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Columbus rancher arrested for gravel scam

The Colorado County Sheriff's Department has been busy the past week investigating numerous burglaries in the area and on March 22 arrested the District Attorney's office from Houston in arresting Columbus rancher Winston Blanton Harris, 69, on indictments accusing him of stealing \$1.7 million from the City of Houston in a gravel supply scam.

March 31 is deadline to apply for multi-peril crop insurance

March 31 is the last day to apply for the U.S. Department of Agriculture's 1990 Multi-Peril Crop Insurance Program for corn, cotton, grain sorghum, rice, peanuts, and soybeans in Colorado County.

Spring tagging period to begin

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department coastal fisheries personnel will begin net sampling operations along the Texas Gulf Coast for a 10-week period starting in mid-April.

ELMS meet

- 19.95; 6. Robinson, BR, 20.60. 100 Yard Dash: 1. Johnson, BR, 13.20; 2. Woots, EL, 13.41; 3. Venghaus, CO, 13.67; 4. Schulte, CO, 13.70; 5. Jones, BR, 13.89; 6. Johnson, CO, 13.91.

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- 440 Relay: 1. Grace, Vargas, Davis, Marshall, EL, 56.03; 2. Ue, Alley, Stewart, CO, 57.39; Kleiman, Matula, Watt, Marshall, EL, 57.39; 3. Giles, Cunningham, McCue, Allison, BR, 58.29.

Wildflower Celebration

The downtown area of Eagle Lake is dressed up for the Wildflower Celebration now underway. Potted begonias, donated by Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce and Canaris Nursery, line Main and McCarty streets.

Newsbriefs

E.H. Henry Committee meeting April 9 The E.H. Henry Memorial Scholarship Committee meeting will be held Monday, April 9, 1990 at 7 p.m. at the White Cloud Baptist Church.

Weekly golf scramble begins Wednesday

The Ladies Golf Association announces the weekly scrambles will begin next Wednesday, April 11 at 6 p.m.

Thrift shop open this Saturday

The Prairie Edge Museum announces its Thrift Shop will be open this Saturday, April 7 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Stop by and look at all the bargains offered.

TEAMS test to be administered in May

The TEAMS exit level test will be administered to eligible 11th grade students across the state of Texas on Tuesday, May 1, 1990 and Wednesday, May 2, 1990.

Rabies Dog Clinic April 11

The City of Eagle Lake will have a Rabies Dog Clinic on Wednesday, April 11th, at the Police Station. It will be from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Parent Aide volunteers needed

Parent Aide Volunteers are needed to help families break the cycle of child abuse/neglect. If you have 3 to 4 hours per week to give, have child care or parenting experience, understand the difficulties of parenthood and enjoy working one-to-one, you have valuable skills that can help a needy family change and grow.

Private applicator's training Friday

A private applicator's training course for certification to buy chemicals will be held this Friday, April 6 at the Wharton County Fairgrounds from 8 a.m. until noon.

Hospital adopts 'smoke free' policy

Marcella Henke, Administrator and Chief Executive Officer of Eagle Lake Community Hospital, announced this week the following policy was adopted: (Continued on Page 12)

1990 Benefit Day scheduled for April 21

The 1990 Benefit Day for the Nancy Juul Seaholm Memorial Scholarship Program is slated for Saturday, April 21. This year's fund raising events will include the annual golf tournament, barbecue and dance.

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Runoff election April 10

This Friday, April 6 is the last day to vote absentee by personal appearance for several positions statewide and countywide in the April 10th runoff election. To vote absentee, go by the county clerk's office between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Cookin' spaghetti

Members of the Eagle Lake Pilot Club are cooking up their annual event this Friday, April 6. They are serving plates of chicken spaghetti at the Eagle Lake Community Center from 5 to 7 p.m.

Rice school district receives \$17,500 grant from Foundation

Rice Consolidated Independent School District received a grant Thursday, March 29 from the Children's Crisis Program of the Gulf Coast Medical Foundation.

Many wrecks reported High winds damage trailer house

Last Thursday and Friday heavy thunderstorms and high winds moved through the area, causing some damage to several houses in Eagle Lake and dumping approximately two and one-half inches of rain.

Attempted murder charges filed on local man

Harold James Carter, 21, of Eagle Lake was arrested on April 2 for unlawful carrying of a weapon and later charged with attempted murder.

Dr. Russell Thomas to head medical staff

Members of the Medical Staff at Eagle Lake Community Hospital elected officers for the 1990-91 term at a recent meeting. Elected to lead the functions of the Medical Staff was R. Russell Thomas, D.O., of Eagle Lake, who will serve as the Chief of the Medical Staff.

Dr. Russell Thomas, D.O. R. Russell Thomas, D.O., of Eagle Lake, serves as a Physician Advisor for the Texas Medical Foundation, and serves on the Trauma Technical Advisory Committee for the Texas Department of Health, State of Texas.