

COUNCILMAN'S CORNER

In an opening statement, Eagle Lake Mayor Michael Cooper asked the indulgence of the City Councilmen and guests for a delay of the convening the Sept. 11 Council meeting to listen to President Bush's address the nation.

After the president's address, the City Council was called to order and following the Pledge of Allegiance, a moment of silence was observed for the victims of the terrorist attacks.

Guests numbering 30 of our citizens were recognized and the previous minutes approved.

New employees at the City's office were recognized. Lena Ferguson is the new Utility Clerk and Jane Garcia is familiar with the utility package and the court package.

The apartment manager of Kevin Courts addressed the Council on recent flooding. After presenting photos of the flooding to Council, she said the problem in her area is obvious. The water in that area starts draining into four culverts and ends up in one.

She asked if there was anything the state could do and pointed out that these are HUD apartments. Her tenants stand to lose a lot if there is another serious flood like the two past Sundays the town experienced.

It was brought up as a suggestion to see if the Texas Department of Transportation could look into adding drainage under Hwy. 90A at Austin Road to add some relief.

Also presented to Council was the flooding of Lake Ave. and Post Office Street. Residents of that area presented photos of the drain responsible for evacuating the water from that

area. The photos showed the pipe to be clogged almost to the top with dirt.

City Manager Ron Holland said all flooding complaints are being looked into, and the best resolution to the problem would be utilized. Also, the Lake and Post Office drainage would be slated for cleaning.

As far as the Austin Road drainage, petitions have been placed at Eagle Lake Drugstore and B&B Foods. The petition also addresses the flooding problem in Eagle Lake in general. This will be presented to Austin via City Council.

Chamber

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The Christmas Parade was also discussed. Entry forms have been mailed to different areas. The parade is slated for Saturday, Dec. 1, at 6:45 p.m. Start preparing that prize winning float now! Dec. is right around the corner.

Jan. 28 will be the 2002 Chamber Banquet which will take place at the Eagle Lake Community Center.

Sedgwick reported on agriculture and economic development stating that rate reduction dropped 1/2% due to the terrorist attack in New York. This is the eighth reduction in 2001.

He also said rice prices are down but that is hasn't had much affect on cattle business. But it's still too early to tell.

Holland informed the Chamber that the Eagle Lake airport has been closed indefinitely due to the terrorist attacks. He also explained that the City took a real beating during the recent flooding in the area.

The tentative date of the Groundwater Conservation District meeting is Oct. 2 at the Community Center. More information will be announced as the meeting nears.

Henderson reminded everyone of the Rice Medical Center Golf Classic being held Saturday, Sept. 22.

He also announced that a Harvest Ball will be held. No date has been set.

Anderson reported that there was a good turn out in the "Re-tire A-Tire" event held recently by The Friends of Main Street. People bought tires from as far away as Weimar.

In the future, look for a folk life program and the opening of a Bridal Shop in the old Gifts of Distinction building. Janet Edwards of Garwood will be opening the establishment.

An ordinance was passed for the City to receive almost \$18,000 as part of a class action suit settled with CP&L. The ordinance basically states we accept the settlement for franchise fee payment, providing no pass through of settlement amounts and specifying terms for future franchise

payments.

Council accepted a donation of Lot 10, Block 36 of the Highland Park Addition. This lot is in the general area of the hog farm. This lot is also in the area of future airport expansion.

Mayor Cooper appointed Councilman Lonnie Sommerlatte as City

Tire-less in Eagle Lake

Wow! 773! That's the number of tires that were collected Saturday, Sept. 8, in the Friends of Main Street Community Retire-a-Tire Clean-up Project.

People and tires came from all around the area. Some people brought just a few tires while others brought 100 or more!

The Friends of Main Street have several people to thank for making this project a reality.

A big thank you goes to Darrell Austin for providing the trailer that was parked downtown. Darrell also volunteered his time on Monday to drive the trailer to Baytown to deliver the tires to Waste Recovery Inc.

A delicious thank you goes to Austin's Barbecue for delivering delicious sandwiches for the workers.

And another thank you goes to Trafco Inc. for providing a forklift and safety cones for the day.

David Lange, who was bringing tires for Eagle Lake Trailer Parts, and Charles Abel, who just happened to be

walking by, were Good Samaritans and assisted loading for a while.

Thank you also to the community service workers provided by the Second 25th Judicial District Community Supervision and Corrections Department for the outstanding work they provided and to Greater Rising Star Baptist Church for their donation to the Friends of Main Street.

The response to this project was remarkable and the Friends of Main Street are happy to have provided such a worthwhile service to the community. Working together on community projects such as this is a step in the right direction for enhancing our community image and civic pride.

The Friends of Main Street are looking forward to other community projects in the future. If you have a project suggestion you would like to share, please call the Main Street Office at 234-6933 or attend a Friends of Main Street meeting the first Monday of each month at approximately 7 p.m. in City Council Chambers.



Workers and tires came in all sizes... Colin Locklier, four-year-old grandson of Glen and Eva Locklier and Dale and Roxanne Walker of Eagle Lake, helps as Charles Abel looks on in top photo.

Helping out with the event were, from left, David Lange, John Gertson, Rodrick Walker, Venetta Seals, Lesley Carey, Marvin Kelley and Russell Dispart. In the truck is Cesar Hernandez. Not pictured is Becky Anderson.

Photo Courtesy of Main Street Program



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Treatment of the WPW Syndrome

Wolff-Parkinson-White (WPW) syndrome is a genetic defect of the heart that can result in abnormal heartbeats (arrhythmias) or even sudden death. Persons with WPW syndrome are born with an extra tissue bundle or group that bridges the four heart chambers. The extra tissue sends unneeded messages to the heart's chambers telling them to beat out of sequence. The abnormal beats of WPW affect the heart's ability to pump blood. The affected individual may feel light-headed or dizzy - and may even faint. Stress, caffeine, infection, and alcohol can trigger rapid heart rate and irregular beating.

Rapid heart rate and/or mild arrhythmias may be stopped by several heart-slowing maneuvers such as dunking one's head in ice cold water or rubbing the neck just below the angle of the jaw. Intravenous drugs such as verapamil or adenosine can be given to stop WPW-associated arrhythmias. Infants and children under 10 may be given digoxin (Lanoxin) to suppress the rapid beats. However, in teenagers and adults digoxin may increase conduction in the extra WPW pathway and may increase risk of the serious, life-threatening arrhythmia called ventricular fibrillation.

By Paul A. Kucherka

Council Representative to the Library Board. I recently resigned as Library Board representative due to my occupation keeping me away from the meetings. Council approved the appointment.

Council approved the repeal of the old City Ordinance governing manufactured homes and recreational vehicles.

Basically, the new ordinance provides that RVs are now allowed to park in front of and "hook up" to a home of a friend or relative for a period no longer than two weeks.

After administrative reports and Council concerns, the meeting adjourned.

The next Council meeting was scheduled for Sept. 25.

Local citizen makes good!

Join the friends of John Contreras in being proud that he was recently appointed manager of a prominent local store, B&B Grocery.

John is probably known by sight by most area shoppers for he has been a conspicuous worker in the grocery business for more than 20 years.

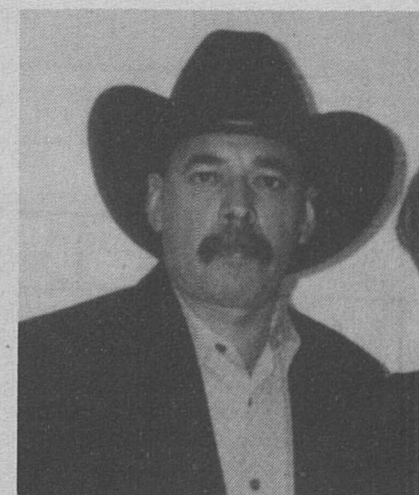
During that time, he has pulled himself up by his bootstraps to attain a managerial role by his conscientious and customer-pleasing performance.

John started in the grocery business as a teen-ager in the 1970s, working after school and on weekends at Miller Grocery.

After this grocery closed in 1992, John then worked for Budget Shopper in Rosenberg before returning in 1997 to join the newly-opened B&B Grocery.

His first assignment was managing perishable foods.

He was promoted to Assistant Manager in 1999 and finally to Manager in 2000.



His success story is just another example of how a young person selects challenging employment, does well in this chosen profession and is rewarded as a result.

Rosie, John's wife of more than 20 years, is employed at the First National Bank.

Did You Know...

• The lily was a common symbol of fruitfulness in China, Japan, India, Egypt, Greece and Rome.

• Hush puppies are so called because fried cornmeal batter was given to hungry dogs that begged for food.

Happy 2nd Birthday

Sept. 26

Destinee Leeanne "Changia"

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Market Report for Sept. 20, 2001

Animals on hand: cattle, 3005.

Number of sellers: 370.

Packer cows: higher dressing utility & cutter cows, 43-47¢ per lbs.; lower dressing utility & cutter cows, 38-42¢ pr lb.; thin cows, 33-37¢.

Packer bulls: heavy weight bulls, 54-60¢; utility cutter bulls, 48-53¢. Head tested: 268.

Stocker/Feeder-Calves/Yearlings

Steers #1: 200-300 lbs., \$1.35-1.50; 300-400 lbs., \$1.25-1.38; 400-500 lbs., \$1.08-1.18; 500-600 lbs., 95¢-1.05; 600-700 lbs., 86-94¢; 700-800 lbs., 79-85¢.

Steers #2: 200-300 lbs., \$1.15-1.25; 300-400 lbs., \$1.05-1.12; 400-500 lbs., 90¢-1.00; 500-600 lbs., 80-90¢; 600-700 lbs., 77-84¢; 700-800 lbs., 68-76¢.

Heifers #1: 200-300 lbs., \$1.12-1.22; 300-400 lbs., \$1.00-1.11; 400-500 lbs., 90¢-1.00; 500-600 lbs., 84-92¢; 600-700 lbs., 78-83¢; 700-800 lbs., 74-77¢.

Heifers #2: 200-300 lbs., \$1.00-1.10; 300-400 lbs., 85-95¢; 400-500 lbs., 78-88¢; 500-600 lbs., 76-82¢; 600-700 lbs., 72-77¢; 700-800 lbs., 64-72¢.

Good stocker cow/calf pairs, \$675-750 by the head; med. cow/calf pairs, \$625-670 by the head; common cow/calf pairs, \$570-620; good stocker cows & heifers, \$550-650; medium stocker cows & heifers, \$475-545.



Foot Facts

By Dr. Eric R. Tepper, Podiatrist
TREATMENT FOR TOES

Several kinds of toe deformities can cause pain and impair function, including hammertoes, mallet and claw toes, overlapping and underlapping toes, and bone spurs. If left untreated, a patient could potentially develop infections, tissue breakdown, or ulcerations. Painful, permanent deformities may require surgery, which often can be done on an outpatient basis using local anesthesia. Tenoplasty releases tight tendons and ligaments that can cause toe joints to contract, while capsulotomy lengthens them to relieve pain and increase mobility. A good option for flexible hammertoes is a tendon transfer, which repositions the tendon to straighten the toe. Arthroplasty procedures work by removing bone, cartilage, or skin to correct a deformity. Fusion helps correct fractures or increase stability after an arthroplasty.

No one should ignore foot pain. Professional attention is the best assurance of a speedy recovery and prevention of future consequences. Here at Rice Medical Center, where we have office hours on Tuesdays, we want you back into your normal routine as comfortably and as quickly as possible - just like you do! We offer a complete range of nonsurgical and surgical treatments for your foot problems, and we are committed to helping you make the best treatment decision for your needs. Please call 234-5571 to make an appointment.

P.S. Many toe deformities can be handled with conservative treatments like padding, orthotics, or shoes with wide toe boxes.

