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Life-guard training offered here The Colorado County chapter of the American Red Cross will offer a life-guard training course at the Eagle Lake pool during April and May. The course is tentatively to begin April 24. The life-guard training is 27 hours long and costs \$30 a person. A minimum of six students must be enrolled for the course. To register students must be at least 15 years old and able to perform the prerequisites: swim 500 yards continuously using a front crawl stroke, breaststroke, elementary back stroke and sidestroke; surface dive to a minimum of nine feet and bring a 10 pound brick to the surface; surface dive to a minimum of five feet and swim under water a minimum of 15 yards; tread water for one minute. To become fully certified you must pass the course and also hold a current eight-hour Red Cross Standard First Aid card. Anyone interested in taking the course or wanting more information may call Judy Pustejovsky at 234-5208 after 6 p.m. by Wednesday, April 21.

Commissioners Continued from Page 1 that morning. In other business, the court: -Approved recommended jury selection procedures as submitted by District Judges Gus Strauss and Dwight Peschel. The new procedures will randomly choose persons to sit on jury panels, and at the same time eliminate those who are not eligible; -Scheduled a county auction for May 8 at 10 a.m. at the Precinct 2 barn in Weimar. A list of items for sale will be published at a later date; -Received notice of the employment of David B. Brooks, special counsel for Colorado County, by County Attorney Steven Sebasta. Brooks' salary of \$100 a month will be paid from the hot check fund. He will give counsel on matters as needed; -Received notice of the employment of Roy Pulido to no cost to the county. Pulido will do lawn maintenance work for the county under the STEEP program in Columbus, a senior citizens work program functioning under a government grant; -Received notice from the Texas Water Commission of the acceptance of proper closing of the solid waste site in Sheridan. Plans to close this site have been pending for several years; and -Tabled appointing an election judge for Precinct 18.

Rice at Columbus Continued from Page 7 The Rice JV won their match 7-4 over Columbus April 8. Their season record now stands at 6-5 and 2-2 for district. Brandon Mathis pitched a two-hitter and ran his record to 4-2 for the year. Christian Cordova went 2-2 for the game with some clutch hitting. This was the final scheduled game for the Rice junior varsity team this season. SCORE BY INNINGS Rice 1 2 3 4 5 R H E Columbus 1 0 1 4 1 7 3 2

Harrison, Holland hold Cen-Tex offices Bill Harrison Jr. and Ron Holland of Eagle Lake were re-elected to Cen-Tex Certified Development Corp. offices March 25. The nonprofit group helps businesses obtain Small Business Administration loans for expansion and modernization. Harrison is the president of the corporation and the president of First National Bank in Eagle Lake. Holland, who serves as Cen-Tex secretary, is the Eagle Lake city manager. The corporation helped bring Traffic Supply Inc. to the city, adding 15 new jobs in the area. Since Cen-Tex was created in Sept. 1990, it has helped businesses obtain over \$12 million in loans and retain or create more than 260 jobs for Central Texas. For more information about the corporation, call the LCRA economic development staff at 1-800-776-5272.

Sheriff Continued from Page 1 lock and entered the house between March 26 and March 29. Missing were a 10 gallon propane bottle and big cooler with eating and cooking utensils inside, totalling \$120. The house is used as a campouse for the hunting season. Contests Continued from Page 1 contest. The contestants for the Miss Eagle Lake will be interviewed by the judges at 2:30 that afternoon prior to the pageant. They will compete in the public program in evening apparel. The reigning Miss Eagle Lake, Joy Johnson, will crown the new 1993 winner at the pageant. Little Miss or Mister contestants must be in kindergarten through third grade in the Rice School District. Miss Eagle Lake contestants must be unmarried girls in the Rice School District in grades nine through 12.

Janish gets scholarship Jill Janish, Rice High School senior, has received the Rice Belt SBOA Chapter Scholarship of \$1,000. She was awarded the scholarship at the chapter banquet with all the referees present. Janish was also named to the 22AAA All-District Academic Team, 22AAA All-District Basketball First Team and the Banner Press Tri-County Second Team.

About Town... The beautiful window painting at A.J. Struss which won the second place in the youth division was painted not only by Barrett Thomas but also with the help of Justin Jobe. They and all the artists did a very nice job of decorating the town for the Wildflower Celebration. Fred Frnkia tells us the Rotary Club City tours are getting rave reviews, too. Young and old, local and out-of-town have complimented the tours. You can learn a great deal of information about our city in just one hour of touring the streets and byways. The lake attractions have especially drawn praise. The tours will continue through the end of April, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. every day, from the Rotary booth across the street from the museum. If you have not yet enjoyed this outing, give yourself a treat and take a tour. Seems Vic and Cherry Corman's granddaughter, Bethany, is very talented. Even though she is just 10 months old, she can whistle with the best of them! She is the daughter of Lisa and Ed Weinheimer.

Finney wins first week's drawing Laura Finney of Eagle Lake has won the first week's drawing in connection with the Student Art Contest at this year's Wildflower Celebration. Everyone who visits the art show, displayed at the Prairie Edge Museum, may vote on first, second and third place in each division of the competition. Each week, a ballot will be drawn from all those submitted during the Wildflower Celebration and the winner will receive a variety of prizes from local wildflower supporters. As the first winner, Finney will receive a shampoo and set from Tresses Hair Salon, a free pet vaccination from Dr. Karen Ebers, D.V.M., a cap from Johnny's Sport Shop, a package of Firecracker 2-3-4 seeds from Wildseed Farms, a Saturday night buffet from Sportsman's Restaurant, \$10 worth of gas from J&K Corner, luncheon for one at The Veranda and luncheon for one from the Farris 1912. Persons may cast only one ballot in the art contest but drawings from all ballots will be held each Sunday. Winners of the Student Art Contest will be announced on May 2. Donations of prizes for the drawings continue to be accepted. Anyone willing to donate a prize should contact John Canaris at 234-5933.

Childbirth Classes May, 1993 Thomas Clinic 610 S. Austin Road, Eagle Lake Instructor: Lois Goodwin, PA-C Classes will be held each Tuesday night in May from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Register with Eva at Eagle Lake Community Hospital 409-234-5571

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Fajkus retires from Enron after 25 years in industry After 25 years in the oil and gas industry, Jerry Fajkus of Eagle Lake was honored on his retirement with a dinner April 2 attended by more than 100 friends. Fajkus, who began his career with Tenneco at the Chesterville Plant in March 1968, was transferred to the LaPorte Plant in Nov. 1987. When the Tenneco plant was bought by Enron Fuels Co. in Jan. 1992, he retired from Tenneco with 24 years of service but remained employed with Enron at the LaPorte plant, completing a 25-year service anniversary. Cliff Cobb, human resources manager, presided at a "toast" for Fajkus during the dinner, held at the Enron Employee Clubhouse at the LaPorte plant. Fellow employees also presented Fajkus with a new .243 rifle and case. He and his wife, Annette, also will attend a two-day reception at the Four Seasons Hotel in Houston June 10-11 for 25-year honorees. Fajkus will continue his business at JJ Repair in Eagle Lake, providing oil and filter products to his customers.

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'Major' Bengte to retire at end of school year

Boundary dispute settled with Hallettsville ISD... By Lynda Appelt Contributing Writer The board learned that David Feldman, who handles the district's legal affairs, plans to organize his own firm. As a result, the board authorized the transfer of his files from Vinson & Elkins of Houston, with whom Feldman is presently associated, to Feldman and Rosenberg, L.L.P. The board heard a presentation on the PALS Program at Rice High School as presented by its sponsor, Tommie Lynn Holden, and members Joy Johnson, Ragen Stienke, Dawn Piccolini, John Carey, Jennifer Wied and J'amy McClannahan. PALS is a program that offers caring, sharing and listening experiences to other students and allows younger students to interact with older students as role models with total confidentiality. As one student said, "It's big kids helping other kids." The board accepted the lone bid of Colorado County Oil Co. of Columbus for gasoline, diesel, motor oil, grease and transmission fluid. Superintendent Carolyn McGaughey told the board that the district is hoping to install additional storage tanks in the communities within the district, especially in Eagle Lake where so many school vehicles are housed, in order to save financially. These vehicles now fill up at regular pumps in each community if they are not in the area of the storage tank at Rice High School. In other business, the board:

-Approved nine budget amendments as presented by Assistant Superintendent of Finance Fred Gramann; -Approved the engagement of Silvia Glassett and Co. for audit and financial advisement services for 1993; -Approved written notice of reasonable assurance for auxiliary employees and substitute teachers which notifies these individuals that under normal circumstances they will continue to be employed; -Called a special meeting for Monday, May 3, at 6:15 p.m. to canvass the school trustee election returns; -Set Sunday, May 2, at 1:30 p.m. for a board workshop to be held at

board president Jim Wiese's residence in Eagle Lake; -Rescheduled campus reports for the regular June board meeting even though board policy calls for the reports to be given at the April meeting; and -Offered congratulations to McGaughey on the completion of her doctorate degree on March 26 from Texas Southern University in Houston. It also was noted that board members will attend the Second Annual Celebrating Opportunities for Hispanic Students Conference this weekend in San Antonio. The board entered executive session to discuss personnel, but took no action upon returning to open session.

County Grand Jury returns 24 indictments

Two of three court cases get prison time... The recent session of the Colorado County Grand Jury returned 24 indictments from the cases presented by District Attorney W.C. "Bud" Kirkendall. Cases submitted to the Grand Jury by Eagle Lake Police Department where indictments were returned included: -Javier Salinas for possession of a prohibited weapon; -Troy Marsalia for injury to an elderly individual; -Len C. Matthews for burglary of a building in connection with the Dec. 26 break-in at Bearings Inc., and; -Monica Melendez for burglary of a building in connection with the Sept. 20, 1992, break-in of a building owned by Judy Pennell. Indicted for arson and burglary in connection with the fire which destroyed Gindlers in downtown Columbus on Feb. 17 were Derek Sewell, 18, John Stovall, 19, and James Woods, 17, all of Columbus. Reginald Jerome Glover, 19, was indicted for burglary of a building in the case. All remain in Colorado County Jail; Sewell, Stovall and Woods under \$150,000 bonds; Glover, \$50,000 bond. Gable Barrios, 26, of Eagle Lake, was indicted for involuntary manslaughter in connection with the Jan. 1 head-on collision on FM 3013 north of Eagle Lake in which Anthony Scott Ward, 20, and Rolanda Gay Hemphill, 21, both of Eagle Lake, were killed. Hector Flores, 18, of Eagle Lake, and Daniel Lopez, 17, of Nada, were indicted for burglary of the Charles

Hodde residence near Eagle Lake on Feb. 27. The March 8 burglary of a building owned by Mark Anderson resulted in the indictment of Michael Semora and Nathan Reyes. Other indictments returned were: -Keith Matura, theft and unauthorized use of a motor vehicle by the alleged taking of an auto from B.J. Williams used car lot just outside Eagle Lake; -Trent A. White, possession of a controlled substance; -Thomas C. Perkins, possession of a controlled substance; -Mark Stephens Jr., possession of a controlled substance; -Dario R. Dennis, possession of a controlled substance; -Steven Kansteiner, driving while

intoxicated (felony); -James D. Roberts, arson in connection with a fire in Weimar; -Matthew Moore, forgery by possession for allegedly attempting to cash a check written on the account of Van Grumbles, and; -Billy Charles Morris, burglary of a building in connection with the Oct. 3, 1992, break-in of a building owned by Billy Schindler. District Court rulings Judge Gus Strauss of the 2nd 25th Judicial District Court sentenced three individuals recently. Tyrone Dewwayne Scott, 81, of Columbus, received 15 years in the Institutional Division of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ). Scott pled guilty to the Jan. 17 burglary of City Cafe in Columbus. This 15-year sentence will run concurrently with another 15-year prison term Scott was handed following his probation being revoked for the June 23, 1992, burglary at Thriver Korner in Columbus. Alvario Barrios Jr. was given seven years probation on each of two counts of possession of a controlled substance. Barrios was arrested by Eagle Lake Police on May 21 and July 24, 1992. He is also to pay a fine of \$1,000 plus court costs of \$84.50. Also receiving 15 years at the Institutional Division of TDCJ was Rodolfo Conejo for two counts of theft. The thefts occurred after he had received probation on a charge of burglary of a habitation in a May 1990 case.

City Council opts for certificates of obligation

By Lynda Appelt Contributing Writer The Eagle Lake City Council decided to go with certificates of obligation as the means of financing the mandated sewer plant improvements at its meeting last week. After hearing all options from Moroney, Beissner & Co., the city's financial advisor, Council authorized the certificates of obligation and asked that the advisor prepare a presentation for its April 27 meeting. Mayor Don Bandy told Council that certificates of obligation seem to be the cheapest way out in terms of interest rate and repayment.

Financial representatives present at the meeting told Council that with the City's financial situation, there will be no problem selling the bonds. Center Street residents Roger Birdwell, Ed Tate and Pauline Walkington were present to discuss the consideration of renaming or renumbering Center Street between Clark Street and Cat Spring Road. The change is necessary due to the implementation of 9-1-1. The Council determined that change on this end of Center Street will affect the fewest number of residents. City Secretary Lucille Perry informed the group that they are not the

only residents who have had address changes, but they are the only ones who have had a choice. The item was tabled and will be placed on the agenda for the April 27 meeting. Council heard a report by Doug Schwemm regarding the results of the recent community survey conducted by the Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce. According to Schwemm, the survey gives an in-depth feeling of how Chamber members feel about Eagle Lake. The Chamber will try to come up with a plan of action in 30 days to rectify the weak areas. (See City Council, Page 12)

Burglaries increase in county

Colorado County Sheriff's Department reported several burglaries recently. April 14, Deputy D.C. Peikert was dispatched to Specialty Sand Company on Calhoun Rd. near Eagle Lake concerning a theft. Peikert met with Tim Mitchell who reported that over the past three months several items had come up missing. He did not know who took them or exactly when they were taken. Listed as missing are an Ingersoll-Rand impact wrench, a 14' GM 1976 green flat bottom boat, and six new 11R22.5 Dunlop 351 TL 16PL tires mounted on hole bud wheels. The case is under investigation. Deputy Richard LaCourse was dispatched to meet Eagle Lake Police Unit 325 at a residence on Cat Spring Road concerning an attempted burglary. Jody Manoch reported someone tried to enter her house. She went to the Eagle Lake Police Department to report it. LaCourse and Deputy Thaine Busby went to her house where they equipped the back door broken and accessed gained to the porch. However the burglars appear to have been scared off since they had not entered the house itself. Deputy Busby met with complainant Rudy Drik April 10 at 5 p.m.

Investigations, DWIs keep police busy The Eagle Lake Police Department worked on a number of cases in ongoing investigations this past week. April 16 at 7:09 p.m. Officer Eric Hart received a report of criminal mischief to a vehicle. A license plate was torn off the vehicle and the left headlight was damaged. The case is under investigation. April 18, Officer Jay Reeves observed a subject at Lake St. and Boothe with what appeared to be a marijuana cigarette in his mouth. The officer took the cigarette from the suspect and placed him under arrest. The suspect attempted to drop a matchbox. It was retrieved and contained what appeared to be crack cocaine. Adrian Farrow was arrested for possession of a controlled substance, processed and transported to the county jail. April 19 while on patrol, Officer Reeves observed a vehicle driving erratically on 3rd St. The driver ran the stop sign at E. Main, striking the curb twice. Reeves attempted to stop the vehicle with lights and sirens and finally pulled it over at FM 3013 and Hwy. 90A. Debra H. Gentry of Sealy was arrested for driving while intoxicated after failing all field sobriety tests. She was processed and transported to county jail by Deputy Thaine Busby. A number of miscellaneous calls were also handled by the department this week.

concerning a burglary. Drik told the deputy that during the night someone had entered the barn and stolen a welding machine worth \$350 and an air compressor worth \$250. Busby took some items from the equipment left by the burglar to check for fingerprints. He also found other fingerprints. The case is under investigation. Deputy Busby met with complainant William G. Pearce April 12 at 8 p.m. at the Texaco in Weimar. Pearce reported that someone standing on the overpass had thrown a rock that hit his windshield, causing some damage. Busby noted a 3 inch crack in the windshield reportedly caused by the rock. Pearce told the officer that when his car was hit, he slowed, looked in his rearview mirror and saw a subject wearing a white t-shirt running down from the overpass. The officer was unable to locate anyone fitting the description. Damage was estimated at \$500 due to the size of the windshield. Enjoy the city tour at sunset, Rotary invites The Eagle Lake Rotary Club is offering "Sunset" City Tours on Friday evenings for the next two weeks. These evening tours are set up to accommodate local citizens, especially workers at the museum and in local businesses. "We want everyone to have the opportunity to take the hour-long tour," said local Rotarian Fred Frnkia. "Citizens who have lived here for years as well as newcomers have found the city tours very interesting." The sunset tours will begin at 6:30 p.m. Friday, April 23 and April 30. Transportation is by air conditioned vans on a first come first served basis. The vans can accommodate 25 people each evening. Rotarians hope the evening tours will enable tourists to enjoy beautiful sunsets as they visit the lake area. There is no charge for the tours but donations are accepted. The funds benefit many local, Rotary sponsored, projects.