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Czhilispiel coming to Flatonia next weekend

Czhilispiel XXI will be in downtown Flatonia Oct. 22-24. People from all over the state are expected to come for this Czech-German Oktoberfest.

The fourth weekend in October is the traditional date for the event which attracts over 25,000 visitors each year to the three day celebration in this Central Texas town. The city of Flatonia shuts down Hwy. 90, on the Old Spanish Trail, for a giant playground for three days.

Between Houston and San Antonio on IH 10, the Flatonia Czhilispiel features free entertainment, free parking and free admission. The Oktoberfest offers continuous music, food and the largest tent biergarten in the world.

The Czhilispiel gets underway Friday, Oct. 22, at 5 p.m. with the carnival and biergarten. At 8 p.m. the Donnie Wavra Band will play under the big tent and Touch of Country will play for the street dance.

Over 200 chili cooking teams are scheduled to compete Saturday, Oct. 23, in the second largest chili contest in Texas. Czhilispiel will also have a huge arts and crafts show as well as carnival rides and a special "snake handler show" with live rattlesnakes.

The Czhilispiel golf tournament is to begin at 8 a.m. Saturday. The E.A. Arum Archives and Museum will also be open from 1 to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Other events of the day are egg toss and cow chip toss contests.

Scheduled to provide music during the day are the Lee Roy Matocha Band, Jimmy Brosch and the Telestars, The Original Moods and, for Saturday night's street dance, Texas Unlimited.

Sunday's activities include a parade at 12 noon and a volleyball tournament in the morning. The open run car and truck show judging begins at 2 p.m. along with the turtle races and tug-of-war contest.

Additional information is available from the Flatonia Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 651, Flatonia, TX 78941 or call 512-865-3920.

Commissioners

Planning Committee, made up of 13 county citizens, for its efforts in the process of creating a new facility. All previous decisions have been made by the committee, with virtually no voice from the Commissioners' Court.

The committee is continuing in the planning process, breaking down into sub-committees as follows:

- Evaluation Committee — Will determine the best use of the present jail after the new jail is in operation. It is headed by Joe Fraizer, aided by Jerry Vachala and Franklin Addicks;
- Site Committee — Will determine the best site for the new facility.

It is headed by J.W. Golla, aided by Bob Berger, Bob Pickens and Jack Gorman;

- Jail Design Committee (Floor Plan) — Will determine the best layout of the interior of the new facility. It is headed by Molly Raabe, aided by Golla, Gorman and Vachala; and
- Jail Design Committee (Outside) — Will determine the best design for the outside of the new facility. It is headed by Pickens, aided by Sandra Robinson and the Rev. Obie Rhodes.

Eagle Lake and Columbus Mayors Don Bendy and Dwayne Dungen were not yet assigned to any of the committees as of Monday morning.

The Court accepted the committee's first recommendation regarding the new facility in contracting with an architectural firm.

Di Stephano/Santopetro Architects Inc. of Houston was the top choice for the jail design with Aguirre Associates of Dallas as the second choice. Steps will be taken immediately to enter a contract with the Houston firm.

In other business, the Court:

- Presented resolutions of appreciation to Peggy Braden and Sharon Ross. Braden recently resigned as the county's home economics extension agent. She began her employment in June of 1984. Ross worked as a secretary in the extension office for over 10 years prior to her resignation.
- Gave audience to Rick Jahn, agricultural extension agent, who introduced the new 4-H coordinator for the county, Cindy Mendel of Weimar;
- Accepted the resignation of Joe Fling, public defender, and agreed to advertise to fill the position;
- Accepted the resignation of Melody French from the Children's Protective Service Board;
- Set "user" fees for the county clerk's office. Not exceeding \$5, these fees will be assessed to individuals using the office and/or those brought before the court. These fees will help in running the office of the county clerk;
- Approved a contract with Victoria County to house juveniles for \$75 per day. This facility will be used as a backup in case the Waller County facility is full. Waller County charges \$50 per day;
- Appointed Ed Kopal to the Airport Advisory Board which will develop plans to upgrade the Robert R. Wells Jr. Airport;
- Approved the sponsorship of improving boat ramps on U.S. Highway 90A between Altair and Eagle Lake and at the north river bridge in Columbus. The Lower Colorado River Authority (LCRA) will seek a grant through the Texas Department of Transportation on behalf of the county;
- Officially accepted \$277,000 from LCRA and Texas Parks and Wildlife for the development of Beason's Park, located on the river just east of the Columbus city limits. The court also appointed a committee to determine how the money should be spent. Committee members include Jahn, Ted Brandt, Maybell Barnett, Tom Stallman, Jim Kearney and Helen Craig;
- Granted the authority to advertise for a motor grader for Pct. 3 and one or more vehicles for Pct. 1; and
- Awarded fuel bids to Austin County Oil Company of Sealy.

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CPL honors employee with open house

An open house to honor longtime employee Olivia Villarreal is set for Oct. 28, announced Charles Garrett, manager of Central Power and Light Co. in Eagle Lake. Friends and well-wishers are invited to come by the CPL office from 2-4 p.m. Thursday.

Villarreal will be celebrating her 13th year with the CPL in Eagle Lake. She is to transfer to Corpus Christi Nov. 1 where she will be working in the Customer Service Center at the home office. The center is staffed to handle customer inquiries throughout the entire CPL service area 24 hours a day.

The Villarreal family, Olivia and Guadalupe with children, Lupe and Julia, will be moving to Corpus (See Villarreal, Page 11)

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Police chief finalists to be interviewed...

City Council backs up reserves

By Lynda Appelt
Contributing Writer

During their meeting of Oct. 12, Eagle Lake City Council erased any doubt that some citizens of Eagle Lake may be having concerning the authority of its reserve officers when it approved the official uniform of the Eagle Lake Police Department as the attire for reserve officers while on duty.

Council expressed appreciation to the Colorado County Sheriff's Department for its regular patrol and back-up as well as to local game wardens who have volunteered their services until a new chief assumes duties.

Officer Jeff Argo submitted his resignation, but will continue to serve as a reserve officer as well as an emergency back-up officer. Argo has accepted a job in a local business establishment.

Council approved a retroactive pay increase in the amount of \$200 per month for Eagle Lake Police Department Sgt. Clem Johnson. The raise will cover the period from the resignation of former Police Chief Lupe Villarreal until a new chief assumes duties.

City Manager Ron Holland pointed out that Johnson is the only supervisor in the department at this point and has had to work more hours than normal for his position due to the absence of a police chief.

Council heard and denied a request from Trafco Industries Inc., represented by Leslie Matthews, regarding financial assistance for flood damage to its building due to a ruptured water main on the business's property. The building is located at 414 W. Main.

The City's insurance carrier designated the claim due to the immunity of a municipal water system as a governmental function.

Mayor Don Bendy expressed delight that the new business located in Eagle Lake. Trafco deals in road construction and safety products.

In other business, Council granted a commercial truck permit to Rodolfo Flores of 610 Donovan Ave. The permit will allow him to use Schley Street (See Council, Page 12)

Red ribbons show anti-drug stand

"Tie a red ribbon to take a stand against drugs," said Lynda Appelt, coordinator of the Red Ribbon Campaign in Eagle Lake.

The week of Oct. 24-31 has been designated as the week to make a public statement against the use of drugs by wearing a red ribbon and tying one to the door of your house, car or business.

Appelt along with members of the Beta Sigma Phi Sorority will be placing red ribbons around trees at the city square and the doors of various businesses around town this week as part of the campaign.

Sponsored by the National Federation of Parents, the campaign is a project that links, via the red ribbons, millions of Americans who are convinced that the war on drugs is winnable. It is a grassroots effort which is helping to change attitudes about the use of drugs.

The Red Ribbon Campaign originated when Federal Agent Enrique Camarena was murdered by drug traffickers in 1985. The red ribbon became the symbol to reduce the demand for drugs.

(See Ribbons, Page 12)



1993 Rice Homecoming Queen

Senior Monica Vargas was chosen by the student body of Rice High School to serve as their 1993 Homecoming Queen. Monica was escorted by Lupe Hernandez during Friday's ceremonies. Other members of the Homecoming Court were Leslie Center, Misty Cranek, Kameka Davis and Evelyn Washington.

Headlight Photo by Jeannine Fearing

NEWSBRIEFS

Pink Ladies' games party tonight

The Pink Ladies will hold a games party Thursday, Oct. 21, at the Eagle Lake KC Hall. A bake sale and white elephant sale will also be going on during the games. Tables of bridge, canasta and dominoes are planned and refreshments will be served. Jean McIntire is chairman of the event. There will be tables available for anyone wanting to get up a foursome for other card games as well. Tickets are \$5 each and may be purchased at the door.

Stew supper and auction Saturday

The Eagle Lake Volunteer Firemen will have a stew supper Oct. 23 from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Eagle Lake Community Center during the Study Club's annual auction and bake sale. Tickets for the supper are available from any fireman. The Study Club bake sale begins at 4 p.m. The silent auction is from 6 to 7 p.m. with the items displayed on tables around the room. The main auction begins at 7 p.m. with auctioneer Joe Herbert McCreary.

Chamber wants WWI vets

The Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce is trying to locate any veterans of World War I still living in this community. There is a medal these vets are qualified to receive. Contact the Chamber office at 234-2780 or Liz Waddell if you are a WWI veteran or know someone who is.

Wildflower Committee needs your help

The Eagle Lake Wildflower Celebration committee needs donations to help with the cost of purchase and planting wildflower seeds. Checks may be made to the Wildflower Beautification Project, in care of First National Bank. For more information contact Becky Anderson, Doug Schwemm or Helen Craig.

Pesticide collection is Oct. 22

Unwanted pesticides will be accepted Oct. 22, free of charge, at the Farm and Ranch Aerial Service, Municipal Airport at County Road 207 and FM 3013 in Eagle Lake. Bring old, banned or unwanted pesticides to the site from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Empty container recycling is also offered. Containers must be clean and triple rinsed. Call County Agent Rick Jahn for additional information at 409-732-2082.

Early voting continues

Remember that early voting for the Nov. 2 statewide general election continues through Oct. 29. You may vote Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the county clerk's office in the Colorado County Courthouse, Columbus. Contact Darlene Hayak, 409-732-6561 for any questions on voting eligibility.

Benefit set for Simpson

A benefit has been planned Sunday, Oct. 24, from 2 to 11 p.m. to benefit Lydia Perry Simpson. An auction, barbecue and dance will be held at the Eagle Lake Community Center to raise funds to help with her medical expenses. There will also be a cake walk and a drawing. Everyone in the community is encouraged to attend and donate to the cause.

New group to meet in Bay City

The newly formed chapter of People Against Violent Crimes will meet Tuesday, Oct. 26, at 7 p.m. in the Service Center, 2105 Ave. M in Bay City.

Colorado River cleanup set

Colorado River cleanup volunteers have scheduled outings at Wharton for Sunday, Oct. 24; Bastrop and Columbus on Saturday, Nov. 6, and Austin on Nov. 13. They will pick up trash as part of the Adopt-the-Colorado River Foundation program. Contact the LCRA to volunteer.

Defensive driving school Nov. 2

A six hour defensive driving school has been set for Nov. 2 and 3 at the Wintermann Library in Eagle Lake. Retired DPS Sgt. Gilbert Kiel is instructor for the class which will meet from 6 to 9 p.m. each night. To preregister call 234-2042 or 234-5411. Or arrive at the first class early to register. The course qualifies for dismissal of traffic violation or discount on auto insurance for a three year period.

(See Newsbriefs, Page 11)

ANNOUNCING NEW ARRIVALS

Emily Ann Cloat

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Cloat of New Ulm announce the birth of their second child, a girl, born at 10:05 a.m. on September 29 at the Eagle Lake Community Hospital.

The baby was named Emily Ann. She weighed 8 pounds, 8 ounces and measured 20 1/2 inches long. The attending physician was Dr. Russell Thomas.

The baby is welcomed home by her two year old brother Wayne.

Maternal grandparents are Herb and Dory Nielsen of Loomis, California. Paternal grandparents are Ervin and Roselyn Cloat of Frelsburg. Great grandparents are Marieta Nielsen of Moorecroft, Wyoming and Jack and Eida of Columbus.

Matthew Rey Rodriguez

Mr. and Mrs. Reynaldo Rodriguez of Columbus announce the birth of their son, on September 27 at 9:27 a.m. at the Eagle Lake Community Hospital. Matthew Rey weighed 9 pounds, 14 ounces and measured 21-1/2 inches long at birth. The attending physician was Dr. Russell Thomas.

The baby is welcomed home by Ross Houshelli age 11, Maria Houshelli age 10 and Jennifer Houshelli age 8.

Maternal grandparents are Joe and Lula Schoellmann of Garwood. Paternal grandparents are Guadalupe and the late Jesus P. Rodriguez of Eagle Lake. The mother is the former Mary Ann Schoellmann.

John Arthur Cordova

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Cordova of Eagle Lake announce the birth of their second child, a boy, born at 12:23 a.m. on September 20 at the Eagle Lake Community Hospital.

The baby was named John Arthur Cordova and weighed 6 pounds, 12 ounces and measured 19 inches long. The attending physician was Dr. Russell Thomas.

The baby is welcomed home by his sister Valen. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Demetrio Soliz of Eagle Lake. Paternal grandparents are Amada Cordova and Louis Fernandez of Eagle Lake.

The mother is the former Irene Soliz.

John Mitchell Hodde

Mr. and Mrs. John Hodde of Eagle Lake announce the birth of their first child, a boy, on September 23 at the Eagle Lake Community Hospital.

John Mitchell weighed 7 pounds, 8 ounces at birth. The attending physician was Dr. Russell Thomas.

He is welcomed home by Rhonda Hodde, Justin Flores and John Rodriguez Jr.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. John Rodriguez of Eagle Lake. Paternal grandparents are William Hodde and Dorothy Flores of Eagle Lake. Great grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Alfonso Mendoza of Eagle Lake and Lucille Jacobs of Edna.

The mother is the former Jessica Dominga Rodriguez.

Celebrity golf tournament to benefit abused children

The first Colorado County Celebrity Golf Classic is set for Saturday, Oct. 16, at the Columbus Golf Course. Registration for the four-person scramble will begin at 7:30 a.m. for an 8 a.m. shotgun start and at 11:30 for a 1 p.m. start. The tournament is sponsored by the Colorado County Children's Services Board to support abused and neglected children.

Entry fee is \$75 a person which covers green fees, cart, beverages, lunch and dinner. It also includes the auction at the Knights of Columbus Hall at 7 p.m. following the tournament.

Additional dinner and auction tickets are available for \$10. To enter the tournament send your entry fee to Colorado County Children's Service Board, in care of Darnell Varley, P.O. Box 222, Sheridan, TX 77475.

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About Town...

"Lillie Parker was honored for her birthday by her daughter and granddaughters, Mildred Williams and Veronica, Shelly and Jackie, with a birthday supper last Saturday evening.

She was also taken out for a dinner in Rosenberg by a friend, Clarence Smith, to further celebrate her special day.

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"When it rains, it pours. In Elizabeth Boothe's column on the Prairie Edge Museum last week, her father's name was incorrect. His name was H. Allen, not H.P. Ellen.

"As we sit here in the wee hours of Wednesday morning, we are listening to a thunderstorm approach. The sounds are like Tuesday afternoon's storm... a bass drum in the distance.

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Riceland names committee

Chosen to serve on the Riceland Regional Mental Health Authority's Public Responsibility Committee recently were:

Mary Maurer of Bay City;
Rev. David Mann of Eagle Lake;
Flo Berkman of Simonton;
Fred Stavinocha of Rosenberg;
Lydia Trevino of Bay City;
Shirley Irvin of Glen Flora and Virginia Kolle of Wharton.

The PRC of Riceland is responsible for the protection and advocacy of the legal and human rights of the consumer as they relate to services provided by Riceland.

Complaints, comments or suggestions may be submitted in writing to Chairperson, Public Responsibility Committee, P.O. Box 367, Wharton, Texas 77488.

Artist

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Antonio in Feb.

Last month he held a one-man show of his paintings and sculptures at the Wintermann Library here.

Tony, son of Patricia Black, is employed by Rice Industries.

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Ambulance Corps marks 20 years



Honored

These members of the Eagle Lake Volunteer Ambulance Corps received certificates commemorating various milestones in their accumulated hours. Front row, from left, is James Buckner with 1284 hours.

Carolyn Baird, 5445 hours; and Sam Center, 2924 hours. In the back row are Cathy Schuster, 2724 hours; June Mahalic, 25,620 hours; and Rachel Tornatz, 7932 hours.

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