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Chamber

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music about the local government. Reynolds has entertained groups since he was old enough to make someone smile. Sharing humorous events from his life in story and song, he makes his audience feel refreshed, positive and ready to face the world with a smile. He believes that a positive attitude will move mountains. His songs and stories are realistic, clean, humorous and emotional with a message. That message comes from his "verse" I Mickey 1-9, "Things are only as bad as your attitude". His program for the evening was entitled, "How to Overcome a Crisis and Enjoy It". The audience did, in fact, enjoy his singing and "words of advice". He sang every song with a little grin and claimed they were written about him. A few well-known citizens even volunteered to act out the words to one of his songs, which gave them a chance to "let their hair down".

With a look around the Community Center, one could see a smile, if not a tear on every face from laughing so hard. But when Mr. Reynolds sang "God Bless the U.S.A.", faces quickly became serious. Chills went down many spines as people counted their blessings and thought about the local men in Saudi Arabia. Reynolds dedicated the song to all military personnel fighting in the Middle East.

In closing, Mark Anderson thanked everyone for attending and invited them back for next year's banquet.



Outgoing Chamber President David Mann seems to be saying "You want me to do what?" to the guest speaker Mickey Reynolds. The photo below captured Incoming President Vicki Powers presenting Mann with his "Past President's Plaque".



Headlight Photos by Tonya Castro

THANK YOU, UNITED BUYERS!

Thanks to your generous donations, the United Buyers were able to purchase 11 hogs and 1 steer. Additionally, we raised several exhibitors' prices bringing those exhibitors' proceeds into line with the rest of the sale.

The following persons have donated to the United Buyers for the 1991 FFA Show & Sale:

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If we failed to list your name as a 1991 United Buyer, the omission was unintentional. Please contact one of the following so your name can be added to this listing:

Patsy Weishuhn Fred F. Grahmann Carol J. Ripper



Expressing patriotism

Ethel Kovnicka leaves no doubt in anyone's mind where she stands. She erected this sign in her yard on W. Prairie a couple of months ago, long before the war began.

Mrs. Kovnicka is not the only one in town supporting the troops. The Furniture Shoppe has placed an American flag in their front window and the Post Office has a list called "The Eagle Lake Connection to Desert Storm".

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City Council

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early as September. If the City does not have the work done before more stringent regulations go into effect, the cost could be prohibitive... over \$100,000 for the elevated tank alone.

Additional Council business

•Authorized contracts with Bruce Spitzengel for administrative consulting services and John Mercer for engineering services.

•Awarded Eagle Lake Insurance Associates the bids on airport liability, building and contents insurance and electric motors insurance. W.M. Thomas, Jr. Insurance Agency was awarded the coverage of electronic equipment and media.

•Approved the interlocal 911 agreement with the addition of a paragraph giving an advisory board (made up of representatives from the entire county) control over the operations.

•Approved, with conditions, the change of street easement in the Lake Avenue Addition. Farm and Ranch Aerial Service requested the change. This easement was moved several years ago when the City swapped some land with Phillip Ferguson who owned the old Rice Aero property.

•Discussed the loss of the payment collection site in Eagle Lake for Southwestern Bell telephone bills and asked that a resolution stating their dissatisfaction with the move be drawn up for the next meeting.

•Learned the cutoff date for application for the position of City Manager is Jan. 31st. As of last week, 25-30 applications had been received and

will be culled by the personnel committee.

•Learned Lucille Perry's 25th anniversary with the City would be Feb. 2nd. A reception is planned for Friday, Feb. 2 at 2 p.m.

Blood Drive

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fever, tetanus antitoxin and animal serum products or oral Polio vaccine; within 1 week: had parental antibiotic medication for severe infections; within 72 hours: are a member of a flight crew engaged in aerial flights; within 48 hours: have taken oral medication other than birth control, most tranquilizers, hormones, vitamins, diet pills, mild analgesics, pain pills and any other non-prescription medication.

One must also exclude themselves on a temporary basis if he/she has within the past year: had close contact for 24 hours or more with a known case of viral hepatitis, had a transfusion of blood or blood components, skin tattoos, immunization to red blood cell antigens, injections of Hepatitis B immunoglobulin for exposure to hepatitis, or an unlicensed vaccine; within six months: traveled in a malaria endemic country, had severe reactions to penicillin or other drugs, or has undergone extensive major surgery; within one month: had severe septic sore throat, any illness which requires close medical care or confinement in a hospital, or accurate for cystic acne; within 4 weeks: had German Measles; within 2 weeks: had vaccinations for smallpox, measles, rabies, mumps, yellow

fever, tetanus antitoxin and animal serum products or oral Polio vaccine; within 1 week: had parental antibiotic medication for severe infections; within 72 hours: are a member of a flight crew engaged in aerial flights; within 48 hours: have taken oral medication other than birth control, most tranquilizers, hormones, vitamins, diet pills, mild analgesics, pain pills and any other non-prescription medication.

Donors must observe an 8 week interval between donations. Women are excluded during pregnancy and six weeks after delivery, miscarriage or abortion.

Prospective donors should be reminded to eat prior to their blood donation, but to avoid fatty foods, eggs, milk and other dairy products up to four hours before giving.

Those donors who are exempt from further donations and who will receive notification by mail informing them of their permanent deferral include individuals who test positive for Hepatitis B Core antibody, HIV-1, Hepatitis B Surface Antigen, syphilis (RPR), ALT and/or confirmed positive for HTLV-A antibodies.

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February 16-23 is National FFA Week

FFA members all over the country will promote FFA, agricultural education and the food and fiber industry during National FFA Week, February 16-23.

This year's theme is FFA — Leadership for a Growing Planet. During this week and throughout the year, FFA chapters will pursue activities which show they are leading the effort for a better environment. Planting trees, starting community recycling efforts and restoring mining areas are just a few of the initiatives planned by various chapters across the country.

The week also provides FFA members in thousands of chapters across the U.S., Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands the chance to create awareness of and support for agricultural education and the FFA.

Mark Timm, national FFA president from Fillmore, Indiana, said FFA Week is an opportunity for members and communities to recognize achievements and activities available through FFA and agricultural education. This year's theme challenges FFA members to make a difference in their communities; to think globally but act locally.

"We're young people trying to strike a balance between progressive agriculture and a healthy environment," Timm said. "As FFA members and students in agriculture classes, we are learning to wisely manage our resources, and gaining the leadership skills necessary to prepare for the diverse and challenging careers in agriculture."

Each year FFA Week is held during the week of George Washington's birthday to recognize his leadership and commitment to American agriculture. The National FFA Center is located on part of Washington's original Mt. Vernon estate near Alexandria, Virginia.

FFA is a national organization of 387,042 members in 7,634 local chapters preparing for careers in the science, business and technology of agriculture. Local, state and national activities and award programs provide opportunities for students to apply knowledge and agricultural leadership, cooperation and citizenship.

NEWSBRIEFS

Museum 'Gator Aide' close to halfway mark

Donations being collected for the Prairie Edge Museum's "Gator Aide" fund are near the halfway mark according to a Museum spokesperson. "We need those nickle and dime donations as well as larger ones," she stated. School-age children may contact their teacher for information. The Museum urges everyone to send their donations, no matter what amount you can afford, to "Alligator Fund", c/o First National Bank, P.O. Box 247, Eagle Lake, 77434. The funds will be used to cover the cost of taxidermy on the state record alligator donated to the Museum by Jim Wiese, Davis Waddell and D.R. Wintermann.

Christian Women's annual luncheon

The Christian Women's annual luncheon has been scheduled for Wednesday, March 13th at the United Methodist Church. The speaker for the event will be Dr. Barry Landrum of the Second Baptist Church of Houston. Tickets are available for \$6 each. For more information and to get your tickets, contact Betty Wilcox at 234-3554.

ECA class to be held in Sheridan

An Emergency Care Attendant course will be held at the Sheridan Community Center beginning on Tuesday, February 12 at 7 p.m. This will be a 40-hour course and will continue through April 9th. Classes will be held every Tuesday and Wednesday night from 7-11 p.m. To cover costs, the charge for the course is \$80. To register or for more information, contact Traylor Walker at 234-3921 (days) or 234-3937 (nights).

Chamber meeting moved to February 11

The Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce meeting has been moved to Monday, February 11. The meeting will be held at noon at The Barn Restaurant.

Patriotic service to be held in Lissie

The United Methodist Church of Lissie extends a warm invitation to everyone to attend the 11:00 a.m. service on Sunday, February 17. It will be a patriotic service honoring the men and women in the Middle East. Also, two sanctuary flags will be dedicated.

Catholic church sponsors bake sale Feb. 9

The Altar Society and Christian Mothers of Our Lady of Guadalupe and Our Lady of Perpetual Help will hold a bake sale on Saturday, February 9, beginning at 8:00 a.m. in front of Miller's Grocery and Wilcox Minimax.

Prayers for peace

Members of Our Lady of Perpetual Help get together every Monday through Friday at 4:00 p.m. to say a Rosary for peace. Everyone is invited to attend.

Rotary Club remembers 'Mr. Albert'

The Eagle Lake Rotary Club has dedicated the month of February to Mr. Albert Butelovsky with the goal of reaching 100 percent attendance. The club also invites anyone interested in becoming a member to attend one of the February meetings at 12 noon every Wednesday at the Community Center.

Methodist Men's Sweetheart Banquet

The Methodist Men's Annual Sweetheart Banquet will be Sunday evening, Feb. 10 at 7:00 p.m. Everyone looks forward to this event each year. Tickets can be purchased from Don Bendy or Joe Luna for \$6.00.

CCA to distribute Surplus Food

Combined Community Action, Inc. of Smithville will distribute USDA Surplus Food for Colorado County on Thursday, February 14. At the Weimar City Hall the time of distribution will be 8:30 to 9 a.m.; Columbus will be at the CCA Center from 10 to 11:30 a.m. and in Eagle Lake at the Providence Baptist Church from 12:30 to 2:00 p.m.

NOTE: These are all new times.

Bookkeeping, Etc. to handle telephone payments

Southwestern Bell Telephone has named Bookkeeping, Etc. as its collection agent in Eagle Lake, filling a void that was created when the contract between the company and Western Auto was terminated.

Announcement of the new payment agent was made by Audrey Fossier, Southwestern Bell

Telephone's manager for the Eagle Lake area.

Customers can make telephone payments in person from 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon and from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

"We're extremely sorry for any misunderstanding or inconvenience that may have occurred because of the

temporary loss of payment agents in Eagle Lake," Fossier said. "Our main concern from the very start was our overriding obligations to provide our customers the best possible service."

"We feel our recently completed contract with Bookkeeping, Etc. will eliminate some of the confusion and delays that resulted in the past by

replacing a manual posting system with one that is automated."

Fossier said the company was working to develop a computerized system in Eagle Lake that would speed up the posting process to better serve customers and control costs. She

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County Commissioners honor retirees

By Rhonda Lattimore

Banner Press Newspaper Staff

The Colorado County Commissioners Court met in a special session Monday morning and recognized seven employees of the county who retired at the end of 1990. All seven were presented framed certificates of appreciation.

The honorees included Florence Zajicek who served 31-1/2 years as a clerk, assistant county auditor and county auditor from 1956-90; Edwin Billeck, employee of Precinct 2, 31 years, 1960-1990; and Lester J. Crane, county judge, 20 years, 1971-90.

Also, Dennis Poppe, justice of the peace Precinct 3, 13-1/4 years, 1977-90; Mary Ordner, justice of the peace Precinct 5, 12 years, 1978-90; Juanita Renick, county treasurer, 4 years, 1987-90; and Olga M. Hefner, justice of the peace Precinct 2, 1-1/2 years, 1989-90.

The court also presented Crane with his official judge's robe. Mary Richter, county health nurse, then stood before the court and presented each commissioner with certificates of appreciation for their support of health activities within the county.

County Judge H.O. "Butch" Strunk signed a proclamation declaring Feb. 9-9 as Public Health Week in Colorado County after the court moved to adopt the resolution.

According to Richter, services offered to the community through the county health program include immunizations for infants, teenagers and adult boosters as well as child health

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County retirees honored

Pictured with County Judge Butch Strunk (far left, front) are county employees recognized upon their retirement in December of last year include, front row, from left, Florence Zajicek, Juanita Renick, Mary Ordner; and, back row, Lester J. Crane, Edwin Billeck, Olga Hefner and Dennis Poppe.

Banner Press Photo by Rhonda Lattimore

Wildflower Celebration update

Eagle Lake's Wildflower Celebration will be held from March 23 to April 28, 1991. Tours of Wildseed Farms will be on Calhoun Rd. between the hours of 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. The Prairie Edge Museum will serve as the official headquarters.

A meeting was held Thursday between Wildflower Celebration board members, Chamber of Com-

merce President Vicki Powers and John Thomas, President, Wildseed Farms, Inc. to co-ordinate efforts of these groups.

The Chamber of Commerce is selling a \$10 per person season pass to the Wildseed Farms tours. The funds derived from these passes will go entirely to the Chamber of Commerce. These passes are on sale now and will be sold through Saturday, March 16, 1991. The final hour being the last performance of *Arctic and Old Lace*, by the Museum Players. As the price of taking the tour is \$4 per person (children under 12 free), \$3 for senior citizens and \$2.50 a person for groups of 15 or more, this is a great deal. Support your local Chamber and see all the flowers you want for a one-time fee. The badges are available at the new Chamber of Commerce Office, 322 E. Main, Eagle Lake, Texas. The office is open from 8 a.m. to noon, Monday through Friday. Call 234-2780 for more information or call 234-2016 after noon and ask for Vicki Powers.

Volunteer groups will be able to make money for their organizations in the following ways. Two refreshment booths will be operated by the Wildflower Celebration. The Wildflower Celebration will provide all of the supplies and the groups will man the booths. At the end of the event, all profits will be divided up on a per day basis. These booths will be in town near the Chamber of Commerce Office. If your organization is interested, call Enola Gertson, between 8 a.m. and 12 p.m. at the Chamber Office (234-2780).

Two wagons will ferry visitors from the Parking Lot, on Calhoun Road to the Main Activity Area of the Wildseed Farms Tours. No donations will be asked of the visitors. Organizations manning the wagons will receive a \$75 donation for each day their group runs a wagon. This is a great improvement over last year. If your organization is interested, please check with the Chamber Office, in the

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Law Enforcement Reports

Accident hospitalizes Round Rock man

On Friday, February 1, at approximately 12:45 p.m. DPS Trooper Gary Eden responded to an auto/pedestrian accident on Highway 90A. Joseph Lacey, 80, of Columbus was traveling westbound when he approached the construction crew just passed the River Bridge. Jose Juan Ortiz, 22, of Round Rock was the flagman directing traffic. Lacey struck Ortiz from behind.

According to the DPS, there were several factors involved in the cause

of the accident. Mr. Lacey, knowing of his impaired vision wasn't wearing his glasses, failed to yield for the pedestrian, failed to heed construction warning signs and was apparently inattentive.

Mr. Ortiz was life-flighted from Eagle Lake Community Hospital and as of press time, his condition was unknown.

ELPD report for week of Jan. 26-Feb. 4

Rice Package Store was his again. Officer Jeff Argo was advised by Wilfred Lueddecke early Saturday morning that a door to the building appeared to be open. Upon investigation, Officer Argo discovered the North side door to have been pryed open and entry gained through it. Once inside, the suspects took several cartons of cigarettes, a quantity of liquor and some cash. This case remains under investigation. If anyone has ANY information concerning a suspicious vehicle or suspects in the area between Friday evening and early Saturday morning, or any information concerning any other offense, please contact the PD at 234-2727 or the Crimestoppers number, 234-5555.

The Police Department received a report Wednesday, Jan. 30, from a citizen of an American flag and pole being stolen from his residence on S. Lake Street. There are no suspects at this time.

ELPD was also dispatched to a traffic accident at the corner of N. McCarty and No Name Street, between 8 and 12 p.m. (See Law Enforcement, Page 12)



Fire Department in action

The Eagle Lake Volunteer Fire Department was called to this home fire late Saturday afternoon. Pictured hoisting down the last of the flames is Paul Marsalla with Pete Canaris directing the ventilating fan while T.J. Smith inspects the back of the structure located on B Street.

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