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Lead

been informed of the LCRA findings. The people were advised to contact the pump manufacturer and use bottled water until the problem is solved, said Buck Henderson, LCRA lab manager. In all six cases, the contamination was from home water

wells using newer pumps that have been cited as potential problems by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

Although the levels were low and three were under the federal standard, the danger is that levels could increase

the longer water sits stagnant in the line between uses.

The 13% finding is comparable to results of tests by researchers in other parts of the country, Henderson noted. The public is urged to have their private water wells tested. Anyone uncertain about the composition of their pumps should get the water tested by a certified laboratory. The EPA warned in April that certain submersible well pumps made with brass alloy fittings contain lead and can contaminate the water.

One concern is that contamination could be especially high when the water is first turned on. Running the water from the tap a few minutes to flush the line before using it will help reduce lead levels.

In passing on the warning, LCRA invited people to contact their lab. For information, call 1-800-776-5272 ext. 3322 or 512-473-3322.

Field day

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Known as the Lower Post Oak Savannah, the region is considered marginal for wildlife because much of the area has been planted in coastal bermuda grass or been overgrazed. Several LCRA research projects here include planting clover and trees at plots to expand wildlife habitat.

The field day will include presentations by experts on pond management, wildlife survey of county, deer trappings and transplanting. There will be visits to research plots. The program is designed for farmers and ranchers, land managers and other interested persons. The \$10 registration fee includes lunch. It is co-sponsored by Texas Wildlife Association, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and the North Central Fayette County Wildlife Management Co-op.

For information on the field day contact Ed Whitmore at 1-800-776-5272 or Merle Starnadel at 409-249-3974.

Dr. Russell Thomas serves as preceptor for medical students

To interest students in the field of family medicine, members of the Texas Academy of Family Physicians have a program to help.

Doctors in the state volunteer to serve as physician preceptors to students attending one of the eight Texas medical school departments of family medicine. They serve as mentors and show students what a family practice is all about.

Dr. Russell Thomas in Eagle Lake serves as a preceptor in the program. In April and May, Glenda Hickman, a student attending UTMB-Galveston was at the Thomas Clinic through the program. She worked

with Dr. Thomas observing and learning firsthand the challenges and satisfaction of family medical care.

For the past 35 years the Thomas Clinic has had an active role in the education of medical students from various medical schools in Texas.

Thomas Clinic staff have about seven to 10 physicians in training a year who rotate through the clinic for exposure to primary care and rural medicine. They range from first year medical students through residents in family practice.

Hickman was the more recent. She is a second year medical student at

Galveston. Jamie Williamson, a second year student from the University of Texas at Houston, began summer rotation at Thomas Clinic on May 30.

"We are also anticipating medical students and residents throughout the rest of the summer," said Dr. Russell.

"In fact, we will have residents from as far away as Columbia, Mo. This is an ongoing effort by the Thomas Clinic and is supported by the Eagle Lake Community Hospital to improve the possibility of these students entering rural medicine," he concluded.

Council

by Holland. Council will spread the manual review over several meetings. Once they are satisfied with its contents, the topic will be placed on the agenda for adoption.

Holland told Council that the old personnel manual was so outdated it still read, "...all personnel must pay their poll tax."

He alerted Council of the need to take a look at the City's current system and policies on solid waste.

As of May 1, the tipping fee at Tril Environmental Response Inc. in Altair went from \$7 per cubic yard to \$8.75 plus the 50¢ fee for the state. If the citizens have to absorb the increase, since the budget went into effect April 1 without the increase included, residential rates would rise from \$9.50 per month to \$10.10.

Holland said that a study must be made so the cost to the people can be held down. "We can pass the rate increase or we can take a hard look at other means," he said.

Since the increase is not provided for in the budget, it is necessary for Council to take action as soon as possible.

The increase by Tril is due to added regulations by the state. Holland alluded to the fact that in speaking with Tril officials, rate increases will continue as mandated regulations are imposed.

Council discussed the possibility of eliminating yard waste pickup on the regular garbage route, recycling, once-a-week pickup, bag restriction per household and compost. It was the consensus of the group that whatever is done, recycling must be worked into the decision. Councilwoman Barbara Pidgeon even mentioned mandated recycling.

Renee Cooper-Scott, council

member, said the public must be made aware of the very austere budget on which the City is operating and be asked for their ideas.

Cook appointed a committee, consisting of Councilman John Young as chairman, Russ Minter from the Ministerial Alliance which has plans to direct a recycling program, City Public Works Supervisor Buster Biesel, Holland and one citizen yet to be named. The committee will gather information on what other communities have done and prepare a proposal that will be ironed out at a public hearing.

Yard waste seems to be the major problem. Since it will not compact, two 40 gallon trash bags comprise a cubic yard.

According to Holland, as many as 23 bags of yard waste have been picked up at one household. If the cost is \$8.75 per cubic yard plus the 50¢ state fee, yard waste is a major expense. This does not include the cost of transportation to the landfill.

Household waste will compact so

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five bags of household waste constitutes a cubic yard. The state has mandated that the waste stream be reduced by 40% in the near future.

In other business, Council: •Learned that Auxiliary Officer Brian Davis assumed duties as a regular officer for the City on May 16;

•Postponed action on the filing of Form 393 by TCI Cablevision until further information could be obtained and questions formulated. Rates with the form filing will drop from \$9.76 to \$9.51 for basic service.

•Elected Mike Duarte as mayor pro-tem;

•Was reminded that new sewer fees to cover payment of the bond issue that became necessary through mandates by the state to bring the sewer plant into compliance went into effect June 1; and

•Learned that sales tax revenues are down some \$28,000 and continue to decrease.



New City Council members

Barbara Pidgeon, left, and John Young were recently sworn in as the newest members of the Eagle Lake City Council.

Headlight Photo by Lynda Appelt

Kidney Foundation wants old cars

Thousands of southeast Texans have contributed their cars, trucks and boats over the past 10 years to help fight kidney disease.

Charles Meyer, with the National Kidney Foundation of Southeast Texas, said that this year they will receive their 2,500th vehicle donation. He stated that contributors have made shrewd and responsible decisions when they donated their unwanted vehicles.

"They got a free tow, a tax deduction and, most importantly, helped save a life," he commented. Anyone who has a vehicle they would like to donate may contact the National Kidney Foundation at 1535 West Loop South, Suite 320, Houston, TX 77027 or call 713-622-7440.

They are grateful for any donated vehicle whether it runs or not. They will tow it away for free if you call.

"Activity is the only road to knowledge." — George Bernard Shaw

Police

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Officer Hart is also investigating a report of the theft of a riding lawn mower from a residence on E. Main St. The theft occurred between 7 p.m. May 28 and 2:30 a.m. May 29.

May 30 at 8:40 p.m. Officer Brian Davis was dispatched to East A. St. in reference to an aggravated assault. He took a statement and located the suspect. Officer Davis arrested Tony Anthony Clayton for family violence assault. Clayton was processed and transported to county jail.

Very important that you be there!

Eagle Lake Mayor Robby Cook recently announced that a very important town meeting has been scheduled for 7 p.m. Thursday, June 16, at the Eagle Lake Middle School cafeteria.

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the possibility of Eagle Lake making a bid to be chosen as a location for the construction of a state correctional facility. (See "Letter to the Editor," Page 2.)

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Flag Day salutes 217th anniversary of U.S. Flag

Tuesday, June 14, will commemorate the adoption of the first flag of the United States on June 14, 1777, by the Continental Congress. Flag Day this year will be the 217th anniversary of its adoption.

But the special day was not set aside to honor the flag until May, 1916, when President Woodrow Wilson issued a proclamation in which he said:

"I suggest and request that the nation and if possible, in every community, the fourteenth day of June be observed as Flag Day, with special patriotic exercises, at which means shall be taken to give significant expression to our thoughtful love of America... and our determination to make it greater and purer..."

The U.S. flag is a vital symbol that calls to our spirits and reminds us of the greatness of America. It has a rich history beginning in 1777 when the Congress declared, "that the flag of the 13 United States be 13 alternating red and white stripes; that the union be 13 stars on a blue field, representing a

new constellation." With this grand declaration, the "Stars and Stripes" was born.

Congress did not specify the arrangement of the stars and there were many variations in the flags that followed. Betsy Ross, a Philadelphia seamstress is credited with making the first flag. While historians feel there is insufficient evidence to support the story, the legend lives on.

The star-spangled banner flew above Baltimore's Fort McHenry when the British attacked Sept. 13, 1814.

Francis Scott Key was inspired by the sight of the tattered flag flying over the fortress to write what later became the national anthem.

In 1892, Frances Bellamy, an ordained minister, championed a campaign to fly the national flag over schools and other public buildings. He wrote, "Let the flag float over every schoolhouse in the land and the exercise be such as shall impress upon our youth the patriotic duty of citizenship."

Bellamy also included the original 23 word of the Pledge of Allegiance that he wrote and published in the *Youth's Companion* magazine. It has been modified three times since Bellamy penned the original words.

In 1923, the words "the flag of the United States" were substituted for "my flag." A year later, "of America" was added. In 1954, "under God" was the last addition to the Pledge of Allegiance.

Although Wilson declared Flag Day in 1916, it wasn't until 1949 that Congress made it a permanent observance. Nearly 70 years after Wilson set aside Flag Day, the National Flag Foundation instituted the "Pause for the Pledge", a nationwide recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance at 7 p.m. on June 14.

Today the 50 stars of the U.S. flag are representative of the mighty nation America has become. This year groups all over the nation and the state are preparing observances for Flag Day on Tuesday, June 14, such as the Pause for the Pledge observance. When Americans observe Flag Day, we should help our children to better understand the principles of liberty and justice which make our nation great.

We show the world that we are a nation of responsible citizens dedicated to preserving these precepts for future generations. Finally as individuals, we renew our own belief in America and in "freedom and justice for all."

DAR honors Ambulance Corps

The John Everett Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution presented the Eagle Lake Volunteer Ambulance Corps with a certificate of commendation for community service. Roseanne Harrison, left, and Jean Thornton, right, represented the DAR as

John Mahallie, president of the Corps, accepted the certificate. Mrs. Harrison mentioned that she was the first to use the ambulance service when it was begun over 20 years ago.

Headlight Photo by Susie Jackson

NEWSBRIEFS

TAAS help offered at Rice

Rice High School students in 10th, 11th and 12th grades who have not yet mastered all parts of the exit level TAAS (Texas Assessment of Academic Skills) exam may attend classes at Eagle Lake Middle School. The remediation classes will be June 7-10, 15-17 and 20-22 for math and reading. The material will be presented in sequence so regular attendance is recommended.

Friendship Baptist honors pastor

A special three day event will honor the second anniversary of Rev. E. Shorter Jr. and his wife at Friendship Baptist Church in Eagle Lake. Thursday, June 9, at 7:30 p.m. Rev. Clayton Spears will be guest speaker. Rev. T. Baines will speak Friday at 7:30 and Sunday, June 12, guest speaker will be Rev. J. McClinton at the 2:30 p.m. service.

Friendship breakfast planned

A breakfast is planned Saturday, June 11, at Friendship Baptist Church. The fund raiser is sponsored by the Pastor's Aid group and will be held from 7:30 to 10:30 a.m. Plates are \$1.99 each. To order in advance call Mrs. Williams at 234-7257.

Sign up for geometry

Anyone interested in taking geometry during the summer should call Rice High School at 234-5353 by Monday, June 13. If a sufficient number of students sign up for the class, it will be announced next week.

Lamb and hog tag in set

All 4-H and FFA members planning to show market lambs and hogs for the 1994 Colorado County Fair must bring their animals to the Ag grounds in Columbus on June 11 between 8 and 10 a.m. for tag in.

Kolache Klobase is June 11

The annual celebration of Czech heritage at East Bernard begins at 10 a.m., Saturday, June 11, at Riverside Hall. The Kolache-Klobase will have kolache baking and eating contests, polka and Czech bands, clowns and ethnic foods. Admission is \$4 with children under 12 free. Crafts and game booths, horseshoe tournament and polka demonstration are all part of the activities. Everyone is invited to join in the celebration.

Library program set every Wednesday

The Summer Reading Program at the Winterrman Library is every Wednesday at 2:30 p.m. for children ages four through fifth grade. Rochelle Alley presented "Europe with Little Red Riding Hood" on June 8 and June 15 Joy Peroni will present "A Dragon visits China". Movies are every Thursday at 2:30 for the same age group. There is no charge for these activities.

Bake sale benefits Garwood Library

Saturday, June 18, a bake sale will be held in front of F&W Grocery in Garwood and at Nada Grocery in Nada. The funds from this event will be used for the Veterans Memorial Library in Garwood. Everyone is encouraged to support the library and the bake sale.

Cheerleader camp planned in June

A cheerleading mini-camp, sponsored by the Rice High School cheerleaders, will be offered June 20-24. The camps are scheduled at Eagle Lake Middle School from 9-10 a.m., Garwood from 10:30-11:30 a.m. and Sheridan, 12 to 1 p.m. Registration for children ages three to 15 is \$15 per child or \$25 for two in the same family. Sign up is the first day of camp. Contact Breana Wood for details at 234-2753.

U-H-V seeks alumni

The University of Houston-Victoria is wanting to hear from anyone who graduated from UH-V as part of their ongoing assessment program. They are contacting grads to involved them in the evaluation process. UH-V is also updating their mailing list for the alumni newsletter and other publications. Contact Carole Oliphant at 512-788-6212.

TAAS exit retest set in July

The exit level TAAS tests will be given at Rice High School. Students in grades 10-12 who have not passed all portions of the test are already preregistered to take it. Writing test is Tuesday, July 12; reading is July 13 and Math is July 14. All tests begin at 8:30 a.m. in Rooms 3 and 7 at Rice.

Atkins, Buckner win silver medals at state

Two members of the Rice High School Raider Band competed in the UIL Texas State Solo and Ensemble Contest (TSSEC) Saturday, May 28, in San Marcos. They brought home silver medals for their performances.

Six Rice bandmen qualified to compete at the state level but only two were able to go. Only musicians who earn a first division rating (superior) on a Class I solo or ensemble at the regional level are eligible to go to the state competition.

Crystal Atkins played *Alla Gianna* by Dukas on her alto saxophone to earn a second division (excellent) rating II at the state contest. Her contest judge, Michael Jacobson of Baylor University, gave complimentary remarks on her performance.

Incoming band president for 1994-95, Crystal is the daughter of Bill and Julie Atkins.

Beth Buckner competed on French horn. She played the *First Movement of Concerto #3* by Mozart.

Her mother Rebecca Buckner was her piano accompanist. Contest judge John Groves from the University of Texas at El Paso was complimentary of her performance and rated it a second division, II.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Buckner.

Rice Band Director Floyd Spennath noted, "Each of these band members received a rating of excellent. To receive the superior rating of first division at TSSEC the performance must be of professional quality. "To have earned the right to attend a state level contest is special. To attend is even more special."

"All the participants at this level are winners. It takes a lot of hard work, determination and dedication to music for a high school student to attend this event after school is ended for the year."

Atkins and Buckner both received silver medals for their Division II ratings.



"Old Glory" lines the streets in the downtown area of Eagle Lake on Memorial Day as well as other patriotic occasions. The flags are cared for by the local veterans organizations.

Headlight Photo by Susie Jackson

County Sheriff reports increase in criminal mischief during past week

The Colorado County Sheriff's Department reported the following activity for the week ending June 5.

Monday, May 30, Deputy Leonard Peters received a call in reference to a fight in progress at the Jungle Hut at 12:09 a.m. He responded to an alarm at 3:31 a.m.

At 6:16, Deputy Peters responded to a report of livestock in the road at FM 949, Bernardo Road.

Deputies Mark Wilburn and Richard LaCourse responded to a disturbance at 7:48 p.m. on Canal St. in Garwood. One subject was arrested for aggravated assault.

At 9:52 p.m., Deputy Wilburn investigated a report of a subject lying in the ditch along Center St. in Alleton.