

Observe Fire
Prevention Week
Oct. 6-12
(See page 9)

Eagle Lake Headlight

Register By
Oct. 5 To Vote
on Nov. 5th
(See page 10)

VOLUME 71. EAGLE LAKE, TEXAS 77494, THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3, 1974 AC 713 234-2783 NUMBER 24.

Lead Rice High School's Cheering Section



You'll find the Rice High School Raiders cheering section to be one of the most active in this area and working hard to keep the spirit in full bloom are these pretty young ladies, 1974-75 cheerleaders for the Rice Pep Squad, standing left

to right, D'Ann Davison, Peggy Stallman and Shirley Fajkus; seated, left to right, Julia Thomas and Debra Parker. They urge your continued support of the Rice Raiders in football and all school sports and activities. - Rice HS Photo.

OFFICERS INVESTIGATING DEATH OF LOCAL WOMAN SAT.

Officers are investigating the death of an Eagle Lake woman, Mrs. Gladys Marie Roy, 28, on the Old Altair Road three miles west of Eagle Lake just before noon last Saturday.

Eagle Lake Chief of Police Roy Chism was called to the scene of the incident at 11:30 a.m. Saturday. He found the woman lying partially on the bank and partially in the water and a car, a 1967 Ford, upside down in the Lakeside Irrigation Canal which crosses under the road.

Chief Deputy Sheriff Bill Esterling, Highway Patrolman Rodney Green and Justice of the Peace Richard C. Schmidt of Columbus were called to the scene.

Officers were unable to determine the exact cause of death and Justice of the Peace Schmidt who conducted the inquest at the scene ordered the body sent to Houston for an autopsy.

James Lee Roy 31, husband of the dead woman, told officers that he was driving the car when it went out of control and off the bridge and into the canal.

Investigation continues by the sheriff's department and a report is expected from pathologists making the autopsy to reveal the cause of the death of the woman, later this week.

Oct. 1st Begins Tax Paying Time

County Tax Officers Begin Tour Mon.

Colorado County Tax Assessor and Collector Henry J. Hajovsky and his deputies will begin a tour of the county Monday to collect 1974 taxes.

A discount of 5% will be allowed on state and county taxes if paid within the period of Oct. 1st and Nov. 2nd. A 2% discount will be allowed Nov. 3 to Dec. 31st. No discount is allowed on school and water district taxes collected by the county tax office.

Mr. Hajovsky urges that taxpayers bring their tax notices with payment to prevent errors and to save time.

The group will be in Eagle Lake Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Oct. 7, 8 and 9 from 8:45 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. The group will be in the council room of the Municipal Building.

On Thurs., Oct. 10 they will be at the H&S Grocery in Bernardo from 8:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.; at Hopkins' office in Garwood Fri., Oct. 11 from 8:45 a.m. to 3:45 p.m.; at the city hall in Weimar Oct. 14, 15 and 16 from 8:45 a.m. to 3:45 p.m.

Also at Richter's Place in Lone Oak from 9 a.m. to 12 noon Oct. 17; at Heinsohn's Store in Freisburg from 12:30 p.m. to 3:45 p.m. on Thurs.

(Continued on last page)

City, School, County To Collect Over \$1.7 Million

October 1st annually heralds the opening of the current tax paying period and the cash registers in the city of Eagle Lake, Rice School District and Colorado County are expected to ring up over \$1.7 million in collections from October 1st to the end of the tax paying period on January 31st.

Roy Marshall, assessor and collector for the Rice Consolidated Independent School District, reported that the school tax statements went into the mail on Monday and most taxpayers should have their statements by the time they read this article.

The school district has a record total of \$74 million plus in valuations for the 1974 tax year and a 100% collection should bring in about \$1,100,000 in taxes. The school district's tax rate is \$1.34 for local services or a total of \$1.61 per \$100 valuation. The 1973-74 school budget was set up on the basis of \$55.6 million in valuations, and with a 98.5% collection total revenue was anticipated at \$821,490.

The City of Eagle Lake also mailed tax statements Monday. City Manager T. J. Smith reported that the city's tax roll for the year totals \$6,330,000 and a 100% collection of the \$1.50 tax rate will bring in some \$95,000.

The 1974 valuations total is up from the 1973 total of \$6,181,270 however the city manager emphasized that there are many more persons 65 and over who signed up for the homestead exemption this year. He expects to have a report for the city council Tuesday night on the amount of revenue which was lost to the city due to this exemption feature which was approved by the state legislature but applicable only at the prerogative of the local taxing agencies.

Colorado County Tax Assessor and Collector H. J. Hajovsky and staff were working around the clock this week to get county and state tax rolls completed. Mr. Hajovsky said late Tuesday that he planned to get the statements for the Eagle Lake area out first since he and his deputies plan to begin a tour to collect 1974 taxes here Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of next week.

The 1975 county budget approved recently estimates the total tax roll for the collection of county taxes will be based on a total of \$68 million and on the county additional ad valorem and state taxes a total of \$63.5 million.

Revenue estimated from a 90 per cent collection would be \$477,430.00.

Colorado County Commissioners' Court will meet in a special session at 3:00 p.m. this Wed., Oct. 2nd to finally approve the 1974 tax roll.

A three per cent discount will be allowed for payment of county and state taxes through November 2nd, however no discount is allowed on the payment of city or school taxes.

Subscribe to the Headlight
Call 234-2783

Burglars Enter Wintermann Warehouse

Burglars, believed to be children, entered the Wintermann Warehouse through a back door left unintentionally open during the week-end and broke into a drink machine taking \$6.00 in change and doing considerable damage to the machine.

Chief of Police Roy Chism said that a number of lights at the front of the warehouse building on East State Street were broken out during the week-end.

Deadline For PPK Competition Is Friday

To Compete Sat. At ELMS

Boys eight through thirteen years of age who wish to participate in the annual Punt, Pass and Kick competition sponsored locally by Steve Taylor Ford, Inc., are reminded that Friday, Oct. 4th is the final date for registration.

The PPK competition will be held this Saturday, Oct. 5th at 10 a.m. at the Eagle Lake Middle School. The public is invited out to watch the competition.

A total of eighteen boys, three in each of the six age categories, will receive trophies in the competition and their scores will be eligible for competition on a district level. Remember, Friday, is the last date that you can register, said Steve Taylor, owner of the local Ford dealership. No registrations will be taken on Saturday.

Raiders Host Palacios In Last Non-Dist. Tilt

Dad's Night Friday Night

The Rice High School Raiders will wind up their non-conference schedule Friday night when they host the Palacios eleven in a game at 8 p.m. in Raider Stadium.

Coach Dee Mackey's Raiders will be seeking their first non-conference victory and need a victory to give them confidence in their play before embarking on a tough District schedule with the Wharton Tigers in Raider stadium at 7:30 p.m. on Fri., Oct. 11th.

Friday night will be Dad's Night for the Rice Raiders and the players and their fathers or guardians will be recognized in pre-game ceremonies. Dads will wear the number of their respective son or guardian throughout the contest.

Class AA Palacios will bring another experienced team into the confines of Raider stadium, having knocked off Edna last Friday night by a score of 7 to 0.

Highway Work Ok'd In County

Highway improvements in Colorado County are included in a \$50.2 million safety and improvement program for 1975 approved recently by the Texas Highway Commission. District Engineer Carl V. Ramert, of Yonkum, said the work includes such projects as widening, providing additional surfacing, resurfacing, sodding, improvement of shoulders and other work.

The 1975 State Highway Safety and Betterment and Farm to Market Road Improvement Program statewide includes 709 projects in 201 counties of the state, involving 4,328.2 miles of roads. Fifty-two percent of the work is on US- and State-numbered routes, 47 percent is on Farm to Market Roads and one percent is reserved for later assignments.

Projects in Colorado County include:

- US Highway 90 from the Fayette County Line to the Columbus West City Limit, a total distance of 14.0 miles, will receive a seal coat application on the shoulders at an estimated total cost of \$10,200.00.

- US Highway 90A from State Highway 71 to FM Highway 102, a total distance of 8.3 miles, will receive a seal coat application at an estimated total cost of \$48,800.00.

- State Highway 71 between FM Highway 333, South of Garwood and 3.5 miles North-west of Garwood, reconstruction drainage structure at an estimated total cost of \$50,000.00.

- State Highway 71 from 6.7 miles South of Interstate Highway 10 at Columbus, South to US Highway 90A at Altair, a total distance of 3.1 miles, will receive additional surfacing at an estimated total cost of \$68,000.00.

- FM Highway 949, at Church

(Continued on last page)



KATHY HODDE

ELMS Jr Honor Society Names Citizen of Week

The Eagle Lake Middle School National Junior Honor Society is sponsoring a program to recognize junior high students who display good citizenship. Each week outstanding sixth, seventh, and eighth graders are nominated for this achievement and one student is chosen as the Citizen of the Week.

Candidates are nominated on the basis of the attitude they display toward the school, the staff, and their fellow students. Courtesy and cooperation are especially noted.

Chosen as the first Citizen (Bottom on next column)

Garwood Deputy Sheriff Ed Wine Resigns

Ed Wine, who has served for the past fifteen months as the Resident Deputy Sheriff in the Garwood and Nada communities, has tendered his resignation with Sheriff George (Doc) Mueller, effective on Tuesday, Oct. 1st.

Mr. Wine explains his position in making the resignation in a letter to the editor on page eleven in this issue. He extends thanks to all citizens of the Garwood and Nada communities and over the remainder of the county for their co-operation while serving in the position of resident deputy.

Sheriff Mueller announced the appointment of Donald Means of El Campo to fill the position of Resident Deputy at Garwood and Nada. Mr. and Mrs. Means and two children plan to move to the Garwood area in the immediate future.

He has no experience in law enforcement and plans to begin work for certification within the one year required.

St. Roch's Church BBQ This Sun.

St. Roch's Catholic Church in Mentz will hold its annual barbecue picnic this Sunday, October 6th.

Holy Mass will be said on the picnic date at 10 a.m. with Father Spooks officiating.

A barbecue beef and sausage dinner will be served buffet style at the noon hour for \$2 for adults and \$1.25 for children under 12. Barbecue and sausage will also be sold by the pound at the pits.

An auction will be a feature at 2 p.m. Danny and the Midnight Cowboys will provide music for free dancing throughout the afternoon.

There will be fun for young and old, including games, kiddie rides and a country store and other activities. Cold drinks will be sold throughout the day and barbecue sandwiches beginning at 3 p.m.

One and all are invited to make plans to attend this gala event in the Mentz community.

of the Week was Kathy Hodde of the eighth grade. Kathy's name and photograph are displayed in the main hallway of ELMS along with the criteria for being an outstanding citizen. Each week's Citizen of the Week will be displayed in the same fashion. Mrs. Helen Craig is faculty sponsor of the ELMS Chapter of the National Junior Honor Society.

Armed Bandits Get Cash at Columbus

Three men are charged with the armed robbery of Andy's Drive In Grocery on Highway 90 just west of the intersection with Highway 71 in Columbus at 10 p.m. Thursday night.

Columbus police officers

(Continued on page 10)

Nada Catholic Daughters Dance Sunday

The Nada Court of the Catholic Daughters of America will stage a benefit dance at the Nada K.J.T. Hall this Sunday, October 6th beginning at 8:00 p.m. and featuring music by the popular Les Blume Orchestra.

Reservations for tables may be made by calling Garwood 758-3612 or 758-3481. There will be no charge for table reservations.

The public is cordially invited to attend.

OES Garage Sale At Causey Home Fri. and Sat.

The Annual Fall Garage Sale of the Eastern Star will be held Friday and Saturday, Oct. 4 & 5 at the home of Mrs. Charles Causey, 711 South McCarty, directly opposite Jack Foster home.

The sale will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on both days. Lovely articles and clothing will be offered for sale at low prices.

"Don't miss this or you'll be sorry" say members of the Eastern Star.

Montezuma Youth Dance Sat.

Club Montezuma will sponsor a Youth Dance this Saturday night, Oct. 5th from 8 to 11:30 p.m. at the Eagle Lake Community Center. Dalwich Fox, local popular rock band, will provide a variety of popular hit music for the occasion. Refreshments will be served and club members and their guests are invited to enjoy the night's entertainment.

Wins Research Award



DR. SANDRA THOMAS

Dr. Sandra Thomas Wins Research Award Of Inter-American Commission

Dr. Sandra Carol Thomas, an educator from the state of North Carolina in the United States, is the recipient of the first Research Award sponsored by the Inter-American Commission of Women, an organization of the Organization of American States, which is based in Washington D.C.

The Research competition included the 23 member nations of the Organization of American States, and was created to promote research on the status and condition of women among women leaders of the Continent.

She is a former Eagle Lake resident and graduate of Eagle Lake High School. She is

the daughter of Ralph Thomas of this city and Mary Thomas of California.

Dr. Thomas is the first woman Vice-President of Meredith College in Raleigh, North Carolina. On Monday, Sept. 16, she was presented before the International General Assembly at the opening session of the Inter-American Commission of Women at the Pan American Union in Washington D.C. Present were the General Secretary of the Organization of American States, and the former President of Ecuador - the Honorable Galo Plaza; the President of the Inter-American Commission;

(Continued on last page)