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Last year's inaugural Trash-Off Day in Eagle Lake was deemed a great success. Organizers hope to make this year's event even better. A tire clean-up will be included with this year's event. Pictured above are some of last year's volunteers with the trailer-load trash collected.

Tire Clean-up Added To This Year's Event City, Revitalize Call For Trash Off Vols.

Revitalize Eagle Lake and the City of Eagle Lake are calling for volunteers to join forces and participate in the Eagle Lake Trash Off on April 10.

This is part of the Don't Mess with Texas cleanup campaign and is the single largest one day cleanup event in the state.

This is the second year for an Eagle Lake Trash Off Day. Last year 42 volunteers helped remove over 3200 lbs. of litter and tires from our main highway.

This year the plan is to cover more area and to clean our neighborhoods of old tires, so we need more volunteers! Business, clubs,

individuals and those needing community service hours are invited to participate.

There are two goals:

- 1) remove litter and debris from the roadways and
- 2) remove old tires from city neighborhoods. Volunteers and city employees will be at the city parking lot behind city hall to take these tires.

The tires must be brought to this location. There will be a small fee depending on the size of the tire.

Eagle Lake is home for all of us. This is the time for everyone in the community to work together to make our city beautiful, so please show up at City Hall at 8 a.m. on April 10 with tennis shoes and gloves and help us achieve this goal!

A few hours of your time can make such a difference!

From The City Of Eagle Lake:

The City of Eagle Lake requests that citizens remove old tires from their homes and properties.

This is an effort to control the spread of disease causing mosquitoes and to clean up rubbish. On April 10th, we will have a tire collection site set-up behind City Hall at 8:00 a.m.

It is each citizen's responsibility to keep our town clean and safe to live in. We can make a difference if we all work together.

Individuals and groups interested in helping are welcome and may call 979-234-2780 for more information.

Should anyone want old furniture, appliances or other items removed, please call 979-234-2640.

The growing season is here. Please cut your yards and empty lots.

City Council Hears Citizen Complaints

The Eagle Lake City Council heard complaints on two issues at their most recent meeting, March 23.

Ron McGrew complained that the city gave his dog away, despite the fact that he wanted to claim the dog following a mandatory quarantine resulting from what the city classified as a dog bite.

McGrew said that the dog got loose and scratched a neighbor child and that the city quarantined the dog.

He said that he was unable to pay the required fees and that after about 50 days, his dog was given away.

City officials said that the owner is responsible for paying for the quarantine, associated veterinary bills and pound fees of ten dollars per day.

McGrew's total bill, according to the city was \$735.

The city said that the dog was given to a rescue organization to be put up for adoption.

City officials also said that they offered a payment plan to McGrew as well as an offer to work off the bill welding, but that he did not exercise either option.

McGrew said that he could not afford the fees with the payment plan and that he could not work the bill off because of a disability.

The city said that they followed their policies in the handling of the situation and extended offers that they don't have to in order to help McGrew get the dog back.

McGrew said he felt the amount was too much for the care the dog received and he also complained that there are many loose dogs in the city and asked

why they weren't being picked up and given away.

The city responded saying that they had to pick his dog up because of the incident it had and that if a loose dog is not aggressive or has not attacked that it is not as high a priority.

Council took no action on the matter, but Mayor Mike Morales said he thought it would be a good idea to look at the dog ordinances

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New County Annex To Cost \$1.3 Million

Colorado County commissioners, meeting on Monday, got an updated report on the county's new annex with a building cost of \$1,295,500.

The building will cover 10,340 square feet and will be designed so a second story can be added at a later time if growth warrants.

Commissioners had budgeted \$1.5 million for the project. They noted that cost does not include architect's fees.

They also expressed hope that actual bids would come in below the estimate.

The report also outlined a number of details about the annex, which will be located west of the courthouse at the northwest intersection of Spring and Travis streets.

The building will house the county clerk, tax assessor-collector, auditor and treasurer.

The annex is being built to house offices that will have to move due to courthouse restoration.

The site plan and public approach to the annex from the west has been redesigned, a report from the architect, Cutright & Allen Architects stated.

The new design takes into consideration existing oak trees on the south property line.

With the new design, the public/pedestrian traffic approaches the annex at the intersection of Spring and Travis and not in the middle of the city block.

The east parking lot approach has not changed.

The new site plan has the main

entrance from the south by way of a plaza.

The plaza will accommodate the memorial brick pavers that are being removed from the courthouse square.

Parking for approximately 22 vehicles is to the east.

The architect is proposing that the exterior be a combination of a buff/cream color brick to harmonize with the Courthouse and aluminum framed windows banned with a cast stone.

Because of the restricted property size, budget and the need for parking, the building is planned to be vertically expanded.

The foundation structural system, columns and roof framing system will be engineered to support a second floor.

Approximately 10,000 sq. ft. can be added in the future.

In other action, commissioners:

—Appointed Chris Maddux to the post of justice of the peace for precinct No. 2, effective April 1. He replaces Richard Luhrs, who resigned for medical reasons. Luhrs had not sought re-election and Maddux won the Republican primary for the post. There is not a Democratic candidate in the November election.

—Approved use of the courthouse square for the Live Oak Festival on May 15. However, County Judge Al Jamison said that if construction had started on courthouse renovation, the festival would have to work around any construction areas.

NEWSBRIEFS

Kinder registration for Garwood School

Garwood Elementary School is registering students for the 2010-2011 Kindergarten class. Please come by the school office to pick up a registration packet. Students must be 5 years old as of 9/1/10 and must provide a copy of their shot record, social security card and birth certificate.

Baptist Easter service schedule

First Baptist Church (FBC) of Eagle Lake has scheduled the following services: Maundy Thursday service, with observance of the Lord's Supper - Thursday, April 1st at 6 p.m. Good Friday - FBC prayer garden is open to the public all day for reflection and prayer. Easter Sunday Worship - 10:50 a.m., nursery available. Call 979-234-2571 for more information.

Church bake sale Friday

Jesus is My Refuge Church will hold a bake sale Friday, April 2 starting at 10 a.m. Locations will include Brookshire Brothers in Eagle Lake and in front of the church at 115 N. McCarty. Come buy your Easter desserts.

Bake sale Friday

The Colorado County Relay for Life team "The Hillbillies" will be holding a bake sale on Good Friday, April 2 in front of the First National Bank starting at 8 a.m. until all sold out. Special orders can be called in to Connie Herman 979-234-3927. Breakfast tacos, cakes, pies, cookies, and assorted items will be available. Thanks for your support.

Closing in observance of Good Friday

The following businesses will be closed in observance of Good Friday, April 2. They include: Colorado County Courthouse, Wintermann Library, First National Bank of Eagle Lake. Lobby will close at noon, drive thru open until 6 p.m. The Eagle Lake Headlight will be open.

Senior citizen's dance Friday

A senior citizen's dance will be held Friday, April 2 at the Eagle Lake Community Center from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. Rabbs Creek Band will provide the music. For more information call 979-234-2903.

Bake sale Saturday

The Eagle Lake Drug Store (ELDS) Relay for Life team will hold a bake sale, Saturday, April 3 at Brookshire Brothers in Eagle Lake and in front of ELDS. The sale will start at 8:30 a.m. till sold out. All proceeds benefit the American Cancer Society.

Dance Saturday in Sealy

The Sealy Dance Club will host a public dance Saturday April 3 at the American Legion Hall in Sealy. Dance time is 7:30 to 11:30 p.m. Music will be provided by "This Is It" band. Song requests welcome. This will be the traditional Easter dance. So put on your bunny outfit and come to the best dance in all of Texas. Every dance is a big party and fun time. Free cake, coffee, sandwiches, chips, dips, and door prizes. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. For information call C. W. Brandes at 979-885-3489.

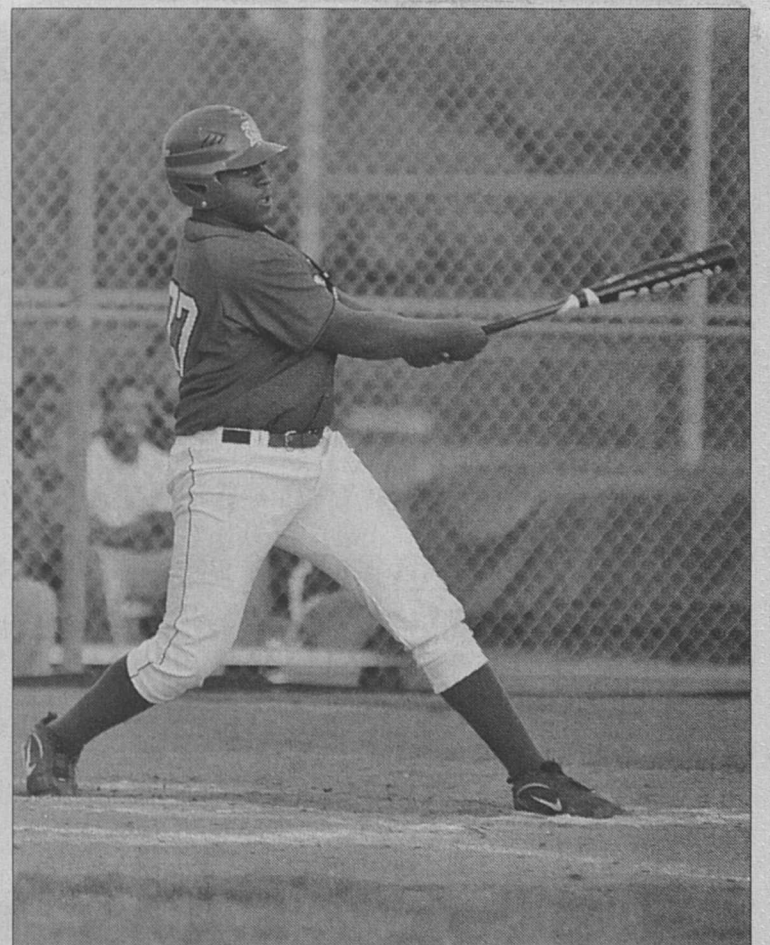
Mt. Sinai Sunrise service set

Mt. Sinai Evangelical Ministries (MSEM) will hold their first Sunrise Service on Sunday, April 4th at 5:45 a.m. Guest speaker will be Rev. Donald Austin of Greater Macedonia Baptist Church of Texas City. The public is invited.

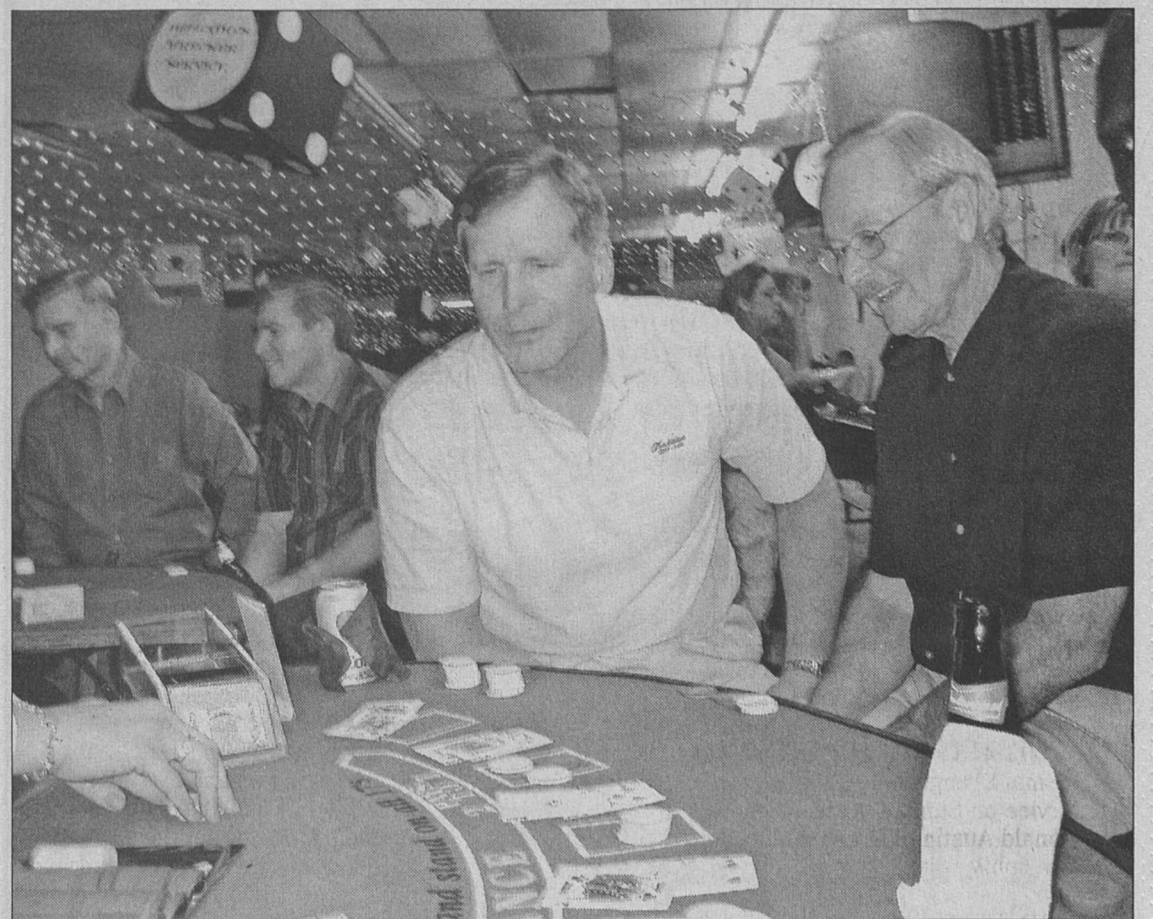
Annual sunrise service Sunday

The 47th annual Combined Easter Sunrise Service sponsored by

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Chris Dorsey hit a homerun for the Raiders against Weimar on March 26.



Dr. Russell Thomas, left, and Ronnie Sedgwick ponder the dealer's hand during the Chamber of Commerce's Casino Night held March 27 at the Chamber Building.