

Census jobs available

The U.S. Census Bureau has openings for field workers in the Colorado County area. Full-time and part-time positions are available at \$6.75 per hour. No experience is needed. Paid training is provided.

The duties include: driving through communities and rural areas to update Census Bureau maps and going street by street to check the accuracy of Census Bureau address lists.

Applicants must pass a written exam of basic work skills. The exam takes about 30 minutes; an extra hour is needed to process employment paperwork.

To qualify applicants must be a U.S. citizen, 18 yrs. old (or 16-17 with a GED), have their own transportation (mileage compensation of 31¢ per mile).

For more information or to apply, contact the local census field office at 409-732-6197.

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NEWSBRIEFS

School activities require dress code

According to Rice High School (RHS) Principal Michael Lanier, students are to be in Dress Code if they are in attendance at RHS football and/or volleyball games. Loitering (playing) behind or beside the stands at the football games or in the lobby or parking lot at volleyball games will not be allowed. Students should sit in the stands unless they are at the restrooms or concession stand. Failure to comply will result in disciplinary action being taken. The cooperation of students and parents is appreciated.

'The Collaboration' scheduled for Oct. 24

Local sculptor artist Tony Tyler and artist Melva Hemphill will hold a show and sale on Saturday, Oct. 24, starting at 4 p.m. The theme for this event is "The Collaboration". Stop by the Tyler Studio at 123 Main St. to get that special gift for that special someone.

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. This year's auctioneer will once again be Joe Herbert McCreary.

The Fire Department plans to hold its annual stew supper from 5 to 7 p.m. The Silent Auction will run from 4:30 until 6:45 p.m. with the Main Auction beginning at 7 p.m.

If you plan to donate an item for either auction, please contact Fair Wells at 234-3105 or Betty Wilcox at 234-3554 as soon as possible.

Want to go to D.C.?

Attention 6th, 7th and 8th graders in the community. Another Washington, D.C., trip, scheduled for June of 1999, is being planned by Ray Sykowski. A meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 28, at the Eagle Lake Primary School cafeteria to discuss the trip. Interested parents and students should make plans to attend. If you cannot or have questions, please call 234-3447.

ICE House workday set for Saturday

The Interfaith Christian Encounters (ICE) youth group will continue the renovation efforts on the ICE House building this Saturday beginning at 8 a.m. This is the last big push to get the building ready before opening in Oct. All Eagle Lake citizens who want a safe environment for our youth to gather after school should plan to attend. For details, call Rhonda Bridges at 234-7379.

Hospice needs volunteers

Hospice, a program that provides supportive care for persons with a terminal illness and their families, needs volunteers. A training session will be held Oct. 10, 11, 17 and 18. For more information call Margaret at 409-543-9487.

'In His Presence' worship conference is Oct. 8-11

Equippers Outreach Fellowship in Weimar will host an "In His Presence" worship conference Thursday through Saturday, Oct. 8-11. Evening services are scheduled for Thursday, Friday and Saturday at 7 p.m. and morning sessions will begin at 10 a.m. Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Equippers Outreach Fellowship is located at 200 N. College in Weimar. For more information call 409-725-8233.

'Living Our Faith' to be broadcast Sept. 27

A regular series of television broadcasts proclaiming and celebrating faith sponsored by the Diocese of Victoria will air Sunday, Sept. 27, from 11:30 a.m. to 12 noon on KAVU-TV, Channel 25, Victoria. Special guests will be "Christopher Closeup" with Bill and Peg Zwann and Joanne Shandrick "Retrouvaille" couples on hope for troubled marriages.

Senior Friends to visit Louisiana

Christmas is just around the corner. Why not join Senior Friends with a visit to Natchitoches, Louisiana, for an overnight excursion, Dec. 9-10. The trip includes motor coach transportation, one night stay, night meal, touring of "City of Lights", breakfast the following morning and a tour of Beau Fort Plantation. There will be plenty of time for some shopping in the oldest permanent settlement in the Louisiana Purchase. Cost for all the above is \$120 per person/double occupancy. If interested, contact Sherri Ziegenhals at 409-282-6808. Reservations must be made no later than Nov. 10. Payment in full is required as reservation.

BBQ fundraiser set for Oct. 6

My Friend's House Child Development Center will be having a BBQ beef dinner and bake sale fundraiser on Tuesday, Oct. 6. Plates to go only will be available at Austin's BBQ, 707 E. Main. For tickets or more information please call 409-234-3330.

Singles dance is this Friday

The Fort Bend Singles will sponsor a public dance on Friday, Sept. 25, at 8 p.m. at the Needville KC Hall. Music will be provided by Henry Tannenberger. Door prizes will be given. Admission is \$5 per person.

Sheridan Country Squares to hold open house

Sept. is National Square Dance Month and in conjunction with that the Sheridan Country Squares will host an Open House on Monday, Sept. 28, at the Sheridan Community Center from 7 to 8:30 p.m. A square dance will be demonstrated, refreshments served and there'll be lots of good fellowship. Fall lessons start Oct. 5, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. For more information call Traylor Walker at 234-3921 (work) and at 234-3937 (home).

CCA Board meeting tonight

Combined Community Action (CCA) will hold its Board of Directors meeting Thursday, Sept. 24, at 7 p.m. at the CCA Nutrition Center on 275 Ellinger Rd. in La Grange. The public is invited to attend the meeting.

Free depression screening offered at SMC

The Heritage Program for Senior Adults, located at Sealy Medical Clinic (SMC) in Sealy, is offering free Depression Screening. Program components include group/family and individual therapy, coping/positive living skills, grief and loss resolution, education, cognitive stimulation, reminiscence and validation therapy, nutrition information, stress management, assertiveness training exercise, lunch and snacks. This service is provided to persons 50 and older. For more information, call 409-885-3370 and ask for an appointment.

'Life After Loss' meeting set for Oct. 6

A 'Life After Loss' Support Group meeting will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 6, from 3 to 4:30 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, 1717 Pioneer, Wharton. There's no charge to attend. For more information, call 409-543-9487.

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Eagle Lake resident injured in shooting

Saturday, Sept. 19, at 10:15 p.m., a 28-year old male from Eagle Lake, Mr. Kevin Earls, was shot once in the

face with a handgun during an argument. Earls, who was attending the re-

ception following a wedding in which he had been the best man, confronted and uninvited guest who was causing

a disturbance outside the Community Center. During the confrontation, an argument ensued.

Thirty-seven year old Jeffrey Lee Davis of Egypt pulled out a handgun and shot Earls in the face.

Davis jumped in a pick up truck being driven by his mother, Alma Louise Davis, and was driven away from the scene.

Earls was transported to the Rice Medical Center in Eagle Lake, then transferred to Hermann Hospital in Houston by Life Flight.

The Eagle Lake Police Department conducted the investigation. Chief Keith Webb was the first officer on the scene and was assisted by Officer Brian Ochoa.

Later, deputies from the Colorado County Sheriff's Department and Department of Public Safety Trooper Royce Korenek arrived at the scene and assisted in the investigation along with off-duty Eagle Lake Officers Carl Risk and Stephen Nelson.

Approximately 16 hours later, Alma Louise Davis and Jeffrey Lee Davis met Chief Webb at the Colorado County Sheriff's Department.

Webb placed Jeffrey Lee Davis in jail and filed charges on him for one count of attempted murder and one count of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

Davis is being held on a total of \$100,000 bond.

Alma Louise Davis was released, pending presentation of the case to the grand jury.

Board Members honored at Fair

By Lynda Appelt
Contributing Writer

Despite little interest 20 years ago, the founders of the Colorado County Fair said, "Let's do it anyway."

That's what the first president of the Fair Association, Bill Harrison Jr., told those in attendance at the Opening Ceremony of the 20th Annual Colorado County Fair held Thursday,

Sept. 10.

The ceremony was held inside the Veterans Memorial Center due to inclement weather.

According to Harrison, the first County Fair was held in Dec. of 1979, in spite of the fact that only 40 people showed up for the meeting that would decide the fate of the idea of having a County Fair.



Receiving plaques from Fair Vice President Pam Potter for service and dedication to the objectives of the Colorado County Fair Association, were County Extension Agent Jack Hunter (1994-98); Dorothy Wicke accepting for her husband, Jerome Wicke (1981-1997); Austen Dittmar for his grandmother, Verna Nell Dittmar (1981-1997); Potter; and Dusty Dittmar accepting for his father, Leon Dittmar Jr. (1983-1997). Wicke and the Dittmars have recently become Honorary Lifetime Directors.

Headlight Photo by Lynda Appelt

EAGLE LAKE POLICE REPORT

The Eagle Lake Police Department reported the following calls and cases for the week ending Sept. 21.

On Sept. 15 at 12:22 a.m., Sgt. Bill Lattimore met with several family members on E. State Street in reference to a verbal dispute.

After peacefully settling the dispute, one subject was transported to another residence.

A call of loud music on Murphy Road was received at 2:22 p.m. by Officer Tim Crume, but he was unable to locate any loud music in the area.

A 4:11 p.m., Officer Crume was dispatched to a disturbance on Campo Rosa Road. The disturbance was settled at the scene.

Officer Stephen Nelson was flagged down at 6:15 p.m. on E. State Street by a motorist, who requested assistance. Delgado's Wrecker was later called to give the necessary aid.

On Sept. 16 at 4:39 a.m., Officer Nelson stood by for traffic control at an accident one mile east of Eagle Lake on FM 3013 until a deputy arrived and took control of the scene.

At 11:23 p.m., Officer Brian Ochoa was dispatched to S. Austin Road in reference to a fight in progress.

The suspect was gone upon Ochoa's arrival, but information and statements were gathered. A report was submitted.

On Sept. 17 at 9:42 a.m., Lt. Clem Johnson was dispatched to a gas drive off on S. McCarty.

Before the subject could be located, the complainant called back and reported the subject had returned and paid for the gas.

Officer Ochoa was advised of a fight in progress in the 600 block of E. Main at 8:29 p.m. Officer Ochoa arrived, but found that the actors were gone from the scene.

At 10:03 p.m., Officer Ochoa was dispatched to the 500 block of E. Main in reference to a man with a knife. Ochoa arrived and checked the area, but was unable to locate the subject.

On Sept. 18 at 5:56 p.m., Officer Crume was dispatched to Strickland Avenue in reference to a fight involving two juveniles on Clark Street.

Information was gathered and turned over to the juvenile probation office.

Officer Crume was dispatched to the police department at 10:05 p.m. to meet with a complainant who reported a stolen bicycle.

The bicycle was later located. The complainant declined to file charges.

On Sept. 19 at 4:21 a.m., Officer Crume was contacted at the police department in reference to an assault, but the complainant declined to give a statement concerning the incident.

Officer Carl Risk received a call at 6:25 a.m. of a burglary of a motor vehicle.

Risk met with the complainant and gathered information. A theft of an ATV was filed and entered into the files of the TCIC (Texas Criminal Information Center) computer.

Chief Keith Webb stopped a subject on traffic at 8:13 p.m. and found that the subject was wanted out of Austin Police Department for failure to identify.

After the warrant was confirmed, Timothy Benjamin Lewis of Marble Falls was arrested, processed at the police department and transported to the county jail for confinement.

On Sept. 20 at 8:46 a.m., Officer Crume was flagged down in the 800 block of S. McCarty in reference to the burglary of a vehicle. A report was filed and the case is being investigated.

At 1:08 p.m., Officer Crume was dispatched to a 9-1-1 hangup. Crume contacted the complainant, who advised she and her husband got into an argument, but no violence had occurred.

One subject left the residence and no offense was committed.

On Sept. 21 at 12:48 a.m., Sgt. Lattimore met with two subjects on McCreary Street in reference to family violence.

After information was gathered and both subjects were treated at Rice Medical Center, they were arrested for aggravated assault.

Linda Prince and Michael Williams were processed at the police department then transported to the County Detention Center for confinement.

At 5:59 a.m., Officer Crume, as well as the EMS and fire department, responded to an accident which occurred in the 1600 block of E. Main.

The accident involved a 1993 Freightliner tractor/trailer being driven by Rodolfo Flores Jr. of Eagle Lake and a 1994 Isuzu pickup, driven by John Wesley Baugh of Columbus.

Reportedly, as Flores turned east bound into the 1600 block of E. Main from FM 3013 and then signaled to make a right turn into the parking lot of J&K's, Baugh got in between Flores and the right shoulder as the right lane merges into the left lane, and collided

with Flores' vehicle.

It was believed that Baugh may have received minor injuries.

Officer Crume was requested to provide civil standby at a residence on Campbell Street at 12:52 p.m. The property was collected without incident.

At 10:28 p.m., Sgt. Lattimore assisted Deputy Kenneth Kellogg at 600 E. Main with a warrant arrest. Deputy Kellogg transported the subject to the Detention Center for processing and confinement.

The following cases and calls were reported the week ending Sept. 15.

On Sept. 15 at 12:22 a.m., Sgt. Lattimore met with complainants in regards to a verbal dispute. The matter was settled at the scene and one subject was given courtesy transport to another residence.

The following accidents were reported last week:

On Sept. 9 at 5:10 p.m., Wanda Wilkerson Henry, driving a 1995 Geo four-door, was traveling west bound on E. Main Street, Amy Renee Ellis, driving a 1987 Ford four-door, exited a private parking area at the intersection and struck Henry's vehicle.

At 7:04 a.m. on Sept. 10, Delfina Salinas Gonzales, driving a 1981 Oldsmobile two door, was traveling west bound in the 500 block of E. Main, when Ivory Stewart, driving a 1989 Ford pickup, was stopped in the

300 block of Boothe Drive, waiting to turn left into a private parking area.

Stewart turned into the path of Gonzales' vehicle, causing it to strike the right front bumper area of Stewart's vehicle. Officer Risk was the investigating officer.

Also on Sept. 10, Officer Risk was dispatched to a two-vehicle accident at 8:55 a.m. involving a 1997 Ford four-door, driven by Howard D. Baker of Sealy, and Nick Orlando Shorter, driving a 1985 Buick four-door.

Reportedly, Baker was stopped at the intersection of FM 3013 and failed to yield the right of way to Shorter, who was traveling east on E. Main. Baker's vehicle struck Shorter's vehicle, causing it to spin around.

On Sept. 11 at 1:26 p.m., Officer Risk was dispatched to an accident in the parking lot area at 201 Boothe Drive.

Theresa Torres reported that her 1996 Chevrolet four-door had been struck by an unknown vehicle while parked at that location.

On Sept. 12 at 11:50 p.m., Officer Nelson was dispatched to the 100 block of S. Austin Road, to investigate an accident involving DeShannon Terrell Sims of Columbus, driving a 1996 Dodge four-door.

Reportedly, Sims, who was driving north on S. Austin, failed to recognize a curve and drove into a culvert in the west corner of the old railroad crossing.



Weather, rot downs large section of tree

Almost half a large Hackberry tree growing between the George and Ida Causey and Jeannine Fearing residences on N. Lake Avenue, was the victim of last Tuesday night's wind and rain as well as rot which had begun inside the trunk. It took most of the day for Causey, at left, and Ivory "Shorty" Stewart to cut up the tree and haul it off. Amazingly, no damage was done to the Causey home or George's Suburban which was parked in the drive close to the garage.

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