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USED CARS...

	Old Price	New Price
1991 Chevy 1/2-Ton Pickup Regular cab; white; clean!	\$10,995 ⁰⁰	\$10,995 ⁰⁰
1991 Olds Bravada White; low miles; leather seats!	\$15,995 ⁰⁰	\$15,995 ⁰⁰
1991 Chevy S-10 Blazer 4-Wheel drive!	\$14,500 ⁰⁰	\$14,500 ⁰⁰
1991 Chevy Cavalier RS 2 Door; Steel car!	\$5,995 ⁰⁰	\$5,295 ⁰⁰
1991 Cadillac Sedan De Ville Super clean!	\$14,495 ⁰⁰	\$14,495 ⁰⁰
1991 Dodge Dynasty LE 4-Door Extra clean!	\$9,795 ⁰⁰	\$9,795 ⁰⁰
1989 Ford XLT Lariat Pickup Loaded!	\$8,695 ⁰⁰	\$8,695 ⁰⁰
1989 Dodge Ram 150 LE Pickup Real clean; low miles	\$8,695 ⁰⁰	\$8,695 ⁰⁰
1987 Chevy Caprice Classic 4-Door Clean car. We finance!	\$4,400 ⁰⁰	\$4,400 ⁰⁰
1987 Isuzu Trooper II 4x4 Cassette; 5-speed	\$4,495 ⁰⁰	\$4,495 ⁰⁰
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Hearing

Proposed amendments in response to legislation passed in HB 1417 would officially change the title of current wildlife management plans to Wildlife Habitat and Harvest Annual Recommendation and rename LAMPSS (Landowner Assisted Management Plan and Permitting System) to Landowner Assisted Management Plan.

As a result of the new legislation, the title Wildlife Management Plan would be reserved for situations where, with TPWD biologist approval, deer overpopulation could be controlled by harvesting under a special Antlerless Deer Control Permit.

Several new rules clarifying the plans for deer herd control are also being considered. Under the plan, deer herd control permits will be available to landowners or their agents for properties with a deer herd shown to be near to or capable of exceeding carrying capacity.

The number of deer allowed to be taken by the landowner or his agents would be equal to the number of deer herd control permits issued for the property.

The landowner will be required to pay \$300 to the department as an application fee for the permits. This will help defray costs of administering the program.

The public hearings will be Aug. 2 in Laredo and Fredericksburg; Aug. 3 in Columbus, Austin and Longview; and Aug. 4 in Alice.

Prairie chickens bred in captivity reproduce

For the first time in history, captive-raised Attwater's prairie chickens have survived to maturity and reproduced successfully.

May 16, the first chicks from birds which were previously hatched through a captive breeding program were born at the private Fossil Rim Wildlife Refuge in Glen Rose.

More than 45 captive laid eggs in incubation were expected to hatch during June.

The program's goal is to save the birds from extinction through captive breeding then reintroduce them into the wild to supplement the declining natural population.

Bob Smith, avian coordinator with Fossil Rim, said, "Until you successfully raise captive-born chicks and they in turn reproduce young, you haven't established a viable captive propagation program."

"Of course, the final stage will be to reintroduce our captive raised birds into the wild with the help of the state and federal wildlife agencies," he continued.

He noted that there are only 450 prairie chickens left in four Gulf Coast counties, down from 1,100 just five years ago.

Scientists believe the birds have died off in recent years because of heavy rains that wet the downy chicks who then chill and die.

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CPL seeks surcharge approval

Central Power and Light Company filed a fuel surcharge petition July 9 with the Public Utility Commission of Texas to comply with mandatory provisions of the PUC rules.

The petition seeks approval of a surcharge to compensate for under-recoveries in fuel and purchased power costs that resulted from continuing outage at the South Texas Project (STP) Electric Generating Station, as well as increased gas prices and other factors.

A limited number of commercial customers on seasonal and agricultural rate schedules may be due refunds for the same period.

The petition also requests that the PUC postpone consideration of the surcharge request until the reasonableness of costs associated with the STP outage can be reviewed sometime next year.

Customers will see no immediate change in their electric bills as a result of the petition filing if the request for postponement is approved.

In the petition, CPL indicated that the company has recovered \$17,255 million in fuel and purchased power costs through May 31, 1993, primarily as a result of the STP outage that began in early Feb.

English literacy training offered

A training workshop will be held at Nesbitt Library in Columbus to teach volunteers who wish to help others speak, read or write English.

The Literacy Council of Colorado County has set up this free training workshop for two Saturdays, July 31 and Aug. 7, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. both days.

Trainers for the workshop are Sally Fenley from Dime Box and Addie Kephart from Humble. They are volunteers who work with Texas Adult Literacy League.

Completion of both sessions will certify tutors with Laubach Literacy International and meet the local council requirements.

Anyone interested in learning to read or becoming a volunteer tutor, please contact the Nesbitt Library.

ELCH Patients

Eagle Lake Community Hospital reports the following admissions/dismissals for the week ending July 26.

ADMISSIONS

Eagle Lake: Mittie Hines, Rhonda Hodde & Baby Girl, Marcus Gunter; Columbus: Mary Lipperdt, Nancy Graves; Katy: Stephanie Lawson & Baby Girl.

DISMISSALS

Eagle Lake: Wendy De la Garza & Baby Boy, Edie Henry & Baby Boy, Willie Mae Farrow, Dora Holguin, Consuelo Montemayor; Altair: Dalton Eversole; El Campo: Monica Rodriguez & Baby Boy.

About Town...

•Friends of Billy and Geraldine Waller have been saddened by the news that their home burned June 2 at Bonus. The family lost nearly everything and had no insurance. The tragedy was devastating.

A fund has been set up for the family at First National Bank in El Campo. Anyone wishing to contribute may send donations to Waller Fire Fund, c/o First National Bank, 202 E. Jackson, El Campo, TX 77437.

•Eagle Lake Middle School Principal J.R. Rodriguez has had his "back to school" plans slowed. He is in the hospital in Houston. We hope he recovers soon.

•The Yard of the Month sign is missing from the Robby Cook yard on N. McCarty, apparently stolen over the weekend. The Civic Garden Club would appreciate any information on the whereabouts of the sign. Contact Becky Anderson at 234-3522.

•Beware! Being around Sammy Meitzen may be hazardous to your health. Over the past couple of weeks he has turned into a walking disaster area. While being taken to the hospital to have something removed from his eye, he and Judy were in a wreck. She reportedly received three broken ribs and he cut on his nose which required stitches. On top of that, while loading cattle last week, one heifer became obnoxious and kicked the gate which hit Sammy... where else but in the eye. So, another five stitches. Stand clear folks!

•Our apologies to George Cason. The news release last week concerning his being appointed to the LCRA board was really messed up. George is a died in the wool Aggie and did not attend Prairie View A&M or WCIC. Those stats came from the information on another recent appointee which happened to be situated just above George's bio. Sorry, George.

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Immunization clinics scheduled this month

During August the Texas Department of Health will offer free immunizations. Two clinics are set for next week in Colorado County for immunizing those who have not had their shots at no charge regardless of income.

The first is Aug. 11 from 10 a.m. to noon at the White Cloud Baptist Church in New Town near Eagle Lake. The second is Saturday, Aug. 14 from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. at 514 Washington St. in Columbus.

A special emphasis is being made to get children under two years old immunized against childhood diseases during this month. Also it's a great opportunity to get preschool children ready to begin school by getting all their shots up to date.

The clinics are open to everyone who needs immunizations.

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Process to find new police chief has begun

The process of finding a new police chief for Eagle Lake is already underway.

According to City Manager Ron Holland, advertisements have been placed in statewide publications which target police chiefs, city government and municipal employees.

There were no applications submitted as of Tuesday, but there had been inquiries.

The decision to appoint an acting chief is up to the City Council, but, in the interim, Sgt. Clem Johnson is the officer in charge. Johnson, with assistance from Holland, is handling the administrative duties of the department.

City Council will discuss the process and criteria to be used in selecting a chief at their next regularly scheduled meeting on Aug. 10th. As of Tuesday, there was no agenda item concerning the naming of an acting chief.

Holland stated there are law enforcement organizations in the state which will "weed out" the applicants if requested, thus allowing Council to choose from the better qualified.

Closing date for applications is Sept. 30, but Holland said it could possibly be the first of the year before a new chief is actually on the job. "It will depend on how soon he can get here and whether he has a family to move or not."

"I think Council will take its time and look long and hard in order to come up with the best chief possible for this community," he added.

Child hurt in bicycle-auto accident

Wednesday, July 28, at 7:44 p.m., Eagle Lake Police Officer Jay Reeves was dispatched to the Eagle Lake Community Hospital in reference to a child reportedly hit by a vehicle.

Both the driver of the car and the child stated the child had ridden out in front of a vehicle at Lake Avenue and East Main. The vehicle, being driven by Carlos Morales, hit the rear tire of the child's bicycle knocking her to the ground which resulted in a cut on her head.

The child was taken to the hospital for treatment and observation but was not reported seriously injured.

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

Thursday, July 29, at 11:45 a.m., two subjects came to the police station to report an incident. After taking their statements, Sgt. Clem Johnson advised both subjects of outstanding warrants on them from the El Campo Police Department.

Ulab Johnson III and Reginald Hood were detained at the station until El Campo police officers came to take them into custody at 1:45 p.m.

At 2:17 p.m. Sgt. Johnson was dispatched to a disturbance at 615 Shirley St. A complaint was signed and a warrant issued for the arrest of Broderick Stevenson for assault. Stevenson was located and served with the warrant.

Officer Reeves was informed by Dan Canaris on July 28 of problems with people not leaving the parking lot of his business. Reeves spoke with the subjects and advised them to stay off the property. July 29, the same subjects were again seen on the property but officers were unable to obtain a warrant.

Officer Reeves received an anonymous call July 30 telling of the same two subjects on the property. Reeves, assisted by Officer Eric Hart, located the two suspects, Cairo Ruvalcaba and James Santos. The officers arrested them for criminal trespass and transported them to county jail. An open felony warrant was also found to be outstanding against Santos.

July 29, Sgt. Johnson received a complaint that a subject had threatened the complainant with a pocket knife. He was instructed to see the judge to file charge of terroristic threat.

While on patrol, July 31 at 1:40 p.m., Officer Hart observed a vehicle and a warrant issued for the arrest of (See Police, Page 10)

NEWSBRIEFS

New students must register at ELMS

Registration for students in fourth-eighth grades who are new to Eagle Lake Middle School will be Tuesday-Thursday, Aug. 10-12. Please bring all necessary transfer papers and records of immunization to registration.

Farmer's Market closed for summer

The Colorado County Farmer's Market is now closed for the summer. Participants appreciated the patronage of the area residents and plan to open the market again in the fall.

Seniors have dance

A senior citizens dance will be sponsored by the Eagle Lake Knights of Columbus Friday, Aug. 6, at the KC Hall. The Country Playboys will provide music for dancing from 8 to 11 p.m. Singles and couples are welcome and the cover charge is \$4 a person.

Tent revival in progress here

A "power packed tent revival" is in progress at the corner of 2nd Ave and B St. in Eagle Lake. The community is welcome to attend the services each evening with Rev. R. Crawford, evangelist. It is sponsored by the New Beginnings Church of Houston.

Polka Fest is this Sunday

The Eagle Lake Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a Polka Fest at the KC Hall Sunday, Aug. 8. A fried chicken dinner will be served 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. for \$5. The battle of the bands will be from 2 to 8 p.m. between the Bobby Jones Band and Central Texas Sounds with a cover charge of \$5.

Raidettes to begin practice

Required practice has been called for the Rice Raiderettes for Aug. 9 and 12 from 5 to 7 p.m. at Rice High School. Contact Tracy Theut at 732-5507 for additional information.

Open horse show Saturday

The Wharton Quarter Horse Association will have an Open Horse Show Saturday, Aug. 7, beginning at 9 a.m. at the Wharton County Fairgrounds. There will be three age groups and awards for both pleasure and speed events. Call 409-532-2050 for details.

Museum Thrift Shop reopens

The Thrift Shop will be open this Saturday, Aug. 7, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Good buys include linens, curtains, lots of clothing for children, jeans, costume jewelry and men's ties. There is a special sale price on a group of casement windows.

Bake sale set

The Christian Mothers Society of both Our Lady of Guadalupe and Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Churches will have a bake sale Saturday, Aug. 7. The sale will be in front of Wilcox Minimax beginning at 8:30 a.m. Proceeds will be used for school supplies for needy children and future events.

Revival at White Cloud Baptist

Community revival services will be held at White Cloud Baptist Church Aug. 9-13 at 7:30 p.m. each night. Speaker of the week will be Rev. C.L. Wallace, pastor of Mother Zion Baptist Church in Wharton. Sponsoring the revival are Greater Rising Star Baptist Church with pastor Rev. O. Scott and White Cloud with Rev. O. Rhodes. The public is invited to attend.

Teacher reception is Aug. 15

A reception has been planned for Sunday, Aug. 15, to honor teachers and administrators of the Rice School District. The Eagle Lake Ministerial Alliance invites the public to the event from 4 to 5:30 p.m. at Eagle Lake Community Center. New teachers will be introduced and new programs described. Refreshments will be served.

Red Cross needs donations for flood

The American Red Cross is taking donations for the flood victims in the midwest. The donations may be made at First National Bank in Eagle Lake or mailed in care of Connie Lange, P.O. Box 245, Eagle Lake, TX 77434.

Rice freshmen to get orientation

Freshman orientation for Rice High School will be held Aug. 12 from 6 to 8 p.m. in the school commons. Freshmen may secure schedules at the orientation meeting. Upper classmen may pick up schedules Friday, Aug. 15, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Any schedule changes for all students must be made that day. Questions may be directed to Rice High School 234-3535.

Red Cross classes offered

First aid classes for the American Red Cross will be held Aug. 7 at 8 a.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Hall in Columbus and Aug. 11 and 12 at 6 p.m. in the Weimar Fire Station. Standard first aid class will be given at the Columbus EMS building on Aug. 25 and 26 at 6 p.m. The classes are sponsored by the Colorado County Ambulance Association. There is no charge but donations are welcome.

CPR classes set

The American Heart Association CPR class is scheduled for 6 p.m. Aug. 18 at Garwood and Aug. 19 at 6 p.m. in the Weimar Fire Station. The classes are sponsored by the Colorado County Ambulance Association. For information call Regina Menisk at 409-263-5251.

Food to be given out Aug. 16

The distribution of USDA surplus food by the Combined Community Action, Inc. will be Monday, Aug. 16. The distribution will be 10:10-10:30 a.m. at Weimar City Hall; 11:30-noon at Providence Baptist Church in Eagle Lake; and 1:30 to 2 p.m. at the CCA Community Center in Columbus.

SPARC gets Shell Grant

Shell Oil Company Foundation gave a grant to the Sheridan Park and Recreation Center of \$5,000 recently. The money will help with the construction of a pavilion, obtaining top soil and eventually construction of a junior Olympic pool. SPARC board members pictured here from the left are Carl Milenz, Secretary Aileen Pack, Vice President Wayne Dupré, B.L. Ratliff with Shell Oil Foundation, and Shell Western Sheridan Plant Superintendent John Sevelik.

The board, Sheridan community and many retired and active Shell employees expressed their appreciation to the Shell Oil Co. Foundation for their actions.

3,688 books read by summer readers

The final program for the Wintermann Library summer reading program was held Wednesday, July 28, with 58 children attending. There were 38 children for the final movie showing on Thursday.

Robert Bailey read *The Napping House* by Audrey Wood. Kathleen Koesheck read *The Day The Teacher Went Bananas* and Lisa Harper read *The Giant*.

Certificates were presented to those children who had read at least 10 books during the summer.

Tom Reed of Lake Motors Inc. donated tickets to Fiesta Texas for the family of the top winner in the reading contest.

Winners in the Lions, four year old to first grade division, were Francisco Osomio with 101 books, John Torres with 100 books and Francisco Najera with 69 books.

The Tigers division winner, second through fifth grades, were Rebecca Lopez with 168 books, Johanna Lopez with 137 books and Hillary Torres with 132 books.

The overall winner, Rebecca Lopez, received seven tickets to Fiesta Texas in San Antonio for herself and her family.

First and second place winners received t-shirts and the third place prizes were posters.

Prizes were sponsored by local merchants Eagle Barber Shop, Western Auto, Lake Motors Inc. and Wildseed Inc. They also donated cookies and lemonade for the closing ceremony.

There were 139 children participating in the program and 109 read over 100 books to earn a certificate.

A grand total of 3,688 books were read.

City votes to participate in TexPool

By Lynda Appelt, Contributing Writer

In addition to their lengthy executive session concerning the chief of police last week which resulted in his resignation, Eagle Lake City Council also voted to enter into a Participation Agreement with TexPool and authorized City Secretary Lucille Perry, Assistant City Secretary Sylvia Rucka and City Manager Ron Holland to invest or withdraw funds from the account.

TexPool is an investment pool established through the State Treasurer's office, operating like a checking account with a floating rate of interest.

The \$1,000,000 received from the (See Council, Page 10)

In the Texas Youth Rodeo state finals

Area participants in the state finals of the Texas Youth Rodeo are pictured from the left, on the front row, Brandi Stepan and Morgan Montello; center row, Sabrina Hensley, Brooke Crane, Ashley Crane, Misty Crane, Leashon Dromgoole and Carl Crane; and back row, Cliff Cerny, Matt Joines, Clint Joines, Clint Krenak, Cody Cerny, Clay Cerny and Hank Crane. (See story, Page 7.)

Photo Courtesy of Youth Rodeo