

American Legion to hold flag disposal ceremony

Eagle Lake's American Legion Post 108 will hold its annual flag disposal ceremony Tuesday, Sept. 15. The event will be held on the slab of the former White House Hotel on E. Main Street beginning at 7 p.m.

The public, especially the youth of the community, are invited and urged to attend. Commander Fred Frnka asks members to meet at

6:30 p.m. on the side porch of the Farris Antique building for a short business meeting. Legionnaires are asked to wear their caps for the ceremony.

Anyone who has a United States flag(s) which is faded, torn or tattered is asked to leave the flag or flags at Struss Auto Supply or bring them to the ceremony Sept. 15.

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NEWSBRIEFS

1998 County Fair Catalogues are available

The 1998 Colorado County Fair Catalogues with rules and regulations for the Livestock, Home Economics, Fine Arts and Special Events are now available along with entry forms for many of the events at the following locations: County Extension Office and Potter's Western Store in Columbus; First National Bank, Eagle Lake; Weimar City Hall; Heinsohn's Store, Frelsburg; Bernardo Farm & Ranch Supply; Sandy Creek Drive-In, Sheridan; Nada Grocery; Larry's Super Service, Garwood; and Schulz General Store, New Ulm.

County Go Texan competition this weekend

The Colorado County Go Texan Committee will host its horseshoe, washer pitching and barbecue competitions Aug. 29-30 at Beason's Crossing Park in Columbus (washers, 12:30 p.m. Sunday; horseshoes, 1 p.m. Sunday). Winners will represent Colorado County at the 1999 Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo.

The Go Texan Queen contest will be held Sunday, Sept. 6, at the Nesbitt Library. Photography and Quilt competition will be held at the Colorado County Fair, Sept. 10-13. Call 234-5347 for more Go Texan information.

Summer family conference set for Aug. 28, 29

It's summer family conference 1998 this Friday, Aug. 28, at 7 p.m. and Saturday, Aug. 29, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and you're invited. Mt. Moriah Baptist Church in Alleton is sponsoring the conference which is for married couples, single parents and even grandparents raising grandchildren. Come and prepare to get blessed...let's make our families stronger. Registration is adults, \$5; and children, 12 to 18, \$3. For more information, call Pastor Larry Davies at 409-733-0055.

E.H. Henry Alumni meeting tonight

A special called meeting of the E.H. Henry Alumni will be held Thursday, Aug. 27, at 7:30 p.m. at the E.H. Henry site. All members are urged to attend.

Free adult GED, ESL classes offered

Free adult education GED classes will be held Monday and Wednesday evenings at Eagle Lake Middle School from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Ronny Jones will be the instructor. Call 234-3501 for more information.

English as a Second language (ESL) classes will be held at Andrew Hall in Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church Monday and Wednesday evenings from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Mrs. Rose Hernandez is the instructor. Call 234-3501.

My Friend's House to hold open house

My Friend's House will hold an open house Thursday, Sept. 3, from 7 to 8 p.m. Pre-school will begin Tuesday, Sept. 8. Pre-school this year will be from 8 to 11:30 a.m. Come by and visit with the teachers/staff of MFH. Visit their classrooms and ask about their pre-school curriculum.

Scrimmage in Boling changed

The Rice Raiders' scrimmage against Boling has been changed to tonight, Thursday, Aug. 27, and will include a third team. Joining Rice and Boling will be Palacios. Start time for the JV is 5 p.m. with the varsity playing at 6:30.

Defensive driving course offered Sept. 8, 9

A state approved defensive driving course has been scheduled by retired DPS Sgt. Gilbert Kiel at the Wintermann Library in Eagle Lake from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. To pre-register for the class, call 409-234-5411 or just show up a few minutes before the first class starts.

'Trick or Treat' night set at Outlet Center

The Sealy Outlet Center will be hosting "Trick or Treat on Our Streets!" Saturday, Oct. 31, complete with a Haunted House, free candy to kids 12 years and under, and a Halloween costume contest! If your organization would like to have a fund raising booth, or if you would like more information about this community event, please call Judi Burttschell at 409-885-1231. This event is supported by the Sealy Police Department.

Reception for new county agent set for Sept. 2

The Colorado County Extension staff cordially invites the residents of Colorado County to a reception for Amy Erwin, the new Family and Consumer Science Agent for the County, to be held Wednesday, Sept. 2, at the County Ag Building in Columbus between 4-6 p.m. She will begin working Sept. 1.

4-H, FFA livestock forms, fees due

Any 4-H or FFA member who have tagged in an animal for the market division of the Colorado County Fair are reminded that the entry form and fee are due no later than Friday, Aug. 28. Forms and fees may be mailed to or turned in at the Colorado County Extension Office, 316 Spring St. in Columbus.

Exhibitors planning to show in the Colorado County Fair Junior Open Breeding Rabbit Show, Junior Beef Heifer Show or Junior Open Dairy Show must all have their entry forms in on or before Aug. 28. Forms are available at the County Extension Office.

CCA meeting tonight

Combined Community Action Inc. (CCA) will hold its Board of Directors meeting Thursday, Aug. 27, at 7 p.m. at the CCA Nutrition Center, 275 Ellinger Road in La Grange. The public is invited to attend the meeting.

Singles dance set for this Friday

The Fort Bend Singles Club will sponsor a public dance on Friday, Aug. 28, at 8 p.m. at the Needville KCHall. Music will be provided by Ray Krenek. Door prizes will be given. Admission is \$5. The public is welcome.

Plant Society to meet Sept. 3

The Columbus Chapter of the Native Plant Society (NPSOT) will meet Thursday, Sept. 3, at 6 p.m., at the Winedale Historical Center near Round Top. Bob Pickens will conduct a walk about of the remnant native prairie on the lake side of the property. Members and guests are asked to meet at the open air pavilion near the lake. For more information or directions, please contact Pickens at 409-732-5058.

Community buyers need your help

It's almost fair time again. Anyone wishing to donate to the Eagle Lake Community Buyers may call Barbara Roan at 234-7432.

Grandparent's Day luncheon set for Sept. 9

Senior Friends will celebrate Grandparent's Day with a covered dish luncheon Wednesday, Sept. 9, in the classroom of Gulf Coast Medical Center beginning at noon. They will also hear a program on long-term care. Please RSVP for this popular event by calling Sherri Ziegenhals at 409-282-6808.

Study Club Auction, VFD Stew Supper are Oct. 24

This year's Study Club Auction to benefit the Eula and David Wintermann Library will be held Saturday, Oct. 24, at the Eagle Lake Community Center. (See Newsbriefs, Page 3)

Weather contributes to cricket population

By Edith A. Chenault, Ag News

They cling to outdoor walls like bad graffiti. They keep you awake with the incessant chirruping. And when they die, they leave an offensive smell. They're crickets, and the unrelenting hot and dry weather has brought hordes of them to Central, East and North Texas.

"They're great for fish bait and food for birds, but that's about it," said Dr. Cliff Hoelscher, entomologist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

Female crickets can lay from 150 to 400 eggs at a time. The eggs are laid in the soil, with as many as three generations a year in southern areas.

The massive population descending on Texas now is the second generation. The drought has enabled hatching nymphs to survive normally-lethal fungus and bacteria that accompany rainfall.

Crickets can damage ornamental and garden plants.

Inside homes and other buildings, they not only keep you awake with the lovesick chirruping, but can feed on fabric, especially clothing stained with perspiration or food.

Hoelscher suggests cleaning yard and garden areas to reduce cricket feeding and breeding sites.

This includes destroying weeds and dense vegetation around homes and other buildings and removing piles of bricks, stone, wood and other debris where crickets may hide. Trash dumps also should be cleaned.

Turning off outside lights at night also helps keep crickets away from buildings, and making sure all screens and doors fit tightly will help keep the pests out of the home.

Sevin is the safest, cheapest and best insecticide to use on crickets if they become a nuisance, Hoelscher said. A border of the insecticide, 20 feet wide, may be applied around the home, next to the foundation and around doorways.

Label directions should be followed carefully, he added.



What's next... locust?

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Last chance for soccer is Saturday

Final registration for participating in the Eagle Lake Soccer Club (ELSC) is this Saturday, Aug. 29, at the Eagle Lake Dairy Delite, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

According to Board President Richard Saucedo, over 50 kids have signed up to play. "Fifty kids playing our first year is a huge success," said Saucedo.

With one more registration, ELSC expects to have 70 or more children playing soccer.

Board Member Greg Fernald, who has coached and played soccer for over 15 years, is coordinating coach and referee training.

Ten adults have signed up to coach, assist with coaching and referee. With an expected total of 10 teams, ELSC will need at least five more adults.

According to Board Member Carl Risk, the soccer schedule will be available to parents Tuesday, Sept. 1. Team practices will begin that week and regular scheduled games will begin Sept. 12.

"Everyone is very excited about soccer! Our goal is to make this first year a great experience for the kids and parents," said Risk.

Soccer is a great developmental

sport for all kids," said Board Member David Keith.

Most athletic trainers and physicians will tell you soccer provides young children overall fitness including endurance and coordination.

Soccer is great in preparing young children for future sports such as baseball, basketball and football.

ELSC has already attracted the attention of other local soccer clubs. Hallettsville, El Campo and Sheridan have expressed a desire to play ELSC in the near future.

According to the South Texas Youth Soccer Association, ELSC is doing everything right and well on its way to becoming a great club.

EAGLE LAKE POLICE REPORT

The Eagle Lake Police Department reported the following calls and cases for the week ending Aug. 24.

On Aug. 18, at 8:08 a.m., Officer Brian Ochoa was dispatched to the 1600 block of E. Main Street in reference to criminal mischief. Investigation revealed that the damage had been caused by an employee and no police action was taken.

Officer Ochoa met with a complainant on E. State Street at 10:25 a.m. and took a report of a theft or lost article.

Sgt. Jack Knox received a report of a reckless driver on N. Lake Avenue at 6:54 p.m., but was unable to locate the vehicle.

At 7:50 p.m., Officer Carl Risk met with a complainant at the police department in reference to an assault.

Investigation revealed that the assault took place in the County. The case was turned over to the sheriff's office.

Officer Risk conducted a traffic stop in the 200 block of Boothe Drive at 9:14 p.m. which resulted in the driver, Willie Parker, being arrested for driving while license suspended.

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

On Aug. 19 at 5:05 a.m., Officer Risk responded to an alarm activated in the 160 block of E. Main Street. The building was found to be secure.

At 8:23 a.m., Officer Crume assisted an Austin County Deputy in the arrest of Susanne Reynolds on an outstanding warrant.

Reynolds was transported to Austin County by the Austin County Deputy.

Officers Steve Nelson and Crume arrested David Salinas on a probation warrant at 4:03 p.m.

After processing, Salinas was transported to the county jail for confinement.

At 7:50 p.m., Officer Nelson met with a complainant on 6th Street in reference to criminal trespass. The subject was located and cited for criminal trespassing.

At 10:37 p.m., Sgt. Bill Lattimore met with complainants about a robbery that had just taken place at a business in the 100 block of Boothe Drive.

Information was gathered and a report was filed. The investigation continues at this time.

On Aug. 20 at 12:49 a.m., Officer Nelson met with a complainant on D Street in reference to vandalism to an automobile. The matter was later

cleared and no police action was taken.

Officer Crume was dispatched to S. Austin Road in reference to a theft at 9:48 a.m. After gathering information, a report was filed.

At 5:10 p.m., Officer Nelson was advised by the Federal Aviation Administration to check the welfare of a pilot at the airport.

The pilot and plane were located and found to be okay. He was waiting out the bad weather before continuing on his flight to Panama.

On Aug. 21 at 2:39 a.m., Officer Nelson and Sgt. Lattimore received a call of a suspicious vehicle in the downtown area, but were unable to locate the vehicle.

(See Police, Page 10)

ICE House work day is this Saturday, Aug. 29

The ICE House is due for a facelift. Saturday, Aug. 29, will be the day the renovations begin, starting at 8 a.m.

Volunteers will descend on the near-century old building, not to tear it down, but to build it up.

The renovation is being supervised by the Ice House organization, the new non-profit youth group.

This project requires the support of the entire community. High school age citizens are especially encouraged to come and be part of the fix-up work, to watch "their" youth center take shape and to give opinions about the activities that should be conducted at the center.

There's a lot of work to be done in a short period of time!

Planned opening for after school activities is early Oct., provided the indoor renovations are completed to a stage which will insure safety.

Many people have volunteered a lot of time and energy to get this far. Mary Rodriguez was omitted from the list of volunteers in the last article. Mary has been in on this effort from the beginning.

A sincere apology is offered for this omission.

Many hands are needed! Come join in this work for a most worthy cause.

County adopts lower tax

The Colorado County Commissioners' Court adopted a 41.143¢ tax rate, down slightly from 42¢ the previous year, during its Monday morning meeting.

The 1998 tax rate will help fund the County's 1999 budget which also was adopted. It totals \$6,952,728 and is nearly \$500,000 higher than the previous year.

Both votes followed a public hearing on the budget in which only two citizens spoke.

With the lower tax rate, the County will still generate about the same amount of revenue as it did in 1997.

The new rate will be split with 29.222¢ backing maintenance and operation and the balance, 11.921¢, earmarked for County additional.

The maintenance and operation fund was broken down another step. It shows 21.436¢ for the general fund, 3.917¢ for road and bridge special fund, and 3.869¢ for interest and sinking fund.

The general fund shows an increase of \$15,480 from the lower tax rate, as well as a portion of the \$243,498 allotted to Colorado County in the tobacco litigation settlement.

The County will share that allotment with Rice Hospital District. (See Commissioners, Page 10)



Old Implement Co. building gone

Demolition of the former Eagle Lake Implement Company building next to the Furniture Shoppe on E. Main began late last week. The picture at left shows the progress as of about 6 p.m. Monday, Aug. 24. By lunchtime Tuesday, Aug. 25, all that was left was piles of rubble (pictured above). This was one of several buildings deemed unsafe by the City of Eagle Lake recently.

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