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Sorority Sweethearts chosen

Pictured above are Robin Thomas and Anna Mae Wiese. These two ladies have been chosen Alpha Delta Phi and Xi Psi Sweetheart, respectively, for 1991.

Headlight Photo by Tonya Castro

Pink Ladies elect new officers

The Eagle Lake Community Hospital Auxiliary (Pink Ladies) met in the conference room of the hospital Tuesday, March 19 at 9:30 a.m. for the final meeting of the auxiliary's fiscal year and also for an election of officers. Eunice Fmka, president, presided with thirty-one members present.

James Buckner Jr., the hospital's new administrator, was invited to the meeting to meet the volunteers. He told the ladies what an important role they play in a hospital's welfare and added that "I am very impressed with your fine record of service." He added that he was looking forward to working in his new position and with the hospital's employees and the auxiliary members.

When telling the group of his family, one could not help but sense the special devotion to his wife, Rebecca, and their four school-age daughters. He plans to evaluate thoroughly all aspects of the hospital before deciding where priorities lie and before asking the auxiliary members for their help in fulfilling these needs.

The ladies were pleased for his thoughtfulness in wearing a pink shirt with his suit just for the occasion.

Mrs. Sharon Grigar, marketing director for the hospital and newest auxiliary, spoke briefly about an auxiliary conference to be held April 23 and 24 in Austin. She plans to attend and encouraged others to do so. Two Pink Ladies, Barbara Pidgeon and Sydney Sheldon, volunteered to attend after a vote to send two members was approved.

Mrs. Sandy Thomson, president of the Civic Garden Club and a captain of the Wildflower Festival, attended the meeting briefly to give details for operating the booth which the volunteers share with her club and the Study Club in the museum during the Wildflower Festival.

After the business meeting, elections of officers were held. President Fmka and Treasurer Fay Rutledge chose not to seek re-election to their respective offices. After an all-out effort by the nominating committee, they will be succeeded by Sydney Sheldon as president and Barbara Pidgeon as treasurer. Jimmie Scott, vice-president, and her daughter Pat Stapleton, second vice-president, switched positions. Jean McInteer was re-elected secretary. The new officers will be installed during a luncheon on April 8 at 12 noon in the First Baptist Church.

Mrs. Betty Wilcox was asked to

read the following poem entitled "Myself":

I have to live with myself, and so I want to be fit for myself to know, I want to be able, as days go by, Always to look myself straight in the eye;

I don't want to stand, with the setting sun, And hate myself for things I have done.

I don't want to keep on a closet shelf A lot of secrets about myself, And fool myself, as I come and go, Into thinking that nobody else will know.

The kind of person I really am; I don't want to dress up myself in shame.

I want to go with my head erect, I want to deserve all people's respect; But here in the struggle for fame and self I want to be able to like myself, I don't want to look at myself and know

I can never hide myself from me; I see what others may never see; I know what others may never know, I never can fool myself, and so, Whatever happens, I want to be, Self-respecting and conscience free.

Mrs. Rutledge received a 2000-hour service pin from Mrs. Wilcox, volunteer service chairperson. Fay accumulated the 2000 hours within a very short period of time, December 9, 1986 through February 1991. She has been quite an asset to the Auxiliary as treasurer during the past two years and in many other services to the hospital.

The outgoing president gave her report for the period 1989-1991 noting that there are 35 active members of which 8 are life members, 10 associate

life members and 2 associate members. Two new members were added in 1989-90 and six new members in 1990-91. A total of \$33,017.68 has been given toward hospital equipment in the past two years. Also members contributed 10,345 hours of service; assisted at seven health fairs; helped at the Waterfowl Festival; had a booth at the Christmas Parades of 1989 and 1990. The president closed the meeting with the "Thought of the Month": "Love is the most important ingredient of success. Without it, your life echoes emptiness. With it, your life vibrates warmth and meaning. Even in hardship, love shines through. Therefore, search for love — because if you don't have it, you not really living — only breathing."

The outgoing president gratefully accepted a very attractive plaque presented to her on behalf of the Auxiliary by Mrs. Rutledge.

Two Pink Ladies, Helen Swensen and Fay, participated in a Poison Control Program given by Sharon Evers, hospital pharmacist, assisted by Jim Stastny, hospital maintenance director, and Sharon Grigar on Friday, March 25 at the Eagle Lake Primary School.

Next year, 1992, will be the 50th year for the operation of a hospital in Eagle Lake; and also will be the Auxiliary's 25th anniversary. Plans have already been started for a combined celebration. The administration will honor all volunteers and recognize a number of auxiliaries who continuously support the hospital and medical staff. Mrs. Grigar will coordinate the momentous occasion under the supervision of Administrator Buckner. There will be an "Eagle Lake Proud Day" especially since in recent years so many small-town hospitals have been forced to close.

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Locals perform in art festival

Friday, March 15, twelve students from the Columbus Alternate Education Center journeyed to Victoria to participate in the third annual Very Special Arts Festival. Sponsored by the Cultural Council of Victoria, this festival is their "commitment to offer programming for the special child in the field of the arts." Not only did the students have the opportunity to perform on stage, but they were able to attend several "hands on" workshops.

Friday's stage performance included thirteen groups that either danced, sang, or presented a short play or slide show. The Columbus A.E.C. students performed two routines. One of them was a routine to the New Kids on the Block song, "Right Stuff". Playing instruments were Doyle Holland, Rex McCCloud, Jon Peters, and Jason Wright. Dance performers included Sidney Lira, Dwayne Lopez, Larry Morgan and Roman Ortiz. The other performance was a gymnastic ribbon routine performed to music by Socorro Cano, Beth Lippert, and Misty McCCloud while Irma Perez

cheered them on.

The afternoon was packed with workshop learning experiences in clay, dance, drama, handbells, kites, painting, puppets, and singing. The Columbus students had the opportunity to ring handbells and perform the song "Silent Night"; plus, they collected hand drawn designs on kites which they were allowed to take home. The group departed with fond memories of the day's activities and looked forward to next year's festival.

Chaperones for the trip were Sandy Neundorff, Veronica Fields, Ron Peach and Judy Pustejovsky.

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putting a knife to his throat and telling him she was going to cut his throat. Charges were filed and a warrant for her arrest was issued. Long was arrested Saturday and placed in the custody of Colorado County Sheriff.

Friday, March 22, Officer Stauder received a report of a disturbance on West Prairie. After talking with both parties, a female was transported to her sister's house for the night. She didn't want to file charges against the male subject.

Christopher Charles Raabe of Sheridan was arrested Friday on warrants, transported to the County Jail for confinement and to see the judge.

Also on the 22nd at 2:30 p.m. the Department was advised of an accident at the intersection of Lakeside Drive and Main Street. Chief Villarreal, investigating officer, advised that Pedro Aguilar Lara of El Campo, driving a 1979 Dodge van, was too far out in the intersection and attempted to back up, striking the front center of Craig Hemphill's vehicle, an 1983 Buick. Lara was cited for unsafe backing and failure to show proof of liability. No injuries were sustained.

We received a report from Dawn Slade that she had been assaulted by Gaspar Morales Jr., claiming that he had struck her on the back of the head, arm and ribs. Charges were filed and Morales was arrested Saturday. After being processed, he paid his fine and was released.

Officer Argo was dispatched to South Austin Road on Saturday with reference to an assault. Cynthia Ruiz reported that her husband, Gilbert

Ruiz, had assaulted her. Gilbert was arrested, charged with class A assault and transported to the County Jail.

Sunday, the 24th, the Department was dispatched to a disturbance call at El Zarapa Bar. Upon Sgt. Jones' arrival and assessment of the situation, both subjects involved were taken to the hospital by private vehicle. Jones talked to both females at the hospital and advised them that they could file charges on each other if they wished.

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The happiest Easter ever... Earls returns from Saudi

The parents of SPC Kevin Earls were excited when they called the Headlight office to tell the happy story of their son being home for the Easter weekend.

Earls was a member of the brave service personnel from our city who served in the Persian Gulf. He returned home on Thursday, March 28 and left for Ft. Stewart, Georgia early Sunday morning. He will be coming home to stay for a month after the 15th. He would like to thank all the people of Eagle Lake for their support, letters and gifts.

Earls also shared some of his experiences with his family while at home. He said it was very sad to see how weak, hungry and thirsty the Iraqi Army was. SPC Earls, unable

to hold back the tears, gave one of the soldiers his own food. The soldier was so grateful that he gave Kevin some Iraqi money, which he will keep always as a souvenir of the war.

February 24, the start of the ground war, proved to be the busiest night of Kevin's stay in Saudi, but that didn't scare him one bit. He proudly re-enlisted in the U.S. Army for another three years. He said he will do it all over again, proudly. He stated, "It's to be, it's up to me."

The Eagle Lake Headlight extends a very warm welcome home to SPC Kevin Earls and wishes him all the best as he continues to serve our country.

Former County Agricultural Agent

Leroy J. Hajdik

July 12, 1938 - March 30, 1991

Leroy J. Hajdik, 52, of Columbus passed away March 30 at Hermann Hospital in Houston following a lengthy illness.

Born July 12, 1938 in Smithville to Rudolph and Annie Vasek. Hajdik graduated from Weidner High School in 1956 and from Southwest Texas State University in San Marcos in 1959.

On Jan. 12, 1963, he was united in marriage with Thusekda Koehn in Weimar.

He then earned his master's degree from Texas A&M University in Col-

lege Station in 1970 and did graduate work at Colorado State University.

He and his family moved to Columbus in 1977 where he worked as the county agricultural agent. He served as an agent in Colorado County as well as other counties for a total of 29 years.

He was instrumental in organizing the Colorado County Fair. He was a past-president of the St. Paul Lutheran Church Council and Columbus Rotary Club. He served as a director of the Texas County Agricultural Agents Association.

Services for Hajdik were held April 1 at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Columbus with Pastors Robert Schlorff and Sharon Burns officiating. Interment followed at the Masonic Cemetery in Weimar.

Pallbearers were Edward Gold, Fritz Leopold, Al Mahalic, Al Shimek, Randy Waligura and Anthony Mahalic.

Henneke Funeral Home Inc., Columbus, directors.

Sympathy is extended to the family in their loss.

NEWSBRIEFS

Chapter II meeting at Rice April 9

All parents of Rice students are invited to attend a Chapter II meeting to be held at Rice on Tuesday, April 9 at 7 p.m. Recommendations will be made concerning 91-92 purchases.

55 years of service for God

The Church of God of Prophecy located at 414 East Davitt will be celebrating its 55th anniversary on April 7. The community is invited to come and worship with us. Refreshments will be served. The celebration will begin at 2:30 p.m.

Friends of the Father Choir to perform April 7

The Friends of the Father Choir is presenting the musical Daniel, Darius and Delian on Sunday night, April 7 at 7 p.m. in the auditorium of First Baptist Church, Lake at Prairie. Friends of the Father is a choir composed of children from many local denominations. The choir is sponsored by the music ministry of First Baptist Church. The public is invited to attend.

Chamber Barbecue, golf tournament 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 the Chamber of Commerce Office on Main Street. 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.

Class of '71 reunion in the making

If you are interested (or know of anyone who is) in participating in a 20 year class reunion of the first graduating class of Rice High School — the class of 1971, please call one of the numbers listed below with your name and address. The date will be June 22, 1991. Your name and address will be needed by April 20.

Those who you can call are: Kathy (Miller) Ware, Missouri City, 713-437-1788; Theresa (Theurman) Laughlin, Lake Jackson, 409-297-2398; Diane (Kucharka) Spaniel, Eagle Lake, 234-3941; Ann (Sunderman) Pavliska, Eagle Lake, 234-2221; or Susan (Braden) Hadley, Eagle Lake, 234-5337.

Spring Gospel Concert to be held April 13

Providence Baptist Church on 1207 East State Street will be holding a Spring Gospel Concert on April 13 at 7:30 p.m. Special guests for the evening include Artist Charles Tyrnorne, Tawana Shepard and the Faith Community Choir. The public is invited and welcome to attend.

Class of '51 reunion to be held April 20

The Eagle Lake High School Class of '51 is having their 40th year reunion on Saturday, April 20th. They will come together to a dinner in the home of Gay and Dexter Anderson at 600 Partridge Lane, then the rest of the evening in the home of "Snookie" and Nellie Fmka at 755 S. McCarty. Other classes and friends feel welcome to drop in for the evening "hello" and visit.

Thrift Shop open Saturday, April 6

The Thrift shop will be open April 6 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Among good buys are aluminum window screens and an aluminum door — also ladies handbags and shoes. Come and browse; you just might find something just for you.

Utility rate increase needed...

1991-92 Budget reviewed, passed by Council

Reviewing and passing the City budget for the 1991-92 fiscal year was the main concern during Eagle Lake City Council's March meetings.

During the March 12th meeting Acting City Manager Lucille Perry reviewed the proposed budget for Council. She pointed out the much needed items which had been cut due to lack of funds: (1) \$35,000 for general street seal coating; (2) \$80,000 for a new street sweeper and (3) \$20,000 to begin a fund for a new and much needed computer system for the City office. The presently used Burroughs system is extremely limited and cannot be expanded.

Even with all these items being deleted, a utility rate increase will be necessary to cover the cost of sand-blasting and repainting the water stor-

age tanks plus the matching funds needed by the city on the sewer plant improvement grant. All services (water, garbage and sewer) will be increased \$1.00 on the base rate with water and sewer also increasing from \$1.35 to \$1.50 per 1,000 gallons.

"Even with the new rates it will take three years to recoup the expenditures for this year," said Perry.

During a discussion with Perry concerning the \$1,600,000 budget, it was pointed out that the general funds revenue from property taxes (approximately \$165,000) is used for administration costs, the police department, parks and recreation, fire department, streets and drainage and the airport. The only additional funds available for all these departments are the sales tax revenue, gross receipts tax (the franchise taxes charged Central Power & Light, Southwestern Bell, Entex and Cable TV) and any reserves

the City has. Adding to these expenses is the fire department's need for a new fire truck. There has been a \$125,000 limit set on this item.

Sheriff Bill Esterling came before council at their March 12th meeting, at the last minute, to ask the city to again participate in the drug enforcement grant application which was due by March 15 virtually giving them no time to discuss it among themselves or with Police Chief Lupé Villarreal. Instead of just approving participation, Council authorized Mayor Roy Van Nort to send a letter to the Sheriff after he, Acting City Manager Lucille Perry and Chief Villarreal had a chance to talk it over.

According to the Sheriff, the cost of last year's grant will be covered by the county's share of over \$300,000 confiscated by the Department of Public Safety in a drug arrest in which county officers assisted. Also there

will be "a little left over for the 1991-92 grant" according to Esterling. It is hoped that "left over" plus the sale of vehicles confiscated by the Drug Task Force will cover the cost of the new grant.

Also the Sheriff told Council that Eagle Lake was the only entity involved in the 1990-91 grant paying on a monthly basis. Apparently the other governmental bodies involved had opted to make a lump sum payment at the end of the grant period (May 31, 1991). Lucille Perry assured Council she would contact the county immediately to arrange the return of all monies paid.

In other business, Council: Awarded insurance bids to W.M. Thomas, Jr. Insurance Agency for Firemen's insurance coverage; Eagle Lake Insurance Associates for both

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Law Enforcement Reports

Eagle Lake Police Department

Week ending April 2

Kick Door Burglar's vehicle located in Eagle Lake

Sheriff's Deputy Eddie Arja was dispatched to Bernardo in reference to a suspicious vehicle in the area. Arja began pursuit of the vehicle when it made an erratic turn off Farm Road 949 onto Cat Springs Road and began accelerating at a high rate of speed. At that time, Arja requested backup. The suspect presumably felt he couldn't negotiate a curve and proceeded to travel into a pasture, going through a barbed wire fence.

After traveling east through another pasture and fence, the suspect was met by Arja who turned around and continued pursuit. Units from the Sheriff's Department, Texas Department of Public Safety and Game Warden joined in the attempt to stop

the vehicle. Also, a county resident helped in the search with his small plane.

At 11:32 a.m. the Sheriff's Department notified Eagle Lake Police requesting assistance in locating the suburban, believed to be used by the "Kick Door Burglar" in burglaries on the north side of I-10. Authorities were advised to set up surveillance until Sheriff Esterling ceased operations.

At 2:51 p.m., while returning from lunch, Chief Villarreal and Sgt. Jones located the suspected vehicle parked on No Name Street at the Corner of the Old Braden Warehouse behind the Wintermann Building. At this time, the Sheriff's Office was notified and surveillance was set up on the vehicle.

It was watched until 3:30 a.m. to see if the suspect would come back and pick it up, without luck. Delgado's impounded the vehicle which was finger-printed by the Sheriff's Department. It was found that the vehicle had

been reported stolen on March 28 out of West Columbia.

We would like to thank the concerned citizens who called in to report seeing the suspicious vehicle parked at that location. Regardless of how small the information appears to be, it might be the missing link to solve a case, and we encourage you to make that call.

The Police Department was dispatched to two accidents this week. Luckily there were no injuries sustained from either one.

Sgt. Jones was called Friday afternoon at 2:56 p.m. to a two vehicle accident at the intersection of Third and East "A" Streets, involving a 1972 Chevrolet pickup driven by Julian Flores and an 1989 Chevrolet Beretta driven by Sharon Michele Herman of McAllen. Flores was traveling south on Third Street and Herman was traveling east on "A". Both vehicles met in

(See Law Enforcement, Page 7)

Board rejects bids on school additions

Kate Labay of Garwood was sworn in as the newest member of the Rice Consolidated Board of Trustees at a special meeting held Wednesday, March 27.

Following a short executive session, Labay was appointed by the board to fill Position #2, the unexpired position vacated by Bill Carpenter. Labay has filed for the position and is running unopposed in the May 4 election. Labay will now be running as the incumbent.

The rationale given by Superintendent Carolyn McGaughey for making an appointment so close to election time in lieu of at the time the position was vacated was that after board discussion it was deemed necessary in order for Garwood to have representation in some decisions on

pending items of business that must be made by the board before the forthcoming election.

The board tabled action on accepting the bid of Gaeke Construction of Giddings for the Garwood and Rice High School construction projects. Gaeke was the lowest bidder, but since the bid was some \$65,700 over the estimated projected amount to be used out of finances generated by the bond election, the building committee met with architect Randy Fromberg and Gaeke Thursday afternoon to go over possible changes and deletions that will bring the cost into the realm of the original projected amount of \$323,000. Gaeke's bid was \$388,000. Three complete restroom facilities and matching the original design were some reasons given for the cost of the

projects running \$51,44 per square foot. The Rice High School Project calls for classrooms, including an art room, restroom facilities and concession stand and restroom facilities in the gym area.

The board concurred that it must be careful what is cut out. As one member stated, "That's what happened in the original high school construction and those things have haunted us ever since."

Fromberg's recommendation to the board was the acceptance of the bid of Gaeke contingent upon the changes and deletions. The board chose not to accept the recommendation due to the possibility of having to re-bid or re-design the project.

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Leroy Hajdik

\$1,000 Winner

Bill Prihoda of Weimar, right, happily accepted a \$1,000 check from Mike Oils, general manager of KULM-FM in Columbus, on Monday.

Prihoda, the winner out of some 70 finalists in the drawing, submitted his name at Weimar Home Furnishers in Weimar.

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