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City Voters Decide On Sale Of Gas System Sat.

1980 County Fair Queen

Polls Open 7 to 7
In Municipal Bldg.

Qualified voters in the City of Eagle Lake will go to the polls Saturday, Sept. 20th in a special election called by the city council. The voters will decide whether to sell the natural gas utility system in this city to a private or corporate interest. Polls for the election will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday in the council room of the Municipal Building. Absentee voting for the election ended Tuesday of this week with only 6 ballots cast, indicating a lack of great interest in the election. H. E. Tate will be presiding judge for the election and Gail Bradshaw, alternate judge. To be eligible to vote, one must be a resident within the city limits of Eagle Lake and must hold a current voter's registration card. Eagle Lake City Council took the action on calling the election after a Citizens Advisory Committee appointed by Mayor Elmer Struss recommended that the gas utility system be sold in lieu of complete replacement of the system or expensive repairs to get the system into compliance with state and federal standards.

See Mayor Elmer Struss' letter on the upcoming election on page 14.

Council Hears Request For Annexation

Asks Bids For Police Car, Fencing

Eagle Lake city council, in session Tuesday, Sept. 9, called for bids for an automobile to be used as a police car and for 934 feet of fencing.

Along the new concrete lined ditch between East Main and E Street in the Westmoreland (Flat) Addition. Legal notices advertising for bids are published on page 10 of this issue.

Annexation Discussed
In other action last week the council heard a request for annexation of a subdivision south of the city off Carter Walker Road between Glen Flora Road and Lake-side Drive. The council took no action on the matter but asked for a more detailed report for consideration later. The council also:

- Heard a report on a proposed contract with Trendmark Builders and Mayor Struss appointed a committee to consider a payback plan with the builders.
- Considered a request from Community Development Planners of La Porte to file with HUD for a Community Block Grant for rehabilitation, demolition and capital improvements, but took no action.

County Fair Photos, Winners In Pull-Out Section This Week

Results of the activities in the Second Annual Colorado County Fair, complete with photos, may be found in a pull-out section in this issue. Extra copies of the section are available for 50c; however, if they are to be mailed the cost will be \$1.00 each.

Higher Gas Rates Inevitable Regardless Of Election Result

By Jeff Franks

Despite the outcome of Saturday's city election on the proposal to sell the Eagle Lake gas distribution system, citizens will face an increase in gas rates, reported Mayor Elmer Struss during the regular session of the city council Tuesday, Sept. 9th. The city council called the election last month after an advisory committee, made up of over 40 citizens, recommended sale of system. The natural gas utility has lost over \$200,000 in the past three years due to leaking lines, faulty meters, and action had been mandated by the state. Besides selling the system the city had three other alternatives, according to Struss: to call for a \$1.5 million bond election to construct a completely new gas system and have it remain under city ownership; to issue \$500,000 in bonds to get the system into compliance and proceed with replacement of faulty pipe on the system.

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Rice FFA Members Win At County Fair



Sister Kathy Lobo, left, and Lynn Lobo, right, Rice High school FFA members from Eagle Lake were top winners in the Sewing Show of the County Fair last Friday. Kathy won the sewing championship trophy and

honor and received the words from Dean Workman, center, 1979 County Fair Queen. Lynn won the grand championship trophy with her entry in the Sewing Show, its monthly and over.

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Dignitary Visits County Fair



Colorado County, County Fair Association, Columbus city officials and others welcomed a dignitary to the Colorado County Fair last Saturday. Making a visit to the fair was Major General Harry D. Steel, Jr. of Austin, Commanding General of the State and Area Command of the Texas National Guard. Shown above welcoming

Percentage Of Latins In Schools Continues Up

Assistant Superintendent Charles DeShazo reported to the Rice School District's board of education last week on the enrollment. For 1980-81, an analysis of the current staff, and a four year comparison on enrollments and ethnic ratios of students in the five schools in the district.

Blacks from 29.3 to 28.6 percent in the same period. The Eagle Lake Middle School, Garwood Elementary and Rice High School are also registering dramatic increases in Latins while the ratio of Latins in Sheridan Elementary is dropping.

From the period of 1973 to 1980 the ratio of Anglos dropped from 44.7 to 38.8 percent, the ratio of Blacks dropped from 44.1 to 27.4 percent and the ratio of Latins went up from 11.2 to 23.8 percent.

For the same period, at Sheridan the ratio of Anglos went up from 67 to 76.5 percent, Blacks down from 15.2 to 11.8 and ratio of Latins went up from 17.8 to 11.7 percent.

At Eagle Lake Middle School, for the period 1973 to 1980, the ratio of Anglos decreased from 39 to 27.6 percent, Blacks up from 30 to 31.6, and ratio of Latins up from 31 to 40.8 percent.

Rice High School registered a decrease in Anglos from 56.6 to 46.9, drop in Blacks from 25.1 to 28.4 and increase in Latins from 18.4 to 28.9.

An auction will be held beginning at 1:30 p.m.

Immunization Clinic Thursday

Mrs. Bernice Richter, State Health Nurse, asks that all interested persons please note that the Immunization Clinic will be conducted this Thursday, Sept. 18th.

The clinic will be held this Thursday from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Ugarite Clinic in Eagle Lake.

KC Picnic At Comm. Center Sun.

Eagle Lake Council of the Knights of Columbus, No. 6943, will hold its annual benefit picnic this Sunday, Sept. 21st at the Eagle Lake Community Center and one night. Rice has an open date next Friday and will open District 22AAA play hosting the pre-season district favorite, the Rice Raiders.

Needville lost its season opener to Seely 12 to 0 and defeated Bellville last week 29 to 7.

The Raiders invite fans to attend this Friday's contest as they go for win number two. The Raider cheerleaders and Outriders will be on hand to lead the Rice cheering section and the Mighty

For entertainment there will be kiddie rides and amusements for all ages and all kinds of drinks.

An auction will be held beginning at 1:30 p.m.

Sales Tax Collections 31% Ahead Of 1979

State Comptroller Bob Bullock reports that Texas cities levying the optional one-percent city sales tax would receive \$25.5 million in rebates for September. Bullock said this month's city sales tax allocation pushes the 1980 payments to more than \$48.5 million, compared to \$24.5 million paid to cities through October of last year.

The City of Eagle Lake received \$7,310.32 to bring the 1980 total to \$128,062.90, up 31% over 1979. Columbus' check was for \$9,492.32 to make the 1980 total \$132,364.92, up 20%; Hallettsville received \$6,544.42 to tie the total to \$117,087.21, up 6%. Seely received \$6,716.36 to tie the total to \$148,636.74, up 14%; Weimar received \$3,621.86 to make the 1980 total \$70,411.10, up 24%; and Wallis, \$709.43 for a total of \$13,678.91, even with 1979.

Little, Junior Mr. and Miss Competition 10 A.M. Sat.

Special entertainment will be provided at the 1980 Colorado County Fair Saturday, Sept. 13, at 10 a.m. who are residents of Colorado County.

Jackpot Roping Saturday

Jackpot roping will be a featured event at the Colorado County Fair Saturday, Sept. 13, at 6 p.m. This event will be judged by out-of-county judges.

Youth Fiddlers' Dance. A Fiddlers' Dance will be held on Saturday, September 13, at 12:00 p.m. in the Veterans Community Center. The event is open to all ages and will be judged by out-of-county judges.

Fair Admission Gates Open 9-9

Admission to the Colorado County Fair will be open at the fairgrounds, located at the intersection of Highway 10 and Highway 101, at 9 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 13.



Mrs. Della Henderson, left, chairman of the Colorado County Fair Association, and Mrs. Lela Henderson, right, chairman of the fair's parade committee, are shown with other fair officials.

Check Parade, Queen Contest Entries

Entries for the parade and queen contest should be turned in to the fair association by Friday, Sept. 12, at 5 p.m.

Home Economics Important Dept. In Colorado County Fair

Over 700 entries have been made by the Home Economics Department in the Colorado County Fair. The department is one of the largest and most popular at the fair.

Antique Show Popular Part Of County Fair

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14 To Compete For Fair Queen

The first annual Colorado County Queen's Contest will be held on Saturday, Sept. 13, at 3 p.m. at the fairgrounds. Fourteen contestants will compete for the title of Fair Queen.

Friday Is St. Citizens Day At Fair

Friday, Sept. 12, has been designated as St. Citizens Day at the Colorado County Fair. The day is dedicated to the citizens of the county and their contributions to the fair.

Photo Contest For Youth And Adults

A Photography Contest will be held in conjunction with the Colorado County Fair. The contest is open to youth and adults and features a variety of photo categories.

Family Night At Fair Central Thurs.

Family Night will be held at the fairgrounds on Thursday, Sept. 11, at 7 p.m. The event is designed for families and features a variety of activities for all ages.

Support The Colorado County Fair!

The Colorado County Fair is a community event that brings people together and supports local businesses. We encourage everyone to support the fair and make it a success.

Good Wishes TO THE 1980 Colorado County Fair

IN Columbus

Thurs. - Sun., Sept. 11 - 14th, 1980

Let's make the second County Fair another big success!!

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CONGRATULATIONS to the citizens of COLORADO COUNTY

for their progress and initiative in the 1980 Colorado County Fair

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Best Wishes for a Successful Fair!

Center Power and Light Company

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IT'S COLORADO COUNTY FAIR TIME

Let's Make the Colorado County Fair Project another great success!

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Visit the Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce Booth At The Fair

Register for free prizes to be given, including Two Green Tea Tins

Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce

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