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Council members updated on TDCJ application status

After completing an extremely short agenda, members of the Eagle Lake City Council were informed of a meeting set for Monday, March 4th, in Huntsville involving County Commissioner Sonny Spanihel, Mayor Roy Van Nort, Acting-City Manager Lucille Perry and Bill Barry and Wayne Scott of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ).

According to Perry, our representatives' basic question was what could we do to improve our application for a prison site. TDCJ's response mainly concerned the city's water and sewer rates being higher than other towns they had considered. The only incentive suggested was possibly adding a

long-term lease of acreage for TDCJ's farming operations. It was also mentioned that one town with a university or junior college close by had offered to build and staff a vocational training center on the prison grounds.

In response to Van Nort, TDCJ officials stated that next time they receive funding for more prison sites, applications will be accepted statewide. They will not pick from the cities left from the previous round (of which Eagle Lake is one). All new proposals will be needed.

In other business, council: •Presented Hector Tapia with a resolution praising his achieving the Eagle Award of Merit.

•Approved the use of the sidewalk and awning area in front of the Municipal Building to the Eagle Lake Lions Club for their annual Mop and Broom Sale scheduled for March 7.

•Authorized City Engineer John Mercer to proceed with the design and specifications for the improvement of Johnnie D. Hutchins Drive (Ridgela) leading to the new primary school.



Hector Tapia is pictured with Mayor Roy Van Nort at the February 26th meeting of the Eagle Lake City Council at which time Hector was commended by Council for his achievement of Eagle Award of Merit. Headlight Photo by Jeannine Fearing

Laughlin

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name, address, city, state and phone number, along with a check for the correct amount of the desired size flag to the above address. Make checks payable to Greg Laughlin.

Ag. Committee reviews farm credit system

One of the most crucial problems facing American agriculture is the availability of agricultural financing, which is essential to the livelihood of producers. As our competitive world market continues to increase, agricultural producers will suffer financially if we do not address and solve the farm credit problem.

On Feb. 21, the Conservation, Credit and Rural Development Subcommittee of the House Agriculture Committee held the first of many hearings to discuss the Farm Credit System and the credit needs of agricultural producers. This hearing addressed the foremost questions that must be answered. Is the Farm Credit System serving producers and functioning as it was designed to do? Or, should we consider revamping the entire system and setting new objectives and goals?

The Farm Credit System needs changes to make it more efficient and allow it to serve those producers who are in need of assistance. Although the Farm Credit System has had problems in the past, we should not overlook the positive effects it has provided to agricultural producers. Many farm credit institutions were consolidated to reduce operating costs and a secondary mortgage market was developed to help strengthen farm credit.

I am pleased the problems of the System are being addressed by the

102nd Congress. With a viable and progressive Farm Credit System, American agricultural producers can continue playing an important role in our world economy.

If you have any question regarding any of these topics, contact me at 202-225-2831 or send inquiries to Congressman Greg Laughlin, 218 Cannon House Office Building, Washington, D.C., 20515.



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Get ready for the Quincentennial

Over one hundred community members met in January at the Stafford Opera House in Columbus to discuss and continue planning for the big event to take place October 12th of 1991 thru October 12th of 1992.

Columbus was designated by the Texas Legislature and the Governor in 1989 as the official Quincentennial town of Texas for the National celebration of the 500th Anniversary of Christopher Columbus Voyage to the New World.

Through the efforts and direction of the Columbus Area Chamber of Commerce and the combined support of the city of Columbus, and county officials, the Columbus Texas Quincentennial Commission, Inc. was chartered in April of 1990. The purpose of the commission is to organize, plan, encourage, co-ordinate, and conduct Columbus, Colorado County, and the Texas Pioneer Trails' (inclusive) participation in the local, state, national, an international observance of the 500th anniversary of the Christopher Columbus voyage of the New World. The commission includes a board of directors, executive board, many committee chairmen, and committees, ambassadors, counselors, and honorary officials representing the entire county.

A Quincentennial "500 Club" is being established in order to have a funding base for operation. The club

will consist of 500 individuals or couples who donate \$92 will become official members; those contributing \$500 or more will become sponsors.

Members: receive pin. Invited to Reception and Recognition Banquet, and given 2 FREE tickets for Queen Isabel's Birthday Party, on April 22nd, which will feature special entertainment (presentation of pins at that time.) Receive prior notices of all Quincentennial functions in our county. Membership and Sponsor listings to be in all county newspapers, in souvenir booklets, and at special functions. Eligible to attend special functions from October, 1991 to October, 1992, with special seating arrangements at Premiere Production in May, 1992, of touring presentation. Tickets must be purchased separately.

Sponsors: Receive separate (different) pin for this membership. Prior invitations and notices to all Quincentennial activities and projects in county. FREE table for 10 at Queen Isabel's Reception and Banquet, on April 22nd. Special entertainment for program. FREE tickets and special seating at Premiere showing of touring production in May, 1992. (Premiere in Texas). Listing in all county newspapers, in souvenir booklets, and at special functions.

Chairmen of the County Wide Finance Committee is James Bibe of Weimar. Members are H.H. Red Moore, Bob Shaffer, and Ken Kram of Weimar; Jean Ellis, Lissie; Dale Heinsohn, Freiburg; W.N. "Billy" Lehrer, Garwood; Tom Reed, Jack and Judi Johnson and Mark and Becky Anderson of Eagle Lake; Alice Elliott, Houston; Mary Kay Heffley, Isaac Lopez, Laura Ann Rau, Bob Stiles, and Gary Braun, Columbus.

Filings for election still slow

As of Tuesday, no one had filed for the two Eagle Lake City Council positions on the May 4th ballot.

According to office personnel at the Rice Administration Office, two candidates have filed; three positions will be on the ballot. Melody Grigar has put in her bid for position #1, Eagle Lake, while Reggie Briscoe has filed for re-election in his position in Sheridan.

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Poison Prevention Week: March 3 - 9

The theme for National Poison Prevention Week is "Children Act Fast - So Do Poisons." The theme is part of a campaign to alert the public to the problem of accidental poisonings among children.

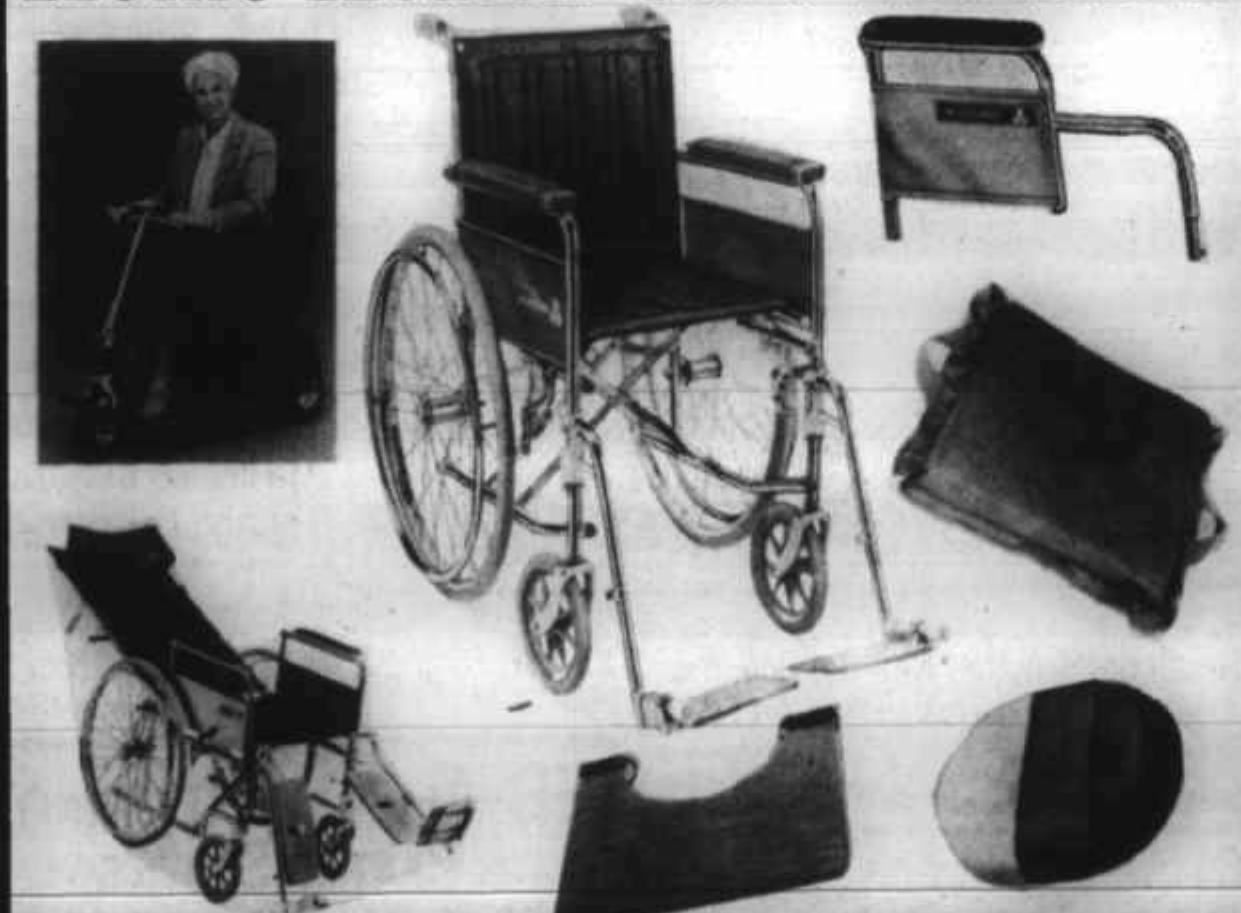
According to the Poison Prevention Week Council, more than half a million children swallow some medicine or household chemical each year. While most recover, at least 30 children die annually in poisoning accidents. When young children are crawling, they can find poisonous products such as drain cleaners under the kitchen sink. As children get older and are able to stand, they may reach for medicines on counter tops or open medicine cabinets.

If chemicals or household products have been swallowed, offer a small amount of water to the child. Then call a hospital emergency room of the local poison control center for advice as to whether or not to make the victim vomit. Keep a one-ounce bottle of ipecac syrup on hand for each child or grandchild in the home.

Poison prevention starts with keeping poisons out of the reach of children. When these products are in use, children should be observed closely. Keep poisonous products in their original containers. Medicines are best stored in a locked cabinet or on a high shelf out of children's reach.

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Last chance, folks

Tuesday evening, during their regular meeting, Eagle Lake City Council came to the decision that the only way to truly enforce the dog registration ordinance was to go door-to-door. After much discussion, Council members agreed there must be uniform enforcement of the ordinance which was passed after the state of Texas designated all city governmental bodies as the agents ultimately responsible for making sure each and every dog was vaccinated against rabies.

You may contact City Hall if you still have questions concerning the registration of your animal(s).

Eagle Lake Headlight

NEWSBRIEFS

SWCD reservation deadline March 14

The Annual Awards Banquet, honoring the Colorado Soil and Water Conservation District winners in the Coloring, Poster and Essay contests will be held at the Columbus High School Cafeteria March 21, beginning at 7 p.m. In addition to the district winners, other conservation awards will be presented.

Contact Clara Hornat at 409-732-2773 for information. The deadline for reservations is today (March 14).

Apostolic Choir to perform March 14, 15

The Apostolic Faith Bible College Choir from Baxter Springs, Kansas, will be in concert Thursday, March 14, 7:30 p.m. in Columbus at the Christian Gospel Church located at 506 Walnut. Friday, March 15, 7:30 p.m., the Choir will sing at the Rock Island Full Gospel Church.

Several members of the choir are from the Columbus and Rock Island areas. The public is invited to attend and be blessed by the choir's ministry and song.

Prairie Edge Players to entertain Mar. 15 & 16

The Prairie Edge Players report ticket sales are moving fast for the upcoming production of *Arms and the Man* by Joseph Kesselring set for 7:30 p.m. March 15 and 16 at the Prairie Edge Museum. Tickets are currently on sale at Gifts of Distinction, Heights of Texas, Laker Printing, First National Bank and Eagle Lake Drugstore. For reserved seat information call Jeanne Leopold at 234-3373. Make plans now to attend *Arms and the Man*. The Prairie Edge Players promise an entertaining night of surprises and smiles you won't want to miss! (See story on page 3.)

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. Advance tickets are \$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.

CCA to perform 'Devil's Funeral' March 16

The Combined Community Youth of Eagle Lake will present a drama entitled, "The Devil's Funeral" at Greater Mt. Olive Baptist Church at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 16. The play will be delivered by the Rev. B.J. Mason of Houston. The public is cordially invited to attend. (Rev. R. Kiser, Sr. Pastor).

Lions Annual Golf Tournament, BBQ, Mar. 17

The Eagle Lake Lions Club Annual Golf Tournament and BBQ will be held 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.

Math workshop for parents March 18-20

A math workshop for parents of students in grades PK-8 will be held in Eagle Lake, Garwood and Sheridan during the week of March 18-20. The workshop will focus on problem-solving skills which is the main emphasis of the TAAS and California Achievement Test math sections. Parents will be given the opportunity to make the games and activities presented to take home with them. Babysitting services will be provided and translators will be available for Spanish-speaking parents.

The workshops will be presented at the following dates, times and locations: Eagle Lake (for both ELPS and ELMS parents): Tuesday, March 19, 7:00 at the Eagle Lake Primary School Gymnasium; Garwood: Wednesday, March 20, 4 p.m. at the Garwood School Cafeteria; Sheridan: Thursday, March 21, 4:30 p.m. at the Sheridan School Library.

Please plan to attend this important workshop. The California Achievement Test will be given in April.

American Legion meeting March 19

Fred Frnka, Commander of W. Cherry-M. Perry Post 108 of the American Legion, announced the organization will meet Tuesday, March 19, 7 p.m., at the offices of Laker Printing, 123 N. McCarty, Eagle Lake. All members are asked to attend as there will be some important items to discuss. Light refreshments will be served.

Library presents 'A Chucklewood Easter'

The David and Eula Wintermann Library will be showing the video, "A Chucklewood Easter" for Pre-Kindergarten children on Wednesday, March 20 at 10:30 a.m. The library will also extend its hours from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. during the months of March, April and May.

Appraisal District traveling county

A representative of the Appraisal District will be at the Weimar City Hall from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on March 21 and at the Eagle Lake City Hall from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on March 22 to take renditions, and homestead and ag. applications for 1991. We will also take renditions and exemption applications for Weimar ISD that is located in Fayette and Lavaca Counties.

UMC plans services for Easter Season

Holy Week Services at the United Methodist Church begin with Sunday Morning Worship Service on March 24 at 10:50 with a covered dish lunch immediately after. Following the lunch, the children will be treated in an Easter egg hunt on the church grounds.

A Holy Communion Service will be held Maundy Thursday, March 28 at 7 p.m. Easter Sunday, March 31, an inspiring Sunrise Service is scheduled jointly with the Lissie and Eagle Lake United Methodist Churches at 6:30 a.m. at Mrs. Frances Adkins' lake near Lissie. The Easter Service at Eagle Lake United Methodist Church is at the regular time, 10:50 a.m. Rev. Charles Runk urges everyone to plan to attend all services.

Pilot Club's chicken spaghetti supper

The Eagle Lake Pilot Club annual major fund raiser, "The Chicken Spaghetti Supper" will be held Friday, April 5. Serving will be from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Eagle Lake Community Center. There will also be plates available to go. This fund raiser supports all projects. Purchase your tickets early because there will be "Advance Sales Only." Tickets are now available from any pilot member or you may call Monica Stock or Pat Matula at 234-5591.

Chamber Barbecue scheduled for April 7

The Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce will hold their annual barbecue Sunday, April 7 at the Recreation Center. Tickets are available for \$5 each from Chamber directors or you can purchase them 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 Brosnack at 234-5981 or Penny Henke at 234-2016.

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

Virginia Bauer honored as 'Lady of the Year'

On Saturday, March 2, Beta Sigma Phi sororities, Alpha Delta Phi and Xi Pi Psi, honored Mrs. Walter Lee (Virginia) Bauer as their 1991 choice of "Lady of the Year."

Mrs. Bauer is very active in the Baptist Church, having taught Sunday School for several years. She is also a member of the choir and a member of W.M.U. She has worked in the Baptist Mission Bible School and taught English classes and sewing classes to the Spanish.

She is presently secretary-treasurer of the Salvation Army Organization as well as a member of the Study Club and VFW Auxiliary. She has also been a past member of the Garden Club.

Without fuss or fanfare, Virginia quietly accomplishes lots of things for the community — truly an elegant lady. Both sororities are very honored to have her as the 1991 recipient.

The coffee held in the home of



Xi Pi Psi representative Becky Anderson (left) and President of Alpha Delta Phi Sheila Mathis (right) are shown honoring Virginia Bauer, as Lady of the Year. Headlight Photo by Linda Waddell

County Commissioners back Sportsman's Association, Senior Texans' Employment Program

Monday was a day of resolutions for Colorado County Commissioners Court. Resolutions were read and signed proclaiming March 10 through 16 as "Older Worker Week," supporting the Texas Sportsman's Association's request for suspension of "doe days" and supporting Amtrak's intention to stop in Columbus. The Court also heard a resolution from the Rice Consolidated Independent School District Board of Trustees regarding the proposed hazardous and industrial waste in Altair.

Diane Shifflett, Jobs Coordinator for the Senior Texans' Employment Program (STEP), Elizabeth Maeder, secretary of the STEP field office in Columbus and Elizabeth Lack, representing Wharton County Junior College's Sr. Citizen Program were on hand to accept the proclamation signed by County Judge Butch Strunk.

In part the proclamation stated: "The older workers and older jobseekers of our great state must be given the opportunity to share their years of experience, hard work and dedication. Texas must invest in their talents, their resourcefulness and recognize their contributions as productive members in our society. Invest in experience — hire and older Texan!"

Texas Sportsman's Association State President Glenn Weishuhn requested the Court approve the resolutions passed by the organization's Board of Directors.

The association is asking Texas Parks and Wildlife Department to immediately suspend the 3 year "doe days" experiment due to the already decimated herds; increase the designation of legal game to four points on a buck deer; change the whitetail deer season to Nov. 16 through Dec. 31 and recommend the black powder and bow season coincide with the regular deer season to reduce pressure on the herds.

Judge Strunk and all Commissioners agreed with Mr. Weishuhn and passed the resolution.

County Engineer asks... Are you aware of these regulations?

Septic systems
On January 23, 1990, Colorado County was approved by the Texas Department of Health (Agent Designation Order #016) as an authorized agent to regulate On-Site Sewage Disposal Systems.

All aspects of the design, construction, installation, operation and maintenance of an on-site sewage disposal system must be in accordance with the current standards. This regulation applies to new construction as well as changing an existing system. Any on-site sewage disposal system

installed after the effective date of agent designation order must be properly permitted and inspected. Failure to obtain a permit before construction is considered a misdemeanor offense that is punishable by a fine of not less than \$50 or more than \$100. Each day of a continuing violation is a separate offense.

Permits may be obtained at a cost of \$75 at the office of the County Engineer, Robert A. Zajack, 337 Walnut, Columbus; 732-3780.

Floodplain development
On September 19, 1990, Colorado County was accepted by ordinance of the Texas Legislature and approved by the Federal Emergency Management Agency to promote the public health, safety and general welfare and to minimize public and private losses due to flood conditions in specific areas. Therefore, in all areas of special flood hazard, a development permit will be required to ensure conformance with the provisions of this ordinance.

The cost of this permit is \$30 and can be obtained at the office of the

Crimestoppers offering rewards
The Eagle Lake Crimestoppers is offering a reward of up to \$1,000.00 cash for information leading to:

•The arrest and conviction of any person(s) involved in the aggravated assault and attempted robbery of Laveena Chavis on August 23, 1990.

•The arrest and conviction of any person(s) involved in 3 aggravated assaults and robberies that occurred between April 25 and Aug. 9, 1990.

•The arrest and conviction of any person(s) involved in the aggravated assault of Alvin Kohleffell September 29, 1990.

Subject in all three cases is believed to be a black male with a tall and slender build.

Rice CISD School Board President Frederick Leopold sent the Court a copy of the resolution unanimously adopted by the Board at a special meeting March 4. The resolution, to be forwarded to regulatory agencies concerned with the issuing of the permit requested by Tricel, read:

"WHEREAS, Tricel Environmental Response, Inc. has applied for a permit to accept hazardous and industrial waste at its Altair, Texas, facility, and

WHEREAS, this material will be properly disposed of in the underground water (rock) beds through which the water supply for this area flows, and

WHEREAS, the Rice Consolidated Independent School District Board of Directors has approved the permit requested by Tricel, read:

(See Commissioners, Page 10)

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