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County Judges Cut Ribbon Opening FM 3013



AT FM 3013 RIBBON CUTTING - Left to right, Sealy chamber of commerce president Billy Schavra; Austin County Judge John R. Mikecki; Colorado County Judge Lester J. Cranek; and Eagle Lake chamber of commerce president Emily Stiles participated in the ribbon cutting officially opening the new Farm to Market Road 3013 between Eagle Lake and Sealy last Thursday afternoon. (See story on page 12).

E. H. Shirley, 4 Former EL Mayor, Dies

One of this community's most outstanding citizens, E. H. Shirley, passed away in the Eagle Lake Community Hospital at 7:00 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 28th, 1976, bringing great sadness to his family and to friends throughout the area.

Mr. Shirley was formerly mayor of Eagle Lake, former president of the Chamber of Commerce and the Rotary Club and former president of the Eagle Lake School Board and was active in his church, the First Baptist Church, and many other community affairs. The family is preparing a complete obituary to be published in the next issue of the Headlight.

Funeral services for Mr. Shirley were held at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday from the First Baptist Church with interment following in the Masonic Cemetery.

Surviving are his wife, one daughter, Mrs. Orville (Lynn) Powers of this community, and one sister, Mrs. Maggie Davis of Muskogee, Okla., and a number of grandchildren and great grandchildren and other relatives.

4 Sent To Penitentiary, 2 Dismissals

Four persons were sentenced to terms in the state penitentiary, two others entered pleas and will face later sentencing, and two other charges returned by the September grand jury were dismissed in district court this week.

Joe Daniel Lara, who was found guilty by a jury in district court Sept. 27 of the murder by stabbing of Alfred Jaures in an incident here on May 3rd, was given an additional 20 days in which his attorneys might file for a new trial.

Schraub granted the additional time for appeal and if the request for a new trial is not made in the 20 day period, the judge set Oct. 31st for the final sentencing of Lara. After the jury found Lara guilty, the judge indicated that the sentence would be 25 years in the state penitentiary.

Charges of burglary returned by the grand jury against the Smith Protective Service Inc. and against Calvin Myers for burglary of Loessin's Implement in Weimar on Feb. 5th were ordered dismissed by Judge Schraub on motion of the district attorney Houston Munson and the request was also signed by Lawrence Loessin, owner of the implement firm, and by his attorney Werner Stavino. It was reported

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City Expects New Garbage Truck, Packer This Week

Replacement Of Bad Spots In Paving Discussed

Eagle Lake City Council in its regular session on Tuesday night of last week took action to see that some faulty spots in recent paving projects are repaired to a satisfactory condition and not in "Patchwork fashion."

City Manager T. J. Smith reported to the council on the matter that, giving way due to some faulty material used in the project. He pointed out that the faults are caused by the faulty material and not through the fault of the paving contractor Helmeck Paving of El Campo.

The council voted unanimously to ask the materials supplier, Uvalde Asphalt, and the paver to redo the faulty areas in a proper manner, removing if necessary entire sections of the streets involved rather than merely patching some of the spots that are giving way.

Councilman Bennie Miller made the motion commenting, "We are paying for a first class job and should expect one and not an unsightly and unsatisfactory repair job." The city manager was asked by the council to inform the material company and the contractor of this resolution. The city has paid the paver for his portion of the contract price but is withholding a surety check for over \$3000 until the job is completed in first-class condition.

Councilman Gene Baker said that he doubted that this was enough money being withheld to force the contractor to redo the sections of the streets that are giving way.

GARBAGE TRUCK DUE
The city manager informed the council that the new Ford chassis for the new garbage truck arrived last week and was taken to the Pleasant Mfg. Co. in Pleasanton, Tex. for installation of the packer unit. The completed truck is expected here this week.

The council authorized the equipment committee to check the truck when it arrives and authorize final payment so that the 3% discount on the \$6000 purchase price can be deducted. The council also authorized the payment of \$8,723.91 for the 1976 Model F750 Ford truck chassis to Steve Taylor Ford, Inc. Mr. Smith noted that the city received a 1976 truck for the same price bid for a 1975 truck chassis.

BOARD PAID
The board of equalization, comprised of Lloyd Spallinger, Frank Higgins and L. J. Spindel, was dismissed after payment of \$50 each upon completion of the board's deliberations. The board is expected to make a final recommendation soon to the council relative to possible revaluation procedures, to be handled by local people, to bring the tax values to a more realistic and equal status.

Mayor Elmer Struss appointed a committee comprised of councilmen Roy D. Van Nort and Dick Oehman, City Manager Smith, Chief of Police Roy Chisum and City Secretary Lucille Perry to study repairs and renovations needed at the Municipal Building and at the police offices and to report the committee's recommendations on work that needs to be done.

DOG CATCHER BUSY
The city manager reported that the city's new humane officer, Joe Roepf, is busy catching stray dogs and cats on the streets in the city of Eagle Lake and a number of animals have been captured and placed in the city pound and if not claimed in three days were destroyed in humane fashion.

On a query from Councilman Baker, the city manager reported that notices are going out this week on over 20 abandoned vehicles that must be removed within 10 days of the notice or the city has the right to remove the vehicles.

Church here in Eagle Lake. Mr. Truly is the father of Mrs. Donald Bandy of this city.

REGISTRATION FOR RICE CISD ADULT EDUCATION NEXT MON.

Rice District Asks Bids For Food Vehicle

The Rice Consolidated Independent School District is asking for bids for a van type vehicle on a one-half ton chassis for use as a food delivery vehicle for cafeterias in the Eagle Lake schools.

Bids will be accepted by board before Oct. 13th and will be opened at the regular October board meeting. Supt. E. A. Krivacka is receiving the bids.

AARP Sponsoring Def. Driving Oct. 6, 8, 7, 9

The American Association of Retired Persons will be offering courses in defensive driving. One of the courses will be held on Monday, Oct. 6 and Wednesday, Oct. 8; and the other is scheduled for Tuesday, Oct. 7 and Thursday, Oct. 9.

Defensive driving is a eight hour course which will be divided into two afternoon sessions with each session lasting four hours beginning at 2:00 p.m. and continuing through 6:00 p.m.

Anyone may take the course to be instructed by Clyde P. Brown. The cost will be \$1.00 per person for members of the AARP and \$2.00 per person will be the charge for those not members of the association.

St. Roch's Church BBQ This Sun.

St. Roch's Catholic Church in Metz will hold its annual barbecue picnic this Sunday, October 5th.

Holy Mass will be said on the picnic date at 10 a.m. with Father Snock 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 beef and sausage will also be sold by the pound at the pits.

An auction will be a feature at 2 p.m. Donnie Wavra and The H-Liters 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 will also be sold beginning at 3 p.m.

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

OPEN TUESDAY NIGHTS
The Wintermam Library is open each Tuesday evening from 6 to 9 p.m. under the direction of the Rev. George Welch. It's your library, use it!

The Gary Greene Real Estate Co. and made an outstanding record of sales for that company.

He now lives in Eagle Lake, having purchased the former home of Mrs. Lue Fitzgerald on State Street later owned by the Frank Higgins. He is a member of the Lions Club and his family attends Celly Memorial United Methodist

Commissioners OK County Budget

The Colorado County Commissioners' Court, after almost a full day of deliberation last Thursday, approved unanimously a budget for the 1976 year in the neighborhood of \$1,746,866 as it was filed with the County Clerk's office.

The biggest hang-up in the deliberation of the budget came about when Commissioner Crockett Leyendecker in Precinct 3, informed the court that he could not support the Road and Bridge Allocation section since, as he said, he would have only \$151,000 with which to operate in 1976 and this would necessitate a 25% or better reduction in operations in his precinct.

Total expenditures in the budget for road and bridge expenditures was \$742,862 but this included sizeable balances being carried over by commissioners in Precincts 1, 2, and 4. Mr. Leyendecker said that he would not have any carryover. He said that his precinct spent some \$208,000 in 1974 and expects to spend some \$204,000 in 1975 and the \$151,000 allocation to his precinct would be a big reduction. This and constantly rising costs of operation and materials would cause even larger cuts, he predicted.

County Judge Lester Cranek brought to light some figures he had collected showing that expenditures in each of the four precincts over the past eleven years were very close. In Precinct 1, where the commissioner has five unincorporated cities and several subdivisions to maintain as well as rural roads, total expenditures for the 11 years amounted to \$1,718,567; in Precinct 2 the expenditures totaled \$1,607,669; in Precinct 3, \$1,550,480; and in Precinct 4, \$1,591,731.

Judge Cranek added that the action of the court in 1977 in the division of auto license funds on the basis of units (Continued on page 13)

Pink Ladies To Complete Cook Book II Thurs.

The Pink Ladies, Eagle Lake Community Hospital Auxiliary, will have a work day Thursday, assembling the new "Cook's Tour of Eagle Lake No. 2" cook book. Help in typing the recipes for the publisher is needed. If you are able to give some time to this project, call Mrs. Frank Higgins.

The Auxiliary extends a big thank you to all who took the time to send in a recipe. Recipes will be accepted until noon today, Thursday, for the book is scheduled to go to press Friday.

PPK ENTRY DEADLINE IS FRIDAY

Competition This Saturday

This Friday, Oct. 3rd is the final date for entry in the Ford Motor Co. PPK and the competition will be held locally on Sat., Oct. 4th.

Bill Appelt will direct the local competition for Steve Taylor Ford, Inc., beginning at 9 a.m. Saturday at the Eagle Lake Middle School football field. All boys who are registered must be present at that time. Of course, parents or guardians are invited to attend the competition.

Boys eight through 13 are eligible to compete in the local competition. The local winners will advance to the zone, district, area, division and then the national championships. The division winners will compete in PPK finals at the American Football Conference game in Pittsburgh on Dec. 13th and at the National Football Conference game in Detroit Dec. 14th. Finalists will vie for national titles in each of the six ages in the Super Bowl in Miami Jan. 18, 1976.

Three winners in each of the six divisions will receive attractive trophies at the conclusion of the local competition Saturday morning.

Raiders Play Final Non-Dist. Tilt In Palacios

The Rice Raiders football team will round out its non-conference schedule Friday night with an 8:00 p.m. game in Palacios. The Raiders enter the contest with a 2-2 record while Palacios is 0-4 for the season.

Coach Dee Mackey added that the Palacios team has been in every game but hasn't been able to come out in the win column and expects some stiff competition.

He said that the Raiders should be in good condition for the game. Ronald Glover was jolted in the third period of the Bellville game and missed practice Monday but is expected out later this week. Linebacker Darrell Gerson and fullback Kenneth Dawson also are favoring leg injuries but are expected to play.

A large following of Raiders fans expect to accompany the team, band, pep unit and student body to Palacios for the non-district game. The Raiders open district 13AAA play the following Friday at 7:30 p.m. in Wharton.

JOIN THE BLOOD BANK
If you failed to join the Walking Blood Bank last week you may do so by going to the hospital this week from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. for a blood test and RH check.

SCS ELECTION
A supervisor for Colorado Soil Conservation District's Subdivision II will be elected at New Bielsu Hall at 8 p.m. next Tuesday night.

Tax Group At Naqa Mon., Sheridan, R.I. Wed.

Colorado County Tax Assessor and Collector Henry J. ... will be in Weimar through Friday.

On Monday, Oct. 6th, the tax people will be at the Nada Grocery from 8:45 a.m. to 3:45 p.m.; at the H&S Grocery in Bernardo Tues., Oct. 7 from 8:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.; and at the Sheridan School from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and Rock Island Community Center 1:15 to 3:00 p.m. next Wed., Oct. 8th.

The group will be in Lone Oak and Frelsburg on Thurs., Oct. 9th; and Oakland Fri., Oct. 10th.

The tax officers will be in the Municipal Building in Eagle Lake from 8:45 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. Mon., Tues., Wed., Oct. 13, 14 and 15; and at Hopkins' Office in Garwood Thurs., Oct. 16th.

A three per cent discount is allowed on state and county taxes paid through Nov. 2nd.

New Ford, Mercury On Display Fri.

The new 1976 Ford and Mercury automobiles will go on display at the Steve Taylor Ford, Inc., in Eagle Lake this Friday, October 3rd and one and all are invited to drop by the showrooms at 408 East Main to view the new models.

Steve Taylor and Jerry Smith, owners of the firm, say the new 1976 model Fords feature built-in quality and value designed for today's demanding car buyer.

The new 1976 Ford trucks are also on display now at the local Ford dealership.

First Aid Class Begins Wed. Nite

A First Aid Class will be held at the Eagle Lake Ambulance Hall, above the Police Station, beginning at 7:30 p.m. Wed., Oct. 1. On the following Wed., Oct. 8th the course will be completed.

There is a \$5.00 charge to cover the study books and First Aid book. Interested persons are invited to take the course. For more information call 234-2111, La Von Tolliver.

One Killed In Accident Early Sunday

A San Antonio man was killed and four others were injured in a one-vehicle accident on Interstate 10, ten miles east of Columbus at around 12:45 a.m. Sunday.

Killed instantly in the accident was Roman Hernandez Gonzales, Sr., 40, of San Antonio. Injured and taken to the Columbus Hospital by the Columbus unit of the emergency ambulance corps and later transferred to San Antonio, were: Roman Gonzales, Jr., 18; Mike Gellatly, 20; Henry Salinas, 14; and David Martinez, 16. They reportedly received serious injuries but none were critically hurt.

Highway Patrolman Alton Adcock of Columbus investigated the accident. It was reported that the vehicle driven by Gonzales, Sr., went out of control and crossed the median between the two roadways and hit a concrete abutment.

Rice Belt DU Dinner Oct. 8

The Rice Belt Chapter of Ducks Unlimited will feature noted Cajun humorist Justin Wilson at its annual fundraising dinner at the Provincial City Hotel on Wednesday, October 3.

It will be a super-night for the local sportsmen in the areas of El Campo, Eagle Lake, Garwood, East Bernard, Wharton, Edna, Ganado, Columbus and Hallettsville.

Last year's dinner netted over \$16,500 and fed over 650 men. The Rice Belt Chapter is fourth largest in Texas, with Houston, Dallas and the Golden Triangle of Beaumont, Port Arthur and Orange heading the list.

This year's DU night will include a barbecue dinner and a variety of drinks. Also, a tent and tables will be set up capable of holding 1,000 persons in case of rain.

The night will also be highlighted with hunting films, door prizes, an auction and other events. Door prizes include shotguns, a Cowenprint, a handmade Ducks Unlimited knife by Ammann, a Labrador retriever puppy, a LeMac camper top and over 50 more items.

Various hunting trips will also be among the prizes, including a pheasant and antelope hunt, duck hunts, goose hunts, a South Texas deer hunt and many fishing trips.

Ralph Truly Joins Hanly Realty Here

The Hanly Realty, local realtors, is happy to announce that Ralph M. Truly of Eagle Lake has elected to work as a Salesman and Associate Realtor with the firm, announces owner Ed W. Hanly.

Mr. Truly, formerly of Houston, was a salesman for

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