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TREAT!

Halloween curfew in effect

The City of Eagle Lake would like to remind all trick-or-treaters and their parents of the Halloween curfew which will be in effect this Saturday. All street activity related to trick-or-treating or celebrating Halloween must cease at 8 p.m. If you have any questions, please call City Hall at 234-2640.

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NEWSBRIEFS

New grocery store nearing completion

The owners of the Eagle Lake Supermarket (formerly IGA) at 200 S. McCarty have set mid-Nov. as the target date for opening the refurbished store. In addition to an exterior facelift, the inside of the store was gutted and new flooring, wall paint and shelving have been or are being installed. The process of stocking the shelves has begun, but there are still a lot of details and finishing touches to be done.

Legionnaires to decorate graves

W. Cherry-M. Perry Post 108 of the American Legion will decorate graves of deceased veterans in local cemeteries in observance of the forthcoming Veterans Day (Nov. 11). Flags will be placed on the graves at 9 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 7, and will be removed at 5 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 12. If a grave is unintentionally missed, call Commander Fred R. Frnka at 234-2065.

WCBC to hold anniversary service

The White Cloud Baptist Church (WCBC) family at 316 Old Altair Road, Eagle Lake, invites you to share in celebrating our pastor and his family Rev. and Mrs. Obie Rhodes' 32nd anniversary services on Sunday, Nov. 1, at 3 p.m. The guest speaker will be Rev. Guy Washington, Greater Peace Christian Church, Austin. The pre-anniversary services will be held Thursday and Friday nights, Oct. 29 and 30, at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is invited.

Sunday School Alliance hamburger supper

The Eagle Lake Sunday School Alliance will hold a hamburger supper and pie auction at Christ Episcopal Church located at Lake and Stockbridge in Eagle Lake on Sunday, Nov. 8. Serving is from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Take out is available. The pie auction begins at 1 p.m. For tickets, contact a member of the class listed in this week's ad in the *Headlight*.

School board meeting changed

The November School Board meeting will be held Tuesday, Nov. 10, at 7:30 p.m. instead of Monday, Nov. 9.

Garbage ordinance in effect

Eagle Lake citizens are reminded garbage placed in chemical barrels will not be picked up by the city garbage crew, according to a city ordinance. Due to chemical hazard, excessive weight and safety purpose, only garbage placed in garbage bags and then put into the barrel will be picked up. The ordinance was upheld at the City Council's Oct. 13 meeting.

"Project Graduation" first fundraiser

The Rice High School (RHS) senior class "Project Graduation" will be holding its first fundraiser for the year. A Powder Puff Flag Football Game will be held on Thursday, Nov. 12, at 7 p.m. at RHS stadium. Tickets sold at the gate will be \$3 for adults and \$2 for students (no school passes will be accepted). Please show your support and make plans to attend.

Heritage House residents to pass out candy

Heritage House residents will be passing out candy to the children in the community from 6 to 8 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 31, at 751 Heritage Lane.

GUBC to sponsor banquet

The Greater Union Baptist Church (GUBC) is sponsoring a 100 Men and Women in Black Banquet on Nov. 21 at 7:30 p.m. at the Eagle Lake Community Center. Tickets are \$5 each. You may contact Rosalyn Edwards, 234-5033; Gennall Allen, 234-3345; Deidre Fry, 234-3462 or you can buy tickets at the door. Funds will be used to purchase choir robes.

KC dinner set for Wednesday, Nov. 11

The Eagle Lake Knights of Columbus Council #4843 will be serving a chicken fried breast dinner on Veteran's Day, Nov. 11, from 5 to 7 p.m. The dinner plates will be served at 710 E. Main for \$5 each, to-go only. Proceeds will benefit the scholarship fund and local charities. Tickets are available from any KC member or may be purchased in the serving line.

CCHFH meeting set for Nov. 3

Colorado County Habitat for Humanity (CCHFH) will hold their next meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 3, at 6:30 p.m. at St. John's Episcopal Church, 915 Travis, Columbus. Everyone is welcome to attend. For questions or more information call 1-800-243-5369.

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Parents and children are reminded about the 8 p.m. Halloween curfew this Saturday, Oct. 31.

Singles dance is this Friday

The Ft. Bend County Singles will sponsor a public dance n Friday, Oct. 30, at 8 p.m., at the Needville KC Hall. Music will be provided by Syl Krenek. Admission is \$5 per person, door prizes will be given. The public is welcome.

CCCAD representative to be here Friday

A representative of the Colorado County Central Appraisal District (CCCAD) will be in Eagle Lake on Friday, Oct. 30 at City Hall from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. to collect 1998 taxes for Colorado County, Rice CISD, Eagle Lake City, Rice Hospital District, Colorado County Water Control & Improvement, District #2, Weimar ISD and Weimar City. They will also collect for Weimar ISD taxes on property that is located in Fayette County and Lavaca County.

Red Ribbon Week is Oct. 23-31

National Red Ribbon Week Oct. 23-31 is celebrated each year by over 100,000 schools and organizations nationwide in order to get out the message "Be Healthy and Drug Free."

Students caught wearing red ribbons off campus will be given "Say Boo to Drugs" and "Say No" lollipops, compliments of Crimestoppers, by the Eagle Lake Police Department.

Show your intolerance for drugs in our schools, our work places and our community by wearing a red ribbon, Oct. 23-31.

Invitational archery meet set for Oct. 31

The Colorado County 4-H shooting sports - Archery project group is sponsoring a 4-H archery invitational meet on Saturday, Oct. 31. The meet will be held at the National Guard Armory building with competition shooting beginning at 9 a.m.

The event is open to 4-H archery project members in Colorado County as well as 4-H archery project members in other counties throughout our district. (See Newsbriefs, Page 14)

VOTE Tuesday!

(See Sample Ballot, Page 7)

Sen. Hutchison says flood relief on its way

At the urging of Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison, last week, the president declared 20 Texas counties devastated by severe thunderstorms, flooding and tornados, eligible for federal assistance.

The counties are: Bastrop, Bexar, Burleson, Caldwell, Calhoun, Colorado, Comal, DeWitt, Fayette, Goliad, Gonzales, Guadalupe, Hays, Jackson, Karnes, Refugio, Travis, Victoria, Wharton and Wilson.

"This summer's weather has taken

Texas on a roller coaster ride to disaster — from devastating drought to flooding," Senator Hutchison said. "Washington has responded in record time to a critical situation."

"As I had asked them to do, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) officials have made a rapid decision to declare these counties disaster areas. This will make assistance available immediately to those who were washed out by this storm," Senator Hutchison said.

After speaking with San Antonio Mayor Howard Peak and Bexar County Judge Cyndi Krier on Monday, Senator Hutchison pressed FEMA to make federal assistance available quickly.

The federal assistance will be channeled through FEMA's Region IV, headquartered in Denton.

It will include grants to help pay for temporary housing, minor home repairs and other major disaster-related expenses. Low-interest loans

from the Small Business Administration also will be made available to cover business and residential losses not fully compensated by insurance.

"This means families and individuals will be able to get assistance, and state and local response efforts will be given a helping hand," the Senator said.

"Thousands of people have had to leave their homes," Senator Hutchison said. "The sooner we can deliver this assistance, the sooner the people there can begin to rebuild their lives."

In addition, Hutchison has asked Agriculture Secretary Glickman to provide assistance for livestock losses similar to the assistance that was provided for producers in Jarrell at her request earlier this year.

Money for agricultural emergencies such as this was provided in the budget bill approved by Congress recently.

The toll-free number for disaster assistance is: 1-800-462-9029; TDD 1-800-462-7585.

NOTE: A FEMA office will be opening in Wharton on Richmond Street in the next few days. As of press time, there was no phone number available.

Remember...you, the victim, must apply at a FEMA office; the agency will not come to you.

Boot Camp escapees accounted for

By Lynda Appelt
Contributing Writer

Within 24 hours of their escape Tuesday, Oct. 13, three juveniles from Wharton County, being detained in the short-term detention facility at the Eagle Lake Juvenile Boot Camp, had been arrested.

One was arrested within 10 minutes about a quarter of a mile away.

One was turned in by his mother about noon Wednesday, and the third,

also known as the "Clown Bandit" for disguises he allegedly used in armed convenience store robberies recently in the area, was arrested in Wharton County Wednesday about 3:30 p.m.

The "Clown Bandit" was not being detained for the disguised alleged convenient store robberies, but along with the other two, for other alleged crimes and burglaries in Wharton County.

Two Eagle Lake youths who as-

sisted the three escapees by cutting a hole in the chain link fence, have been charged with facilitating the escape.

One Eagle Lake youth was identified as a 15-year-old juvenile and the other as 17-year-old Alvaro Rodriguez.

The attempt to escape by the "Clown Bandit" may have been due to an attempt by Wharton County to certify him to stand trial as an adult.

The three were in short term detention awaiting legal action and were not assigned to the boot camp area of the facility.

According to facility Administration (See Escape, Page 14)

Legion to repeat flag disposal ceremony

In light of the fact that so many have expressed regret at not being able to attend the flag disposal ceremony Sept. 15 because of the inclement weather, American Legion Post 108 has decided to repeat the ceremony at 5 p.m. on Veterans Day, Nov. 11.

Legionnaires note that because of the heavy rain Sept. 15, they still have 50 or more unserviceable flags to dispose of properly.

The flag disposal ceremony and placing of flags on graves of deceased veterans by the Legionnaires, plus the Veterans of Foreign Wars drawing and ceremony on the Square that morning will be

significant events in observance of Veterans Day Wednesday, Nov. 11.

The flag disposal ceremony will be held at the same site as before, on the concrete slab of the former White House Hotel on E. Main Street.

The public, especially the youth of the community, are invited to attend the ceremony at 5 p.m. Handicap parking will be available.

Those persons who have flags that are faded, ragged or torn may leave them at A.J. Struss Auto Supply or bring them to the ceremony Nov. 11.

Colorado River crests earlier than expected

By Lynda Appelt
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After cresting earlier than expected, the Colorado River began a slow descent early last Friday morning.

By mid-morning Friday PM 950 at the Garwood bridge was visible for the first time in nearly a week, and opened Saturday. Garwood reported between 18 and 22 inches of rain.

The Lower Colorado River Authority and the National Weather Service at first believed the river

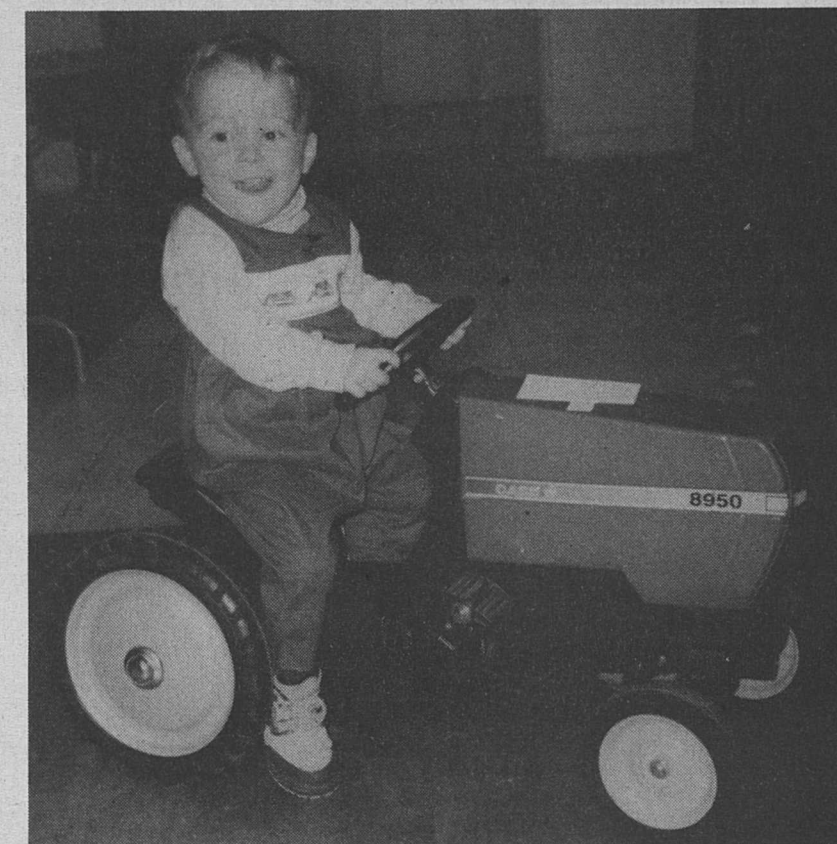
would crest Thursday morning at 49 feet, 6 inches at Wharton but the time and peak level were continually revised as the floodwaters moved downstream.

The crest actually came about 5 a.m. Friday at a foot lower.

Still that level broke the previous record of 46.1 feet set in Dec. of 1991. Flood stage is 39 feet.

By noon Friday, the river's level had dropped a fraction, a welcome sight for folks who had watched the

(See Flood, Page 10)



I sure like this, Grandpa!

Trevor Bullard, two-year-old grandson of Linda and Steve Balas of Eagle Lake, had his heart set on this CASE pedal tractor that was part of this year's Study Club Auction Saturday night. Lucky, for Trevor, Grandpa Steve was able to bring in the winning bid.

Steve said Trevor sat on his tractor in the middle of the living room all day Sunday and watched "The Lion King" video four times. (See additional photos, Page 8.)

Headlight Photo by Jeannine Fearing

County Grand Jury issues 23 indictments

The Colorado County Grand Jury returned 23 indictments during their session Friday, Oct. 23.

Cases were represented by First Assistant County Attorney Joe Fling. Indicted were:

- Walter Jermaine Jones, aggravated robbery
- John Anthony Huebel, aggravated assault;
- Lou Edman Lees, aggravated assault;
- Gregory Hernandez, forgery;
- Katina Collette Davis, aggravated assault;
- Roger Dale Morgan, aggravated assault;
- Oliver Daniel Campos, aggravated assault;
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- Kevin Dewayne Middleton, burglary of a habitation;
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- Kevin Dewayne Middleton, forgery;
- Stephanie Renee Smith, forgery;
- Travis Allen Moss, burglary of a building;
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- Chester Jim Sheridan, aggravated assault;
- Mark Anthony Abernathy, aggravated assault;
- Travis Wayne Shaw, burglary of a building;
- Daniel Richard Stephens, impersonating a public servant;
- Leslie James Schuette, driving (See Indictments, Page 14)



The turbulent current in the Colorado River, as cresting neared, late Thursday afternoon at the Hwy. 90-A bridge at Altair, shows why danger and devastation accompanied flood waters as they moved downstream.

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