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COLUMBUS LIVESTOCK AUCTION REPORT

Columbus Livestock Auction Inc. Sale Every Thursday at 10:30 a.m. We will be on the air at KULM, Columbus, Wednesday from 6:30 to 6:45 a.m. and Thursday, live at ring side from 2:05 to 2:20 p.m.

The market this week was a little weaker in most areas. But the better quality calves and yearlings sold with a lot of demand while planter kinds remain hard to move. Packer cows and bulls sold steady with all major markets on approximately 600 head. We had a lot of buyers on hand and a few new buyers which make for an active market.

If we can help you with marketing your livestock, please call George Hagan or Art Moeller at 409-732-2622. If you need a truck or trailer or man to work your cattle, we're as near as your telephone.

Out of town, call collect; your calls are welcome. Try us on your next shipment.

Call George Hagan, residence 409-732-2553, Art Moeller, 409-732-2934, Roy Burger, 409-865-5042 or Kenneth Brune, 409-732-5815.

"We are at your service 24 hours a day, seven days a week," says George, Art, Ken, Roy, Max and Charley. "We appreciate your business."

Market Report for May 23, 1996

Animals on hand: 2648; 10 goats, 2 horses.

Packer cows: higher dressing utility and cutter cows, 25-28-1/2 per lb.; lower dressing utility and cutter cows, 20-25; light weight canner cows, 15-20.

Packer bulls: heavy weight bulls, 32-36 1/2; utility & cutter bulls, 30-32; lb. weight canner bulls, 26-30.

Stocker/Feeder Calves/Yearlings

Steers #1: 150-200 lbs., 60-70¢; 200-250, 54-65¢; 250-300, 47-57¢; 300-350, 50-55¢; 350-400, 52-57¢; 400-450, 50-58¢; 450-500, 54-56¢; 500-550, 52-55¢; 550-600, 50-55¢.

Steers #2 & 3: The market fell 2 to 4 dollars across the board. The biggest hit was on the pair and packer cows. The demand for pair and take home cows is very small.

Heifers #1: 150-200, 48-49¢; 200-

Teachers' seminar deadline is June 1

Would you like to explore a portable planetarium called "STARLAB"? This is a portable classroom used to study astronomy and will be on display at Cathedral Oaks during the Teachers' Seminar sponsored by the directors of the Colorado Soil and Water Conservation District.

They want to remind all teachers that June 1 is the deadline to make reservations for a two day (June 11 and 12) environmental education adventure where you can relax in the quiet, wooded countryside at Cathedral Oaks in the New Bielau area, southwest of Weimar.

Here is what you'll learn and earn: For attending this two day seminar, you will earn 15 hours of TEEAC environmental education endorsement and 14 hours of staff development credit.

Many interesting programs will be presented as well as a trip and tour of the Fayette Power Plant and a visit to a bioengineering site.

The "STARLAB" planetarium is a portable classroom used to sharpen students disciplines in art and mathematics, as well as build a better understanding of astronomy.



Fair scholarship winner
The recipient of this year's Colorado County Fair scholarship was Jodi Heard, pictured with Fair representative Lynda Appelt (who was also Jodi's kindergarten teacher).
Headlight Photo by Jeannine Fearling

Festival

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etc.) will be judged and the contest is open to everyone.

Contestants may have only one entry per category, but enter all three categories. Only kolaches will be accepted for judging. Tea rings, strudels or any form of baked bread will not be accepted.

A cash prize of \$50 will be awarded to first place. Rosettes will be given to second and third place winners. Try to pre-register by June 6.

Check-in and late registration will be from 10 to 11:30 a.m. June 8.

For more information, call Mary Ann Morse at 409-335-6128 in the evening or 335-7554 during the day; or write Rt. 2, Box 221-A, East Bernard, TX 77435; or Gloria Demmy at 335-4891 or 335-6479.

Members of the Texas Chapter of the Polka K of A (Polka Lovers Klub of America), in their colorful red and whites, will be demonstrating their dancing skills again this year at 1:30 p.m. This organization has over 1,000 members from all over Texas and surrounding states.

The "Parade of Costumes" is scheduled for 3 p.m. This colorful display is always entertaining and pleasing to the eye. The Polka Klub's red and whites plus the other beautifully attired participants make a splash of color around the hall.

The KJT Festival Committee wishes to invite anyone who has an ethnic costume to join in this display—the more the merrier! This year's march will once again be led by Martha and Bennie Janak.

A drawing is scheduled to be held this year with prizes such as quilts, Czech articles and home decor. Tickets are available from KJT members or at the festival.

Czech Folk Dancers of West make a return visit this year. This group organized in 1976 to present the colorful dances of the Czech settlers of Texas and help keep alive the heritage of the largest European ethnic minority in Texas.

The full company includes 18 adults and six children. The children are second and third generation dancers and are part of the program. This group is the most accomplished repertory dance company specializing in this type of dance expression. The costumes are very colorful and are modern updated versions of the original "kroj" (the Czech authentic costumes).

The Czechoslovakian Folk Dancers of West have performed through-out Texas as well as Oklahoma. In 1988, they were honored with an invitation to perform at a festival in Czechoslovakia, representing the U.S. They performed with groups from Australia, Poland, Canada, Yugoslavia and France. In 1991, they performed at Disney World in Florida.

The parade will start from the park at 4 p.m. and end in the park. "Dancing under the Stars" begins at 9 p.m. A drawing will be held during the intermission at the dance.

Wednesday, June 19, there will be a "Hot Dog Supper" and disco from 8 p.m. until midnight.

Come out and bring the family for lots of fun. There will be a carnival for the kids and plenty of food and drinks.

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Their goals are to help promote family unity by providing events encouraging family participation; to provide a safe environment in which to hold family gatherings; and, most importantly, working with parents to recognize, motivate and be able to assist our children who are striving hard to improve their education.

Colorado-Fayette 'Juneteenth' festival to be held in Weimar

The Colorado-Fayette Juneteenth Festival will be held in the Weimar Community Park in Weimar on June 14, 15 and 19.

"Western Night" will be Friday, June 14, presented by the "Weimar Riders Club". Saturday, June 15, brings plenty of excitement! The day will begin with a domino tournament.

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Red Cross lessons registration is Friday

Registration for Red Cross swimming lessons will be held Friday, June 7, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the Eagle Lake Community Pool.

There will only be one registration date, so please attend if you're interested.

Lessons are scheduled for Monday, June 10, to Friday, June 14; and Monday, June 17, to Friday, June 21.

The pool fee is \$12 per child. Children must be at least six years old to register.

Direct any questions of Shannon Perez during registration.

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Thank the powers that be... it finally rained!

With three (or more) episodes of decent rainfall as of Tuesday evening, things were looking a little less dry in our area.

Ray Sykowski said he had about 1/2 inch in his rain gauge after the first rain, but it was probably more since his gauge was leaning.

According to statistics from Intercontinental Airport in Houston, there was 1.02 inches of rain accumulated for June, as of Monday night.

Can you believe it? There's water actually standing in some places (See Rain, Page 10)

Council okays mutual assistance, action on abandoned house, land

By Lynda Appelt
Contributing Writer

Eagle Lake City Council approved a law enforcement mutual assistance agreement between the Cities of Eagle Lake, Columbus and Weimar, and Colorado County at its May 28 meeting.

According to the agreement, presented by Police Chief Keith Webb, the County and its municipalities have the authority to form a mutual aid law enforcement task force to cooperate in the investigation of criminal activity and enforcement of the laws of the state and provide additional law officers to protect health, life and property against riot, threat of concealed explosives, unlawful assembly accompanied by the use of force and violence or threat during times of natural disaster or man-made calamity.

Webb told Council the agreement allows the entities to work together and send officers to assist other departments.

"I have control whether I send my people or not. I am bound to the best interest of Eagle Lake not by the agreement. I will only send someone if I have manpower to spare. I will never leave Eagle Lake hanging," said Webb.

He compared the law enforcement assistance program to fire departments that mutual aid each other.

Council accepted the proposal of TransScreen Substance Abuse Services of El Campo to conduct drug screening of all employees required to have a commercial driver's license (CDL) as required by the U.S. Department of Transportation.

Under the new regulations, DOT requires:

- 1) A drug testing program that includes a pre-employment test, random testing, post-accident test and follow-up tests for any positive test result;
- 2) Supervisors be trained to recognize signs of substance abuse;
- 3) Tests be performed by a DOT approved lab;
- 4) Positive results must be reviewed by a DOT certified medical review officer; and
- 5) DOT reporting.

TransScreen will provide all of these services.

The City of Eagle Lake will include all paid employees in the drug screening. Volunteer firemen and police reserves will be included in the pre-employment testing only.

A group of concerned neighbors presented a petition to Council asking that Lot No. 10, Block No. 46, of Norris Street be cleaned up. The property is adjacent to the portion of Semprez Street which was vacated in April and belongs to Rene Cano, who no longer resides in Eagle Lake.

According to the group, a number of letters have been sent over a period of 10 years, asking that this property be cleaned.

Complaints were filed in municipal court on Nov. 14, 1991, and Sept. 20, 1994, and no hearings on either complaint was ever held.

City Manager Ron Holland told the group that City Secretary Lucille Perry is now serving as court clerk and will be receiving all complaint filings. Perry will see that these complaints are placed on the docket for court action.

The group cited dead cats, rodents, snakes and late night and early morning activity on the property and in the dilapidated, abandoned house.

Mary Ann Kaluzka cited loss of a real estate sale due to the deplorable conditions. Susie Alaniz told Council she feels the property is a health hazard to the children in her daycare.

Council instructed Holland to proceed immediately with the necessary procedure to correct the property clean up problem and study the dangerous building ordinance to ascertain a procedure for demolition of the neglected house.

"The lot is in violation of the weed ordinance, is a health and fire hazard and degrades the neighborhood," said Belinda Alaniz.

Council adopted a resolution authorizing the submission of a home investment partnership program application to the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs for the owner occupied housing assistance program.

Work is to begin in June on the program that was founded last year.

Council also discussed complaints about sewer rate adjustments for the year.

Holland noted that the increase between March 1995 and April 1996 in the total sewer revenue bill, including commercial and residential, is \$853.66.

Commercial sewer rates are based on water meter reading each month. Residential sewer rates are averaged with water meter readings for the months of Jan., Feb. and March. The three readings are averaged and sewer charges for the next year are based on that average.

Holland acknowledged high sewer rates because of the \$1 million sewer plant the City was mandated by regulation to build.

City officials noted that residents with sprinkler systems can install separate meters since most people blamed the dry weather and need to water for high billing costs.

Mayor the Rev. David Mann told Council the meeting to announce the awarding of the Juvenile Detention Facility will be held today (Thursday) and Friday.

In other business, Council:

- Authorized bids to install new sewer lines under the Community Development Grant Program;
- Authorized acquiring the easement to the property.

(See Council, Page 7)

NEWSBRIEFS

Sign up for summer reading
Librarian Charlene Rodgers would like to remind all children and parents in the area about the summer reading program at the Wintermann Library which begins next Wednesday, June 12. She urges everyone who's interested to stop by the Library at 101 N. Walnut in Eagle Lake and sign up for this year's program which will run through July 17. The first program, June 12, will be presented by Robin Thomas and is entitled "Water Events". Don't miss out... go by and sign up today!

Seniors dance is Friday
A Senior Citizens dance is scheduled for Friday, June 7, at the Eagle Lake Community Center. Music will be provided by the City Polka Boys from 8 to 11:30 p.m. Singles and couples are welcome for \$5 per person. Door prizes and drinks available. The public is invited.

Bake sale Friday
A bake sale, sponsored by the Rice District Community Hospital Employees Trust Fund, will be held this Friday, June 7, in front of Wilcox Foods IGA beginning at 9 a.m. There will be plenty of homemade goodies to purchase.

Video Etc. changes hands
Wanda Rosario, owner of the Diplomat Beauty Salon, announced that she is taking over Video Etc., formerly located on E. Main and moving the business to her 706 S. McCarty location. She says videos will be available from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., except on Friday and Saturday when the store will be open until 10 p.m. Call her at 234-3771 for more information.

RHS central office closed
The Rice CISD Central Office will be closed for vacation from June 24 thru June 28. No business will be transacted during this time. The office will re-open on Monday, July 1.

Cholesterol/triglyceride screening
A cholesterol/triglyceride screening will be held on Wednesday, June 12 from 7 to 9 a.m. at the Gulf Coast Medical Center Lab in Wharton. The cost of the test is \$8 (Senior Friends \$5). You must pre-register by calling 409-532-2500, ext 1300.

RHS cheerleading mini camp
The Rice High School Cheerleaders will be holding mini-camp again this year, June 17-20 from 9 to 10:30 a.m. on each of the elementary school campuses: Eagle Lake, Sheridan and Garwood. Ages 4 through 8th grade are accepted. The charge is \$15 per person or two children from the same family for \$25. See you there!

PAC gym hours
The PAC Gym and weight room will be open on the following schedule. Monday through Thursday from 4 to 8 p.m., June 3-July 25, and July 29 through Aug. 1. The PAC gym and weight room will not be open on holidays. After Aug. 1, the PAC will be closed for the summer.

3rd annual junior golf tournament
The Eagle Lake Ladies Golf Association's 3rd Annual Junior Golf Tournament will be held June 12 at the Eagle Lake Golf Course. Tee time will be at 9 a.m. for all school age golfers. Entry fee is \$15. All golfers will walk or furnish their own pull carts. Tee time call Ernie Sommerlatte at 234-3452 or Karen Teichman at 334-2531.

Facts about menopause and heart disease
On June 11 at 7 p.m. Columbia Gulf Coast Medical Center and Senior Friends invite you to a slide presentation on "Menopause-Separate the Myths from the Facts," including discussion on Heart Disease in Women and Osteoporosis. Drs. Gabels and Philip along with Laura Mendez, WHCNP, will be the presenters. The program will be held in the CGMCC classroom. RSVP by calling Sherri at 282-6808. Space is limited.

White Cloud Baptist Church yard sale
White Cloud Baptist Church, Rev. O. Rhodes, Pastor, will have a "huge" yard sale at 510 East C Street. They'll have lots of beautiful hand crocheted doilies and other household items. Everything must go. The sale will begin at 4 p.m. Friday evening and then again at 7 a.m. Saturday morning.

Youth cow camp offered
A Youth Cow Camp is being offered by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service and Texas A&M University-Kingsville. Students ages 15-18 may participate in the camp scheduled for Aug. 7-10. The cost of the class is \$150 per person and covers meals, lodging and supplies. Transportation is on your own. Only 30 applicants will be accepted. Applications are available at the county extension office and must be returned with the fee by June 12.

Life after loss group
The Life After Loss Support Group will meet on Tuesday, June 11, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church in El Campo. This meeting is for anyone who has lost a loved one. There is no charge for the class. The program is sponsored by Hospice of Gulf Coast. Call 409-543-9487 for more information.

Texas Sportsman Association meet tonight
The Colorado County Unit of the Texas Sportsman Association will hold a meeting Thursday, June 6, at 7:30 p.m. at the County Ag Building, 316 Spring Street in Columbus. The purpose of the meeting is to re-organize the county unit. All members are urged to attend. The unit is also in need of a new meeting place. Bring your suggestions or call Don Eaton at 409-732-3003.

1996 Appraisal notices to be mailed soon

The new 1996 appraisal notices for Colorado County will be mailed on or about Friday, June 7, 1996.

It is mandatory that a re-appraisal be conducted at least every three years. The appraisal staff has physically visited all parcels during the last three year period and every value has been re-calculated.

Taxpayers should review their appraisal notices to insure the correct ownership, exemptions and descriptions, and review the market value.

Any taxpayer having questions should contact the CAD office at 409-732-8222 or call the Appraisal District office in the Colorado County Courthouse to review your account. This informal review period will last June 10 through June 25.

If a taxpayer is not satisfied with the informal review, he must file a written protest prior to July 8, 1996. Protests will be presented to the Appraisal Review Board (ARB) on the afternoons of June 26 and 28, and July 1, 3, 9, 11 and 16.

Oil and gas, gravel, utilities and industrial accounts will be heard on Friday, June 28, at 10 a.m. Representatives from the engineering firm of Capital Appraisal Group will be on hand to review appraisals. The ARB will be present to hear protests if necessary.

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EAGLE LAKE POLICE REPORT

The Eagle Lake Police Department reported the following calls and cases for the week ending June 3.

Lt. Clem Johnson took a report of theft of gas from a vehicle on Semprez Street on May 28. The case is under investigation.

A report of a stolen bicycle was given to Lt. Johnson on May 28. The case is under investigation.

Officers Carl Risk and Keith Bailey were dispatched to a residence on 6th Street on May 28 involving a civil matter.

The problem was resolved at the scene.

Another civil matter was handled by Officers Bailey and Risk on Murphy Street on May 28.

Officer Brian Ochoa was dispatched to an alarm at 104 Boothe Drive on May 29.

Upon arrival, Officer Ochoa was advised the employees were having a problem with the alarm.

Officers Risk and Due Do assisted the fire department at a house fire on Maple Street on May 24.

Acting on a tip concerning narcotic information, Chief Keith Webb, Lt. Johnson and Sgt. Jack Knox conducted a search of a house, car and person on May 31, but no drugs or weapons were recovered.

On May 31, Sgt. Knox was dispatched to the 700 block of S. McCarty in reference to an alarm call.

Upon arrival, he found a window had been broken at the front of the building. The case is under investigation.

Officer Risk is also investigating a report of a broken window on Partridge Lane.

Officer Risk was dispatched to Third Street in reference to a burglary of a habitation on June 1. A report was taken and the case is under investigation.

Officer Eric Bilbo was dispatched



Rice High School Class of 1996
Seniors at RHS celebrated the completion of 13 years of education with graduation ceremonies last Thursday night. (See additional pictures on Page 10.)
Headlight Photo by Carol Cardenas

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2BR Lake Sheridan home. 2-Car garage; very nice.

Nice home in Sheridan. Priced for quick sale. 2BR, 1BA near Downtown. \$35,000.

Nice weekend home on Lake Sheridan. 15 Acres: Ramsey.

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