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School board

wood students and 11 adults. A golf tournament, chili supper and garage sale are being planned for fund-raisers.

Airplane reservations have been made for 66 people. The Walkers also reported on the four-day orientation they attended two weeks ago at the Disney World Center.

In other business, the board approved several budget amendments requested by Special Education Director Jeanette Knigge.

*Request to amend the regular budget to purchase a bus for \$23,219 and to budget additional TEA funds of \$35,000;

*Request to budget additional funds of \$3,774 from TEA and to

move \$3,652 of unused funds to purchase bus;

*Request to budget additional revenue from TEA of \$3,305;

*Request to develop a budget for 1992-93 special education carry-over funds not spent in 1992-93 in the amount of \$3,658.73;

*Request to amend existing local budget to reflect 1992-93 special education carry-over funds in the amount of \$37,301;

*Move budget items to proper budget code as required by PEIMS in the amount of \$10,900;

*Request by Deborah Matthey, Eagle Lake Primary School principal, to move budgeted Chapter funds to cover payroll costs on each campus in the amount of \$18,475;

*Request by Matthey to transfer \$250 to cover membership in bilingual professional organization; and

*Request by Larry Varley to move \$776.50 to balance the Sheridan School budget.

The board also took the following actions:

*Ratified textbook selections recommended for adoption by the District Textbook Committee, although the majority of the committee was not present as required by state regulations;

Asian beetle threatens pecan industry

A very small beetle may pose a big threat to the Texas pecan industry according to specialists with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

This March the extension service will launch a major search across the state for this Asian Ambrosia Beetle.

"It's name may be sweet but its damage is deadly to pecans and other shrubs and plants. We're not sure if it's going to be a serious pest or not," said Bill Ree, extension entomologist in College Station. "But we don't want to wait until it has spread all the way to El Paso to do something. We want to know where it's at, if it's moving and how and what we can do about it."

The beetle is a dark brown and slightly larger than a flea. Its name is from the ambrosia like fungus it feeds on as larvae and adults. Characteristic signs of infestation are fragile, toothpicklike projections that stick out from the tree about 1/2 to one inch. These are brood galleries or nurseries that the female constructs by boring into the pecan tree or other host, Ree explained.

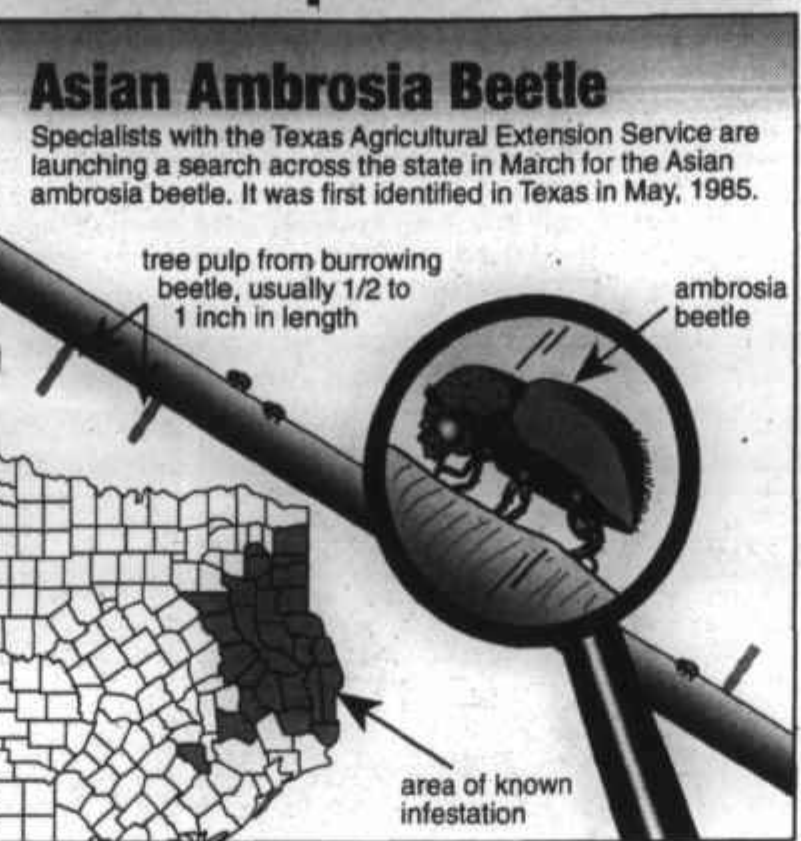
Everything that leaves the brood gallery is a mated female; the males die after mating. The beetle's peak activity occurs in the spring.

The beetle bores horizontally into the tree, not vertically like most wood pests. This eventually causes more damage to different sections or layers of the branch. "The number of infestation sites on a host plant will determine whether it will die. The number of attacks can range up to 100," Ree noted.

The ambrosia beetle can bore into over 100 different species including pecan, oaks, fruit trees such as peach and plum, and sweet potatoes, he said.

Of Asian origin, the ambrosia beetle was first identified in the United States in Charleston, S.C., in 1974. It has since been reported in Georgia, Florida, Alabama and 28 countries in Texas.

One East Texas pecan producer



Source: Texas Agricultural Extension Service
Graphic: Agricultural Communications, The Texas A&M System

has been fighting the insect for five years and another lost 200 five-year-old trees in one year.

This spring's survey will be conducted by Ree with the help of Dr. John Jackson and Leslie Hunter of College Station, Dr. James Robinson of Overton, Dr. Allen Knutson of Dallas as well as all the extension service.

The team will conduct on-site inspections and distribute literature about the pest and its damage to county agents and wholesale nurseries east of IH-35. The literature will be used as educational information only, Ree noted.

"The beetle spends little time outside its host, trying to recommend a chemical treatment program right now would be like shooting in the dark," he concluded.

Cook elected to Rice Council

Both domestic market growth and the return of a major international customer for U.S. rice were the main topics of market development reports at the Texas Rice Council annual meeting Feb. 9 in Houston.

The council held elections for its board of directors, also. A third of the board seats were up for election this year. Among the elected members was R.L. "Robby" Cook of Eagle Lake for Colorado County.

Others chosen were G.A. Jennings, Port Lavaca, Calhoun County; Steve White, Stowell, Chambers; Jack Wendt, Richmond, Ft. Bend; David LeCompte Jr., Santa Fe, Galveston; Gary Skalkicky of Ganado, Jackson; Bill Kondo, Beaumont, Jefferson; Ray Stoeser, Dayton, Liberty; Dick Kubecka Jr., Palacios, Matagorda; Raymond Franz, Katy, Waller.

Raymond Franz, rice council president, noted the valuable role the council plays in the industry and the progress that has been made in domestic markets. The rice council's role in regaining the Iranian market was detailed by Jim Willis, vice president for international market development.

The U.S. has shipped more than 230,000 metric tons of rice to Iran in the past 18 months Willis stated.

Loy Sney of the rice council's national board, and Steve Balas, chairman of the Texas Rice Producers' Group, outlined an industry proposal for the National Rice Federation, an

umbrella organization to coordinate efforts and activities of three existing organizations; the USA Rice Council, Rice Millers' Association and U.S. Rice Producers' Group.

Sney and Balas serve on the Industry Coordinating Committee to draft the structure for the proposed federation. The committee will meet later this month in Washington, D.C.



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No Town Meeting for Feb.

This month's town meeting for Eagle Lake has been cancelled due to citizens' involvement in the Houston Livestock Show.

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Eagle Lake Headlight

Council adds officers, studies noise ordinance

By Lynda Appelt
Contributing Writer

Eagle Lake City Council appointed three additional auxiliary officers and began contemplation of an ordinance prohibiting loud music coming from cars on city streets at last

week's meeting.

The appointment of part-time, non-paid officers, Keith Norman, Jake Garcia and Eric Bilbo, was approved after personal interviews with Council in an executive session.

Norman, Garcia and Bilbo join

officers John Dawson, Jeff Argo, Stephen Smith, Brian Davis and Patrick Olivares, bringing Eagle Lake's auxiliary force to a total of eight.

Police Chief A.E. "Buck" Hall has told Council in previous sessions that his goal is to place 10 to 15 auxiliary officers in their duties in the fight against crime.

All auxiliary officers carry the same certification and are authorized to carry out identical duties as a regular officer.

Complaints about loud music coming from cars driving on the streets prompted Council to instruct City Manager Ron Holland to obtain sample ordinances from other cities in an attempt to control the problem.

Holland presented Council with a drafted ordinance. The ordinance will be studied by each council member and action will be taken at a future meeting.

An order calling for a general election to be held on Saturday, May 7, for the purpose of electing a mayor and two aldermen was issued.

Council member Rene Cooper-Scott presented her prepared mission statement and goals and objectives for the City for the 1994-95 fiscal year. The document will be studied and action taken in a subsequent meeting.

Cooper-Scott has cited the need for such a document since coming on the council last May.

She was commended by fellow council members for the effort expended in preparing the document.

NEWSBRIEFS

Lupus support group meets

The Lupus support group will gather Thursday, March 3, for a noon meeting at Sportsman's Restaurant. Anyone interested is welcome to attend and join the group.

Lions mop and broom sale today

Eagle Lake Lions Club will have their annual mop and broom sale Thursday, March 3, on the square in front of city hall beginning at 8 a.m. The products are made by the blind and sales go to help them.

World Day of Prayer is March 4

Everyone in the community is invited to join in the World Day of Prayer Friday, March 4. There will be light refreshments at 9 a.m. followed by the program from 9:30 to 10 at Christ Church Episcopal.

Senior citizens have dance

The senior citizens dance is set for Friday, March 4, at the Eagle Lake Knights of Columbus Hall from 7:30 to 11 p.m. Singles and couples are welcome to dance to music by the Country Playboys.

Dress western on March 4

The Colorado County Go Texan Committee invites students, business employees and individuals of the county to dress western on Friday, March 4. The western attire is in honor of Texas Independence Day and Colorado County Night at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo. Colorado County will be saluted at the 7 p.m. performance Saturday, March 5, which features Vince Gill.

Fish fry set Saturday

The Greater Union Baptist Church is having a fish fry Saturday, March 5. Serving will begin at 11 a.m. at the church building in Matthews. The cost will be \$4.50 a plate. Call 234-2581 for orders. Delivery will be available.

Blinn choir to perform here

Greater Mount Olive Baptist Church will host a musical Saturday, March 5, at 7 p.m. The Blinn College Ebony & Ivory Gospel Choir will be a featured performance. Also on the program is the Mt. Olive Drill Team. There will be a barbecue dinner from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. the same day at the Cooper-Scott residence, corner of N. Lake and E. Prairie St., for \$3.50 a person.

Concert to feature Tiffany Boudine

Providence Baptist Church will present the Ubaria Child Development Center students in a concert Sunday, March 6, at 4 p.m. The students are in kindergarten through third grade at the Missouri City School. Tiffany Boudine, 11, will be guest soloist for the group. Rev. Coby Shorter Jr. invites the public to the concert at Providence Baptist, 1207 E. State St.

Community prayer set Monday nights

The Church of God of Prophecy, 414 East Davitt St. in Eagle Lake, will have a community prayer each Monday evening from 7 to 8 p.m. during March and April. Pastor Sis. Eola McTeer invites the public to attend.

Spring celebration plans finalized

The committee will meet to put the final touches to plans for the Springtime Celebration, Monday, March 7, at 6 p.m. Everyone interested in participating in any way is asked to attend the meeting at the Prairie Edge Museum.

Mac Frampton Trio to perform

All former members and season ticket holders of the Wharton County Community Concert Association and their guests are invited to a final concert March 8. The Mac Frampton Trio will perform at 7:30 p.m. at Wharton High School auditorium as the final event for the association.

Rice Little League coaches meet

The Rice Little League members are to have a meeting Tuesday, March 8, at 6:30 p.m. in the Rice High School Commons. All those planning to coach Little League this year must attend this meeting. Call Monica Quinney at 234-7716 for any questions.

Christian women's luncheon next week

The Christian Women's Luncheon will be Wednesday, March 9, at First Baptist Church. The luncheon begins at 11 a.m. with featured author and public speaker Jeanie Miley. All women of the community are invited to attend. Tickets are available for a \$6 donation by calling Margo Harrison at 234-5054.

Study Club to hear county archivist

The Eagle Lake Study Club will meet Wednesday, March 9, at the Winterman Library for its regular business meeting at 2 p.m. Bill Stein, Columbus archivist, will present the program "From the Archives of Colorado County". Refreshments will be served after the meeting.

Last chance for Study Club tour

Anyone planning to go on the bus tour Wednesday, April 13, to Moody Gardens in Galveston should contact Betty Wilcox immediately. The tour will include a trip to the Strand.

Heart Health Day is March 9

Texas Dept. of Health will sponsor a Heart Health Day in Eagle Lake Wednesday, March 9, from 9 to 11 a.m. in the E.H. Henry building, 701 East E. St. Adults are invited to take part in the free tests and services such as blood pressure screening, nutritional counseling, tobacco education, health risk profile, height and weight screening, cholesterol screening and blood sugar levels. For information contact Raymond Dillard at the TDH clinic in Columbus, 409-732-3662.

Wallis plans antique show

A downtown antique show and sale are planned by the Wallis Chamber of Commerce for March 12 and 13. There will be booths of dealers, local groups and food vendors. A bake and rummage sale will also be held.

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Haynes headed for national track meet

The Rice High School Athletic Department and community donors will be sending Jerome Haynes to Syracuse, New York next weekend. Haynes will compete in the National Scholastic Indoor Track and Field Championships.

He will be competing in the shot put on Sunday, March 13. His event will be held at 2:30 p.m. Eastern Standard Time. The meet is to be televised on ESPN.

"We hope to see Jerome competing on TV, but we are simply proud of the fact he has worked hard to qualify for this invitation," commented Rice Athletic Director Mark Johnson.

Donations are still needed and supporters can still make a donation to Haynes trip as late as Friday, March 11. Just contact Coach Johnson or any of the athletic department staff at Rice High School by calling 234-3543 or send it to Rice Athletic Dept., P.O. Box 338, Altair, TX 77412-0338.

"We have received several donations so far, but we still need more. Any amount will be accepted with open arms. This type of event will also help our up and coming Lady Raider tracksters get the same kind of recognition," Johnson said.

Cast announced for '94 Prairie Edge production

The Prairie Edge Players, amateur theater group in Eagle Lake, announced the cast for their next production *Down to Earth*, a comedy fantasy by Bettye Knapp.

Returning for another performance with the theater organization are veteran actors Vic Scott, Marsha Priemeyer, Ronnie Priemeyer, Mandy Priemeyer, Vickie Powers, Lee Politich, Janet Dupre and Mike Michalka.

Complicating matters is a third angel with a puckish sense of humor and knack for making people fall in love, with sometimes near-disasters

Joining them and making their debuts on the Prairie Edge stage are newcomers Laura Myres, Sherry

Gould, Leah Lane, Chris Burrow and Josh Venhaus. Biographical information will appear later.

Set in the present, *Down to Earth* features two angels who descend to earth to collect some elderly souls. One person is a tyrannical, miserly old lady who has amassed a fortune and is looking for a way to take it with her—or she's not going!

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Commissioners finalize easement agreement

Colorado County Commissioners

finalized the securing of a 50-foot easement in the Deer Hollow area near Weimar Monday morning after almost two years of negotiations.

Meeting with residents of the area off and on for the past two years, Precinct 2 Commissioner Johnnie Elstner finally felt satisfied with all proposals from the residents.

Located some seven miles south of Weimar off Farm-to-Market Road 155, the area is at the end of County Road 235 and commonly called Deer Hollow Road.

The County initially took action on the matter by accepting a variance regarding the width of the road. Instead of the usual 60-foot right of way, the County agreed to accept a cleared 50-foot path.

The County recently secured a 50-foot easement throughout the area, having to bargain with two families until just last month, and residents expected the matter to be closed, but Elstner felt he needed to seek legal counsel in regard to a clause in one of the easements given to the County.

Proposals approved Monday stated residents of the Deer Hollow area, Hugo Helmscamp and Dewayne White, would oversee the clearing of all underbrush along the 50-foot path-way as well as moving fences and

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creating any needed culverts.

The questionable clause was clarified as meaning the road could be extended in the future, but not connected to another road. This was acceptable to County Attorney Steve Sebesta, Elstner and the Court.

The Court agreed to invest the \$3.6 million in certificates of obligation to fund the construction of a new county jail at the First State Bank in Columbus while the funds are waiting for payments.

County Treasurer Joyce Stancik told the Court the bank offered a variable 90-day T-bill investment with interest rates averaging higher than those offered by Texpool, and investment company headed by the Texas Association of Counties. Rates at the bank in Jan. were 3.68% while Texpool reported only 3.5%.

Stancik said it would also be convenient to use the County's depository since the funds could be transferred for payments quickly and easily at the local bank.

The Court adopted a resolution in support of participating in the 25th Judicial District's Drug Task Force.

Consisting of Colorado, Gonzales, Guadalupe and Lavaca counties, the task force will cost the County no more than \$26,943 a year. The current budget has \$13,000 budgeted

The IRS funds have not yet been received, but County Judge H.O. "Butch" Strunk said the fiscal year

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Police investigate more burglaries during week

The Eagle Lake Police Department reported the following calls for the week ending Feb. 28.

Wednesday, Feb. 23, Officer Lance Segler was dispatched to a burglary of a residence at 9:02 a.m. A stereo and gold chain were reported taken from the home on 4th St.

At 9 p.m., Officer Jeff Argo was dispatched to a residence on Shirley St. to investigate the report of a suspicious vehicle and criminal mischief. The vehicle was removed by Delgado's Wrecker. When the owner was located, he reported that the criminal



Officer of the month for January

Eagle Lake Auxiliary Police Officer Stephen Smith, right, is congratulated by Police Chief A.E. "Buck" Hall on being chosen officer of the month for Jan. Smith officially joined the ranks Jan. 11 when he and two other auxiliary officers were approved by City Council. Smith is currently filling the vacancy on the roster created by the recent resignation of Officer Tony Casaro.

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