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I just don't believe it!

An Editorial Opinion By Jeannine Fearing, Publisher

I guess, technically, this article should wait until next week to see if Eagle Lake City Council takes any action at their special meeting this Thursday, July 21, at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Room at City Hall. The main agenda item is, and I quote, "discussion and discipline and/or termination of the chief of police."

Also, maybe I should wait to see what this new City Council and Mayor decide, but I feel it could be too late next week and I would like all of you to be able to voice your opinions, too.

With the hiring of a new police chief last fall and the implementation of his programs, I thought the powers that be in Eagle Lake had finally caught on. But, if this meeting is any indication, they haven't learned a thing.

City Manager Ron Holland and Mayor Robby Cook declined to comment on the agenda item until after the meeting since it involves a personnel executive session. However, I have to hope our new mayor will guide Council in the right direction.

When Council was in the process of gathering applications for the position of chief, I talked with Robby Cook and Vic Corman who were members of Council at that time. We discussed the type of chief that was needed in order to have the department run properly, smoothly and, at the same time, clean up the streets. We agreed, I thought at the time, that

the City needed a chief who would make Council and any other City officials back off and let him run the department the way it needed to be.

I guess someone changed their mind.

It's mind boggling! When Chief "Buck" Hall first started, the comment was made that he was a workaholic, putting in too many hours and never spending off time relaxing.

Well, now that he has the department running the way it should and can take that time, they've decided he's not at the police station enough. He has been questioned about where he goes and why this phone call or that phone call was made.

I know, the City is extremely short on funds, but folks, this is ridiculous! You can't run an efficient police department when you have to answer to a bunch of nitpicking complaints.

If everyone could see the statistics the police department has issued each month since Hall took over, they would see how much his concept of policing has reduced crime.

One example of what we have is the recent drive-by shooting here in town. The suspects in the case were in custody within 48 hours of the incident. According to Hall, a nearby town with about 14 full-time officers is still investigating a drive-by shooting that happened over a month ago.

Our previous chief did not want the officers to leave the City. Chief

Hall believes in shared responsibility. Take the example of the fire at A&K Railroad Materials this past week.

When the dispatcher put out the call, the sheriff's deputy on duty was across the county. So, the Eagle Lake officer on duty said he would check out the situation. When he arrived, just a couple of minutes after the call, he found a tractor had been run through the fence and into a stack of railroad ties. The tractor and the ties were in flames and the Eagle Lake Volunteer Fire Department was called.

Because our officer responded to a call of concern from a citizen who lives near A&K, our fire department was spared the loss, involved job of putting out a fire like the one a couple of years ago. They were on the scene for only 15 minutes before everything was under control.

An Eagle Lake officer responded for two reasons.

1. During the first Town Meeting called by the chief and Crime Stoppers, Mrs. Elaine Hess (she and her husband, Orson, run A&K) asked why Eagle Lake officers would not come out when she called. Even though it may not seem like it, A&K is out of the city limits. But, Chief Hall told her, they would answer her calls and cover the situation until a sheriff's deputy could respond. That's exactly what happened.

2. Also, Hall believes in cooperating with area law enforcement officials. You know... you scratch my back and I'll scratch yours. That way, if Eagle Lake officers ever need assistance, the sheriff's deputies will not hesitate because they know the "favor" will be returned.

To get back to when the City was in the process of finding a new chief, I think we got exactly what we needed in "Buck" Hall. He's fair; he listens; and he acts.

Don't get me wrong, he and I have had our differences of opinion, but that has never stopped the communication between his office and myself.

What's your opinion? Good, bad or indifferent, I'd like to see the Council Room filled for Thursday night's meeting. The Council's discussion with Hall will be a closed session, but if citizens are in attendance, they will be recognized and are usually asked if they would like to make a comment. Be there!

It's bad enough that the City is having financial problems, we don't need an increase in the crime rate to top it off.

If Council is allowed to blow this so-called problem with Hall out of proportion, we will be in even worse shape than we were before he was hired. Not only will he be gone, but also I'd bet my life savings that the majority of the officers he has managed to add to the force will walk out right behind him.

Do you want that? Do you want your home unprotected? Do you want someone who will play along with what Council wants even though not one of them is a peace officer?

When someone is getting the results you want, as long as the procedure they're using is legal, don't rock the boat! Just because Hall's not doing his job the way a few think he should be, doesn't mean he's not doing it right.

Look at the results of his eight months, then ask yourself: If you would like to return to the "good old days,"

I sure as heck don't!

Let's Look Back...

24 & 48 YEARS AGO

November 13, 1969

Kay Beth Brunner was crowned 69th homecoming queen by Paul Causey at the Eagle Lake High School game with Smithville Nov. 7. Other nominees were Janet Frnka and Jane Wells. The escorts were George Matthys, Arthur Frausto and John Seaholm, all the court are seniors...

County Commissioners voted 3-1 not to enter the food stamp or commodity program at this time... San Antonio Mayor McAllister cut the ribbon to open the new building of Colorado County Federal Savings and Loan in Columbus this week...

Movie stars Andy Griffith and Sam Sneed shared a quiet moment with Marvin Tyler after the filming of a TV special at the Tyler's Blue Goose Hunt Club last Friday...

Southern Pacific Railroad closed its depot at East Bernard Oct. 31 after 100 years of operation... Helyn Faris, owner of Helyn's Flower Basket, and her daughter Candy, continued their quality work at the San Lorenzo Design center. Helyn won third place and Candy placed in the top 10...

Mrs. Russell Reese, formerly Jennifer Bauer, was honored with a shower brunch in the Arthur Anderson home recently... The first Texas minimum wage law is to go into effect Feb. 1, 1970 with a rate for farm workers of \$1.10 per hour and non-farm at \$1.25. In Feb. 1971, the rate

will increase to \$1.40 per hour... Pfc. Lewis Smith, son of Mrs. Thelma Smith of Eagle Lake, was awarded the Combat Infantry Badge in Vietnam on Oct. 5... The Junior High Eagles completed their football season undefeated... Mr. & Mrs. Fred R. Frnka hosted the classes of 1939 and 1942 following the homecoming game last weekend...

The new Terra Trike is available at Rice Auto, Inc. The six-wheel vehicle goes anywhere and is great for goose hunters... Ed Hanly and Mrs. J.C. Willis, class of 1918, were the oldest at the Eagles' homecoming...

Mr. & Mrs. J.R. Thomas' eagerly awaited Star 600, twin engine plane arrived last Wednesday but it crashed after landing at Eagle Lake Airport when a wheel gave way...

Gardner Seaholm, announcer for the Eagles games, noted this was the final homecoming for Eagle Lake High School. The school's history spans 1892 to 1970. Next year they will be Rice High School in Altair...

March 15, 1946
Mrs. Allen Glueck is the first woman member of the W. Cherry-M. Perry Post 108 of the American Legion. She is the former Miss Lois Goode, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Lee Goode, enlisted in the WAVES Jan. 26, 1943 and served in Texas, Okla. (See 24 & 48, Page 6)

Bush, Richards campaign spokesmen are at it again

Republican gubernatorial candidate George W. Bush, in a television interview last week, criticized the Texas Insurance Commission's fine of Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. \$12 million for deceptive trade sales practices, but he later told the Associated Press he believed the case against the insurance company was handled fairly.

Gov. Ann Richards campaign reacted to Bush's statements, accusing Bush of "an outrageous conflict of interest" for criticizing the fine while serving as a paid board member of Tom Brown, Inc., a Midland oil and gas company in which Met Life owns

stock. Bush said he did not know Met Life owned stock in the company, but according to the Richards campaign, Met Life has owned between 6.5 and 9.9% of Tom Brown Inc. since Bush has served on its board.

Prison Medical Report Ordered
U.S. District Judge William Wayne Justice has ordered officials to give him a report on the condition of medical facilities in the Texas Criminal Justice System. (See Highlights, Page 8)

Not only sales tax...

Real estate values down

According to information released by the Colorado County Central Appraisal District, real estate values in the City of Eagle Lake are down 0.51% from 1993.

Information provided by Chief Appraiser Billy Youens shows the certified value of taxable properties in

Taxing entity	1993	1994	% Change
Colorado County	\$684,585,458	\$691,522,245	+1.01%
County Additional	676,245,658	683,007,545	+1.00%
Rice CISD	271,613,057	277,399,797	+2.13%
Columbus ISD	250,755,065	244,625,463	-2.44%
Weimar ISD	106,444,587	111,800,264	+5.03%
Columbus, City of	94,736,390	95,732,870	+1.05%
Weimar, City of	59,260,135	59,934,922	+1.14%
Colorado County Water Control & Imp. Dist. #2	8,377,570	8,317,379	-0.72%
Glidden Fresh Water District #1	7,656,159	7,783,360	+1.66%

The County increase was due to a rise in agriculture value and new improvements with a small loss in oil and gas.

Rice CISD's increase came from agriculture values and oil and gas.

Columbus ISD saw a decrease in oil and gas and industrial which was partially offset with an increase in agriculture values and new improvements.

Weimar ISD gained in oil and gas values as well as agriculture. There were also new improvements reported as well as an increase in business inventory and personal auto and new improvements.

The City of Columbus gained in new improvements and oil and gas but was partially offset by a decrease in utilities. Weimar gained with increases in business inventory, personal auto and new improvements.

The decrease for Water Control Dist. #2 came in rice storage which was partially offset by an increase in new improvements.

Glidden's increase came from new residential improvements.

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DEEDS

Deed: Joseph D. Vacek to Danny James Vilek, et ux, Lot No. 9, Memorial Oaks Subdivision, Section II, City of Columbus, et ux; filed 5-9-94.

Deed: Olivia Gibbs to Walter J. Lawson Jr., et ux, 0.5 acre, the south one-half of Lot No. 35, James Earl Survey, et al, Abstract No. 189; 5-9-94.

Deed: Lawrence Deckard to Walter J. Lawson, et ux, two tracts of the James Earl Survey, Abstract No. 189, et al; 5-9-94.

Deed: Lena Kainer to Angelina Regina Murray, 32.646 acres of the Daniel Gilliland Survey, Abstract No. 26; 5-9-94.

Deed: H.C. Moeller Jr. to Thomas Gerth, et ux, Lot No. 9, Memorial Oaks Subdivision, Section II, City of Columbus; 5-10-94.

Deed: Walter Carl Dufensing Jr. and Linda S. Dufensing to Steve Skria Jr. and Linda E. Skria, 2,700 acre tract of the H. Krey Survey, Abstract No. 370; 5-10-94.

Deed: David E. Pavlicek, et ux to Eagle Lake Living Hope Church Inc., 8,939 square ft. in Block 37, City of Eagle Lake; 5-10-94.

Deed: Royce M. Kaechele to Bonnie Jean Kaechele Reznick and Charlotte Ann Kaechele Miett, et ux, in 640 acres of the G.H. & H.R.R. Co., Section 11, Abstract No. 243; 5-12-94.

Deed: Charles Kaechele and Clara Kaechele Estate to Charlotte Ann Kaechele Miett and Bonnie Jean Kaechele Reznick, undivided, in 640 acres of the G.H. & H.R.R. Co., Section 11, Abstract No. 243; 5-12-94.

Deed: Jesse Lois Wallace to Ma. Eugenia Yasis, Lot No. 1 and 2, Block No. 28, Town of Gladden; 5-12-94.

Deed: Mary K. Miett to George L. Lopper Sr., 27 acres of the William Hudgins Survey, Abstract No. 331; 5-12-94.

Deed: Henry J. Hajovsky to Jerry L. Hajovsky, 48 acres of the A.R. Alexander Survey, Abstract No. 31 and the Walker Wilson Survey No. 972 Abstract No. 601; 5-12-94.

Deed: Lena Kainer to Lucille Joyce Braun, 32.646 acres of the Daniel Gilliland Survey, Abstract No. 26; 5-12-94.

Deed: W. Scott Frost, trustee to Frost Family LLC, undivided, in 10 (7) tracts of the Marmaduke Baton Survey, Abstract No. 105 et al; 5-12-94.

Deed: Dow Chemical Company to Dow Hydrocarbon and Resources Inc., in two tracts of S.A. & M.F. R.R. Co. Survey No. 7, Abstract No. 438, et al, Henry Austin Five League Grant, Abstract No. 4; 5-16-94.

Deed: Donald M. Hudgins, trustee to Joe Mattingly, undivided, in all oil, gas and other minerals out of 219.62 acres of Johnson and Stafford Survey Section 6, Abstract No. 710; 5-12-94.

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Deed: Donald M. Hudgins, trustee to Victor Sturm, undivided, in all oil, gas and other minerals out of 219.62 acres of Johnson and Stafford Survey Section 6, Abstract No. 710; 5-12-94.

Deed: Donald M. Hudgins, trustee to John E. Brewster Jr., undivided, in all oil, gas and other minerals out of 219.62 acres of Johnson and Stafford Survey Section 6, Abstract No. 710; 5-12-94.

Deed: Lena Kainer to Thomas William Kainer, undivided, in 32.646 acres of the Daniel Gilliland Survey, Abstract No. 26; 5-12-94.

Deed: Walter Gode to Felipe L. Casillo, 0.095 acre, designated as Lot No. 1, Block No. 6, Putney Ross State Survey, Section One; 5-13-94.

Deed: Glenn Boyd Lucas, et ux to Andrew Henry Tate and Jonathan Carlos Lucas, 20 acres of Shady Creek Development, et al; 5-13-94.

Deed: Bank One Texas National Assoc., trustee of the W.B. Harris 1991 Trust for the City of Houston to Dave C. Swalm, Lot 4, Block 9, The Falls Subdivision, Section One; 5-13-94.

Deed: Ronald Bart Vis and Joe C. Vis to Jerry T. Paul, et ux, 78.14 acres of the I.

&G.N. R.R. Co. Survey No. 53, Abstract No. 269; 5-13-94.

Deed: Estate of Fay Goldie Stocks to Jerry T. Paul, et ux, 78.14 acres of the I. &G.N. R.R. Co. Survey No. 53, Abstract No. 269; 5-13-94.

Deed: Martha Geneva Lenk to Henry A. Schoenfeld, et ux, 7.84 acres of the Henry Austin Five League Grant, Abstract No. 4; 5-16-94.

Deed: Michael L. Sonntag, et ux to Weby A. Horton, 0.174 acre of the John Meyer Survey, Abstract No. 403; 5-17-94.

Deed: Gilbert L. Kied to Richard H. Ebara, et ux, two tracts of the James Cummins League, Abstract No. 12; 5-17-94.

Deed: Billy R. Wisdom, et ux to Billy Wayne Wisdom, Lot No. 6, Hillcrest Park Subdivision; 5-18-94.

OIL, GAS & MINERAL LEASES
Burney F. Fenner and Namie C. Reindinger each setting individually and on behalf of John Richard Fenner, et al to Ken Savage & Associates, Tract 1, 2, 9, 10, 16, 19, 21, 22, 24, 27, 32, 38, 41, 47, 54 and 55, of the Frank Stevens Original Grantee Survey, 5-17-94.

James W. Sandil to Prime Energy Management Corp., 150 acres in the Rich and Dowdy Survey, Abstract No. 163; 5-18-94.

Deed: Walter Gode to Felipe L. Casillo, 0.095 acre, designated as Lot No. 1, Block No. 6, Putney Ross State Survey, Section One; 5-13-94.

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Carolyn D. Armstrong, La Grange, theft by check; 7-11-94.

Mary Lou Pulido, Houston, theft by check; 7-11-94.

Jorge Hernandez, Eagle Lake, possession of marijuana; 7-11-94.

Bryan Anthony Guzman, Weimar, DWI; 7-11-94.

Sherryon Palms, Rosenberg, theft by check; 7-11-94.

Debra Sue Knight, Columbus, theft by check; 7-12-94.

COUNTY COURT DISPOSITIONS
Jeff Alston Rimkus, Houston, possession of marijuana. Defendant pled guilty. Court found defendant guilty, fined \$150, court costs, six months probation, deferred adjudication and 80 hours community service.

Frederick James Hebert, Weimar, DWI. Defendant pled guilty. Court found defendant guilty, fined \$250, court costs, eight days jail time, driver's license suspended for six months and attend DWI school.

Cindy Barrett, Houston, DWI. Defendant pled guilty. Court found defendant guilty, fined \$250, court costs, 30 days jail, 15 months probation with condition.

Tony Curtis Goodman, resisting transportation. Defendant pled guilty. Court found defendant guilty, fined \$400, and court costs.

MARRIAGE LICENSE APPLICATIONS
Alan Neal Stevens, 33, Huntsville and Susan Jane Sell, 32, Columbus.

Billy Jo Hight, 17, and Candy Lynn Adams, 18, Columbus.

Aaron Blaine Haman, 21, and Deborah Ann Kretschmer, 29, Winder, Ga.

Steven Garimillo, 17, Columbus and Bobbie Joe Swam, 17, Alleyton.

DISTRICT COURT CIVIL SUIT
Hill Bank & Trust Co. vs. William L. Brown and H.T. Miser, note.

DIVORCES FILED
Michael Dewayne Krenk and Tracie Lynell Krenk; 7-9-94.

EMT class to start Aug. 11

A course in emergency medical technology (EMT) will be held at the Columbus Fire Dept. meeting room next month.

Registration for the EMT class will begin Aug. 11 at 7 p.m. the course fee is \$180 which includes the textbook. Classes are scheduled on Tuesday and Thursday at 7 p.m.

A current CPR card will be required. CPR will not be included in the course this time. However, a CPR course will be offered outside the class as an option for those who do not have a current card.

"This new option is offered to coordinators by the Texas Dept. of Health in an effort to cut down on time required for teaching and testing the skills," said coordinator June Mahalik.

The course is offered to certify current members of the county ambulance units of Weimar, Eagle Lake and Columbus, but is open to the public.

"We hope to attract anyone who has ever considered volunteering to help out with this vital function so important to the medical well being of the county citizens," declared county EMS Supervisor Mickey Wester.

Anyone wishing to reserve a place in the course or who needs further information should call Mahalik at 234-2678 or assistant coordinator Dodie Dungen at 409-732-8820 or 409-732-2040.

1994 Military reunions set

2nd Armored Division

Some 50 years ago, the soldiers of the 2nd Armored Division "Hell on Wheels" fought in World War II. The veterans and attached units are planning a reunion Aug. 31-Sept. 4 at Fort Hood in Killeen. Any veterans or others wanting information can contact Loren O. Gue, 8053 Highpoint Blvd., Brookhaven, FL 34613.

Battle of Bulge Vets

Dec. 16, 1994, is the 50th anniversary of the Battle of the Bulge during World War II in Belgium and Luxembourg. The U.S. World War II Commemorative Committee has chosen St. Louis, Mo., as the site for the national commemoration. Activities will be held Dec. 15-18. For complete information, contact Veterans of the Battle of the Bulge (VBOB) at P.O. Box 11129-P, Arlington, Va. 22210-2129.

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