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Exemption Deadline

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of the ten entities in the district, Rice, Columbus and Weimar School Districts, Colorado County, and Garwood and Glidden water districts. Precinct City School District and the Cities of Weimar, Columbus and Eagle Lake will continue to collect 1982 taxes but will use the valuations provided by the central district and apply their own tax rate to these figures.

Review Board To Meet
Youens said that the Appraisal District's Review Board (same as the former Board of Equalization) will include Ralph Truly of Eagle Lake, Owen Mehrens of Columbus and Ernest Scott of Weimar. The board has scheduled meetings with oil and gas, utility and gravel interests for June 11th; and will meet at later dates with individual property owners and businesses.

"We plan to send out appraisal notices around July 1st which will indicate to the property owners the amount of valuations on their respective properties (vehicles to be included) and also an estimated tax rate that each respective taxing entity in which the taxpayer resides would be necessary to raise the same amount of taxes as in 1981. The bottom line will be the estimated combined tax which the property owner may expect to pay to the entities in which he or she resides," added Youens.

He admitted that in handling 35,000 accounts, there are bound to be some mistakes, so he urged the taxpayers to check the notices when they arrive.

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large number of board policy changes which need to be updated and set a workshop at 7 p.m. June 7th at the Rice High School to review the proposed changes and new policies to be added to the board policy handbook.

The board also set a workshop session to be held at 6 p.m. on Thursday, May 27th at Broese's Restaurant in Eagle Lake for the purpose of discussing and setting short range goals for the Rice District.

ELMS Discipline Policy
The board also heard Supt. King review changes proposed in the discipline policy at Eagle Lake Middle School. The report was prepared from recommendations developed by a committee of teachers, elected to the committee by their peers, Supt. King and ELMS Principal David Mims. Those on the committee were commended for their outstanding work in developing the new discipline policy and in recommendations on other school matters. The board voted to send letters of appreciation to the committee members and to give them credit in their betterment program for the time served on the committee.

Members of the board expressed opinions that the new policy should be a good one. Board member Jane Clifton stated, "it appears to be a good policy... it's right down the line I was thinking about."

Serving on the committee in addition to Supt. King and Principal Mims were: Bob Scott, Charlyne Spanhel, Eddie Gibson, Delores Grammer, Diane Schneider and Jan Muen.

A further discussion of the new discipline policy will be held in the next issue of the Headlight.

Septic Tank Ordinance

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applicable to certain conditions under the ordinance.

Some Rules Are Needed
County Judge Lester J. Cranek emphasized the need for some kind of rules and regulations "so that our citizens can live together peacefully and in harmony without becoming 'self-enforcers' or persons who would have to be responsible for reporting flagrant violations."

Ed Schindler of Eagle Lake said that the septic tank ordinance is no worse than the sludge which is coming from Houston sewer plants and is being dumped on pastures in this county. Judge Cranek noted that the sludge being hauled here does (or is supposed to) meet State Health Dept. standards.

In rebuttal, Precinct 1 Commissioner Otto Loestin pointed out that he has problems in his precinct, from development of subdivisions and in unincorporated communities, that do not exist in some other precincts. He added, "I should think that the realtors would welcome control of septic tanks and the flow of sewage into the ditches and streams of this county."

Precinct 4 Commissioner Bill Stiles, who voted against passage of the ordinance, emphasized again that all that is needed is some type of regulation which will keep the sewage from flowing into ditches and onto other people's properties and creating a nuisance. He pointed also to the diminishing rights of the property owners and contended the septic tank ordinance does infringe on the rights of property owners.

Commissioner Stiles also expressed concern about the dangers of "hidden dangerous materials" which are coming to this county in the sludge being hauled here from Houston sewer facilities.

Precinct 3 Commissioner Jerome Wicks expressed a fear that if some controls are not taken the water supply in

C. Of C. To Finalize BBQ Plans Noon Mon.

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White Cloud B.C. Selling BBQ Fri., Hot Dogs Sat.

The White Cloud Baptist Church will be selling Bar-B-Que Chicken plate lunches this Friday, May 14 beginning at 10:30 a.m. through the lunch hour. Plates will be sold at the church. To place an order you may call 234-2600 or come by the church at 316 Old Altam Road in the New Town area west of Eagle Lake. The plates are \$3.00 each.

Then on Saturday, May 15th, the church will be selling hot dogs and chili dogs beginning at 11:00 a.m.

The Rev. Otis Rhodes is pastor of the church.

City Council OK's Paving Bid

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be used for heavy to fairly heavy traffic.

In other action Tuesday night the council:

- Discussed a proposed subdivision on Laughlin Road with Dr. J. C. Laughlin, but took no action;
- Briefly discussed the upcoming negotiations for a new five-year lease for the local Post Office;
- And heard a report from the new garbage truck will be sent to Waco for a new paint job.

Squalene, a substance derived from the livers of deep-sea sharks, is processed into capsules known as Marine Gold and used by the Japanese as a treatment for everything from old age to cancer.

ABOUT TOWN

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Four Sentenced To Terms Of Probation; Two Others Plead

Four sentences were pronounced and two other persons entered guilty pleas in criminal cases heard in District Court in Columbus last Thursday with District Judge B. B. Schraub presiding.

The sentences were handed down by Judge Schraub on three persons who entered guilty pleas in his court on April 28th.

Sandra Nelson, who entered a plea of guilty to a charge of aggravated assault for shooting Lloyd Mosby with a handgun in an incident in Columbus Feb. 18th, was given three years of probation, fined \$200 and costs of court.

Dennis McLain and Danny McLain, who pled guilty to burglary of the Sheridan School March 28th, were given five year terms of probation each, and ordered to make restitution and pay costs of court. It was estimated that around \$1,000 was taken from the school in the burglary.

Jose Yeberrino Ramirez, (Continued on last page)

Rain Causes Problems In Sewer Lines

The heavy rain that fell in Eagle Lake on Thursday of last week caused some problems in the city's sewer lines, especially along Church Street, according to city manager Robert Klockman.

He reported that the rain was "backing up" in many of the sewer lines along that street and blamed most of the trouble on construction underway at the sewer plant.

"The problem originated at the plant," said Klockman, noting that "construction there is limiting the amount of water that can be treated. The problem will be alleviated once the construction is completed," he added, "but to help control the problem in case of another rain, we have asked the contractor to put in another temporary pump."

The city manager said that city crews have begun steps also to avoid the same situation by cleaning lines and fixing holes. He added that should the problem arise again, homeowners can take steps to relieve the situation.

"If people know where their 'clean-outs' are located, they can open them up and the rain water will backup in their lawns."

Klockman re-emphasized that when construction work at the sewer plant is completed, more water can be taken in and the problem should not occur any more.

Camphouses Near New Ulm Burglarized

Two camphouses in the New Ulm area were victimized by burglars sometime last weekend and the Colorado County Sheriff's Department is currently investigating the incidents.

At 11:00 a.m. Monday, May 17th, Preston T. Ruffeno of Missouri City reported that his camphouse near New Ulm had been broken into. Sheriff's officers investigated and found entry was gained by breaking out a window. A Sears black and white television set and an assortment of bed clothing had been taken from the camphouse.

While investigating that burglary, it was noted that the camphouse next door, belonging to H. F. Guthman of Danbury, had been broken into in the same manner. Reportedly taken from that camphouse were a Zenith black and white television set and an assortment of dishes and clothing.

The Ruffenos had not been to the camphouse for the past two months. The last time the Guthmans were at their camphouse was on May 15th.

Sheriff's officers believe both burglaries were "pals" by the same person or persons.

Burglaries Being Investigated By Sheriff's Dept.

Two burglaries during the past week are still under investigation by the Colorado County Sheriff's Department and suspects are being questioned in one of the incidents.

At 1:30 p.m. Friday, May 15th, Pete Casares of Garwood reported a burglary at his place of business on FM 1693 near Garwood. Investigation by sheriff's officers revealed entry was gained by prying open a window. The safe box, pool table, a game machine and the cigarette machines were reportedly ripped open and an estimated \$250 to \$300 in change was taken from the machines.

J. E. Sjoberg of Spring, Texas reported a burglary of his department at 8:50 a.m. Monday, May 17th. The theft of some tools at a house construction site on FM 102 south of Eagle Lake. There was no visible sign of forced entry to the house. An estimated \$3,717.00 worth of power tools was reported taken. Sheriff's officers have two suspects in the theft.

Lunch 'n Learn Program On Personal Safety

Tuesday, May 25th, 12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m. at the County Agricultural meeting room will be the time and site of the Crime Prevention Educational Lunch 'n Learn Program entitled "Lady Protect Yourself."

Participants will select and use personal safety practices that are appropriate for their physical ability and individual situation. A film will be shown entitled "Lady Protect Yourself." Points will be discussed on ways to walk and jog safely, travel safely, and what to do when assaulted.

So bring your own lunch and a friend to learn how to protect yourself and survive, say sponsors.

This program is open to all people of all ages regardless of social-economic levels, race, color, sex, religion or national origin.

Two Local Youth Seriously Hurt In Weekend Accidents

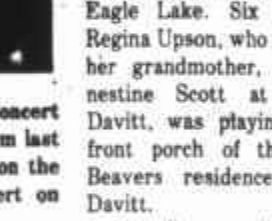
Two separate accidents during the past weekend resulted in serious injuries to two Eagle Lake youth, one 10 and the other six years old. Both were Life-Flighted to Houston for more extensive treatment.

The first accident occurred on Saturday about 4:30 p.m. when 10 year old Darrell Gene Estlinbaum, riding a mini-bike, struck the side of a truck on Highway 90A 2.5 miles west of Eagle Lake. The other accident involved six year old Regina Upson who was playing in the front yard of a home on Davis Street in Eagle Lake on Sunday afternoon and was struck by an "out-of-control" automobile.

Both of the youth received extensive injuries and were treated at the scene by members of the Volunteer Ambulance Corps, and taken to the Eagle Lake Community Hospital and later transferred to Hermann Hospital in Houston for more treatment.

Estlinbaum Accident
Darrell, the son of Mr. and Mrs. William (Butch) Estlinbaum of Eagle Lake, was riding a 1977 Road Runner mini-bike at the home of his grandfather, Herbert Stern, 2.5 miles west of Eagle Lake on Hwy. 90A when the accident occurred.

According to the investigating officer, State Trooper Joel Garcia, Darrell was riding the bike in the driveway and then came out of the driveway onto the highway where a Mack truck

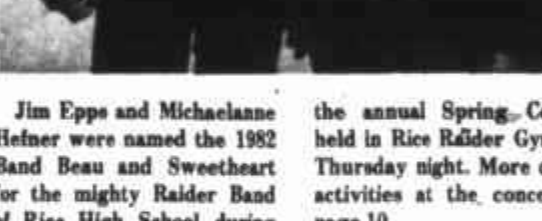


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RHS Band Beau And Sweetheart

The annual Spring Concert held in Rice Raider Gym last Thursday night. More on the activities at the concert on page 10.

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Highway Dept. Agrees To Some Changes In 90A Work

Public Transportation, has informed Eagle Lake city officials that certain revisions have been made in plans for the widening of Highway 90A within the city limits.

The Highway Department officials met with a large number of property owners to discuss the proposed widening at which time suggestions were offered to the department officials. This meeting was held on Friday, April 9th, and on the following Tuesday, April 13th, the Eagle Lake city council voted to ask the Highway Department to proceed with the project (while funds are available).

The council also passed another motion which made three suggestions for consideration of the highway department in regard to the Highway 90A widening project. The suggestions include:

- (1) that turning lanes or areas be considered at intersections of the highway with Austin Road, Ridgeless Drive and Laughlin Road (the officials said plans called for a turn lane at Calhoun Road, just west of the city limits);
- (2) that drainage be improved in the area near Ridgeless Drive and Highway 90A; and
- (3) consider lowering the speed limits on the portion of Highway 90A (South McCarty) to be widened within the city limits to 35 miles per hour.

Dept.'s Concessions
Mr. Ramert's letter to Mayor Elmer Struss, dated

C. Of C. Finalizes Plans For BBQ On June 11th

The Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce met in regular session at noon on Monday at Broese's Restaurant and discussed the upcoming benefit barbecue and progress on the renovation of the float.

Chamber president Roy Dean Van Nort presided at the "Dutch Treat" Luncheon meeting which was attended by 11 people.

Plans for the benefit barbecue to be held on Friday evening, June 11th, were finalized at the meeting and several committees were appointed. Fred Frnka will

Weimar Man Charged In Borden Ruckus

A disturbance at the Lakeside Inn near Borden on Thursday, May 13th resulted in carrying a prohibitive weapon charges against a Weimar man and the case is expected to be presented before the next grand jury.

At 11:50 p.m. Thursday, May 13th Isabel Garcia of Weimar reported a disturbance at the Lakeside Inn near Borden. Investigation revealed that James Whitaker, 42 years of age, who resides in Weimar, had been involved in a dispute over whether he was too drunk to drive. He then shot out the door of the inn with a .38 pistol and went to his residence at 205 W. Jackson St. in Weimar, where he indicated he would shoot anyone that came to his house.

Sheriff Jim Broussard and Weimar Police Chief Ken Hollan talked their way inside the house along with a friend of Whitaker, Frank Sommers, also of Weimar.

On Friday, May 14th, Sheriff Jim Broussard filed on Whitaker for carrying a prohibitive weapon in a licensed establishment.

Co. Historical Survey Comm. To Meet Thurs.

The Colorado County Historical Survey Commission will have a covered dish supper this Thursday, May 20th at 7:00 p.m. at the Youens' camphouse near Weimar.

A program on wild flowers of Colorado County will be presented by Dr. Youens.