

Benefit for Villarreal is Saturday

A benefit barbecue for Jonathan Villarreal will be held Saturday, Oct. 4, starting at noon at the El Zarape Bar in Eagle Lake.

Plates will sell for \$5 each and consist barbecue chicken, rice, beans, bread and a juicy jalapeno. Your support would be greatly appreciated! There will also be door prizes and music.

The benefit is sponsored by friends and relatives who will use the proceeds to help defray Jonathan's hospital expenses.

As of Tuesday morning, Jonathan's aunt, Bertha Montemayor, told the *Headlight* that he is progressing slowly, but steadily.

Our prayers are with him and his family.

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NEWSBRIEFS

Give the gift of life today!

The Eagle Lake Ministerial Alliance is sponsoring a semi-annual blood drive of the Gulf Coast Regional Blood Bank in conjunction with the Rice Medical Center Health Fair. The Health Fair/Blood Drive is slated for Thursday, Oct. 2, at the Eagle Lake Community Center from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. While you are getting your free testing, share the gift of life, your own blood, for use in Southeast Texas. The need is critical, especially for Type O+. In conjunction with the Health Fair/Blood Drive, the Eagle Lake Volunteer Fire Department and EMS Unit 803 will feature an extraction demonstration using the jaws of life beginning at 5 p.m. at the Community Center.

ELPS book fair is Oct. 6-13

Don't miss the Eagle Lake Primary School Scholastic Book Fair being held daily from 9 to 11 a.m. and 1 to 4 p.m. Oct. 6-13. This reading event features the newest titles from over 100 publishers and presents students, parents and teachers a golden opportunity to see the latest works by popular authors and illustrators of books for young readers. Admission is free. For more information, call 234-3587.

'Small Town Christmas' planning begins Oct. 5

The Sheridan Lions Club, under the direction of Lion Committee member Zelda Walker, would like to invite anyone interested singing in a choir or helping plan a Christmas program to attend a planning meeting at the First Baptist Church in Sheridan on Sunday, Oct. 5, at 4 p.m. If a representative from each church and organization could please attend, it would be greatly appreciated. The Sheridan Lions would like to have the whole community involved, from the children to the adults. The event is to take place east of the fire hall in Logan Park, but a date has not been set. Please make every effort to attend.

Deadline to submit recipes is coming

The deadline for submission of your favorite recipes for the Eagle Lake Rotary Club Historical Cookbook is Oct. 6. The Rotary Club wants recipes from everyone in the community. Please contact Lesley Matthews at 234-5713 for information on how to submit your recipe.

E.H. Henry board meeting tonight

The E.H. Henry Historical Corporation regular board meeting is set for tonight, Thursday, Oct. 2, at 7:30 p.m. at the E.H. Henry site.

Booster Club meeting Oct. 8

The Rice Raider Booster Club will meet Wednesday, Oct. 8, at 7 p.m. at the PAC Center. All members and anyone interest is welcome.

Fish fry, pie auction is Sunday

The Eagle Lake Sunday School Alliance will host a fish fry and pie auction Sunday, Oct. 5, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the United Methodist Church. You may eat inside or take plates to go. The pie auction will begin at 12:30 p.m. Tickets for the meal are \$6.

100th anniversary at St. Mary's is Oct. 5

The 100th anniversary of St. Mary's Church in Nada will be celebrated Sunday, Oct. 5, at 9:30 a.m. with mass being led by Bishop David Fellhauer. Bishop Bernard Popp will speak at the covered dish lunch at 11 a.m. at the Nada Community Center. Everyone is invited to join in the celebration.

Study Club Auction, VFD Stew Supper is Oct. 25

Mark your calendars for Saturday, Oct. 25, for the Annual Study Club Auction and Firemen's Stew Supper to be held at the Eagle Lake Community Center. If you have an item to donate to the auction, call Fair Wells at 234-3105.

Defensive driving course is Oct. 8, 9

A six-hour defensive driving course has been scheduled for Oct. 8 and 9 at the Wintermann Library in Eagle Lake from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. To pre-register for the course call 409-234-5411. If unable to pre-register arrive to the class a few minutes early.

Attention retired teachers!

Retired Teachers of Colorado County will have their first fall meeting Monday, Oct. 6, at Schobels' in Columbus at 12 noon. Please come all retired teachers; we will be looking for you!

Columbus German festival is Oct. 11

The First Annual Columbus German festival will take place Oct. 11 in the 1000 block of Milam. There will be a sausage making championship, strudel and sauerkraut contest, beer garden, rides and games for children, sausage tasting and local entertainment. Ompah music will be provided by Jason Keepers and "Simply German". A street dance that night will feature the music of the "Emotions".

Student Council bake sale is Friday

Friday, Oct. 3, the Eagle Lake Middle School (ELMS) Student Council will sponsor a bake sale as a community project at B&B Food, First National Bank, Eagle Lake Drugstore and Dollar General. Donations of baked goods and/or volunteer time is being requested from the parents and community. Baked goods need to be delivered to ELMS Thursday afternoon, Oct. 2, early Friday to one of the sale sites. All funds raised will be donated to a community project.

Study Club meeting is Oct. 8

Please mark your calendars for Wednesday, Oct. 8. The Study Club will meet at the Eula and David Wintermann Library at 2 p.m. Mr. Bill Harrison Sr. is to give the program, "Early Eagle Lake". Don't forget the auction and stew supper is Oct. 25.

Methodist Church celebrates anniversary

The Eagle Lake United Methodist Church will celebrate their 125 year anniversary Oct. 11 and 12. A weekend of events is being planned. (See story and invitation in this issue of the *Headlight*).

Senior Citizen's dance is Friday

A Senior Citizens dance will be held Friday, Oct. 3, at the Eagle Lake Community Center from 8 to 11:30 p.m. with music by The Country Playboys. Admission is \$5 per person; door prizes will be given. The public is invited.

Duplex information available

You have all seen and/or heard of the new duplexes nearing completion in Eagle Lake. If you need more information or would like to reserve a duplex, call 409-234-7892.

RMC offers yoga classes

Rice Medical Center is offering yoga classes. Anyone interested may call 409-234-5571, ext. 5216. (See Newsbriefs, Page 10)

City Council to adopt tax rate at Oct. 14th meeting

By Lynda Appelt, Contributing Writer

Eagle Lake City Council conducted a public hearing on the proposed tax rate of 65.114¢ per \$100 valuation at its Sept. 23 meeting.

There was no public comment and, as Willie Dancy said, "We must be in agreement."

City Manager Ron Holland called a second public hearing on the tax rate for 7 p.m. tonight in order to be in compliance with the law.

Holland explained that there is an extra week between the last Sept. meeting and first Oct. meeting which he overlooked in setting the calendar of the tax rate vote.

Law requires that the vote be taken within 14 days of the public hearing. The vote will be taken at the Oct. 14 meeting.

"We want to give the public every opportunity to speak on taxes," said Holland.

Council adopts the City's budget in March so a tax rate is set at that time without figures from the Colorado County Central Appraisal District (CAD) and the City must then decide on a final tax rate.

Since the City removed motor vehicles from its roll, lowering the tax base, 65.114¢ is the rate necessary to meet the budget adopted last March, according to Holland.

The \$4,541,411 budget was on a projected tax rate of 60.876¢ per \$100 valuation. The 1996-97 tax rate was 53¢ per \$100.

Much of the \$4.5 million budget is flow-through grant money.

Council conducted a lengthy discussion on a drainage problem in Melvin Gordon's driveway.

Engineer Craig Kankel has recommended a drain into the storm sewer to (See Council, Page 6)



Go Texan Horseshoe Pitching Champs

Zac Perry and Rusty Moore of Altair took home the championship in the recent Go Texan horseshoe pitching contest. (See Pages 3 & 7 for additional photos.)
Headlight Photo by Lynda Appelt

EAGLE LAKE POLICE REPORT

The Eagle Lake Police Department reported the following cases and calls for the week ending Sept. 29.

On Sept. 23, Sgt. Jack Knox was called to West State Street in reference to a runaway. After contacting the

complainant, Knox found the call was a civil matter. No other action was taken.

On Sept. 24, at 3:50 p.m., Sgt. Knox was dispatched to a loud music

complaint on Gonzales Street. Sgt. Knox located the loud music and issued the subject a citation for violation of the noise ordinance.

At 8:39 p.m., Sgt. Knox was dis-

patched to W. State Street in reference to a gunshot wound. EMS was also dispatched and transported the subject to Rice Medical Center, where he was later pronounced dead by Dr. Thomas.

On Sept. 25, at 1:41 a.m., Officer Tim Crume was dispatched to Allen Street in reference to a theft. A report was taken and the case is under investigation.

At 3:19 p.m., Officer Crume was dispatched to the Middle School in reference to an accident involving a school bus driven by Beverly Houser of Hallettsville, a driver for Rice CISD, and a Pontiac driven by Irene Solis Cordova of Eagle Lake.

The bus had been traveling south in the 700 block of Center when Cordova pulled her vehicle out from the right, colliding with the bus. No injuries were sustained in the accident.

At 8:36 p.m., Officers Bill Lattimore and Crume were dispatched to the 600 block of E. Main in reference to an assault. The officers contacted the victim and a report was taken.

On Sept. 26 at 8:08 p.m., Officers Lattimore and Crume and Reserve Officer Tobin Thomas responded to a 911 hangup at a payphone on E. Main Street. Upon arrival, they located a small child playing with the phone.

The child was instructed on the proper use of 911 and sent back to its parents next door.

At 10 a.m., Lt. Clem Johnson was dispatched on a report of a reckless driver coming into the city from 102 North. Johnson located the vehicle, but released the subject as he did not appear to be intoxicated or under the influence. No other action was taken.

At 11 a.m., Lt. Johnson met a complainant at the police department in reference to trespassing. Lt. Johnson instructed the complainant in the steps necessary to prevent trespassing.

At 10:47 p.m., Officers Lattimore and Crume and Reserve Officer Thomas responded to an assault with weapons call. Statements were taken and the investigation completed. No one involved desired to press charges and (See Police, Page 8)

Parish of Nativity Jamaica is Oct. 19

The Parish of the Nativity will hold its Jamaica on Sunday, Oct. 19, at Our Lady of Guadalupe grounds on the corner of Guadalupe and Murphy Streets.

A barbecue chicken dinner with potato salad, pinto beans and cole slaw will be served from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. for \$5 a plate. Curb service will cost \$5.50 per plate.

There will be amusements, games, a country store with grab bags, plant and cake walks, food booths, kiddie rides and soccer and volleyball tournaments as well as an auction starting at 1:30 p.m.

Stay for an evening of live music and dancing with TEMA. A drawing will be held during intermission for a \$1,000 gift certificate. For more information, call 409-234-2842.

Sheriff's Report

The Colorado County Sheriff's Department reported the following cases handled the past two weeks.

Sunday, Sept. 14, at 3 p.m., Deputy David Furrh responded to a call concerning a theft on County Road 215. The complainant reported a television had been taken from the residence.

Monday, Sept. 15, at 7:56 a.m., Deputy Doug Peterson responded to a call concerning a theft in Sheridan. The complainant reported two bags of ice from an ice machine had been taken.

Tuesday, Sept. 16, at 1:30 p.m., Sgt. Richard Lacourse responded to a call concerning the burglary of a habitation on FM 2614. The complainant reported two rifles and one shotgun were taken.

At 11:20 p.m., Deputy Troy Neisner responded to a call concerning a dog bite in Sheridan. The victim re-

portedly had been bitten by a neighbor's dog.

Wednesday, Sept. 17, at 10:35 a.m., Sgt. Lacourse responded to a call concerning a vehicle abandoned on at the west-bound rest area on I-10. The vehicle was discovered to have been stolen out of Conroe. Conroe Police Department was contacted and the vehicle was stored for safe keeping.

At 1:45 p.m., Deputy Ron Knighten responded to a call concerning a theft in Glidden. The complainant reported a book of checks had been taken from the residence.

Thursday, Sept. 18, at 8:45 a.m. Deputy Peterson responded to a call concerning the burglary of a building. The complainant reported a guitar and amplifier had been stolen. The property has been recovered and there is a suspect at this time.

At 11:15 p.m., Deputy Mike Sch- (See Sheriff, Page 6)

Mazel, Mascheck head up team at Lake Motors'

With four years of sales experience under his belt and a life-long love affair with cars as his driving force, Pat Mascheck assumed the duties of General Sales Manager at Lake Motors recently.

Pat will head up and oversee every aspect of the sales process; handling new and used car sales with the public, marketing aftermarket accessories, retail financing and inventory control.

"Pat has shown a tremendous ability to handle the hard stuff, and I am delighted to turn over the sales reins to Pat's capable hands," said Tom Reed, owner. "It's already quite obvious to many people in Eagle Lake that few salesmen deal with the public with the courtesy, trustworthiness and friendliness that Pat brings to his profession. What is not so obvious is the work he

performs behind the scenes. Pat is truly an asset, not only to Lake Motors, but also to our community."

At the same time, Smoot Mazel was promoted to the position of dealership General Manager. She has been with Lake Motors since April 1996.

Smoot brings to her new managerial role 15 years of wide-ranging experience in the car business, having retail experience with Lincoln-Mercury in Rosenberg and Houston and more recently selling Buick and Chevrolet with Brasher Motor Company of Weimar.

Smoot has experience in the oil field services industry and has owned her own custom catering business.

"Smoot brings a real depth of talent and experience to our management (See Promotions, Page 10)



Gen. Sales Manager Pat Mascheck



General Manager Smoot Mazel