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City Council

Continued from Page 1 session held to interview a reserve police officer applicant, 21-year-old Ignacio Guadalupe Hernandez, upon the recommendation of Police Chief Lupe Villarreal...

Arson reported at old Eagle Lake primary school

The Eagle Lake Police Department received a report Feb. 27 at 11 a.m. that someone had apparently attempted to burn down the old primary school. Officer Jeff Argo, upon checking the scene, discovered a large hole was burned through the carpet and floor in one of the rooms...

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Adopted at the March 23 meeting. The council held a budget workshop on Tuesday of this week. In other business, the council: Approved a request by the Eagle Lake Lions Club to use the sidewalk at city hall for its Broom and Mop Sale...

Ambulance corps needs volunteers

The Eagle Lake Volunteer Ambulance Corps work schedule for March has a number of empty places on it. June Mahalic, ambulance corps representative, reported that there are simply not enough volunteers to man the ambulance for all shifts every day.

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Sheriff releases information on Hodde stabbing

According to a report from the Colorado County Sheriff's Office, a call was received on Saturday, Feb. 27, at approximately 1:40 a.m. from Charles Hodde. Hodde reported he was attacked in his residence by three suspects. He had been cut and stabbed and he shot one of them in his home.

After talking with Hodde and using evidence collected at the scene, officers said it appeared the suspects had forced their way into Hodde's house with the intention of burglarizing it. The south door had been pried open. Hodde, who had been on the couch asleep with the TV on, was awakened by three Hispanic males standing in the doorway between the kitchen and living room.

NEWSBRIEFS

Crime Stoppers dance is Saturday

The Eagle Lake Crime Stoppers annual fund raising dance and auction will be Saturday, March 13, at the Eagle Lake KC Hall from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Music will be provided by Texas DanceTime Band. Tickets are \$5 in advance or \$8 at the door.

Candidates must file by March 17th

Candidates seeking positions on the Rice CISD Board of Trustees or the Eagle Lake City Council have until Wednesday, March 17, to complete the filing process. As of Tuesday evening, there had been no filings for the three City Council positions.

Schools close for Spring Break

Rice schools will be closed next week, March 15-19, for Spring Break. Taking their break this week are Columbus, East Bernard, Wharton, Weimar, El Campo and WCIC.

Wildflower Tour season passes on sale

Season passes for the annual Wildflower Tours at Wildseed Farms will again be available through the Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce for \$10 each. All proceeds from selling these passes go directly to the chamber.

Artists get ready for window painting

The Alpha Delta Phi and Xi Psi sorority chapters of Eagle Lake are sponsoring a window painting contest again this year for the Wildflower Celebration. There will be two categories: time, adults and youth.

Parent centers offer classes

At Eagle Lake Middle School, the parent workshop topic for March 11 at 9 a.m. is "happier kids, happier parents through praise." March 18 there will be no class due to Spring Break.

LCRA wants old films of Hill Country

The Lower Colorado River Authority is in search of old film that shows scenes of dams being constructed or any movie film relative to the development of the Hill Country. They especially want film footage from 1930 to 1955 for a video they are producing about the LCRA and the impact of the dams on the Hill Country of Texas.

KCs offer catfish dinner

The Eagle Lake Knights of Columbus and the Catholic Youth Organization will sponsor a fried catfish dinner Friday, March 12, from 5 to 7 p.m. The plates will be available for \$5 each to go or to eat at the KC Hall.

GCMC has cholesterol screening

March 17, Gulf Coast Medical Center Lab will offer cholesterol and triglyceride screening from 7 to 9 a.m. You must pre-register by calling 409-532-2500, ext. 1300. The cost is \$8.

Defensive driving class set

A defensive driving course given by Retired DPS Sgt. Gilbert Kiel, will be offered at the Wintermann Library in Eagle Lake March 16 and 17 at 6 p.m. To pre-register, call 234-2042 or report to the classroom a few minutes early.

Easter service planned

Plans are underway for a community-wide Easter Sunrise Service at Wildseed Farms off Calhoun Road sponsored by Grace Lutheran Church of Eagle Lake. The service will be at 7 a.m. Sunday, April 11.

Class of '43 sets 50 year reunion

The 1943 class of Eagle Lake High School is planning its 50 year reunion the weekend of April 23-25. It is to be a joint reunion with the 1944 class. Plans include a gathering at the Circle K Ranch. Anyone who was part of either class is encouraged to contact Dr. Raymond Thomas at 234-2083, John Canaris at 234-5933, Sonny Spanihel at 234-2854 or Gene Paschall at 234-5383.

Tax prep to take applications here

The Colorado County Appraisal District will have a representative in Eagle Lake Friday, March 19, at City Hall from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. He will take 1993 rendition and exemption applications for the county, city, Rice CISD, Colorado County Water Dist. 2 and Weimar CISD and city. He will also take applications for Weimar ISD property located in Fayette and Lavaca counties.

Food to be given out Monday

The Combined Community Action Inc. will distribute surplus food Monday, March 15, at Weimar City Hall from 10:30 to 11 a.m., Eagle Lake at Providence Baptist Church from noon to 12:30 p.m., and in Columbus at the CCA center from 2 to 3 p.m. There will not be any distribution for this month after March 15. Call the CCA office at 512-237-2321 for information.

Changing of the guard...

Stanciks purchase Furniture Shoppe

After 46 years, Walter Lee Bauer is stepping down and handing over the keys of The Furniture Shoppe to Melvin and Joyce Stancik. The Stanciks, who have been associated with The Furniture Shoppe for 33 years, recently purchased the businesses.

Furniture Shoppe in 1961. During that same year, Stancik joined the company. He has worked at the store since then, except for two years he served in the military during the Korean War.

The furniture store which is now The Furniture Shoppe was started in 1946 by O.L. Mill under the name of Home Appliances. It was located across the street from its present site.

In Jan. of 1947, W.L. Bauer joined Mill in the operation of the store, and in 1953, the two men formed a partnership which continued until Mr. Mill's death in 1959.

Burglary, theft and criminal mischief lead Feb. crimes

The Eagle Lake Police Department handled 184 cases during Feb. They had 37 criminal cases and 150 cases were cleared.

There were six assaults, 12 burglaries, 12 thefts, seven disturbances, four accidents, 16 criminal mischief cases and 127 other miscellaneous cases.

The police made nine arrests, four of which were for misdemeanors and five felonies.

In the department's weekly release, it was reported that once again, lights were broken out at the city airport runway sometime between March 2 and 3. The suspects apparently used large rocks to knock out the lights causing \$268 in damages.

March 4, at 9:35 a.m., Officer Jeff Argo arrested Michael J. Hemphill on an outstanding warrant. Hemphill was taken before Judge Szymanski, who he volunteered for the community service program. He was processed and released.

Officer Argo met with a complainant on Glen Flora Road about the theft of a pistol from the complainant's van. The pistol had been taken sometime within the last week.

March 4 a complainant reported to Officer Eric Hart that the rear window of his car had been shot with a BB gun. A juvenile, believed to be the one who shot the window, was located.

Officer Hart was dispatched to an accident at 706 Sempres St. Maria Socorro Cano, driving a 1979 Ford Club Wagon, was eastbound on Sempres. She turned into her driveway and attempted to stop but found that her brakes were not working.

Cano's vehicle struck a 1989 Chevrolet pickup, pushing it into a hurricane fence and damaging the fence. The vehicle then continued forward, striking a 1984 Chevrolet Impala. All three vehicles were damaged.

Officer Hart was dispatched to the Rice Package Store on E. Main St. March 6 at 5:25 p.m. in reference to criminal mischief. Hart found that a brick had been slammed against a front window of the building but the window was not broken.

Commissioners approve drug task force, Elstner casts opposing vote

Special to The Headlight By Rhonda Lattimore What began as a positive discussion of the workings of the county's drug task force Monday morning turned almost sour when one Colorado County commissioner questioned the importance of the force's work in the county.

District Attorney W.C. "Bud" Kirkendall was on hand at the meeting to update the court on the work the 25th Judicial District Drug Task Force has been doing within the county for the past five months and Precinct 2 Commissioner Johnny Elstner cast the hard line questions his way.

Elstner said the cities within the county were not enthusiastic about the district task force since few results were seen from the previous drug force in those areas.

"What kind of results have we seen in the county so far? I don't think we have seen any," said Elstner, who also wanted a list of seizures made so far. "When will we break even?" he asked.

Kirkendall told the court the task force is currently working at about 36% under budget and would probably close the year at 25% under the budgeted amount.

Kirkendall said the county could probably count on spending only 50% of the \$20,981 needed, less than what Elstner promised to fund.

"It has been a privilege to work with Bill (Elstner) and I think the taxpayers owe him a vote of thanks. This is donating \$15,000 is just another display of his public spirit," said Kirkendall.

Other counties in the 25th Judicial District are asked to match the grant, based on population as follows: Coahuila, \$19,635; Guadalupe, \$74,040; and Lavaca, \$21,335.

"A program like this (district court) is important since the (Drug Enforcement Commission), Page 10



Whippin' out those flapjacks

Larry Rodgers was only one of several Eagle Lake Rotarians flipping pancakes last Tuesday night for the organization's annual pancake supper. Proceeds from the evening go toward an annual scholarship the Rotary Club gives to a Rice High School senior.

Sheriff's report

In the Lopezes, grabbed his 10 gauge shotgun, fell down, but still managed to fire one shot. He then placed a call to the Eagle Lake Police Department and told them he had been burglarized and stabbed and was bleeding to death.

Private applicators license training, testing

To purchase restricted-use or state-limited-use pesticides a person must be licensed by the Texas Department of Agriculture. The procedure for licensing applicators was revised in 1990.

There are three groups of private applicator certificates or licenses. The type you have depends on when you received it.

Persons who received certification prior to Jan. 10, 1989, have a certificate. A certificate is valid and will remain valid as long as you acquire 15 hours of continuing education units (unit = 1 hour) with 2 of those being in laws and regulations by Dec. 31, 1995.

This type of certificate does not authorize you to supervise an employee; therefore, you may wish to re-test and upgrade to a license. A license requires the same certification process and authorizes the supervision of an employee in the application of restricted-use pesticides. Re-certification must be completed within 5 years of receiving the license.

The third-type or group are those who received certification on or after Jan. 10, 1989, but prior to Jan. 1, 1990. Persons in this group must re-test and upgrade to a license by Dec. 31, 1994. Once again this certification does not allow supervision of an employee.

For anyone needing a private applicator license a training and testing session will be held Tuesday, March 9, at the County Agriculture Building, 316 Spring Street in Columbus beginning at 5:30 p.m. There is no charge for the training or testing, however, the fee for the license is \$50. This will be the last training and testing in Colorado County until the fall.

Contact the county Extension office at 409-732-2082 to pre-register. Space will be limited. The training manual for the program is available at the Extension office. Participants are encouraged to review the manual prior to the training.

Educational programs conducted by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service serve people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, handicap or national origin.

Did you know... Some whales are known to make impressive leaps from the water - a behavior scientists call breaching.

Baker terminated

Continued from Page 1 ing a hearing before the board. The vote to terminate Baker was 6-0. Trustee Kate Labay did not attend the hearing due to a prior commitment.

Editor's Note: There will be a special meeting of the Rice CISD board Thursday, March 4, at 5:30 p.m. in the library at the Eagle Lake Middle School. Remember, you are welcome at any and all meetings.

The St. Thomas Episcopal Day School Pioneer Days Crafts & Collectibles Show Wharton Civic Center — Wharton, Texas March 6th & 7th

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Garwood Rice Fest changed to fall for '93

The Garwood Community Association has moved the date of the annual Rice Festival to Sept. 25. After careful evaluation, the association decided to move the date for the event from June to the fall.

There will be the same activities as in previous years, plus several new ones. A chili cookoff, rice dish recipe contest and added activities for children are planned along with the Blue Boys and Hobo Bands. A number of antique booths will be offered and there will be a street dance in the evening.

By announcing the date change early in the season, the Garwood association hopes more people will be able to schedule Sept. 25 for the celebration.

The group will hold their annual rummage sale April 3 at the Community Building from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Everyone is encouraged to do their spring cleaning early and bring their items for the sale. Everything is needed, including pictures, furniture, kitchen items, yard items, knock knacks, clothes and other household goods.

Things may be broken to the community building on Fridays in March and April before the sale. At the sale, sandwiches, drinks and desserts will be sold. Volunteers are needed. For

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