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Heritage House to add Alzheimer's unit

Construction has begun on a complete remodeling project at Heritage House, announced Wendy Gearner, administrator for the Eagle Lake facility.

The completed project at the nursing home will house a 28-bed secured unit designed especially for the care of patients suffering from Alzheimer's disease and related disorders.

Living Centers of America, corporate sponsor of Heritage House, operates 45 Alzheimer's Care Centers in eight states.

The program is designed and directed by Barbara Bradshaw, R.N., director of Alzheimer programming, with the support of Andrea Ford, Texas director.

The care centers create an environment that minimizes the debilitating effects of dementia while maximizing the abilities of each individual. In addition to the nursing staff, a program director and aides on the unit work directly with residents to provide them with opportunities to succeed and build their sense of self worth and dignity.

The special unit at Heritage House accepts both Medicaid and private pay residents. The self contained unit of

Sheriff

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by threat on Taylor St. in Alletton. A subject was arrested.

Saturday, June 25 at 12:10 a.m., Neisner responded to a report of burglary of a motor vehicle at Lone Oak Bar. Peters and Kahlden arrested a subject at 1:04 a.m. for driving while intoxicated on Hwy. 90. At 2:34 a.m., the two arrested a subject for public intoxication on Old Alletton Rd.

At 1:30 p.m., Wilburn received a report a reckless driver on IH-10. At 7:39 p.m., Parcell received a report of criminal mischief on County Rd. 92. Neisner and Parcell responded to a call at 8:29 p.m. of a subject yelling for help on the 687 mile marker of IH-10.

Sunday, June 25, Neisner investigated a telephone harassment case on Commerce Lane at 12:04 a.m.

At 3:17 p.m. Stavinocha received a call in reference to a stolen vehicle at Country Camp.

Awards

Ralph Gertson: band, math, language arts, student of month, football, basketball, track, tennis, golf.

Ibeth Gonzales: volleyball, basketball, track.

Lori Grigar: science, band, student of month, conduct-language arts, Texas history, math, honor roll, cheerleader, volleyball, basketball, track, tennis.

Michelle Gutierrez: art.

Hugo Hernandez: most cooperative ESL.

Valerie Fields: volleyball.

LaSandra Foster: PE, band, attendance.

Resada Hinton: attendance.

Brian Hadley: attendance, office assistant, basketball, tennis.

Crystal Hernandez: ESL.

Jonathan Hruzek: band.

Johnnie Johnson: outstanding expressive reading.

Amalie Kucharka: language arts, Texas history, science, math, cheerleader, UIL number sense, band, honor roll, volleyball, basketball, track, tennis.

Timothy Lane: art.

Arlisa Lemon: attendance, volleyball, basketball, track.

Thomas Marsalis: band, football, basketball, track.

Amenda Mochan: UIL, maps, graphs & charts, Texas history, math, UIL, spelling, reading skills, band, honor roll, volleyball, basketball, tennis.

Olivia Mendoza: Texas history.

Edmee Molina: band, volleyball, track.

Hugo Muro: most improved ESL.

Mario Osorio: language arts.

LaToya Parker: band, volleyball.

Ronnie Peroni: UIL spelling.

Kurt Rodgers: outstanding expressive reading, conduct-language arts, math, Texas history, football, basketball, golf, band, honor roll.

Richard Vargas: band, football, basketball, track.

Ryan Wadell: band, football, tennis.

Tierra Wright: band, cheerleader, volleyball, basketball, track.

Warren Scott: basketball, football, golf.

Dennis Shorter: most improved language arts.

Susana Silva: UIL spelling, band, volleyball, basketball.

Catalina Sofradzija: ESL, student of month.

Stephanie Smith: basketball.

Joey Sommerlatte: UIL, maps, graphs & charts, Texas history, band, attendance, football, basketball.

Amenda Soza: UIL, maps, graphs & charts, UIL, spelling, science, band, conduct-language arts, math, outstanding pro-

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gressive reading, honor roll, volleyball, basketball, track, tennis.

Coy Suderman: math, band, football, basketball, golf, tennis.

Barrett Thomas: science, student of month, outstanding expressive reading, math, honor roll, band, golf, football, basketball, track, tennis.

Wildert Thibodeaux: outstanding expressive reading, band, football, tennis.

Natalie Tillman: attendance.

Richard Vargas: band, football, basketball, track.

Ryan Wadell: band, football, tennis.

Tierra Wright: band, cheerleader, volleyball, basketball, track.

Warren Scott: basketball, football, golf.

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Commissioners

lected... perhaps to help in the payment of the UTMB contract.

Indigent health care services totaled \$3,000 in 1993 and a whopping \$36,000 in 1993 and 1994 for the Columbus Community Hospital.

"This service is needed, not only as a state mandate, but as a service to doctors. It allows doctors to have a place to send extremely sick patients who need additional care... with no questions asked," said Stein.

"This contract has greatly increased the safety of citizens using the three hospitals in Colorado County." Precinct 1 Commissioner Richard Seifert added, "We will see more than a monetary gain by renewing this contract. We may see lives saved."

The contract, which will run from July 15 to July 14, 1995, was unanimously supported by the court which later voted to declare all Colorado County inmates as indigent in hopes of reducing medical costs in Sheriff Bill Esterling's annual budget.

Presently, any inmate who needs medical attention is taken to a doctor and the county is billed for the service. If inmates are declared indigent, the County could save money.

Inmates from other counties will also be declared indigent, but their home county will be responsible for any medical charges accrued by the prisoner. Colorado County regularly receives bills from other counties which already use this procedure.

County Treasurer Joyce Stancik handles all indigent health care paperwork in her office, in addition to county treasurer duties and Colorado County Ambulance Service files. She asked the Court to increase her part-time help to full-time status in order to handle the additional work which will be generated in handling the inmates.

The Court tabled action, pending the division of duties between Stancik and EMS Director Micky Wester.

Wester's court Monday morning. He will begin working on Tuesday and oversee the ambulance corps in Columbus, Eagle Lake and Weimar. His salary will be \$24,000 per year.

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which includes all county benefits. His salary will be \$1,463 or \$17,556 per year with the balance being insurance, vacation and sick days.

Wester, whose full name is William Michael Wester, has been certified as a paramedic for two years. Prior to that rank, he was an emergency medical technician. He has close to 10 years experience in the EMS system.

Members of a committee made up of Patty Nelson and Al Greeley, both of Columbus, Darius Brisco of Eagle Lake, Mike Rowland and Dr. Robert Youens, both of Weimar, and Seifert of Garwood chose Wester from a field of applicants.

In other business, the Court:

- Adopted a resolution to join the Lower Colorado River Authority in forming a regional body in the LCRA area for a recycling cooperative in hopes of bringing in more funds for recycling products.
- Approved the bond and oath of Gilbert Kiel as justice of the peace for Precinct 1; and
- Accepted Kiel's resignation as presiding election judge for Precinct 1 and appointed Barbara Dvorak as his replacement. Virginia Fritsch will serve as alternate presiding judge in the place of Dvorak.



Join the ranks

Sandra Davis and Brian Ochoa are two of the most recent auxiliary officers joining the Eagle Lake Police Department. Davis, an East Bernard High School graduate who lives in Lissie, and Ochoa, from El Campo, were approved by City Council at their first June meeting.

Four more auxiliaries were to be interviewed Tuesday, June 28, bringing the number of approved auxiliary officers to 12.

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Reaffirm

could leave the Old World, come to America and be part of a new nation; where you would not be judged by your ethnic group or by who your parents were but on the basis of your own God-given talents and efforts.

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We don't have much trouble defining the American Dream because, for most of us, our parents dreamed it and we lived it.

The secret of the American success is not that the most brilliant and talented people in the world came to live here.

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What made America successful is that ordinary people like us had the opportunity and freedom to achieve extraordinary things.

We need not be historians to understand that we owe a debt to the courage of past generations for freedom that was won and preserved at an enormous cost.

We should celebrate the joys of liberty after passing for a moment to honor those who sacrificed so much to guarantee our chance to partake of the American Dream.

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7 Running Raiders qualify for state

Seven members of the Running Raiders track team, coached by Dennis Jackson and Susan Pittman, qualified for the state meet when the team competed June 30 at the regional meet held at Langham Creek.

The state meet will be in San Antonio July 15-16. Rick Thomas qualified in triple and long jump; Mildred Smith in 100-meter hurdles; Amanda Burrow in shot put; Rhonda Peroni in racewalk; Barrett Thomas in triple jump; Warren Smith in 110-meter hurdles; and Hollis Shorter in 400-meter hurdles.

The tracksters who take first through third places at the state meet will qualify for the national meet Aug. 2-7 in Melrose, Fla.

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Auxiliary officers added to force

Eagle Lake City Council approved four new auxiliary officers for the Eagle Lake Police Department at their meeting last Tuesday night.

Pictured are, from the left, Jeremy Moore of Al-

leyton, Russell Wayne Dunn of Weimar, Robert Joseph Hays of Houston and Michael Krenak of Columbus with Police Chief A.E. "Buck" Hall.

Headlight Photo by Lynda Appelt

City authorizes loan to cover cost of prison project consultants

Eagle Lake City Council adopted a resolution authorizing an unsecured loan from the First National Bank of Eagle Lake in an amount not to exceed \$65,000 at a recent meeting.

The loan will be used to pay the consultants recently hired to assist the City in obtaining a prison facility. The loan is due and payable on March 31, 1995. Funds will be drawn as needed throughout the year.

With the \$30,000 pledged to the prison project by the Eagle Lake Industrial Foundation, the actual amount of the loan that will be used is expected to be \$35,000 to \$40,000.

Mayor Robby Cook advised Council that the Industrial Foundation has collected some of its pledged funds so it may be several months before any of the loan funds will need to be drawn.

"The ideal situation is that we will be successful in our bid for a prison facility and it will be paid by the bonds," said Cook, referring to the bonds approved by voters for the unsuccessful 1989 prison bid which are still valid.

These bonds will be utilized toward repayment of the loan should the City, under the guidance of consultants TMS Group Inc. and lobbyists Adams and Zortelli, be successful in being awarded a prison facility.

Following the loan approval, Bill Harrison Jr., president of the First National Bank of Eagle Lake, presented Cook with a \$5,000 contribution toward the prison project.

"This contribution will be the first deposit in an account (the City) opens toward the project," said Harrison.

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Rice is theme for Beaumont Field Day

New production techniques and improved varieties to improve the environmental bottom line for farmers is the topic for the 47th annual field day at Beaumont Research and Extension Center next week.

The Beaumont Field Day will be held Wednesday, July 13, with field tours beginning at 8 a.m.

Jim Stansel, resident director at Beaumont has research data to present on the environmentally positive side of rice. Variety trials, water weevil control, nitrogen requirements for minimum-till and environmentally friendly alternative crops are all scheduled.

Agronomists Glenn Bowers and John Sij will discuss delayed flowering soybeans and other alternate crops.

Anna McClung, rice breeder, will review performance comparisons of 19 commercial varieties of rice.

Fred Turner will cover his work with minimum till rice systems and fertilizer applications.

There will be a number of other programs during the morning. Dr. Charles Lee, associate vice-chancellor of Texas A&M University System, will speak on building coalitions with environmentalists and other groups not usually associated with production agriculture.

A noon meal will feature barbecued beef and a rice dish.

For additional information about the field day, contact Joyce Markwood at the center, 409-752-3045.



Rice water will be on the agenda for the field day at the Beaumont Extension Center. Dr. Garry McCauley takes samples from a rice paddy near the center for his research.



Dr. John Sij examines a kenaf plot at the Texas A&M Extension Center near Beaumont. Kenaf is a possible fiber crop and will be discussed at the field day July 13.

NEWSBRIEFS

Lupus support group meets

The Lupus Support Group will meet Thursday, July 7, in Eagle Lake at the Sportsman's Restaurant at noon. Anyone interested is welcome to join the meeting.

Bastrop has festival this weekend

The Old Iron Bridge Festival will be unveiled at Bastrop by its Chamber of Commerce this weekend, July 7-9, along the historic Main St. and on the Colorado River. Volleyball, a theatrical offering, and the Crazy Raft Parade highlight the festival. For details and schedule contact the chamber at 512-321-2419.

Chicken dinner set in Matthews

A fund raising dinner to benefit Greater Union Baptist Church in Matthews is planned for July 9. A meal of chicken and dressing dinner with all the trimmings will be served at the church. For delivery, call Lillie Mae Hurd at 234-2393.

TAAS remedial classes meet

The TAAS remedial classes will meet for three final sessions before the exit tests are given in July. The review classes will be held July 7, 8 and 10 at Eagle Lake Middle School for students who are registered to take the TAAS exit exams. The math class is from 8 to 10 a.m. and the reading is from 10 a.m. to 12.

Bake sale set in Columbus

The Colorado County Junior Fair Board will hold a bake sale Saturday, July 9, from 8 a.m. to noon in front of the Wal-Mart in Columbus. The funds from the sale will be used for fair activities.

Defensive driving classes offered

A number of defensive driving courses will be offered in July. A six hour course is scheduled July 12-13 at the Wintermann Library in Eagle Lake with Ed Michalke, retired DPS trooper, instructing. The class meets from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. each night. Call 234-2042 or 234-5411 to register or come early to the first class.

July 16 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. a course will be held at Mansfield Building, 930 Travis St. in Columbus, with Gene Creemeins instructing. Call 1-800-285-8297 or 409-543-7849 to register.

July 30 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. the course will be offered at the Wintermann Library in Eagle Lake instructed by Creemeins. Call 1-800-285-8297 or the library to register.

Wallis Pageant seeks contestants

Contestants are needed for the 1994 Wallis Oldtime Fun Festival Pageant, July 30-31 at the Wallis American Legion Hall. Contest is for Little Mr and Miss, ages four to six; Princess, seven to 10; Junior Miss, 11-14; and Miss, ages 15-19. For information and entry, call Melissa Gallia at 409-294-9075 or Margie Gallia at 409-234-3405 or write P.O. Box 6208, Huntsville, TX 7742.

County gets second dry fire hydrant

The second dry fire hydrant for Colorado County was installed June 23 in the Sandy Branch Creek along FM 102 east of Alletton.

The hydrant equipment was donated by the Texas Forest Service to the nine volunteer fire departments in Colorado County. The equipment installed last month was for the Columbus Fire Dept.

County Commissioner Jerome Wickes and his employees assisted personnel from the Soil Conservation Service, Colorado Soil and Water Conservation District directors, the district secretary, Dittman Harrison, landowner and others with the installation.

The installation of a dry hydrant on private land by SCS and the county does not make that a public water use officials pointed out. The water use belongs to the landowner.

Many rural areas lack adequate water for fire protection. The dry hydrants provide a readily available source of unprocessed water for fire protection. The hydrants allow rural volunteer fire departments to be more efficient by providing water sources closer to the fire risks.

Since travel time to fill-up points is critical to the fire fighting capability of a volunteer department, the well planned and installed system of dry hydrants can provide the rural communities with improved safety conditions and possibly reduce fire insurance rates.

Combined Community Action to distribute surplus food July 11

The Combined Community Action Inc. will distribute USDA surplus food on July 11 in Colorado County. The food commodities must be picked up on the day and time of distribution at each location. There will be no late pick up.

Food will be given out in Weimar at the City Hall from 10 to 10:30 a.m.

Columbus CCA Community Center, 903 Preston, is the location for food from 1:30 to 2 p.m.

The Eagle Lake food distribution will be at Providence Baptist Church, 1207 E. State St. from 11:30 a.m. to 12.

Information on eligibility requirements for the Emergency Food Assistance Program is available from the local CCA office or the CCA central office in Smithville, 512-237-2321.

Each recipient must be certified before the date of food distribution.