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TPWD sets hunting/anti-hunting teleconference Apr. 7

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department hopes to educate the public on the scientific facts concerning hunting and animal rights issues through a statewide satellite teleconference from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. April 7.

The four hour television program, "Wildlife Conservation and the Hunting Tradition" originates from the University of Montana and will be distributed to major Texas cities via satellite.

Subtitled "The Hunting/Anti-hunting Controversy," the program is presented as a balanced, science based discussion with broad representation from various interest groups.

Featured speakers include Dr. James "Red" Duke, Houston surgeon and past president of the Boone & Crockett Club; Jay Hammond, former governor of Alaska and wilderness guide; Laurence Jahn, wildlife ecologist and chairman of United Conservation Alliance; Wayne Pacelle, national director of Fund of Animals; Winona LaDuke, board of Greenpeace USA; Dr. Raymond Dasmann, environmental professor at University of California at Santa Cruz; John Turner, director of US Fish and Wildlife Service; and Jay Hair, president of National Wildlife Federation.

Jack Lousma, former astronaut and professor at University fo Michigan will be moderator of the discussion. Various other speakers will round out the panel.

"This is not a debate," said Dr. Jeffrey Gritzner, University of Montana professor and one of those responsible for the program's content. "We want to work toward a positive resolution of controversial issues."

The program will begin with a history of hunting and wildlife conservation, then move to issues such as overkill and cruelty. It will cover economic issues, animal trauma issues, then go into hunters rights and animal rights.

The program will air at several teleconference facilities in Texas. Confirmed locations so far include, Austin Community College in Austin, Texas A&M in College Station, Stephen F. Austin University in Nacogdoches and Trinity University in San Antonio, as well as others.

For the latest informatin on locations contact Tom Harvey, TPWD office at 1-800-792-1112, ext. 4453, or 512-389-4453.

Low income working families eligible for cash from IRS

By Sandra Avant

The Internal Revenue Service is giving up $2,000 to low income families who qualify for Earned Income Credits (EIC) on their tax returns. The trouble is that many just don't apply.

"Many families miss the opportunity to receive this tax credit because they don't make enough money to owe taxes, so they don't file an income tax return," said Joyce Cavanagh, family economics specialist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. "Also, people don't know the EIC is available or how to file for it."

It is believed that more than 12 million families now qualify for the EIC. It is available for working parents who earned an adjusted gross income of less than $21,250 in 1991, and who have at least one child who has been living at home for more than six months, Cavanagh said. Both married and single parents can qualify.

The EIC is a refundable credit, she said, which means that eligible working families can receive it even if they owe no federal income tax or have no income tax withheld from their paychecks. Those who owe no income tax receive a check from the IRS in the amount of their credit.

"If a family does owe income tax, the EIC reduces the amount of taxes owed," Cavanagh said. "If the family's credit is greater than the taxes owed, the family's tax bill will be reduced to zero and the IRS will send the family a check for the remaining amount of its EIC."

To receive the EIC, a person must file a federal income tax return, either 1040 or 1040A, and a new form called "Schedule EIC". A taxpayer can fill out both sides of the form or fill out only the first side and allow the IRS to complete the rest and calculate the credit.

Cavanagh said that those families who use the "married couple filing separately" status should check with the IRS to see if they qualify.

The amount of refund families receive, depends on how much income was earned and whether they qualify for two extra EIC benefits that are now available.

Low income parents with a foster child also may qualify for the EIC, Cavanagh said. However, the foster child must have lived with the family for that entire year.

More information on the EIC and free assistance is available in most areas at Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) clinics. Call the local IRS office or 800-829-1040 to get the location of the nearest VITA clinic.

Police report

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Chief Villarreal was advised of a loose horse on East Main Street Friday morning, March 27. The owner was located and he pinned up the horse.

On Saturday, March 30 at approximately 12: 30 a.m., Sgt. Jones worked a train-pickup accident on FM 3013 in which the driver was killed. See the story on page 1 in the Headlight for details.

Sgt Jones was dispatched to a report of a loose horse on Fairview Street. The owner was located and took care of the horse.

Officer Hart is investigating a report of burglary to a motor vehicle in which someone broke into a vehicle apparently breaking a passenger side window with a large rock. A radar detector was taken from the vehicle.

Chief Villarreal received a report of vandalism to one of the Wildflower Celebration signs placed on Lakeside Dr. and E. Main Street. It appeared that someone had thrown rocks at the sign causing it to splinter.

Officer Argo stopped a vehicle on East Main Street, Sunday night, March 29, and ran a check on the license plates. The vehicle was reported stolen out of Houston. The driver, James Long, was arrested for unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, processed and transported to the county jail for confinement.

Houston Happy Hikers to hike historic Columbus

The Houston Happy Hikers will journey west to walk the streets of historic Columbus on April 11 and 12. The public is invited to join in the non-competitive, healthful event.

This year Columbus will celebrate as the quincentennial town of Texas for the 500th anniversary of Christopher Columbus' voyage to the new world.

The walk will begin at the Stafford Opera House across from the courthouse. Participants may start between 7:30 a.m. and noon and finish by 3 p.m. The 10 K (6.2 miles) trail is rated #1 and is suitable for strollers and wheelchairs.

The route on pavement will take walkers by some historic 1880s homes, a log cabin that is the oldest structure in th county, the Colorado River, the old Robson Castle site and Columbus' famous live oak trees.

This event is offered under the rules and regulations of the American Volkssport Association and is free to the public. However, there is a fee for those maintaining credit books and collecting awards.

For further information, contact the Houston Happy Hikers at 713-493-1915.

Dr. Ugarte named ELCH chief of staff

The medical staff officers for the 1992-93 year were elected recently during a luncheon meeting of the Eagle Lake Community Hospital medical staff. This is the golden anniversary year for the hospital.

Dr. José M. Ugarte, M.D., of Eagle Lake was elected to serve as chief of staff. Vice chief of the medical staff will be Harold L. Griffin, M.D., of Columbus and David D. Euers, D.D.S., of Eagle Lake was elected secretary.

Dr. Raymond R. Thomas, M.D., hands over the title to Dr. Ugarte after serving as chief of staff during the hospital's past fiscal year. The staff and administration commend Dr. Thomas for doing such an outstanding job during his term.

Dr. Ugarte, the new chief of staff, is a native of Cuba and received his premedical education in Massachusetts, Venezuela and Spain, graduating from the University of Santiago, Spain. He completed his post graduate education with one year at Mercy Hospital in Orlando, Fl., then two years as staff physician at the Hospital of the Mentally Retarded in Georgetown, Delaware. Dr. Ugarte served his residency in internal medicine at St. Luke's Hospital in Bethlehem, Pa., and was chief resident in the Internal Medicine Section in 1973-74.

A resident of Eagle Lake for 16 years, he is a Diplomate and Fellow of the American Academy of Family Practice and Texas Academy of Family Practice and a member of the American Medical Association, Texas Medical Association and Colorado-Fayette County Medical Society.

Dr. Ugarte presently serves as physician advisor to the Colorado County Mental Health & Metal Retardation Outreach Center in Columbus and operates his own clinic. He is Civil Aviation Medical Examiner for this area and a major in the U. S. Army Medical Corps. called to active duty during Desert Storm Operation.

Dr. Ugarte is a photographer by hobby and displays his pictures at the clinic and hospital. He is married to the former Debbie Frenzel. They have three daughters, Lauren, seven, Alyssa, 22 months, and Kristian, six months. Dr. Ugarte also has four older children, Jose Ugarte III, 25, Ana Ugarte Smith, 24, Sofia Ugarte Anderson, 22, and Peter Ugarte, 17.

Dr. Harold Griffin, the new vice chief of staff, has a practice in Columbus where he specializes in ear, nose and throat along with cosmetic facial surgery. A native Texan, he earned his BS at Rice University and his MD from Southwestern Medical School in Dallas. He served his internship at Parkland Hospital in Dallas, his residencies in general surgery and otolaryngology were at Parkland and John Sealy Hospital in Galveston.

Dr. Griffin trained in cosmetic surgery in New York in 1965 and New Orleans, La. in 1982. He is a member of American Society of Ophthalmologic and Otolaryngolgic Allergy, the Colorado-Fayette County Medical Society, Texas Medical Association, Texas Otolaryngology Society, American Medical Association and American Academy of Otolaryngology as well as several others.

He enjoys golf and fishing and is the father of three children, Hal, Jeff and Sharon Griffin.

Dr. Euers, the new medical staff secretary, is a graduate of the University of Texas College of Pharmacy in 1975, UT Dental School in San Antonio in 1984 and US Dental Institute of Orthodontics in 1989.

Dr. Euers is a member of the American Dental Association, Texas Dental Association, Houston District Dental Society, Academy of General Dentistry and Academy of General Practitioner Orthodontics.

He and his wife, Sharon, have a daughter, Lindsay, 16 months. He has enjoyed washer and horseshoe pitching for Colorado County the past six years and won several trophies. He also likes bowling and coaching little league.

The medical staff officers will work closely during the year with the entire medical staff, administrative staff and hospital board of directors to continue providing quality health care to the community. The 50th anniversary of the Eagle Lake Community Hospital will be celebrated during their term this summer.

Tax rate to remain the same:..

City Council adopts $1.9 million budget

Members of the Eagle Lake City Council approved the $1,910,679.63 proposed budget for fiscal 1992-93 during their regular meeting Tuesday, March 24th.

The budget is based on a tax rate of $0.45460/$100 valuation plus certificates of deposit pledged for certain capital improvements. The tax rate could be adjusted in the fall when figures are received from the Colorado County Central Appraisal District, but for now, the rate will remain the same as last year.

Also, on Tuesday night, Council selected O'Malley Engineers of Brenham to replace John D. Mercer and Associates as the city's engineering firm. Acting City Manager Lucille Perry was authorized to begin negotiations concerning rates and salaries.

In other business, Council:

•Approved a parade permit for the Wildflower Celebration parade Saturday, April 4th, at 10 a.m.;

•Approved the request of Our Lady of Perpetual Help and Our Lady of Guadalupe Churches for a processional from OLG to OLPH on Saturday, April 18th, at 11:15 p.m.;

•Appointed Helen Supak to replace Pat Cook as Alternate Presiding Judge for city elections; and

•Approved a $7,500 homestead exemption for residents 65 and over.

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Your help is needed again in the Run Off to be held on April 14th. I would also like to ask those of you that voted for other candidates to please consider supporting me for County Commissioner of Precinct 1.

Early voting will be held from April 6th through April 10th at the County Clerk's office. I ask for your vote and support in the Run Off Election.

Thanks,
Richard Seifert

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Eagle Lake Crime Stoppers offering reward

The Eagle Lake Crime Stoppers is offering up to $1,000 cash reward for any information leading to the arrest and conviction of any person or persons involved in the burglary of a motor vehicle, a white 1989 Chevrolet Blazer, that was parked in the Eagle Lake Community Hospital parking lot on the night of Feb. 28 and morning of Feb. 29. Sometime between 1:30 a.m. and 6 a.m., unknown person(s) broke out the passenger door glass and gained entry into the vehicle, stealing a Sony AM/FM cassette and CD adapter, a Panasonic cellular phone, a precision power 300 W. amp and an Alpine crossover, valued at over $1,800, plus damage to the vehicle in excess of $1,000.

If you have any information regarding this case, or any case, Crime Stoppers pays cash rewards for information that leads to the solution of this or any felony crime. Call Crime Stoppers at 234-5555. **Your identity will remain anonymous.**

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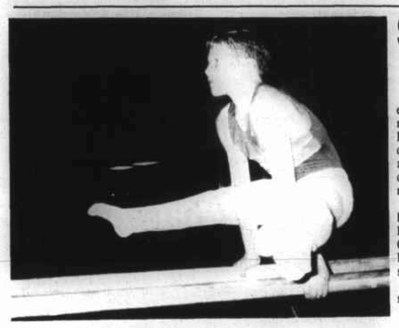

School Board rescinds non-renewal, Sanders resigns

By Lynda Appelt
Contributing Writer

The Rice Consolidated Independent School District board of trustees rescinded its earlier non-renewal on Eagle Lake Middle School teacher-coach Jack Sanders' contract and then accepted his resignation during a special called meeting last Thursday night.

Amid a filled board room, trustees heard pleas from concerned citizens Peggy Henske, Vicki Powers, Carolyn Baird, Archie Salazar and Pam Hengst; asking them to reconsider the non-renewal decision.

Henske presented a petition with some 780 signatures of interested citizens who also favored the reconsideration of the non-renewal decision.

The board had voted 5-1 at its March meeting in favor of the non-renewal of Sanders at Superintendent Carolyn McGaughey's recommendation. Trustee Melody Grigar cast the lone dissenting vote at that time.

Board member Reggie Brisco was unable to attend that meeting.

Those who spoke stressed to the board the positive role model Sanders has been to the students, his caring attitude, the strengths of his teaching ability and the fact the district will lose "not one but two excellent teachers" since Sanders' wife, Betty, also is a teacher at the middle school.

Henske pleaded to the board, asking that it take time to look at the petition and "consider the people that put you here, not only coach (Mark) Johnson."

Johnson, the district's athletic director and head football coach, had recommended to McGaughey that Sanders not have his contract renewed.

Powers also explained the purposes of the recently formed concerned parents group.

Before going into executive session, board president John Matthews thanked the group for the petition. Matthews told those present that the petition would be examined and taken into consideration and also assured them the board would consider all that had been brought up.

Matthews also explained federal and state laws pertaining to closed sessions and absolute non-discussion by board members concerning personnel matters governed by those laws.

Following an approximate one and a half hour closed session, the board reconvened and immediately asked for McGaughey's recommendation on the issue.

"In light of the submission of a letter of resignation by Jack Sanders, I withdraw my previous recommendation for non-renewal and recommend the resignation, which was negotiated in good faith, be accepted," said McGaughey.

The board voted unanimously in support of McGaughey's recommendation.

Local gymnast vaults to gold

Local gymnast Barrett Thomas brought his first season of competition to a successful close with a gold medal.

Barrett competed at the U.S. Gymnastics Federation Class IV State Championship meet held in McAllen, April 4-5.

Thomas captured a gold medal as state champion in the vault. In addition to the gold, he took fifth place in the all around competition, fourth in rings, fifth in high bars and seventh in parallel bars.

NEWSBRIEFS

Sheridan PTS to meet board candidates

The regular meeting of the Sheridan PTS is set for April 14 at 6 p.m. in the Sheridan School cafeteria. All the school board candidates are invited to attend and share their views. Come talk to the candidates and hear their ideas.

Cholesterol screening at GCMC

The Gulf Coast Medical Clinic will have a cholesterol/triglyceride screening on Wednesday, April 15, from 7 to 9 a.m. in the lab. The cost of the screening is $8. To preregister call 1-800-468-2469 or 409-532-8700.

Gifted and talented students sought

The Rice CISD is accepting nominations of students to the RCISD Gifted and Talented Enrichment Program. Nominations may be made by parents, students, teachers or members of the community who feel a student meets the guidelines of the program. Send nominations to Mr. Joe Wendel, G/T Coordinator, Drawer 338, Altair, TX 77412.

El Campo KCs have Spring Fest

Council #2490 Knights of Columbus of El Campo will hold its annual Spring Festival Sunday, April 12. The festival will be at the KC Hall on Armory Road beginning at 11 a.m. with a barbecue chicken dinner for $4.50 a plate. There will be an auction, bingo, games and music by the Happy Home Boys.

Catholic youth group meets

Sunday, April 12, the Catholic Youth Group will meet at 6:30 p.m. in the home of Breana Wood. For more information call 234-2753.

Easter Sunrise Service planned

There will be an Easter Sunrise Service on April 19 at 6:30 a.m. The Lissie Methodist Church is sponsoring the event at Frances Adkins' Lake on County Line Road. The featured speaker will be T.J. Smith.

Church of God holds revival

The Church of God of Prophecy will have a four day revival, April 14 through 17, at 414 East Davitt in Eagle Lake. Pastor is Eola McTear. The revival will be held each evening at 7:30 p.m. with Bishop H.L. Davis from New Ulm as guest speaker. Everyone is invited to attend.

Field Day on ponds, pastures is Friday

The Pond and Pasture management Field Day will be Friday, April 10, at 4 p.m. on the Lavelle Hilton farm, 4.5 miles north of Frelsburg on Stokes Road. It is sponsored by the Extension Livestock Committee, CSWCD and SCS. For additional information call 409-732-2082 or 409-732-2773.

Practical Parents cancel meeting

The Practical Parents will not meet Thursday morning, April 9, due to the Iowa Test of Basic Skills which is being administered this week. They will have the next meeting on April 16 from 9 to 10:30 a.m. at the Middle School.

Chapter I and II parents to meet

Tuesday, April 14, at 9 a.m. there will be an important evaluation meeting for all Chapter I parents in Mrs. Roberts' classroom, 23. This is in conjunction with the regular parenting meeting. Test scores will be available, Chapter I Campus Improvement Plan and Campus Improvement Plan will be reviewed. The Chapter II meeting will be in room 23 at 9:30 a.m. immediately following. Suggestions will be solicited. Primary School parents are requested to attend.

Health Fair set in Sheridan

A Health Fair is planned in Sheridan Thursday, April 16, by the Sheridan Lions Club. The Health Fair will be in the Sheridan Community Center from 1 to 5 p.m. in conjunction with a blood drive. Area hospitals and medical facilities will offer information on diet, cholesterol screening, blood pressure checks, and hearing tests as well as other health related items.

Lady golfers begin fun tournaments

The Eagle Lake Ladies Golf Association began their nine hole fun tournaments Wednesday, April 8. These 9 hole scrambles will be held every Wednesday at 6 p.m. Anyone planning to play should sign up by 5:30 p.m. For registration and more information, call the Tee Up Pro Shop at 234-5981.

KC fish fry is Friday

The Eagle Lake Knights of Columbus will have another fried fish fillet dinner on Friday, April 10, 5:30 p.m. until 7 p.m. They have made changes to alleviate the long wait for service that they had at their last dinner. Tickets, available form any KC member, are $4.50 a plate, to go or eat at the KC Hall.

No VFW meeting today

The Eagle Lake VFW Post # 8783 will not meet Thursday, April 9. The meeting date has been changed to Wednesday, April 15, at the KC Hall. Election of officers is scheduled.

Comment wanted on waste disposal

Citizens of Colorado County will have the opportunity to comment on the proposed Regional Solid Waste Management Plan drafted by the Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC) on Wednesday, April 15.

In addition to the region-wide plan, H-GAC has developed sub-regional recommendations specifically applicable to Colorado County, which are also up for citizen review at the meeting.

The public is invited to comment on plans at the meeting from 2 p.m. to approximately 4 p.m. in the Colorado County Courthouse Commissioners Courtroom in Columbus.

H-GAC is a state designated agency for solid waste planning in the 13-county region which includes Colorado County. The plan it has developed would help set up new di-

(See H-GAC meeting, Page 9)

AIDS programs planned at Rice

The Houston AIDS Foundation will present a program for parents and other interested adults from Garwood, Sheridan and Eagle Lake on Monday, April 20, at 7 p.m. in the Eagle Lake Middle School cafeteria. The presentation is designed to give parents accurate information about HIV, AIDS and the necessity of educating their children.

Parents of sixth, seventh and eighth graders are particularly encouraged to attend since an AIDS Foundation speaker will be presenting information to junior high students at ELMS, Garwood and Sheridan.

Amy Dolph, who spoke to Rice High School students in February, will be at ELMS from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Thursday, April 23. She will return on April 30 to speak to all Garwood and Sheridan junior high students. Call the school principal if you have any concerns or questions about the presentations. Or attend the meeting April 20 to see what will be presented to the students

Chamber BBQ planned for May 3

The Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce will hold their annual barbecue on Sunday, May 3, at the recreation center. Tickets will be $5 each and are available from any chamber director or the chamber office at 408 E. Main, 234-2780. Tickets may also be purchased at Gifts of Distinction, 115 N. McCarty, or First Heights Bank, 111 N. McCarty.

The barbecue will be by presale tickets only. There will be no tickets sold at the door. The barbecue luncheon will be served from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and plates to go will be available.

A fun golf tournament will be held in conjunction with the barbecue. For information on the golf tournament, contact Pinto Broesche at 234-5981.

Even if you live in Eagle Lake...

You'll thoroughly enjoy Rotary's 'City Tour'

Eagle Lake Rotary Club's City Tours continue every day, every hour from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and are becoming a popular part of the current Wildflower Celebration.

Left to right, Eagle Lake Rotarians Dan Thornton, Fred Frnka and Robert Griffith discuss plans for another day of City Tours as part of the 1992 Wildflower Celebration. Dan and Fred put together the hour-long tape used during the tour, Robert is treasurer of the local club.
Photo Courtesy of Fred Frnka

The Rotarians invite local citizens to take this opportunity to learn a little, or a lot, more about their community. The hour-long, narrated tour takes you to attractions around the shores of the lake, to former historical sites, historic homes, public buildings, churches and much more.

You can take a tour with little or no delay beginning at the club's red, white and blue booth across from the Prairie Edge Museum.

There is no charge for the tour, but the Rotarians will appreciate a donation for use in sponsoring such projects as scholarships, scouting, Special Olympics, the fight against drugs and others.

"Come take an enjoyable ride with us," said tour chairman Fred Frnka. "We'll show you and tell you some things that you always wanted to know about Eagle Lake."

He added, "The best time to take a tour, without delay, is on a weekday, Monday through Friday, but you'll be welcome at any time."

Eagle Lake Police Report Weekly Report

The Eagle Lake Police Department reported the following actions during the past week.

March 31, Officer Eric Hart investigated a report of burglary of a habitation. Someone had entered a garage on State Street and took a tool box and an assortment of tools.

Also that day, Officer Hart received a report of a stolen vehicle from the sheriff's department. A short time later, he saw the vehicle on S. Austin Road. He stopped the vehicle, arrested the driver, Edward Louis Daughtrey, and transported him to the police station where Daughtrey was turned over to a sheriff's deputy and transported to county jail.

Officer was dispatched to Davitt Street about a criminal trespass. The suspect was gone when the officer arrived.

April 1, Officer Hart received a report of a suspicious subject traveling on W. Main on a John Deere tractor. Officer Hart located the tractor which was caught up on a railroad tie, but did not locate the driver who had abandoned the vehicle.

(See Police report, Page 14)

Barbara Pidgeon named 'Lady of Year'

Xi Pi Psi and Alpha Delta Phi announced the selection of Barbara Pidgeon as Lady of the Year. She was honored with a tea in the home of Ernie Sommerlatte recently.

Alpha Delta Phi President Mary Kay Cook presented Barbara with a certificate and a friendship brooch commemorating the special occasion. The president also told of Barbara's many outstanding contributions to the community.

Barbara has lived in Eagle Lake for 11 years. She is a member of the ELCH Ladies Auxiliary of which she is presently treasurer and chairs the memorial committee. She is Pilot Club president and has served as a director, program director of Life Line Project and coordinator of "Just Say No" program. She is secretary treasurer of the Eagle Lake Recreation Center.

As a member of First United Methodist Church, Barbara has given many hours, serving as president of the United Methodist women, church treasurer and mission committee chairman.

Also she is past vice president of the administration board, past church secretary, past chair of the evangelism committee and has been president of her Sunday school class.

From 1983-87, Barbara was laboratory director at Eagle Lake Hospital. She still works there parttime. She has a daughter, two stepdaughters and a stepson, as well as six grandchildren and a great grandchild.

Barbara has demonstrated her concern for the welfare of others by giving of her time and talent, proving to be a helpful and dedicated part of the community.

In her spare time, she is an avid golfer and enjoys photography.

Past Ladies of the Year were special guests at the tea honoring Barbara. Her stepson, Jack Pidgeon, and stepdaughter, Martha Hundley, were also special guests.