

E.H. Henry Alumni plan reunion

The E.H. Henry Alumni Association has announced a school reunion scheduled for July 11 through 13.

A "sock hop" is set for 8:30 p.m. on Friday, July 11, at the E.H. Henry historical site.

Saturday, July 12, will begin with an assembly at 10 a.m. and a dance that evening at 8:30 p.m. in the Eagle Lake Community Center. Music will be provided by

Don Keesee.

The last day, Sunday, July 13, will be centered around church services at the Mt. Carmel Baptist Church beginning at 11 a.m.

If you would like more information or have any questions, call 234-7461, 234-3803 or 234-5067.

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Make Your

Fourth of July

A Safe Celebration.

Message brought to you by this newspaper and the Texas Highway Patrol Association

Arrests made in drive-by shooting

Arrests have been made in the shooting which occurred Sunday night, June 22, outside of the Jazz Room in Eagle Lake.

Four citizens were injured in the incident with one requiring a brief hospital stay.

On Tuesday, June 24, Eagle Lake Police Chief Keith Webb prepared arrest warrant affidavits for two men and presented them to Justice of the Peace Mary Lou Szymanski.

Judge Szymanski issued felony arrest warrants for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon against two Austin County residents.

Thursday, June 26, the Eagle Lake Police Department, with the assistance of the Sealy Police Department, arrested Sindel Johnson of Sealy and Taurus Downey of San Felipe.

Szymanski set bond at \$50,000 for each.

Two 12 gauge shotguns, believed

to be the weapons used in the shooting, were recovered at two separate locations in Austin County.

No additional arrests are expected in this case.

The Eagle Lake Police Department reported these additional cases and calls for the week ending July 1.

On June 24, at 12:58 p.m., Officer Brian Ochoa was dispatched to Milam Street in reference to loud music. Officer Ochoa located the loud music and occupants turned the music down.

At 4:37 p.m., Sgt. Jack Knox was dispatched to Fourth Street in reference to a disturbance. Sgt. Knox spoke with all parties involved and resolved the matter, and no other action was taken.

On June 25 at 12:40 a.m., Officer Tim Crume was dispatched to a disturbance on East State Street, but learned that no assault had occurred on this date, and no police action was taken.

At 1:28 Officer Crume was dispatched to a fight at the same location, but again found no fight, and no police action required.

At 3:24 a.m., Officer Tim Crume received a call of a prowler on North McCarty. The area was searched, but no one was located.

At 5:08 a.m., Officer Crume was dispatched to East State Street in reference to a stolen vehicle. Upon contacting the complainant, it was learned the vehicle was not stolen but a family violence assault had occurred, and the case is under investigation.

At 8:40 a.m., Officer Ochoa was dispatched to Hanly Street in reference to a theft. After meeting with the complainant and taking statements, investigation led to the recovery of the stolen property, and complainant declined to press charges on the subject.

At 9:29 p.m., Sgt. Knox was dispatched to a fight at the same location, but again found no fight, and no police action required.

NEWSBRIEFS

Businesses closed for July 4th holiday

The following businesses have notified this office that they will be closed July 4th: The First National Bank, Wallis State Bank, Post Office, Sportsman's Restaurant, Eagle Lake Headlight, Wintermann Library and City Hall. There will be no garbage pickup on Friday. Lake Motors will also be closed Friday and Saturday.

First Baptist Church to host VBS

The First Baptist Church of Eagle Lake, 527 N. Lake, will host a Vacation Bible School (VBS) July 14-18 from 1 to 4 p.m. for children ages three years to sixth grade. For more information, call the church at 234-2571.

Greater Mt. Olive Church sets homecoming

The Greater Mt. Olive Baptist Church will celebrate their 111th Homecoming and Anniversary Sunday, July 13, at 2:30 p.m. with Rev. Kiser, Pastor. Guest speaker will be L.R. Spears. The public and all former members are invited to attend.

Coaches' game to be played July 11

All Little League coaches who helped and/or coached during the season are invited to participate in the Coaches' Game at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, July 11, at the Little League field.

Cholesterol/triglyceride screening

A cholesterol/triglyceride screening will be held Wednesday, July 9, 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.

Quilting workshop is the 14th

County Extension Agent Marty Graves has arranged with quilting instructor Jo Knox to have a quilting workshop on three consecutive Mondays from 7 to 9 p.m. beginning July 14. To register for the quilting classes or to receive more information, call the Extension Office at 409-732-2530. The class is limited 20 participants. To provide reasonable accommodations for all persons with disabilities you need to contact Graves as soon as possible to advise us of the auxiliary aid or service that you will need.

CGCMC offers sleeping disorder program

Difficulty sleeping? Sleeping habits changing? Join Senior Friends along with Diane Otto, one of Columbia Gulf Coast Medical Center's Sleep Disorder Lab Techs, for an informative program. We will also tour the sleep disorder lab. Come with all your questions about this community service offered at CGCMC July 9, at 2 p.m. in the CGCMC classrooms. RSVP to Sherri at 409-282-6808.

Chamber's Broiler Burger Lunch is July 13

The Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce will hold its Broiler Burger Lunch at the Eagle Lake Golf Course Sunday, July 13, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. You may eat in the picnic area or plates to go will be available for \$5 per person. Tickets can be purchased at IGA Foods, Blue Plate Cafe, from chamber directors and at the chamber office at 408 East Main or call 234-2780 for more information.

Softball tournament to be in Gonzales

The Andy Rice Softball Tournament will be held July 4, 5 and 6 in Gonzales. Men's and women's teams are urged to sign up. For more information, contact Jerry Bonewald at 512-798-5396 or Terrell Herring, 798-5251.

CGCMC to celebrate 4th of July

Senior Friends will be celebrating the 4th of July one day early! Join us for ice cream, door prizes and fellowship on Thursday, July 3, at 1:30 p.m. in the classrooms of Columbia Gulf Coast Medical Center (CGCMC). Please RSVP to Sherri by calling 409-282-6808.

55 and over fitness classes being offered

Rice Medical Center is providing free 55 and over fitness classes on Tuesday and Thursday mornings, 9 to 9:45 a.m. Anyone interested in joining or, if you would like more information about the classes, call 409-234-5571.

All Stancik descendants... attention!

The 30th Stancik Reunion will be held Sunday, July 13, at St. Roch's Catholic Church Hall in Mentz. The fun starts at 10 a.m. and will include a basket lunch, lots of visiting and maybe even a few surprises. If you need more information, please call Melvin or Joyce Stancik at 409-234-3449. Mark your calendars. We're looking forward to a GREAT day!!

Cheerleaders holding fund raiser

The Eagle Lake Middle School cheerleaders are holding a barbecue lunch fund raiser on Sunday, July 27, to offset the expense of a camp they plan to attend. Tickets are \$5 each for a famous Austin's BBQ barbecue beef plate with trimmings. The plates, to go only, will be served at Austin's, 507 E. Main in Eagle Lake. If one of the girls has not contacted you, tickets are available at The Headlight office, 220 E. Main; or call Jeanne Young, sponsor, at 234-3393.

County okays funds for new Eagle Lake ambulance

Colorado County Commissioners voted Monday to accept provisions to two grants, totaling \$46,000, to benefit the County's Emergency Medical Services.

A grant valued at \$40,000 from the Gulf Coast Medical Foundation will provide a majority of the funds needed to purchase a new ambulance to replace the 1986 Eagle Lake unit.

According to Marc Jordan, EMS director, the ambulance, along with the necessary radio equipment, will cost \$56,350.75, leaving the County with a \$16,350.75 match.

The other grant, totaling \$6,000 through the Lower Colorado River Authority's Community Development Partnership Program (CDPP), will be used to upgrade EMS communication equipment.

Jordan said his department plans to purchase 30 pagers and four handheld radios at a total cost of \$12,201.20, leaving the County with a \$6,201.20 match.

"We need the communication equipment desperately. Most of our pagers are 16, 17 years old," said Jordan. "They are proving to be unreliable. We have a definite need for them."

"We have about \$7,000 in our budget that we can apply to the match," said Jordan. "We have some funds (\$4,000) available from our fund-raiser and also have some money (\$3,000) in our equipment budget."

The Court instructed Jordan to use those funds to match the LCRA grant with the County voting to amend its budget to cover the additional monies needed for the ambulance.

The Court, however, emphasized that any money raised from the sale of any of the old ambulances would be returned to the County's General Fund.

The EMS recently took delivery on a new ambulance for its Weimar unit with the majority of the funds being provided by the Johnson Foundation. Jordan told the Court that his department had raised approximately \$107,000 through grants and fund-raisers since the first of the year.

He said he planned to start pursuing another grant to replace the other 1986 unit in Columbus.

"When that unit is replaced, we should be set for several years," said Jordan.

"I think that it is important to upgrade and prepare for the future. We need to do it right the first time," said County Judge Vince Slominski. "One of the goals that we set when we hired you (Jordan) was for you to save taxpayers' money and you've done that."

The Court also acted on County Clerk Darlene Hayek's recommendation to consolidate some election boxes for the Aug. 9 special election to consider a constitutional amendment providing school property tax relief by increasing the residence homestead exemption by \$10,000, and transfer of the tax limitations to another qualified homestead for people over 65 and reduction in taxes subject to the limitation.

"This will be a rather expensive election for one proposition. By combining the election boxes, we will be

able to save some money," said Hayek.

Plans call for the County to combine Precincts 1 and 2 at Veterans Memorial Center in Columbus; 3 and 17, Eagle Lake; 4 and 5, Garwood; 6 and 7, Rock Island; 8 and 9, Weimar; 10, 11 and 12, Buescher; 14 and 15, Bernardo; and 16 and 18, Colorado County Agriculture Building, Columbus.

Grant-funded officers making a difference...

Police focusing on ordinance enforcement

By Lynda Appelt, Contributing Writer

The ordinance pertaining to junk vehicles in the City of Eagle Lake is being enforced in a stricter manner, according to Eagle Lake Police Chief Keith Webb.

He reported to Eagle Lake City Council at its June 24 meeting that the addition of two officers to the City's police department (a result of a COPS Grant) makes it possible to schedule a patrol officer during the daytime shift.

"This scheduling allows us to tackle City ordinances that we have not been able to address in the past," Webb said.

He informed Council that his department is focusing on junk vehicles and issuing tickets daily.

According to Webb, the department is being more lenient than it has to be, according to the guidelines set down by the ordinance.

"My officers are working with those who are making an honest effort to get something done with junk vehicles parked on their property and in the streets," he stated.

Warnings are issued first, according to Webb.

Webb told Council that individuals must pay the taxes and register the car. "Following that, if the owner

indicates they're doing something to ward renovation, we'll be reasonable" said Webb.

"Those who refuse will be issued a ticket every day until the problem is taken care of."

For those citizens who have no way to rid their property of the "eyesore", Delgado's Wrecker Service and Daley's Salvage of Columbus have volunteered to haul the vehicles away.

Albert Delgado will tow away for the title to the vehicle while Daley will purchase the vehicle.

Webb also reported that Officer Tim Crume has completed animal control school and will begin duties immediately.

He will work as "dog catcher" during off-duty hours.

According to Council and Webb, the dog ordinance will also become a target for strict enforcement.

Having an officer in the position will allow citations to be issued.

Council approved a contract with O'Malley Engineers to design and oversee the construction of utility lines to serve the new duplexes on Airline Drive.

A discussion concerning the need

\$50,619.76 for a new dump truck for Pct. 1 to Hoffer Truck Co. of Hallettsville;

•Renewed its contract with UTMB for health care at a cost of approximately \$60,000 to the County with the Rice Hospital District providing some \$1,575 per month;

•Approved Plat Nos. 4 and 5 of the (See County, Page 8)

for an ordinance requiring the elevation of the first floor of all new structures was conducted. City Manager Ron Holland expressed concern about recent structure flooding in the City.

Any structure in a designated flood plane is regulated by the ordinance.

"It's the new structures in the community that we are concerned about. We need to develop some kind of mechanism to ensure that new construction outside the flood plane is done safely with no danger of flooding after it's built," said Holland.

"It's our job to protect our citizens without too much expense to them."

Holland reported he has been unable to find a City that has such an ordinance.

"What I'm hearing you say is we need a lot more opinions from a lot more folks with a lot more expertise before we draft an ordinance on the first floor elevation," stated Mayor David Mann.

Council instructed Holland to continue the search to see how other municipalities handle elevation of new structures within a flood plane then spent time viewing a flood plane and elevation map.



Eagle Lake Specialty Clinic cuts ribbon

At 10 a.m. on May 27, the Specialty Clinic, located at Eagle Lake Medical Clinic owned by Rice Medical Center (RMC), held an official ribbon cutting. The clinic has been remodeled for use by the specialists who come to Eagle Lake, making it more convenient for area patients.

Pictured above, in back, from left, are Brenda Besch; Eagle Lake Mayor David Mann; Chief of Staff Dr. R. Kumar; Dick Weatherly, CNA; Mark Anderson; Jerry Johnson, State Leg. Representative; David Keith, RMC Administrator; and Connie Gertson. In front are Don Bendy; Toni Jackson, RHC and Spec. Director; and Jan Hargraves, FNP.

Photo Courtesy of Eagle Lake Medical Clinic