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Chamber puts out call for action

New committees formed, plans discussed for business improvement

A year of activity was outlined Monday at the Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce's first board meeting of the year.

Assignments for 13 committees were made by President Jo Ann Mahalite, and the call for activity was

through this year," he emphasized, referring to some years in the past where some committees did not meet or conduct chamber business.

For instance, Frnka is chairman of a new committee, "Retail Trade Development," that will help spur business for chamber members. Frnka said the committee would look at plans for some special business promotions, including an Easter promotion.

The retail trade development committee developed it would spend \$1,200 to \$1,500 to help promote the events it plans, and indicate the chamber would need to secure that revenue through its annual promotions.

One of those is the annual barbecue, which the board voted Monday to move to Memorial Day, May 30, and at the same time sponsor a memorial observance.

Although plans are not complete, Frnka said small flags could be made available to be placed on graves.

Also, there was mention of something in the Fall to promote the hunting season, and perhaps an Eagle Lake homecoming celebration.

To emphasize the chamber's determination to make all committees as active as possible, Frnka said committee chairman would be contacted regularly.

As another activity, a motion by Roy Dean Van Nort was approved to secure promotional

materials the chamber may either give away or sell at a booth during the festival planned in April by the Revitalization Committee.

President Mahalite reported on the Chamber's purchase of trophies for the Rice FFA livestock sale. She helped present the trophies earlier this month at the sale.

Applications asking the Eagle Lake chamber to participate in festivities in Youkem in June and during the Fayette County Fair in September were turned over to T. J. Smith and the Float and Christmas Lighting committee.

For membership recruiting, Mrs. Mahalite and Frnka said they will be visiting members who have not yet paid their 1983 dues, to secure their membership for the current year. A list of prospective members has been prepared and vials will be made to those businesses as well.

Frnka reported on an appearance this month of Chamber representatives before the Texas Railroad Commission protesting the plans by Greyhound buses to discontinue service here. He announced there would be hearings in the community held by the railroad commission and that those who will suffer some loss due to the curtailment of service should speak at the hearings.

He emphasized that speakers need to present facts, not just opinions. If you will lose production because of slower delivery of repair parts, he said, then you need to tell the commission how much.



Making dirt fly in Sheridan

Saturday was groundbreaking day in Sheridan to signal that work is soon to start on their new building to house the community's new ambulance and other vehicles. From left is Jay Spittler, Lions club member who appears to be supervising; Franklin Walker, president of the Sheridan Volunteer fire department; Reggie Brisco, president of the Lions club; Jean Walker, representing Sheridan Emergency Aid, and

George Kazmir. The 50 by 50-foot metal building will cost approximately \$25,000, with some of the money yet to be raised. It will be located adjacent to the community center, on the north side. The fire truck, and large and small pumper trucks will also be housed in the building. Brisco said that as money allows, the inside of the building will be finished with a classroom area and a storage area.

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Rice high roof to be rebuilt

After hashing out as many sides of the issue as possible, the replacement of the entire roof of Rice High School was approved Monday night by a unanimous vote of the board of trustees of the Rice Consolidated Independent School District.

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Hearing here March 8 on bus halt proposal

The Texas Railroad Commission will conduct a hearing here March 8 in council chambers to receive further testimony from local citizens concerning the proposed halt of service here by Greyhound Lines.

The hearing will continue until such time that all evidence is presented. Concern was expressed Monday by the Chamber of Commerce that many citizens may feel the hearings are useless at this point and that the Railroad Commission must have some control because of the effort they are making with the hearings.

On April 2, voters in the school district will choose a candidate for the board of trustees election for Rice Consolidated Independent School District.

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Stienke announces for board

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Little League sign-up weekend

Little League T-Ball registration this weekend. This weekend is the time for all parents to register their children who plan to participate in Little League. This weekend T-ball teams, girls softball, boys major and minor teams and senior boys, ages 13-15. Also, the program has been expanded slightly this year to include six-year-old first graders in T-ball.

The boys' senior league, according to Benny Miller, is trying to get enough players this year to have four teams. If this can be accomplished the boys will be able to compete within Eagle Lake and not have to travel.

Friday afternoon from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. on Saturday from 1 p.m. until 3 p.m. are the times slated to complete registration. Everyone desiring to play, whether they played last year or are new this year, is asked to meet at the Little League field during one of these times. Registration forms will be available for those who do not already have them.

The registration fee has been changed slightly in order to be families with more than one child. It is asked by league officials that a birth certificate and the registration fee be brought to the field to complete registration this weekend.

Tryouts are scheduled to be held the first two weekends in March. Times will be published later.

New gravel operation may become landfill

44 units of blood donated

There was a good turnout for the Blood Drive held Saturday sponsored by the Ministerial Alliance.

A total of 44 units of blood were received to be used by the Blood Center in Houston, which supplies blood to the Eagle Lake area.

The Blood Center is totally dependent on voluntary donations by people interested in protecting themselves and others against the tragedies that could occur if there were no blood available.

Area residents concerned about the operations told The Headlight they were worried that a chemical waste dump was being built on the site, but records in the state health department's Bureau of Solid Waste Management show there are no such dump site permits approved for the county, nor has there been any applications for such permits.

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Steel shot Lions topic

David Lobpries, assistant program leader for statewide water flow programs, will present a program on steel shot at today's meeting of the Eagle Lake Noon Lions Club.

Lobpries is a 1973 graduate of Texas A&M with a degree in wildlife science. He has been employed by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department in Fort Arthur since his graduation.

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