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Hospital
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ple, according to Fannin.

Financing Planned
Since the erection of the original facility, funds authorized for hospital construction under the Hill-Burton program have been cut off, hence the total cost of the new project will be financed by contributions from local citizens and from an accumulation of surplus in the hospital's operational fund.

Contributions Taken
Contributions of any size will be accepted from citizens of the area wishing to assist in paying for this worthy community project, said William Shurt, chairman of the board. The contributions may be sent to the Eagle Lake Community Hospital Expansion Fund, 600 Austin Road, Eagle Lake, Texas 77434.

Assisting the architect and the hospital's board of directors in planning the new expansion have been members of the medical staff. Dr. Jose Ugarte, chief medical officer, Dr. Raymond R. Thomas, Dr. Curtis C. Laughlin, Dr. Harold Griffin, Dr. Rose Marie Roquemore, and Dr. Steve Edwards.

The current board of directors for Eagle Lake Community Hospital includes: William W. Shurt, chairman of the board; Charles D. Stephens, treasurer; Bob Ashby, secretary; William N. Lehrer, vice chairman; Wayne Corman, Steve Bales, Anthony Kallina and Mrs. Fred R. (Eunice) Frick.

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Bingo Vote
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Mentz and Bernardo in Bernardo.

Commissioner Bill Stiles suggested that volunteers might be obtained to hold the election in order to keep down the costs. If the 18 persons, as suggested, were paid to hold the election the cost of these salaries and supplies would make the cost of the election run over \$1500.

The court incorporated Stiles' suggestion into the motion ordering the election and will ask the election judges to donate their services and to obtain volunteer personnel to hold the election. If an election judge does not agree to work without pay, the court has the authority to appoint another election judge for this election. It is anticipated that the election judges who normally hold the elections in the seven voting places, will be asked to serve in the voluntary capacity on Jan. 16th.

Further information on the bingo option election and the effect of its passage or rejection will be discussed fully in future issues of the Headlight.

The court discussed with County Clerk Lester Behnke his request that the task of writing payroll checks be removed from his office and placed in another office, presumably the auditor's office or the treasurer's office. Some discussion was given on using a computer purchased by the Central Appraisal District for this purpose, but Schneider said that he has been told that the computer won't be available for this

1981 Fires

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with a total of 132 alarms (a record number) in 1980 of which 52 were in the city and 80 were out of the city.

August was the busiest month for the firemen with 6 fires in the city and 7 out of the city. In December of 1980 (the first report year runs from Dec. 1 to Dec. 31) there were 5 fires in the city and 5 out of the city. There were nine fire alarms in three months, July, September and October.

Kochwep commented that Pete Canaris led the department in responding to fires by attending 76 of the 84 alarms.

Thurston Webb was second by answering 74 alarms and Fire Chief L. J. Spaniel was third with attendance at 70 of the alarms.

During the year, the Eagle Lake Fire Department held 24 two hour training sessions and Kochwep recognized six firemen who attended all 24 drills, including Monroe Briscoe, Pete Canaris, Gary Glaiser, Ronnie Miller, Thurston Webb and Mickey Kochwep.

Six other firemen missed only one drill, including James R. Allen, David Baird, Gene Jones, Buddy Mascheck, L. J. Spaniel and Wilfred Wick; and three others missed only 2 sessions, Johnny Praxak, Chuck Stephens and Leslie Wilkerson.

The firemen were presented "bushes" at the meeting from the City Council in appreciation of their devoted service to the citizens of Eagle Lake on the basis of \$5 per practice drill, up from \$3 which was given in the past.

1223 Manhours Service
First Assistant Fire Chief T. J. Smith, also reported during the program at the banquet last Saturday night, that the Eagle Lake volunteer firemen contributed a total of 1223 manhours of service in fighting fires during 1981.

The firemen responded to 12 truck and/or car accidents, including two major accidents with fatalities on the same day on April 4, with a total of 206 manhours in working these 12 alarms. They also were called to 10 commercial fires, the worst of which was at the Leedo Furniture Co. plant at East Bernard where the firemen spent a total of 84 manhours of outstanding service, for a total of 215 hours.

Service at other alarms included: 15 grass, trash and rubbish fires, 197 hours; 11 home fires, 152 hours; 9 auto fires, 80 hours; 5 arson and attempted arson fires, 56 hours; 2 plane crashes, including rescue work, 77 hours; 2 other miscellaneous fires, 6 hours; a train-pickup crash at East Bernard, 44 hours (mostly in searching for the driver of the pickup who fled the scene); 4 mobile homes, 27 hours; 1 butane tank fire, 33 hours; 3 farm machinery fires, 32 hours; 1 lightning fire at a home, 10 hours; 3 false alarms, 17 hours; 1 plane fire on the ground, 19 hours; 2 railroad grass fires, 7 hours; 1 search for a lost person, 7 hours; and a barn fire, 6 hours; for a total of 1223 man hours of service during 1981.

Not included in the man-hours of service reported by Smith are countless hundreds of hours spent by the firemen in training sessions, in public service roles, fire prevention programs, equipment construction and maintenance and other types of service.

A further report on the Firemen's Banquet will be carried, along with pictures, in the next issue of the Headlight.

be opened at the Jan. 11th meeting with two options. Two 1982 models will be purchased and bids will be asked according to specifications and also on police packages since the City of Columbus received a lower bid for a police package than for separate heavy duty equipment. Also bids will be asked with the trade in of a 1978 Chevrolet and a 1977 Ford and also without trade-in. If the used vehicles are kept, the county plans a sale of used equipment some time early next year.

Col. Epps
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a total of eleven years of command service.

He and his wife Connie and four children are residents of Eagle Lake. Steve is a senior at Texas A&M University. Julie has been accepted by the University of Texas Nursing School in Galveston to begin training toward becoming a Registered Nurse. She earned Vocational Nursing honors while attending Wharton County Junior College. Other members of the family are Randy, a second year student at Wharton County Junior College, and Jimmy, a Rice High School Senior.

Colonel Epps said that he had no definite plans to announce at this time, but does not intend to stay idle long as he has been offered some top positions in private industry.

Was Many Awards
Col. Epps has won a long list of outstanding awards and medals during his time in the service. He was named USAF Outstanding Supply Officer in 1962, 1963, 1967, 1968, 1969 and 1971 and in 1969 was also named to the Outstanding Young Men of America.

His medals include the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (five awards), Air Force Commendation Medal; Also, the Vietnam Service Medal with two stars, Korean War Outstanding Unit Award (eight times), Expert Marksmanship Ribbon and the Air Force Longevity Ribbon with five clusters.

Epps is the son of the late Marion Epps of Louisiana and the late Clarence Epps of this city; and a nephew of Mrs. Clyde (Clady) Gald of this city.

Friends in the community join in extending congratulations to Col. Epps on earning his well-earned retirement from the United States Air Force.

Churches Schedule Christmas Services

Churches in the community are planning special services for the Christmas holidays. The following have been listed with the Headlight:

Catholic Churches
Children of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church held their Christmas Program and Party last Sunday with adults joining for a covered dish supper in Dindner Hall.

This Wed., Dec. 16th is the final day for Catechetical Classes for the holiday season. Classes will resume on January 6th.

Children of Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church will hold their Christmas Party and Program at 7:00 p.m. this Thurs., Dec. 17th in Andrew Hall. Santa will be there for a visit with the children.

Father Tom Hanus, pastor of the Catholic Churches, announces special schedules for confessions. Confessions will be heard at Perpetual Help Church beginning at 9:00 a.m. as long as necessary this Thurs., Dec. 17th; and beginning at 7:30 p.m. as long as necessary at Guadalupe Church this Friday, Dec. 18th. Also confessions will be heard at Perpetual Help from 6 to 6:45 p.m. and again at 8 p.m. this Saturday, Dec. 19th.

United Methodist Church
The Rev. Charles Runk, pastor of The United Methodist Church, announces the Children's Christmas Program will be included in the morning worship service at 10:55 a.m. this Sunday, Dec. 20th.

At 6:00 p.m. this Sunday, there will be a Christmas Candlelight Service in the Methodist Church. A Gifts for Christ offering will be received.

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Christ Episcopal Church
Special services for the celebration of The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ at Christ Episcopal Church will be the Holy Eucharist on Christmas Eve, Thursday beginning at 11:00 p.m., announces the rector, the Rev. George Weisch.

On Christmas Day, Friday, at 10:00 a.m. there will be a celebration of the Holy Eucharist. This service will be without music, and will be according to Rite I.

The regular Sunday services on December 20 and December 27 will be the Holy Eucharist at 10:00 a.m., appropriate to the Fourth Sunday of Advent and the First Sunday after Christmas respectively.

Eagle Lake Mission Church
The Eagle Lake Mission Church will have the annual Christmas program, exchanging of gifts around the Christmas tree and fellowship on Friday evening, December 18 at 8:00 announce The Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Emil Burger.

First Baptist Church
The First Baptist Church of Eagle Lake will present a live manger scene in front of the church Sunday, December 20, 6:00-7:30 p.m. The community is invited to come by during this time as a part of Christmas celebration.

The manger scene is being arranged by Mrs. Scott Powers and Mrs. Major Beuge. Children and young people from grades 3-12 will give representations of the Biblical characters.

At 7:30 p.m. the Sanctuary Choir, under the direction of Frank Davidson, will present the cantata, Chimes of the Holy Night by Fred B. Holton. The manger scene participants will take part in the musical presentation. Accompanists for the cantata are Mrs. Clara May Nash and Mrs. J. M. Sibley, Jr. Future soloists are Mr. and Mrs. Lanny Powers, Mr. and Mrs. Clark Powers, Mrs. Herman Bothe and Mrs. David Hengst.

A candle and carol service is planned for Wednesday, December 23 at 7:30 p.m. Pastor Melburn Sibley extends an invitation to everyone to share in the Christmas celebration events of the First Baptist Church.

Grace Lutheran Church
The annual Christmas Eve Candlelight Service will be held this year at Grace Lutheran Church at 7:30 p.m. on Christmas Eve. This is a special service of light with the church being lighted by candles and with many of the favorite Christmas carols being sung during the service.

A Christmas Day worship service will be held at 9:00 a.m. on Dec. 25th. This will be a celebration of the Lord's birth with the service climaxed in the celebration of Holy Communion.

The public is cordially invited to share with the members of Grace Lutheran Church as they celebrate Christmas, by attending either or both of these worship services.

First Presbyterian Church
The Rev. Michael Barron announces special services in the First Presbyterian Church on December 20 and December 24.

On Dec. 20th a special offering will be taken for the retired Presbyterian ministers with a coffee preceding the service.

A communion service will be held at 6:00 p.m. on Christmas Eve.

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especially at Rice High School. "Repairs are urgently needed to protect the taxpayers against future costly expenditures as well as to protect the existing facilities," said Dupre.

Supt. King responded by reviewing plans being made by the board to meet these problem areas. He noted that \$10,042 was budgeted for maintenance for such work. Funds are still available for roof work on the old

ABOUT TOWN

• Did anyone watch the Eyes of Texas Saturday, Dec. 12, 1981? The program centered on the Stataline Bar/Cafe outside of Pecos, Texas (right at the Texas-New Mexico border). Vacationists traveling through may leave their mark on a dollar bill. Dollar bills and five dollar bills with names of people from everywhere. The owner says if you're ever passing through again, you'll always have a dollar to get a drink with. At the beginning of the show they showed a dollar bill signed: "Buddy & Heidi, San Antonio".

State Game Warden Buddy Mills and his wife Heidi passed through there four years ago enroute to Ruidoso, New Mexico and left that dollar viewed on the "Eyes of Texas". It's a small world - out of all those bills on the wall to show the one left by residents of our city, the Mills'.

• Happy birthday on Friday to Tom Northrup of New Ulm, co-chairman of the Colorado County Fair for the past two years. His birthday will be this Saturday, Dec. 19th and will be celebrated at a County Fair Association sponsored dance in the Veterans' Community Center in Columbus Saturday, Dec. 19th.

Tom and Katie Northrup have spent countless hours working for the advancement of the Colorado County Fair and a lot of folks will take the opportunity Saturday to honor Tom for his generous work in making a county fair a reality.

• A long-time friend of the publishers, Fred and Eunice Franks, and one of Texas Press Association's most loyal publishers for many years, Don Reid, 74, of the Huntsville Item, died in St. Luke's Hospital in Houston on Thursday, December 3. Memorial services were held on Tuesday, December 8. Reid, one of the leaders of the Gulf Coast Press Association, had been serving that region as executive secretary.

He leaves his wife, Frances, who was with him at most TPA meetings, and a son and a daughter.

Comm. Court Sets 1982 Holidays; Early Pay Day

Colorado County Commissioners' Court, in session Monday, adopted a slate of holidays for the year of 1982 and approved an early pay day ahead of the Christmas holidays.

The courthouse will be closed on the following dates in 1982: New Year's Day, Jan. 1; Texas Independence Day, Mar. 2; Good Friday, April 9; Memorial Day, May 31; Independence Day, July 4; Labor Day, Sept. 6; Veterans Day, Nov. 11; Thanksgiving, Nov. 25-26; and Christmas, Dec. 24.

The commissioners voted to close the courthouse all day on Christmas Eve, Thurs., Dec. 24th instead of the normal half day, so that the inauguration of the courthouse for silverfish can begin.

Pay checks will be issued to county employees on Dec. 21st so that funds will be available for holiday shopping.

Memberships Approved
The court approved memberships in the National Association of Counties, the South Texas Association of Commissioners and Judges, the Texas Association of Counties and the Houston-Galveston Area Council. County Judge Lester, Cranek was named delegate to the

H-GAC board and Jerome Wickie, alternate.

The court also:

• Took action to attest that there is no change in the CETA Consortium Agreement;

• Approved a request made by the Daughters of the American Revolution to place a marker honoring World War II, Korean and Vietnam veterans on the east side of the courthouse square (there is one honoring World War I vets on the west side already);

• Authorized the County Central Appraisal District to assess and collect taxes for the year of 1982;

• Approved several tax correction certificates and two telephone applications.

Bounty Report
With the hunting season underway, the bounties paid on wolves and/or coyotes is up this month, with fourteen \$20 bounties paid to special trappers; and 25 of the \$5 bounties to regular citizens of the county.

Section of the Garwood elementary school.

Supt. Reports
In the superintendent's report, King said he underestimated costs of appraisal and tax collection services in the County Appraisal District (the district has been billed for \$110,000 and \$93,043 was budgeted). However, said King, a refund of unused funds from the central district's 1981 budget should increase funds available for these services by some \$17,000 over the amount actually needed.

In other action, the board considered a number of board policy changes, many made necessary by state requirements. Superintendent King explained the various recommended changes in the Policy Handbook.

The board rescheduled the January meeting since it would have come on Jan. 11th only a few days after the school reopens after a long holiday break. The board will meet next month on January 18th instead of the 11th.

New Contract OK'd
Under personnel matters, the board voted to extend the contract of Ric Wesver, a coach at Eagle Lake Middle School who was hired as a replacement during this semester until mid-term, to the end of the 1981-82 year.

The board members were also reminded that the annual evaluation and contract for Supt. Harold King will be on the agenda at the January meeting.

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Fire Dept., Auxiliary Mascots

Here are the two youngsters who have been named mascots of the Eagle Lake Fire Department and the Auxiliary for the year of 1982. They were recognized at the Firemen's Ladies Night Banquet in the Community Center Dec. 12th. Little "Miss Sparkle", mascot for the Auxiliary, is Jill Stephens, daughter of Chuck and Donna Stephens. At the right is the Fire Department's new mascot, Todd Mascheck, son of Buddy and Janelle Mascheck. They succeed Rebecca Marzalla and Chad Sunderman in the respective mascot positions.

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E.L. Firemen Have Another Outstanding Year Of Service

Firemen Are Honored For Outstanding Service To Community

great institution."

Chief Spaniel Presides
Fire Chief L. J. (Sonny) Spaniel, recently elected to his 16th year in the Eagle Lake fire department's top office, presided at the banquet program and after calling the capacity gathering to order and welcoming remarks, he introduced a quintet composed of Clark and Vicki Powers, Mike and Kathy Barron and Cynthia Sunderman, who led in singing several Christmas carols. Powers, the department's chaplain in 1981, gave the invocation, after which those present enjoyed a sumptuous and delicious turkey and dressing dinner, topped off with cake squares, provided by caterer Mrs. Frank (Annie) Broesche and staff.

Officers Introduced
Chief Spaniel introduced the 1982 officers, many of whom were re-elected from 1981. Re-elected were: First

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11 Eagle Lake Firemen Have 235 Years Service

First Assistant Fire Chief T. J. Smith, in reporting on the history of Eagle Lake Volunteer Fire Department and on activities for the past year, recognized eleven Eagle Lake volunteer firemen who have a total of 235 years of service, or an average of 21.36 years of active service.

Heading this list is Fire Chief Spaniel (re-elected for his 16th year as chief, with 40 years of service; T. J. Smith, 36 years; Monroe Briscoe, 26 years; Roland Harbors, 22 years; Wilfred Wick, 18 years; Johnny Praxak, 17 years; Mickey Kochwep, Ronnie Miller and Bobby Marzalla, 16 years each; Melvin Stancik, 15; and Edward Sunderman 14; Eagle Lake Volunteer Fire Department was organized in September of 1888 and is 93 years old "and in just a few years we will be celebrating our centennial year."

May your Christmas be wreathed with good times, good fortune and good cheer.

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