



Flags to honor veterans

The local American Legion Post will decorate the graves of veterans with flags for Memorial Day. The W. Cherry-M. Perry Post #108 will observe the national holiday by placing miniature American flags on the graves of veterans buried in local cemeteries during the weekend. Flags will be placed on Saturday, May 27 beginning at 9 a.m. and will be removed Tuesday, May 31 at 2 p.m. (See Flags, Page 10)

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NEWSBRIEFS

Party scheduled for '94 Rice grads

A graduation party for the 1994 seniors of Rice High School was to be held, with police security, at the Eagle Lake Community Center Wednesday, May 25, immediately following the Rice graduation ceremony. The Record Hop party host was to be Myron Howard.

Sign up for summer track

Signup is underway for the Running Raiders Summer Track program. Registration is \$30 for students in grades three through 12. Practice begins June 6 and the first meet will be June 11 at Giddings. Contact Rice coaches Susan Pittman or Dennis Jackson for information and registration.

Offices close for Memorial Day

Several public offices will be closed Monday, May 30, for the Memorial Day holiday. The Colorado County Courthouse, Eagle Lake City Hall, The First National Bank and First Heights Bank have announced they will close.

CCA board meets

The Combined Community Action Inc. will hold their monthly board of directors meeting Thursday, May 26, at 7 p.m. The board meets at the CCA Center in La Grange. The public is invited to attend.

Plum Nelly festival is May 27

The Sargeant "Plum Nelly" festival will be held May 27-30, sponsored by the Sargeant Lions Club and George Porgie's. Crafts, carnival rides, dances each night, barbecue cookoff on Saturday and chili and gumbo cookoffs Sunday, are all part of the activities planned. For additional information call 409-245-5382 or 409-244-0402.

Singles have dance

Fort Bend Singles are sponsoring a dance Friday, May 27, at 8 p.m. in the Needville KC Hall. Music for dancing will be by the Legends. The public is welcome. For information call 409-232-4782 or 409-793-4573.

Baptist youth have program

The Greater Union Baptist Church youth department will have an "Evening of Melodies" Saturday, May 28, at 6 p.m. Everyone is invited to come share in this program.

Myrtle Cemetery has annual service

The annual Homecoming and Memorial Day service for the Myrtle Cemetery Association will be held Sunday, May 29, at the former Rock Island School gym. A barbecue beef and sausage dinner will be served at noon and the program will begin at 1 p.m. Tickets for the meal are \$6 for adults, \$3.50 children.

Memorial Day is shoot-out and barbecue

The Memorial Day shoot-out fundraiser and barbecue have been set by the Eagle Lake Recreation Center for Monday, May 30. The golf includes a three person scramble and concludes with a shoot-out. The barbecue lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m. Funds raised are for the ELRC scholarship and improvements to the golf course. Tickets are available from ELRC board members.

Outreach ministry holds Bible study

The Citywide Outreach Ministry will hold a Bible study every Monday evening from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at 414 East B St. Everyone is invited to come, bring a friend, canned goods and good clothing. There will be singing, testimonies, bread and clothing for needy every third Saturday, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Munke-Laux family sets reunion

The 1994 reunion of the Christian Munke and Margaretha Laux family will be Sunday, June 5, at the Ammanns Valley KJTB Hall beginning at 10 a.m. A covered dish lunch will be served at 12 with drinks, bread and flatware provided. All descendants and friends are encouraged to attend.

Sandcastle contest set in Galveston

The eighth annual American Institute of Architects sandcastle competition will be held from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 4, at the R.A. Apfel Park on Galveston Island. There will be live music, and exhibitions for the contest teams and observers. There is no charge for observers but there is a \$5 parking fee. Call 713-622-2081 for information.

Yoakum Tom Tom fest next weekend

The Yoakum Tom Tom Arts and Crafts Show will be held at Yoakum Community Center Saturday, June 4. There will be food booths, arts and crafts, a rodeo and other activities. Contact the Chamber of Commerce for information and entry forms at 512-293-2309 or P.O. Box 591, Yoakum, TX 77995.

ELHS class of '64 to gather

The 1964 graduating class of Eagle Lake High School will have their 30 year reunion Saturday, June 25, at 6 p.m. in Sportsman Catering Center. To join the group for the hour of reunion buffet, send reservation and \$12 payment to Steve Balas at Eagle Lake Drugstore or Ronnie Miller, 1303 Edgebrook Dr., El Campo, TX 77437. Set-ups will be furnished.

Tutoring offered for GED

Individualized, self-paced tutoring is offered for the GED (graduate equivalency diploma) by the Colorado County Youth and Family Services. The tutoring will be at Sunset Plaza in Columbus for 16-20 year olds. Call 409-732-8721 to get information.

Healthy Heart Day planned

The Texas Dept. of Health will sponsor Healthy Heart Day in Eagle Lake on Wednesday, June 8, from 9 to 11 a.m. in the E.H. Henry Building, 701 East B St. Adults are invited to the free screenings for blood pressure, cholesterol and blood sugar, nutritional counseling, tobacco education and more. For information about the event contact Raymond Dillard at the Columbus TDC clinic, 409-732-3662.

Defensive driving course at library

A state approved, six hour course in defensive driving is scheduled at the Winterman Library June 11 from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Retired DPS Sgt. Gilbert Kiel is instructor. To preregister call the library at 234-5411 or Kiel at 234-2042, or come to the class a few minutes early.

Special to The Headlight

By Rhonda Latimore Banner Press Staff

Law enforcement in Colorado County is about to see some big changes. The final phases of past goals are being reached and new faces are joining the ranks.

The Commissioners' Court, Monday morning, took the final steps in the long journey to begin construction of a new jail facility, appointed a new justice of the peace for Precinct 1 and acknowledged the employment of a new deputy in the sheriff's department.

Chappell Hill Construction was awarded the bid to construct the new 98-bed jail facility on U.S. Highway 90, west of Columbus adjacent to Radio Lane. The bid submitted by the Brenham company totaled \$3,198,000.

Funding for the facility will come from certificates of obligation issued in an amount not to exceed \$3.6 million.

The 13-member committee recommended the new construction, helped choose the site and architectural firm of Di Stefano-Santopetro of Houston and, finally, the general contractor from Brenham.

Contracts are expected to be signed within the next week and construction may begin as soon as five days after the signing. A groundbreaking ceremony has been tentatively planned for Wednesday, June 15.

A new face joining the ranks of county law agencies is Gilbert Kiel appointed Precinct 1 justice of the peace.

The Court accepted the resignation of present Justice of the Peace Barry White who cited personal and business reasons for stepping down.

Kiel, a retired sergeant with the Department of Public Safety, was "nominated" by Precinct 3 Commissioner Jerome Wickes with a second by Precinct 2 Commissioner Johnny Elster. A unanimous vote gave him the appointment, but the Court added a stipulation.

The office is up for election in November with Dodie Dungen and Wayne Behlen running as the Democratic and Republican candidates, respectively. If Kiel decides to run as a write-in candidate, it would result in his automatic resignation. Potential write-in candidates must submit paperwork to the county clerk's office by early Sept.

Dungen was at the meeting and showed an interest in being appointed to the seat, but was told the Court would not appoint either candidate since it might appear as showing favoritism.

The position was offered to the chief clerk and deputy clerk in the Precinct 1 office as well as a past clerk in Precinct 3. All refused the seat. Besides Kiel, the only other interested individual was Billy Hefner of Garwood.

Another new face in the law enforcement community is Mark R. "Bo" Wilburn who recently joined the Colorado County Sheriff's Department as a deputy.

The Court was advised of a law suit filed against Sheriff Bill Esterling by Robert Charles Thomas.

Thomas, an ex-guard at the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, was arrested in Eagle Lake on Feb. 23, 1991, on charges of delivery of a controlled substance. He remained in the jail until Feb. 26, 1991, when he was released on bond. He returned to the facility in Oct. of that year after being sentenced to 16 years in the Institutional Division of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. He stayed in Colorado County until March 1992, when he was transferred to a state facility.

The original suit, written in long-hand by Thomas, claims he was incarcerated with the general population in the jail by Esterling even though he was an ex-guard.

County Judge H.O. "Butch" Strunk said Thomas was not abused or mistreated by any of the other inmates or Esterling. Colorado County Public Defender J. Julian Moore has agreed to take the case.

The Court refused to grant a budget increase for the Colorado County Senior Citizen Program which proclaims.

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Eagle Lake Police arrest one DWI, two for violence

The Eagle Lake Police Department reported the following calls during the week ending May 22.

Thursday, May 19, Officer Brian Davis was dispatched to Conner Ave. in response to a report of suspicious persons. No subjects were located.

Sgt. Clem Johnson investigated a report of criminal mischief on Church St. May 20 at about 3 p.m.

Officer Lance Segler is investigating a theft of a new lawn mower from Eagle Lake Implement. It was reportedly stolen during the night of May 20.

May 21 at 4:05 p.m., Officer Eric Hart responded to an alarm on E. Main St. It was a false alarm.

Officer Davis received a report of damage to a building on Post Office St. Sgt. Johnson investigated and found several windows broken out and damage to property in the building.

Officer Eric Bilbo and by Officer David Wood were dispatched to a report of a burglary of a house on Davitt St. Several items were taken from the residence.

Sgt. Johnson and Officer Davis were dispatched to a fight in progress at the Country Time Inn May 21 at 8:37 p.m. After meeting with the subjects and witnesses, officers arrested Debbie Knight and Michael Knight for family violence assault. The two were processed and transported to county jail.

May 22 at 11:38 p.m., Officer Davis was dispatched to Guadalupe St. to investigate a report of damage to a mail box.

May 23 at 12:30 a.m., Officer Hart observed a vehicle driving erratically on Main St. He stopped the vehicle and smelled alcohol on the driver. The driver failed field sobriety tests. Officer Hart, assisted by Constable Wilfred Leudecke, arrested Rigoberto Rodriguez of Eagle Lake for driving while intoxicated. Rodriguez was transported to county jail for confinement.

TV salute to WW II Normandy Invasion set Memorial Day

The Eagle Lake American Legion is among the groups helping to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the invasion of Normandy during World War II.

The W. Cherry-M. Perry Post #108 American Legion committee on the WW II 50th anniversary encourages the citizens of the community to view the television presentation on the invasion of Normandy.

This dramatic show is the world premiere of "Normandy, The Great Crusade" to be aired on the Discovery Channel during the coming two weeks. The first showing will begin at 8 p.m. Monday, May 30, Memorial Day. It will be aired again June 5 at 8 p.m.

The Normandy invasion movie depicts stories of ordinary men and women caught in the maelstrom of history. This invasion was the turning point in the Allies' battle with Germany in WW II. The invasion began June 6, 1944. It was called by many "the longest day" as 7,000 naval and amphibious ships, 3,500 airplanes and gliders and nine divisions of troops hit the beaches of Normandy in France. "A Grateful Nation Remembers" is the theme of the WW II commemorative program. Post Commander Fred Franks reminds everyone to "view this film on the Normandy invasion and remember."



Changing of the guard

Out-going Mayor Don Bendy passed the reins to newly-elected Mayor Robby Cook last week as the first order of business in the regular meeting of the Eagle Lake City Council. "His (Cook's) fun is just beginning," Bendy stated as he congratulated Cook on his election.



Thank you for serving

Out-going City Councilmen Vic Corman and Robby Cook as well as out-going Mayor Don Bendy received certificates of appreciation for their service to the City of Eagle Lake. Corman, far left, served as a councilman for ten years. Cook gave up his seat after two years to run for mayor. Bendy served as mayor for two years and councilman for one.

Sheriff's deputies handle suicide, cat attacks, prank calls

The Colorado County Sheriff's Department reported handling the following calls during the week ending Sunday, May 22.

At 10:09 p.m. Tuesday, May 17, Deputy Richard LaCourse investigated an apparent suicide at County Rd. 201 one mile north of Weimar. The subject was pronounced dead on arrival at the hospital in Weimar.

Monday, May 16, at 1:03 a.m., Deputy Leonard Peters gave a courtesy escort to Columbus. At 2:35 a.m., Deputy Troy Neisner and Peters met with a subject at the Eagle Lake Police Department.

Lt. R.H. Wied received a call at 9:51 a.m. in reference to a possible rabid cat in Sheridan at 3rd and D. St. The case is pending test results.

Deputy Carol Scott and Sgt. Bill Latimore served civil papers. At 4:05 p.m. Lt. Wied responded to a report of mail box damage on FM 949 and the 704 mile marker of IH-10. Sgt. Bill Latimore responded to an alarm at Nada Grocery on Hwy. 71 (See Sheriff, Page 9)

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Jerome O'Keith Haynes
...is the son of Mr. Gladys Haynes and Karl Long of Garwood.
Jerome was very active in athletic activities, playing football, basketball and baseball as well as running track. He was a member of the Student Council as a senior, serving as its secretary. He also participated in the P.A.L. program. In football, Jerome was named All-District and All-State. He was named All-District Honorable Mention in track and basketball. He was a back-to-back state qualifier in track and participated in the state and national meets. He was chosen as the Most Outstanding Senior Athlete for 1993. Jerome will attend Southwest Texas State University in San Marcos. He plans to major in business marketing or sports medicine.

Shaundra Renee Henderson
...is the daughter of Larry and Katherine Henderson of Altair.
As a senior, she was on the Honor Roll, a member of the FFA and the H. Henry Memorial Scholarship. She participated in UIL, accounting as a junior and achieved perfect attendance her freshman year. Shaundra plans to attend either American University or A&M University to study accounting.

Doyle L. Holland
...is the son of Tommy Holland of Eagle Lake.
Doyle was a member of the Raider Special Olympics team and received medals at the local, area and state tournaments in bowling, volleyball and football. He plans to work at a grocery store following graduation.

Lupe Hernandez
...is the son of Guadalupe and Maria Hernandez of Eagle Lake.
He was a member of the Business Professionals of America and served as its president. He plans to join the U.S. Army for four years and attend the University of Houston.

Daniel F. Hopper
...is the son of Bob and Norma Daniel of Rock Island.
He was a member of the FFA for two years. He plans to join the U.S. Marine Corps after graduation.

Myron L. Howard
...is the son of Becky Kendall of Eagle Lake.
Following graduation, Myron plans to work first, then go to a design school to study interior design, or become a model.

Tricil Salutes The Graduates — Our Future

A Tricil Environmental Response, we're committed to protecting the environment through safe management of municipal and industrial waste. Tricil is the owner and operator of the Colorado County Landfill at Altair. Tricil also is part of Landlaw Environmental Services, one of the largest waste-management companies in North America. Protecting the environment is a responsibility we all share. With your help, we're making the world a cleaner place.

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