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Hospital Auxiliary

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anesthesia ventilator, rocking chair for nursery, shampoo tray, cart; built cabinets and shelves; bought two roll-away beds, Christmas decorations, blood warmer for operating room, cuffs for blood warmer, two cots and mattresses, a chair, three lounge beds; made Christmas stockings for newborns in December.

From 1981 through 1985 the auxiliary: gave blood pressure cuffs for walls in patient rooms; color books for hospitalized children; more blood pressure units; furnished a room; paid a portion of a mammography machine; a fetal monitor; a rocking chair for children in hospital; an OB mirror; a portable bilirubin light; hematology equipment; respiratory diagnostic

equipment called pulmonary function analyzer in memory of Doctors C.J. and J.R. Laughlin; Christmas stockings for newborns in December.

From 1986 through 1989 the ladies organization bought: five additional Eagle Lake Headlights for the patients; coloring books for child patients; 18 dozen baby shirts (Made in Heaven, Born in Eagle Lake Community Hospital, Gift of the Pink Ladies); Resucci Annie and Resucci baby in memory of Dr. Curtis Laughlin; Christmas stockings for Dec. newborns; blood analyzer; bed scales; flowers for hospital lobby; two red wagons for children's surgery; Critikon model 1846 Dinamaprinter blood pressure machine and Model

#8270 blood pressure cuff.

During the past year, Jan. 1990 through March 1991 the Pink Ladies have given: contribution toward x-ray and anesthesia equipment; Headlight subscriptions for patients; potting soil and pot savers for lobby; coloring books for child patients; memorial album and extra pages; 24 dozen baby shirts (made in Heaven, Born in Eagle Lake Community Hospital, Gift of the Pink Ladies).

Over 23 years, the generosity of the Pink Ladies comes to a total of \$147,259.41!

And, these tremendous workers for Eagle Lakes' hospital continue in their good works and monetary help.

Heritage House News

By Gladys Owens, Activity Director

Heritage House decorated for Halloween this week. Rowena Earls, Diane Scott, Jean Cranford and I had a good time creating Mr. and Mrs. Pumpkin to grace our front porch. The residents got a big kick out of our new trick-or-treaters to Heritage House Halloween night; we have some great treats to hand out! Residents look forward to greeting the kids, our curfew will be 8 p.m. so come early and let your ghost or goblin trick-or-treat safely.

We welcome Charles Naiser to Heritage House.

Residents enjoyed bingo with Jean Cranford, Beauty Shop with Elaine Harrison, and Bible Study with Rev. Stewart this week along with other activities. Mr. Bob Chapman has been unable to call bingo due to eye surgery, but Jean Cranford has stepped right in and is doing a great job for us. We can never thank our volunteers enough for their time.

Worship service was conducted by Rev. John Anderson of Grace Lutheran Church Sunday.

Administrator's News

"Depression is, most usually, a state of lowered self-esteem, with associated feelings of hopelessness and helplessness, which may be experienced by an individual and/or which may be evident to an observer. Thus it may be a symptom or a sign."

Heritage House nurses are very attune to the symptoms of depression and observe each resident closely and report any changes immediately to the local physicians. We at Heritage House would like to thank our local physicians for the quick response we receive when we call. Your support and devotion to our residents is greatly appreciated.

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directed to the Mary Elizabeth Hopkins Santa Claus Museum which houses over 2,500 antique figures of porcelain, wood, stained glass and other materials.

Texas history will be featured at the new Colorado County Park at Beason's Crossing. Located on the bank of the Colorado River just east of the courthouse, the site of San Houston's army encampment in 1836 will be recreated with the return of the official Texas Army. These authentic campsites relive the life and times of early Texas complete with demonstrations of skill with blackpowder muskets and frontier weaponry. The demonstrations will take place from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday. At 3 p.m.,

the dedication of the park will begin with a ribbon cutting to the accompaniment of musket and cannon fire.

Sunday at 9:30 a.m., the Texas Army will march to the site of the New World Inaugural Ceremony where the six flags of Texas will be presented along with the flags of all Columbus' sister cities and participating countries.

Police Report

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of his vehicle. After removing the driver from the vehicle, Sgt. Jones discovered an automatic pistol under the driver's seat. The driver, Robert James King, was arrested and transported to the police department where he was charged with unlawfully carrying a weapon. King was then transported to the county jail.

Red Ribbon

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was provided by the Colorado County 4-H Council, the Pilot Club of Columbus, the Weimar Lions Club, the Weimar Rotary Club and the Sheridan Lions Club.

The Red Ribbon campaign originated in 1986 when citizens of a small community donned red ribbons in tribute to a federal drug enforcement agent, Enrique Camarena, who was murdered by drug traffickers in 1985. Since then, the red ribbons have symbolized not only his sacrifice, but that of countless others who have committed themselves in the war against drugs.

The purpose of the red ribbon campaign is to present a visible, unified sign of commitment toward a drug free Texas. The definition of drug free is non-use of alcohol, tobacco and illegal drugs.



United Way receives donation

Southwestern Bell Telephone Company makes a donation of \$200 to the Eagle Lake United Way. Accepting the check from Bell representative Audrey Fossler is United

Way President Larry Rodgers.

Headlight Photo by Susie Jackson

ANNOUNCING NEW ARRIVALS

Jenna Renee Fojtik

Eagle Lake and Mr. and Mrs. Emil Sodolak of Fairchild.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fojtik of Fairchild are the proud parents of a baby girl, Jenna Renee, born Tuesday, Oct. 1, 1991, at Memorial Southwest Hospital in Houston. She weighed 8 pounds, 13 ounces and measured 21 inches at birth.

The grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Mitchell of Rosenberg and the late Ernest V. Rybak and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Fojtik of East Bernard. Great grandparents are Annie Mae Tallas of

Cassandra Marihelen Kovar

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kovar, of Alton, announce the birth of their second child, a girl, born Oct. 18, 1991, at 7:54 a.m. at the Eagle Lake Community Hospital.

The baby was named Cassandra Marihelen and weighed 7 pounds and 12 ounces. The attending physician was Dr. Russell Thomas.

The baby is welcomed home by a brother, Mason Karl, four years old. Maternal grandparents are Mrs. Helen Holub of Alton and the late Leon Holub. Paternal grandparents are Mrs. Mary Kovar of Columbus and the late Jesse Kovar.

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Actually, the bands and wires used in orthodontics haven't changed all that much over the years, but orthodontic treatment methods have. Dentists now recognize and tend to treat malocclusion problems much earlier than in the past. Dentists find that much lengthier orthodontic treatment in the teen years can be eliminated if a malocclusion problem can be diagnosed and treated when a child is four or five.

A common example of early orthodontic intervention is the practice of inserting a space maintainer when a child loses a primary tooth (usually a molar) due to some traumatic injury or decay. This keeps the space open until a permanent tooth erupts, and prevents neighboring teeth from drifting. Sometimes orthodontic tongue and lip exercises (myofunctional therapy) are necessary to help overcome the problems associated with weak lip muscles (short upper lip) or bad habits such as tongue-thrusting.

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Halloween information

Curfew

For your safety and well-being, the City of Eagle Lake will again be enforcing the Halloween curfew of 8 p.m. for all street activities. Citations may be issued to those found out on the street past curfew time.

Parents are urged to get an early start with their trick-or-treaters in order to comply with this city ordinance.

The Eagle Lake Police Department currently has trick-or-treat bags for anyone interested in having one. Stop by the department between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. to pick one up.

Get your candy x-rayed

As a public service the Eagle Lake Community Hospital will x-ray trick-or-treat candy and goodies Halloween night, Oct. 31, from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Ghosts and goblins also will receive a treat from hospital employees when they visit.

Guidelines for x-raying the candy are:

1. It must be in a bag or container with the child's name legibly written on the outside.
2. Use the front entrance to the hospital.
3. X-rays will detect staples, paper clips, razor blades all of which are harmful to our children.
4. X-rays will not readily detect paper wrappers, sucker sticks, rubber stoppers, glass or any form of liquid drug.
5. Children will be asked to register.
6. The radiograph of candy and goodies will be kept on permanent file at the hospital.

Mary Ann Owen is the supervisor of the Radiology Department and Marlene Castlemore is radiology aide. These two ladies have the responsibility of handling this public service.

Should you have any questions concerning the guidelines, please contact Ms. Owen at 234-5571.

Ownership of former Eagle Lake Primary School facilities requested by E.H. Henry Historical Corporation

By Lynda Appelt, Contributing Writer

Rice Consolidated Independent School District board of trustees heard a proposal Monday night, Oct. 14th, by the E.H. Henry Historical Corporation requesting ownership and acquisition of the former Eagle Lake Primary School facility.

Rev. Obie Rhodes, spokesman for the 11-member board of the corporation, told the board the group is interested in working closely with the school district and "not just out there working on our own."

"We have the programs, some already in operation, but we need a centralized place to operate," said Rhodes.

Some of the programs to be implemented are tutorials, teen and young-adult parent education, drug awareness, literacy, programs for drop outs and potential drop outs, youth services, community health care, programs for the aged and senior citizens.

Income will be obtained from fund raising, in-kind contributions and grants.

Board president John Matthews told the group that the school board

had looked forward to receiving the proposal for quite a while.

"We will review your proposal carefully and get back to you as soon as possible as to the outcome," said Matthews.

The board unanimously approved the revision of the school district's employee grievance policy as recommended by Superintendent Carolyn McGaughey.

The purpose of this policy is to provide employees an orderly process for the prompt and equitable resolution of grievances. The board intends that whenever feasible, grievances be resolved at the lowest possible administrative level.

McGaughey made her recommendation to the board after the Board's review of the original Texas Association of School Boards' draft with revisions provided by the school's attorney David Feldman.

McGaughey told the board the revision was made to simplify the language, provide clarity, take out the redundancy and adhere to statutes. Unnecessarily restrictive language was also removed.

McGaughey told the board the policy review was recommended by the Texas Association of School Board Legal Policy Service.

The board heard a report by representatives of Environmental Construction Consultants of Round Rock concerning the underground diesel fuel tanks at Rice High School.

The problem began in June when soil contamination was discovered due to a leak in the tanks.

The representatives of the firm, along with Assistant Superintendent Paul Harris, met with the Texas Water Commission Monday concerning certain reports and notifications that had not been made to the commission.

No fine was assessed since the error was made by a former employee of the consulting firm. The consultants accepted full responsibility for the error, including any financial responsibility.

The representatives told the board the soil has been removed and a new process called bio-remediation is being piloted. Microbes are placed in the soil, fed and watered, with the objective they will "eat up" the con-

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Don't Forget...

Vote Tuesday, Nov. 5th.
Study Club Auction, Fire Department
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Commissioners updated on economic development, drug council

Special to The Headlight
By Rhonda Lattimore
Banner Press Staff

Colorado County Commissioners' Court breezed through its rather lengthy, but routine, agenda Monday morning, hearing reports of activities by Dwein Smith, Colorado County economic development coordinator, and Betty Bauer, Colorado Valley Drug Council executive director.

Smith updated the court on activities taking place in his office to build economic development in Colorado County. He emphasized the need to develop a business directory covering the entire county as well as a method to keep an inventory of all available properties within the county.

Smith also mentioned joining a bidding network in conjunction with the Small Business Center at Blinn College in Brenham. As a member of this network, Colorado County businesses would be informed of prospective bid proposals needed by various companies, enabling the county to generate more cash flow.

The court approved a request by Smith to purchase a computer and printer for his office to aid in data processing and mail outs. The cost of

the equipment was estimated at \$2,100. The court will take the monies out of the budgeted economic development fund.

Bauer spoke to the court concerning intervention and educational activities performed by the council from Aug. 31, 1990 to Sept. 1 of this year.

Although the number of participants in the programs counseling program is on the rise, Bauer feels the educational programs in the elementary schools throughout the county will help these numbers decrease in

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'Toys for the Needy Children' program underway

"It's time to clean out those closets and donate used toys, in good condition, to the American Legion Post 108's 'Toys for the Needy Children' program."

The toys or cash contributions, with which to buy new toys, may be left now at Laker Printing, Struss Auto Supply or Wilcox Minimax.

"Your support is urgently needed again this year (3rd annual toy drive) in order to make many children happy at Christmas time," stated the Legionnaires.

If you would like to receive toys for your children (of elementary school age or under) or know of a family in need of help, please contact Elmer Struss at Struss Auto Supply, Dan Thornton, Henry Kretschmar, Dr. Ray Thomas or W.L. Bauer, members of the Legion's committee.

F.R. Frnka, Commander

Eagle Lake Police Department Report

October 23-29, 1991

While on patrol Wednesday night, Oct. 23rd, Sgt. Earl Jones observed a vehicle in the ditch on Carter Walker Road. A check of the vehicle and subject driving was made and it was determined the subject, Joseph Gerano Hernandez, of Wharton, was driving while his license was suspended.

Hernandez was taken to the police station where he was processed, transported to Colorado County Jail and charged with driving while license suspended.

Chief Lupé Villarreal was dispatched to W. Main Street to investigate a report of the theft of a bicycle on Thursday afternoon. There are no suspects at this time.

Officer Jeff Argo was dispatched to a criminal mischief call on Fourth Street, where a garden hose was damaged by an unknown suspect.

Officer Keith Matura was dispatched to a criminal mischief call at Midnight Bar where the plumbing in the restroom was damaged. There is a suspect in this case.

Officer Matura was advised of a stolen vehicle taken from N. Lake Street. Upon investigation, Matura had the vehicle information broadcast

by the Colorado County Sheriff's Office. Rodney Wite advised the police department of this on Sunday morning at approximately 7:30 a.m.

On Monday morning at approximately 1:30 a.m., Officer Matura was contacted by Austin County Sheriff's Office that they had located the vehicle in their county on I-10. The vehicle was abandoned and there are no suspects. The owner was notified to pick up his vehicle.

Sunday afternoon, Chief Villarreal was advised of an attempted burglary at Peroni's Trailer Park. Upon arrival, it was learned there were three juveniles involved, but they were gone from the scene. The parents were contacted and advised of the situation.

Sgt. Jones was dispatched to the police department Sunday evening in reference to an assault. Upon arrival,

he found Scott Ripper had been assaulted by several suspects. Scott was advised to see the judge the next morning if he wished to file charges against the subjects.

Alejandro Salinas of El Campo reported to Officer Matura on Monday morning that sometime during the night someone had burglarized his truck parked on "E" Street. A stereo, amplifiers and speakers were removed. The case remains under investigation.

Chief Villarreal was advised of the theft of Halloween decorations on Gonzales. There are several suspects.

If you have witnessed any of these offenses or have any information pertaining to them, call Crimestoppers at 234-5555 or the Police Department at 234-2727.

Colorado County Sheriff's Department Report

Greg Blair called the Eagle Lake Police Department to report a burglary of Sheriff Bill Esterling's office.

On Tuesday, Oct. 22, at 1 p.m.

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Eagle Lake Hospital opens Geriatric Assessment Center

The Geriatric Center runs under the approval of the ELCH Medical Staff. All charges can be filed with Medicare.

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The new Eagle Lake Geriatric Center will be ably operated by Mary Kay Cook (standing as project coordinator) and Rene Cooper-Scott (standing) as the clinic director.