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## Hwy. 90A

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trucks, prompted citizens to request the widening with the addition of left-hand turn lanes.

The highway department now has the funds for such a project, said resident engineer Carl Ramert; however, there are some stipulations that may not meet the approval of property owners along the westbound side.

**Curb & Guttering Required**

According to Ramert, plans for the widening will not proceed unless the city can guarantee that curb and guttering will be constructed along the westbound lane. And that project, which at this time would amount to about $22,650 (approx. $7.00 per lineal foot), will have to be paid by the property owners, according to Mayor Elmer Struss. Unless arrangements can be made with those people the project may be in jeopardy, he added.

Mayor Struss also indicated that most of the right-of-way for the widening project would be on the westbound side and he indicated that residents may not like having the heavy traffic flowing as much as 50 feet closer to their homes.

City manager Robert Rieckman is expected to contact those property owners prior to next week and will report on their reactions at the council's meeting on Tuesday night of next week.

**Alternative Suggested**

Should the project not become a reality, Ramert has suggested that he may be able to allocate a part of the funds for a similar project along FM 102 North (Post-office Street), starting at its intersection with McCarty and stretching north to the city limits. Curbing and guttering along the north-bound lane would also be required in this project so the city is preparing a report on property owners' reactions in case the 90A project should fail.

## Auction

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your homes and businesses. The Study Club proceeds will benefit the Wintermann Library which serves citizens of the community of all ages, without charge.

Sponsors remind that any and all contributions to the stew supper and auction are tax deductible.

Both organizations urge your attendance and participation in the Fun Night and Auction activities in support of these very worthy causes.

Study Club president Mrs. Alvin Wiese and Fire Chief L. J. Spanihel stress that your support will result in better volunteer service to citizens of this community in these vital service areas.

## Truck Driver Charged For Assault On Officer

A truck driver was charged with aggravated assault on a sheriffs deputy in an incident at 11:00 a.m. Wed., October 28th. Deputy Sheriff Richard LaCourse was working traffic around the Garwood area and stopped three gravel trucks. He was in the process of having them weighed, but when they reached the scales in Garwood one of the truck drivers, Berardino Garza, 38 years of age, from Columbus, became very belligerent and when informed by LaCourse that he was under arrest, Garza stated he was not going anywhere with the officer. He then reportedly swung his fist at the officer and hit him on the side of the head.

Deputy Sheriff Curly Wied came up on the scene at that time and Garza was placed in the patrol vehicle and transported to the Colorado County jail where he was charged with aggravated assault on a peace officer. Justice of the Peace Richard Schmidt set a $2500 bond on Garza which he posted and was released from jail.

The case will be presented to the Grand Jury on November 9th.

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## Comm. Thanksgiving Dinner At Lissie Sunday

### Missionary Esther Alma Lawson Will Be Guest Speaker

The Lissie United Methodist Church and Lissie community will gather on Sunday evening, November 8th at 6:00 p.m. for the annual community-wide Thanksgiving fellowship meal.

Rev. Wm. S. Couvillion, pastor, said, "We hope that all of our friends in the surrounding area in Lissie and Eagle Lake will join in this celebration of Thanksgiving this year. We anticipate that many will want to come from East Bernard and be a part of this special evening. You are all welcome."

Bring a covered dish and join in the hearty, fellowship beginning at 6:00 p.m. this Sunday in the fellowship hall.

A special feature this year will be the guest speaker, Esther Alma Lawson, who is a missionary in Beverly, Kentucky. Ms. Lawson developed and continues to serve the Bookmobile ministry as a part of the Red Bird Mission in Kentucky, where she resides.

Everyone is invited to participate in this opportunity for good fellowship and to hear one of the domestic missionaries who serves the United Methodist Church, and the mission of Christ.

Ms. Lawson will also speak in the 11:00 a.m. worship service on November 8th in the Lissie United Methodist Church. Everyone is welcome to come and hear her speak, said the Rev. Couvillion.

## BUZZIN' ABOUT TOWN

• An employee of the Eagle Lake Cable TV called for assistance Tuesday morning when the bucket crane he was using malfunctioned and he was stranded about twenty feet in the air on Church Street Tuesday morning. Eagle Lake Chief of Police Earl Winebrenner went to the rescue and called Fire Chief L. J. Spanihel and Assistant Chief Mickey Koch-welp to come help the workman get to the ground level. A bad switch caused the unit to malfunction.

• The Headlight staff missed Eunice Frnka this week since she is in the Eagle Lake Community Hospital recuperating from surgery in the hospital Monday. Cysts were removed from the thyroid gland area and thankfully they were benign and she hopes to return home Thursday morning.

• A great deal of excitement erupted last Sunday afternoon on Virnau Lane when Alison Cumberworth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Cumberworth, and a group of friends spotted something in her family's swimming pool. It turned out to be a five-foot alligator! Game Warden Buddy Mills was called on, and with the assistance of neighbor John Thomas, he snared the gator and returned it to "Eagle Lake."

• Some excitement was reported at the home of Mrs. T. W. Scott shortly before midnight Saturday. Mrs. Scott came home and thought she heard a prowler in her home. She later heard noises around her car outside the home, so she fired a shot through a window from a .32 caliber pistol, fortunately not hitting anyone.

Investigation by local officers revealed that the noise outside around the car was made by a good samaritan who was attempting to cut lights off inside the car. The car has a lighting system in which the lights inside the car automatically cut off after a short time.

## 5 Get Terms Of Probation In Dist. Court

Five persons who had entered pleas of guilty to criminal charges last September received terms of probation and one case was reduced to a misdemeanor by District Judge B. B. Schraub in District Court last Friday.

Eusebio Mendoza Ebarra who had entered a plea of guilty to a charge of burglary of the pickup truck owned by August Cervenka April 13th, received a term of five years of probation and a $200 fine.

Robert Earl Mason who had pleaded nolo contendre to charges of sexual abuse and rape on June 7, 1981, was assessed a term of five years of probation.

Jerry Lionel Perrino pled guilty to aggravated assault for hitting Columbus police officer Kevin Stancik in the face July 9, and received a term of two years probation.

Matthew Stovall pled guilty Sept. 21 to attempted murder of Odell Hearn in a shooting over a lady friend at the Silver Palace in New Town Aug. 22, 1981 and he was given ten years probation.

Russell Bernard Jauernig, who was in the Texas Dept. of Corrections on a charge of tampering with a witness, was recalled by Judge Schraub within 30 day shock probation period and was given a term of eight years probation.

A charge of theft against David Bernard Long for taking hub caps from a car at J. F. Miller Ford in Eagle Lake June 24, 1981, was reduced by Judge Schraub to a misdemeanor and Long was given a term of 30 days in jail and probation was given on this sentence for one year, plus a $200 fine.

**Guilty Plea Entered**

Rosario Morales, entered a plea of guilty last Friday to burglary of the home of Weimar Chief of Police Ken Hollan and his sentencing will be on Dec. 7th.

**Bond Reduced**

District Judge Schraub heard testimony on a writ of habeas corpus and after the hearing reduced a $10,000 bond set by Justice of the Peace Richard C. Schmidt of Columbus against Edwin Mueller on a felony criminal mischief charge to $2,000.

## County Jail Passes State Standards

Sheriff Jim Broussard reports that the Colorado County jail was inspected by Supervising Inspector Maurice Wood of the Texas Commission On Jail Standards this Tuesday, November 3.

The jail and records were found to be in compliance with the Minimum Jail Standards and the jail was certified for the next year.

The jail is inspected annually by the Commission, noted Broussard.

**Keep up with all activities of the Rice School District by reading the Headlight.**

## Cuban Cafe Hit Twice By Burglars, Julian's Place Once

The Cuban Cafe located at the intersection of State Street and FM 3013 was hit by burglaries twice during the past week-end, according to the city police department.

Patrolman Gil Steen was called to investigate a burglary at the cafe Saturday morning. Investigation revealed that entry was made by breaking out a window leading to a storeroom. Reported as missing were: a case of coffee valued at $115, seven cartons of cigarettes valued at $42 and about $90 in coins.

Saturday night entry was made in the same manner and patrolman Lupe Villarreal investigated and his report showed that $3 in nickles and $8 in currency was taken in this entry.

**Another Burglary**

Another burglary investigated by Eagle Lake patrolman Steen was at Juliani Place at 400 Beaks. A report was received at 5:51 p.m. Friday that entry had been made through a window and taken were: a shotgun (from a cooler) valued at $170 and a six pack of beer and some cigarettes.

Investigation of the entries continues.

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## Rice Business Club Bake Sale Sat.

The Business Club of Rice High School will sponsor a Bake Sale this Saturday, Nov. 7th beginning at 9 a.m. Members of the club will have delicious homebaked items for sale in Eagle Lake in front of the Rice Drug Store and in Garwood at the F&W Food Store.

Proceeds will benefit future projects and activities of the business-oriented organization.

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## E.L. Concrete Products Asks For Damages To Truck

A suit was filed in District Court in Columbus Oct. 29th by Eagle Lake Concrete Products, Inc. against Sprint Transportation Co. and Rosendo Salinas, Jr. seeking damages to a truck which was involved in a fatal collision on Highway 90A just west of the Eagle Lake city limits on April 4th, 1981.

In the petition, the concrete company says that its 1978 Mack truck and trailer was being driven east on 90A by David Sosa Soto when it was in collision with a Sprint owned truck.

Damage to the truck was alleged to be in excess of $30,000 and the suit asks for that amount, plus other damages including costs of leasing a replacement vehicle and others, plus costs of court.

## Eagle Lake Veterinary Clinic In New Location

Karen V. Euers, Doctor of Veterinary Medicine, moved the headquarters of the Eagle Lake Veterinary Clinic to this attractive location on East Main Street [across from Scotth Snack Shack].

The new facility features a large concrete parking area; examining and operating rooms, office space, storage facilities; and at the left is the in-house kennels and behind this is an outdoor fenced kennel.

She and her husband, Russell Konesheck, invite citizens of the community to come by for a visit to inspect the new veterinary headquarters at any time.

## Grand Jury In Session Mon.

The September grand jury in Colorado County will be reconvened in District Court in Columbus at 9:30 a.m. next Monday, Nov. 9th with District Judge E. W. Patteson presiding.

Criminal cases will be brought to the attention of the jurors.

The same jurors who served in September have been recalled next Monday and include: Jim Youens, Hattie Lee Wilson and R. B. Sanders of Columbus; Michael Vornsand of Rock Island; Mildred Skutes and Geneva Williams of Alleyton; Robert G. Diaz of Eagle Lake; Mrs. Joe C. Targac, Arthur James Delgado, Mrs. Ida V. Greene and Joseph L. Burttschel of Weimar; and Gayle Coble of Rock Island.

## Sheriff's Dept. Checks On Stolen Wallet, Credit Card

The County sheriffs department investigated the theft of a wallet in one case and theft of a credit card in another case this week.

At 6:20 p.m. November 1st, Roy Cloat of Columbus reported the theft of his wallet. Investigation revealed that Cloat had parked his vehicle behind the Cattleman's Restaurant and went inside for about 5 minutes. When he returned to his vehicle he found the door open and his wallet had been taken. Nothing else was taken from the vehicle. There was no money in the wallet and Cloat notified the theft to Credit Card companies. The investigation continues.

Kathy Kansteiner of Columbus reported to the sheriffs office at 5 p.m. Monday the theft of her Gulf credit card and stated that the card was stolen and used by a Frank Hammond of Blessing, Texas.

Charges were filed on Hammond and a warrant issued by Justice of the Peace Mary Ordner.

## Visitor Trades Stolen IH Scout For Buick

A visitor to a Columbus home Sunday left a vehicle, later found to be stolen, but took his hosth 1972 Buick Skylark.

At 1:00 p.m. Sunday, Steven Gosnell of Glidden, reported his Buick had been stolen. Investigation revealed that a subject only known to Gosnell as Larry had spent the night there after a party. The next morning, Larry was gone and so was Gosnell's Buick.

Larry did leave a 1977 International Scout behind; however, when officers checked the vehicle, they learned that this vehicle had been stolen in Dallas on October 28th.

Gosnell's vehicle was placed in the computer as stolen and Dallas police were advised of the recovery of the stolen International.

## Heavy Rains Cause Flooding In This Area

Heavy rains during Friday night and Saturday caused flooding of the rivers and streams in the area for the second time in two months.

The Eagle Lake area received varying amounts from 4.39 inches at the lake plant of Lakeside Irrigation Co. to over seven inches in the city, to 5.85 inches at the rice station northwest of the city. The lake plant has now recorded 47.38 inches for the year, almost ten inches over the normal rainfall for an entire year.

Some second crop rice which remains to be harvested is expected to be damaged by the heavy rains.

The rains were brought about by the arrival of a slow-moving cold front as it clashed with warm moist air over Texas. The front passed through the area Saturday night and Sunday morning it was cool, bright and sunny.

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NOTICE
The Sanitation Dept. of the City of Eagle Lake will not pickup garbage on Veterans' Day, Wed., Nov. 11
Wednesday's route will be serviced on Thurs., Nov. 12th.

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## Grand Jury Returns 22 Indictments

### Two Are For Attempted Murder

Colorado County's September grand jurors were reconvened at 9:30 a.m. Monday with District Judge E. W. Patteson presiding, and the jurors returned a total of twenty-two indictments including two for murder, one for involuntary manslaughter, two for aggravated assault on a peace officer, six for burglaries, four thefts, three thefts of services and other charges.

An indictment of attempted murder was returned against Demetrio Delgado for allegedly attempting to cause the death of Ynez Ortega of Weimar with a handgun on Oct. 3, 1981. Delgado was also charged with aggravated assault for hitting Weimar Chief of Police Kenneth Hollan in the stomach with an elbow.

The other attempted murder indictment was against Alice Tijerina who allegedly attempted to murder Robert Ontiveros at the Ontiveros residence on Hattermann Lane between Glidden and Weimar on Nov. 8th.

An indictment for involuntary manslaughter was returned against Norma Mann for causing the death of Tommy Carter by running over him with a motor vehicle in the Weimar area on Sept. 18th.

Also charged with aggravated assault on a peace officer were: Bernardino Garza who is charged with hitting Deputy Sheriff Richard LaCourse in the face during an arrest Oct. 28, 1981; and David Wayne Carter, charged with hitting Eagle Lake Chief of Police Earl Winebrenner in the head during an arrest Sept. 19, 1981.

**Local Burglary Indictments**

Robert Perez was indicted on three counts of burglary in the Eagle Lake area, one at the People's Laundry and Cleaners Sept. 18, 1981, another at the Robert Klockman home on Sept. 24, 1981, and the third at the Rice School District bus repair shop owned by Verlin Argo on Mar. 20, 1981.

Other indictments returned by the grand jury included:

• Cesar Diaz, theft of services, for avoiding payment for truck repairs at Eagle Lake Auto Repair and Body Shop owned by Tommy Pate on Jan. 12, 1981;

• Johnny Holmsely for burglary of a building owned by Calvin Roensch on Nov. 9th and also for burglary of a vehicle owned by Meta Gross on the same date;

• Ralph M. Harris for theft of services for issuing an alleged worthless check for

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## Taco Tony's 5th Anniv. Dance At Comm. Center Sat.

Mr. and Mrs. Tony Garcia, owners of Taco Tony's Mexican Restaurant on Highway 90A just west of the city limits, will hold a Fifth Anniversary Dance in the Eagle Lake Community Center this Sat., Nov. 14 from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m.

Music for the dance will be provided by Principes Negros of Rene' Matamoros, De Reynosa, Tamaulipas, Mexico and Agrupacion Cartejena Tropical of Houston.

Tickets to the event may be purchased in advance for $8 or at the door for $10.

The Garcias hope that all will come to help join in the celebration of their fifth anniversary in business in the Eagle Lake community.

The event is being promoted by Rudy Lopez.

## Tennis Nets Slashed At EL Rec. Center

Another case of malicious mischief has been reported to the Headlight. This time vandals slashed the nets on the tennis courts at the Eagle Lake Recreation Center, completely cutting through one of the nets.

The tennis courts are open to the public and are operated through funds from the City of Eagle Lake and from volunteer contributions from members of the Tennis Association which includes some twenty-five families of the community.

Such acts of vandalism end up costing these organizations money which might have been used otherwise to further the recreational facilities for use of all citizens of the community.

If anyone has any information on the identity of the person or persons who committed this malicious mischief, they should get in touch with the offices of the City of Eagle Lake or the Eagle Lake Police Department.

Such acts of deliberate vandalism deprive others of services that contribute to the health and welfare of all citizens of the community and must be stopped, say officials of the tennis association.

**NO SCHOOL MONDAY**

Schools in Rice District will be dismissed from regular classes next Monday, Nov. 16th. The second six-weeks period for the 1981-82 year will end this Friday, Nov. 13th.

The next holidays for the schools in the Rice District will be on Thurs. and Fri., Nov. 26th and 27th for the Thanksgiving holidays.

## Rice School Board Hears Audit Report

### Holds Hearing On Suspension Of ELMS Student

A review of the audit of funds for the Rice Consolidated Independent School District was presented to the board of education in its session Monday night by David Blomstrom, representing the accounting firm of Blomstrom, Knight & Co., C.P.A.'s.

There were three separate audit reports, explained Blomstrom, one on general fund for 1980-81; another on the Title one program covering a 39-month period; and the third on the child nutrition program as required by the Texas Education Agency every two years.

The CPA said the general fund audit revealed all finances in good condition and the only exception was that the tax collector was inadvertently not covered by bond as required but this was taken care of immediatelyonce it was brought to the attention of the administration.

The report showed that total expenditures for the year in the general fund amounted to $3,944,701 when actually $3,979,983 was budgeted. Thus the district completed the 1980-81 year August 31st, 1981 with a surplus of $35,282.

The district had on August 31, 1981 a total of $2,079,000 in bonds plus interest of $660,202.75 on these bonds for a total bonded indebtedness of $2,739,202.75.

**210,965 Lunches Served**

The audit of the Child Nutrition program revealed that for the period July 1, 1980 through June 30, 1981, the district served a total of 210,965 school lunches and 56,955 breakfasts. Expenses for the period totaled $305,315.02; while income included: $165,885.32 from state sources, $76,030.84 from pupils, $11,736.10 from adults, $50,887.04 from snack bar sales and miscellaneous, and $947.48 from interest on CD's or a total income of $305,486.78 or a net profit of

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## Raiders Host East Bernard In Final Game Of Season Friday

### Parents To Be Honored In Pre-Game Ceremony At 7:00 P.M.

It will be "Parents' Night" this Friday at Raider Stadium in Altair as the Rice High School Raiders close out their 1981 football season hosting the East Bernard Brahmas in a District 22AAA battle.

The Parents' Night activities will get underway at 7:00 p.m. with each of the varsity players and his parents being recognized individually during a 15 minute ceremony on the field. Rice High School officials urge parents to be at the stadium at 6:45 so that the festivities can get underway on time.

Also, parents of boys playing on all of the other Raider football teams will be asked to stand and be recognized during the evening's activities.

Though Waller has pretty well wrapped up the district race, the runner-up spot is still undecided; however, the winner of the East Bernard and Rice game will be able to claim that spot.

The Raider defense will need to have its usual stubborn performance this Friday to insure a win. The biggest problem facing Rice will be Brahma runningback J. B. Scott, who has rushed for over 1500 yards this season out of the I formation. The Raiders will continue utilizing their balanced rushing attack with Rob Johnson, Dwayne Pagel and Kenneth Hemphill making up the wishbone formation.

Fans are invited to join in the fun this Friday night to honor parents of the players and to cheer the Raiders to victory in the final game of the season.

## Rice CISD Board Approves Bids For Gas, Pickup, Tires

The board of education of the Rice Consolidated School District considered a number of bids while in session Monday night resulting in the purchase of a new truck for the maintenance department, contract for gasoline for the next year, and in the sale of forty used tires.

Supt. Harold King reported on bids received from dealers in the area for gasoline, regular and unleaded, to be placed into the district's bulk storage facility at the Rice High School. Low bidder for the gasoline was the firm of Mauritz and Carroll of El Campo and it offered regular gasoline for $1.005 per gallon and unleaded for $1.045 per gallon, plus federal tax of 5c per gallon. The district ordered a total of 9,000 gallons on the initial order, said the superintendent.

J. F. Miller Ford, Inc. of Eagle Lake was the successful bidder for a 1982 Ford 3/4 ton pickup truck for the district's maintenance department. The firm offered the vehicle for $8,794.08. Other bids received included: a 1982 Chevrolet pickup by Lake Motors, Inc. of Eagle Lake, $9,597.19; and a 1982 Chev. pickup by Brasher Motor Co. of Weimar for $9,270.00. The purchase was authorized on a 3-0 vote with board members Lavo Brisco, Billy Hefner and Jack Gipson voting for the purchase. Bill Appelt was present but abstained since he is employed by Miller Ford. Absent were board members Steve Balas, John Engstrom and Ted Wiese.

There were six successful bidders on the purchase of used tires offered by the district in eleven lots. Stroukal Tire of Hungerford was the high bidder on five of the lots, the City of Eagle Lake on one, Jerry's Used Cars of Eagle Lake on another, Gold Construction of Eagle Lake on one lot, W. W. Little of Eagle Lake on two lots, and Gary W. Chumchal of East Bernard on another.

Lot 1, 4 tires, sold for $100; Lot 2, 4 tires, for $20; Lot 3, 4 tires, $10; Lot 4, 4 tires, $100; Lot 5, 3 tires, $51; Lot 6, 3 tires, $5; Lot 7, 3 tires, $81; Lot 8, 4 tires, $61; Lot 9, 6 tires, $150; Lot 10, 3 tires, $81; and Lot 11, 2 tires, $85. The bids totalled $744.00 for the 40 tires offered.

## Appraisal District Has Surplus For Year Of '81

### To Be Credited To Participants; Budget Hearing Nov. 30

The conservative operation of the Colorado County Central Appraisal District for the year of 1981 has resulted in the district having an estimated surplus of $60,000 in funds and these funds will be credited back to the participating agencies on the basis of their percentage of payment on the total budget.

Colorado County Judge Lester J. Cranek praised the directors and employees of the district for their economical operation. The judge made the comments at the meeting of the commissioners' court Monday and pointed out that in many counties taxpayers are revolting against higher taxes.

According to Chief Appraiser Billy Youens, the $60,000 surplus will be credited to the participating agencies on their January payments for 1982 operation. Youens pointed out that the $60,000 is only an estimated figure and includes funds received from the State of Texas for the 1981 year totaling $24,574.03. "When the final credit is calculated on Dec. 31, 1981 we will credit each jurisdiction's January payment accordingly."

Using the estimated $60,000 surplus figure, the credit to the participating entities would be: Colorado County $14,183.58, Rice CISD $24,002; Columbus ISD $11,457.90; Weimar ISD $5,126.04; Provident City ISD $74.40; City of Eagle Lake $1,919.40; City of Columbus $1,753.32; City of Weimar $1,189.56; Colorado County Water District 2 in Garwood $220.74; and Glidden Fresh Water District $79.80.

**Proposed 1982 Budgets**

Youens also submitted proposedbudgets for the year of 1982 to the directors and a budget hearing has been set for 1:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 30th in the basement meeting room of the courthouse.

The appraisal budget, with mandatory participation by all ten agencies, totals $188,000; and the collection budget, which is optional and will be in effect for six agencies including the county, Rice CISD, Columbus ISD, Weimar ISD, Garwood and Sheridan water districts, totals $116,240.

The $188,000 appraisal budget will be allocated to the ten entities on the basis of the 1981 tax levy and the amounts and percentages follow: Colorado County 26.38 percent, $49,594.40; Rice CISD, 37.87% or $70,819.60; Columbus ISD, 19.28% or $36,246.40; Weimar ISD, 8.64% or $16,243.20; Provident City ISD, .091% or $169.20;

Also, City of Eagle Lake, 2.96% or $5,564.80; City of Columbus, 2.48% or $4,662.40; City of Weimar, 2.09% or $3,929.20; Garwood water district, .30% or $564; and Glidden water district, .11% or $206.80.

The $116,240 collection budget is allocated in the budget, on basis of number of parcels, as follows: County, 49.78% or $57,806.15; Rice CISD, 22.22% or $25,828.53; Columbus ISD, 17.99% or $20,911.56; Weimar ISD, 8.82% or $10,252.37; Garwood water district, .71% or $825.30; Glidden fresh water district, .53% or $616.07.

Other entities have elected to collect their own taxes in 1982. They include the cities of Weimar, Columbus and Eagle Lake and the Provident City School District.

## Providence Church To Sell Harvest Dinners Saturday

The Providence Baptist Church at 1207 East State St. (in the Rice Mill area), Rev. Coby Shorter, Jr., pastor, invites one and all to come and enjoy their Harvest Dinner benefit this Saturday, Nov. 14th. Tickets are a $3.25 donation. You may dine in the Fellowship Hall or there will be orders to go. Turkey and all the trimmings will be served from 11:30 a.m. until all is sold.

Orders may be placed by calling Ms. Claudine Shorter 234-2778, Ms. Margaret McTear 234-2167 or 234-2069 or on Saturday at 9:00 a.m., call the church 234-3735.

No Cost To County

## Colorado County Industrial Development Corp. Formed

### First Objective To Aid Steel Industry Locate At Hattermann Lane, IH-10, Sell Bonds

Colorado County Commissioners' Court, in regular session Monday, adopted a resolution to proceed with the formation of a non-profit Colorado County Industrial Development Foundation Corporation, thus setting into motion possible incentives to prospective industries for this county.

County Judge Lester J. Cranek discussed the need for industrial development in the county to replace loss of tax valuations from the depletion of oil and gas reserves in the county, especially in the Sheridan area. "Our county has had a long history of heavy mineral valuations," stated the judge, but noted also that there are heavy declines in mineral reserves. "Valuations are being held up at this time primarily due to the higher prices being paid for the oil and gas products."

The Sheridan unit was once rated high in the state and among the top oil and gas reserves in the nation, but these reserves are declining sharply, pointed out the judge. He also noted that an amendment passed last week, will take farm machinery and livestock off the tax rolls; and other amendments have increased exemptions. This he commented will place a heavy load on the home and property owners in this county. He added that industry is an important part of the tax base and "if we expect to get over 50% of the tax base from residential or small business sources, we may be in trouble and taxpayers may revolt." He indicated that a 60% tax base from minerals, industry, etc. is a desirable figure.

**New Industry Proposed**

Jerome B. Howard, representing Howard Enterprises, Inc. of Houston, met with the court to discuss a proposed new steel business for this county. Howard pointed out that the proposed steel foundry, to be located on a 134 acre site bounded on the east by Hattermann Lane and on the south by Interstate 10 between Glidden and Weimar, would hire an estimated 300 to 500 persons on two shifts. The plant will manufacture castings of steel and Howard estimated sales are expected to reach $50 million in the first year and this would not maximize entirely the equipment facilities.

**Reasons For Choosing County**

Howard told the court that his firm choose this county for a future site for the steel foundry because of the excellent character of the people in this area; and the consistency of the labor market.

The firm has taken option on the 134 acres of land and proposes that only 20 acres will be used for the initial plant. A recreation facility is planned on the site and also there will be room for enticing other industry to the area, commented Howard.

He stressed that the plant will be ultra-modern with all of the equipment needed to protect the environment. "The plant will not put out smoke nor will there be flushing of any materials of any kind into streams of the area," he stressed. Total cost is estimated at around $9 million and there is a possibility that the plant could double in size in three years because of the increasing demand for steel products.

**Howard indicated that the initial bond issue will be in the area of $1 million. Construction is expected to start in the spring of 1982 with completion in about ten months.**

The Howard Enterprises officer said that tentative plans are to build some homes for employees and to assist others in building homes to house personnel. He reiterated, "our equipment will remove all grime, soot, heat and other undesirable elements in the plant and none of these will leave the building."

Howard was accompanied to the meeting by Eric S. Anderson, attorney with the firm of Fulbright and Jaworski of Houston. Anderson said that the Colorado County Industrial Development Foundation, Inc. will enable the sale of bonds which may be purchased on income tax exempt status, thus making the interest on the bonds much less than on the open market.

Judge Cranek added that the bonds will be sold only on the worth of the company planning the plant (or future plants) and the bonds would not be guaranteed in any way by the county or the state.

The judge said that a report by Governor Bill Clements brings information that in 1982 524,000 Texans will be over the age of 75 and considered "frail elderly." That figure will rise in 1990 to 918,000 and in the year 2000 to 1,249,000 hence the added need for an increased tax base from industrial sources.

**Petition Accepted**

The court accepted a petition from three Colorado County citizens (as required under state statutes) Donald W. Hayek, Durward E. Self and Boyce Fore, all of Columbus, asking that the county industrial development foundation be formed.

The court followed this by the passage of a resolution authorizing the founding of the non-profit foundation; accepting articles of incorporation and by-laws. The foundation will be administered by a board of nine persons to be appointed by the commissioners' court from all segments of the county. Initial directors named at the meeting Monday were: Hayek, Self, Fore and Columbus Mayor Richard Heffley; Randolph Wallgrun of Garwood; William H. Harrison, Jr. and Donald Bendy of Eagle Lake; and Henry Herder and James Heger of Weimar.

It is anticipated that the by-laws can be amended at any time to increase the

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## C. Of C. To Meet Monday

The Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce will have its November meeting at 2:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 16th in the council room of the Municipal Building and all persons interested in betterment of the community are invited to attend.

A report will be heard from the nominating committee prior to mail balloting for the election of four new directors for three-year terms.

Also plans will be discussed for Santa Claus' annual visit to the community on Sat., Dec. 12th; and for the annual banquet to be held in January.

## Council Hears From Residents On 90A W.

### Passes First Reading Of Ordinance To Ban Parking On FM 3013

[By Jeff Franka]

The Eagle Lake City Council met in regular session on Tuesday night of this week and during the lengthy meeting heard responses from several citizens concerning the proposed widening of Highway 90A West. The council also approved the first of three readings of an ordinance prohibiting parking on a section of Farm to Market Road 3013; approved the Austin Estates subdivision plat and a contract for extension of utilities to serve that area; and approved a contract providing assistance to the city attorney in a suit against the city.

Four citizens of Eagle Lake appeared before the council to express their views on the proposed widening of Highway 90A West from a point near Laughlin Road to the intersection with Austin Road. Three were totally against the proposal with one in favor of the widening for safety purposes. After much discussion, it was proposed that a meeting be held with highway officials to discuss all of the proposals being planned.

The Texas Highway Dept. notified Mayor Elmer Struss last month that funds had been allocated for the widening project. At that

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## Houston Woman Killed In Accident Tues.

A Houston woman died shortly after being rushed to the Columbus Hospital Tuesday morning from injuries received when her car was in almost headon collision with a large truck and trailer. The accident occurred at 10:15 a.m. Tuesday about six miles north of Columbus, near the Hillcrest area.

According to the investigating officer, Highway Patrolman Joel Garcia of Eagle Lake, Theresa Ann Weatherford, 21, of Houston was driving her 1979 Cutlass north on Highway 71, She apparently started to pass another car and met a 1978 Kenworth truck and trailer in the southbound lane. The truck was driven by Gregory ONeal Fate of Columbus.

The officer said the woman was transported to the Columbus Hospital where she died shortly afterward; and the truck driver was also taken to the Columbus hospital for observation. The Cutlass was demolished and heavy damage resulted to the truck.

Columbus Volunteer Fire Department, Sheriff Jim Broussard and other sheriffs deputies assisted at the scene of the accident.

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