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## 1975 Conservation Award Winners



Robert Henneke, president of the Columbus Noon Lions Club, right, presents the Outstanding Resident Conservation Farmer plaque to Clarence Hadash at the Lions 27th Conservation Banquet held Monday night. With Mr. Hadash are his son Tommy and wife Alnits. See page nine for more information on the Colorado County award winners.

## Meeting Fri. To Complete Bi-Centennial Plans

### Groups Who Plan Booths Should Attend

Bill Appelt, chairman of the Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce Bicentennial activities, has called a meeting of all local service clubs and organizations that plan to sponsor booths or other activities in the July 3-4 celebration. The meeting will be held in the Council Room of the Municipal Building at 1:30 p.m. this Friday, May 7th.

Plans will be made for the booths in the downtown area for the July 3rd program and Appelt notes that it is important that a representative from each organization planning a booth be at the meeting Friday afternoon.

Final plans for the July 3rd and 4th Bicentennial program will be announced next week. A barbecue dinner, catered by Mikeka's, will be served at the Eagle Lake Recreation Center picnic grounds from 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Sunday, July 4th, and tickets to the barbecue are due to go on sale in the immediate future at \$2.75 each.

## Burglars Hit Alamo Lumber, Austin Grocery

Eagle Lake police were called to investigate the second entry of the Alamo Lumber Co. in as many weeks, and also an entry into the Austin Grocery some time during the night of Wed., April 28th.

In the first entry of the Alamo Lumber Co. the manager, Carroll Lepori, reported that nothing was missing and made a similar report to the police although the desk and a brief case in his office were ransacked.

However later investigation by police Chief Roy Chisum revealed a brace and several bits and a mallet type hammer were hidden under a wood mallet at the rear of the lumber company. It is believed that the tools were taken from the lumber company by the burglars and used to drill a number of holes into a wall of the Austin Grocery and then the eighteen inch square was knocked out with the mallet.

The burglars got only into a storeroom and not into the main part of the grocery, but owners reported a bag of about \$100 in nickels was missing. The officer also found that two skylights to the grocery had been removed but the holes had been closed from the inside and entry was not possible.

Entry was made into the lumber company presumably through a back window. In the first entry, the burglars got no further than the warehouse, but Wednesday night they kicked out a door and got into the main part of the building, said the officer.

Investigation of the entries continues. The burglars never even bothered to remove the sales and price tags from the tools which they used to drill their way into the Austin Grocery.

## Mueller, Esterling In County Sheriff's Runoff

### In Sheriff's Runoff



GEO. (DOC) MUELLER



BILL ESTERLING

Vote by precincts in the sheriff's race follows:

| Prec.       | Est. Muel. | Wine |
|-------------|------------|------|
| Columbus    | 289        | 141  |
| Glidden     | 93         | 79   |
| Al'air      | 14         | 21   |
| Garwood     | 83         | 106  |
| Nada        | 34         | 68   |
| Rock Island | 83         | 27   |
| Sheridan    | 35         | 81   |
| Oakland     | 27         | 69   |
| Weimar      | 112        | 977  |
| Buescher    | 78         | 26   |
| Shaws Bend  | 30         | 11   |
| Brushy      | 44         | 10   |
| Frelsburg   | 94         | 70   |
| Mentz       | 63         | 15   |
| Bernardo    | 54         | 37   |
| Alleyton    | 30         | 12   |
| Eagle Lake  | 243        | 321  |
| N. Columbus | 299        | 149  |
| Absentee    | 41         | 95   |
| TOTAL       | 1746       | 2255 |

Voting for Precinct One Commissioner went as follows:

| Prec.       | Hruz. | Loes. | Stal. |
|-------------|-------|-------|-------|
| Columbus    | 57    | 339   | 126   |
| Glidden     | 13    | 168   | 12    |
| Garwood     | 25    | 143   | 124   |
| Nada        | 18    | 105   | 17    |
| Rock Island | 27    | 83    | 19    |
| Sheridan    | 18    | 86    | 12    |
| Absentee    | 9     | 25    | 11    |
| Total       | 167   | 949   | 321   |

## Loessin Wins As Precinct 1 Commissioner

With about sixty per cent of the voters in Colorado County participating in the Democratic Primary election held last Saturday, a runoff was assured for the position of Sheriff of this county; but a new Commissioner was named in Precinct One without a runoff.

The incumbent George (Doc) Mueller led the field of three candidates for re-election to the office of sheriff but he failed to get the majority of votes and will face Bill Esterling, a former Chief Deputy for Mr. Mueller, in a runoff in the election to be held Sat., June 5th. Mr. Mueller received a total of 2255 votes. 977 of them coming from his home city of Weimar, while Mr. Esterling received a total of 1746. The third candidate in the sheriff's race was Tom Wine, former Columbus police officer, who received a total of 638 votes in the county.

Mueller led in voting in six of the 18 precincts, Altair, Sheridan, Eagle Lake, Nada and Oakland in addition to Weimar. Wine carried only the Garwood voting precinct; while Esterling was the leading vote-getter in the remaining eleven precincts.

In the sheriff's race, the voting here found Mr. Mueller getting 321 votes, Mr. Esterling 243 and Mr. Wine 118.

Otto Loessin, who has been associated with the Precinct one Commissioner's staff for the past 11 years and was road foreman for Commissioner Walter Henicke for the past four years, virtually ran away with the Precinct one Commissioner's race. He received a total of 949 votes in the six voting precincts in the commissioner's precinct. Wilton Stallman of Columbus received a total of 321 votes and the third candidate, A. J. Hruzek, Jr., received 167 votes. Loessin will be the Democratic Party nominee for the position in the November general election and is expected to win that position since he will be unopposed on the November ballot.

Countywide the totals were: 136 for Hicks, 140 for Benson, 137 for Garwood and 144 for Briscoe; 111 for Milburn, 109 for Neptune, 108 for Fullerton and 116 for Anderson. The Garwood, Nada, Rock Island and Sheridan box is in another Congressional District and the voters there cast 15 votes each for the four Reagan delegates and 10, 9, 8 and 8 for the four Ford delegates.

In other races, the

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**Jimmie Frnka, Lawrence Berger Elected Constables**

In Eagle Lake Justice of the Peace Precinct 8, J. T. (Jimmie) Frnka won re-election handsly with a total of 477 votes while John Perry received 157 votes and Le Roy Briggs drew 76 votes. Frnka had 447 votes in Eagle Lake, 21 in Altair and 9 absentee; Perry had 150 votes in Eagle Lake, 3 in Altair and 4 absentee; while Le Roy Briggs had 72 votes in Eagle Lake and 4 in Altair.

In Eagle Lake, a total of 696 persons went to the polls in the Democratic Primary last Saturday. Presiding judge J. T. Pickington noted that many of the voters did

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OTTO H. LOESSIN

## Council Splits 3-2 On Utility Rate Hike Ord.

### Increase In Garbage Rate Is Argued

Eagle Lake City Council, in regular session on Tuesday night of last week approved the first reading of a utility rate increase ordinance on a split vote and voted unanimously not to consider an ordinance to create one-way traffic on Commerce Street.

The council approved without dissent the ordinance to increase the water and sewer rates but hit a snag on the proposal to increase the garbage collection rates by as much as four times the present charge. On the garbage ordinance, the council split 3-2 on the approval of the first reading. Councilmen David Euers, Alvin Kohleffel and Dick Obenhaus voted for approval of the first reading and Councilmen Bennie Miller and Gene Baker voted against passage of the first reading.

At the present time the city charges \$1.50 for collection of garbage twice weekly in the residential area and for five times per week collection at many of the smaller businesses in the community. The ordinance as it was first proposed raised the rate for residential pickup twice per week to \$3.00 per month but upped the fee for collection on a five time per week basis to small businesses from \$1.50 to \$6.00 per month. The fee for garbage collection to businesses was set in the ordinance on the basis of the amount of collection and the time required for pickups on a scale from \$6.00 to \$30.00. Councilmen Baker and Miller commented that the recommendation of the committee, as adopted at the April 13th meeting, set out that the fee for garbage collection would be increased up to \$3.00 to \$30.00. They contended that the increase, as written in the ordinance up for the council's consideration last week changed that increase from a minimum of \$3.00 to a minimum of \$6.00.

After considerable discussion of the matter, a motion was made to change the minimum for businesses to \$4.00 and this was brought to a vote with the 3-2 vote resulting.

The garbage increase ordinance and the water and sewer increase ordinance are both due to come before the council for the second reading on May 11th and it is planned that the third and final reading will be made May 25th, provided of course that the garbage ordinance passes the second reading on May 11th. If either or both of the rate increase ordinances pass the final reading, it is

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## RHS ATHLETES TO BE HONORED TUESDAY NIGHT

### SWT Cage Coach To Be Speaker

The annual Rice High School All-Sports Banquet to honor all boys and girls who competed in high school athletics will be held next Tuesday, May 11th, and today, Thursday, May 6th is the final date for the purchase of tickets for the event.

The tickets are on sale at the high school and at the Rice Drug Store in Eagle Lake, at Woody's Drive-In Grocery at Garwood and at the Post Office in Sheridan for \$2.50 each. There will be NO sales of tickets at the door, all MUST BE purchased in advance, said Rice High School athletic director Jack Grammer.

Guest speaker for the event will be Vernon McDonald, head basketball coach for the Southwest Texas State University Bobcats. Several of the Bobcats cagers are expected to accompany the coach to the banquet.

McDonald hung one basketball milestone on his office wall last season and now he's aiming at others as he plans to enter his 16th year as coach of the Bobcats. He ran his victory mark past the 200 mark in the 1975 season. McDonald has been a



VERNON McDONALD

player, assistant coach or head coach for 25 years. His 1973-74 team shared the

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## Minor Electrical Fire At La Fiesta Monday

Eagle Lake volunteer firemen were called to the La Fiesta Restaurant at 2:00 p.m. Monday. An electrical short caused some light smoke damage. The firemen responded quickly and damage from smoke was held to a minimum.

## Senior Award Assembly 10:30 This Friday

Rice High School will hold its annual Senior Awards program in the high school gymnasium at 10:30 a.m. this Friday, May 7th and interested parents and friends are invited to attend.

A number of civic and service organizations and others will present awards, scholarships and other honors to the 114 seniors who are candidates for graduation on May 24th.

Commencement exercises for the Class of 1976 will be held in the gymnasium at 8:00 p.m. Monday, May 24th. A capacity crowd of parents, relatives and friends is expected to attend the program to be put on by members of the class.

The awards program for the underclassmen will be held during the school day at 8:20 a.m. Tuesday, May 11th.

## ENGLISH GUESTS

Three couples from England will be visiting here next week under a Rotary exchange program. They will be in the homes of the Gardner Duncans, the Fulton Dromogoles and the A. B. Cones. The following week another couple from England will be with the Dan Thorntons.

## \$384,500 City Budget To Be Considered Tues.

Eagle Lake City Council has called a hearing at 7:30 next Tuesday night, May 11th on a proposed record \$384,500 budget for the fiscal year 1976-77 which began on April 1, 1976, and all interested persons are invited to be on hand for the hearing in the Council Room of the Municipal Building.

The proposed budget, prepared by City Manager T. J. Smith, is based on a total of \$416,500 in revenue in the next year. The receipts include \$29,100 from the tax fund, \$250,000 from the general fund, \$185,000 from water and sewer funds, \$2,100 from the contingency fund, and \$32,000 from the revenue sharing fund, less \$31,700 for inter-fund transfers. However, it was noted by the City Manager that the

\$32,000 expected from revenue sharing is uncertain at this time and may not be forthcoming unless Congress re-institutes the program. Hence it is not included in the total available for use in 1976-77. The city has not been allocating revenue sharing funds for the past several years in hopes of accumulating the funds for a large sewer plant improvement program which is coming up in the next year or two.

DISBURSEMENTS

The proposed new budget allocates \$29,100 to tax bond interest and sinking deposits, \$38,300 to revenue fund interest and sinking deposits, \$2,100 to the contingency fund, \$213,600 to general fund operating, \$65,000 to water and sewer fund disbursements, and \$36,400

to capital outlay.

In the general fund disbursements, the following allocations are made: \$45,000 to administration and general, \$10,000 to gas department, \$54,000 to the police department, \$12,000 to the fire department, \$42,000 to the garbage department, \$43,000 to streets and drainage, \$2,000 to the airport department, \$200 to the civil defense fund, and \$5,400 to parks and recreation.

The \$1.50 tax rate is expected to be distributed: 29 per cent to the sinking fund, 2 per cent to the contingency fund, and 89 per cent to the general fund. The budget estimates the total tax levy for the 1976-77 year will be \$110,000 and estimates that

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## KC Dance Sat. To Benefit Child. Hospital

Final plans have been completed for the big dance to be sponsored by the Eagle Lake Council of the Knights of Columbus beginning at 9 p.m. this Saturday, May 8th in Riverside Hall in East Bernard for the benefit of the Shriner's Crippled Children's Hospital in Houston and the Shriner's Burns Institute in Galveston.

The Ray Krenek orchestra from Wallis will provide music for the event and will feature all kinds of music for entertainment of one and all of all ages. Dancing will continue until 1 a.m. Admission will be a \$3.00 donation per person or a \$5.00 donation per couple.

Tickets are on sale with all members of the Eagle Lake Council of the Knights of Columbus Council No. 4843 or with many of the Shriners in the area.

"We invite one and all to join us for this festive event and to support the Shriner's Hospital and Burns Institute," said Darius Briscoe, the Grand Knight of the local council. Also Joe N. Frazar, Jr. of Eagle Lake, vice-pres. of the Colorado County Shrine Club, and other Shriners in the area join in urging your support of this event.

This will be the second year for the Eagle Lake Knights to conduct this worthy project and they look forward to making the 1976 benefit even bigger and better than the very successful dance held in 1975.

## REGISTER TO VOTE

May 6th is the final date to register to vote in the June 5th primary runoff elections if you have not already registered.

## EL Kindergarten Registration Today, Thurs.

All parents who have children who will be five years of age on or before September 1, 1976, should come to the Eagle Lake Primary School Gym on Thursday, May 6th from 2:45 to 3:45 p.m. for registration. Any parent who has a beginning first grader who is not presently attending Kindergarten at the Primary School should register their child (six years old on or before Sept. 1, 1976) at the same time. Parents registering six year olds for Grade K should make a special notation on their registration card.

Birth certificates are required by the time school begins August 19. Please bring the birth certificates to the registration if at all possible, said Principal Major Bengt. No immunizations will be administered. Information request forms will be distributed for completion. Any remaining shot records will be obtained after school begins August 19th.

## Two Carter, One Bentsen Delegates OK'd In County

Voters in the Democratic Primary held in this county last Saturday approved two delegates favoring the nomination of Jimmy Carter for president and one for Lloyd Bentsen with just over sixty per cent of the qualified voters going to the polls.

Carter's delegates, Jacqueline T. Donovan and E. Larry Dickens received 1475 and 1367 votes while Bentsen's delegate J. Ralph Meadows of Columbus won 1413 votes to become the third delegate to be approved in this county. Other presidential delegates

## Republicans Favor Reagan, 5 Amendments

Republicans voting in five precincts in this county last Saturday went along with the remainder of the state in selecting four delegates to the Presidential Convention favoring Gov. Ronald Reagan. Reagan carried every one of the 96 delegates accorded to this state in an overwhelming defeat of President Gerald Ford. Five referendum issues on the ballot also were approved by local voters, as they were statewide.

Four of the five precincts cast ballots favoring Reagan delegates. The Frelsburg, Mentz and Bernardo box voted for Ford's delegates by a vote of 28 to 18. In the Columbus, Glidden, Oakland and Weimar box the vote favored Reagan's delegates 25 to 13; the Alleyton, Altair and Eagle Lake box went for Reagan's delegates casting 85 for R. Miller Hicks, 87 for Rhoda Benson, 86 for W. St. John Garwood and 93 for Sue Briscoe. The Ford delegates received: 69 for Mrs. Beryl Buckley Milburn, 67 for Millard Neptune, 66 for Byron Fullerton and 73 for Jay Anderson.

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## ELMS Bands, Choir In Concert Tues.

The Bands and Choir of Eagle Lake Middle School will be presented in concert Tuesday night, May 11, 1976 at 8:00 o'clock in the evening at the ELMS Gym. The ELMS Band and Choir will present their award winning contest music programs plus other popular selections. In addition, the fifth and sixth grade bands will perform, as well as a new exciting ensemble, the ELMS Stage Band.

The seventh and eighth grade band will perform "The Original Thirteen", a march; "The Black Knight" and "Lethbridge Overture and 'Time in a Bottle' and other selections. The ELMS Choir will perform "I Believe in Music", "I'd Like to Teach the World to Sing", "Sesame Street", "Sing a Rainbow", "It's a Wonderful Thing to be Me" and "We're Invited".

The public is invited and there will be no admission charge.