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City Budget
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assigned to general fund as follows (with the 1979-80 allocation in parentheses):
Administration and General, \$72,000 (\$72,000); Police Dept., \$75,000 (\$72,000); Fire Dept., \$18,000 (\$14,000); Garbage Dept., \$68,000 (\$62,000); Streets and Drainage Dept., \$97,000 (\$85,000); Airport, \$3,500 (\$2,400); Civil Defense, \$350 (\$300); Parks and Recreation Dept., \$9,000 (\$5,300); Capital Outlay, \$32,150 (\$37,000).
Tax Rate Distribution
The new 1980-81 budget proposes that the \$150 per \$100 in valuation tax rate be distributed: 2% to the

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Bids On Hwy. 46th Causey Family Picnic
71 Work Held Easter Sunday At Mentz
Due In April

Bids are scheduled to be opened in April for replacement of a section of State Highway 71 in Colorado County.
District Engineer Carl Bamert said the existing facility accommodates a high volume of traffic, much of it an increasingly large volume of heavy trucks.
The high traffic count and heavy loads from Farm to Market Road 109 north of Columbus northward to near the proposed SH 71 bypass have caused the travelway to deteriorate.
The proposed work consists of applying an overlay on the travel lanes, improving the anti-skid quality of the surface and extending the useful life of the pavement.
Bids are expected to be opened in April for the rehabilitation of a section of Farm to Market Road 155 in Weimar.
The existing 44-foot-wide road is located between North Street northward 0.8 mile.
The overlay will improve the riding quality of the pavement and will extend the useful life of the highway.
M. B. Bayless of Columbus is the department's engineer in charge of supervising the work on the two projects.

3 Injured In Accident Near Rock Is. Sun.

Three persons were injured, two of them brought to Eagle Lake Community Hospital in an accident on Highway 90A, 2 1/2 miles east of Rock Island at 4:50 p.m. Sunday.
Patrolman Taquard reported that a 1975 Ford Pinto was driven west on 90A and the driver, Ruby H. Johnson of Rock Island, attempted to make a left turn onto an unmarked road when her car was in collision with a 1975 Chevrolet station wagon, driven east on 90A by Arthur F. Wick of Hallettsville.
Mrs. Johnson received cuts about the face and bruises on her neck, while Lewis H. Wick also received injuries and both were brought to Eagle Lake Community Hospital by the Eagle Lake Ambulance Corps.
The Wick daughter, Cynthia, also received a blow on the nose, and another daughter, Marilyn, and Mr. Wick both escaped injury.

The Johnson vehicle was a total loss and heavy damage resulted to the Wick station wagon. Johnson was cited with failure to yield right of way.

The general fund budget predicts \$140,000 will come from the 1% sales tax collections as compared to \$125,000 anticipated in the 1979-80 budget.
Library, Rec. Center Hikes
State monthly increase is scheduled in the 1980-81 budget for operation of the Eula and David Wintermann Library, up from \$3600 to \$6000, and an increase in the contribution to the Eagle Lake Recreation Center from \$3400 to \$6000 (see related story in last issue). To provide funds for the \$1000 additional to Eagle Lake Recreation Center, the council decided last week in reviewing the budget to reduce an allocation for street and drainage department capital outlay from \$8000 to \$7000.

The remaining \$25,150 in capital outlay in the general fund includes: \$6000 administrative and general, \$6000 police dept. (new car), fire dept., \$6000 set aside for a future truck, \$6000 to the garbage dept. (set aside for a future truck), and \$1150 in parks and recreation (city hall park improvements).
The \$30,000 revenue sharing proceeds expected by the city are set aside to go toward the sanitary sewer plant improvement project.
Water revenue is predicted at \$114,000, same as for the 1979-80 budget; sewer revenue at \$102,000, up \$1000 from 1979-80. The total water and sewer budget is \$216,000. Total operating disbursements are listed at \$124,500, non-operating disbursements at \$78,000 and capital outlay at \$15,500.
The non-operating requirements include \$33,000 to the general fund for garbage collection, \$4500 for the 1985 issue water-sewer

contingency fund and 96% to the general fund. A total tax levy of \$12,000 is anticipated with a 100% collection but the budget anticipates current collections of \$130,000.
Other anticipated revenue in the general fund includes: \$5000 from delinquent taxes, \$1500 penalty and interest, \$4500 certification taxes, \$110 tax receipts taxes, \$20,000 fines, \$25,000 gross receipts taxes, \$40 building permits, \$3000 parking meter receipts, \$50 equipment rental, \$4000 sale of materials, \$4000 in Municipal Building rentals, \$2000 per registration, \$50 house moving fees, \$27,000 transfer from water and sewer for garbage collection, \$6000 from other funds, and \$5000 from other sources.

FREE Refreshments
The public is cordially invited to meet with Senator Bill Moore ON Thursday, Apr. 17 from 6 to 9 P.M.

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BUZZIN' ABOUT TOWN

Sen. Moore To Be Honored Thurs., Apr. 17
Congratulations go to Mrs. Letha Longquist and Mrs. Wm. (Viola) Zboril for receiving their 2000 hour pins recently for service to the Eagle Lake community as members of the Community Hostess Auxiliary (Pink Ladies). These two outstanding Pink Ladies are from Garwood.
A couple of class reunions are coming up this summer.

THANK YOU
I would like to extend my sincere thanks to the citizens of Eagle Lake for their vote of confidence in electing me to the City Council. I heartily pledge my support for the betterment of this community.
Roy Dean Van Nort

Agricultural Observations
from TEXAS A&M RESEARCH SITE EAGLE LAKE 1/
4-Inch
Date Air Temp 2/ Soil Temp Evap. Rain
Apr Max Min Max Min (ins) (ins)
1 77 52 69 57 .097
2 72 58 67 59 .013 0.01
3 78 64 76 66 .327
4 73 53 73 61 .291
5 76 51 76 61 .215
6 70 55 65 64 .061 0.06
7 78 62 70 65 .124
1/ In cooperation with National Weather Service & Texas Water Development Board
2/ Sheltered air temperatures
Clear, windy and dry describe Coastal Plains weather for the next few days. High pressure will build in behind the cold front which pushed through Tuesday. Days will be mild, but nights will be cool.
In the Rice Belt, Drying rates increased rapidly Tuesday and Wednesday as the driver air moved in. This should help firm up fields for land preparation and planting.

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Coming Year To Be Critical For City, Says Mayor Struss

(By Jeff Franks)
Two new, but familiar, faces were sworn into office on the Eagle Lake city council at its regular session Tuesday, April 8th, along with Mayor Elmer Struss who is beginning his sixth consecutive two-year term.
Eugene Baker and Roy DeVan Nort, both having previously served on the council (Baker for 8 years and Van Nort for 4 years), were elected to their posts, followed by results of the April 5th city election. Incumbent James Cash, the only other candidate for council, was defeated in the race while councilman O'William Farris did not seek re-election. Mayor Struss was unopposed for his position.
The new councilmen join Alvin Kohleffel, Mike Duran and Ralph Truly, whose two-year terms extend through April of 1981.
Following the swearing in ceremonies conducted by Mayor Pro Tem Kohleffel, Mayor Struss presented certificates of appreciation to Cash and to Farris (the latter in absentia) for their conscientious service during their terms in 1979-80.
Future Problems
The mayor also warned the new councilmen that the coming year would be a "critical one" and listed the major projects with which they will be faced, including:
* Approving the \$1,226,652 proposed city budget for 1980-81 at the April 22nd meeting.
* Filling the two vacant positions in the public department.
* Filing and hiring a new city manager by June to replace the retiring city manager J. J. Smith.
* Hiring a dog catcher or humane officer for the city.
* Completing street improvement work earlier than was the case last year.
* Getting tax statements out on time.
* And, the possibility of developing the new sewer plant project by the end of the year which would call for a bond election to cover the city's one-fourth of the project cost. (Application has been filed with HUD for 75% financing of the sewer plant project.)
Committee Appointed
The mayor also appointed various committees to function during the coming year.
An equipment committee: Kohleffel, Van Nort and the city manager.
Rate and revenue committee: Truly, Duarte and the city manager.
Retirement committee: Baker, the city manager, city secretary Lucille Perry and city employees Harry Supak and Paul Supak.
Other appointments included: naming Kohleffel as mayor pro tem; Baker as city treasurer; and Truly as representative to the library board.
Other Action
In other business conducted on Tuesday of last week, a resolution was passed accepting the loan bid entered for the rehabilitation phase of the Community Block Grant funded by the Dept. of Housing and Urban Development.
Bids for work on two more houses in the Westmoreland Addition (the final will be opened April 17th and bids for four more on May 1st. (See story on page 16).
The council also approved the hiring of the O'Malley and Clay engineering firm of Brenham to conduct a gas leak survey some time in May at a cost of \$200 per day.

Revival At Getsemani April 20-26

A Revival will be held at Mission Baptist Getsemani in Eagle Lake beginning this Sunday, April 20th, and continuing through Saturday, April 26th. Services will be held each evening at 7:30 p.m. and the pastor, the Rev. Rogelio R. Rodriguez, invites one and all to attend any or all of the services.
Evangelist will be the Rev. Belarmino Dussan, pastor of a church in Wharton. Special music will be provided each night.

Meeting On ASC Programs Thurs. Nite

Also In Garwood Tues., Columbus Wed.
A series of three meetings have been announced by the Colorado County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service office in Columbus for the purpose of explaining the 1980 farm program to farmers, landowners and other interested persons, said Dan C. Steckfuss, County ASC Executive Director.
The first of the three meetings will be held at 7:30 p.m. this Thursday, April 17th in the council room of the Municipal Building. Another session will follow at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 22, at the Eagle Lake Community Center. The final session will be held at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 23, in the County Courthouse in Columbus.

4 Get Terms In TDC, 4 Others Get Probation

Matthews Gets 2-4 Years For Burglary
Four persons were sentenced to terms in the state penitentiary, four others were given terms of probation during their terms in 1979-80.
District Judge E. W. Patterson presided in district court last Friday and sentenced four men to terms in the Texas Department of Corrections, each a term of probation on a charge of indecency with a child, had his term of probation revoked on a new charge of theft and was given a term of two to three years in the TDC.
New Trial Granted
Veron Johnson, who had entered a plea of guilty under an indictment in February for unauthorized use of a motor vehicle owned by Anthony Kallina of Garwood Nov. 28, 1979, and had been sentenced Mar. 20th to a term of 2 to 3 years in the TDC, was granted a new trial.
Johnson, who entered a plea to a charge of burglary of Lake Motors, Inc., in Eagle Lake, on January 15th and Matthews was given a term of not less than two nor more than four years in the TDC.
Patrice Owens was returned to this county from the TDC where he is serving time, on a bench warrant, and he was given a term of not less than two nor more than five years on a charge of robbery of the Fishbeck Texaco Station at Weimar.
Two Probations Revoked
Terms of probation were revoked on Abel Joe Cantu on a charge of possession of marijuana and he was sentenced to a term of six years in the TDC.

Man Dies In Stabbing 3 A.M. Sat.

A 27 year old Eagle Lake Black man, Frank Thomas, died as the result of stab wounds in an incident in a house at 405 C Street at 3:00 a.m. Saturday, April 12th; and a cousin, Larry Allen Thomas, 36, of Eagle Lake, was charged with criminal homicide. Larry Thomas was brought before the grand jury Monday and he was indicted on the charge of murder.
County sheriff's deputy Keith Rieth received word of a possible disturbance on Union Street and when he went to the scene, he was informed that a man had threatened several persons and that a stabbing had occurred at the house on C Street. Rieth and Chief of Police Lope Villarreal went to the house to investigate after the hospital informed the officers that a man had been brought to the hospital, but was not on arrival.
The officers' investigation revealed that the two had argued over another argument which had occurred between their brothers and Larry Thomas reportedly stabbed Frank Thomas with a knife, slashing the aorta, the great trunk artery leading to the heart, and heavy bleeding resulted. The victim was taken to the hospital by ambulance and he was pronounced dead on arrival.
The officers said that about seven other persons were in the house at the time of the slaying, according to reports received from the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station just west of Eagle Lake.
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Feb. Grand Jury Indicts Seven; Two For Murder

Board Members Begin New Terms
The reconvened February Grand Jury for Colorado County returned seven indictments to District Judge B. B. Schraub in 25th Judicial District Court Monday. Pleas on the indictments will be heard by Judge Schraub on Monday, April 28th.
Two of the indictments returned were for murder, two for illegal possession of a weapon on licensed premises, one for aggravated assault, one for theft and one for burglary.
Larry A. Thomas of Eagle Lake was indicted for the alleged murder of Frank Thomas, also of Eagle Lake in a stabbing incident at 405 C Street at 3 a.m. Saturday, April 12th.
The other indictment for murder was against Alvin L. Pavlick for the alleged shooting, with a pistol, of his wife Rita L. Pavlick at her home in Columbus the morning of March 26th.
Jose Paschoban was indicted for possession of a weapon on licensed premises, at El Zarape Bar in Eagle Lake, on Feb. 2, 1980, and Joe Toliver for possession of a weapon on licensed premises, at the B&V Lounge on Highway 71 in Columbus Feb. 10, 1980.
The indictment for theft was against Tony Valdesquez for theft of a 1970 Chevrolet van from Leonard Schoenberg on April 7, 1980, and burglary against Lee Joseph Garcia for theft from the Tom Rau petroleum headquarters on Highway 71 north of Columbus March 14th.
Delores Wright is charged with aggravated assault for injuries to Ray Mitchell in an incident in Columbus Feb. 3, 1980.
The twelve jurors who comprised the February grand jury returned the indictments Monday.



Cold Weather To Hurt Rice

Record-breaking cold weather during the past week-end is expected to have an effect on the 1980 rice crop, according to reports received from the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station just west of Eagle Lake.
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\$65,000 CO OK'd C'House Restoration

Colorado County Commissioners' Court, in session Monday, authorized the issuance of a \$65,000 certificate of obligation as the current payment to Circle Double "C" Enterprises of Woodlands, Texas, for work being done on the Colorado County Courthouse restoration project.
Project director Arthur J. Willrodt was in a hospital and was unable to attend the meeting. Mr. James G. (Elizabeth) Hopkins, a member of the county citizens' group, and Mr. Willrodt's secretary represented him at the session.
The payment brought to \$370,000 the payment OK'd on the \$687,200 contract (reduced to \$667,070 by a work change order). Actually \$372,249 of the work has been done, according to the report from the contractor and verified by the architect. The county has paid Circle Double "C" a total of \$305,000 on the contract.
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Mayor Signs Good Health Proclamation

Mayor Elmer Struss is shown signing a "Good Health Week" in Eagle Lake. The mayor said that all citizens "are urged to take responsibility for their own health and to adopt appropriate lifestyle changes to contribute to good health." Present for the signing were Mrs. Fred R. (Elnora) Franks, president of the Eagle Lake Community Hospital Auxiliary (Pink Ladies), and John Chisholm, Administrator of the Eagle Lake Community Hospital. A number of special events are being planned in observance of Good Health Week, including displays in the downtown area and others listed in another story on page 2 of this issue.

Census Contacts Begin Wed.

Local residents who have been hired to do follow-up work in this area for the 1980 Census of Population and Housing have begun their training, according to district manager Ernesto Villalobos.
The training prepared them for interviewing people in households from which no census questionnaires have been mailed back or from which incomplete questionnaires were returned. Most of the latter calls will be made by telephone rather than personal visit, the manager said. The follow-up calls started on Wednesday of this week.
Census takers are easy to identify said Villalobos. They wear red, white and blue cards with the U.S. Department of Commerce seal and "Census Enumerator, Official Credentials" printed on them. Their cards also have their signatures, certifying that they have sworn to keep confidential all information they collect for the census.
Anyone without this official identification card who claims to be a census taker should be reported to the police or to the district office. Dial information for the local census number to call.

Sludge Being Put In County Landfill

Placing of "sludge," a by-product from sanitary sewer plants in Houston into the Colorado County Sanitary Landfill for this time of the year. Records were broken all over the state Monday morning. Brownsville reported 38 degrees the coldest reading on April 14th since 1978. Austin reported 38 and Beaumont 36, eclipsing records established there in 1929. Houston had a low of 40 which was below the previous low of 42 set in 1940.

Rabies Shots For Pets At Garwood 12-2 P.M. Sat.

A clinic for the vaccination of pets - dogs and cats - for rabies will be sponsored by the Garwood Lions Club at the Garwood school. Lions Club courts this Saturday, April 19th from 12 noon to 2 p.m.
Veterinarian R. H. Potter will be on hand to inoculate the pets for rabies, and will also offer distemper shots for dogs desiring to have their pets inoculated for distemper.
Cost of the rabies vaccination will be \$5.00. All pet owners in the Garwood and Noda areas are urged to have their pets inoculated against rabies by this special clinic Saturday.

Rice Bd. Hires 3 Teachers; Distributes Teaching Units

Teacher Unit Moved From ELPS to Sheridan
Resignations from two teachers were accepted and new contracts for three other teachers for the 1980-81 year were approved by the Rice Consolidated School District's board of education in session Monday night.
The board accepted resignations at the end of the 1979-80 year from Lewis Hess, (Pan A teacher who will be moving to Florida; and from the University of Houston in August.
Distributing Teaching Units
The board approved the recommendation of Superintendent James W. (Continued on Last Page)