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Market Report for Feb. 9, 1995

Cattle on hand: 1272; sheep, 6; horses, 4;

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Packer Bulls: heavyweight bulls, 47-58¢ per lb.; utility and cutter bulls, 45-47¢; light weight canner bulls, 43-45¢.

Stocker/Feeder Calves/Yearlings

Steers #1: 100-200 lbs., $1.00-1.48; 200-300 lbs., $1.25-1.48; 300-400 lbs., $1.00-1.14; 400-500 lbs., 95¢-$1.04; 500-600 lbs., 76-85¢; 600-700 lbs., 70-75¢.

Steers #2: 100-200 lbs., 83—$1.00; 200-300 lbs., 75-91¢; 300-400 lbs., 76-99¢; 400-500 lbs., 65-85; 500-600 lbs., 65-75¢; 600-700 lbs., 58-69¢.

Heifers #1: 100-200 lbs., $1.09-$1.23; 200-300 lbs., $1.00-1.45; 300-400 lbs., 87¢-98¢; 400-500 lbs., 80-88¢; 500-600 lbs., 72-80¢; 600-700 lbs., 66-72¢.

Heifers #2: 100-200 lbs., 88-$1.00; 200-300 lbs., 67-99¢; 300-400 lbs., 65-87¢; 400-500 lbs., 65-80¢; 500-600 lbs., 63-72¢; 600-700 lbs., 60-65¢.

Stocker Cows: good stocker cows & heifers, 50-57¢/lb.; medium stocker cows & heifers, 45-50¢/lb.; good cow & calf pairs, $800-850 pr.; medium cow & calf pairs, $700-800 pr.; common cow & calf pairs, $600-700 pair.

Have a nice day, say
George, Art, Roy, Ken,
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One of the subjects taken into custody last Friday, Feb. 10, and charged with possession of a controlled substance was Cordis Upson Jr., shown above in the white t-shirt. *Photo Courtesy of ELPD*

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Outdoor nature club to organize

The Attwater's Prairie Chicken Festival, March 24-26, has stimulated, according to amateur birder Helen Craig, considerable interest in starting an Eagle Lake Outdoor Nature Club.

To initiate this project, an organizational meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 22, at Eagle Lake's Prairie Edge Museum. The scope will be regional so everyone from both Eagle Lake and surroundings are invited to attend and provide in-put to launch this undertaking properly.

Meetings arrangements are by an *ad hoc* committee including Helen and Ken Craig, Doris Laughlin, T. Lang, Robin Thomas, Donald Wiese and Rollin Baker. These persons will field questions about the proposed club agenda. Suggestions already received include indoor meetings with speakers, film, etc., guided outings to the Attwater's Prairie Chicken National Wildlife Refuge and along the edge of Eagle Lake, overnights to more remote areas such as High Island and Aransas National Wildlife Refuge. Even a float trip down on the Colorado River is a possibility.

Diverse bird life of our Gulf Coastal region will surely be featured although persons with interests in plant associations, mammals, butterflies, mushrooms, scenic areas, etc., will also be accommodated.

Please understand that this appeal is to attract as members well-informed amateurs and beginners. Helen Craig insists that "We are all hoping to learn more about nature, and in this organization we can do it more efficiently by doing it together!"

The organization plans to have a Club representative at a table at the Attwater's Prairie Chicken Festival for the purpose of answering question about proposed Club activities and to enroll new members.

Police

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resisting arrest and transported to the county jail for confinement.

Officer David Wood assisted the Sheriff's Department in an assault case reported on Feb. 12 at appoximately 10 a.m.

On Feb. 12 at 1:36 a.m. Officer Johnson was dispatched to the El Zarape Bar in reference to an intoxicated person. Ramiro Castillo Ruvalcaba was arrested for public intoxication and disorderly conduct.

On Feb. 12 Officer Wood was met at the police station by a subject who reported the burglary of a motor vehicle. The case is under investigation.

Officer Moore is investigating a report of criminal trespass on West Prairie Street which was reported on Feb. 14.

Officer Moore also is investigating a burglary at the car wash on West Post Office on Feb. 14.

In the Police Department's Jan. report, a total of 80 calls were answered: 39 miscellaneous, 11 disturbances, nine burglaries, seven thefts, seven criminal mischief, four assaults and three accidents.

They handled 19 criminal cases, clearing 19. Officers made 18 arrests; 16 for misdemeanor and two felony. 112 Citations were issued.

Commissioners

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•Adopted a resolution authorizing County Judge Vince Slominski the authority to execute deposit authorization and other documents pertaining to the Alleyton Sewer Project;

•Received the yearly report of the County Historical Commission;

•Approved a payment in the amount of $100 for yearly dues to join the South Texas County Judges & Commissioners Association;

•Received notification that Robert C. Walla declined to serve on the Grievance Committee;

•Accepted a 60-foot easement for a county road in the area known as Oaks of Columbus in Precinct 1 from Ralph L. Stapper;

•Supported the revision of House Bill 2060 by House Bill 421 which gives the county some authority in regulating oversize loads on county roadways;

•Received notification that Marilyn M. Urban was appointed the chief clerk for Precinct 1 Justice of the Peace Dodie Dungen;

•Withdrew the $4,400 from the county extension agent-agriculture's salary previously offered to Jahn;

•Authorized the advertisement for bids for fuel for all precincts and sheriff's department, maintenance building for Precinct 1 and an employee for Precincts 2 and 3; and

•Awarded the county depository to The First State Bank of Columbus with a bid of +52 points over true bill rate for interest bearing checking and certificates of deposit:

Blood drive is success

On Monday, Jan. 25, a blood drive was held at Heritage House. Seventeen donations were made benefiting as many as 51 patients.

Thirteen donors made replacement donations for Jay Knight in Hermann Hospital. One hundred and thirty dollars will be credited to his hospital account.

The blood drive was a great success, and we thank each donor for his/her generosity.

Schools

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Public Schools Week provides our district an opportunity to showcase the high quality education our students are receiving each day in our local schools. We invite the community to witness the Landscape of Learning available to all students in our district's schools."

For more information about Public Schools Week, please contact your local school district at 409-234-3531.

About Town...

•We are pleased to welcome Wanda Gott to the position of Chamber of Commerce secretary. Wanda, who came to our area from Big Sandy with her husband Richard who is Rice CISD superintendent, is already learning the ropes from Linda Lipperdt. Linda is leaving to assist her husband Wayne in his new business venture.

•Steven Hassin was selected by Eagle Lake City Council to serve as sergeant in charge of the Police Department, Council's euphemism for acting chief. Hassin, who is currently an auxiliary officer, will temporarily fill the position left open by the resignation of Chief A.E. "Buck" Hall.

Board

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plus travel expenses;

•Adopted/rescinded policies under TASB Update No. 48 covering a broad range of district policy;

•Granted 20% homestead exemption allowance over basic allowance;

•Granted authorization to seek bids on a pick up truck and a general-purpose vehicle to be purchased by the district;

•Rejected a request for a student transfer on a student residing outside the district; and

•Authorized membership in The Equity Center, a coalition of educational institutions which acts as a watchdog organization over state regulatory agencies and legislative activity related to education.

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City Council discuss garbage, land; appoints sergeant in charge

Police Department's S.I.C.

Steve Hassin, center, was appointed "Sergeant in Charge" of the Eagle Lake Police Department last Tuesday night, Feb. 14, by the City Council.

Hassin is pictured with Chief A.E. "Buck" Hall, right, whose resignation is effective March 1, and Auxiliary Officer Jack Knox, left, who also applied for the position.

Hassin and his wife, Beth (a commercial seamstress), moved their family to Eagle Lake shortly after he joined the police force. Their children, except the youngest, attend Eagle Lake schools.

The two men posed for the photo when Hassin was accepted as an auxiliary officer in late Sept. 1994. *Headlight File Photo*

By Lynda Appelt
Contributing Writer

Eagle Lake City Council wrote the final chapter in the saga of private solid waste collection, at least for the present, as it voted unanimously last week not to contract garbage collection for its residents.

Discussion of the possibility of private collection began over a year ago. After being an item on numerous agendas during that time and having gone through the bid process with BFI and Waste Management, the two companies vying for the service, Council told company representatives that it had anticipated the economic feasibility of private collection to be greater.

After discussion of the bids with BFI and Waste Management representatives during three previous Council meetings and holding a pre-bid conference, Mayor Robby Cook stated, "I don't see the big advantage at this point and time when we aren't pressured to do it."

Council based its decision on the facts that the City's present garbage collection is operating efficiently and that both residential and commercial garbage rates would have to increase somewhere in the neighborhood of $2.63 to make up for the cost of private collection.

The outstanding points of private collection would have been the availability of a recycling program for the City, along with recycling educational programs for schools and a beautification program to help the City rid itself of "eyesore" lots and houses.

As the final chapter closed on waste collection, the beginning chapter was written in the search for a police chief following the resignation of A.E. "Buck" Hall, who will seek a constable's position in Harris County. Hall's resignation becomes effective March 1.

Auxiliary Officer Steve Hassin was named to the temporary position of sergeant-in-charge of the police department at a salary of $2,100 per month with no benefits.

Hassin has been an acting auxiliary officer since Oct. of last year and has recently moved his family to Eagle Lake.

He has worked in law enforcement since 1981, being employed with the Iowa Colony Police Department and constable offices in Ford Bend and Galveston counties.

The appointment came following an executive session at which Eagle Lake Police Officer Clem Johnson and Auxiliary Officer Jack Knox, along with Hassin, were interviewed.

Following the appointment, Council established the process for recruiting and interviewing for the police chief's position. Applications will be taken until March 17.

City Manager Ron Holland announced that Officer Eric Hart is on indefinite leave from the police department due to injuries received in a traffic accident.

After hearing a request from the Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce by Chamber President Doug Schwemm requesting that $12,000 of the hotel-motel tax collected in 1994 be used to finance part of the operation of the Chamber office, Council voted 4-0 in favor of the motion, with Councilman Joe Frazar abstaining, to grant the request.

These funds are restricted to the promotion of tourism and the law allows the funds to be used to pay for that portion of the Chamber's office expenses and secretary's salary devoted to tourism.

Frazar questioned Schwemm with a constellation of questions concerning Chamber expenses and activities, especially about the expenses of the upcoming Prairie Chicken Festival which were not listed in the budget.

Schwemm explained festival funds were being kept apart from Chamber funds in a separate account, as the festival is being financed with grants from Mobil Oil and National Fish and Wildlife Foundation.

Schwemm was instructed by Council to furnish a detailed telephone log and a more detailed budget to help ascertain tourism expenses.

Council then went into a second lengthy executive session to discuss the acquisition of Frazar's property for airport expansion.

Although the agenda listed action to be taken on the acquisition, it was postponed when Council reconvened into open session. No discussion transpired.

The acquisition of this parcel of land for airport expansion has its own chapters as it has been an agenda item at numerous meetings.

Council also approved commercial truck permits with unloaded trailers for Michael Alley, Ricardo Vallejo, Gonzalo de la Garza, Jose de la Garza and Pedro F. de la Garza.

NEWSBRIEFS

Ministerial Alliance Blood Drive

The semi-annual blood drive of the Eagle Lake Ministerial Alliance will be conducted at City Hall on Thursday, Feb. 23, from noon to 6 p.m. The Gulf Coast Medical Blood Center Bloodmobile will be parked outside City Hall. The need for blood in area hospitals is critical, especially for Type O, both positive and negative. Please make this vital offering.

KCs #4843 gun drawing, dinner tonight

Eagle Lake Knights of Columbus invite the public to enjoy a chicken fried steak dinner with all the trimmings and gun drawing to be held Thursday, Feb. 23, at the KC Hall. The meal will be served from 5 to 7 p.m. and the drawing takes place at 7 p.m. Tickets for the drawing are $10; $5 for the meal. You need not be present to win in the gun drawing. All rifles and shotguns are being donated by Johnny's Sport Shop, Eagle Lake.

Telephone survey in progress

The Texas A&M University Recreation, Park and Tourism Science Class, under the direction of Dr. Carson Watt, is conducting a telephone survey. They plan to survey around 400 households for this senior class project which began Feb. 15. The results will be used as a part of the County Park and Recreation Master Plan. Your cooperation is important.

Defensive driving course set

A defensive driving course has been set for Feb. 28 from 8 to 3 p.m. at the Wintermann Library in Eagle Lake. For more information call 409-543-7849, 234-5411 or 1-800-285-8297.

Crimestoppers St. Patrick's Day dance

Eagle Lake Crimestoppers annual St. Patrick's Day Benefit Dance and Auction is set for March 18 from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. The dance will take place at the Eagle Lake KC Hall. The public is invited to attend.

County Fair Junior Livestock Exhibits

Members of the Colorado County Fair Livestock Committee met recently to begin making plans for the 1995 County Fair to be held Sept. 14-17. Order dates for turkeys and broilers, owner requirements for fryer rabbits and tag in dates for market steer, market lambs, commercial heifers, market hogs and market goats were set by the committee. For more information, call the County Extension Office in Columbus.

Singles dance Feb. 24

Fort Bend Singles are sponsoring a dance on Friday, Feb. 24, at 8 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Needville. Music will be provided by the City Polka Boys. There will be door prizes and the public is welcome. For more information, call 232-4782 or 409-793-4573.

Sheridan Little League Gumbo Supper

The Sheridan Little League Gumbo Supper is set for 6 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 25, at the Sheridan Community Center. All you can eat meal tickets are $5 for adults and $3 for children. You may eat at the center or take it to go. There will also be a silent auction. Proceeds will benefit the Sheridan Little League.

City-wide Youth Musical

Greater Mt. Olive Baptist Church, located on 709 N. Lake, invites all area youth to participate in the musical "Make a Joyful Noise Unto the Lord" set for March 25. Practices will be held at the church; the first is set for Feb. 25 at 4 p.m. For more information, call Olivia Maxie or Paula Burrow at 234-3311 or 234-3651.

Black History program

Providence Baptist Church, 1207 East State Street, will have a Black History Program on Sunday, Feb. 26, at 11:30 a.m. Rev. Robert Franklin of New Faith Baptist, Houston, will be the guest speaker. The public is invited.

Shiner Art & Hobby Show Feb. 26

The Shiner Rotary Club Art & Craft Hobby Show is set for Feb. 26 at the Shiner Legion Hall. Over 45 craft booths will offer hard to find gift items for everyone's taste. The show will be open from 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Lunch will be available all afternoon, featuring homemade chili, sandwiches and home made baked sweets. Call 512-594-4152 for more information.

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City '94 sales tax total just short of '93

State Comptroller John Sharp delivered a total of $230.9 million in sales tax rebates to 1,072 Texas cities and 111 counties this month; a growth of 4.8% over the $220.2 million in Feb. of last year.

The payments were for taxes collected by monthly filers on Dec. sales and reported by businesses filing monthly returns in Jan., quarterly returns for sales made in Oct, Nov. and Dec., and yearly filings for 1994.

Eagle Lake received a check in the amount of $14,418.35, down 0.22% from last year's $14,450.81.

"Statewide employment reached 7.8 million, another all-time high," Sharp said. "Continued service and construction growth in all the major metro areas has contributed to 17 consecutive months of employment growth of 3% or better."

Texas cities received $210.6 million in sales tax rebates, 5.2% above the 200.2 million delivered last Feb. Counties were delivered $20.2 million for their Feb. rebates, up 1% over the $20 million for the same period last year.

The City of Houston's rebate of $30.3 million was up 5.9% from the Feb. 1994 rebate of $28.6 million. This reflected a healthy increase in consumer confidence for the holiday shopping season and was the first time any sales tax rebate in Texas has exceeded $30 million.

The $18.4 million to the City of Dallas was 1.1% more than the $18.2 million for Feb. last year.

The City of San Antonio received $11.4 million, 6.1% above the Feb. 1994 payment of $10.7 million.

"The construction industry in the San Antonio metro area added 1,800

(See Tax, Page 10)

Binoculars are prizes in benefit drawing

Two pairs of top-of-the-line binoculars (Bausch & Lomb Legacy 7-5x35 Zoom) are prizes in a benefit drawing sponsored by Prairie Edge Museum. These glasses are all-round field optical instruments - used for bird-watching, hunting and other field activities.

The two drawings of winning tickets will be held on Saturday, March 25, and the announcement of the winners (who need not be present to win) will be one of the events of Eagle Lake's Attwater's Prairie Chicken Festival.

These prizes should be most appealing to nature watchers and are adapted for bringing birds and other remote objects into close range for detailed examination. Prairie Edge Museum acknowledges the generous support of anonymous donors, Michael Grigar of Johnny's Sport Shop, and the First National Bank. The binoculars will be on public display in the lobby of the bank.

Each ticket requesting a donation of $1 (6 for $5) may be obtained from any Prairie Edge Museum board member.

P.E. Players welcome new members to cast

The Prairie Edge players welcomed five new thespians to their ranks for their upcoming performance of Bull in a China Shop.

Eagle Lake native Ben Castillo will be seen on the Prairie Edge stage for the first time. Castillo, who works for the U.S. Postal Service, last acted when he was in grade school. He and his wife, Frances, have three grown children. In his spare time, he enjoys bowling, fishing and hunting.

Gloria McClain was brought up in Wallis and moved to Eagle Lake last summer. Her last acting was in high school although she was active with Theatre Suburbia in Houston, working backstage. McClain is the mother of a grown daughter. Employed at Columbus Chamber of Commerce, she enjoys cooking when her church commitments allow her leisure time.

Darlene Stancik, native of Eagle Lake, is an RN graduate of University of Texas. She is employed in Austin as an investigator for the board of nurse examiners for the State of Texas. Not precisely a newcomer to Prairie Edge Players, Stancik appeared in the 1985 Prairie Edge production Caught in the Villain's Web. Stancik is engaged to be married to Jeff Argo. A Dec. wedding is planned.

Tim Powers is another not precisely newcomer. This sophomore at Rice High School was "Mr. Spinoza", the corpse in the windowseat in Prairie Edge's 1991 performances of Arsenic

(See Cast, Page 7)

Mayor proclaims 'Schools Week'

Eagle Lake Mayor Robby Cook signed a proclamation last week designating Feb. 27 through March 3 as Texas Public Schools Week. *Headlight Photo*

Houston felony suspect arrested here

After receiving information from the Houston Police Department concerning a felony warrant on a subject in Eagle lake, Chief A.E. "Buck" Hall went to the residence specified on Wednesday, Feb. 15, and located the subject.

Eric Christal was arrested and transported to the police station. There, he was magistrated by Justice of the Peace Mary Lou Szymanski and held until returned to Houston Police.

Officer Brian Ochoa is investigating an assault with a motor vehicle which was reported to him on Feb. 17. Statements on the incident, which reportedly happened earlier in the day from the call, were taken.

Ramiro Rico Jr. was arrested by Officer Clem Johnson on Saturday, Feb. 18. Johnson had been dispatched to Banks Street to a reported fight in progress. Upon assessing the situation, Johnson arrested Rico for public intoxication and disorderly conduct. Rico was processed at the police

(See Police, Page 10)