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Scouts honored at Blue & Gold Awards Banquet

Eagle Lake Cub Scout Pack 3078 held its annual Blue and Gold Banquet on Saturday evening joined by family and friends from throughout the community. The event is held each year in February, locally as well as across the country, in celebration of the founding of scouting and to recognize each Cub's achievements during the year.

The program was opened with a welcome from Cub Master Herbert Ramirez followed by the invocation by Gene Brown. After dinner the program continued with a patriotic presentation by the four local Cub Scout dens which included songs and skits depicting the scouting experience and celebrating American freedom.

During the program the Scouts were recognized, along with their Den Leaders, by Cub Master Ramirez who was assisted by Eagle Scout Hector Tapia.

Tiger Den Leader, Patti Ramirez and assistant, Dorothy Flores, awarded the Tiger rank badge and one year service stars to Robert Ramirez, Justin Flores, Joshua Foster, Jordan Konecheck, Jason Barrow, Tim Fisher, Hub Weller and Angel Franco.

Wolf Den One Leader, Clarence Coldey and assistant, Donna



From the highest rank to those just beginning, Hector Tapia (in photo at left) assists Cub Master Herbert Ramirez present awards at this year's banquet.

Below are the Cub Scouts, their adult leaders and Cub Master Ramirez.

Headlight Photos by Jeannine Fearing

Lutheran World Relief asks for help in clothing drive

Lutheran World Relief will have a statewide clothing drive again this year. Shipments of clothing and projects from all over the state will be received at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Dallas from where it will be sent to the main warehouse.

St. John Lutheran Church of Ruttersville and Zion Lutheran Church near Brenham will again receive the boxes on Tuesday, April 2 of this year. The Rev. and Mrs. Lee Eschberger of Cuero will again drive a U-Haul truck to deliver the shipments to Dallas leaving early Wednesday, April 3.

Those wishing to donate are asked to give from the following items: quilts and blankets, sweaters of all kinds, men's and children's clothing (light weight, wash and wear, no winter clothing), sewing, health and school kits; layettes; fabrics (dress length, no double knits); school uniforms and soap. The only women's clothes accepted will be sweaters.

Churches planning to participate in this drive are to follow these packing instructions.

Sort goods, pack in strong boxes. If the box is too large, please cut down to fit quantity being shipped or add filler (paper, styrofoam, etc.) to prevent crushing of boxes in transit. Boxes are to be labeled. Do not pack more than 35-40 pounds in one box and do not write weight on box.

Address outside of the box to Lutheran World Relief, 500 Main St., P.O. Box 188, New Windsor, MD, 21776.

Do not use masking tape, just filament tape.

Print the name of your church, the address and zip code on the outside of the box.

If churches are combining boxes for shipping, please send a list of participating churches and their address to Mrs. Richard Boone or attach the list to the shipping bill of lading.

Use Scotch tape and not strapping

Treatment, not prison

The jails are overcrowded. Eighty percent of the crimes committed are alcohol or drug related. Should these alcohol and drug abusers be put in jail or given a chance to change their lifestyle?

Currently the Colorado Valley Drug Council, which is state licensed, has a program which offers non-violent probationers alcohol/drug treatment instead of prison. This outpatient treatment program offers treatment to individuals who are convicted of crimes and need help to overcome their dependency. The program offers education and group counseling during the 15-hour course. If they are assessed as needing inpatient treatment, they are sent to an Austin program.

With the alarming increases in jail and prison populations, this program seeks to decrease the burdens on criminal justice agencies caused by alcohol and drug dependent offenders and recidivists.

Karen Gordon, a certified drug counselor with the Drug Council, conducts the sessions in La Grange for Fayette County and in Columbus for Colorado County. Funding for this program is provided by both counties. This is a pilot program in which only two Drug Councils in Texas are participating. The Texas Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse stated that Colorado Valley Drug Council's program is one that should be replicated in rural areas across Texas.

At the time of registration, a \$5.00 fee should also be brought for shipping charges.

Those who participate in the Lutheran World Relief Drive last year helped supply food to over two million persons who faced starvation in northern Ethiopia. LWR also provides medicine, tools and other rehabilitation goods to that area. Those who cared rushed 75,000 pounds of quilts, blankets and clothing to thousands of refugees in the Jordanian desert who fled Iraq and Kuwait during August and September of last year.

This is the second year in a row that LWR has been listed among the top U.S. charities that spend the greatest portion of their income on charitable missions.

Those having any questions are asked to call Marlene Eschberger at 512-275-6434 or write to A&M Route, Box 41, Cuero, Texas, 77954. Another contact person is Marilyn Sommer at 1-836-8114, Rt. 2, Box 527, Brenham, Texas, 77833.



Eagle Lake Lions Club

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East Bernard ISD Menu

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Monday, March 4: Breakfast: Sausage, biscuit, jelly or cereal, juice; Snackbar: Beef fajitas, French fries and salad; Lunchroom: Pizza, vegetable sticks or okra, fruit, cookie.
Tuesday, March 5: Breakfast: Donut or cereal, fruit; Snackbar: Steak fingers, gravy, french fries, fruit, hot roll; Lunchroom: Hamburgers, French fries, pinto beans, lettuce, tomato, pickle, onion.
Wednesday, March 6: Breakfast: Omelet, toast or cereal, juice; Snackbar: Frito pie with chili & cheese, French fries, salad, cornbread; Lunchroom: Chicken nuggets, whipped potatoes, gravy, green beans, fruit, hot roll.
Thursday, March 7: Breakfast: Pancakes, syrup or cereal, juice; Snackbar: 2 corn dogs, French fries, fruit; Lunchroom: Tacos, corn, lettuce, tomato, cheese, apple cobbler.

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Wildflower season passes are now available

Season-long passes for the Wildflower Celebration are now on sale. They are available at the Prairie Edge Museum; the Chamber of Commerce Office from 8 a.m. to noon; Bookkeeping Etc. from 8 a.m. to noon and 1 to 5 p.m. They will also be on sale at the Prairie Edge Museum March 15 and 16 during their presentation of *Arsenic and Old Lace*.

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Local girls receive All-District basketball honors

During the All-District Basketball meeting held in February, four local girls were honored. Bonnie Benge, a junior guard/forward, was named to the First Team. Bonnie averaged 20 points in district play. She showed a lot of aggressiveness and dedication to the sport according to her coach.

Melissa Guthmann, a junior post, was named to the Second Team. Melissa averaged 12 points and six rebounds in district play. Melissa added spark to the team with great enthusiasm for the game.

Nekesha Tillman and Shanna Brunner received Honorable Mention. Nekesha, a sophomore post, was always there when needed. She was a "young" post who showed a lot of authority under the basket.

Shanna, a junior forward, could be called upon defensively to slow down and/or stop an opponent. She was a very hard worker.

All four girls will be returning next year which should prove to be a very successful one for the team.

Rice CISD hires new athletic director

By CHAD FERGUSON
Banner Press Editor

The Rice Consolidated Independent School District board of trustees reached into Schulenburg's bag of rich athletic talent and pulled out a winner.

In a special meeting Monday afternoon, the board unanimously named Mark Johnson the district's new athletic director and head football coach



Mark Johnson

and authorized Superintendent Carolyn McCaughey to negotiate a two-year contract to go into effect on or before June 1.

Johnson, 32, is currently under contract with the Schulenburg Independent School District where he has served as the first assistant and defensive coordinator for the Shorthorn football team and head boys basketball coach for the past three years.

He will be Rice's third head coach in the past four years as he succeeds Tim Teykl who resigned after two years with a 4-16 record. Teykl followed Clifton Darden who posted a 42-48 record in nine seasons at the helm of the Raiders.

The Raiders' last playoff trip came in 1986 when Rice shared the District 23-3A title with Bellville and Sealy and lost in the bi-district playoffs to Needville 38-25.

Johnson's job will not be an easy one, but he is a proven winner and, with time, hopes to mold an athletic program the entire community can be proud of.

"I'm certainly happy to have this opportunity. I'm glad to be aboard and I believe I will do a good job for you. I'm looking forward to the challenge ahead of me," Johnson told the board after the 6-0 vote.

Johnson was recommended by McCaughey after a lengthy search. All told, about 90 coaches submitted applications for the job.

From those, the list was screened to nine candidates who were awarded an interview with the selection committee. The committee, including McCaughey, Rice principal Fred Graham, trustee Jim Wiese, coaches Benny Machac and Terri Tomlinson, parent Olivia Maxie and community leader Vance Duncan, narrowed the list to a final four.

McCaughey would not divulge the names of the other three finalists.

"I feel Mark will bring not only professional, but also personal competence to the school district. I believe he will be a tremendous asset to both our administrative and high school staff. He displays a lot of great leadership and has been a proven winner," said McCaughey in making the recommendation.

McCaughey later said the decision was a difficult one to reach, especially since she was impressed with all four finalists.

"Any of them would have been an excellent choice. However, Mark really impressed me as a man of integrity. He also was a fine athlete and is a

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NEWSBRIEFS

Register now for Little League

Registration is now underway for the 1991 season of the Eagle Lake Little League. Teams are being organized for boys and girls ages 6-15. Participants can register at Johnny's Sport Shop through March 19th. Try-outs for girl's teams will be held on March 20th at 6 p.m. at the Little League field. Boy's teams will hold try-outs on March 21st at 6 p.m. Everyone must be registered before try-outs. No registration will be held at the try-outs! Last year's players are reminded that they must re-register each year to remain eligible to play. There will be no try-outs for T-ball players.

Volunteers are still needed to serve as coaches and umpires. Call Clark Powers at 234-3238 if you are interested in helping.

Become a volunteer for Wildflower season

The Chamber of Commerce is asking for volunteers for the morning hours of 8-12 p.m. to help with mail-outs for the duration of the Wildflower Celebration. For more information call the Chamber office at 234-2780.

Original Bill of Rights on display

Have you ever wondered what the original Bill of Rights looked like 200 years ago? Well now is your chance to see it free of charge. The 200-year-old original, scribed copy of this historical document will be on display at the Sam Houston Coliseum in Houston March 8-12 from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Opening ceremonies will begin at 10 a.m. on Friday, March 8. Make a point to go look at a piece of history that has made Americans proud and made this country what it is today.

Defensive driving school scheduled

A defensive driving course has been scheduled by retired DPS Sergeant Gilbert Kiehl in Eagle Lake on March 12 and 13. The class hours will be from 6 p.m. until 10 p.m. The location is the Wintermann Library, 101 North Walnut St. in Eagle Lake. To pre-register for the course, call 409-234-2042 or report to the class room a few minutes early. Completion of the course can be used for a dismissal of a traffic violation or a discount on auto insurance for a three year period.

Get your Wildflower Celebration season pass

Season passes for the upcoming Wildflower Celebration tours are now available at the Chamber office (8 a.m. to noon), Bookkeeping Etc. and the Prairie Edge Museum. They will also be on sale the nights of the Museum theatrical presentation, March 15 and 16.

Lions Annual Golf Tournament, BBQ, Mar. 17

The Eagle Lake Lions Club Annual Golf Tournament and BBQ will hold Sunday, March 17. Serving time will be 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. For information on the Golf Tournament call Mike Henry at 234-5918 after 6 p.m. or Tee Up Pro Shop, 234-5981. BBQ tickets are available from any Lions Club member.

East Bernard FFA to host vaccination clinic

The East Bernard FFA Rabies Clinic will be held Saturday, March 16 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon at the East Bernard High School Ag. Shop. Animals must be at least three(3) months of age for vaccinations. The cost is \$6.00 per animal. Shots will be given by the East Bernard vet.

Crimestoppers Benefit Dance, March 15

Eagle Lake Crimestoppers will host their Annual St. Patrick's Benefit Dance March 15 from 8 p.m. to 12 midnight at the Eagle Lake KC Hall. Tickets will be sold in advance for \$5 and at the door for \$6 per person. An auction will be held during the dance. Dance music will be provided by Larry Waddell and Sidekick.

Chamber Barbecue scheduled for April 7

The Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce will hold their annual barbecue on Sunday, April 7 at the Eagle Lake Recreation Center. Tickets are available for \$5 each from Chamber directors or you can purchase them from Penny Henske at T's Etc. and Cambios, 218 E. Main, 234-2016. Tickets are pre-sale only! A fun golf tournament will be held in conjunction with the barbecue. For more information on the tournament, contact Pinto Brosche at 234-5981 or Penny Henske at 234-2016.

The Chamber is still accepting donations for office equipment. Donations can be made at the Chamber office or at the First National Bank. Also, season passes for the Wildflower Tour are available from the Chamber office or Gwen Paschall for \$10 each.

TEAMS test to be administered in April

Individuals no longer enrolled in a Texas public school who have completed all other graduation requirements, but have not previously passed both sections of the TEAMS test may register to retake the exit level mathematics and/or English language arts test(s). These individuals may pick up a registration packet at the vocational counselor's office at Rice High School. Registration packets must be received in Iowa City, Iowa **NO LATER THAN 5:00 P.M. MARCH 13, 1991.**

The English language arts test will be given on Wednesday, April 3, 1991 beginning at 8:30 a.m. in the Rice High School meeting room. The following day the same setting will be used for the mathematics test.

Eligible 11th grade students who are presently enrolled at Rice High School will be registered for the TEAMS test by their respective counselor. This test is given April 2, 3, and 4, 1991.

Rice 'Ex' places 2nd at nationals

Brian Amos placed second in the 55 meter high hurdles at the Junior College National Indoor Track and Field Meet on March 2. Thirteen schools attended the meet in Manhattan, Kansas.

Brian qualified for the national outdoor season when he will compete in both the 110 meter high hurdles and the 400 meter intermediate hurdles.

Brian is a 1990 graduate of Rice High School and is now attending Odessa Junior College.

Brian recorded a time of 7.50 seconds at nationals. That time is com-

parable to some of the best times run this year anywhere in the college ranks. Brian also competed in the 300 meter dash where he was defeated in the semifinals.

Amos is looking forward to the outdoor season when he will compete in both the 110 meter high hurdles and the 400 meter intermediate hurdles.

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Landrum to speak at Annual Christian Women's Luncheon

The 12th annual Christian Women's Luncheon will be held on Wednesday, March 13, 1991. Barry Landrum, a widely-known speaker, humorist and entertainer, will be the guest speaker.

The program begins at 10 a.m. at the United Methodist Church. Following the program, a luncheon will be served in the Fellowship Hall by the women of the United Methodist Church.

Dr. Landrum addresses conventions, seminars, and banquets for corporations and businesses across our land. He is best known for his after-dinner talks, which are punctuated with a good dose of humor along with his recipe for better living.

In addition to being a unique platform personality he is an ordained minister serving on the staff of the Second Baptist Church of Houston. There he ministers primarily to men and women in the business community of the Houston metropolitan area.

He and his wife Charlotte have three children and one son-in-law: Gina, Bud, Laura and her husband Ron.

WHEREAS, Eagle Lake Masonic Lodge #366, A.F. & A.M., and its members are an integral part of the City of Eagle Lake, Texas; and

WHEREAS, Masonry is a worldwide fraternity of friends and brothers; and

WHEREAS, Masonry promotes Reverence for God, Fairness and Honesty, Love of Freedom and Love of Country, and seeks only to make good men better; and

WHEREAS, Eagle Lake Masonic Lodge #366 will open its door for the observance of a Masonic Awareness Open House for the public; and

WHEREAS, Fred E. Allen, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Texas, has called for this Special Observance of this occasion by Masons, neighbors and friends of the Masonic Family;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Roy D. Van Nort, Mayor of the City of Eagle Lake, Texas do hereby proclaim March 10, 1991, as

MASONIC AWARENESS DAY in the City of Eagle Lake and urge all citizens to join me in its observance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and have caused the Official Seal of the City of Eagle Lake, Texas to be affixed this 28th day of February, 1991.

City of Eagle Lake, Texas
Roy D. Van Nort, Mayor

ATTEST:
Sylvia Rucka,
Acting City Secretary

'Masonic Awareness Day' March 10



Mayor Roy D. Van Nort is shown signing a Proclamation making March 10, 1991 Masonic Awareness Day in Eagle Lake. Sitting next to the Mayor is Emerson (Rike) Etheridge, Worshipful Master of the Masonic Lodge. Standing in back are from left: Joe H. McCreary, junior

deacon; Joe N. Frazer, member; Hugh Sheridan, iller; H.E. Tate, secretary; Lloyd Spallinger, senior deacon; Roy A. Van Nort, member; Bob Ashby, member; and Joe L. McCreary, senior warden.

Headlight Photo by Linda Waddell

Eagle Lake Police Department Weekly Report

For Feb. 26 to March 4, 1991
The Police Department is investigating seven reports of criminal mischief in the city this week. We have some good leads and investigation continues.

Also under investigation is a case in which a house was broken into and some Sprite and wine coolers were taken. Several good fingerprints were lifted at the scene.

ELPD received a report of a prowler and upon investigation, found Richard Thomas, who was placed under arrest for violation of a court order. Thomas was transported to Colorado County Jail.

While on patrol, an officer observed a couple at Meltsen's station on Post Office Street. L.C. Sims was arrested for assault and transported to Colorado County Jail.

During the month of February, the Department answered 185 calls including 64 criminal cases with 39 being cleared. Those calls included 6 assaults, 9 burglaries, 10 thefts, 15 disturbances, 5 accidents, 14 criminal mischief, and 126 miscellaneous calls. Six subjects were arrested; three with misdemeanor and three with felony charges. A total of 67 citations were issued.