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Pena home is April 'Yard of Month'

The colorful yard of Federico and Salome Pena at 903 Church Street was selected by the Eagle Lake Civic Garden Club as the April Yard of the Month. The Pena yard is a vision of color with an abundant assortment of beautiful flowers and plants...



Garden Club President Linda Balas, left, recently presented the club's 'Yard of the Month' sign to Salome Pena, distinguishing the Pena home as the club's April selection. Also pictured are Pena's children, Shani and Irving. Headlight Photo by Carol Cardenas

Columbus 'Jamboree, Regatta' to fill weekend with family fun

Mix a little history with a beautiful river setting and some of America's best toe-tapping banjo music and it all adds up to three days of family fun in Columbus, April 28-30. The Columbus Chamber of Commerce has organized the first Columbus Banjo Jamboree and Colorado River Canoe Regatta...

Sheriff in hot water?

According to a report in the April 20, 1995, issue of The New Ulm Enterprise, close to 100 citizens gathered at the Frelsburg Fire Station to voice concerns and complaints about Colorado County law enforcement inadequacies. Also in attendance were Colorado County Judge Vince Slominski, County Attorney J. Julian Moore, JP Francis Truchard and seven Colorado County Sheriff's deputies.

Loyalty

except that they send to her, in the words of Emma Lazarus emblazoned on the Statue of Liberty, "their huddled masses yearning to breathe free". Ours is the country that has taken the abstract ideal of "Freedom and Justice for All" and made it into a way of life. We must pledge ourselves to maintain a free society in which loyalty is always encouraged and respected.

Indictments

Continued from Page 1 edly took place on Oct. 15, 1994. Contreras reportedly caused bodily injury to Vincente Martinez when he stabbed him with a knife. In a Feb. 10 case, Kendra Michelle Reggins and Cordis Upson Jr. were indicted for possession of a controlled substance. She allegedly had more than four but less than 200 grams of cocaine in her possession.

Commissioners

Continued from Page 1 for the protection of the pet and owners," said Slominski. In other business, the Court: •Agreed to raise the county's share of newly-appointed extension agent Jack Hunter's salary to \$8,928; •Agreed to an interlocal agreement with the Lower Colorado River Authority for upkeep on the Colorado River boat ramp project on U.S. Highway 90A near Altair;

Newsbriefs

Continued from Page 1 Beasley School reunion next month The 29th Beasley School reunion is planned for May 7 with registration beginning at 2 p.m.; visitation and a short business meetings will follow. Drinks will be furnished, but each family is asked to bring a dessert or sandwiches. Join past students, teachers and patrons in remembering the past.

EAGLE LAKE MEDICAL CLINIC 700 S. McCarty Eagle Lake 409-234-2066 RAVINDRA KUMAR, M.D. Primary Care for Adolescent and Adult Patients Office Hours: 9 a.m. to Noon and 1 to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH MY FRIENDS HOUSE SUMMER CAMP! June 5th to August 11th Camp Hours: 7:30 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. WEEKLY SCHEDULE INCLUDES: MON. Prize Game Day TUES. Skat/Biar Day WED. Library/Visor Day THURS. Movie/Slide Review Day FRI. Swim Day Fees: 1-12 Months \$13.00 per day 12-24 Months \$12.00 per day 2-6 Years \$11.00 per day 40% Discount for Second Child Age Appropriate Grouping of Children Pre-School & Primary School Children

12th Annual SHERIDAN BENEFIT PARADE Sat., May 6, 1995 10:00 a.m. Come Enjoy Our Many Other Activities: * Mixed Volleyball Tour. A & B * CAKE WALK * 10:30 KIDS PET SHOW * FOOD BOOTHS * 1:00 DUCK DERBY * CRAFT BOOTHS * 1:30 Draw Horseshoe Pitch Tour. * GAME BOOTHS * BAR-B-Q COOK-OFF * DUNKING BOOTH * RAFFLE 4:00 EGG TOSS * SILENT AUCTION * MOON WALK * All Day Events FREE! Live Country Western Music 11-6 Donations may be mailed to: Sheridan Emergency Aid, Box 9, Sheridan, TX 77175 For More Information, Call: Taylor Walker 409-234-3977 (N) 409-234-3921 (D) All Proceeds go toward the upkeep and operation of Sheridan Ambulance Unit 805.

Need a ride to the polls? Anyone who needs a ride to the polls this Saturday, at the Garwood School (Hwy. 71 South), Sheridan School (FM 2437) and Eagle Lake Community Center (100 N. Walnut) for the School Board election as well as the Rice Hospital District referendum. There will be someone manning the phone all day to help make arrangements for your transportation to the voting locations. For the City of Eagle Lake election, you will need to go to City Hall. Polls are open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. and are located at the Garwood School (Hwy. 71 South), Sheridan School (FM 2437) and Eagle Lake Community Center (100 N. Walnut) for the School Board election as well as the Rice Hospital District referendum. For the City of Eagle Lake election, you will need to go to City Hall.

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Local physician to assist in Texas' EMS-Trauma Plan

On May 5-6, the Bureau of Emergency Medical Services of the Texas Department of Health will be sponsoring a gathering of experts to develop the plan for E.M.S. and Trauma Care in Texas through the end of the decade. Included among those invited to participate in this process is Dr. R. Russell Thomas Jr., of Eagle Lake. Dr. Thomas served on the Trauma Technical Advisory Committee for the Department of Health from 1990-1993 and was instrumental in developing the protocols and criteria for trauma facility designation in rural hospitals.



Dr. R. Russell Thomas Jr.

NEWSBRIEFS

Beason's Park dedication May 4

Colorado County Judge Vince Slominski invites everyone to attend the dedication ceremonies for Beason's Park on May 4 at 1:30 p.m. The public is invited to attend the celebration.

Heritage House family night

Heritage House will hold a family night tonight, May 4, at 7 p.m. They encourage all families to come and find out about your loved ones care. The community is invited to participate. If you have any questions call 234-3591.

Colorado County Older Texans fair

You are cordially invited to attend the Older Texans Fair on Thursday, May 4, at the Nada Community Center. Exhibits of baked goods, crafts, fresh garden vegetables, floriculture, and needlework set up at 8:30 a.m. Judging will be at 9:30 a.m. and the program will begin at 10 a.m. Following the program, awards will be presented to the Colorado County Older Texan Man and Woman.

E.H. Henry board meeting

The E.H. Henry Historical Corporation Board meeting will be held on Thursday, May 4, at 7 p.m. at the White Cloud Baptist Church. The church is located at 316 Old Altair Road in Eagle Lake.

Cinco de Mayo celebration

You and your family are cordially invited to join us for our Cinco de Mayo celebration. The celebration will take place at the Eagle Lake Middle School on May 5 starting at 9 a.m. Come celebrate with us.

Cinco de Mayo

Cordialmente estamos invitando a Ud. y a su apreciable familia para que se unan a nosotros para celebrar el Cinco de Mayo. Donde? Eagle Lake Middle School gym. Cuando? Mayo 5, 1995, a las 9 a.m. Venga y disfrute con nosotros!

St. Anthony PTC sponsoring celebration

The St. Anthony's PTC is sponsoring a homemade Mexican dinner, Friday May 5, in celebration of Cinco de Mayo. Plates will sell for \$8 and can be purchased at the door, at the school office or the First National Bank in Eagle Lake. The meal will consist of enchiladas, rice, beans, chaluapas, salsa, chips, tortillas and coffee or tea. Call 409-732-5505 or 409-234-2854 after 6 p.m.

Senior Citizens dance May 5

The Eagle Lake Knights of Columbus Council #4843 will sponsor a senior citizens dance on Friday, May 5, from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. at the KC Hall. Music will be provided by the City Polka Boys. Singles and couples are welcome for \$4 per person. Refreshments and door prizes will be given.

Study Club's luncheon May 5

Friday, May 5, is the Eagle Lake Study Club's President's Luncheon to be held at the Eagle Lake Community Center at 12 noon. For additional tickets, call the Wintermann Library or Barbara Pidgeon at 234-2897. The speaker will be Martha Erwin from the Bayou Bend Speakeasy Bureau.

Happy Hiker walk in Bellville

The Houston Happy Hikers will offer an interesting route in Bellville May 5. The walk is being held in conjunction with Bellville's Annual Folk Festival. Walkers will start between 7:30 and noon and finish by 3 p.m. Participants can walk, race walk, jog, or stroll, a 10.2 mile trail, rated "1" and suitable for strollers and wheelchairs, pets are also welcome. For more information, call 713-879-4482 or 713-487-2662.

Scout Troop #334 to hold garage sale

Boy Scout Troop #334 will be having a garage sale on Saturday, May 6. If you would like to make a donation, call 234-5057 to arrange for a pick-up.

White Cloud Baptist quilt drawing

White Cloud Baptist Church will have their quilt drawing on May 6. The proceeds will be used to make improvement to the church grounds.

Czech Fest May 6 & 7

The Czech Fest in Rosenberg has something for everyone. Music, dancing, kolache bake-off, cultural exhibits, authentic Czech food, polka jam session and much more. The fest will take place at the fairgrounds, located on Hwy. 36 at the Fort Bend County Fairgrounds, three miles south of Rosenberg. For more information call 713-342-5934 or 713-342-4898.

Chamber of Commerce BBQ is May 7

Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce has scheduled a barbecue for Sunday, May 7, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Austin's BBQ & Catering. Tickets are \$5 per person and may be purchased from any chamber director or at Prime Bank.

Friendship Baptist Church to hold musical

Friendship Baptist Church located at 405 S. Lake will sponsor a benefit musical, Saturday, May 7, at 7:30 p.m. Special guests will be Gailies Baptist Church, Sister D. Glover and Rev. Harris all of Houston. The public is invited.

Cholesterol/triglyceride screening May 10

There will be a cholesterol/triglyceride screening on Wednesday, May 10, at 7 to 9 a.m. at the Gulf Coast Medical Center lab in Wharton. The cost is \$8 and you must pre-register by calling 409-532-2500, ext. 1300.

National Transportation week May 15-19

Riding the van is easy! During National Transportation Week Colorado Valley Transit is offering free rides in Colorado, Austin and Waller Counties during May 15-19. Free gifts will be given to first time riders. Both gifts and service are subject to availability. Call 1-800-548-1068 for a ride.

VOTE

Garwood-Nada residents voice opposition to hospital tax district

The two "town" meetings held during the last week concerning the formation of Rice Hospital District were as different as night and day. Last Thursday night, April 27, the meeting room at Lehrer Interests in Garwood was filled to capacity, as predicted by moderator Joe Mike Spanish. Spanish presented the same historical and financial information to the Garwood attendees as was presented by Steve Balas in Eagle Lake on April 6. Both meetings also addressed the Board's plans for the future. Among the outspoken opposition

City Council postpones selection of chief of police

By Lynda Appelt Contributing Writer The expected appointment of a chief of police for the City of Eagle Lake was postponed by the Eagle Lake City Council at its meeting last week, April 24. The postponement was due to the absence of Aldermen Mike Duarte and René Cooper-Scott. Duarte had a death in the family and Cooper-Scott and police department." Cook said. "We're not going to rush things until we feel we have the best man." A special meeting had been called for Wednesday night, May 3, solely for the appointment. Cooper-Scott has been granted a requested leave of absence; she has missed both regular meetings in April and will miss the first meeting in May. State law provides that any council member who is absent from three consecutive regular meetings is automati-

Financial info released

Submitted by Eagle Lake Community Hospital Administration and Board of Directors The financial information about debt. All debts are secured and the Hospital does not need the tax district to "bail" the corporation out of debt. It does need the district in order for it to remain open, however.

Baccalaureate services May 21 Eagle Lake Community Hospital Fiscal Years Ending March 31: FY 1993 FY 1994 FY 1995 BALANCE SHEET: Assets: Current Assets \$1,261,435 \$771,897 \$455,545 Investments 322,042 266,140 480,987 Property, Plant, & Equipment 1,297,149 1,298,390 1,477,437 Total Assets \$2,880,626 2,336,427 2,413,969 Liabilities: Current Liabilities 664,504 539,622 353,998 Lease Obligations 38,542 11,126 96,938 Notes Payable 7,577 387,169 863,233 Total Liabilities 710,623 937,917 1,314,169 Equity 2,170,003 1,398,510 1,099,800

INCOME STATEMENT: Income: Patient Revenue 4,612,989 4,926,943 5,681,304 Other Revenue 393,289 311,647 598,535 Total Income 5,006,278 5,238,590 6,279,839 Deductions: Medicare 1,025,546 1,290,980 1,499,206 Medicaid 186,092 179,475 221,075 Bad Debts 349,695 124,078 123,914 Hill-Burton 45,683 143,221 123,768 Other 168,545 222,325 198,997 Total Deductions 1,775,561 1,960,079 2,166,960 Expenses: Salaries* 1,698,683 1,818,818 2,012,195 Supplies 486,375 473,515 538,201 Utilities 164,959 183,737 187,229 Interest 12,700 33,890 57,662 Other 1,479,510 1,540,048 1,606,849 Total Expenses 3,842,227 4,050,008 4,422,137 Net Income (Loss) (\$611,510) (\$771,497) (\$309,257)

Estimated Tax Levy at 20¢ per \$100 \$25,000 Home \$40.00 \$75,000 Home \$120.00 Ag Account \$91/acre native - .19/acre per year \$249/acre rice land - .50/acre per year Source: Bill Younes, Chief Appraiser, Colorado County Central Appraisal District.



Miss Eagle Lake Rachel Mathys, left, a junior at Rice High School, was chosen as the new Miss Eagle Lake during competition last Sunday, April 30. Pictured with her is the first runner-up Robin Shavers. (See Page 77 for story and additional picture.) Headlight Photo by Lynda Appelt