

Study Club excursion set for March 12

Time is quickly running out to purchase a ticket for the Study Club trip to Austin on Wednesday, March 12. Tickets for bus transportation are \$20 and payable at the Wintermann Library.

The bus will leave from the library promptly at 7 a.m. The tour will begin at the Capitol Complex Visitors Center with a movie regarding the Capitol.

Following the movie, the group will sit in on a legislative session as guests of State Rep. Robby Cook.

At 11:30 a.m., a special guided tour of the recently renovated Capitol will be conducted. The tour will conclude with lunch at the Capitol Cafeteria. Following lunch, the group will tour the Governor's Mansion.

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NEWSBRIEFS

Housing Corp. schedules ground breaking

The Eagle Lake Housing Corporation will hold its first ground breaking this Saturday, March 8, at 1 p.m. at its Heritage Lane site. Corporation President Michael Cooper invites everyone to come out and join in the celebration as they kick off the growth of Eagle Lake and its economy.

World Day of Prayer is Friday

Christ Episcopal Church will host a coffee in conjunction with the World Day of Prayer on Friday, March 7, at the church located at 304 E. Stockbridge. The coffee will be held at 9:30 a.m. and the program at 10 a.m. All women in the community are invited to attend.

Youth revival to be held at GUBC

There will be a Youth Revival the week of March 17-21 at the Greater Union Baptist Church in Matthews. The Rev. D. Everson will be the evangelist for the week.

Boost your job search offered

Wharton County Junior College offers free assistance to individuals who have been laid off or have been notified of an upcoming layoff. Services include career counseling and testing, classes on interviewing skills and resume writing, and job placement assistance. To register for the March orientation, call WCJC-Dislocated Workers Program at 281-344-0279 x32.

ELPS holds book fair, open house

The Eagle Lake Primary School is holding their book fair from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. They were to have an Open House Wednesday, March 5, from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

Little League tryouts are Friday

Tryouts for the Eagle Lake Little League for children age eight to 12 are scheduled for March 7 at 6 p.m. Tryouts will take place at the Eagle Lake Little League field on Burns Ave.

UMC hold fourth Lenten luncheon

The fourth Community Lenten Luncheon at United Methodist Church will be Monday, March 10, and have Rev. Obie Rhodes as guest speaker. Rev. Rhodes is the pastor of White Cloud Baptist Church. Come join us for soup, sandwiches, deserts and singing. Love offerings will be accepted with half going to the Ministerial Alliance Food Pantry. The community is invited to help celebrate the Easter Holy season.

Texas historical marker to be dedicated

The Nada Post Office is very proud to announce the dedication ceremony for the Texas Historical Marker awarded for the 103 years of service by the U.S. Postal Service to the community of Nada. The dedication will take place at the Nada Post Office, Hwy. 71 south, on Sunday, March 16, from 2 to 4 p.m. Descendants of former postmasters, friends and the public are invited to participate in this dedication and memorial to this special day in Texas history.

Senior Dance set for Friday

The Senior Citizens Dance will be held Friday, March 7, from 7:30 to 11 p.m. at the Eagle Lake Community Center with music provided by The Midnight Express. The public is invited for \$5 per person; door prizes will be given.

GUBC youth to hold BBQ

The youth of the Greater Union Baptist Church (GUBC) will hold a BBQ plate sale on Saturday, March 8. Plates will be \$5 each at the GUBC in Matthews. Call-in orders may be placed by calling the church at 234-2581 or call Sisters Cunningham at 234-5913; Edwards, 234-5033; or Allen at 234-3345. All \$5 donations are appreciated.

Easter egg hunt set for March 22

A free Easter Egg Hunt will take place on Saturday, March 22, at 10 a.m. at the Sealy High School football field sponsored by the Sealy Assembly Word & Worship Center. There'll be over 36,000 eggs, 50 bikes, 150 prize baskets and 50 baby chicks, food coupons, clowns, free face painting, puppets, skits and more. The drama, "Whip, Hammer and Cross", with special effects will be presented. For more information, call 409-885-3113.

Cholesterol triglyceride screening scheduled

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

'Life After Loss' support group to meet

The Life After Loss Support Group will meet Tuesday, March 11, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the First Presbyterian Church, 312 Depot, El Campo. A discussion will follow the film "Growing Through Grief: Healing Guilt".

Sealy Assembly to perform "He's Alive"

The Sealy Assembly Drama Team proudly invites all to attend this year's Easter musical production, "He's Alive!", the Easter story told through the eyes of Peter. There will be actual "live" fishing scene, the Ascension of Christ, water fountains, live animals, special effects, beautiful music, cast and crew of over 60! Come join us on March 28, 29 or 30 at 7 p.m. For more information, call 409-885-3113.

Lions Club mop, broom sales today

The Eagle Lake Lions Clubs will hold their annual mop and broom sales Thursday, March 6, in front of the Municipal Building from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. They'll be selling mops, brooms, brushes and many other items, all made by the blind. Plan to come by and help the blind help themselves.

Study Club taking trip to Austin

The Study Club will make a trip to Austin by bus on Wednesday, March 12, and everyone is invited. The group will have a special guided tour of the capitol and visitors center and sit in on a legislative session. You may buy your lunch at the capitol cafeteria or bring a sack lunch. The price of the trip will be \$20 for transportation payable at the Wintermann Library as soon as possible. The bus will leave at 7 a.m.; the tour is at 9 a.m. Hope you will join our spring outing.

Volunteers are needed!

Volunteers between the ages of 18 and 30 interested in becoming mentors are needed. This program's objective is to take young people back from the streets. You must have a positive attitude, high self-esteem, patience, tolerance and be a good listening ear. If you're over 30 and interested, come on down. We could definitely use you. Ministers in the area who are interested may also help. You all will be "Prayer Partners". For more information, call 409-234-7267. (See Newsbriefs, Page 7)

Sheriff's Dept. closes burglary, takes part in drug 'bust'

With help from informants and a call from a citizen, the Colorado County Sheriff's Department (CCSO) closed a case of burglary from Feb. 19 involving guns and ammunition taken from Heinsohn's Store in Frelsburg.

On Wednesday, Feb. 19, the CCSO received a call from Leslie Heinsohn reporting the burglary of his store in Frelsburg.

Upon investigation, it was found that approximately 51 handguns, rifles, shotguns and assorted ammunition were missing.

On Sunday, Feb. 23, Deputy Ron Knighten received a call from the property owner on White Loop reporting they had found a number of guns on their property.

The serial numbers were checked and found to be the weapons taken in the Heinsohn's burglary.

Another call was received from an informant in reference to the guns and suspects. Lt. Ron Holub gathered information from the informant which

lead to the arrest of two suspects.

Suspects were identified as Jeremy Adams, 17 years old, and Cleo Anderson, 20 years of age, both of New Ulm.

Bonds of \$10,000 were set on each suspect by Justice of the Peace Ed Hanzelka from Weimar.

Of the 51 taken, 46 guns were recovered.

On Thursday, Feb. 27, the 25th Judicial District Narcotics Task Force in conjunction with the Colorado County Sheriff's Department, and Eagle Lake and Weimar Police Departments set up an intensified drug interdiction operation.

Four suspects were arrested during the operation.

Arrested and charged with felony possession of marijuana were Mark Edward Morris and Kimberly Morris of Houston.

They were found in possession of 11 pounds of marijuana hidden in a VCR box in their vehicle.

Also arrested and charged with felony possession of cocaine were Frederick Hodges and Veronica Rocha of Yoakum.

They were in possession of 20.2 grams of crack cocaine.

Two vehicles were seized: a 1994 Toyota pickup and a 1986 Mitsubishi pickup.

At 12:31 p.m., on Monday Feb. 24, Deputy Knighten spoke with a com-

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Change in City office hours okayed by Council

By Lynda Appelt, Contributing Writer

During last week's regular meeting of the Eagle Lake City Council, members approved the request of City Secretary Lucille Perry to change the hours that the City office is open to the public to 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Presently, the office is open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The change was requested to allow office employees a half hour each morning to prepare for the day's business and a half hour each afternoon to close out the day in private.

Office employees, whose hours will remain the same, will still answer the phone from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Perry told Council the disadvantage of the new hours will be for the working public, but reminded Council that the office does remain open during the lunch hour and the drop box is available.

The new hours will go into effect April 1.

A resolution authorizing City Manager Ron Holland to sign a deed adding 44 lots in the Highland Park Addition to the Eagle Lake Housing Finance Corporation (HFC) was approved.

In order for the bonds to be sold, the HFC must have ownership of the property on the bonds.

Upon Knox's arrival, all actors were gone and no action was taken.

On March 1, at 2:56 a.m., Officer Risk was dispatched to a report of a vehicle in the ditch at Fairview and Prairie Streets. Upon Risk's arrival, he was unable to locate the vehicle.

On March 2, at 2:25 a.m., Officer Risk was dispatched to a disturbance on East State Street.

There were no signs of physical injury and the parties agreed to go to bed and not continue the argument. No further action was taken.

At 3:02 p.m., Sgt. Knox received a report of loud music on Sempres Street. The area was checked, but no loud music was located.

At 4:05 p.m., Sgt. Knox located a subject known to have outstanding warrants.

Marcos Salas was arrested, proc-

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Crimestoppers dance set for Saturday, March 22

Your presence is requested at the Eagle Lake Crimestoppers St. Patrick's Day Benefit Dance and Auction on Saturday, March 22, at the Eagle Lake Community Center, 100 N. Walnut.

Music will be provided by Colorado from 8:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. with a special treat.

Beer and set-ups will be available.

For tickets, which are \$5 each, contact any Crimestoppers member or the Eagle Lake Police Department.

Anyone wanting to donate an auction item may contact Catherine Berger at the Eagle Lake Police Department, 234-2727; or Lynda Appelt, 234-5878. Thank you for your continued support!



EAGLE LAKE POLICE REPORT

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

On Feb. 25 at 4:37 p.m., Officer Carl Risk was dispatched to a two-vehicle accident at the intersection of East Main Street and Lakeside Drive.

The collision involved a 1971 Chevrolet pickup, driven by Fernando Fuentes Vargas of Eagle Lake, and a 1993 Plymouth Minivan, driven by Carrie Lynn Grigar of East Bernard.

Vargas, traveling north in the southbound lane of Lakeside, failed to yield right of way to Grigar, traveling east in the inside lane of East Main Street, and struck her vehicle.

Eagle Lake EMS and Delgado's Wrecker were also dispatched to the scene.

Vargas was issued citations for failure to maintain financial responsibility (no liability insurance) and failure to yield right of way at a stop sign.

At 9:35 p.m., Officer Risk was dispatched to South Lake Ave. in reference to suspicious persons, but was unable to locate anyone in the area.

On Feb. 26, at 5:33 p.m., Lt. Clem Johnson was advised of a complainant having problems with a juvenile.

Lt. Johnson met with the complainant and the juvenile. The problems were worked out without any further action.

On Feb. 27 at 10:32 p.m., Officers Brian Ochoa and Keith Norman conducted a traffic stop on South Lake which resulted in the arrest of the passenger, Gary Lynn Whitt of Dennison, for parole violation.

After processing at the police department, Whitt was transported to the county jail for confinement.

At 10:40 p.m., Officer Risk received a call about loud music on Fairview Street. The music was located and the owner was issued a citation.

On Feb. 28 at 2:04 a.m., Officer Risk was dispatched to a fight in progress on Mills Street, but the fight was over before Risk's arrival. No action was required.

At 12:38 p.m., Chief Keith Webb was dispatched to Clark Street in reference to suspicious persons. The subjects left the scene before Chief

Webb's arrival and he was unable to locate them.

At 3:22 p.m., Sgt. Jack Knox was advised of an illegal burn on 6th Street.

Upon Sgt. Knox's arrival, he located the subject doing the burning and issued him a citation for violation of city ordinance (illegal burning).

At 4:56 p.m., Sgt. Knox was advised of a gas drive off (theft of service) at 601 E. Main. Upon his arrival, he gathered information and a report was filed accordingly.

At 10:46 p.m., Sgt. Knox was dispatched to West State Street in reference to a suspicious person.

A description of the subject was taken and he will be given a warning for criminal trespass when located.

At 10:47 p.m., Sgt. Knox was dispatched to 601 East Main in reference to a fight in progress.



B&B officially opened with ribbon cutting

The Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce and the City of Eagle Lake officially welcomed B&B Foods to town with a ribbon cutting ceremony last Wednesday, Feb. 26. Joining in the celebration were, from left, Eagle Lake Councilman J.W. Shavers; Bill Harrison Jr., First National Bank of Eagle Lake president and member of Cen-Tex Development; Brenda Besch; Verna Loessin; Eric Cole; Sandy Bendy; Connie Gertson; Lana Dulany; Mary Ann Kaluza; Eagle Lake Mayor David Mann; Eagle Lake City Manager Ron Holland; B&B Manager Mitch Carroll; Sam Thomson; Assistant Manager Jason Henneke; Jerry Neeley; Deana Carroll; and B&B employees Stanley Acuna and Melanie Shepherd.

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