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Fancy footwork

Raider Charyn Thomas did some fancy footwork during Friday night's game against Bellville picking up 10 of his 45 yards on this run.

Headlight Photo by Jeannine Fearing

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Pilots set bake sale

The Eagle Lake Pilot Club will hold a Halloween bake sale Saturday, Oct. 29, from 8 a.m. to noon in front of Wilcox Foods IGA. Everyone is invited to purchase their ghost and goblin goodies early.

Mexican dinner tickets on sale

Alpha Delta Phi is selling tickets for a Mexican Dinner on Sunday, Oct. 30. They will be serving plates to go only, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Dider's Hall. Tickets are \$5 a plate and must be purchased in advance by calling Penny Henske at 234-5141, Charlene Rogers at 234-2974 or Ann Braden at 234-5751.

Beauty pageant set

Crown Royal Productions will hold a beauty pageant for boys and girls, up to age six, on Sunday, Nov. 6, at the El Campo Civic Center. Registration will start at 12:30 p.m. Call 758-3040 or 732-6923 for information.

4-H selling fruit boxes

The Colorado County 4-H is again selling fruit. This year they will be taking orders through Nov. 7.

To order a box of fruit or to get a list of prices and the assortment available, contact a local 4-H member or call the County Extension Office at 409-732-6694.

Funds from the fruit sale are used to provide 4-H educational programs.

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Groundwater testing now underway

When you fill a glass with water from your faucet, you expect it to be safe and pure. However, elements such as gases, minerals, bacteria, metals or chemicals suspended in your water can affect your health and influence the quality of your water.

Drinking water supplied by municipal water systems are monitored for contaminants, as authorized by the 1974 Safe Drinking Water Act. However, individuals using private systems do not have this protection.

The Texas Agricultural Extension Service of Colorado County has organized groundwater testing for individuals using private water wells. It is co-sponsored by the Extension Program Council, Commissioners, family and community education clubs and Texas Agricultural Extension Service all of Colorado County.

Water testing is usually the first approach to dealing with water quality problems. An analysis of your water can help you determine the extent of your water quality problems and the best way to solve them.

We have arranged for reduced charges. The test will include conductivity, pH, potassium, calcium, magnesium, sodium, boron, bicarbonate, sulfate, chloride, zinc, iron, copper, manganese, chromium, nickel, cadmium, nitrate, lead, barium and bacteriological.

To participate in the program you need to pick up a water testing kit at one of the following locations: M-G, Hill Bank, Flanigan Bank, or City Hall in Weimar; Colorado County Extension Office, Columbus State Bank, Fayette Savings, First State Bank or Coastal Banc Savings in Columbus; American Rice Growers or Farmers' Coop in Garwood; Nada Grocery; Wintermann Library; First National Bank or City Hall in Eagle Lake; Bernardo Farm & Ranch in Bernardo; Heinsch's Store in Frelsburg; or the Post Office in Sheridan.

Instructions on how to take your water sample are included in the kit. The collection day for samples will be Monday, Oct. 24. Samples should be delivered to one of the locations listed in the water testing kit packet between 7 and 9 a.m.

Test results will be sent to you from the Texas Health Department and the laboratory at Texas A&M. If test results show that a problem exists, personnel from the County Extension Office will be happy to assist you.

Trustees

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ies of Columbus, Eagle Lake and Weimar, and Columbus and Weimar Independent School Districts.

The Rice District chose not to reinstate the policy at its Aug. meeting. Harrison told the board the policy is "not extensive... just a modest one that provides incentive for new business and industry to locate in our county. I encourage you to participate."

The policy provides 100% abatement for the first three years, 50% in the fourth year and 25% the fifth year. When questioned whether or not the Rice District could deviate from these percentages, Harrison told the board that he would encourage adoption of the same policy as all the other entities.

According to Harrison, the original intention of adoption of the uniform policy four years ago was to present a unified front, an important factor when business and/or industry shows an interest in the area.

Grigar appointed a Tax Abatement Committee to bring a recommendation to the board at a later date. Assistant Superintendent Fred Grahmann reviewed the 1994-95 school year summary report. It included final budget amendments, including \$9,768,000 in revenues and \$9,308,175.61 in expenditures, approved at the Sept. board meeting.

In other business, the board: •Awarded a bid for property and casualty insurance to Eagle Lake Insurance Associates Inc. in the amount of \$42,552;

•Approved the appointment of Clark Powers to a two-year term on the Colorado County Central Appraisal District board of directors;

•Approved the investment of 70% of capital project funds with First Southwest Company for a six-month period;

•Approved budget amendments for \$776 as requested by the management board of San Bernard Visually-Handicapped to include indirect costs for fiscal agent and \$9,825 as requested by Grahmann to correct mis-coding of salary from gifted/talented;

•Approved the establishment of a Junior National Honor Society Chapter at Garwood School;

•Approved a contract between Colorado County Special Education Cooperative and Dr. Doug Trani of Katy for psychological assessment services at \$300 per assessment;

•Approved pre-kindergarten/ kindergarten assessments at Eagle Lake Primary School; and

•Approved the employment of Shannan Pustejovsky as language arts teacher at Eagle Lake Middle School and resignations of Rose Ann Carpenter at Garwood School and Terri Jones of Colorado County Special Education Cooperative.



Timely donation

Jonna and Wayne Bowen, new owners of Laker Printing and Trophies, show off the quartz desk clock they are donating for the Study Club to auction Oct. 22. The donation also includes engraving on a brass plaque for the clock for the lucky bidder.



Foot Facts

By Dr. Eric R. Tepper, Podiatrist

AGE-OLD FOOT CARE PROBLEMS

With the daily pounding our feet take year after year, it is probably not surprising that between 75 and 95 percent of elderly American have some type of foot problem. Perhaps the most common and yet most overlooked problem, though, completely preventable: inadequate foot care. Common conditions such as poor vision, joint stiffness, and obesity make it difficult if not impossible for many elderly to care for their own feet. This comes at just the time in life when circulatory deficiencies and many common diseases put the feet most at risk. Such seemingly minor conditions as dry skin and improperly trimmed nails can lead to catastrophic infection. If you suspect things are not the way they should be concerning your feet, whether it's a skin condition or a nail problem, see your podiatrist for an accurate diagnosis. This is the best way to insure a speedy recovery. We have chosen our staff, office procedures, and podiatric equipment to provide you with the finest quality services in a friendly, caring atmosphere. We treat feet of all ages at the Eagle Lake Community Hospital; phone 234-5571. I am there the first and third Tuesdays of the month. P.S. The part of the body that ages first is the feet.

Thank You

Dear Friends & Customers:

As of Oct. 1, 1994, we have sold our business, **Shindler Electric Service. It will be managed by our long-time employee Rick Barnett.**

The business will continue to be located at Hwy. 90A East, however, the new mailing address will be P.O. Box 550.

We hope that you will continue to give **Shindler Electric Service** the same opportunity to serve your electrical needs, as you have given us during the past 19 years.

Thanks again for your patronage through the years.

Sincerely,
Phillip & Jeri Lou Shindler

Please Give... The United Way

Your United Way contributions are kept in Eagle Lake and Colorado County. And, they are put to good use in these worthwhile causes:

- Boy Scouts
- Ministerial Alliance
- Youth Development
- Colorado County Mental Health-Mental Retardation
- Colorado County Children's Services
- Colorado County Red Cross
- Colorado Valley Council on Alcoholism and Drugs
- Colorado County Special Olympic
- Eagle Lake Little League



Please Give... The United Way

Don't forget food drive today!

Everyone is encouraged to contribute to the Fall food drive, sponsored by the Eagle Lake Ministerial Alliance, taking place today, Oct. 20. Donations will be used to stock the community food bank located at the First Baptist Church of Eagle Lake.

Volunteers will be on the square from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. to accept your contribution of non-perishable food items.

Everyone's participation is needed to make sure the pantry shelves are filled for those in need.

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Fling appointed public defender for county

Special to the Headlight
By Rhonda Lattimore
Banner Press Staff

Joe Fling of Eagle Lake was appointed public defender for Colorado County during last Friday afternoon's

regular monthly meeting of the Colorado County Commissioners' Court. Fling will assume duties of public defender on Nov. 1 and will use office space in the County Agriculture Building located next to the Colorado

County Jail on Spring Street.

County Judge H.C. "Butch" Strunk told the Court that Fling's was the only application received in regard to the job left vacant by J. Julian Moore who was recently appointed county attorney until Nov. 14. Moore will run unopposed in the Nov. 8 General Election for the county attorney's seat.

Fling served as the county's public defender from Sept. 1, 1987, to Oct. 11, 1993, when he resigned to go into private practice in Eagle Lake. The Court held a 50-minute executive session with members of the County Ambulance Advisory Council in regard to the County EMS Director Micky Wester.

Upon reconvening into open session, Strunk said the council will outline specific goals for the EMS director. The initial job description had broad goals and the council will streamline the duties for the director. The primary goal will be to have Wester generate a larger volunteer base for the three corps in Colorado County.

The Court agreed to compose a letter to Riceland Regional Mental Health Authority (RRMHA) asking for a change in its current contract with the Colorado County Sheriff's Department. The RRMHA presently gives the department \$27,849 to fund the salary of a mental health officer and other expenses involved with handling mental patients.

Sheriff Bill Esterling suggested putting the mental health officer's salary on the sheriff's budget and ask RRMHA for \$3,000 a month. He explained that often the designated mental health officer needs assistance in handling violent mental health patients so other officers get tied up with the calls. The mental health officer then has to transport patients to and from Riceland's facilities in Richmond. If additional mental (See Commissioners, Page 12)

Laker Printing joins Chamber

The Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce will welcome Wayne and Jonna Bowen, new owners of Laker Printing and Trophies, with a ribbon cutting ceremony on Thursday, Oct. 20, at 10 a.m. Everyone is invited to come by the business at 123 N. McCarty for the event.

Halloween carnival in Rock Island

The Rock Island Volunteer Fire Department will host a Halloween Carnival Friday evening, Oct. 21, beginning at 6 p.m. A haunted hayride for the very brave as well as children's games, cakewalk, silent auction and country store are planned. Everyone is invited.

Revival set this weekend

A revival is planned Oct. 21 and 22 at 7 p.m. at The Vine of the Lord Church, 1300 E. State St. Rev. Abel Ramirez of Victoria will bring the message and the public is invited.

Water testing this week

Groundwater testing will be conducted by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service through the county office through Oct. 24. Get a water testing kit by calling the extension office at 409-732-2082 for a location near you.

El Campo to present play

The El Campo Community Theater will present "A Bad Year For Tomatoes" by John Patrick in the El Campo Civic Center on Saturday, Oct. 22. The matinee is at 2 p.m. and a dinner performance is at 7 p.m. with the meal at 6. For reservations and ticket information call 1-800-498-0238 or the chamber office. Oakland A's baseball player Troy Neel is in the cast.

PJs set rehearsals

The PJs are in rehearsals for their fall production of "The Show Must Go On" to be performed Nov. 18 and 20. This Sunday, Oct. 23, the Mexican dances will rehearse at 3 p.m.; the Texans at 3:30 and the entire cast at 4 p.m. They will also perform skits and dances for the museum 10th anniversary on Oct. 30.

Predator management class offered

The Texas Dept. of Agriculture will conduct a Predator Management Training Program Monday, Oct. 24, from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Colorado County Extension Office, 316 Spring St. in Columbus. For information about the class call Murray Walton at 512-463-0013 or Rick Jahn at 409-732-2082.

Help fight war on drugs

The community is invited to a meeting of the Eagle Lake War on Drugs Monday, Oct. 24, at 7 p.m. at Eagle Lake City Hall in the council room. Everyone is urged to come learn about "Concrete Things We Can Do To Fight Back and Save Families."

St. Mary's PTC sets apple strudels

St. Mary's School PTC in Nada will be taking orders for apple strudels through Oct. 25. The strudels will be made Nov. 9. To place an order call Maria Crank at 758-3625; Kathy Leopold, 758-3610; St. Mary's School, 758-3267.

Tax collector here Oct. 27

The Colorado County Appraisal District will have a representative at Eagle Lake City Hall Thursday, Oct. 27, from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Taxes will be collected for Colorado County, Rice CISD, City of Eagle Lake, Colorado County Water Control and Improvement District #2 and the Weimar ISD. A representative will be at Weimar City Hall on Wednesday, Oct. 26, 9 to 3:30.

ELMS parent center opens

The Parent Center at Eagle Lake Middle School will hold its first parenting session Thursday, Oct. 27, from 9 to 10:30 a.m. Parents are invited to come by the center and get acquainted. The next session will be Nov. 3 from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

Singles sponsor dance

The Fort Bend Singles will sponsor a dance Friday, Oct. 28, at 8 p.m. in the Needville Knights of Columbus Hall. The public is welcome. For information call 409-793-4573.

(See Newsbriefs, Page 12)

\$1,000 REWARD

A \$1,000 reward is being offered for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible for the destruction of a Steiger 470 farm tractor owned by Gertson Farm Partnership. The tractor was taken by person(s) unknown and driven into an unoccupied house on FM 102 in Ramsey on, or about, Dec. 4, 1993. The resulting fire destroyed the tractor and house.

If you have any information regarding this case, please call Eagle Lake Crime Stoppers at 234-5555. YOU WILL REMAIN ANONYMOUS!

Water, water everywhere...

Looks like a great place for a hot spring or spa, doesn't it? Well it's located right beside Canaris Nursery on pictures to take!!

Headlight Photo
By Carol Candace

Country Showdown finals in Columbus this Saturday

The Stafford Opera House in Columbus will host the North and South Texas State Finals of the True Value/Jimmy Dean Country Showdown on Saturday, Oct. 29.

This is sure to be a once-in-a-lifetime occurrence for a show of this magnitude to come to Colorado County, as the state finals have never been conducted anywhere except major cities like Dallas or San Antonio.

The finals will be held in two performances with country music recording artist Eddy Raven as the headline

act for both shows.

The North Texas finals will be held at 2:30 p.m. and will feature seven individuals and the South Texas finals at 7:30 p.m. Eight individuals will be featured in the evening show. Both the North Texas and South Texas finalists will be supported on stage by Darrell Appelt and Colorado of Columbus.

The Country Showdown now in its 13th year is the world's largest country music talent contest and radio program.

Over the years some of the talent

which has been discovered competing in the showdowns has been: John Michael Montgomery, Billy Dean, Rick Trevino, Tracy Bird, Toby Keith, Clint Black, Mark Chesnut, Tracy Lawrence, and Sweethearts of the Rodeo.

Tickets for the Texas State Finals can be purchased by calling 409-732-2917 or 409-732-5135. Tickets may be charged on Visa, MasterCard, and Discover. The price is \$15 on the main floor and \$25 for the dress balcony. If tickets are purchased in lots of 20 or (See Showdown, Page 11)

Rice trustees choose three superintendent finalists

Three finalists have been named for the position of superintendent for the Rice School District.

Rice CISD search committee has narrowed the field of candidates to Dr. Leonardo Cano, Dr. Richard Gott and Dr. Vickie Kivell.

The 13 member committee is made up of school board members, teachers and community representatives. They interviewed candidates Oct. 14 and 15 before selecting these three.

The committee includes Jane Clipson, Virginia Grafe, Melinda Kuch-

erka, Mike Michalka, Lee Politich, Obie Rhodes, Sue Canaris, Roberta Johnson, Maria Leal, John Mader, Brent Pittman, Jack Wavter and Kim Wiens.

Finalists were selected based on their experience, knowledge of curriculum and administration, leadership style and past achievements.

The board of trustees thanked the committee for their time and effort in reviewing and choosing these three for final consideration.

Dr. Cano is director of curriculum and instruction at Calhoun County

Independent School district in Port Lavaca. He was formerly superintendent at Rio Grande Valley CISD.

Cano earned a bachelor of elementary education and history at Texas

Christian University, his master's in public school administration from the University of North Texas where he also received his doctorate in administrative leadership.

He began his career as a teacher of English as a Second Language (ESL). He had been bilingual/ESL instructional specialist, principal and vice principal before becoming a superin-

tendent. Cano also worked as an education specialist in the Texas Education Agency accreditation division.

Dr. Gott is superintendent of the Big Sandy ISD in Big Sandy.

He was superintendent of a kindergarten to sixth grade school and an A-district before taking the position at the AA district four years ago.

Originally an agriculture and drafting teacher, Gott also has experience as vice president of campus affairs for Jacksonville College.

He earned his bachelor's degree in agricultural education and his master's in vocational education from Sam Houston State University. Gott received his doctorate in technical education from the University of Missouri.

The third finalist, Dr. Kivell, is superintendent of Farmersville ISD.

She received a bachelor in elementary education and history from the University of Texas and earned her masters and doctorate in educational administration from East Texas State University.

Kivell began teaching in the elementary level and was later administrative assistant, assistant principal and then elementary principal before becoming superintendent in 1992.

Interviews with the three finalists (See Interviews, Page 11)

Excuses, excuses

You can stop looking. There is no "police report" this week.

On top of all the problems around town Tuesday due to the high water, Eagle Lake Police are contending with the absence of Catherine Berger, dispatcher-secretary, who is taking a few days of vacation.

We do appreciate the work Mrs. Berger and the department do for our publication.



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