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As for the insurance, the county mailed out fire insurance specifications to 15 insurance companies for coverage on county owned buildings and contents. Three insurance companies responded. Two separate bids were asked, one for fire and lightning only and another for fire, lightning and extended coverage (including vandalism and malicious mischief).

Wm. Thomas Jr. Insurance
Agency of Eagle Lake quoted the

lowest bid at \$2,533 with Weber-Peters-Nitsche Insurance Agency of Giddings placing a bid of \$2,566 and Columbus Insurance Agency bidding a price of \$4,700. Weber-Peters-Nitsche bid \$671 for the fire and lightning coverage.

In other business, commissioners: •Established a 35 mph speed zone on County Road No. 156 (Piper League Road).

•Heard a request from Century 21

for an easement on Townsend Street to travel to property that was sold in Garwood. Judge Crane told the Century 21 representatives that Townsend Street is a dedicated public street in Garwood, it just isn't maintained as one.

•Accepted a request from Columbus Chamber of Commerce for the county to pay for the electrical bill for Christmas lighting of the courthouse square.

•Authorized the advertisement for a flat wheel roller for precinct three.

•Approved the request to purchase two portable radios for Department of Public Safety weights and license division troopers to be used in weighing trucks. Judge Crane notified the two other counties in the district and they agreed to pay a third of the cost. A price on a radio system was quoted

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at \$1,836, less 15% for a total of \$1,560.60 and the county's share would be \$520.20.

•Re-elected Leslie Heinsohn of Frelsburg to the Colorado County Central Appraisal District board of directors for 1988-89.

•Accepted a proposal from Bell County Health Facilities Development Corporation for Advanced Living Technology Inc. to purchase Heritage House Nursing Home of Eagle Lake.

•Approved the opening of bids for a storage building for the county to store records. The proposed building would be 24x50 with 20 feet for storage for records and 11 feet for a work room. Shelving would not be included in the bid as each county department would later specify the type of shelving it needs.

Game Party

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hospital dietary department), door prizes and game prizes.

"This is your chance to support this community fund raiser," say the volunteers, "don't let someone else do your share." All proceeds will go toward the cost of the chemistry auto

analyzer recently purchased and installed in the hospital's lab.

The Pink Ladies extend sincere thanks to those that have donated thus far (listed elsewhere in the Headlight), and to the Eagle Lake Headlight staff for its continued support.



LCRA endorses local water council

Park Christenberry (center), a representative of the Colorado County Water Council, received a copy of a resolution from Lower Colorado River Authority directors endorsing the council's efforts to work for the goal of "adequate, affordable and clean water throughout the Colorado River basin." Presenting the resolution were LCRA secretary Burton LeTulle (left) and chairman Patricia Wilson Scanlan (right). LCRA directors approved the resolution at their October 22 meeting in Austin.

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newsbriefs

Thanksgiving holiday is next Thursday

Thursday, November 26 is Thanksgiving, and families will be gathered together to enjoy a feast of turkey and dressing with all the trimmings. The Headlight staff wishes everyone a safe and happy holiday.

The Headlight announces the deadline for articles and advertising will remain the same - Monday at 5 p.m. The newspaper will be published at its regular time and distributed on Wednesday as usual. But since Thursday is a holiday, the office will be closed as well as most all other stores in town. Any merchant who will have any special closings should contact the Headlight by Monday at 5 p.m. to publish them in next week's paper.

The Rice CISD will be closed Thursday and Friday, November 26 and 27 in observance of the holiday, so motorists should be cautious of children playing.

Sheridan Christmas show, sale Nov. 28

The Sheridan Lions Club is sponsoring a Christmas Show and Sale at the Sheridan Community Center from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, November 28. Bring your holiday guests for Christmas shopping and a country good time.

Sheridan Lions stew supper Saturday

The Sheridan Lions Club will be holding their 24th annual stew supper this Saturday, November 21 at the Sheridan Community Center. Tickets are \$3.50 for adults and \$2.75 for children under 12.

Serving begins at 6 p.m. with a variety of activities throughout the evening including bingo and an auction. Prizes will be given away.

Order your Christmas fruitcakes now

Your still have time to order your Christmas fruitcakes from the Pilot Club. Eilenberger cakes are moist and rich in flavor and you can enjoy yours throughout the holidays. You may choose from apple for \$10.95, fruit for \$10.75, pecan for \$10.50 or apricot for \$11.75.

The last day to order for Christmas delivery is December 4. So, please place your order now with any Pilot member or by calling Lucille Perry at 234-2640. Doris Thomas at 234-2619 or Dorothy Kohlfel at 234-2834.

Stamp collecting for handicapped children

The Pilot Club of Eagle Lake is collecting stamps for Tubfrim. Tubfrim is the institution that receives and packages used postage stamps for resale. This humanitarian organization is owned by the Norwegian Health Service. Used stamps are packaged and resold to wholesalers and philatelists worldwide. The profits earned from these activities are used to provide care and aid to handicapped children.

Anyone desiring to contribute their used stamps to the Pilot Club may do so by contacting any club member or by calling Linda Phillips at 234-3493.

Community Thanksgiving Service Sunday

The annual Community Thanksgiving Service, sponsored by the Greater Eagle Lake Ministerial Alliance, will be held at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, November 22 at First Baptist Church in Eagle Lake.

The Rev. Albert Flathmann, pastor of Grace Lutheran Church will preach, and members of the Alliance also will take part in the service.

Music will be by an expanded choir directed by Scott Powers and organist Mrs. Clara May Nash. The offering received in the service will enable the Ministerial Alliance to assist the needs of Eagle Lake.

The public is cordially invited to share in this Community Service of Thanksgiving to God at this special season in our town and nation.

Blood drive at Eagle Lake hospital today

The Eagle Lake Community Hospital is sponsoring a blood drive this Thursday, November 19 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Blood Center will have its blood mobile in the hospital's parking lot. Anyone wishing to donate blood may do so between the times mentioned. Please give the gift of life - blood!

Join the Eagle Lake Cub Scouts NOW

Attention parents: If your son is in grades 1-5 and would like to join Cub Scouts, please call Larry Waddell at 234-3960 after 5 p.m. weekdays. It's not too late and we need more kids!

Thankoffering service at Grace Lutheran

The community is invited and welcomed to attend the annual American Lutheran Church Women's Thankoffering Service at Grace Lutheran Church this Sunday, November 22.

Special guest speaker will be Nancy Becker of Houston, Southern District ALCW president. She will share her experiences as an exchange person in Brazil, South America.

Beginning at 9:30 a.m., Mrs. Becker will show slides and share artifacts she has collected. During the worship service which begins at 10:45 a.m. she will continue to show slides as she shares her experiences with the congregation. Refreshments will be served. Please feel free to come join us as Mrs. Becker takes us on her journey in South America. Grace Lutheran is located at 408 N. Stevenson Street.

No garbage pickup on Thanksgiving Day

The city of Eagle Lake announces there will be no garbage pickup on Thursday, November 26. The sanitation department, as well as other city offices, will be closed in observance of Thanksgiving.

Thursday's route will be serviced along with Friday's regular route. City officials and employees wish everyone a safe and happy Thanksgiving.

Engstrom named Texas watermelon queen

Melissa Engstrom, 19, daughter of John and Lyndia Engstrom, was crowned the 1988 Texas Watermelon queen at the pageant held this past weekend in McAllen. She will be competing for the national title the end of February, 1988 in Las Vegas.

STAND organization is on the move

STAND is about to begin its second year. All interested students and adults should contact Camille Mitchell, a senior at Rice High School, or by calling 234-2660. The organization is better equipped to function this year, because the club's president, John Lucas, has given members sufficient training over the summer.

The first meeting is scheduled for Saturday, November 28 at 4 p.m. at 407 Clay. Getting started this year has been delayed due to the co-chairman, Wilma Tillman, presently being on a STAND mission. She is presenting STAND to all the churches in the Wharton County Ministerial Alliance. On Saturday, November 21 at 4 p.m., Mrs. Tillman will be in Mackey, Texas at New Mt. Olive Baptist Church where Rev. Jimmie Wright is pastor.

Deal to be done Nov. 24; improvements by next Spring

Agreements reached on airport improvements

Final agreements were reached Monday night to clear the way for the sale of land at the Eagle Lake Municipal Airport.

In the works since early this year, the city had sought and found a buyer for about 20 acres of its land so it could use the proceeds to widen, improve the base and resurface the main runway here.

The highest bidder was Philip N. Ferguson of Eagle Lake, through one of his companies, Gulf South Aero-motive in Houston. His plan is to purchase the 20 acres, immediately sell two smaller parcels to interested local parties, and establish an "FBO" at the airport thereby creating a new business serving the general aviation public and managing the airport for the city.

Also, Gulf South purchased an aircraft maintenance company to move to Eagle Lake from the Clear Lake area, and purchased the hangar

formerly used by Rice Aero before it went out of business. Over all, Ferguson said his company's investment here would approach a quarter of a million dollars.

Until Monday night, the city and Gulf South exchanged drafts by courier of sale documents, and questioned each other's motives, without meeting face to face. Last week city council received another revised copy of the earnest money contract, but did not consider it since it was received moments before the regular council meeting and councilmen did not have time to review it.

A special meeting of council was called for 7:30 p.m. Monday night of this week to discuss the contract, but Ferguson was not told of the meeting, nor was he invited to negotiate with the city until about an hour after the meeting started. With most discussion centering around whether an exclusive FBO contract could be granted, the city attorney, Bill Stuart, noted that it would speed the sale if council would meet with Ferguson, rather than continue to exchange contract revisions without explanations.

Mayor Larry Powers, at 8:30 p.m., contacted Ferguson at home and asked if he could join the meeting in progress. Ferguson agreed.

Over the next 75 minutes, council and Ferguson worked out their differences and contract understandings, and initiated the earnest money contract, thereby inking the deal. Council will review the FBO contract and take a final vote on the sale at its regular meeting next Tuesday, Nov. 24, at 7:30 p.m.

Although Ferguson will be out of town that date, a representative of his company will be at that meeting to close the deal, and present the city with a check for approximately \$100,000.

The points of contention Monday night concerned what material to use on the runway, where city utilities would be made available, whether a new entrance road would be paved, and whether the city should grant an exclusive contract to Ferguson for airport services.

The city is to contact its engineer on base work and paving material, since there is some agreement that cold-mix asphalt would not be adequate. The utilities will be brought to the edge of the property as is city policy, and the city will surface the new entrance street only if it has funds left over after the runway is improved.

As for the overall deal, "We're going to be wrong no matter what we do," councilman Joe Duncan said somewhat tongue-in-cheek. He added that council would not be able to please everyone.

Before Ferguson got to the meeting, councilman Vic Corman took the position that the city should not grant an exclusive contract for airport operation. He read from contracts the city has with Enns, CP&L, Southwestern Bell and the cable television company. All of those are non-exclusive contracts. Also, Corman said he felt the reason for putting the airport deal together was to spur economic development, and if the city granted an exclusive contract, development would be halted.

There was some support by Mayor Powers and councilman Larry Dalany for an exclusive contract. They indicated that since Ferguson was willing to make a substantial investment in

something to benefit the city, additional protection for his investment through an exclusive contract perhaps was not too much to ask for. While documents from Ferguson indicated he was asking for a 15-year contract, Dalany suggested perhaps a five year exclusive contract.

When Ferguson arrived at the meeting, he explained why he sought the contract. He explained the operation he was going to create from buildings at the airport and compared that to how another operation would look if built from scratch. He also said that since they had begun discussion of the sale, the federal Environmental Protection Agency had informed him that fuel tanks already in the ground at the old Rice Aero hangar could not be used in the FBO operation, and in fact would have to be dug up and discarded, creating an expense he had not counted on.

Ferguson also said that he had talked to Gulf Oil Company after he learned the oil company was investigating the installation of a self-service aviation fuel depot at the airport. Gulf confirmed they were looking.

"I think I will take at least two to five years before I can break even in this thing," Ferguson told council. He later said that "this is not the best business decision I will make." He also said that without as much financial protection as possible it would be better to abandon plans for Eagle Lake, and leave the aircraft maintenance company in Clear Lake.

Corman argued that anyone else wanting to sell gasoline would be required by the city to provide the same services (staffing, business hours, etc.) as Ferguson in his FBO, and that was protection enough. "I want to protect Philip because he's sticking his neck out, but I think the FBO agreement (itself) is protection enough."

As the meeting drew down, Ferguson said that it was his intention to buy the land on the city can improve its airport; to buy and bring in a new business in the form of the maintenance company, so the city can announce to the world that Eagle Lake is on the map and ready to do business. He began backing off on his request for a 15 year lease after Stuart explained council's willingness to discuss a shorter exclusive contract. Starting out at 15 years, Ferguson mentioned seven years and finally agreed with council on five years.

Garwood farmers receive
water conservation awardsSee Pictures
on Page 10

The Second Annual Water Conservation Award Dinner was held on Thursday, November 12, at the new Garwood Irrigation Company facilities in Garwood where they all enjoyed a catered dinner by Weimer Meat Market.

Mr. Lehrer spoke briefly on the main purpose of the meeting - WATER. He stressed the importance of conserving water and commented that as cities and municipalities along the river grow the demand for water will increase. Because of their priority use over agriculture it will cause a hardship for the farmers in the years to come.

Mr. Lehrer then presented the following winners with checks. The awards were broken down into two categories - three winners in each.

First category was for 150 acres or less. Recipients were Alvin and John Mertz; Wm. Mark Wied; and Mark Waligura. They each received a check for \$250.

The second category was for 150 acres or more. The recipients were E. L. Wied; Dale Hunt and C. A. Smith; and Frank Popp and Mark Boenisch. Each received a check for \$750.

After the awards were handed out, Mr. Lehrer expressed his appreciation

Tagging requirements for migratory birds unchanged

Hunters are reminded to be aware of the tagging requirements for all migratory birds. Improper tagging, or not tagging, waterfowl continues to be a problem in this area.

Any freshly killed birds or receiving the person giving or receiving the birds, must have a tag attached signed by the hunter who killed the birds stating his address, total number of birds of each species and the date killed. Birds being transported by another person for the hunter or left for cleaning, storage, shipment or taxidermy services must also be tagged in the same manner.

State and federal game wardens will be strictly enforcing the tagging requirements for all hunters, hunting club guides, and commercial processing facilities.

Criminal mischief, burglary occurs

Eagle Lake Crime Stoppers is offering a reward for information leading to the arrest and indictment of persons involved in the following crimes:

•Criminal mischief of the Guadalupe Church between August 4 and 5. The inside of Andrew Hall was sprayed with fire extinguishers and hoked beams were thrown on the walls. Toilet tissue was thrown all over the inside of Dider Hall. (Case #5730)

•Andrew Hall, of the Guadalupe Church, was hit again with criminal mischief between October 24 and 30. Graffiti was written on the doors of the building. Approximately \$25 in coins and bills were taken and approximately \$500 worth of damage occurred to the inside of the building. (Case #5752)

If you have any information regarding the above crimes, please call Crime Stoppers at 234-5555. Callers do not have to identify themselves.

Eagle Lake history books due here this week

Word has been received from the publisher, Eakin Press Inc. of Austin, that shipment of the 1,000 copies of the History of Eagle Lake will be made this week from the book bindery. The blue hard-back 608-page volume is decorated on the front cover with a goose-hunting sketch submitted by Troy Corman of Eagle Lake.

Over 250 old and recent photographs are scattered throughout the fifteen chapters compiled by the History Book Committee. Interesting segments of the history were written by Gardner C. Duncan, Robert Samuel Martin, Owen Paschall, Nanie Jo Castle, Charlyne Spaniel, David R. Wintermann, Joe D. Luna, Kate Spangler, Mrs. Ida Causey, and others.

Distributions of the books will be from the office of the Wintermann Library for all those who have paid for and reserved copies in advance of publication. Out-of-town orders will be mailed beginning next week. Sales of additional copies also will be handled by Gifts of Distinction and Eagle Lake Drugstore.

The books sell for \$30 each plus tax of \$2.10 with all profits from the issue being divided by the Eagle Lake Study Club, Prairie Edge Museum and Chamber of Commerce, the three organizations sponsoring the history and providing the staff that researched, compiled, edited and proof-read the material for the book.

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