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School Fees

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chers who voted against the change and indicated they would like to attend the TSTA meeting should have the opportunity to do so and she voted against the change.

The superintendent reported that energy conservation measures at Rice High School have resulted in a 5 1/2% reduction of fuel over a similar period last year, but had no figures available on whether this meant a savings in costs or not since the cost of power continues to increase.

He also noted that with Daylight Savings Time ending Oct. 26th, the monthly meetings of the board will revert to 7:30 p.m., starting time at the Nov. 10th session.

Reports were given on sessions attended at the Texas School Administrators and School Board convention held in San Antonio by Supt. Kriwacka and board president Anthony Kallina and board member Arthur Anderson who represented the district at these sessions.

Benefit Bazaar

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couldn't use; a handcraft and needlework booth where, perhaps, you have already seen a friend or neighbor working on an item you simply must have! There will be a snack booth where you and your friends and family can pause for lunch. Invite them to meet you there—men, women and children!

"This year we're excited about our antique dealers booths--five are making arrangements to come to date," said Mrs. Reed.

They are: Karey Bressenhan from Great Expectations Antiques of Houston; Janice Selph Miller (a former Eagle Lake resident whose father, M. E. Selph, still lives here) from Col. Hiram Hackberry and Co. Peddlers and Swindlers, East bernard; Sybil McCain from Sybil's Antiques, East Bernard; former resident Mary Claire Middlebrook from "The Establishment"-Mary and Martha, Wharton; and Mrs. Georgia Harris from Weatherwane Antiques in Columbus, Highway 90-W.

Other booths spaces are being filled by Mrs. Ann Bradley of Houston, Judy Walker, Joanne Sparks, Virginia Kidd and Joyce Comers (This group is scheduled to appear on The Nancy Amos Show from Houston in November.); also Mrs. Elizabeth Ware from Austin will be on hand with another collection of creative handwork.

An item of great interest will be a lovely nine-patch patchwork quilt the Eagle Lake Quilting Class handmade and donated to the Study Club to be given during the bazaar. The beautiful quilt is on display this week in the showwindow at the Epps' Department Store.

"Please come, and look, and buy, and enjoy this community gathering!" said Mrs. John Adkins, president of the Study Club, and members.

County Engineer E. J. Plourde Resigns

Colorado County Commissioners' Court accepted the resignation of Elwood J. Plourde as the County Engineer.

Mr. Plourde has been serving in that position on a part-time basis for a number of years and submitted the resignation due to his health.

His successor has not been named.

Transportation

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charge of the program in Austin, Colorado and Wharton counties.

Ms. Busby pointed out that only those persons who have a Food Stamp card are recipients of funds from the state welfare program are eligible for this service. The service will include providing transportation to hospital for non-emergency visits, for routine clinic visits, for non-emergency service by a private physician, for dental services and to drug dispensaries for drug services.

Persons who are eligible will be provided this non-emergency service if they call at least 24 hours in advance on a free Watts line number 1-800-392-3905 and request such service. They should at the time of calling give their name and address, their Form 86 number, age and birthdate, type of service requested, place they desire to go for the service, and time and date of appointment.

"Due to the limitation of funds, all eligible persons will not be able to obtain this service," noted Ms. Busby. "The Neighborhood Centers-Day Care Association requests that referring agencies thoroughly explore all other methods of transportation prior to making a referral to Neighborhood Centers - Day Care Association."

She added that the program is specifically designed to provide non-emergency transportation to those persons with the fewest resources available to them.

Mr. Hill will be located in Columbus or Bellville and will handle the transportation program using a 15-person van. He will coordinate applicants in areas on certain days of the week in order to reduce the amount of transportation that will be necessary.

County Judge Lester Cranek noted that this program is a supplement and will not replace the Senior Citizens program already in effect in this county in which persons may be compensated for providing transportation for senior citizens for non-emergency services, especially for those who are not eligible for the new program by virtue of the fact that they do not receive state welfare funds.

The director told the court that there are 1307 eligible persons in this county, 1079 in Austin County and 1355 in Waller county. Eagle Lake has the heaviest number of eligible persons in this county.

Mon., Oct. 20 Deadline For Cotton Plowup

Agriculture Commissioner John C. White has reminded local farmers that midnight October 20 is the plow-up deadline for Colorado County.

Harvest for the county is almost complete with many farmers reporting excellent yields for this year's crop. Although cotton acreage in this area of the state was down from last year, the cotton that was planted was seeded on some of the best land, and White reported that yields for the entire area are running better than average. Last year Colorado County farmers produced 1,910 bales and averaged 296 pounds per acre.

Trading in most Texas markets increased during the last week in September with both foreign and domestic mill demand remaining moderate. Higher prices have helped spur grower sales, and following increases in the fall price, marketings have been heavy. Middling 1in Crop Meets of the trading is in the 46-50 cent per pound level for grade 31 and higher.

Statewide, the cotton crop has been estimated at 3,028,000 bales, up 23 per cent from the short 1974 crop of 2,462,000 bales.

Fire Depts.

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since the Department of Public Safety is constantly phasing out used units that might be purchased for around $100 each.

Judge Lester Cranek added emphasis to the requests made by the firemen, commenting that the need for communications was great at the fire battled by volunteers for most of the past week-end. "These firemen gave up their time that might otherwise have been spent watching football or baseball games, to render this service." He noted that the need for the communications was quite evident for at one time two firemen from Garwood were believed to be missing but turned up working in the Columbus unit's area.

Eagle Lake Fire Chief L. J. (Sonny) Spanhel reiterated the need for the communications system and for aid in purchasing equipment designed specifically for brush and fire fighting. "Our equipment is getting to be too expensive to have it damaged or even months lost in the process of brush and grass fire fighting when a smaller more adaptable unit would do the same job." He noted that Eagle Lake and several departments have such units, but are considering the need of additional units because of the demands made upon the departments for rural fire fighting. "In Eagle Lake and this is probably true in the other two larger cities of the county, more than seventy per cent of our calls are to out of town, or rural, fires."

Others emphasizing the need for the communications system and for other aid to the volunteer departments were: Weimar fire chief Rudy Janek; Frelsburg fire chief Marvin Becker; and Bernardo fire chief Herman Ray Braden; and Dennis Zbranek of the Sheridan fire department.

Also present were firemen: Bobby Walls of Columbus; T. J. Smith of Eagle Lake; H. H. Westphal of Frelsburg; and Eddie Anders, W. L. Kram, Wilbur Grohmann, Jr., and Daniel C. Ulbricht of Weimar.

The court expressed concern at the lack of action on the fire department matter, but took no action since two of the commissioners were missing. Judge Cranek indicated the matter would be brought up for discussion later and that he had some recommendations to improve fire fighting facilities in the county to talk over with the commissioners.

Tax Group In Garwood Thurs.

The Colorado County Tax group will complete a tour of the county to collect 1975 taxes with a visit to Garwood this Thursday, Oct. 16th.

County tax officer H. J. Hajovsky will have deputies at Hopkins' Office in Garwood from 8:45 a.m. to 3:45 p.m.

Also representatives of the Rice School District will be at the same location in Garwood to collect Rice CISD taxes and take assessments for 1976.

The tax groups were held on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of this week.

After Thursday, taxpayers may remit by mail to the county tax office or pay their county and state taxes at the courthouse in Columbus and Rice district taxpayers may remit to the administration office at Altair.

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

Farm Bu. Annual Meet Next Tues.

Dinner Ticket Deadline Friday

The Colorado County Farm Bureau anual convention will be held Tuesday, October 21 at 7 p.m. at the Columbus High School Cafeteria. The agenda will include voting on new policy recommendations, selection of delegates to attend the Texas Farm Bureau Convention to be held this year in San Antonio from November 30-December 3rd, and the election of new directors.

A barbecue beef and sausage meal with all the trimmings, catered by Jerry Mikeska, will be served. Tickets may be purchased in advance at the Farm Bureau Office, and orders may be placed by mail. The cost of advance tickets is $1.50 per person and cost at the door or after the deadline is $2.50 per person. Deadline for purchasing advance tickets is Friday, Oct. 17, 5:00 p.m.

Smith Plant

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on an 83-acre tract of land purchased from the Heffley Estate and is located eight miles east of Columbus and twelve miles north of Eagle Lake just south of the Hill0 and FM949 intersection, on FM 949.

Welch said, "We purchased the land for the operation of a 51,000 square foot industrial plant that will be a direct extension of our oil and gas program in Houston.

The new plant will design and fabricate components utilized by petroleum-oriented industries, both onshore and offshore. These will include heater treaters, gas-liquid separators and storage tanks.

The initial work will be on construction of sixty 12' x 20' storage vessels, said Welch.

"This plant is designed to meet all safety and pollution standards under the OSHA and air pollution control programs," said Welch. "There will be no residue or pollution coming from this plant," he assured residents of the area and from this county.

LOCAL EMPLOYEES

Welch added that employees from the plant will come from the local area with only the supervisors and key personnel being moved from the Houston location. George Rohrer will be superintendent of the Columbus plant and he and his family have already located in a company house at the entrance to the plant. Kelly Boehme of New Ulm will be foreman of the plant.

Personnel of the new plant will be on hand Saturday to accompany visitors on tours of the huge building which is 200 feet long and two fifty foot wide bays. Welch said the tours will start at 10 a.m. and continue throughout the afternoon.

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El Campo Beauty Is Fairest of Garwood Lions Fair

Miss Brenda Kallina, 1974 Garwood Fairest of the Fair, left, presents a bouquet of red roses to the 1975 Miss Fairest of the Fair, Marla Birkner of El Campo, at the close of the competition in the Garwood school gymnasium last Saturday evening. Miss Birkner won the honor over 29 other beautiful young ladies in the annual event. See page 11 for more information.

Raiders Have 9 District Games In '76

Officials of the Rice Consolidated School District received word Monday of the redistricting for athletic competition by the University of Interscholastic League and after a meeting Tuesday, the ten teams in District 14 AAA voted 6-4 not to zone and to play a full nine-game district schedule.

Supt. E. A. Kriwacka, Athletic Director Jack Grammer and Head Football Coach Dan Moore represented the district at the meeting in Austin Tuesday. Despite the concerted efforts of the Rice schools officials, along with those from Edna, Wharton, and Sweeny, the representatives of the ten teams voted 6-4 not to zone in 1976 as has been the case for a number of years.

The Rice representatives tried every parliamentary procedure available to get the decision changed, but were unable to do so.

Those voting for not zoning contended that scheduling was the primary factor affecting their decision.

Voting against the zoning motion were Columbia, Hitchcock, Dickinson, Brazosport, Santa Fe and Friendswood.

As a result of the action, the Raiders will have only one non-district football game in 1976 and that will be the opening game on Sept. 3rd with the Columbus Cardinals in Raider Stadium. The Raiders will have an open date on Sept. 10 and open district MAAA play Sept. 17th in West Columbia. They meet two of the top teams in the district, Columbia and Friendswood in their opening games. The remainder of the schedule will find Rice hosting Friendswood Sept. 24; visiting Hitchcock Oct. 1; going to Edna Oct. 8; hosting Dickinson Oct. 15; going to Wharton Oct. 22; going to Brazosport Oct. 29; hosting Santa Fe Nov. 5; and going to Sweeny Nov. 12.

Under the division of teams by the UIL, as is done every two years, Yoakum which competed in this zone for the past two years, dropped back to 2A competition. The division for Class AAA teams was from 550 to 1219 average daily membership and Rice had just enough, 557, to stay in the tough 3-A district.

Rice will be the smallest school, using ADA figures, in the new MAAA district.

COLUMBUS IN 2A

Columbus remained in 2A and will face Bellville, Waller, Magnolia, Hempstead and Sealy in district play. Class AA teams range from 240 to 549 students.

Weimar will remain in District 25AA and will face Bastrop, Giddings, Hallettsville, La Grange, Luling and Smithville as district opponents.

East Bernard and Brazos (Wallis-Orchard) remain in district 26A and other teams include Royal, Danbury, Tidehaven, Louise, Ganado and Industrial.

Oil Rig Worker Killed In Accident Fri.

A worker on an oil drilling location on Lehrer land about four miles west of Garwood was dead on arrival at Eagle Lake Community Hospital last Friday as the result of injuries received in an accident at the rig around 10 a.m.

The Garwood volunteer firemen were called to the rig owned by Vivs Drilling Co. to bring the man, Ricky Carway, 21, of Cuero to the local hospital but he was pronounced dead on arrival. The victim was reported to have been a truck bed and the rig structure.

The body was taken to Mill-Bauer Funeral Home and later transferred to Cuero for services.

Rice Homecoming Candidates

These five popular girls are Homecoming 1975 Queen candidates at Rice High School. The Queen will be named at the halftime of the Raider-Columbia Roughneck football game Friday night. They are, left to right, Denise Wiese, D'Ann Davison, Laurel Anderson, Phyllis Kornek and Debra Parker. -Rice High School Photo

Study Club's Bazaar Friday

Proceeds To Benefit Library

There will be something for everyone when the Eagle Lake Study Club members unveil their annual benefit bazaar to be entitled "Good Ole Days" in the Com munity Center from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. this Friday, October 24th. Ladies in the club point out that this is the annual, and only, fund-raising event held for the benefit of the Wintermann Library and they urge and need your support.

If you have articles or baked goods that you would like to contribute to the bazaar, Mrs. Joe S. Reed, Jr., the bazaar chairman, invites you to bring your handmade or white elephant articles to the center before 6:00 p.m. Thursday evening. Baked items should be brought to the center before 9 a.m. on the morning of the bazaar Friday.

The Study Club members hope that you will contribute and that you will come by for a visit to view the many items to be offered for sale or to partake of sandwiches, cold drinks, cake and coffee which will be offered for sale throughout the bazaar.

There will be many booths from which you may purchase items, including a "white elephant" booth where odds and ends, some valuable to you and some to others, will be offered; also there will be a handcraft and needlework booth where you will find some fine work done by local ladies, all ideal for gifts or for your home.

There will also be five antique booths and the club will receive a commission from sales at these booths by out of town antique dealers.

They are: Karey Bressenhan from Great Expectations Antiques of Houston; Janice Selph Miller (a former Eagle Lake resident whose father, M. E. Selph, still lives here) from Col. Hiram Hackberry and Co. Peddlers and Swindlers, East Bernard; Sybil McCain from Sybil's Antiques, East Bernard; former resident Mary Claire Middlebrook

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City Gets $4,837 Sales Tax Check

Comptroller Bob Bullock mailed checks totaling $14.3 million Thursday to 624 Texas towns and cities for their monthly October city sales tax rebate.

The October payments were smaller than the previous month's. Bullock said this is because the September checks included receipts carried over or coming in late from the last round of quarterly tax payments sent in by merchants.

City of Eagle Lake received a check for $4,837.91; Columbus received $3,437.42; Weimar, -0-; Wallis, -0-; Sealy, $4,651.38; Hallettsville, $2,420.07.

Weimar Man Dies In Auto, Train Crash Sat

An auto-train accident on Farm-to-Market Road 155 in Weimar last Saturday night took the life of a 28-year-old Weimar man, a native of Giddings.

Pronounced dead at the scene of the 7:15 p.m. mishap was Roland Paul Wolf, Jr.

Warning lights were flashing as the Southern Pacific train approached, but the man apparently tried to make it across the tracks, according to the Department of Public Safety's report.

Wolf was alone in the auto at the time of the accident.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Patricia Wolf of Weimar; daughter, Robin Wolf, also of Weimar; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Wolf, Sr. of Giddings; and paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Wolf, also of Giddings.

Duck And Goose Hunting Section In Next Issue

The Eagle Lake Headlight in its next issue on Thursday, Oct. 30th, will publish the annual duck and goose hunting section.

Businesses or individuals interested in participating with advertisements and not yet contacted by the Headlight, may call 234-2783 by 4 p.m. Friday and a representative will be sent to discuss the matter with you.

County Has 1st Screwworm Case at Weimar

The first case of screwworms in Colorado County this year has been confirmed, reports County Extension Agent P. Johnnie Cooper.

Specimens were collected Sunday, Oct. 12 and the Mission Laboratory confirmed the case Friday, Oct. 17.

The confirmed case occurred in the navel of a newborn calf on Louise Hoegemeyer's place five miles south of Weimar.

According to Don Nielson with the Mission Screwworm Laboratory, "South of a line from Corpus Christi to Laredo, screwworms are completely out of control. Cases have been confirmed in cattle, deer, javelina, and one ranch reported 387 cases the first full week of October."

Even though weather conditions for control are improving due to the dry conditions, the pest is in Colorado County.

CHECK ANIMALS

Producers are encouraged to check their animals regularly, giving special attention to newborn calves, cattle which have been wormed, and cattle which have ticks. The cowman must keep close watch until the first frost and lengthy cold spell, said Cooper.

Sample bottles for submitting specimens may be obtained from feed stores and veterinarians, and all suspected cases should have samples collected and submitted.

C.C. Plans Santa's Visit Here Dec. 13

Directors of the Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce met Monday and set Sat., Dec. 13th as the date for Santa Claus' annual visit to the community. Further details on the visit will be announced at a later date.

The directors authorized president Emily Stiles to proceed with plans for a survey to be conducted among the

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Time Changes Sun., Move Back An Hour

Citizens are reminded that the time schedule will revert from Daylight Savings Time to Central Standard Time early Sunday morning and clocks and watches should be turned back one hour upon retiring Saturday night.

Construction Projects Are Underway

Much new construction is underway in the City of Eagle Lake at this time in both commercial and residential areas.

One of the major projects underway is the construction of the new United Methodist Church to replace the Cotty Memorial Church on the former Eagle Lake High School site on Prairie Street. Work is now underway on the erection of walls to the educational building and on driveways and other site work.

Work is also progressing very nicely on the new Mobile Village being constructed just west of the Guadalupe Addition. Roads in the area have been curbed and paved and utilities are being laid and the owners Mr. and Mrs. Joe N. Frazar anticipate that the first connections will be made around the first of the month. The Village will have spaces for thirty-two mobile homes and will have other facilities when finally completed.

Work has been nearly completed on the new Marvin's Blue Goose Hunting Club and Restaurant at Altair and the owners, Marvin and Clifton

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Raiders Host Columbia For Homecoming

Rice High School will hold its sixth annual Homecoming activities this Friday, Oct. 24th when the Rice Raiders tangle with the West Columbia Roughnecks in a District 14AAA contest in Raider Stadium beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Coach Dee Mackey's Raiders will be seeking their first conference win after losing a couple of close hard-fought contests to Wharton and Yoakum; while the Roughnecks enter the game as the zone favorites with impressive wins over Yoakum and Sweeny.

Five pretty Rice High School seniors were named by the student body as candidates for the honor of being the 1975 homecoming queen. The student body will vote to determine the winner who will be announced in ceremonies to be held during the halftime show. The Rice Raider band will join in presenting the halftime homecoming festivities.

The candidates for homecoming queen are Phyllis Kornek, Debra Parker, D'Ann Davison, Laurel Anderson and Denise Wiese.

A homecoming dance will be sponsored for the students and guests in the Rice Commons following the game. Only those who registered in advance will be eligible to attend the homecoming dance.

W. E. Lenhart Passes Away

Funeral services were pending from Mill-Bauer Funeral Home at press time for W. E. Lenhart, prominent Eagle Lake citizen and former chairman of the Board of First National Bank, who died early Wednesday morning in the Eagle Lake Community Hospital.

A full obituary will be carried next week.

City Planning Bldg. Facelift

Mayor Urges Working Of Parking Meters

Eagle Lake City Council discussed the parking meter situation in Eagle Lake and the major, and most, if not all, of the councilmen, agreed that the parking meters should be worked regularly or consideration be given to removing them from the streets of downtown Eagle Lake.

Mayor Elmer Struss asked Chief of Police Roy Chisum if he couldn't schedule one of the patrolmen, in light of the fact that the city now has three regular police officers, to work the parking meters and to make an appearance on the streets in downtown Eagle Lake at least once daily.

Chief of Police Roy Chisum, who was present at the council meeting on Tuesday evening of last week, replied that he could not ask the patrolmen to work at nights and then take a short shift during the daylight hours too. "We can work the parking meters, but it will cut down on our crime enforcement and investigation," said the chief.

Several of the councilmen concurred with the opinion of the mayor that the situation has reached a point where they were in favor of removing the meters if they could not be worked regularly. "But this I suggest reluctantly," said the mayor, "for it wouldn't be long before employees would have all of the parking spaces in the downtown area filled and there would be no room for the customers."

Councilmen Gene Baker and Bennie Miller suggested that perhaps some change in the scheduling of the patrolmen Bufford Ashley and Steve Skinner might solve the problem. Councilmen Dick Obenhaus, Alvin Kohleffel and Roy Van Nort agreed that the meters should be worked or removed and that police officers should make more public appearances in the downtown area.

No further action was taken on the matter and the mayor and chief indicated they will try to work out the situation to the satisfaction of all concerned.

Eagle Lake City Council in regular session Tuesday night of last week started plans for a facelifting program at the Municipal Building and at the police headquarters in the old city hall building and will take bids for the projects to be carried out in the near future.

Councilman Dick Obenhaus, chairman of a committee appointed by Mayor Elmer Struss to look into the program, reported on some deplorable conditions at the city jail and recommended that immediate action be taken for the purchase of new mattresses and for installation of new commodes in the three cells of the jail.

City manager T. J. Smith was authorized to make purchase of these and to see that that are installed.

The committee also recommended that consideration be given to the purchase of a small safe or security cabinet and camera be purchased for the police department. Obenhaus told the council that possessions taken from persons arrested are now in a safe that "can be opened by almost any child," stated the committee chairman. The council asked the city manager to proceed with purchase of these items.

Bids will be taken for a possible extension of the police headquarters in order to provide an interrogation room with one-way viewing glass in a room in order to afford persons asked to identify apprehended persons without danger of being observed or intimidated. The extension, if approved, will extend into the space formerly occupied by the fire trucks.

City manager Smith told the council the current budget allocates $6000 for jail improvements and the budget has $4000 for improvements to the

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Garwood Lions Have Float Winner

This beautiful float is keeping with the Bicentennial theme in the colors of red, white and blue, entered by the Garwood Lions Club, won first place in the float judging at the close of the parade opening the Garwood Lions Club Fair last Saturday. Young minutemen on the float are, left to right, Russell Lahay, Todd Kronek and Ryan Beane. For more information on the parade see page 10.

Sheridan PTS Carnival Sat.

The Sheridan Parents and Teachers group invites one and all to their annual Halloween Carnival to be held at the Sheridan School this Saturday, October 25th.

Mrs. Jean Walker is the general chairman of the event and Mrs. Dennis Zbranek is assistant chairman.

The event will open with a bicycle parade led by the Sheridan junior high band at 5:00 p.m. A coronation will be held to crown the 1975 Queen at 5:30 p.m. in the gymnasium. Mrs. Jerry Coble and Mrs. J. D. Ashley are in charge of the coronation.

After the coronation there will be a Costume Parade with judging of the winners on the stage of the gymnasium.

Entertainment in the form of a one-act play with an all-female cast will follow. Title of the comedy will be "Flapper Girls."

After the play, booths and food stands with entertainment for all ages, will open under supervision of the P-TS members at 7:00 p.m.

Following the last presentation of the one-act play which is to be at 9:00 p.m. a turtle race will be held.