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WE FINANCE!

Stein home chosen as 'Yard of Month'

The Eagle Lake Civic Garden Club has awarded the Yard of the Month to "Chic" and Ruth Stein. Their home is located on the corner of Stevenson and Pendleton.

"Chic" Stein retired from Superior Oil Co. in 1977. They lived in Altair during that time.

In July 1982, they moved into this home and started a renovation project which included the house and yard. The Steins have done the planning and landscape design themselves.

The front yard constantly has a manicured look. The back yard is enclosed with a cyclone fence. On the fence is Jack Bean Hyacinth in bloom and coral vine. There are zinnias, yellow shrimp plant and iris that bloomed in the spring.

The yard is always neat and a pleasure to observe as you drive by. Thanks to the Steins for making their corner of the world very pleasing.

Just a side note: if you have wondered what the pretty blue, bell shaped flowers are that are blooming along the railroad on 102 South, they're our native "Texas Blue Bell". The plants have been blooming for several weeks, even before the nice recent rains.

"After these rains, there should be a lot more native plants coming into bloom. As you are out and about, look along the road side and enjoy nature's landscape."

Alleyton

By Rolin Baker - Chapter 25 - Seth and Jerry Come In Second Best

Last time, we left Seth and Piv. Jerry Tomlin exploring along the river. Jerry reined his horse at the field edge under a large live oak with huge branches extending laterally. When Seth came up along side, Jerry said quietly, "This is one of those farming areas I was telling you about. We should be getting close to someone's home since I thought I heard a cow lowing and possibly a chicken squawk. Let's move cautiously!"

Then they heard a strange noise, certainly not of cow origin, almost like a wild animal call. It seemed to come from the right and along the side of the field where it edged the timber.

"That's a crazy call," whispered Jerry. "It just might be one of those nesters signaling to another. Maybe someone has detected us and is passing the word?"

"Your notion," chuckled Seth, "doesn't seem too far-fetched. In fact, it reminds me of what James Fenimore Cooper wrote about methods of communication among Indians."

Jerry looked back saying, "I don't recall being acquainted with your friend Cooper, but these locals must have. They do a good job of keeping in touch with assorted hoots and hollers."

The riders held their mounts listening and looking for sounds of life. All seemed still save for the breeze rustling a few leaves.

"Let's turn our mounts," suggested Jerry, "to go on yonder trail along the edge of the field. It would be a good idea if we could meet one of these nesters on friendly terms. Maybe someone here might know something about these cotton bale runners?"

Jerry and Seth rode in the direction of the call skirting the now-fallow ground. They could look over the

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According to Gott, the computers will be built on-site by NCS. Gott told Sabertech reps that "my experience in the past with a manufacturer's warranty has been total dissatisfaction since the computers must be shipped off somewhere for periods of time, like six weeks for repair."

"With NCS, there will be somebody on the spot to fix it," said Gott.

Board President Jack Vawter halted the discussion when personal accusations were directed to Gaunt by Sabertech representatives.

Gaunt refuted the allegations, stating, "I will provide dependable computers at a respectable price and best serve your school district."

Habitat

CCHFH, 300 North Street, Columbus, Texas 78934, by Aug. 31, 1996 in order to be considered for the first house completed in 1996. Please contact the number above to have a form mailed to you.

CCHFH would like to thank all the people and organizations who have contributed their time, money and prayers to CCHFH. With this continued support, we anticipate reaching our goal of the first family in their Habitat home by Christmas of 1996!

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Tempers flare at Eagle Lake Council meeting

By Lynda Appelt
 Contributing Writer

Blatant accusations of racism, non-support and threat of federal organizations coming to Eagle Lake due to racial discrimination were hurled at the Eagle Lake City Council at its meeting on June 25.

The agenda item which led to the inferences by Dave Curry, representa-

of a purchase of 300 t-shirts in the request.

Hotel-motel tax can only be used to promote tourism and bring visitors to a city and there was a question at the time of approval of the funds how t-shirts would fit the guidelines for usage of the tax money.

Curry explained the t-shirts would be distributed and worn by individuals in towns all around our area for some two weeks as "walking advertisements."

At last week's meeting, Council questioned how t-shirts received on June 13, the date slated by Curry for receipt of the shirts, which was two days prior to the celebration could be

considered "walking advertisement." Curry told Council during a vehement presentation that the shirts were delayed due to a logo problem and Johnny's Sport Shop, from whom they were purchased, didn't get them any earlier.

He cited 10 visits to Johnny's during a period from May 16 through June 13 when they were finally picked up and immediately disbursed to Houston, El Campo, Wharton, Rosenberg, Columbus and Weimar.

Thanks was issued to Mayor David Mann, Mayor Pro-tem Ron Cooper-Scott, Police Chief Keith Webb and Eagle Lake Police Department for their part in the celebration. According to Curry, these were the only officers of the City who responded to the invitation and had the privilege of talking to the visitors and questioning them.

"Whether they took advantage of this was not documented," said Curry. Councilmen Kell, Shavers and Michael Cooper who expressed being offended by accusations of racism, reminded Curry that the mayor and Cooper-Scott were pointedly invited at the May meeting to attend the celebration with no invitation for the other Council members.

"I would have ridden in the parade," said Shavers.

"The morale of the Afro-American was lifted high by the presence of the mayor who appeared to be in agreement with the activities and all that had taken place," said Curry.

"But, still after a successful event, there is a spot burning in my heart to know that certain individuals from day one greeted the festival with negativity when time of cooperation was needed."

"I hope this City will be honorable and agree with this committee as it has been with other organizations in this City. At a time when race is such an issue, we should be working together, not driving a wedge between us."

"I hereby appeal to Council to pay the expenditures as promised," said Curry.

"It would sadden me deeply if this situation was to escalate any further and federal organizations were called in to evaluate the situation of wrongdoing."

"I am sure the City would not want to be involved with the NAACP or the EEOC (Equal Employment Opportunity Commission) for possible racial discrimination charges on a celebration that stands for freedom."

Mann emphatically responded to Curry that he was joyfully present, and spoke joyfully but "let me make sure you understand something — today, we discuss economic issues and good accounting procedures. Today, what we discuss is our responsibility as persons elected by the people in every corner of our City to be responsible for the dollars."

"We are not here to pass judgment on an issue of race," said Mann.

"At this point, Curry burst in stating, "The judgment has been passed already mayor."

"Sir, this Council has not. This Council is going to speak to good accounting procedures and whether we pay bills. Make this clear, this Council has no problem with the Juneteenth Celebration. It is a joyous thing to have," said Mann.

At this point, Curry again interrupted, reminding Mann he could only speak for himself. He informed Mann that it would be wrong for him to speak for any Council member or the people of Eagle Lake to which Mann responded, "as well as it is wrong for you to speak for the entire Afro-American community."

Cooper told Curry he certainly was not interested in federal organizations coming to town, but "there is one other organization I'm sure none of us is interested in having here and it is the organization headed by the attorney general who gives the Council the job of stewardship for the hotel-motel tax funds."

City Manager Ron Holland indicated that all bills except those with improper paperwork and documentation had already been paid.

According to Holland, the lack of purchase orders and documentation of phone calls leaves a missing paper trail for the auditors and was the reason those other expenditures weren't paid.

"We need to pay the bill and move on. The t-shirt controversy was a mess from the beginning," said Cooper-Scott.

Holland told Council he would assume Curry's misunderstanding of City Secretary Lucille Perry's explanation of purchase procedure resulted in improper paperwork.

Council unanimously approved bills for the celebration in the amount of \$1,765.35 contingent upon proper paperwork and documentation being received by Holland.

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NEWSBRIEFS

Businesses closed for Fourth holiday

The Colorado County Courthouse, First National Bank of Eagle Lake, U.S. Postal Service and most other businesses in the area will be closed for the Independence Day Holiday, Thursday, July 4. City Hall will be closed, garbage schedule will be Thursday's garbage will be picked up on Friday; two trucks will be used to accommodate the double run. The Headlight will also be closed, but will reopen Friday morning as will most other businesses.

Brown Bag hamburger lunch

A "Brown Bag" hamburger lunch will be held by the Employee Trust Fund of the Rice District Community Hospital on Friday, July 12, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The "Brown Bag" lunch will consist of a hamburger, chips and a dessert. Tickets may be purchased from any hospital employee or by calling 409-234-5571. The lunch will be served "to go" only and may be picked up at the front entrance of the Hospital. Proceeds will go to the ongoing renovation of the hospital.

Seniors dance Friday

The Senior Citizens Dance will be held on Friday, July 5, at the Eagle Lake Community Center. Music will be provided by The Country Playboys from 8 to 11:30 p.m. Singles and couples are welcome for \$5 per person. Refreshments will be available, BYOB. The public is invited, door prizes will be given.

Senior friends membership

Senior Friends monthly new membership orientation will be held on Wednesday, July 17 at 1:30 p.m. in Columbia Gulf Coast Medical Center's Classroom. Come hear what all we have to offer! Call Sherri Ziegenhals at 409-282-6808 to register.

Life after loss support group

The Life After Loss Support Group will meet on Tuesday, July 9, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church in El Campo. The no-charge meeting is for anyone who has lost a loved one. For more information, call 543-9487.

Shiner 'Half Moon Holidays' July 6

Saturday, July 6, Shady Green-Dickson Municipal Park in Shiner will host the annual Half Moon Holidays Celebration. Activities kick off Saturday with a 8 a.m. 5K run followed by the parade at 10:30. A barbecue lunch will be served along with assorted food booths and BBQ and Bean cook-offs. Everyone will enjoy helicopter rides, arts and crafts, an auction, tennis, horseshoe and volleyball tournaments. The Emotions and Texas Unlimited will provide the musical entertainment. A fireworks display will be held Saturday evening. For more information, call 512-954-3066.

Defensive driving course

A six hour defensive driving course has been scheduled by retired DPS Sgt. Gilbert Kiel at the Wintermann Library in Eagle Lake on July 17 & 18 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. To pre-register call 234-2042 or 234-5411. Completion of the course can be used for a dismissal of a traffic violation and a discount on auto insurance for a three year period.

River boat ramp closed temporarily

Colorado County Judge Vince Stominski informed The Headlight that LCRA will close the Colorado River boat ramp at Hwy. 90A, between Eagle Lake and Altair, until at least July 15. LCRA received a Texas Parks & Wildlife grant for the construction of a new ramp at this facility.

'Play Ball' program youngsters

The "Play Ball" program is asking youngsters who have just finished fourth grade through high school to go by IGA or Laker Printing and pick up information on playing volleyball and softball on Tuesdays from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Little League field. Call Jeanne Young at 234-3393 for more information.

Softball league forming

A summer softball league is forming in the Eagle Lake area. For information, call John Young at 234-3393 or Penny Henske at 234-5141. We would like to start the first part of this month.

'The Wisdom of Faith' at Christ Church

Christ Church, Eagle Lake (located on E. Stockbridge Street at Lake), continues to offer a showing of the recent PBS series, The Wisdom of Faith, interviews of Huston Smith by Bill Moyers: 3) July 18, Christianity and Judaism; 4) Aug. 1, Islam; 5) Aug. 15, Personal Philosophy. The evening will begin at 7 p.m. and each showing will be preceded by a light supper. Bring your sandwiches, salads, etc. If you have questions, call Russ Minter at 234-3437.

PAC gym hours

The PAC gym and weight room summer hours are: Monday through Thursday, 4 to 8 p.m., 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.

VBS at Methodist Church next month

July 29 through Aug. 2 the United Methodist Church will be sponsoring a Bible School for the children of the community. Call Margaret Henry at 234-5918, Carla Doppslauf at 234-2319, or the Methodist Church office at 234-3288 to pre-register your child. All children are invited and encouraged to attend.

Annual lighted parade plans underway

Plans are already in the works for the Annual Lighted Christmas Parade, scheduled for Dec. 7. As of now, line up will be from 5 to 5:30 p.m.; judging, 5:30 to 6:30; and the parade will start at 6:45. Be thinking about your entry NOW!



The Eagle Lake Garden Club Yard of the Month award went to "Chic" and Ruth Stein of Eagle Lake, pictured above with Anna Lee Higgings, far left. These folks worked hard to make their yard look lovely. Go by and check out the great looking landscaping they've done at their home on the corner of Stevenson and Pendleton.

Newsbriefs

Limited slots available for Head Start

The Eagle Lake Head Start program has openings for the 1996-97 school year for children who will be four years old by Sept. 1, 1996, and not yet 5 years old. Children enrolled in the half-day program may also be eligible to attend the Head Start program for the remainder of the day. Head Start is a Federal program for preschool children from low-income families. Children participate in a variety of educational activities, receive medical and dental care and enjoy healthy meals. Services are also offered to meet the special needs of children with disabilities. Call 1-800-484-6634 code 7737 for an application.

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Another exhibition

Show here are works of Tony Tyler of Eagle Lake which are included in an exhibition at the Fine Art Center Gallery in San Marcos. His latest sculpture (shown above) is entitled "The Pose" and his latest painting is "Sister," pictured below. Both are receiving rave reviews at the Gallery where he has 11 pieces displayed. The exhibit will continue through Aug. 15 with an artist reception July 13 from 5 to 8 p.m.

Foot Facts

By Dr. Eric R. Tepper, Podiatrist
GIVE THE BOOT TO FOOT PAIN

The news coming out of the footwear industry is usually bad for feet. High heels get higher and wing tips get pointier. Happily, however, a healthy trend in footwear design is also building, as many people with foot problems may be relieved to discover. This type of footwear is so new that it goes by a number of different names: rugged walking shoes, trail boots, light hiking boots, or day hikers. Whatever the label, the footwear combines the cushiony comfort and flexibility of an athletic shoe with the support, traction, and protection of a hiking boot. The footwear ranges in style from low-cut shoes, to medium-cut "chukka" boots, to traditional tall boots. Features include a tough upper shoe for stability and protection, a mooney toe area, a thick shock-absorbing midsole made of ethyl vinyl acetate, and protruding "lugs" on the sole for traction.

Switching shoes isn't always the solution to correcting foot problems, but choosing appropriate footwear can prevent some problems from ever happening or alleviate others from continuing. As your foot care specialist, your podiatrist can diagnose and recommend a course of treatment that may include a change in footwear, regular general care, medications, physical therapy, orthotics, and surgery. We provide you the most dedicated professional foot care available. Call for an appointment at 234-5371, at Rice District Community Hospital. I am there every Tuesday.

P.S. In addition to foot pain, pain in the knees and back can be caused or worsened by inadequate footwear.

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TRULY PROPERTIES
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HOUSES...
 S. MCCARTY: 3BR, 2-1/2BA, large den w/ fireplace, formal dining room, brick, 0.75 acres.
 E. STATE: Historical two-story, 4BR, 3BA, formal living & dining with fireplace, study, sitting room, hot tub area, large 3-car garage with bathroom; large lot.
 STRICKLAND: One and one-half story cottage, 2BR, 1BA, formal living room; frame with siding.
 S. AUSTIN RD.: 3BR, 2BA, den, frame w/ siding, CACH; 1.5 acres.
 DOBBINS: 3BR, 1-1/2BA, frame with fireplace.
 AUSTIN RD.: 2BR, 1BA, frame, 1/2 acre.
 CLARK STREET: 2BR, 2BA, frame with CACH; corner lot w/ fence.
 N. LAKE: 3BR, 2BA, frame w/ wainscot bldg, large corner lot.
 NORRIS: 3BR, 2BA, formal living & dining room, den, frame Victorian on large lot w/ pool barn, private road!
 LAUGHLIN ROAD: 4BR, 2BA, large new living room combo, den, brick; corner lot with fence. Price Reduced!
 W. MAIN: 3BR, 2BA, Sunroom; brick with large lot.
 PECAN VALLEY: 3BR, 1BA, frame; approx. 3.910 acres!
 HARBERT AVE.: 32x66 Mobile home w/ hardwood siding; 3BR, 2-1/2 BA, living room w/ fireplace, den, one car garage & pool barn. 2+ ac. with fence.
 E. STATE: 3BR, 2BA, den, dining room, office, fireplace; frame with siding on corner lot. Price Reduced!
 LAUGHLIN RD.: 3BR, 3BA, den, office. Large house with approx. 2.7 acres.

COMMERCIAL...
 E. MAIN STREET: 1.67 Acres commercial frontage.
 HWY. 90A & FLEMING ROAD: 1.87 Acres commercial frontage.
 N. DAVITT: Four one-bedroom apartments with CACH; brick.
 ICE STREET: Historical Ice House, 50'x80' bldg; with 0.408 ac. W. PRARIE: West Prairie Apts. (Former Methodist Church); 8 units; approx. 1 acre.
 GLEN FLORA ROAD: 1.3 Acres with shop and mobile home. Always Trailer Park: Including 2 rent houses & 2 mobile homes.
 E. MAIN ST.: 330 Foot footage; some improvements.
 E. MAIN: Former Santa Fe Depot; renovated into office space and two apts. Owner finance. Make an offer!
 E. MAIN: Former "Beck Center", 1,800 sq. ft. fully equipped.
 G. ACRES: Chical commercial property, 1,100 Ft. FM 3013 North frontage.
FOR SALE OR LEASE... US 90A former Delta Savings & Loan Building.
THREE BUSINESS BLDGS. on Main St. Good location. Price reduced.
DOWN TOWN on E. MAIN: 37'x66' Building plus storage.

INDUSTRIAL...
 110 & FM 940 Intersection: 55 ac. with 3145sq. Excellent for manufacturing facility; building approx. 43,500 sq. ft. Formerly known as WellTech.
LOTS...
 DONOVAN ST.: 75'x180'
 MAINLY ROAD: 148' x 150' Lot with 10'x20' shop.
 BALUSSEK DR.: 2.85 Acres; Owner finance. Make an offer!
LAND...
 FM 3013 & Glen Flora Rd.: frontage; 2,180 acre industrial site.
 LAVACA COUNTY: Wilderness Outlay; 5 acres & 11 acres, adjoining. Price Reduced! Will owner finance or trade with equal value.
 FORTY-SEVEN ACRES: 37.5 ACRES, 308.75 ACRES, 324.267 acres, 154.42 acres and 129.505 acres. All near Eagle Lake.
 277.06 Acres near Chastainville; Flow land, corner of FM 1050 and County Road 224.
 E. WAYSIDE: 75-5/2 Acres across from airport; nearby developed. Owner finance. 224-082.
 33 Acres inside city limits FM3013.
 90 Acres close road inside city, 25'x50' steel bldg., FM 3013 frontage, will divide into two tracts.
 67 Acres south of Park Island; Wooded with oak, good holding.

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