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Commissioners' Court

William Harrison Sr. and Buny Frazier, representatives from the museum, told Commissioners they get most of their donations from private individuals, garage sales, melodramas and festivals, such as Aprilfest and Eagle Lake Waterfest.

Appointed consultant Bruce Spitzengel to write a grant application for the substantial housing project in Garwood. Spitzengel, of Sugar Land, also wrote the grant for the sewer system in Sheridan.

While on the subject of grants, the need for a boat ramp on the Colorado River at Highway 90A between Eagle Lake and Altair also was discussed. Funds are available from the Texas

Festival

The Silent Auction will also begin Friday night. It will run for the entire weekend with 1 p.m. Sunday as the deadline for your bid.

As the weekend progresses you will be able to keep yourself busy either viewing the Wildlife Art show or touring the Prairie Chicken Refuge. Admission on Saturday and Sunday is \$2 at the door or your ticket stub from Friday night.

Saturday and Sunday, September 19 and 20, there will be free guided tours of the Attwater Prairie Chicken National Wildlife Refuge, feeding grounds for large numbers of the area's waterfowl. Tours are scheduled for 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, beginning at the Community Center.

Food booths, arts and crafts, commercial booths and beer garden will be under the Pavilion Saturday and Sunday with Vicki Powers in charge. During the afternoons you may either participate in, or merely watch, as the beard contest and the duck and goose calling contests are held.

The duck and goose calling contest is being organized by Louis Schorkemmer. It will be divided into professional and non-professional categories. All contestants must furnish their own calls.

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etc., and a \$10 fee for posting a written notice. Commissioners of each county are required by law, which became effective May 21, 1987, to set these service fees.

Designated the south front vestibule as the area in the courthouse for a trustees' sale. The south side, which is the front, is the Spring Street entrance to the courthouse.

Approved a request from Ser. Keil to increase the DPS secretary from three days a week to fulltime, giving the six troopers in the county more time to be on the road. Judge Crane also noted that a fulltime secretary position for the DPS office was added to the 1988 county budget.

School board

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district receives in state and federal funding. A one percent drop or increase in this figure can affect the monies received by up to \$25,000. It was suggested to King he emphasize the importance of attendance to the students with perhaps some incentive programs implemented.

Ronell Roberts, one of the vocational agricultural teachers, addressed the board with concern for the drop in enrollment in ag classes. He cited a number of reasons for the drop, pointing out that there has been a consistent decrease from grade nine to the grade twelve since he came to the district. In the past elective classes that were

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Grand jury not finished with Broussard case

Sheriff now facing six indictments

Although Colorado County sheriff Jim Broussard now faces six grand jury indictments, prosecuting attorney Jim Volders indicated Tuesday the grand jury isn't finished yet.

The grand jury will meet again Monday, Oct. 19, and Volders said he would be there to meet with it.

In the meantime, Volders said Broussard will be arraigned in district court here this coming Monday at 10 a.m. at which time he said special judge Thomas Blackwell likely will set a pre-trial hearing date.

On the heels of three indictments handed down September 10, the Colorado County Grand Jury last Wednesday took only about an hour to return three additional indictments against sheriff Broussard, two for allegedly lying during his testimony to the grand jury. The third accuses him of destroying the money receipt book for 1984.

Broussard, 58, who has been this county's sheriff since 1981, is suspected of misappropriating money received through the sale of a confiscated airplane and through other sales.

The sheriff has repeatedly maintained his innocence.

City approves airport management contract

The contract for management and services of the Eagle Lake Municipal Airport was approved Tuesday night by Eagle Lake city council as it considered several items on a long agenda.

Council also hired a consultant to work on a grant for housing rehabilitation. They also agreed to begin work on repairing and replacing damaged curbs and sidewalks in the downtown area.

City manager Robert Klockman said this brings the city one step closer to selling some airport land to Ferguson's company. The proceeds will be used to widen and repave the main runway. Ferguson has told Klockman that with the agreement, a deed document (that Shuart is reviewing) and other items, he will be able to secure financing for the project.

Ferguson plans to move an aircraft maintenance company to the airport.

As for the sidewalks, the city has determined through deeds and surveys that the city has ownership of the sidewalks. It therefore will use funds available to make some repairs in the McCarly and Main streets area. Next year council indicated it would consider budgeting funds for additional work.

The consultant hired was Bruce Spitzengel, who has done work for the city. He will be seeking the housing rehabilitation grant, with a public hearing scheduled next month.

Council met in an executive session for a short time and authorized the mayor to negotiate with Louis Schorkemmer some land at the airport. The city has a deed to some property for which Schorkemmer also holds a deed.

The city's deed is older and stronger, but the Schorkemmer claim deed clouds the picture.

Council also held another hearing on closing a portion of Lake Ave. and Airline drive. About six people showed up but most made comments on gate locations and the like for airport fencing. There was no opposition voiced.

In other business, council approved the Lions Club request for street closings for their carnival and parade Oct. 3. Council also reviewed new street lighting costs for Partridge Lane and will pass them along to land owners. They also talked about paving additional streets with funds from the bond program, but will continue discussion at the next meeting.

Kidnap suspect arrested in county

Attempted murder charges discussed; fully loaded gun found but not spent shells

Friday was a busy morning for law enforcement officers all along Interstate Highway 10 as they chased, and eventually arrested, a kidnap suspect fleeing from Houston.

Police arrested Thomas Patrick Monaghan, 37, wanted in the kidnap and sexual assault of a Houston woman, Dr. Michele T. Mc Dermott, in Colorado County. The incident began about 8:15 a.m. when the sheriff's department was alerted the man and vehicle were seen in the county.

He was spotted by deputy Ray Raley who attempted to pull the suspect over. According to one report, the suspect got out of his car and shot at Raley before getting back into his car and fleeing. The deputy returned three shots, breaking the rear glass in the suspect's car. The suspect eventually wrecked his car when he hit a gravel truck, but was not taken into custody until after a passing good Samaritan saw the man injured in the wreck and

picked him up to take him to a hospital.

Tuesday morning chief Colorado County deputy Bill Esterling said the county would file attempted capital murder charges against Monaghan, possibly on Tuesday, if JP Richard Schmidt "will take the complaint."

Monaghan has told other police authorities he did not shoot at Raley. Esterling said they found a 38-caliber snub nose, five-shot gun involved in the action. "After the wreck he was in good enough shape to open the door on the passenger side (of the car he was driving) and throw the gun in a ditch." It was fully loaded, and no spent shell casings have been found. Esterling said he felt the suspect had time to reload the weapon and that extra bullets were found on the seat of the suspect's car.

Esterling said the delay in filing the attempted murder charge was due in part to Raley being ill Tuesday morning and unable to appear in court.

The doctor returned to Brookshire with members of her family to discuss the case with Brookshire and Houston

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Alpha Delta's fall fashion show, luncheon Saturday

September 23 brought the official opening of the 1987-88 fall season and, appropriately, members of Alpha Delta Phi sorority will stage their fall fashion show and luncheon this Saturday, September 26. The social event begins at noon in the Eagle Lake Community Center with a luncheon.

The public is invited to "build bridges of friendship" with sorority members as they take an excursion through the fashion trends for the season. Tickets are being sold in advance only, no tickets will be available at the door Saturday. Tickets at \$7 each are available from any Alpha Delta Phi member, ticket chairman Gail Gutman (234-3273), or from Eagle Lake Sewing Center, JoAnn's, Kid's Korner or Laker Printing.

Show coordinators Charlene Rodgers and Sue Canaris have been working with participating merchants and models to provide a schedule with versatility in styles and colors popular in clothing, jewelry and accessories for a wide range of ages.

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Chairman being sought for AprilFest

A chairman is needed for the AprilFest activities which is scheduled for the second weekend of April. Anyone interested should call Roy Dean VanNort at 234-7341.

Open house Sunday for Nada Post Office

The public is cordially invited to attend an open house for the new Post Office in Nada this Sunday, September 27, from 2 to 4 p.m. Mrs. Sandra A. Herrick, postmaster at Nada, announces that Congressman Mac Sweeney is making plans to be present for the event. Albert Leopold, former postmaster, Mrs. Elizabeth Schoellman and Mrs. Herrick have been working hard to document the past history of the post office and preserve it for future generations. The history will be on display Sunday for all to see.

Sweeney to hold meeting in Columbus

Congressman Mac Sweeney will hold a town hall meeting this Sunday, September 27 at 4 p.m. at the Veterans Community Center on old Hwy. 90 in Columbus. Sweeney holds these informal meetings in order to obtain insights on the tough issues facing Congress and he will also report on the activities of the 100th Congress. Primarily the meeting will be devoted to questions and answers. Congressman Sweeney values these meetings and encourages everyone to attend.

Retired teachers association to meet Oct. 5

Colorado County Association of Retired Teachers will meet on Monday, October 5 at 2:30 p.m. at Prairie Edge Museum in Eagle Lake. Steve Balas, local pharmacist, will be the guest speaker. All members are urged to attend this informative meeting.

WIC program has moved to new location

The Eagle Lake WIC program has moved to a new site. They are now at Providence Baptist Church, 1207 East State Street in Eagle Lake, which is the same place as the surplus food distribution.

The WIC program will be in Eagle Lake each Tuesday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call (409) 234-3735 for further information.

CCA board of directors to meet Sept. 24

Combined Community Action Inc. will hold its board of directors' meeting on Thursday, September 24 at 7:30 p.m. at 531 Colorado in LaGrange. The public is invited to attend the meeting.

About town...

Seaholm and Dulany anchor team golf co-championship

The first annual Hal Lanier golf classic was held on Thursday, September 3 at the beautiful Pecan Grove Country Club in Richmond. Regulation tournament play concluded with a two-way tie for first place low net score.

Gus Seaholm and Larry Dulany, both of Eagle Lake, along with team members L. Monte, M. McCulloch, E. Janik and D. Sheehan posted a team total score of 58. Due to a higher team handicap score than the other 1st place team, it was determined that 2nd place overall prizes would be awarded to the Seaholm/Dulany team.

Each team member received a beautiful gold-plated putter inscribed with a Hal Lanier personal autograph and tournament identification.

Port-O-Let of Houston, managed by Dr. G.A. "Bud" Seaholm (Gus' brother), sponsored the championship team and was on hand for the presentation.

Others in attendance were Mr. and Mrs. Gardner Seaholm and son, Cam, of Eagle Lake along with many friends and celebrities such as Houston Astros players Nolan Ryan, Mike Scott, Billy Dorn and coaches Hal Lanier and Yogi Berra.

The tournament concluded with a barbecue and auction benefiting the Epilepsy Association of the Houston/Gulf Coast area.

"A dinner was held at the Prairie Edge Museum Monday night to celebrate the fact that they are now air conditioned thanks to Bill and Helen Harris. After the dinner, Elizabeth Booshe was recognized on her birthday with a cake and singing. Her many friends working with the museum made a sizeable donation in her name."

"Durrell Gertson, Gene Jones and Jim Wood, fourth degree Knights of Columbus, were honor guards at the Papal Mass in San Antonio this past Sunday. This definitely is a once in a lifetime opportunity."

"Many area residents enjoyed St. Mary's Picnic in Nada September 6. Eunice and Fred Finka left August 23 on an Alaskan cruise aboard the ship Fair Sea for two weeks, returning home Thursday evening, September 3. The cruise began in Victoria, B.C., Canada and took the Finkas through Juneau, Seward, Valdez and Ketchikan, Alaska, ending at Vancouver, B.C., Canada. Eunice and Fred reported 50° weather and truly enjoyed a relaxing two weeks."

"Mary Lou Szymanski is now back in town on a permanent basis. Due to her mother's illness, she was required to travel back and forth to Marlin to see to the care her mother needed. We're glad things are better. If you've been visiting, or if you've had guests, or made a vacation trip, call the Eagle Lake Headlight. Call 234-5521."

Eagle Lake Lions Club parade, carnival Oct. 3

The Eagle Lake Noon Lions Club will hold their annual parade and carnival Saturday, October 3 in downtown Eagle Lake. The carnival will be held at the Eagle Lake Community Center and will prove to be fun and entertaining.

The parade, beginning at 3 p.m., will be lined up on Church and Stockbridge streets, then proceeding down Lake Avenue turning on Main Street before continuing to the Community Center where the parade ends and the carnival begins. Check in and line up time for the parade will be between 2:30 p.m. with judging at 2:30 p.m.

Trophies will be awarded to the following entries: commercial, open, individual, civic, children's and best overall band. Anyone planning on having an entry should contact Henry A. Divin, P.O. Box 795, Eagle Lake, (409) 234-5312 (day) or (309) 335-6152 (evening).

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Defensive driving course planned

A defensive driving course has been scheduled for Monday and Tuesday, September 21 and 22 from 6:30 to 10:30 p.m. each night.

The course will be held at the Colorado County Farm Bureau office, 1117 Travis Street in Columbus. For more information call 732-2383.

Horse racing on Nov. 3 ballot

Colorado County residents will have the chance to approve a local option for pari-mutuel horse racing in their county, as commissioner's court Monday voted unanimously to include the issue on the November 3 ballot.

While earlier information received by county judge Lester Crane said only counties which had sanctioned horse racing in their county in 1985-86 would qualify for a race track, an opinion from the Secretary of State's office concluded otherwise.

Because of the Colorado County Fair, the county would qualify for a Class 2 track, where races would be held less than 40 days a year, or a Class 3 track, used primarily for charitable events less than 15 days a year.

Only counties with a population of 790,000 residents or more would qualify for a Class 1 track, which would hold races 120-125 days each year. Only four counties in Texas

State sales tax increases

State Comptroller Bob Bullock recently said many new services will become taxable on October 1, when the state's sales tax rate increases from 5.14 percent to 6 percent.

The tax change will not only hit items which are now currently taxed, but a number of newly taxable items and services.

The expanded sales tax base was a major element of a \$5.7 billion tax bill approved by the Legislature this past summer.

October 1 is also the effective date of an increase in taxes on cigarettes.

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Texas rice quarantine? USDA asked to fund rice disease study

The U.S. Department of Agriculture has been asked to fund a study of a bacterial disease in rice which recently was discovered for the first time in U.S. fields, according to Rep. Mac Sweeney, R-14.

After eight weeks of intensive investigation, researchers at Texas A&M University linked the organism, known as bacterial leaf blight, to strains common in Asia that annually destroy 20-30 percent of Asia's rice crops.

While the strain found in Texas and Louisiana is not believed as severe as its Asian counterpart, the unknown nature of the bacteria has lead California to quarantine Texas rice. Arkansas and Mississippi also are considering imposing quarantine, which would jeopardize \$20 million in Texas rice seed sales projected for 1988.

"Although damage to the 1987 Texas rice crop appears minimal, scientists remain uncertain of the potential threat this organism poses to our \$1.5 billion rice industry," Sweeney said, noting the industry already is plagued by low prices and other naturally occurring problems such as sheath blight.

In response to this threat to the rice industry, Sweeney said he has organized a Texas congressional delegation letter calling on the USDA to appropriate funds to study this new bacterial disease. Since scientists at Texas A&M performed the initial research that provided positive identification of the disease, the letter calls for designation of Texas A&M University as the research center for studying the disease, rather than some USDA facility in Maryland or Virginia.

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'Love your Game Warden'

"Free take one, compliments of J.R. (Outlaw) Thomas." The anonymous gag stemmed from charges of Thomas and others using an electronic bird calling device last season. These bumper stickers mysteriously appeared during Eagle Lake Waterfest Festival's preview party Friday night at the Community Center.

Note: due to the complete exhaustion of the Waterfest committee, complete results of the festival will not be available until next week.

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