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Wallis State Bank hosts 'Open House'

Wallis State Bank, Eagle Lake, formerly Prime Bank, held an Open House at the Farris 1912 on Monday, Oct. 23.

On hand were many of the officers and directors as well as customers of the bank.

Lucky attendees who were received door prizes were: Gladys Gold, a clock radio; Tammy Frank, a cordless flashlight; Karen Epps, a Coleman sleeping bag; Travis Wegman, a shop-vac; and Brenda Coleman, a Sony AM/FM radio.

Congratulations to all the winners.

And welcome to our community, Wallis State Bank.



On hand for the gathering at the Farris 1912 were Wallis State Bank officers, directors and employees: Jan Orsak, Norma Catena, Michael Seaton, Ken Fickes, Joe Hollier, Debra Schmitt, Musa Dakri, Henry Kreitz, Fred Allen, Carol Kalschick and Cheryl Englehardt.

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Commissioners

that they know someone is looking out for their rights."

Graves added that supervisors also will have to take two hours of training in order to fulfill the guidelines set forth by the Omnibus Employee Testing Act.

After Graves' presentation, Commissioners agreed that they would look at other options and/or costs before reaching a final decision.

In other business, the Court: Opened, but tabled, bids on the roof repair for the Colorado County Agricultural Building until the companies, Creemore Roofing of Sealy and Freddy Peltis Construction Co. of Columbus, could be verified. Peltis offered the low bid in the amount of \$4,815, compared to Creemore's \$4,950.

Authorized County Judge Vince Slominski to seek prices on shredding and using community service workers for the upkeep at Beason's Park on the Colorado;

Agreed to reimburse John Turner \$60, plus \$15 for diesel, for his tractor use at Beason's Park;

Voted to allow each election precinct a presiding judge, alternate judge and clerk for the Nov. 7 amendment election;

Accepted the resignation of Jack

Muggli as a member on the Colorado County Central Appraisal District's temporary review board and named Molly Raabe to fill his unexpired term, ending Dec. 31, 1996;

Received notification that Linda Holland had been hired as the new Department of Public Safety secretary; and

Tabled a decision on the Alleyway Sewer Project bid until today (Thursday) at 9 a.m.

In a special meeting last Thursday, the Commissioners and Jail Administration Debs Martin of the Colorado County Detention Facility discussed the cost of food being purchased for inmates and a possible solution to cutting the costs.

"I thought we had some good communication between the jail administrator and Commissioners' Court. We want to try to continue to leave those communications open," said Slominski. "Our main objection is to get the most value for our dollar and we will continue double-checking to make sure that we do."

Terry Julian of the Texas Commission of Jail Standards (TCJS), who was at the local facility for an inspection, told the court that TCJS only called for the inmate to have a "balanced diet."

Police

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ten warning was issued regarding the city ordinance covering curfew for juveniles.

Officers Ochoa and Wood made a traffic stop on a vehicle on the 500 block of E. Main on Oct. 21 at 10:37 p.m. Antonio Esparza was arrested for public intoxication, processed at the police department, then transported to CDC for confinement.

Officer Ochoa and Wood were dispatched to meet with complainant on Oct. 22, at 12:25 a.m. in regards to an assault. After talking with the complainant, he declined to press charges.

On Oct. 23 at 2:05 a.m., Officer Ochoa observed a subject 235002, out in a car in a parking lot at the Zarape Bar on East A Street. After further investigation, Paulino L. Garcia was arrested for public intoxication, failure to identify and possession of marijuana; processed and transported to CDC where he was confined.

While at the CDC, Officer Ochoa was advised the subject was also wanted for probation violation out of Austin County.

On Oct. 23 at 10:06 a.m., Officer Carl Risk was dispatched to a report of

an attempted burglary in the 200 block of E. Main. After inspection of the building, it appeared that no entry had been made.

Other calls answered by the police department included loud music, dog running loose, civil disturbances and a suspicious person.

An accident was investigated by Lt. Johnson on Oct. 19 at 12:23 p.m., at E. Main and Boothe Street. Sharon Sue Corrington of College Station pulled out of a private driveway and failed to yield right of way to Len Carson Jr. who was traveling west on Main Street and struck the left side of Corrington's vehicle. There was considerable damage to the vehicles, but no injuries to the drivers, the only occupants of the vehicles.

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VOTE TUESDAY!

Yes, there's an election next Tuesday, Nov. 7! There will be 14 proposed Constitutional Amendments to be decided. Some of you will have local issue(s) to ponder. Whatever you do, get out and vote!

The Colorado County Economic Development Organization Inc. passed a resolution last week in support of the sales tax for economic development which will be voted on by citizens of Columbus.

"The sales tax, commonly known as '4-B' can have significant economic impact on all of Colorado County and the funds generated will foster job creation and expanded economic opportunity for all citizens," the (See Vote, Page 10)

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City visited by state prison committee

By Lynda Appelt
Contributing Writer

A team of officials from the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ), headed by Bill Barry, made a site visit to the City of Eagle Lake on Oct. 11 to gain technical information. Barry is prison site planning and special projects chairman.

The group was here to view the lay of the land, find out about water and sewer access to highway shipment and other items at the City's proposed prison site.

The site located at FM 3013 and FM 1093 seemed to be viewed by the team as positive, according to Mayor Robby Cook.

"The fact that Eagle Lake is located where it is was a plus for us," said Cook.

He reported that the group was concerned about a time line and the City's biggest positive was that Eagle Lake's wastewater plant would be able to handle a 2,500-bed facility immediately due to expansion and improvement completed last year.

The City of Eagle Lake has submitted an unsolicited request to TDCJ. No Requests for Proposal (RFP) have been asked for by TDCJ since at the present time the board is only looking at co-location with existing facilities in order to turn the 8,000 beds that funds were appropriated for into 12,000 beds.

"It's nobody's risk but our own and if the board finds it can't co-locate or something goes wrong and they need a site, we'll be ahead of all the others," said Cook.

A backlog of prison beds is being predicted already for the near future and, by having its proposal already in place, Eagle Lake will be ready when it comes time to build again, according to Cook.

The City has also sent a letter of intent for a juvenile detention facility. As stated before, TDCJ will attempt to

co-locate at existing prison sites as many of the new 8,000 beds as possible.

According to the team, if it is unable to co-locate all 8,000 beds, an RFP will be issued and Eagle Lake will be considered for a new state prison facility.

A state prison should not be confused with a state jail.

There have been reports lately of state jail facilities (for non-violent offenders housed in dormitory style barracks) built by local communities which lack inmates and are currently unoccupied, becoming a financial drain on the local economy.

The City of Eagle Lake is pursuing a state prison that will house inmates in a controlled "lock-down," single-cell environment. A state jail is not capable of housing inmates mandated to a state prison.

Those in attendance at the site-visit meeting were Cook, City Manager Ron Holland, Bill Harrison Jr., Don Bendy from the Industrial Foundation, Central Power and Light representatives Rob Darcy and Bryan Hale, Joe Solturo from Entex, Eagle Lake City Engineer Craig Kankel, County Judge Vince Slominski, State Sen. Ken Armistead, State Rep. Robert Saunders and Billy Don Everitt, the City's prison consultant from the TMS group.

"The meeting was a very good exchange of questions and answers," concluded Cook.

NEWSBRIEFS

Calling all retired cheerleaders!

All former cheerleaders are invited to attend the last football game of the season on Nov. 10 to renew that Raider pride and spirit by leading the fans in a cheer. There will be a short practice at 6:30 p.m. before the game. For more details, call Kristen at 758-3651 or Leigh at 234-3739.

Last chance to enter Big Buck contest

Saturday, Nov. 4, is your last chance to enter Unlimited Animal Artistry's "Big Buck Contest." Apply at 113 E. Main or call 409-234-7601.

Colorado County memory walk is Saturday

The Colorado County memory walk to benefit the Alzheimer's Association is set for Saturday, Nov. 4. The walk starts at 8 a.m. at the Eagle Lake Middle School track. Join all your friends for fun, food and prizes. Pre-register on Nov. 2 at the First National Bank.

Custom-made decorating available

The Eagle Lake Civic Garden Club is taking orders for mailbox decorating for the upcoming holidays. They'll come to your home and decorate your mailboxes or you may pick up decorations and do it yourself. Order now to beat the Dec. 16 deadline. There is a limited supply. Call Linda Balas at 234-3834 or Sandy Thomson at 234-5179. You can also pick up decorations at Eagle Lake Drugstore.

Cholesterol/triglyceride screening next week

A cholesterol/triglyceride screening will be held Nov. 8 from 7 to 9 a.m. at the Gulf Coast Medical Center Lab in Wharton. The cost is \$8. You must pre-register by calling 409-532-2500, ext. 1300.

Chamber dinner set for Nov. 11

The Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce Veteran's Day Dinner and Entertainment is set for Saturday, Nov. 11, at the Eagle Lake Community Center. Barbecue plates, catered by Austin's BBQ & Catering, will be served from 5 to 7 p.m. You may purchase your tickets at Wilcox Foods IGA, Eagle Lake Drugstore, the Chamber office or from any director. Entertainment will be provided by local children and will begin at 5:30 p.m. Tickets are \$6 for adults and \$4 for children, dine in only.

Senior dance is this Friday

KC Council 48483 is sponsoring their senior citizens dance on Friday, Nov. 3, at the Eagle Lake KC Hall. The Country Playboys will provide the music from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. Singles and couples are welcome for \$4 per person. They'll be door prizes and refreshments will be available.

Free lesson, dance in one stop

P.O.L.K.A. of America members will be giving free polka, waltz and line dance lessons at the Eagle Lake KC Hall the first Friday of each month prior to the Senior Citizens Dance. Lessons begin at 6 p.m., then you can stay and try out what you learned. Admission to the dance is \$4 per person; the lessons are free.

7th Annual Christmas Lighted parade Dec. 2

The Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce is preparing for the 7th Annual Christmas Lighted Parade scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 2, at 6:30 p.m. Now is the time to get your entry ready. Contact Lynda Appelt at 234-5878 or the Chamber office at 234-2780 for information.

Defensive driving school next week

A defensive driving course has been scheduled by retired DPS Sergeant Gilbert Kiel at the Winternann Library in Eagle Lake on Nov. 7 and 8 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. To pre-register call 234-2042 or 234-5411.

Booster club to meet Nov. 8

The Raider Booster Club will hold a meeting next Wednesday, Nov. 8, at 7 p.m. at the PAC Center.

'Life After Loss' meeting is Nov. 14

Community Hospice will be holding a "Life After Loss" meeting on Nov. 14, focusing on handling the holidays following the loss of a loved one. The meeting will be held from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church in El Campo. For more information, call 409-543-9487.

Native Plant Society meeting next Tuesday

The Columbus Chapter of the Native Plant Society of Texas will hold a meeting on Thursday, Nov. 9, at the Colorado County Agriculture Building at 7 p.m. Bob Pickens will be the guest speaker; discussing the geology of this area which will include formation of the rivers and streams. Guests are welcome. Call 409-352-2772 for more information.

Congressional assistant at courthouse

Congressman Greg Laughlin will have a congressional assistant at the Colorado County Courthouse from 9:30 to 11 a.m. on Nov. 7 to help residents with problems they may be having. No appointment is necessary. For more information, call 512-576-1231.

County ag complex purchases land

The Colorado County Ag Complex has secured land at Hwy. 71 and 90, which means the Colorado County Ag Complex is now a reality.

The Ag Complex Board of Directors signed a contract to purchase 75 acres out of a 284-acre tract at the intersection of Hwy. 90 and the Hwy 71 by-pass west of Columbus from the Louis Schulerberg Estate heirs.

The Ag Complex board took out an option until Dec. 15 on the remaining 209 acres in the tract to be sold to a non-profit corporation which will be set up in the event voters in Columbus approve a one-half cent 4-B sales tax increase in the Nov. 7 election.

If the 4-B sales tax is approved by the citizens of Columbus an industrial park will be developed.

The proposed site is considered to be a perfect combination of access to highway as well as rail. It has rail extending along most of the southern border of the tract.

For the co-development between Columbus and the Ag Complex to take place the 4-B sales tax must be passed in the 4-B sales tax election.

The Colorado County Ag complex group will develop 75 acres of the entire 284 acres, regardless of the outcome of the election. However, joint development provides the Ag Complex with a more attractive piece of property and the cost saving associated with shared development expenses.

If the tax passes, the Industrial Park would then develop the 75 acres near the tract that the Ag Complex now has a contract on, and the Ag Complex would then move to the Colorado River side of the property.

The agreement with the Schulerberg heirs ends eight months of searching for a new site for the Colorado County Ag Complex after its directors determined last Feb. that a proposed 35 acres in I-10 south of Giddens were not enough for the planned purposes of the complex, including a fair grounds.

In a letter mailed Sept. 29 to donors, the Ag Complex project directors announced the purchase of the land at \$2,000 per acre, noting that an option on the remaining 209 acres in the tract had been taken out until Dec. 15 at the request of Columbus Mayor Dr. Tom Hancher, who had looked at the same site for an industrial park.

Columbus and Ag Complex will share in expenses and designs for drainage, access roads, utilities, and allow an allocation of the land that would help both groups.

As it stands now, the Ag Complex is purchasing 75 acres in the southeast corner of the tract adjacent to the Southern Pacific Railroad and the intersection of Hwy. 90 and Hwy. 71 by-pass.

If the "4-B" sales tax passes, the Ag Complex land could be exchanged for a more favorable site further north where better access would be available to and from Hwy. 71.

The Colorado County Ag Complex was formed in November, 1993 to build a facility which would be the home of the Colorado County Fair and other agriculture-related events; such as, horse shows, cow-calf clinics, livestock and equipment sales, rodeos, (See Land, Page 10)

Police report 9-1-1 troubles

The Eagle Lake Police Department reported the following calls for the week ending Oct. 31, 1995.

On Oct. 24 at 10 a.m., Chief Keith Webb assisted in a civil matter while a subject removed his belongings. No problems occurred.

Officer Brian Ochoa was dispatched to Stevens Street on Oct. 24 at 5:07 p.m. in reference to a 911 hang up and took a report of a dog chasing children. The dog was picked up by the animal control officer.

Also on Oct. 24 at 9:05 p.m., Officer Carl Risk was dispatched to a report of loud music on Sempres Street, but upon arrival, no loud music was heard.

On Oct. 25 at 12:01 a.m., Officer Ochoa was dispatched to W. Davitt Street in reference to barking dogs. Ochoa was unable to locate dogs or anyone suspicious in the area.

Also on Oct. 25 at 2:31 a.m., Officer Ochoa was dispatched to Fairview Street in reference to a man with a gun. The area was checked, but Ochoa was unable to locate anyone.

On Oct. 25 at 2:28 p.m., Lt. Clem Johnson was dispatched to a one-vehicle accident at the picking station on Boothe Drive. Upon arrival, he observed extensive damage to the building, but no vehicle was at the scene. The vehicle and driver, Georgia Hemphill Pipkins, were later located at Lake Motors. A report was taken and the case is under investigation.

A set of keys was turned in to Officer Brian Baklik on Oct. 27 at 5:10 p.m. They were found on E. Main. You can claim the keys by identifying them at the police department.

Officer Baklik was flagged down by a complainant on Oct. 27 at 6:55 p.m. in reference to a disturbance. After talking with all the subjects, they were to meet with Chief Webb on Oct. 30, at which time, the matter was settled.

Officer Baklik was contacted on Oct. 17 at 8:30 p.m. in regard to signs that had been stolen from Boothe Drive. A report was filed and the case is under investigation.

The theft of a pager was reported to Officer Gary Gibson on Oct. 27 at 10:08 p.m. The case is under investigation.

Sgt. Jack Knox received a report of a suspicious person on Westmoreland Street on Oct. 27 at 7:48 p.m. Sgt. Knox located the subject and identified him. No further action was taken.

Lt. Johnson found and recovered a bicycle while on patrol on Oct. 20. If you are missing a bike, let the police department know.

Officer Risk was dispatched to West Post Office and Burns Streets in reference to a solicitor. The subject was given a written warning for City ordinance violation.

On Oct. 31, Lt. Johnson met with the parties involved in the matter of the stolen signs which was reported on Oct. 27 and the matter was resolved.

On Oct. 28 at 5:15 p.m., Sgt. Knox was stopped by a complainant who reported he was having a problem with another subject, a civil matter.

Officer Jeremy Moore was dispatched to a silent alarm on E. Main on Oct. 29 at 2 p.m. After investigation, it was found that the owners had hit the alarm button by mistake.

Sgt. Knox was advised by a juvenile citizen of a blown transformer on E. State Street on Oct. 29 at 6:39 p.m. Sgt. Knox had CP&L contacted and put out a small fire at the base of the pole. There were no lines down or other hazards.

Chief Webb met with a complainant on Oct. 29 in regard to a civil problem on Church Street.

Lt. Johnson assisted Constable Wilfred Luedicke in a traffic stop at Main and McCarty Streets on Oct. 30 at 10:43 a.m.

Lt. Johnson was dispatched to Guadalupe Street on Oct. 30 at 11:38 a.m. in reference to a series of 911 hang ups. After talking with the owner of the residence, it was learned that a child had been playing with the phone. No action was taken.

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New computer program will help... City getting 'tougher' on overdue traffic fines

By Lynda Appelt, Contributing Writer

City officer selection procedure. A review committee consisting of himself, Johnson and Knox will study resumes and conduct interviews with prospective candidates.

The officer will then be required to patrol in the City and ride with present officers for two to three weeks before being appointed to the auxiliary force.

Council heard a request by Dan Roan to change the City plumbing ordinance to allow journeyman plumbers to do work that now requires a master plumber. The basis of the request is that state law does not require a master plumber in a City under 5,000 in population.

Earl Braden Jr. also was present to speak in favor of the request.

At present, Irving Williams is the only local, active plumber who holds a master plumber license. Braden and Roan operate with journeyman licenses.

The City ordinance allows a required permit to be issued only to master plumbers; therefore, Roan operates under retired master plumber Sidney Miller's license in order to get a permit.

According to Council's interpretation of state law, the City has only two options — to keep its ordinance or to do away with all plumbing restrictions. It was the consensus of Council that some restrictions are needed.

Braden pointed out instances where restrictions are being violated and plumbing done by persons on property other than their homes as the ordinance calls for.

City Manager Ron Holland was instructed to seek further interpretation (See Council, Page 10)

Study Club to hold special program

The Eagle Lake Study Club will convene at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 8, in the conference room of the Eula and David Winternann Library.

The program for the afternoon, entitled "Those Who Died in World War II from Colorado County," will be presented by Rev. Joe Fling, a local attorney and minister who has an avocation as a WWII historian.

Following extensive research, Rev. Fling's moving historical tribute, "Surrender: Colorado County World War II Dead," was published by the Neff Memorial Library Journal.

A democratic nation, in order to survive, experienced a high cost in human lives. Lives that have been committed and dedicated to the cause of freedom.

The Study Club encourages you to come and hear Rev. Fling commemorate our Colorado County servicemen who made the supreme sacrifice on our behalf.