

Funeral expense fund set up

Accounts have been set up for funeral expenses for the four students and a baby, involved in a tragic accident Friday, Nov. 5. Funds received will go toward funeral expenses. These girls were all very young and had no insurance. Any donation amount will be greatly appreciated. The girls were Patricia Ruiz and son, Jeremiah; Robin Aguilar, Heather Kieborz and Yesenia Castillo. Donations can be made at The First National Bank of Eagle Lake in Eagle Lake, East Bernard and Columbus.

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NEWSBRIEFS

Project Graduation fundraiser is tonight

Rice Project Graduation will hold a dinner plate fundraiser Thursday, Nov. 18. Tickets may be purchased for \$7 each from any senior. Come out and support our seniors!

CCHC meeting set for tonight

The Colorado County Historical Commission (CCHC) will hold a meeting Thursday, Nov. 18 at 7 p.m. at Colorado County Services Facility, 305 Radio Lane in Columbus. Call Susan at 732-2604 for directions. The program by Toni Burns will be "Brandon House Revisited". Please bring a covered dish meal.

E.H. Henry reunion meeting is tonight

The E.H. Henry School reunion meeting will be held Thursday, Nov. 18 at 6 p.m. Those interested are asked to meet at White Cloud Baptist Church.

Thrift Shop open Saturday

The Prairie Edge Museum Thrift Shop will be open Saturday, Nov. 20 from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Choose from lots of Christmas decorations and party clothes. Stop by for your Christmas gift items.

GRSBC fish fry is Saturday

The Greater Rising Star Baptist Church (GRSBC) Brotherhood will hold a fish fry Saturday, Nov. 20. Serving starts at 11 a.m. from GRS cafeteria. For more information call 979-234-2423.

Attention Youth!!

Mt. Moriah Baptist Church in Alleyton presents, "Focus on Youth" Service, Sunday, Nov. 21 at 9 a.m. during morning worship. The public is invited to come be blessed, uplifted, encouraged, delivered and set free. Come see what the Lord would have you to do. For more information call 281-342-7557.

RIVFD to hold BBQ to go Nov. 21

The Rock Island Volunteer Fire Department (RIVFD) will hold a BBQ To Go, Sunday, Nov. 21 (drive thru only) at the RI Fire Station. Serving starts at 11 a.m. BBQ chicken and sausage plates with all the trimmings are \$6 each.

Major livestock show entries due Nov. 22

Major livestock shows are fast approaching. Entries for San Antonio, San Angelo, Houston, Fort Worth and Star of Texas or due in the Extension office on November 22, for 4-H members to give us an appropriate amount of time to fill out the proper paper work and get them in the mail. Almost all entries are available on their website or you can contact the Extension office for a copy. FFA members should contact their local Ag Science instructor.

Major Show Swine Validation

Any 4-H member planning to exhibit a market swine at one or more of the major livestock shows will need to have their swine tagged in on Monday, Nov. 22, at the old fairgrounds. The time of tag-in will be between 4 to 6 p.m. All exhibitors and a parent must be in attendance to fill out the proper required paperwork. You must have ordered your tags in Sept. to participate in this validation.

Gator swim team bake sale is Nov. 24

The Eagle Lake Gator Swim Team will have their annual bake sale in front of the First National Bank of Wednesday, Nov. 24 from 8 a.m. until they sell out. They will accept special orders. To place an order call Jeanne Young at 979-234-3393 or Lydia Contreras at 234-3239. Come out and support our awesome swimmers!

Nativity display in Bellville starts Nov. 29

Come and enjoy a fabulous 300 piece Fontanini® Nativity Display featuring villagers, animals, lighted village buildings in natural scenery – an entire room as its setting. Display schedule starts Monday-Friday, Nov. 29 from 9 a.m. to noon. Weekdays afternoons and Saturdays by appointment for church, club or other groups. Call 979-865-2360 (reservations at least five days in advance).

5th Tuesday Mixer is Nov. 30

The Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce 5th Tuesday Mixer will be held at the Farris Hotel Tuesday, Nov. 30 at 5 p.m. Everyone is invited to join us for refreshments and a good time!

Hair sheep producers

The Texas Hair Sheep Association is in need sheep skins now. The Texas Hair Sheep Association is planning on having a promotional program for the association and is in need of skins to help with this educational event. If you are interested in helping with this promotional opportunity the association will help you with this. If you or interested in this opportunity you can contact Angie Davidson, Secretary of the Texas Hair Sheep Association at 325-378-2811 or 325-378-4027. Or contact your office your office of the Texas Cooperative Extension.

City Council votes to raise rate of renting the Community Center

By Carol Cardenas

Mayor Michael Morales called the Nov. 9 Eagle Lake City Council meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. He also led the group in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance and gave the invocation.

There were no public comments so council proceeded with the next item on agenda, which was the approval of the minutes of the Oct. 12, 2004 and Oct. 26, 2004 meetings. Council accepted the minutes as presented.

The Council then heard a proposal from a representative from Johnson Control. After much discussion Council voted unanimously not to accept the proposal but to hold a workshop to further discuss other options.

Next Council was to act upon a request for a parade permit from the Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce for their annual lighted Christmas pa-

rade. The parade is scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 11. Council voted to approve the permit but stated that due to some road construction the route might need to be changed.

Council voted to grant a request from Main Street to block the parking places in front of City Hall from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 13 for a citywide tire pickup.

The next item on the agenda was to consider and act upon a professional services agreement with INCODE to provide a Municipal Court Software Program and Support. City Secretary Sylvia Rucka stated that the old program they are now using is phasing out and that OCA would no longer provide a support system. The estimated cost is \$9,331 and a maintenance fee of \$1,000, which was already budgeted. Council accepted the agreement, however Eagle Lake is on backlog at INCODE until Feb.

Council then went into discussion of a temporary sign ordinance to see if they could come up with some sort of control for all of the garage sale signs, etc. that people tend to put on telephone poles. Council members stated that not only do people forget to remove the sign from the posts but also in times of bad weather they fall off and become a littering problem. They were not sure of who should en-

force the citation, city hall or the police department, or how much to charge if someone did violate the or-

dinance. Chief W.E. Lattimore stated (See City Council, Page 5)

Justice of the Peace indicted for felony theft

An Eagle Lake man serving as a justice of the peace and municipal court judge was indicted for felony theft in a special session of the Colorado County Grand Jury on November 15, 2004.

Larry L. Dulany, 56, presently serving as Colorado County Justice of the Peace for Precinct 4 and City of Eagle Lake Municipal Court Judge, was charged with a third degree felony. He has been a Justice of the Peace since December 11, 2000.

The charge alleges that he stole over \$86,000 from 1999 to 2004 while employed by SCI Funeral Service of Texas, Inc. He is accused of preparing funeral home contracts for one price, collecting the contract amount from the customer, forging the customer's name on a different contract with a lower price, submitting the lower-priced contract to SCI, and stealing the difference between the two prices.

"The indictment alleges the commission of a third degree felony theft, which carries a punishment range of two to ten years in prison and a fine of up to \$10,000," said Colorado County Attorney Ken Sparks. He added that the grand jury is continuing the investigation into the forgery allegations.

Sparks indicated that he had also filed a complaint with the Texas Judicial Conduct Commission seeking Dulany's immediate suspension from office.

An order was signed and issued on Tuesday, Nov. 16 at 10:00 a.m. by the State Commission on Judicial Conduct suspending Larry Dulany with pay. This order remains in effect until further order by the State Commission on Judicial Conduct or an order by the Colorado County District Court.

It should be stressed that the only victim in the thefts was the employer, SCI. Each of its customers was charged the correct amounts and received all the funeral charges that they paid for.

Deputy Santa Program 2004 to get underway

Colorado County Sheriff R.H. "Curly" Wied announced that the "Deputy Santa Program" for 2004 is getting underway at the Colorado County Sheriff's Department. Contacts are currently being made to begin collection information concerning needy children throughout the Colorado County area.

Last year the "Deputy Santa Program" was once again an overwhelming success. Over 800 presents were given to the less fortunate children throughout the County, and you, the citizens of Colorado County along with many local businesses donated toys for all ages that were distributed to those needy children, that without your help, would have had a less cheerful holiday season.

Sheriff Wied is aiming to make Christmas 2004 another overwhelming success. Getting an early start, allows plenty of time for the citizens to drop off their toys and get familiar with the "Deputy Santa Program." The program will provide gifts to children ranging from age 10 and under.

Anyone wishing to donate items to the "Deputy Santa Program" may drop off your toys at the Colorado County Detention Center at 2215 Walnut in Columbus. For your convenience, we have also placed collection boxes at Wal-Mart and Dollar General in Columbus, and Dollar General in Weimar.

The "Deputy Santa Program" has also opened an account for individuals or businesses interested in making a cash donation. Please make your contribution at the Columbus State Bank to the Deputy Santa Account. Please be sure to include your name and address on the deposit slip when making your donation.

Sheriff Wied announced that his office will be accepting toys through Dec. 10, 2004.

The toys will be wrapped and Deputy Santa will give the gifts during the week of Dec. 13-17.

Should you have any questions concerning the "Deputy Santa Program" or contributions, please feel free to contact Karen Schobel at 979-732-2388.

Sheriff Wied thanks everyone in advance for your support towards the "Deputy Santa Program".

Number 19 in a series of remembrance of our World War II dead

Remembering Ernest August Herndon

By Joe C. Fling

The fall of 1944 was a deadly time for our servicemen. American forces were in action across France as well as pushing back the Japanese from many directions.

Ernest August Herndon was born April 23, 1922. He was the son of Charles William and Ida Minnie Meyer Herndon of Ramsey. "Buddie" as his family and friends knew him, attended Eagle Lake schools and the family were members of the First Baptist Church of Eagle Lake.

Herndon received his induction notice Nov. 20, 1942, and was trained in armor. Herndon trained at Camp Robinson, Arkansas and at Camp Maxey.

He was one of a relatively small number of servicemen to fight both the Japanese and the Germans.

In his first overseas action, Herndon went to the Aleutian Islands for

six months in July 1943. He took part in the recapture of Attu and Kiska from the Japanese.

In Aug. of 1944 Herndon was sent to Luxembourg by way of England. He was killed there, in the fighting leading into Germany on Nov. 5, 1944. Herndon held the rank of Private First Class in a mechanized cavalry unit.

The news of his death in action arrived by telegram from the War Department on Nov. 17. It came as a particularly harsh blow to the family who had lost another son, Oscar pneumonia, who died Oct. 13 in the Columbus Hospital. Oscar was 27-years-old, five years older than Ernest.

Herndon never knew his brother had died three weeks before him. His last letter from the front dated Oct. 30, was received by his family on the very same day the dread telegram arrived. In his last message to his family Her-

ndon expressed hope in his brother's recovery, and closed with the words, "God bless you all. The Lord is taking care of me."

Herndon was survived by a brother William Fred Herndon who was then serving in the Navy and two sisters, Henrietta Hassie Herndon, then living in Illinois; and Elvie Nell Goekler who was his twin. The family still lived in the Ramsey area when Herndon was killed.

After the war Herndon's remains were brought home in Nov. 1947, and reburied at the Odd Fellows Rest Cemetery in Columbus. The *Headlight* concluded its Nov. 24, 1944 story that reported his death, with the words which could apply to all who have suffered such loss in any war, "May he who comforts others who are bearing similar burdens speak comfort to the family circle."

Community Thanksgiving Service

The annual Ministerial Alliance of Eagle Lake Community Thanksgiving Service is planned for Sunday, Nov. 21, at 7 p.m. at the Catholic Parish of the Nativity Our Lady of Perpetual Help Sanctuary, 308 N. Stevenson St., Eagle Lake.

Ministers representing area churches will participate in the service

and Ken Jones, Pastor of Lissie United Methodist Church will preach. All other ministers who will be attending are asked to call Eddie Winkler at 234-2842 by Nov. 20.

Everyone in the area is invited to join together as brothers and sisters in thanking God for all the goodness we receive daily in our lives. The event

also is to show thanksgiving for the oneness of the community shown during times of need. A monetary collection for the Ministerial Alliance Food Pantry will be taken at the service.

For additional information, contact your own minister or Eddie Winkler at 234-2842.

Flag Raising at ELPS

By Len Matula

V.F.W. Post 8783 Eagle Lake, was invited to the Eagle Lake Primary School (ELPS) on Veteran's Day, Nov. 11, by Principal Sue Weller. Commander Len Matula, Quarter Master

Earl Rodgers and Chaplin Harry Supak, raised the American Flag for the students last Thursday. The Post also presented the school with three videos (The History of the American Flag, Flag Etiquette and the Pledge of Allegiance).

Beside the four hundred plus stu-

dents present were Christina Williams, 1st grade teacher; Robbie Rhodes, Office Asst.; Elida Salazar, P.E.M.I.'s Clerk; Dr. Cynthia Saha, Asst. Principal; and Nancy Pearson, Special Education Resource Teacher.

Pictures Courtesy of E.L. Primary School.



MIGRATORY BIRD REPORT

As of 6 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 17th, there was not a new Migratory Bird Report posted on the Texas Parks and Wildlife website. If you would like to access the site yourself to keep updated go to www.tpwd.state.tx.us/news/migratory_report. Sorry for any inconvenience this may have caused our loyal readers.