

## TEXAS HOSPITAL WEEK MAY 8-14

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HOSPITAL

## Eagle Lake Community Hospital

EL Community Hospital  
Begins 3rd Year of Operation

Due to a lot of hard work and determination from the people in this community the Eagle Lake Community Hospital opened its doors on April 15, 1975 to a very eager public.

At the time the hospital opened there were forty-eight full time and part time employees and at this time there are fifty-six employees.

The thirty-seven bed hospital serves an average of eighteen patients a day. In past fiscal year we had 1,282 admissions, 106 babies born, and 961 emergency room patients.

The Eagle Lake Community Hospital boasts of their completely modern up-to-date facilities to serve the community. We have one of the best equipped Medical Staffs which consists of: C. C. Laughlin, MD; R. E. Thomas, MD; H. L. Griffin, MD; and Rose Marie Roquemore, D.D.S.

We also have our hospital consultants for Special Services who are: Ranson F. Diaz, MD; Surgeon Consultant; Terry R. Williams, MD; Urology Consultant; Charles R. Martin, MD; Orthopedic Surgery Consultant; O. Preston Conrad, MD; Pathology Consultant; Paul M. Ober, MD; Pathology Consultant; Leonard P. Gottz, MD; Pathology Consultant; Milton Yoder, MD; Pathology Consultant; Orlando Varuna, MD; Pathology Consultant; R. Dennis Sartin, R.P.H.; Pharmacy Consultant; Orlando Varuna, MD; Pathology Consultant; Steve Balas, R.P.H.; Pharmacy Consultant; Alvin Jones, R.R.A.; Medical Records Consultant; and Mary Glass, R.D.; Dietary Consultant.

Our Board of Directors we bring about. The board president is J. H. Clipson; other members are R. J. Ashby, W. H. Harrison, Charles D. Stephens, Willard Shuart, William N. Lehrer. This team works together for the betterment of our hospital with the community in their uppermost thoughts.

Our Administrator, Donald R. Reed, is what you would call one of the most efficient administrators in the Hospital Administration Association. He carries the load, bears the complaints, bears the compliments, and makes the split-second decisions.

The hospital is broken down into ten departments: General Administration, Medical Records, Engineering, Housekeeping, Laundry, X-Ray, Dietary, Nursing, Central Supplies, and Institution Therapy. These departments are the best of each profession and are trained to give the patients complete up to the minute daily care and comfort. We are here to serve you, the public. So the next time you see your favorite physician, put a bug in his ear you would like to visit us. See you soon.

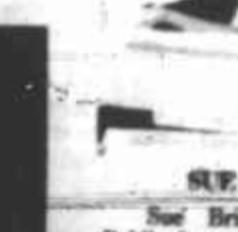
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## Members of Hospital Medical Staff



CURTIS C. LAUGHLIN, M.D.

J. C. LAUGHLIN, M.D.

SUE BRISCOE  
Sue Briscoe, Certified  
Public Accountant, is respon-DONALD R. REED  
Administrator  
Reed To Attend  
Hospital Assn.  
Convention

During the week of May 22-27, the Texas Hospital Association shall hold its 66th annual convention in Houston, this year's theme being "Affirm, agree, act, ac-

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## LETTERS TO EDITOR

Opposition Expressed Toward  
Hospital Cost Control Act of '77

The Texas Hospital Association has announced its strong opposition to President Carter's Hospital Cost Control Act of 1977 which was presented to Congress on April 26th.

Don Reed, Administrator for the Eagle Lake Community Hospital, has expressed his concern and opposition to such proposals being presented by the Carter administration. The plan would limit a 9% increase on the amount that a hospital could use to increase the price of its services to patients. The limit was arrived at by a very complex and complicated formula.

The Carter Cost Control Act in itself shall substantially increase hospital workload information which are costly to prepare and the hospital must look to its patients to pay these costs.

We find that the Carter proposal is most arbitrary in its capturing legislation in that one industry has been singled out to live with cost controls.

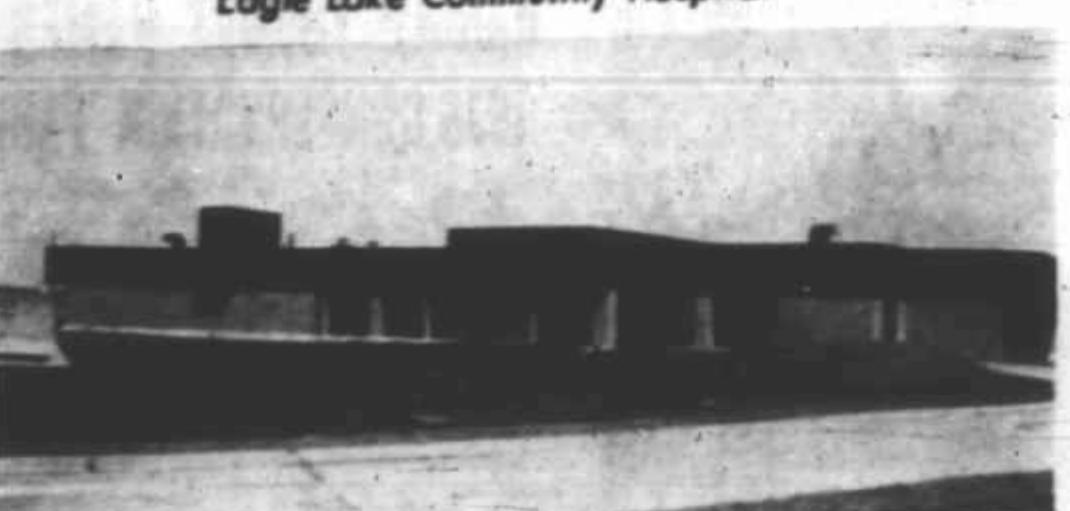
Those of us in the health care field know hospital costs are rising, but there are definite reasons. The cost of food, utilities, telephones, and liability insurance, as well as other expenses, have gone up drastically. We know everything is rising in cost.

Any housewife who has to deal with these, by looking at her own budget, knows that hospital costs undoubtedly have to go up to take care of these rising costs. The costs to hospitals are not being controlled in any form so the hospitals will be forced to absorb the increases. This could financially impair hospitals, and cause drastic changes in the services that hospitals will be rendering.

As previously reported in this newspaper, the Eagle Lake Community Hospital has been found to be operating very economically with less cost to the patient than the state average. The hospital and health care cost in Texas is approximately 25% lower than the costs are nationwide, even though the cost of living is only 10% lower.

Under the proposed legislation there is a possibility that a hospital with less than 80% occupancy could be excluded from Medicare and Medicaid.

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## General Administration

Administration  
Office Is First  
Impression

The Eagle Lake Community Hospital Administration Office projects the first impression of the hospital on the patient when he is admitted, and the last one when he is dismissed. In this way, the Administration Office acts as the public relations department for the hospital in its relationship with the community.

The women in the Administration Office have a number of different duties to perform for the patients' benefit, hospital charges. They answer the telephone, keep all important personal information, file their insurance, total their daily charges, and discharge the patient when he is released by his personal physician. The patient's comfort and welfare are always kept uppermost in their minds.

They also fulfill the needs of the other hospital employees. Ordering and incoming calls, bank payroll, bookkeeping, mail unpaid and answered, and they handle the accounts payable. Each person knows the office policies and procedures well enough to be helpful to another when help is needed.

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BUSINESS OFFICE PERSONNEL

Betty Koss,  
Bookkeeper and InsuranceDoris Ellis,  
PBX operator and officePat Munney,  
Assistant BookkeeperChristine Bruner,  
Admitting Clerk

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