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Rice H.S. Band's New Drum Major, Twirlers



These five pretty young ladies will be leading the Mighty Rice High School Raider Band during the 1981-82 school year. The band will make its first appearance at the Rice-La Grange game in La Grange Friday night. They are: in front, left to right,

twirlers Lisa Corman and Michaelanne Hefner; standing, l. to r., twirler Julia Rosprim, drum major Renee Hunt, and twirler Pamela Morgan. For more on the group's accomplishments this summer, see page 5-Raider Review Photo.

Boy Scouts Fall Kickoff Starts Next Monday

Eagle Lake Boy Scout Troop No. 334 will hold a Fall Kickoff starting at 7:30 p.m. next Monday, Sept. 7th, announces Scoutmaster Verlin Argo. The kickoff meeting Monday will be held at the Scout Hut. The program for the coming year will be discussed and questions answered.

School Week will be observed the week of Sept. 14-18 with a School Night program on Sept. 15th at 7:30 p.m. in the Eagle Lake Middle School cafeteria. "We are asking all persons interested in Boy Scouting, Cub Scouting or Webelos to attend this meeting in order to organize for the coming 'Scouting Year,'" said the Scoutmaster.

Adult Education Registration At ELMS Wed.

Registrations will be taken from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. next Wednesday, Sept. 9th in the library of the Eagle Lake Middle School for persons interested in taking the Adult Education course at ELMS. These classes are free; all materials are furnished.

Classes will be taught in basic education (ABE) and for a diploma (GED). Citizens of the area are urged to take advantage of this opportunity. For more information you may call Eagle Lake Middle School, 234-3501; ELMS principal David Mims at 234-5956; or the instructor Mrs. Marie Argo at 234-3191.

Early Deadline Next Week Due To Holiday

Due to the Labor Day holiday which falls on Monday, Sept. 7th deadlines for news and for advertising in the next issue of the Headlight will be advanced by one day.

Your cooperation in getting as much advertising and news in by noon Saturday will be appreciated. The deadline for all advertising will be at noon Tuesday. News reports must be in our office by 9 a.m. Tuesday to be included in next week's publication.

Courthouse Closed Mon.
The Colorado County Courthouse will be closed all day Monday, Sept. 7th in observance of Labor Day.

Heavy Rains Sunday, Monday Cause Great Damage In Area

City To Enforce Bicycle Traffic Regs.

Bicycle safety was a main concern during the regular session of the Eagle Lake city council on Tuesday of last week, and local law officers have been instructed to take action against any bicycle safety violators.

City manager Robert Klekman informed the council that several reports have been filed complaining of poor safety habits which, according to State law, are classified as misdemeanors punishable by fines.

Bikers are also reminded that it is illegal to ride on sidewalks in the downtown area where signs prohibiting such action are posted.

Most of the common violations include carrying more than the maximum number of passengers, riding on the wrong side of the road and improper lighting equipment.

According to the Texas Motor Vehicle Laws, Article XXI concerning operation of bicycles and play vehicles, the rules most commonly violated are the following:

- No bicycle shall be used to carry more persons at one time than the number for which it is designated and equipped.
- Every person operating a bicycle upon a roadway shall

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Sandbagging At Kevin Courts



Torrents of rain measuring up to three inches in a forty-five minute period, caused extensive flooding in this community Monday afternoon. Edward Harborth, maintenance director at the Kevin Court Apartments, is shown above applying sandbags in an effort to stem the heavy flow of water onto the property. The recreation and assembly room and two apartments had ankle deep water from the flooding.

Commr. Court Pays \$50,000 On Courthouse Restoration

Reduces Amount Being Withheld From Contractor

The Colorado County Commissioners' Court, in a special session on Thursday morning of last week, moved a step nearer to the final completion of the courthouse restoration project by approving, unanimously, a payment of \$50,000 on the balance due to the project's contractor, Charles Clark of Circle

Double (C) Enterprises of Woodlands.

The meeting was called after Mr. Clark appeared before the court at the regular meeting last Monday asking for payment of all or part of the \$85,000 plus which he says the county is withholding as a guarantee of successful completion of the project. He agreed at that time to leave \$12,300 which he says is due for additional

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3 Drown At Shiner, 2 Others In Flooding At Hallettsville

One of the most disastrous floods of all times claimed the lives of at least five persons and caused damage in the millions of dollars in the communities of Hallettsville and Shiner on Sunday and Monday of this week. Torrents of rain ranging from fourteen to eighteen inches Sunday night and Monday virtually inundated the central part of the downtown area in Hallettsville and also caused heavy flooding in the city of Shiner.

The Eagle Lake area received better than eight inches of rain Monday with about three inches of that coming within a forty-five minute period Monday afternoon, causing extensive flooding of streets and low-lying areas, but fortunately the damage was not that heavy.

The Rice Experiment Station west of the city measured a total of 8.4 inches of rain Monday. The lake plant of the Lakeside Irrigation Company measured 7 1/4 inches on Sunday and Monday and another .9 of an inch Monday night. Reports in the city limits varied from eight to ten inches, but generally it was agreed that the flooding of streets was probably the worst ever seen here.

The creek crossing West Main Street and crossing Eagle Lake Recreation Center's golf course, and across Highway 90A near Lake

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15% Salary Increases Are Proposed In County Budget

Hearing On Proposed \$2,645,409 Budget Set 1:30 Sept. 14th

Colorado County Judge Lester J. Cranek has issued notice that the 1982 County Budget will carry provisions for 15% increases in the annual salaries for county officials. The proposed 1982 budget calls for expenditures totalling \$2,645,409.15 which compares to a \$2,190,811.56 budget for 1981 and a \$3,044,817 budget for 1980. However it should be noted that the 1980 budget included \$932,750 for courthouse and jailhouse restoration projects.

Judge Cranek was expected to file the proposed 1982 budget in the County Clerk's office on Wednesday of this week. A hearing will be held on the budget at 1:30 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 14th in the county courtroom of the courthouse.

As required by state statutes, Judge Cranek is publishing a notice in this issue indicating the proposed salary increases; and also he is publishing a summary of the proposed revenue sharing allocations for the 1982 year and also a summary of expenditures in the 1982 budget. Both notices are published on page nine of this issue.

Tax revenue in the proposed budget is based on a tax rate of 28.8c per \$100 valuation (based on 100% of market values). Of the 28.8c tax rate, which has already been approved by the Commissioners' Court, 8.2c per \$100 is earmarked for the additional ad valorem fund and 20.6c per \$100 for the ad valorem fund.

Most county officials received 10% pay increases in the 1981 budget, except for the commissioners whose pay was boosted 22.5% and the county judge whose pay was increased 17.5%.

Revenue Sharing Funds
Judge Cranek held a hearing on the revenue sharing funds under EP

allocation in Columbus last Saturday (as required by state statutes). The 1982 allocation, EP 13, is for \$128,783.00.

The 1982 budget proposes revenue sharing fund expenditures include: for libraries, \$8,050; for mental health and retardation, \$3,600; for services to senior citizens, \$2,000; for mentally ill and alcoholism, \$3,600; for public

roads (construction and maintenance), \$86,000; for a new car for the sheriff's department, \$7500; for the historical survey committee, \$500; for the national guard, \$600; for the ambulance corps, \$19,483; for rent and supplies for the county nurse, \$2,450; for child care, \$9,000; for fire departments, \$3,200; and for

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St. Mary's Festival, Homecoming Sun.

Father Victor Schmidtinsky and parishioners of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Nada are making plans for the annual Parish Festival and Homecoming to be held Sunday, Sept. 6th and citizens throughout the area are invited to make plans to attend.

The day's activities will begin with Masses at St. Mary's Church at 5:00 and 7:30 p.m. Sat., Sept. 5th and at 7:00 and 10:00 a.m. on Sun., Sept. 6th.

A barbecued beef and sausage dinner with all the trimmings will be served at the K.J.T. Hall from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. for \$4.00 per plate for adults and \$2.50 per plate for children eight years of age and under. All plates to go will be \$4.00 each. Supper will be served from 5 to 7 p.m. and there will be refreshments all afternoon and barbecue sandwiches after 1:00 p.m.

Entertainment will continue in the afternoon and night and a country store and auction sale will be an event at 2:00 p.m.

In addition to music during the day by The Twilights there will be a dance from 8:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. and admission to the dance will be

\$3.00 per person. There will be plenty of free parking in the area.

Council Wants Comments On Fate Of Parking Meters

To Make Decision On Meters Tuesday

(By Jeff Franks)

A decision on use of parking meters will be the top priority of the Eagle Lake city council when it meets in regular session on Tuesday night of next week, and citizens' views are solicited to help with the final solution.

Mayor Elmer Struss asked councilmen to be prepared to decide the issue during the council's regular session on Tuesday night of last week.

In other action last week the council heard progress reports on several projects going on in the city.

Parking meters in the downtown area were "sacked" on the first of July for a two-month trial after councilmen complained that the meters were not being worked daily. It was suggested at that time that they be worked regularly or else taken down.

However, a decision to sack the meters on a trial basis was made to determine

the effect that would be made on downtown parking.

Citizens and local businesses are urged to contact any of the councilmen, mayor or city officials or attend next week's meeting to voice their opinion on the matter. The meeting next Tuesday will be held in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building starting at 7:30 p.m.

In other action at the council's meeting last Tuesday night several projects

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Monday, Sept. 7, Labor Day, Is Holiday Here

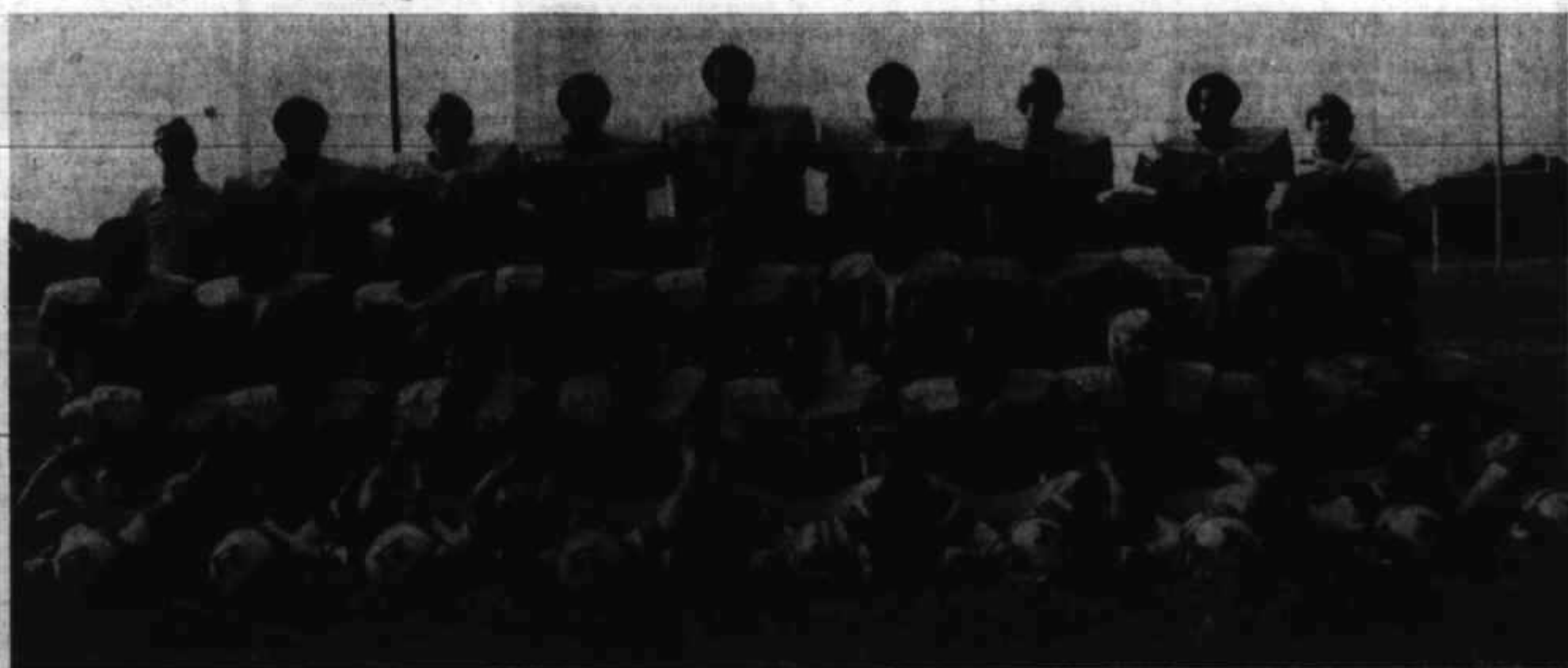
Next Monday, Sept. 7th, Labor Day, is an official holiday in Eagle Lake and business firms will be closed for the observance of the holiday.

The Postoffice, the County Courthouse offices and the County ASCS offices also will be closed for the day.

Also classes in the schools of the Rice District will be dismissed for the first holiday of the new school year.

The City of Eagle Lake sanitation department will not pick up garbage Monday. Monday's route will be combined with the regular Tuesday route.

1981 Rice High School Raiders Football Team Opens Play Friday



The Rice High School Raiders open their 1981 season playing the La Grange Leopards this Friday night starting at 8:00 p.m. in La Grange. Members of the Raider varsity pictured above are: (front row, l. to r.) Ed

Thomas, Mark Salazar, Andy Gortson, Dwayne, Pagol, James Garner, Robert Turner, Ricky Miller, Danny Morales and Ronnie Fry; (middle row, l. to r.) Charlie

Amos, Ricky Toliver, James Powell, Leo Miller, Darryl Hines, John Dawson, Eugene Kasmir, Calvin Foster and Trey Corman; (back row, l. to r.) trainer David Adkins,

Rob Johnson, Michael Faichtinger, Ronald Dawson, Kenneth Hunsdon, James Rhodes, Phillip Scherlemmer, Kenneth Hunsbill and manager Richard Gortson. Not pictured is manager Ronald Gortson. - Rice HS Photo.