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Nine Receive Ad Altare Dei Award



Nine Boy Scouts in Eagle Lake Troop 334 received the coveted Ad Altare Dei Award (for Scouts of the Catholic Faith) in a ceremony during the Saturday evening Mass at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church. The awards were presented by the Rev. Father Tom Hannus. All nine recipients participated in various portions of the Mass. They are shown

above with their counselor, Mrs. L. J. Spanihel, and Father Hannus. In front, left to right, are: Jose Ugarte, Neal Marsalla, Andy Gertson, Father Hannus, Andy Stiles, Jackie Escobedo, Randall Duarte; back row, l. to r., Mrs. Spanihel, Glen Janow, Shawn Spanihel and Jeffery Paencik. See story on page 3.

City Lets Contract For Water Well

(By Jeff Franks)

The bid of the Layne-Wessers Company of Houston was approved by Eagle Lake City Council in session on Tuesday of last week, for the construction of a water well and installation of a pump for the city's water department.

The firm entered the low bid for the project at a cost of \$129,000 plus supplementary item costs. Other bidders were Alsay-Pippin Corp. of Houston, \$189,925 and Layne-Texas Company of Houston, \$191,450.

The waterworks project was approved in February when Eagle Lake voters OK'd the issuance of \$300,000 in revenue bonds to finance the project. Work is expected to get underway soon and hopes are that the project will be completed before the peak consumption period.

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Little League Seeking Help For Work Days

Anyone interested in helping to prepare the field for the summer program is urged to meet at the park Friday, Saturday or Sunday at 6:30 p.m. League action will open on Monday night. See more details on page seven.

Hearing June 8 On Garwood Irrig. Dam Proposal

The Garwood Irrigation Company has filed an application with the Texas Water Commission to appropriate public waters from the Colorado River, near Garwood, Texas, by the construction of an overflow type of dam with two ungated 24-inch low flow pipes. A copy of the notice is published in entirety on page 9 of this issue.

The Garwood Irrigation Company proposes to create a temporary impounding, through the construction of the overflow type dam, of no more than 38 acre-feet of water upstream from the structure completely within the banks of the river. The construction will provide a fixed control in the river bed and raise the water surface elevation to enable the company's existing authorized pumps to operate with a more efficient suction head.

The centerline of the dam will be 6336 feet.

H.H. Helping Hands Meet This Thurs.

The Heritage House Helping Hands will meet this Thursday, May 3 at 7 p.m. at the Heritage House.

A Volunteer Appreciation Coffee will follow the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Earlier Deadlines Next Week

Because of the fact that our staff will be very short-handed next week, absolutely no reports, other than latest news items, will be accepted later than 11 a.m. Monday, May 7th.

Correspondent reports, club reports, etc., must be in our office by that time or they will be carried over to the next week.

This applies to the next publication only. Your cooperation will be appreciated.

Also, the deadline for advertising will be advanced to noon Monday. Display and classified ads must be in by noon Monday or they, too, will be carried over to the following week.

Fred R. and Jeff Franks, editors

Council Sets Hearing On Record \$1,175,620 Budget

Expected To Be Adopted At Public Hearing May 8th

Eagle Lake city council, in session Tuesday night of last week, began consideration of the 1979-80 budget for the City of Eagle Lake and is expected to adopt the record budget after a public hearing at 7:30 p.m. next Tuesday, May 8th.

The proposed budget, submitted to the council by City Manager T. J. Smith and Mayor Elmer Struss, calls for expenditures of \$1,175,620, up almost a third over the \$840,120 budget which was adopted for 1978-79.

All interested persons are invited to attend the public hearing next Tuesday night. Copies of the proposed budget are on file in the city offices in the Municipal Building or are available from members of the council for your inspection.

The proposed 1979-80 budget will be by far the largest ever recorded since the City of Eagle Lake has assumed operation of the gas utilities department here and most of the increases will come about in operation of that department because of increasing costs of gas supplies to the city by Texas Southeastern Gas Company. Mayor

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Past Pink Ladies Pres. Cited



Mrs. William R. (Viola) Zboril, immediate past president of the Ladies Hospital Auxiliary (Pink Ladies), is shown receiving a beautiful engraved plaque and a past president's pin from Eagle Lake Community Hospital Administrator John Chisholm during a coffee and tea honoring the Pink Ladies on the occasion of Volunteer Week at The Farris 1912 last Thursday.

Bank Paying Top Interest On CD's, Says President

(By Jeff Franks)

The Eagle Lake city council members, mayor and city manager received letters last week from The First National Bank of Eagle Lake president William H. (Bill) Harrison, Jr., concerning a recent council discussion on interest on certificates of deposit, reported in the Headlight.

The report indicated that former councilman Roy D. Van Nort was not satisfied with current interest rates being allowed on certificates of deposit (CD's) invested by the city with the bank. Van Nort urged the new council members to seek higher

interest rates and suggested that other institutions be used if necessary.

The article in the Headlight concerning rates by the bank on CD's, according to Harrison, "may, in the eyes of uninformed citizens, cast an undesirable reflection on the bank." He went on in his letter to present facts concerning the time deposits.

He noted that the city currently has 33 CD's with the bank totalling \$367,000, most of which are 90-day renewable certificates.

"Federal regulations," said the bank president, "prescribe exactly what

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Rice CISD Bd. Begins Search For New Supt.

Reaffirms Philosophy Of Past; Agrees Not To Accept Local Applicants

The process of hiring a new school superintendent for the Rice Consolidated School District was up for consideration of the Rice Board in a special meeting on Tuesday night of last week.

In opening the discussion, board member Lavo Brisco of Sheridan called on the board to develop a general philosophy in which direction the district is to be heading in the future.

All board members expressed the opinion that the philosophy followed since the inception of the district over a decade ago, has proven highly successful, especially in the area of discipline.

Steve Balis expressed the feelings of the board members when he commented that "we need to keep our present administration at the respective schools in the district," and added that he hoped that "we can continue operation of the district just like we have been doing in the past."

Brisco commented that an assertion of the district's philosophy is needed "to give our administrators a better and more secure feeling. If we're going to continue in the same direction, they need to know it." He urged that once the philosophy of the district is defined that the board president Jane Clippson be authorized to write the school principals relating such information.

Other board members expressed themselves on the matter and at the conclusion voted unanimously to reaffirm the same general philosophy which has been in effect in the district in the years past. The president was authorized to communicate with the principals.

In F.B. Queen's Contest



Sherry Krenok



Mary Ann Miller

6 Compete For FB Queen Fri. Night

The Colorado County Farm Bureau Queen Contest, Talent Find competition, and the Little Miss Parade will be held this Friday, May 4th at 8:00 p.m. at the United Church of Christ fellowship hall in Weimar. The public is invited. Master of ceremonies will be Anderson with KLVG Radio in La Grange.

Six will be competing for the honor of being Farm Bureau Queen including:

From Columbus: Dawn

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Julie Epps To Be Eagle Lake's Magnolia Belle

The Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce will be represented at the 18th Columbus, Texas Magnolia Homes Tour on Saturday and Sunday, May 19th and 20th by Miss Julie Epps.

Miss Epps, daughter of Col. and Mrs. Lewis B. Epps, will participate in the event as a Magnolia Belle and will serve as one of the hostesses for the annual Homes Tour events.

A perfect gift - a subscription to the Eagle Lake Headlight - 234-2783

Older Texan Activities At Nada Today, Thurs.

Older Texan's Day for Colorado County citizens will be held this Thurs., May 3rd at St. Mary's Catholic Church parish hall in Nada and all interested citizens are invited to attend.

Included in the day's activities will be the naming of an outstanding man and woman at 11:00 a.m. County Judge Lester J. Cranek will present awards to the outstanding Older Citizens and will discuss the rights of an Older Texan in this county.

The women with St. Mary's Catholic Church will serve a lunch at 11:30 a.m. for those participating and attending the program and day's activities. The lunch will be a nutritious meal consisting of homemade chicken noodle soup, chicken salad sandwiches, gelatin-fruit des-

sert, and beverage served for a \$1.00 donation to the K.J.Z.T., the Christian Mothers, and the Catholic Daughters of Nada. Those setting up an exhibit (individual exhibits only) will receive their lunch free.

Exhibits Available Exhibits will be opened to the public after lunch and other activities provided include: free hypertension and diabetes screening with Mrs. Bernice Richter, State-County Health Nurse; information for Services to Senior Citizens by Mrs. Constance Ise, Director; Social Security information provided by the Department of Human Resources.

Another feature will be health information presented by County Health Officer Dr. Ray R. Thomas of Eagle Lake.

Five County Projects Included In 1979 Highway Program

The State Highway and Public Transportation Commission has approved a \$238 million program of highway rehabilitation and improvement in every part of the state, including five projects in Colorado County.

The program includes rehabilitation work, safety improvements and general betterment of US and State Highways and Farm to Market Roads.

A total of 845 projects in 203 counties are involved with more than 72 percent of the work scheduled for US- and State-numbered highways. Altogether, the program will result in improvements on 5,253.5 miles of the 71,000-mile state maintained highway network.

Local Projects District Engineer Carl V. Bamert of Yoakum said the work in this area includes the following:

US-90A from FM-2437 to SH-71, a distance of 13.4 miles, will receive a seal coat application at an estimated cost of \$119,800;

US-90A in Eagle Lake from FM Spur 102 (McCarty Street) southwest to the west city limit, a distance of 0.8 mile, will be reconstructed and widened to provide for four through-lanes and a continuous left-turn lane at an estimated cost of \$275,000;

SH-71 from US-90A at Altair to 1.8 miles south will be reconstructed and widened at an estimated cost of \$264,000;

Eight structures on FM-102 between Ramsey and Eagle Lake will be widened at an estimated cost of \$72,000;

FM-155 in Weimar from North Street to 0.7 mile north will receive additional surfacing at an estimated cost of \$46,000.

Rice School Bd OK's Purchase Of Computer

Computer, Software To Cost \$50,458

The Rice Consolidated School District's Board of Education met in special session on Tuesday night of last week and approved the purchase of a new computer for the tax and business office which, with additional equipment required and software, will cost the district just over \$50,000.

Business Manager Roy Marshall presented a summary of the computer needs and recommended to the board the purchase of an IBM System 34 computer, one of the latest developments in data processing equipment. The System 34 computer will include a processor for \$29,795, 2 display stations for \$6,515, a line printer for \$8,960 or a total of \$45,800. Also included in the purchase was software (a one-time cost only noted Marshall) for \$4,000 and other one-time costs for freight, diskettes, training, and installation of \$658, making the total cost of \$50,458.

He also discussed with the board other options available such as the possibility of connecting the computer to a display station and printer at the high school. It was

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Rice H.S. Art Show Saturday

The annual Rice High School Art Show, sponsored by the Xi Pi Psi Sorority, will be held this Saturday, May 5th on the downtown city square and the public is invited to come and view some of the outstanding art to be shown.

The show will be open

from 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Nine judges, some local and some out of town, will select six winners in each of ten categories.

Mrs. Jo Ann Mahalite, Xi Pi Psi chairman, and Mrs. Sandra Bengo, RHB art instructor, are coordinating the show.