of the meeting, one of the ways to combat lead-shot poisoning was through plowing, and another was by flooding the land. Since many of the fields in the county are rice lands, he suggested allowing lead shot in open rice fields, but enforcing the ban in other areas, including permanent ponds.

Along the same line, a spokesman for the Muldoon Hunting and Fishing Club in Brazoria County said the wording on the ban is so ambiguous as to be unreasonable. The ban says it is illegal for anyone to possess lead shotgun shells in areas where ducks and geese are normally found. He said last year one hunter paid a fine for a violation, but he was hunting snipe. Lead shot still can be used on some birds such as snipe, and hunters were quick to point out that the ban is discriminatory because of that.

If you are shooting legal game with lead shot, they asked, how does a duck or goose know not to ingest the lead?

The point of discrimination was one of the most discussed issues, and shows clearly that the hunters in the area no longer trust the state TPWD. They said they feel they are being discriminated against since the ban is only in one part of the state. "You can't tell me the waterfowl don't stop in north Texas where lead is allowed," one hunter said. They can pick up lead there. When someone asks why they didn't impose the ban state wide, Johnny Meltsen, owner of Johnny's Sport Shop, said it is because such a furor would be raised it could not be enforced — therefore, he said, they are putting it in bite by bite.

Meltsen felt the hearing was so important he interrupted his week-long competition in the 1985 skeet shooting championships in San Antonio to return and speak up. "I was the best department supporter up until three years ago," Meltsen said. "But tonight I would hate to tell you what I think."

Out of business? He predicted the hunting clubs in this area could be out of business. "Our businesses are on the line when you did that to our licenses," he said referring to the doubling of last year's out-of-state license fee to \$75. Two years ago the cost was about \$10. The state officials were told just how important the hunting business is to the area, and commissioner Graham said the increase was a

result of the legislature giving the parks and wildlife department the same responsibility as in the past, but not providing the funds to pay for it. There was no reply to the suggestion that all licenses be increased across the board.

Talk of the economic benefits of the hunting seasons returned discussion to the arguments against steel shot. "We want to get our money's worth, and with steel shot, you can do that," a hunter said. While steel shot has been billed to have the same power as lead, hunters know otherwise.

Rep. Saunders said his 15-year-old son couldn't understand why he couldn't kill a teal with a 20-gauge and 3-inch magnum shell, "refuting the published statements that steel and lead shot is similar. Others asked for proof that lead shot was killing more birds through lead poisoning than birds injured by steel but fall too far for the dogs to retrieve them, thus becoming prey for predators. There was no reply. Clipson said he thought the coyote population was going through a buildup never before seen in this area, because steel is an ineffective killer. When steel hits a bird and only knocks it down, the coyotes feed well.



Mr. McGruff makes debut in Eagle Lake

Thanks to police chief Ben Johnson and Crime Stoppers chairman John Perry, Mr. McGruff, the dog that can help "take a bite out of crime," made his debut in Eagle Lake at Gail Gertson's Day Care Center. Johnson and Perry attended the 10th annual Crime Stoppers convention meeting last week in Corpus Christi, where McGruff was a featured part of the program. Johnson said he was so impressed with the McGruff program, he shelved out the \$65 cost to bring it home, and will be reimbursed from police department funds. The puppet dog is used by classroom teachers while a pre-recorded song and message plays. It has proven to be a very effective way to help young people learn various ideas about crime prevention, such as not riding with strangers. There are approximately 65 programs from kindergarten through the sixth grade. In its entirety, there is a 2 to 4 minute lesson available 24 weeks each school year for seven years. In these photos, Middle School principal Charles Able looks on.



CF disease detailed by Pilkington

Helen Pilkington, area chairman for the Cystic Fibrosis fund drive now under way, has provided more information about the disease.

"Put a pillow to your face and try to breathe through it," she said. That is how it feels for a child trying to breathe with cystic fibrosis. For a person with the disease, breathing is impaired because of the thick mucus that forms in the lungs.

The digestive system also is a problem. It does not extract much of the life-giving value of the food eaten unless enzymes also are consumed. Some children take as many as 40 to 60 pills a day. "That is why it is important to try and gain weight, and to maintain it."

Cystic Fibrosis is the number one killer of children and is an inherited disease. So far, there is no cure. Approximately one out of every 1,600 newborns are affected. There are more than 10 million in the United States, and many children now are benefitting from research. Two decades ago few children lived beyond six years of age. Now they can live into their twenties. The cost to the parents after insurance can be from \$6,000 to \$12,000 a year.

Some of the symptoms of the CF respiratory problems are that the child has many colds or chest and lung infections. These are treated with strong antibiotics. Also each day the parents must do postural drainage exercises and more often if the child has a cold.

The digestive system is treated by giving the child so many enzymes before any food is eaten. It is very important for the CF child to maintain good dietary management.

The CF child has a very, very salty skin, that is why we recommend you kiss your child and see if he or she tastes salty.

As your chairman, Pilkington said she is asking each and everyone to help find the cure. "With your donations we will succeed," she said.

Indeed, the wildlife commission will set on August 30 in Austin upon the recommendations of the TPWD for the upcoming season. Nothing was said to indicate any changes will be made in the steel-lead controversy, but the season dates will be set.

Wayne Corman of Eagle Lake asked why the goose season had to be split into three segments. Last year, the goose and duck seasons opened the first Saturday in November, but then both closed the following Saturday for a week before resuming. The most widely discussed reason for the early close was because that was the opening weekend of deer season.

However, in Eagle Lake, Corman said, closing the second weekend of the goose season was a hardship on the businesses. The extra personnel hired for the first week are laid off the second weekend, then called back for the third.

Clark said there was no technical reason for the three-way split, except they find it impossible to please everyone. "Biologically we can't find anything wrong with a different split, but whatever we do, someone won't like it."

Dates may change

Commissioner Graham said the commission would take a look at the dates. Bill Appell of Eagle Lake, part owner of the Jimmy Reel Goose Hunting Club, suggested the season dates be set similar to the 1983-84 season. It seemed to be the most liked, he said.

Clark said there was proposed a month or so ago, change is likely. Clark recently attended the Central Flyway Association meeting, and learned that because of the extensive drought throughout the northern border states, and in southern Canada, duck production is expected to be down by about 30 percent. "It is a pretty bleak picture," he said. He made no specific reference to geese.