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enforcement community, it was decided to cancel the current grant and train a deputy sheriff to work as the juvenile officer.

Deputy Eddie Araj was chosen by the sheriff and will begin attending classes at Southwest Texas State University in San Marcos this month to receive the proper training to work as the juvenile officer.

After completing a 20-hour juvenile law course, Araj will attend a 40-hour juvenile officer certification school. By the end of June, he will be able to take on juvenile related calls. He will make the juvenile work his priority — being on call 24 hours a day, but will still maintain his deputy duties.

Commissioner Leon "Sonny" Spaniel questioned whether or not Araj would be able to keep the juvenile cases in top priority or if his deputy duties would interfere and put the juvenile duties on the back burner.

Estelinger repeatedly informed him that the deputy would be able to balance the duties and give the juvenile work the attention it would require.

Villarreal, however, stated that he

felt he would need to train one of his patrol officers to handle cases also. "It is not that I am questioning the sheriff's intentions, but the officer would, quite frankly, have to spend a lot of time in Eagle Lake and I'm not sure if he will be able to be there all the time."

Since the deadline to renew the current juvenile grant obtained by the county has passed, the court realized, despite some reservations, to support the sheriff and the other departments in every way to make the new work situation as successful as possible.

The court also approved the use of the district court room for filming a made for television movie on May 14.

Writer's Cinema Inc. has agreed to make a \$3,000 deposit with the county to cover any damages which may occur to county property as well as donating \$500 to the county for the use of the court room.

The company also agreed to pay two maids and Michael Lapham, an employee of the county, \$15 per hour for an eight-hour day to help during the shooting.

Old Timers' Baseball Assoc. meeting, barbecue May 5

The South Central Texas Old Timers' Baseball Association's 22nd annual meeting and barbecue will be Sunday, May 5, in the Civic Center Building in Schulenburg. Registration starts at 1 p.m. and there will be a visitation period before the business session begins at 2:30 p.m. The Civic

Center is just east of Wolters Park at 1107 Hillje Avenue.

Letters were sent to members requesting them to make reservations for the meal by April 26th in order to give an accurate count to the caterer; however, if they did not receive the letter in the mail to make reservations, meal tickets can be purchased at the door, provided there is any food left, for \$5 per ticket. The meal ticket will also serve to enter you in the drawing for door prizes. Sign your name on the back of the ticket and drop it in the box at the registration desk. Cards will be provided for those who do not intend to stay for the meal, but would like to enter the drawing.

We hope you will make a real effort to attend, and bring your family and/or friends; everyone is welcome. Membership in the Association has decided to offer lifetime membership, including the meal, to the wives of our deceased old timers. If you know of any who might want to come, invite them to accompany you.

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Dr. Russell Thomas appointed family physician to TTAC

In May of 1989, The Texas Legislature passed House Bill 18, also known as the Omnibus Health Care Act. Section 29 of the bill calls for the Bureau of Emergency Management of the Texas Department of Health "to develop and monitor a statewide emergency medical services and trauma care system." "A trauma system is an arrangement of available resources that are coordinated for the effective delivery of emergency health care services in geographical regions consistent with planning and management standards." More simply, a trauma system helps get the right patient to the right hospital in the right amount of time.

Projections from the Texas Department of Health Population Data System indicate that in 1991 Texas will have over 358,000 patients who will suffer from accidental injury. Many of the deaths following an injury are preventable. If the average seriously injured patient receives expert trauma care in time, he has about an 80 percent chance of surviving and returning to full time work or school activities.

Russell Thomas, Jr., D.O., is the appointed family physician representative to the Trauma Technical Advisory Committee and chairman of the TAPF Re-election and Classification Committee. The focus of the Trauma Technical Advisory Committee is to develop the structure of a statewide system and trauma registry. The committee has been successful in formulating proposed criteria for four levels of Trauma hospitals, dividing the state into 22 suggested Trauma Service Areas (TSAs), generating recommended phases for development of the registry, and creating a proposed Phase I Trauma Registry Form. Further work on rules, administrative policies and procedures, and standards, as well as eventual implementation will be highly dependent upon the availability of resources.

Review of Dr. Russell's work. Appointments were made to the Trauma Technical Advisory Committee in November of 1988 by the Board of Health. There are twelve regular and two ex-officio members. The membership is diverse, representing trauma surgeons, hospital administrators, emergency nurses, anesthesiologists, family physicians and the representatives of the legal profession. The committee was initially split into two working subcommittees: Hospital Designation and Trauma Registry. Recently, two new subcommittees were appointed: Designation Process and Triage/Bypass.

The Emergency Medical Services Division was reorganized to emphasize trauma system development. Two programs, the EMS Trauma Systems Development Program and the EMS Registry Program are working with TTAC to step up parameters for trauma system development. In January 1990, an in depth assessment of Texas' Emergency Medical Services was conducted by a national team sponsored by the National Highway and Transportation Safety Administration. The resulting report provided recommendations that support our direction in planning for EMS/ Trauma System Development.

When the legislature passed the trauma legislation, they requested a review of the trauma system. The committee will be working with the Trauma Technical Advisory Committee to draft rules for approval by the board. These rules are mandated to the Board of Health by House Bill 18 in order to implement the system. A positive aspect for all involved in this process is that these rules come under the auspices of EMS policy, therefore the public will have a 90-day comment period, rather than the usual 30 days for other Board of Health rules. The draft rules will be well publicized so that you will be aware of all the issues. During the comment period there will be a public hearing as well.

The pilot registry will be implemented in phases. Phase one will probably begin with 3-4 hospitals to determine if the processes are functioning as we hoped. Then the program will likely proceed to an entire Service Area in Phase 2. Phase 3 will be implementation around the state. The designation plan for hospitals is being formulated by the Designation Process Subcommittee of TTAC. Details and procedures for the process will be finalized and presented to the public as part of the rule packet.

Centers will be designated into four levels of hospitals: the advisory committee recommends: Level I, Comprehensive Center; Level II, Major Center; Level III, General Facility; and Level IV, Basic Facility. Recommended Texas Trauma Hospital Criteria for each of the four levels of hospitals are nearing completion by TTAC. For levels I, II, and III, the American College of Surgeons' guidelines have been closely followed as required by the legislation.

Rehabilitation is the final component and it is often neglected in trauma systems. Trauma is a disease of the young; of persons just at the beginning of their productive life. It is very important to have acute inpatient and outpatient rehabilitation care, as well as home care to provide trauma patients with maximum opportunity to regain productive functioning.

The state will be divided into Trauma Service Areas (TSAs) that reflect normal patient flow patterns. TTAC has recommended 22 such regions and each one will have a number of designated trauma hospitals of varying levels. The highest designated hospital will be the "lead" hospital. The "lead" hospital will have a number of responsibilities including providing consultations to their hospitals in the TSA and a review of that area's trauma care to include pre-hospital activity. A multi-disciplinary advisory committee in each service area will develop a regional trauma plan specific to that area's needs.

The cost study that is currently being conducted will provide figures on the magnitude of the problem in Texas. The resulting report will be part of a larger paper which will include pre-hospital and rehabilitation cost figures, as well as strategies for generating a pool of funds for reimbursing uncompensated trauma care. A coalition group of approximately 20 interested organizations from around the state, such as the American College of Surgeons, American College of Emergency Physicians, and Emergency Nurses Association, are working with TTAC to develop objectives for funding of trauma system development and compensated trauma care. A committee of this group will be drafting the legislation that will meet those objectives.

Maintenance and improvement of a trauma system requires an effective quality assurance program. For this to work, we need stronger legislation in Texas to protect all aspects of reporting, including committee work. Some states have very stringent laws which protect all data. We are hoping to get the same for our state during this current legislative session.

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At a glance...

Saturday's Election Results

Eagle Lake City Council: Rice School Board:

Duarte: 244 Grigar, Position #1: 333

Stancik: 224 Sunderman, Pos. #1: 170

Bendy: 134 Labay, Position #2: 429

Appelt: 48 Brisco, Position #3: 392

Marland: 37

Eagle Lake Headlight

Anderson earns the gold

In Conference AAA competition of the State Current Issues & Events contest, Darriy Anderson, son of Arthur and Mary Lou Anderson, took first place honors, receiving the coveted gold medal.

Anderson leaped ahead of his district and regional competitor, Scott White of La Grange, who placed third at the state meet. Anderson, Abel, and sponsor, Lillian Gohlke heard the news in the LBJ Bass Lecture Hall in Austin, Saturday, May 4. On Friday evening, Heather Abel placed seventh in the state Headline contest. She is the daughter of Charles and Jeanette Abel.

"Reaching the state level of academic competition shows determination and preparation on the part of the contestant and sponsor," Dr. Bailey Marshall, UIL director said. "Students who compete at the state meet represent the elite in their field. The development of skills to handle the intense competition and attainment of knowledge required to achieve this honor will benefit the contestant far beyond the high school years."

By participating at state, students qualify for Texas Interscholastic League Foundations scholarships. During



1990-91, the TILF awarded more than \$504,000 in scholarship grants to 382 college students who competed at the UIL state academic meet. In 1991-92, they expect to award an estimated 500 new and renewed grants, valued at approximately \$600,000. The TILF funds are made possible through grants from foundations, individuals and families. The TILF has almost \$2,000,000 in endowed funds.

NEWSBRIEFS

Rice academic banquet, May 9

The 1991 Rice High School Academic Banquet will be held on Thursday, May 9 at 7:30 p.m. in the high school commons. The public is invited and urged to attend.

Acteens holding bake sale Saturday

Geithemani Baptist Church Acteens will hold a bake sale on Saturday, May 11 from 7:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the high school commons. The public is invited and urged to attend.

Waste management program Monday

A program entitled "Waste Management and the Future" will be held on Monday, May 13 beginning at 7 p.m. at the Columbus High School Cafeteria. A speaker from the Texas Department of Health, Solid Waste Management Bureau, will address the topic of recycling and setting up recycling programs. A speaker from the Texas Water Commission will discuss the issue of hazardous and industrial waste sites. Colorado County Extension Homemakers, sponsors, encourage everyone to attend. For information call Peggy Braden, County Extension Agent, at 732-2330.

Sheridan PTS meeting changed

The Sheridan PTS meeting that was regularly scheduled for Tuesday, May 14, has been changed to Monday, May 13. This meeting will include Kindergarten graduation beginning at 6 p.m. at the Sheridan School.

4-H meeting rescheduled

The Rice 4-H meeting set for Monday, May 13, has been rescheduled for Wednesday, May 15, from 5-6 p.m. at the First Baptist Church. This is the last meeting of the year and record books will be looked at, to members are encouraged to attend and bring their records with them. Pictures for the newspaper will be taken of shooting sports participants. 4-H meetings will begin again in September. Watch the Headlight for announcements.

'Scouting for Food' Drive to be held May 18

The Cub Scouts will hold a "Scouting for Food" Drive on Saturday, May 18 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. in front of the McCreary Auction Co. located at 201 S. McCarty across from Minimax. The scouts are collecting non-perishable food items for the local food pantry. Please bring your donation to help the needy. For further information, contact Herbert Ramirez at 234-5832.

Catholic Church to hold Graduation Mass

Our Lady of Perpetual Help and Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Churches will hold a mass Saturday, May 18 to honor all Rice High School graduating seniors. The mass will begin at 6 p.m. at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church, 310 N. Stevenson in Eagle Lake. All RHS graduating seniors of any denomination are encouraged to attend.

Ugarte back in Eagle Lake office

Dr. Jose M. Ugarte, returning from duty at Ft. Hood, has resumed seeing patients in his Eagle Lake office. Wednesday, May 8th, at 7:30 p.m. We are asking all the local churches and choirs to come out and give their support. Rev. O. Scott, pastor. St. Aberlen Parker, president.

Greater Rising Star benefit musical

Greater Rising Star Baptist Church is sponsoring a benefit musical for Rev. Gary Scott and his wife on Saturday, May 18, at 7:30 p.m. We are asking all the local churches and choirs to come out and give their support. Rev. O. Scott, pastor. St. Aberlen Parker, president.

Addresses needed for class reunion

Addresses are urgently needed for the 20 year reunion to be held on June 22. Any and all class members or teachers from Rice High School's classes of 71-74, contact anyone of the following as soon as possible: Kathy (Miller) Ware, 713-437-1788, Theresa (Theuman) Laughlin 409-297-2398, Susan (Braden) Hadley 409-234-5337, Debbie (Duncan) Vawter 409-234-5457 or 234-3523, Traylor Walker 409-234-3937 or 234-3921, Connie (Breithaupt) Gertson 409-234-3931 or Enola (Pavia) Gertson 409-234-5070 or 234-2780.

Defensive driving school scheduled

A defensive driving course has been scheduled by retired DPS Sergeant Gilbert Kiel in Eagle Lake on Tuesday and Wednesday, May 14 and 15. The class hours will be from 6-10 p.m. The location is the Watershed Library, 101 North Walnut Street in Eagle Lake. To pre-register for the course call 234-2042 or report to a class 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.

Sheriff discussed during meeting...

Duarte, Stancik, Bendy elected to Council

In order to comply with state laws concerning the time limit on canvassing election results, Eagle Lake City Council met in special session Tuesday night at the Municipal Building. Saturday's election results accepted by Council showed 316 voters plus 8 absentee ballots cast as follows: Mike Duarte, 244; Melvin Stancik, 224; Don Bendy, 134; Bill Appelt, 48; Mike Marland, 37; Leroy Alvarado, 33; David Mann, 23 and a list of 24 other persons who garnered a total of 37 votes among them.

Duarte, Stancik and Bendy will be sworn in next Tuesday at Council's regular meeting. Following an executive session of just over 25 minutes, Councilman Vic Cornman made a motion to reject all applications received for the open position of City Manager and to continue with Lucille Perry as Acting City Manager. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously. Mayor Roy Van Nort assured everyone present that Council would indeed advertise for applicants again in the near future,

but thought it would be better to "wait a while".

As happens many times at these meetings, the most interesting subjects come up under the agenda items listed as "Other" when each councilman, the mayor and city manager have a chance to bring up problems, questions, etc. Tuesday's "Other" included an update from Van Nort on the meeting he had set up with the three cities, county judge and the sheriff to discuss the Drug Task Force and the Juvenile Grant. County Judge "Buich" Strunk,

after agreeing to the meeting and setting the date and time for April 30th at 4 p.m., decided he would like the commissioners to be present. In order for all the commissioners and the judge to meet, a special Councilman's Court meeting was called for 10 a.m. on the 30th. Agendas were mailed out and everything proceeded as "planned". Unfortunately, due to a lack of communication, Mayor Van Nort was

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Law Enforcement Reports

Eagle Lake Police Department

Officer Staude was dispatched early Wednesday morning, May 1, to a report of gun shots in the area of Austin Road and Clark Street. The area was checked out, but no evidence of shots being fired was located. Thursday Officer Clemon Johnson assisted the task force in arresting Calvin Stovall on a warrant for delivery of a controlled substance.

Chief Villarreal worked an accident Friday at 11:45 a.m. in which David Heath Cove of Bryan, driving a '91 Chevrolet pickup, struck the back side of a '79 Oldsmobile, driven by Vera Lemons of Eagle Lake. The two subjects in the red truck were not wearing seatbelts and the driver hit the steering wheel. No major injuries

were sustained, but Cove was transported to the hospital on a backboard. The passenger hit the windshield with great force and was bleeding from a cut above the eye and complained of pain in his eye. He, too, was transported to the hospital. Cove was issued a citation for failure to control speed while Lemons received a citation for failure to show valid driver's license.

Robert Wilcox phoned the police

department Friday afternoon and advised he had a shoplifter on his premises. Officer Johnson responded to the call and brought a juvenile to the station where he was turned over to the juvenile officer.

Officer Argo was dispatched to a burglary of a habitation on Boothe Drive Saturday morning. Entry was gained into the residence by breaking

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Thomas to speak at Study Club Luncheon

"A Toast to Women" will be the theme for the President's Luncheon of the Eagle Lake Study Club on Friday, May 10th at the Community Center. The speaker for the day will be Dr. Sandra C. Thomas, Vice President for Student Development at Meredith

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Runk retires after 41 years of ministry

Rev. Charles Runk, pastor of United Methodist Church for the past 11 years, will be retiring at the end of May following a successful and re-

warding 41 years in the ministry. Rev. Runk was born and reared in Alice. He married Miss Oneta Fee on June 4, 1954. She is deceased. A daughter, Miss Alice Ruth Runk resides in Dallas and a son, Charles William Runk lives in Bastrop.

Charles graduated from Southern University of Georgetown and Perkins School of Theology in Dallas. He served a student pastorate in the central Texas conference while in seminary. He received his local preacher's license from McAllen District in 1946. Rev. Charles Marshall, a former Eagle Lake resident now deceased, was District Superintendent at that time. Rev. Runk was ordained a deacon in 1950 and an elder in 1952.

He has served ten churches in the Southwest Conference. His longest pastorate was 11 years at the local Methodist Church.

Charles will reside at Mason, Texas, where he has recently built a home. Sincere best wishes go to Charles for much happiness in his retirement. He shall be missed greatly by all in Eagle Lake who have had the pleasure of knowing him. Hopefully he will visit here often.

A reception honoring Rev. Runk upon his retirement will be held at the United Methodist Church Sunday, May 19 from 3-5 p.m.; and a covered dish dinner at the UMC Sunday, May 26 will be in his honor.

EMS Week, May 12-18

This year, Americans will experience an estimated 92 million medical emergencies serious enough to require a visit to the emergency department. "Emergency Medical Services: The Team That Cares" is the theme of this year's Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Week, an annual event sponsored by the Colorado County Volunteer Emergency Ambulance Corps to recognize the high level of training and commitment shared by the emergency physicians, emergency care attendants, first aiders, dispatchers, firefighters and others who provide emergency medical care to the citizens of Eagle Lake and the surrounding community.

During EMS Week, scheduled for May 12-18, the Columbus, Weimar and Eagle Lake Ambulance Corps

invite area residents to learn how they can be "lifesavers", too, by playing an active role in their own safety. This includes knowing how to recognize and prevent medical emergencies, how to access our local EMS system, and what to expect during treatment. If your church or service organization group is interested in any aspect of emergency care, the Corps will be glad to put on a program for you or just be on hand to answer questions.

A county-wide disaster drill will be held on Saturday, May 18, in which all emergency response organizations have been asked to participate. These drills help identify problem areas in the delivery of emergency care so when the "real thing" arrives, difficulties are kept to a minimum.

The national EMS Week observance is sponsored by the American College of Emergency Physicians to promote health, safety and the advancement of emergency medicine. Emergency medicine was recognized as the 23rd medical specialty in 1979 and is the practice of evaluating, stabilizing and treating life-and-limb-threatening

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Little League Opening Day Ceremonies

A big, ugly cloud passed over the area about 6 a.m., but the bad weather was gracious enough to avoid Eagle Lake Saturday in allowing the Little League to hold its annual Opening Day Ceremonies. Included were a barbecue dinner prepared by The Brooches and Ray Obenhaus (bean cook) along with donations from Miller's Grocery and an auction (headed by Chuck Stephens) of items donated by local merchants. The two events brought in approximately \$3200.

Before the introduction of teams, coaches and players, League President Clark Powers thanked Michael Rucka, John Young and Gus Seaholm for sprucing up the playing field which looked better Saturday than it has in a long time.

The flag was raised by Kyle Fink and Lance Grigar as Vicki Powers sang "The National Anthem". Henry Webb gave the invocation. After a short pause, the auction began with Joe Herbert McCrory serving as auctioneer and Michael Rucka, Gus Se-

holm, Buddy Mills, Herb Fisher and Larry Waddell serving as spectators. One more person who definitely contributed to Saturday's events, and the rest of the season, is Laurel Holden

who is in charge of making of the schedules. Of course we can't forget Melody and Mike Grigar who handle registration each year.

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Little League teams line up around the diamond during their introduction.