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El Campo PCA to host Ag Day

Gulf Coast farmers and ranchers are invited to take part in Ag Day slated for Sept. 23 at the El Campo Civic Center.

The day-long family event is held in tribute to Gulf Coast farmers and ranchers.

For the second consecutive year, El Campo Production Credit Assoc. is sponsoring the event which also is supported by more than 50 agricultural organizations and local businesses.

Ag Day will feature farm and ranch related workshops, commercial exhibits booths, arts and crafts booths and equipment displays. From 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Ag Day participants can enjoy a barbecue lunch with all the trimmings for only \$3 per person.

Participation in the event is free, but pre-registration is encouraged.

Registrations received by Sept. 18 will be entered in a door prize drawing for 30 hours of free use of a 200 h.p. Caterpillar tractor, courtesy of Mustang Tractor & Equipment Company.

The pre-registration drawing will be held at 12:45 p.m. on Sept. 23. The winner must be present to win.

Attendees may register after Sept. 18 for additional door prizes to be awarded throughout the day.

The five workshops throughout the day will cover topics such as financial planning, crop and cattle management, agriculture marketing and other ag-related topics.

For more information or to pre-register, contact El Campo Production Credit Association, 1-800-426-0596.

MILITARY NEWS

Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Arnulfo S. Escobedo

...a 1981 graduate of Rice High School, recently reported for duty at Navy Recruiting District in San Antonio.

Escobedo's new assignment is an example of how Navy and Marine Corps men and women are assigned to ships, squadrons and shore stations around the world.

Whether serving in the Persian Gulf near Iraq or in the Adriatic Sea near Bosnia, people like Escobedo are making a difference as they work to improve their knowledge and skill as part of the most highly technical naval force.

Escobedo joined the Navy in May 1989.

Fight

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derly conduct for being involved in the fight.

After speaking with Sarabia, another subject was arrested; Lorenzo Garcia Pruneda.

According to a report from Colorado County Sheriff Bill Esterling, due to the intoxicated and agitated state of the suspects, they were transported to the Colorado County Sheriff's Office.

Hospital district reviews lease contract

In its monthly meeting held Monday, Aug. 14, the Rice Hospital District (RHS) reviewed a proposed lease of the hospital property from Eagle Lake Community Hospital. The proposed lease has been scrutinized for the past three meetings to make sure that campaign promises made by the RHD organizers are fulfilled.

The lease should be finalized at the Sept. 11 meeting.

The Board approved the bylaws for the District. Related to the bylaws, a nominating committee for an election of board officers was appointed. The committee is chaired by Betty Wegenhoft and includes Betty Schuring and Vernita Jordan.

A certified tax roll was presented to the Board. Taxable value, after exemptions, as determined by the Colorado County Central Appraisal District for RHD is \$284,384,226.

The Board approved the tax collection contract submitted by the Appraisal District at a cost of \$26,062.64 for the next year.

After a letter a copy of enabling regulations for a sales tax sent by the hospital's attorney were distributed, there was a brief discussion regarding a district sales tax.

Members of the Board will study a sales tax option in detail during the next several months.

A finance committee was appointed to prepare a budget along with the hospital administrator. The final budget will be presented at the Sept. 11 meeting in order for the tax rate to be set prior to the Sept. 15 deadline.

It was reported that four members of the Board, along with Administrator Jim Buckner, attended a Dallas Hospital trustee Conference in Texas Aug. 11 and 12. Joan Matthews, Bill Harrison Sr., Rev. Obie Rhodes, Joe Mike Spaniel and Buckner heard presentations on building healthy communities.

The meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m. with no executive session.

Farm Bureau members... Your suggestions are important!

The Policy Development Committee is accepting suggestions for resolutions on issues that affect Farm Bureau members. Suggestions will be discussed and voted on during the county meeting.

Adopted resolutions on local matters will become county policies, while adopted recommendations for policies on the state and national levels will advance to the state convention.

Major issues expected to be considered during the policy development process include farm legislation, water rights, environmental regulations, transportation, taxes and education, said Policy Development Chairman Billy Hefner of Garwood.

There will be a policy development meeting Wednesday, Sept. 6, at 7:30 p.m. at the Colorado County Farm Bureau office and you are invited to attend and present your ideas.

If you are unable to be present, please mail your suggestions to Colorado County Farm Bureau, P.O. Box 489, Columbus, Texas 78934 before Sept. 6.

Long term care industry combats Medicare fraud

The Texas Health Care Association (THCA) has been working for more than a year with federal officials and THCA members to combat Medicare and Medicaid fraud and abuse.

In addition to meeting with officials in the U.S. Office of the Inspector General, THCA has recently offered a successful seminar aimed specifically at teaching providers how to identify, avoid and report cases of fraud and abuse.

Industry leadership hopes that in making nursing facilities more aware of factors with potentially lead to fraud, staff will be able to not only avoid, but also help stop this practice.

The THCA supports the goals of improving Medicare and Medicaid and hopes that this can be accomplished by improving the Health Care Financing Administration's rules and policies to eliminate ambiguity in reimbursement, by educating beneficiaries about coverage and by excluding providers who should not be in the system.

THCA represents a broad spectrum of long term care providers, including nursing facilities, facilities for persons with mental retardation and personal care homes.

These facilities are owned by both non-profit and for-profit entities. Membership consists of 1,250 members, including more than 950 facilities caring for 95,000 long term care residents.

What are the stamps for Carol?

If I had a quarter for every time someone asked, "What are the stamps for Carol?" I would be rich. Well,

Validation for swine

Validation of swine projects for major stock shows has been implemented as a new activity to be conducted for the first time in 1995. Validating shows will be conducted in a manner similar to steers.

4-H and FFA members who plan to exhibit barrows in the major livestock shows are reminded that they must order ear tags from their supervisor on or before Sept. 1.

Tags are \$2.50 each and must be paid for when ordered. Exhibitors are not limited in the number of animals they may validate.

All barrows within the county will be validated during Nov. 1995. Validation will take place on one date at one location. An additional minimal cost may be charged for tattooing.

If you have any further questions, call your FFA advisor or the County Extension Office.

TYRA winner

Ashley Crane, daughter of Colton and Connie Crane of Garwood, competed in the Texas Youth Rodeo finals held in Seguin recently. She was entered in the breakaway and senior ribbon running.

She brought home a beautiful saddle for ribbon running and a buckle for third place overall in breakaway.

In the past, Ashley was won breakaway at the Community Roping Club in Crescent, TYRA in Hallettsville and took second place in the TYRA finals in Giddings.

She plans to attend WCJC to study medical records administration and be a member of their rodeo team.

APCs

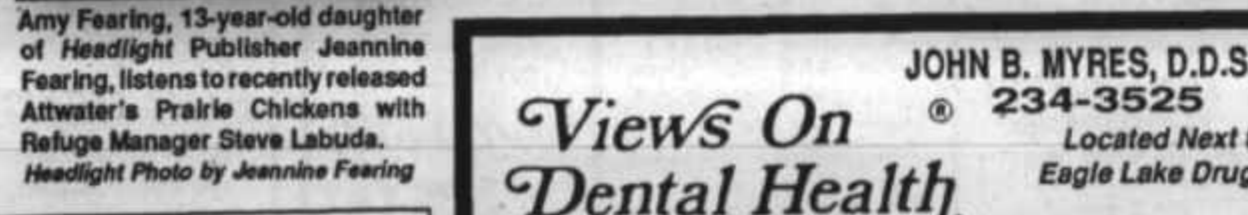
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1992. So far, five APCs were raised to adulthood in 1992, 2 in 1993, 26 in 1994, and 65 in 1995.

The goal of the program is to have 5,000 APCs in three geographically separated wild populations by the year 2000.

According to literature distributed at the Atwater Refuge, if this breeding program does not succeed, the Atwater's Prairie Chicken could be extinct by then.

Maybe, with help of major media in the area (Channel 13-TRK and The Houston Chronicle) have had stories during the last week on the program, more people will become aware of the APC's plight, bringing in additional funds and/or assistance.



Amy Fearing, 13-year-old daughter of Headlight Publisher Jeannine Fearing, listens to recently released Atwater's Prairie Chickens with Refuge Manager Steve Labuda. Headlight Photo by Jeannine Fearing

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NEWSBRIEFS

City, most businesses closed Sept. 4

The City Hall offices will be closed Monday, Sept. 4, in observance of Labor Day. Monday's garbage route will be picked up Tuesday; and Tuesday's will be picked up Wednesday. Garbage pickup will return to the regular schedule Thursday.

Also closed for Labor Day will be the Colorado County Courthouse and The First National Bank of Eagle Lake. Both will resume regular hours on Tuesday.

As usual, the staff of The Headlight will be all alone in downtown Eagle Lake on Monday. The Headlight office will be open.

Calling all royalty!

Just a reminder for all those wanting to participate in the Little Mr. and Miss, and/or Jr. Mr. and Miss contests, the deadline to enter is this Friday, Sept. 1. Call Lynda Appelt for more information, 234-5878.

Legion Post #108 to meet

American Legion Post #108 will meet on Sept. 11 at 7 p.m. at The Depot. The purpose of the meeting is to destroy old or tattered flags. If you have one which needs to be destroyed, contact Fred Fmka at 234-2065.

Water Council meeting today

A Water Council meeting will be held at the Bernardo Fire Station on Thursday, Aug. 31, at 6:30 p.m. The guest speaker Quinton Martin of LCRA will present a program on underground water. A meal will be provided. Donations will be accepted to defray cost of the meal. Bernardo is approximately 3.5 miles from I-10.

Seniors dance this Friday

The monthly senior citizens dance is scheduled for Friday, Sept. 1, at the Eagle Lake KC Hall with music provided by Donnie Wavra from 8-11 p.m. All ages are welcome for \$4 per person. Door prizes and refreshments will be available. The event is sponsored by the KC Council #4843.

ELMS yearbooks delivery delayed

The 1994-95 Eagle Lake Middle School yearbooks will not be delivered to the school until the end of Sept. The yearbook staff apologizes for the delay. If you have any questions, contact Sandy Young at ELMS.

Rice boosters to meet

The Rice Athletic Booster Club will hold a meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 6, at 7 p.m. in the PAC Center. The election of officers will be held as well as a discussion of business for the coming school year.

St. Anthony School sets fundraiser

St. Anthony School in Columbus will hold a fundraising lunch from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Sept. 10 with plates to go only. Tickets are \$6 and will give you a hearty meal of turkey, ham, dressing, gravy, green beans, new potatoes, coleslaw and cranberry sauce. You must place your order by Sept. 7. You may drive by or come in the school to pick up plates. Plates will be delivered in Eagle Lake to Didier Hall at about 12:30 p.m. Contact Cynthia Sunderman at 234-5309 or 234-5525 or Charlyne Spaniel at 234-2854 after 6 p.m. or call St. Anthony School at 409-732-5505.

Native Plant Society to meet Sept. 7

The Native Plant Society of Texas, Columbus Chapter, will hold a meeting at 7 p.m. on Sept. 7, at the Church of Latter Day Saints, 1023 Milan in Columbus. Jill Nokes, distinguished lecturer and author, will speak on integrating native plants into the landscape. Guests are welcome. For more information, call Mary Anne Pickens at 409-732-5058.

Want to scramble for a calf?

Colorado County 4-H members interested in competing in the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Calf scramble should contact the County Extension Office by Aug. 31. Eligible 4-H members include boys and girls who have reached their 12th, but not their 18th birthday, on Jan. 1, 1996, and not be beyond their junior year in high school. Those 4-Hers' scattering a calf may buy either a beef or dairy heifer for exhibition in the 1997 Houston Show.

Sunday School Alliance kicks off Sept. 10

The newly-organized Eagle Lake Sunday School Alliance, in cooperation with the Episcopal, Methodist and Presbyterian churches, is holding a Kick-off Celebration on Sunday, Sept. 10, beginning at 5 p.m. at Eagle Hill, 307 East State Street in Eagle Lake. The community is invited to participate; admission is free. Barbecue and drinks will be provided. Covered dishes (vegetables, salads and desserts) are welcome. A variety of games will be played and there will also be a time of singing and special music.

Farm Bureau Convention is Sept 12

The Colorado County Farm Bureau would like to take this opportunity to remind all members that meal tickets should be purchased by Sept. 8 for the Sept. 12 convention. The convention will be held at the Columbus High School Cafeteria beginning at 7 p.m. Contact the Colorado County Farm Bureau for more information at 409-732-2383.

Health Fair scheduled for Sept. 21

Get ready! The Rice Hospital District Health Fair and Ministerial Alliance Blood Drive will be held Thursday, Sept. 21, from 12 noon to 6 p.m. at the Eagle Lake Medical Clinic.

Want to show off your artwork?

The Eagle Lake Study Club is putting out a call for all community artists, asking for the contribution of two paintings each to be displayed during a reception scheduled for Wednesday, Sept. 13, at 2 p.m. at the Winterman Library. Anyone interested in sharing their art should call Elaine Hess at 234-5930 or Ernie Sommerlatte at 234-3452.

Supernaw to perform in Brenham

Doug Supernaw, the talented young Texan who has just been signed to Giant Records, will be appearing at the Washington County Fair in Brenham on Wednesday, Sept. 20, at 9 p.m. Tickets are free with admission to the fair and are available at the gate.

Don't forget Fair tickets, catalogues

Beat the rush! Buy your tickets to the Colorado County Fair now! The passes, good for all four days of the fair (Sept. 14-17), are being sold by queen contestants.

Commissioners question Truchard on backlog

The Colorado County Commissioners' Court on Monday questioned Precinct 3 Justice of the Peace Francis Truchard on the large number of outstanding tickets in his precinct which could add approximately \$65,000 to the County coffers if collected.

According to information presented by County Judge Vince Slominski, there are currently 659 outstanding traffic tickets in Precinct 3 which covers a period from Jan. 1, 1993, through March of this year.

Truchard immediately defended his office, stating, "First of all, I don't think we should get revenues mixed up with justice. I plan to work on getting these tickets collected and issue the warrants."

"I wasn't pushing the computer system, but it has been a great help. However, before I issue a warrant (for an outstanding ticket), I like to communicate with them (traffic violators)."

There may be some reason why they haven't contacted my office and I want to offer them that courtesy."

Truchard said he runs his office a little bit different than other justices of the peace in that he does offer the alleged traffic violators that phone courtesy.

"I was elected by the people of this precinct and I plan to do it my way (in running his office). I will continue to give them that courtesy... that's just the way I plan to run my office," said Truchard.

It was pointed out that a number of the 659 outstanding tickets on the books could possibly be in defensive driving, deferred adjudication or pending jury trials. However, Slominski quickly pointed out the figure was only through March of this year and did not include the most recent months.

It was noted that once a traffic violator is issued a citation by the DPS trooper, they have so many days in which to contact the JP's office. If they have not contacted his office by the said date, they are then sent a letter, and sometimes two, stating that a warrant will be issued for their arrest.

"I think some of these people (traffic violators) need adjustments in their bookkeeping. They have a total disregard for everything... they have gotten their ticket, plus the mail and they are not regarding our traffic laws," (See Commissioners, Page 10)

50th Anniversary of WWII observed locally

A program commemorating the 50th Anniversary of WWII is being planned for Sept. 23 in Eagle Lake.

During the ceremony, WWII veterans living in Eagle Lake will be recognized. Invitations will be issued during the coming week and complete details will be available at that time.

A committee has been formed and is operating under the name HEROS, (Helping Eagle Lake Remember Our Soldiers). Jeff Fmka and Mrs. Mark (Becky) Anderson are serving as co-chairpersons.

To help defray the cost of this commemoration ceremony, donations are being solicited. Any organization, business or individual wishing to contribute may do so by dropping off their donation at, or mailing it to: The First National Bank of Eagle Lake; Wallis State Bank of Eagle Lake; or Laker Printing & Trophies in Eagle Lake. Please make checks payable to HEROS.

Those desiring more information, may contact Fmka at 234-3676, Anderson at 234-3522 or Laker Printing & Trophies at 234-3360.

The following was submitted by Jeff Fmka:

Fifty years ago, the United States, after four years of vigorous hostilities abroad, celebrated the end of World War II.

Every man and woman who served in the armed forces — at home or abroad — and each man and woman who served on the "home front", are a part of the 50th anniversary; a victory which was a result of the collective efforts of a team with a strong belief in freedom and the American way of life.

It was on Sept. 2, 1945, the official documents ending the war were signed by the Japanese. This surrender about two weeks after Japan's surrender on VJ Day, Aug. 14, 1945. It was Japan attacking Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941, that brought the U.S. actively into the war.

An estimated 43 million soldiers and civilians died during the conflict, including 406,000 Americans.

Eagle Lake lost 18 of its young men and many others still bear the scars of battle to this day. Over 800 men and women from our community served our country during this war.

To commemorate the 50th anniversary, and as a tribute to those from this area who served, the section of The History of Eagle Lake concerning the war will be reprinted in four parts with the permission of W.H. Harrison Sr. who compiled the 1987 publication.

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MD Assoc. pledge center in Columbus

The Catholic Daughters Organization, Court Mary Queen of the Snows No. 1588 from St. Anthony Catholic Church in Columbus, will head-up the pledge center at Columbus City Hall on Monday, Sept. 4, to help collect donations and pledges for the 1995 Labor Day Muscular Dystrophy Association Telethon.

The pledge center will be open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. to accept your donation or pledge.

Call the Columbus City Hall number, 409-732-2366, to make your pledge or you may come by 605 Spring Street in Columbus to drop off your donation.

The Catholic Daughters will also be collecting donations at Wal Mart, Chevron and Brookshire Brothers in Columbus on Friday and Saturday.

Chief asks Council to add officer to roster

By Lynda Appelt
Contributing Writer

An unchanged tax rate, the organizational structure of the Eagle Lake Police Department and the continuing saga of the City's electrical code comprised the major portion of the agenda of the Eagle Lake City Council last week.

The City must adopt its budget and set a tax rate in March because the City's fiscal year begins April 1.

Figures necessary to set the 1995 property tax rate do not arrive from the Colorado County Central Appraisal District until late July.

A tax rate of \$3.973¢ per \$100 valuation, the same as 1994, was set in March when the \$1,859,062 budget was adopted.

The appraisal district recently figured and released these rates: a tax base of \$39,337,007 (\$156,351 less than the City's March budget figure); an effective tax rate of \$3.665¢ per \$100 valuation (0.0006¢ less than was set in the budget); a maximum rate without publishing notice and holding hearings of \$5.274¢; and a rollback tax rate of \$6.565¢.

The recommendation of the City staff was to let the tax rate of \$3.973¢ per \$100 valuation, which was set in March adopted in the budget, stand and Council agreed.

The difference between the two tax rates is \$1,827.58 in tax revenue.

Police Chief Keith Webb has spent three months evaluating and studying the ELPD since his assuming duties. A report on that evaluation was presented to the Council.

Webb told Council that lots of time, thought and consideration of the needs of the department, along with the realization of the needs of other City departments, have gone into his recommendation. He said the most important question he asked himself was "How can I structure this department as to what the average citizen expects to see this police department doing?"

According to Webb, after speaking to and receiving a lot of feedback from judges, district and county attorneys and other law enforcement officers, there were a myriad of needs that had to be prioritized.

Webb presented a rank structure of chief, lieutenant, sergeant and two patrol officers with a salary structure for each position for Council's approval. Webb told Council that the number of call-outs the department has justified the two position ranks.

Webb also requested a canine allotment and an extra man position at some point in time.

He told Council that if the City is to have a canine program, it certainly needs to assist the officer in charge of the animal with assistance in the upkeep and training of the canine force.

According to Webb, his department handles more criminal cases than the whole county and "I would be negligent to you, the Council, and the public, by not letting you know the dire need we have for a fifth, full-time paid officer on our staff. An extra man will allow us to continue to give the citizens of Eagle Lake what they expect and what they deserve."

According to Webb, the fifth officer would allow a regular officer on duty for every shift, 24 hours, seven days a week; allow the officers to catch up on in-service training; allow some major changes in the reserve force; and allow the chief to take care of administrative duties.

Webb told Council how the present officers are expending many hours

One more time

Out with the old, in with the new. Once again the financial institution at 1111 N. McCarty in Eagle Lake has a new owner. The once Delta Savings Bank, First Heights Inn, lately Prime Bank, is now the Eagle Lake branch of Wells State Bank. The changeover was effective last Friday, Aug. 25.

Headlight Photo by Jeannine Fearing